

Dominican Republic



Country report card - adults

This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for adults. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

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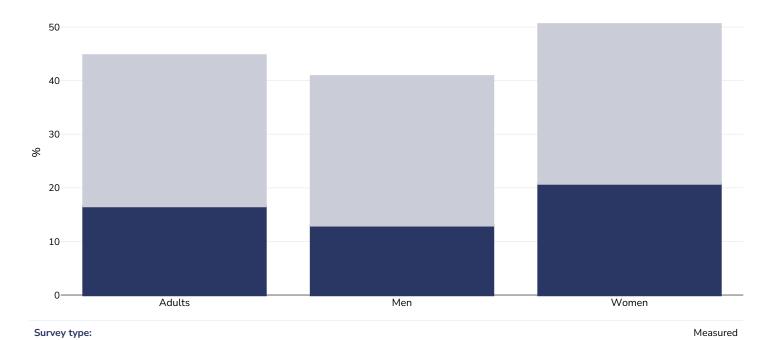
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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2013



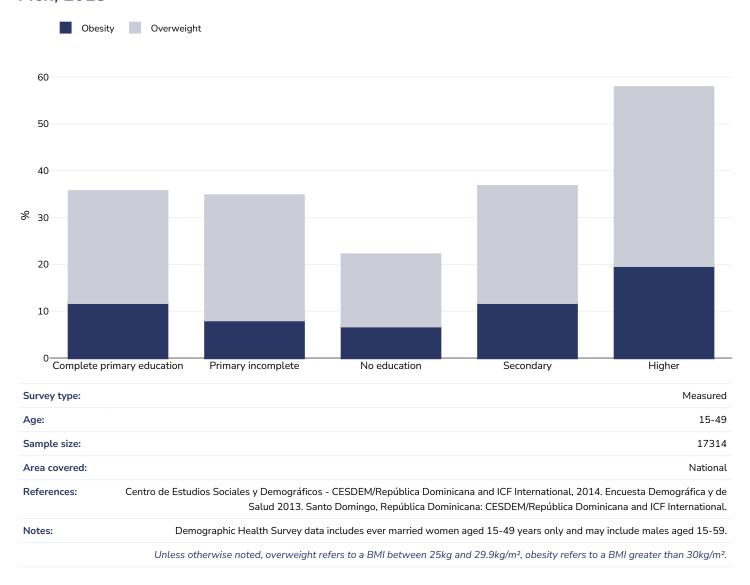


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Area covered:	National
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Notes:	Demographic Health Survey data includes ever married women aged 15-49 years only and may include males aged 15-59. NB. Combined adult data estimated. These estimates were calculated by weighting male and female survey results. Weighting based on World Bank Population % total female 2019 (https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL.FE.ZS - accessed 06.10.20)

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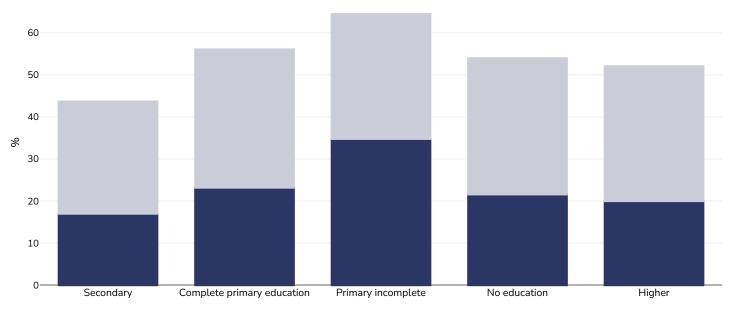


Overweight/obesity by education









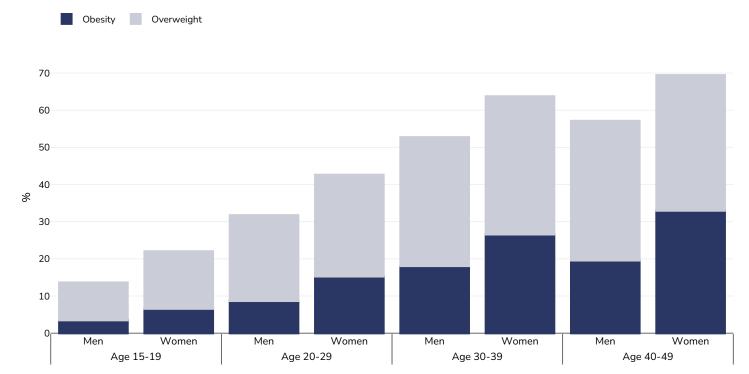
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Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2013



Survey type: Measured

Sample size: 8753 Men 8561 Women

Area covered: National

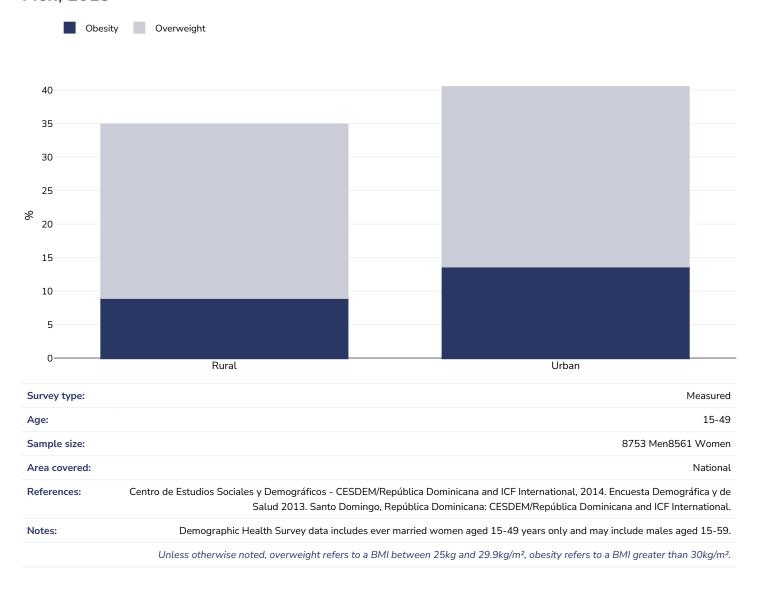
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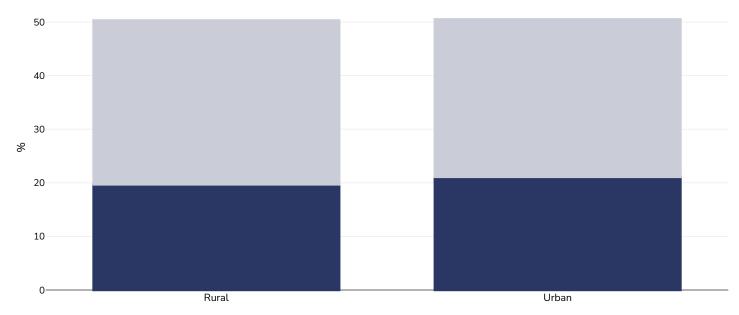


