



# Estonia



## Country report card - children