Overweight/obesity by region









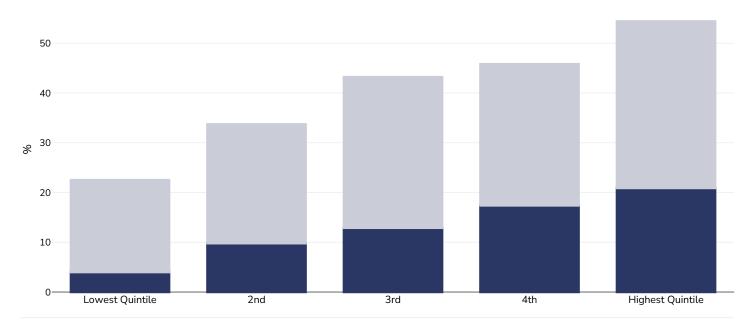
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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Men, 2013



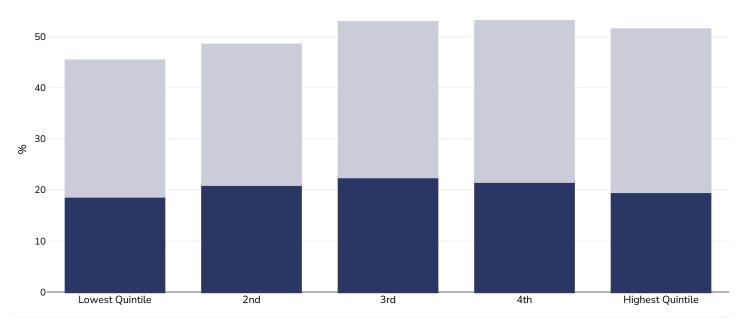


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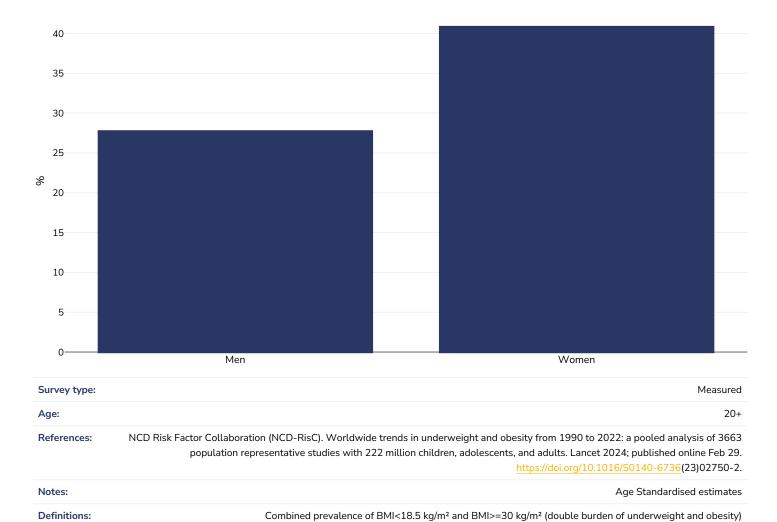


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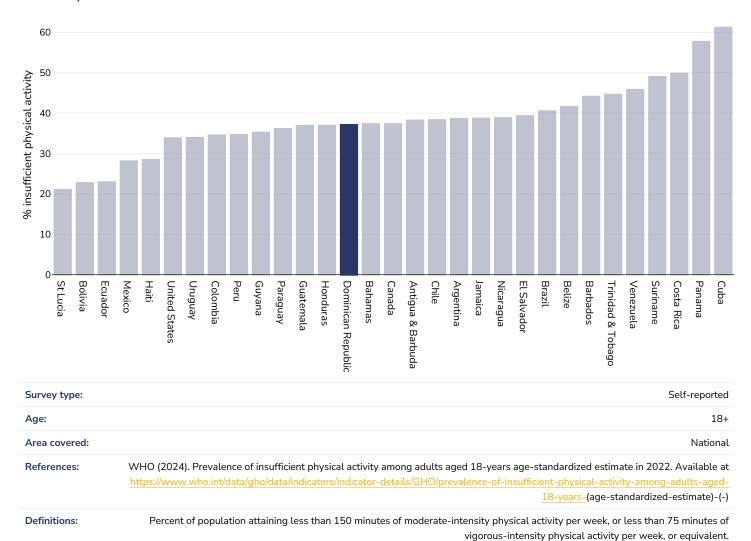


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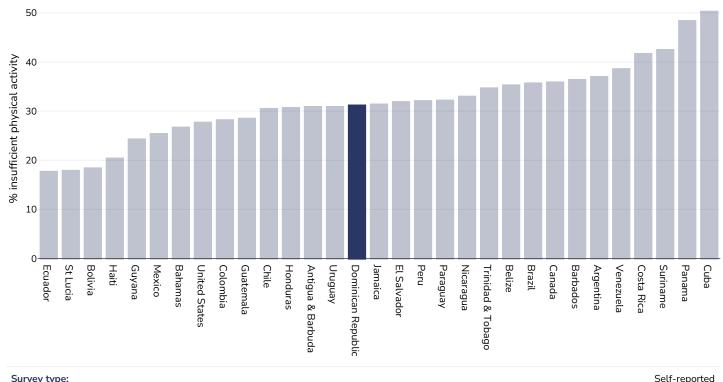


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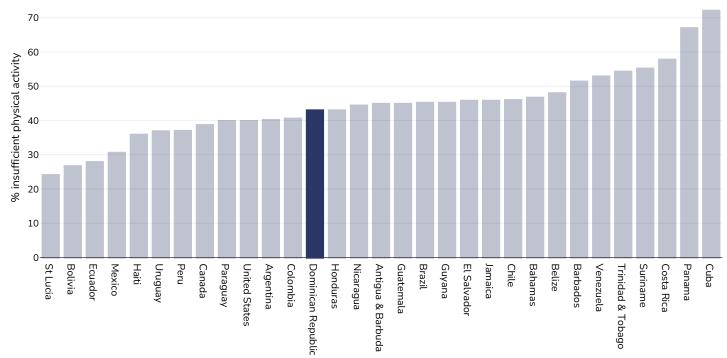
vigorous-intensity physical activity per week, or equivalent.





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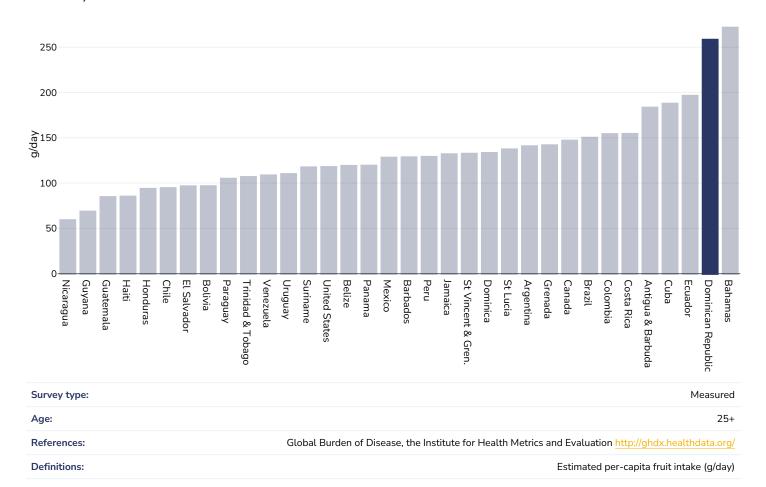




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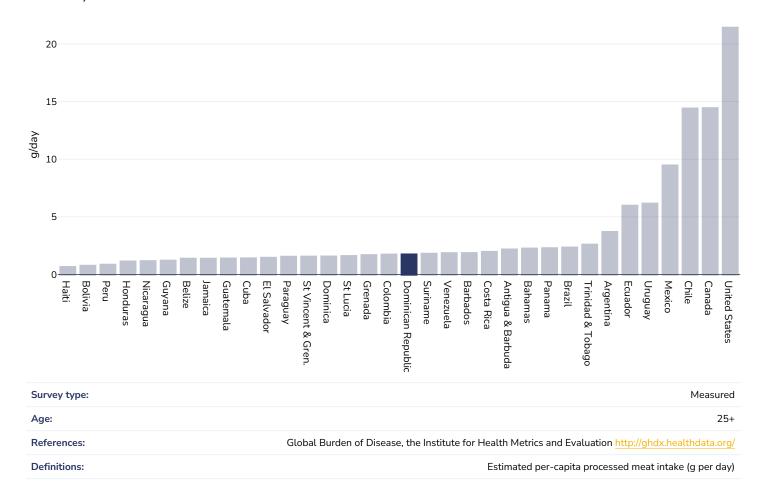


Estimated per capita fruit intake



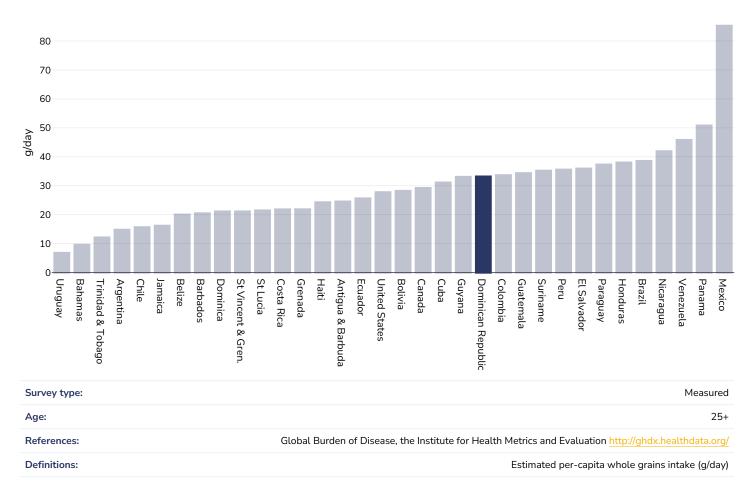


Estimated per-capita processed meat intake





Estimated per capita whole grains intake





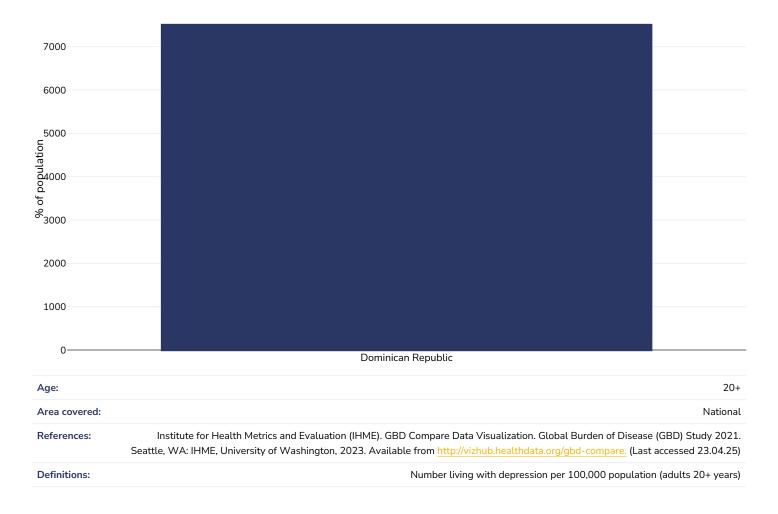
Mental health - depression disorders













Mental health - anxiety disorders





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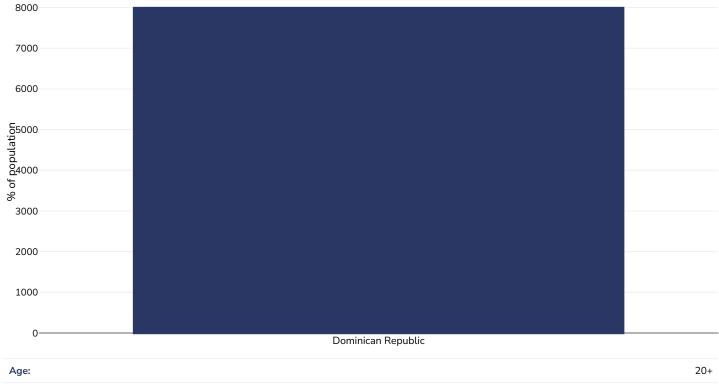


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Definitions:

Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population





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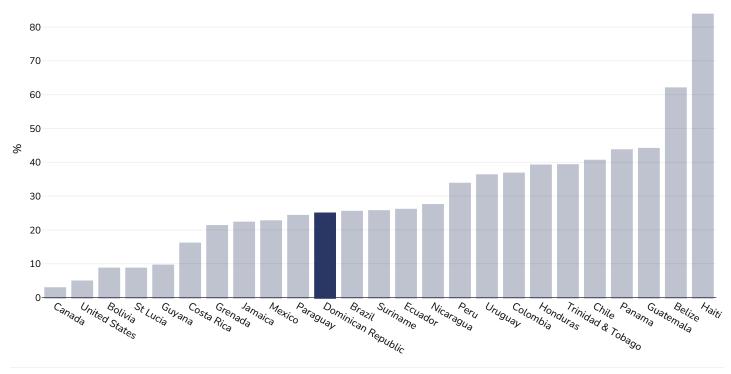
Definitions:

Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population



Percent of population who cannot afford a healthy diet

Adults, 2022



Area covered: National

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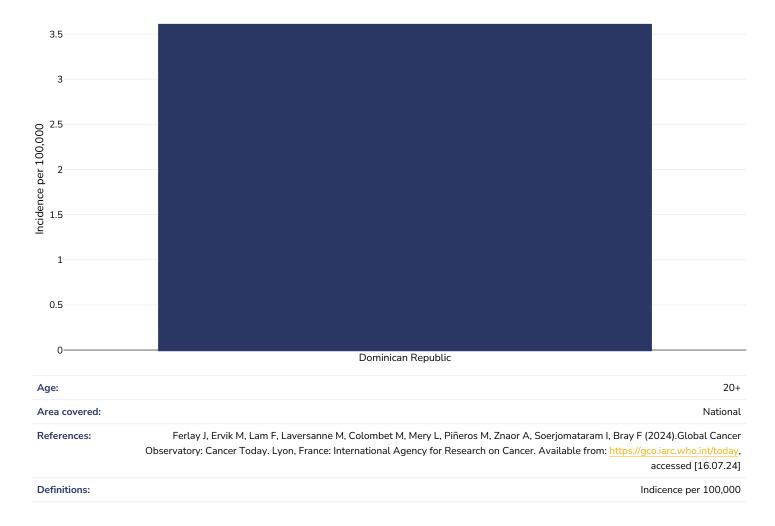
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Oesophageal cancer





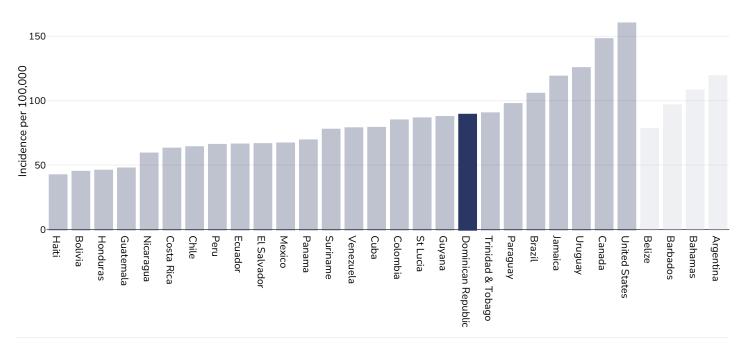




Breast cancer

Women, 2022





Area covered: National

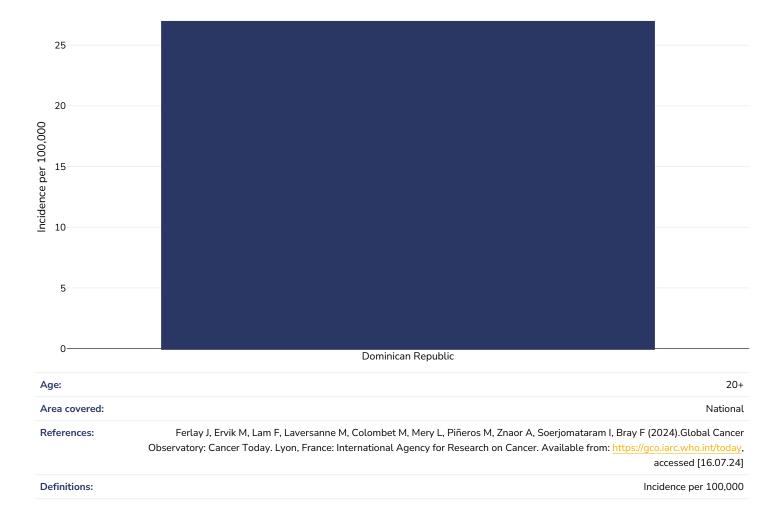
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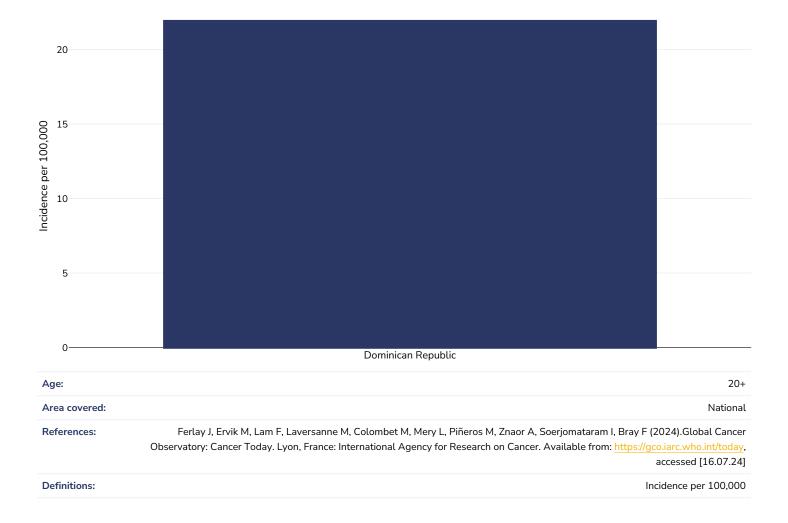
Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Colorectal cancer





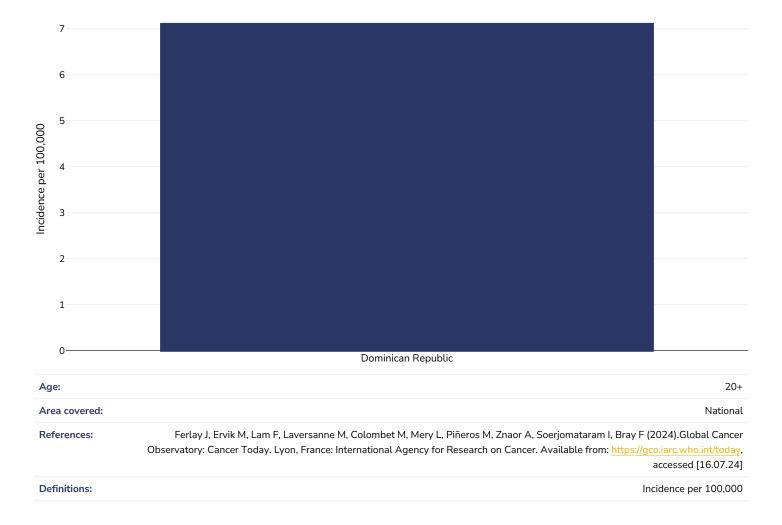




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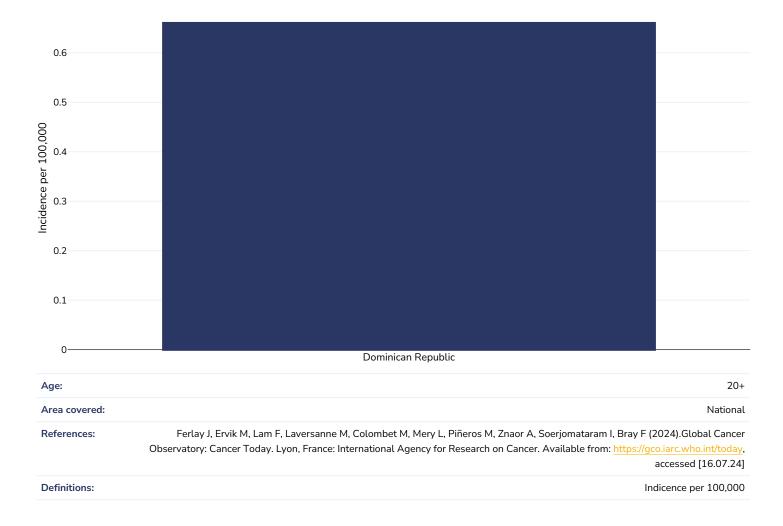








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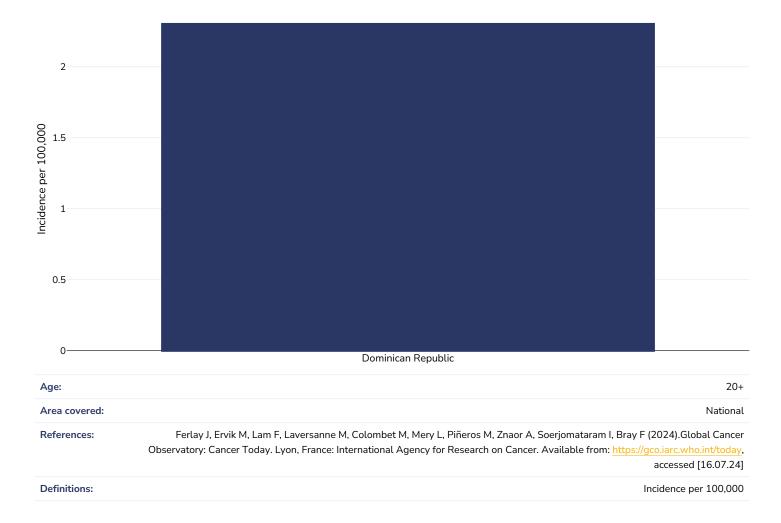




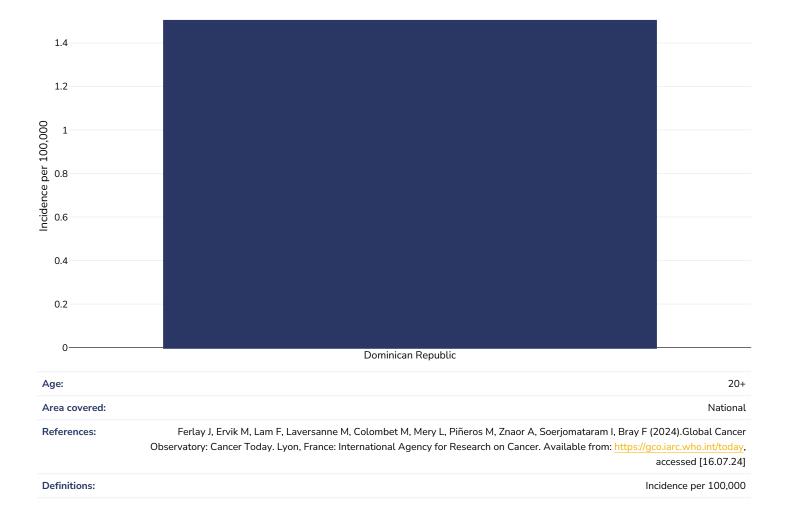




Kidney cancer



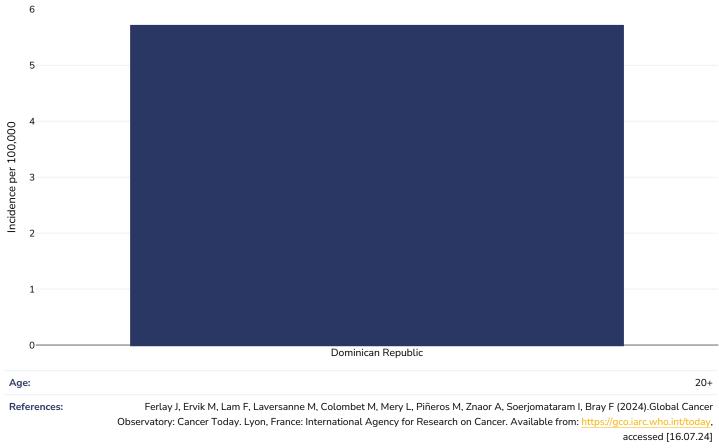






Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2022

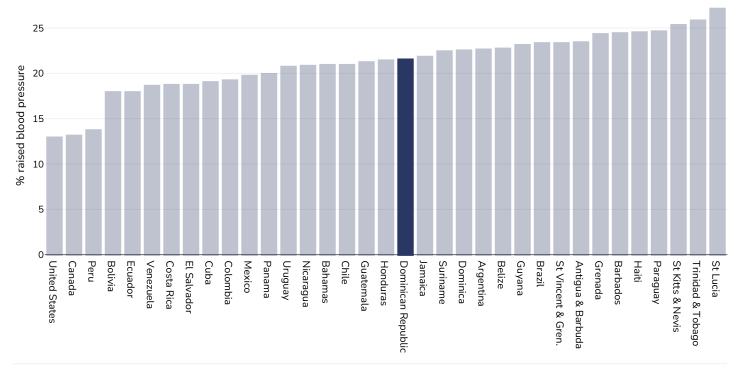


Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



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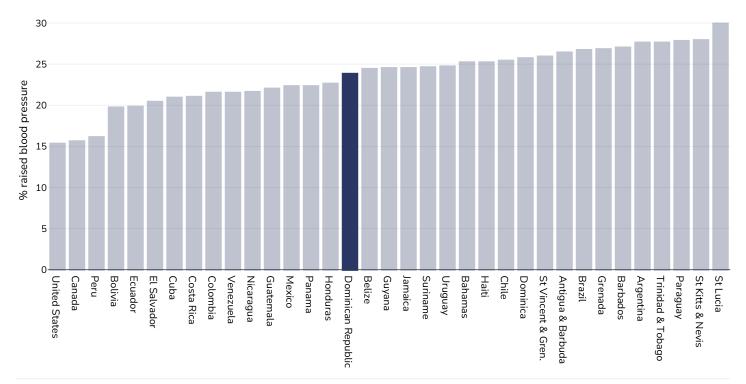
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Definitions:

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Men, 2015



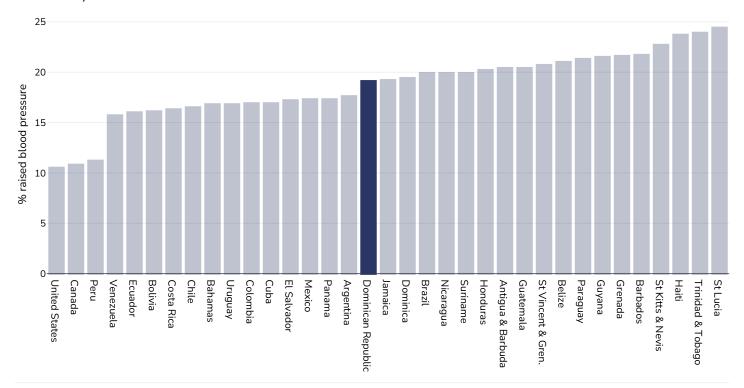
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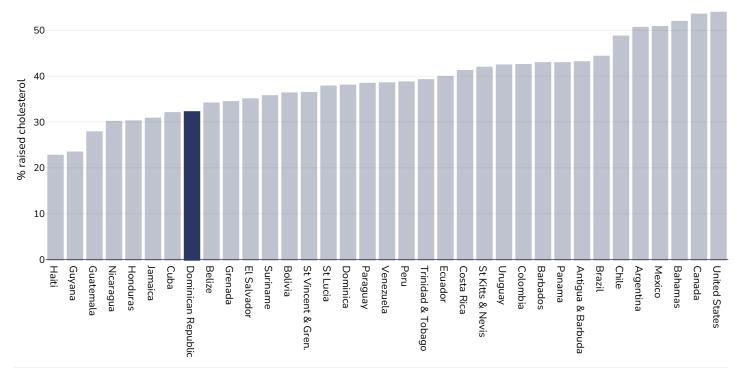
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Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



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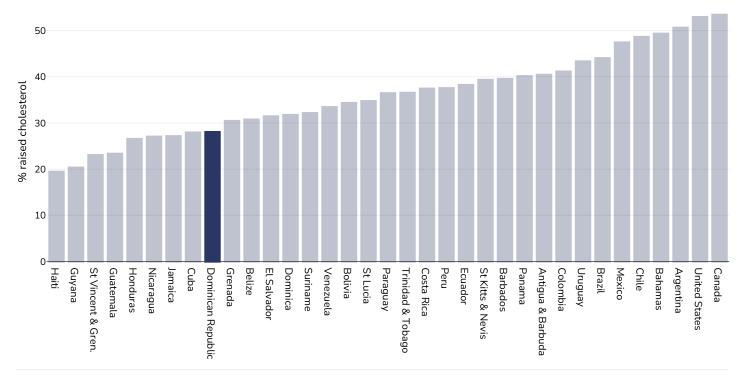
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Definitions:

% Raised total cholesterol (>= 5.0 mmol/L) (age-standardized estimate).



Men, 2008



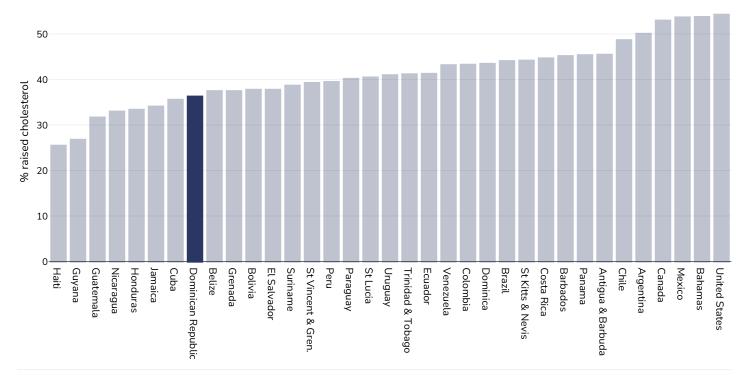
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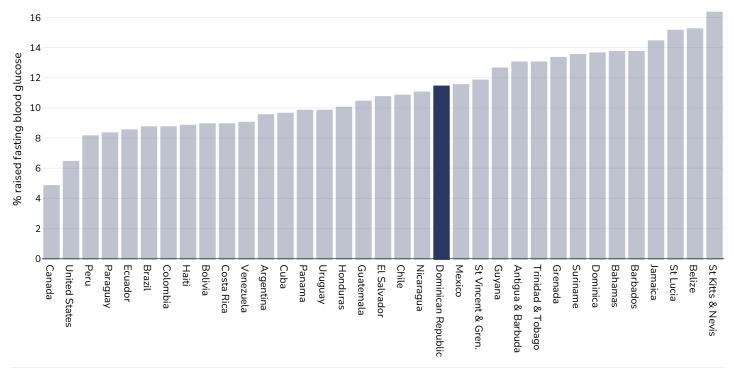
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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



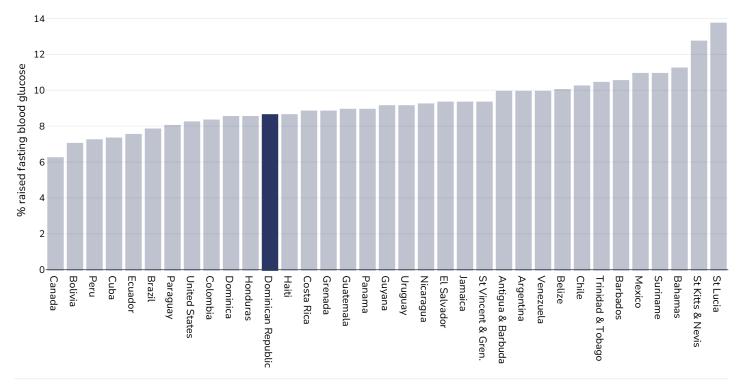
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Definitions:

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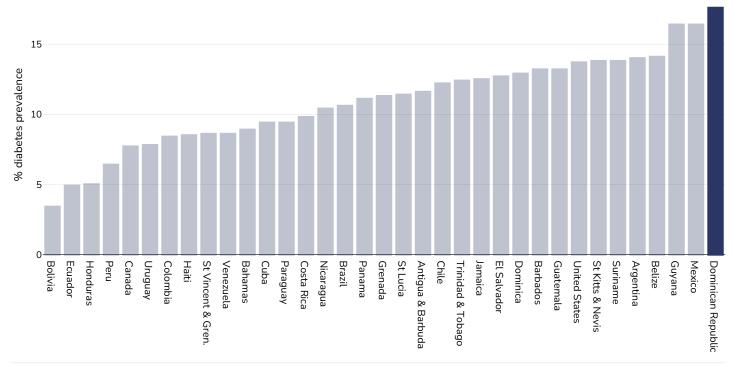
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Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



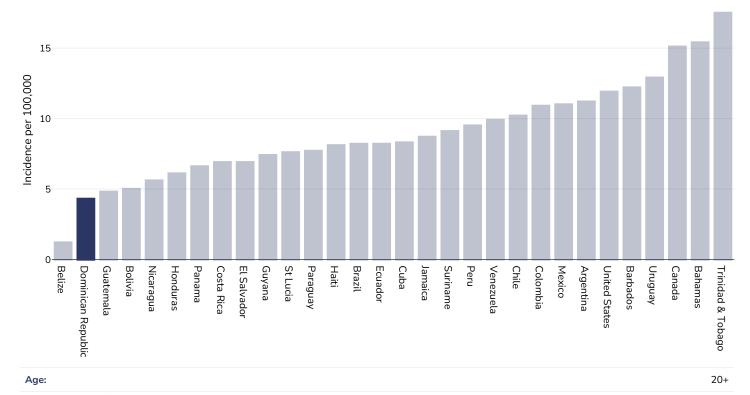
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Ovarian Cancer

Women, 2022



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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Leukemia

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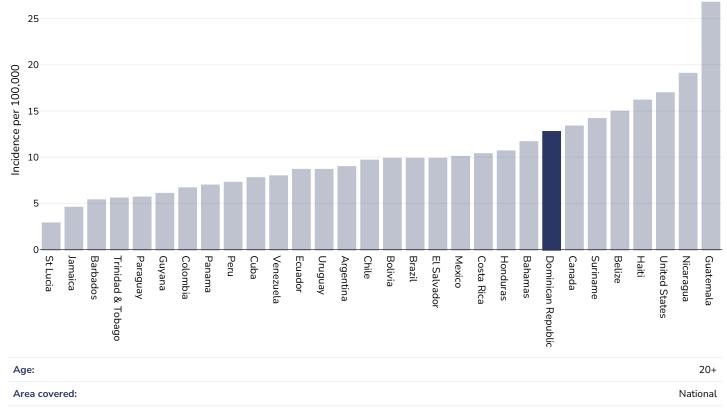


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Liver and intrahepatic bile duct Cancer

Men, 2022



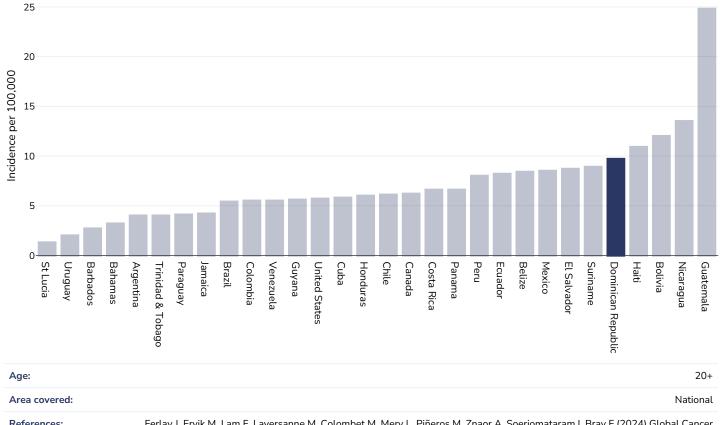
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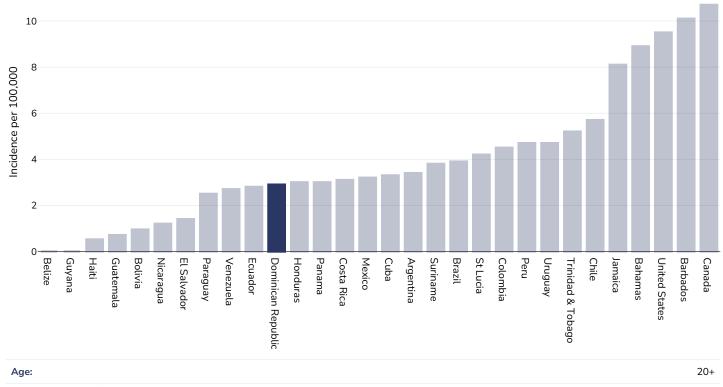
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Multiple Myeloma

Men, 2022



Area covered: National

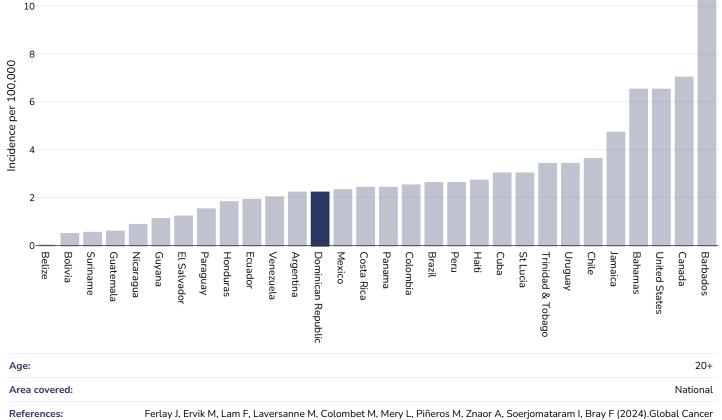
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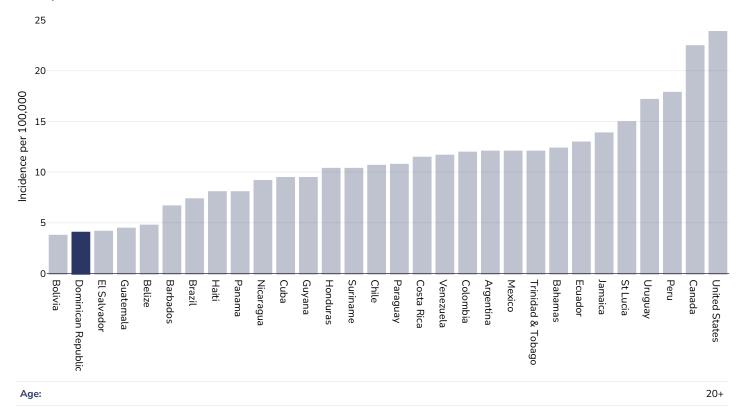
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Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

Men, 2022



Area covered: National

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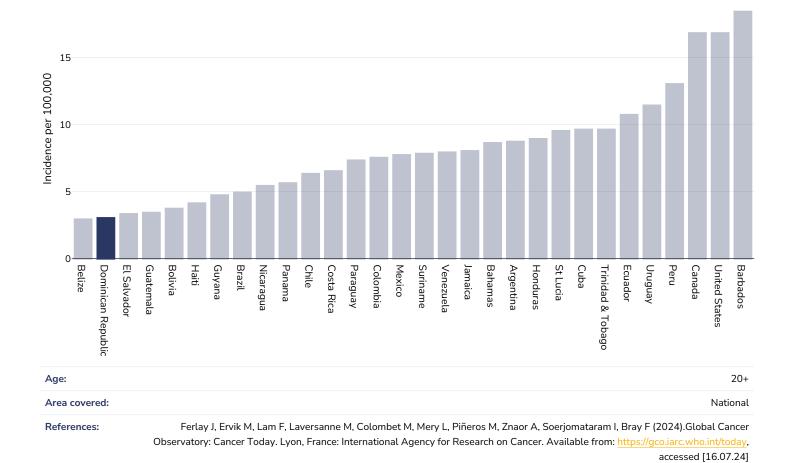
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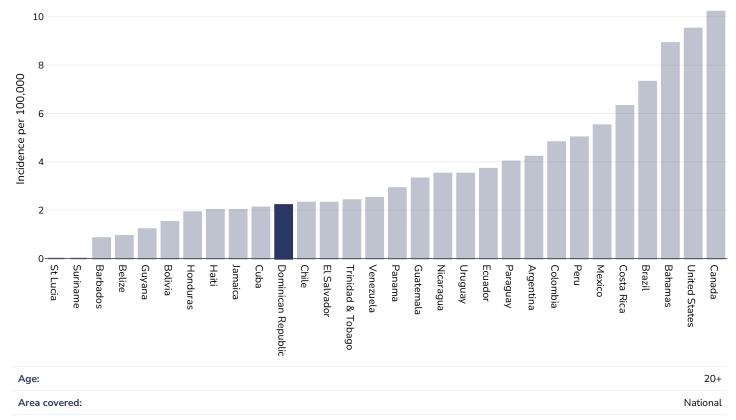
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Thyroid Cancer

Men, 2022



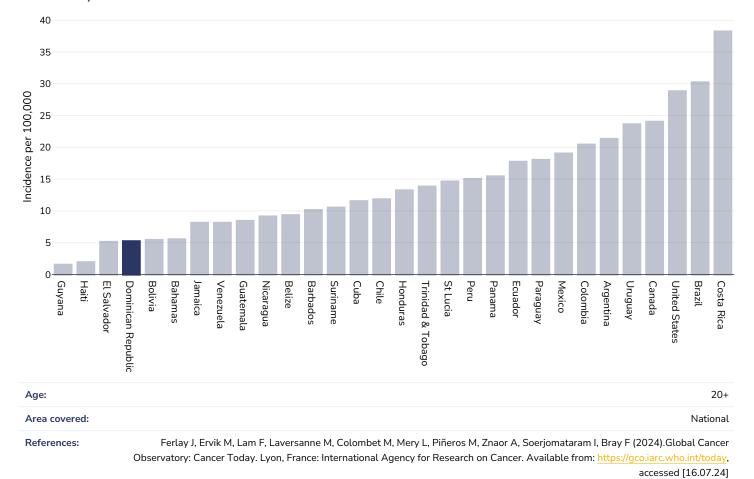
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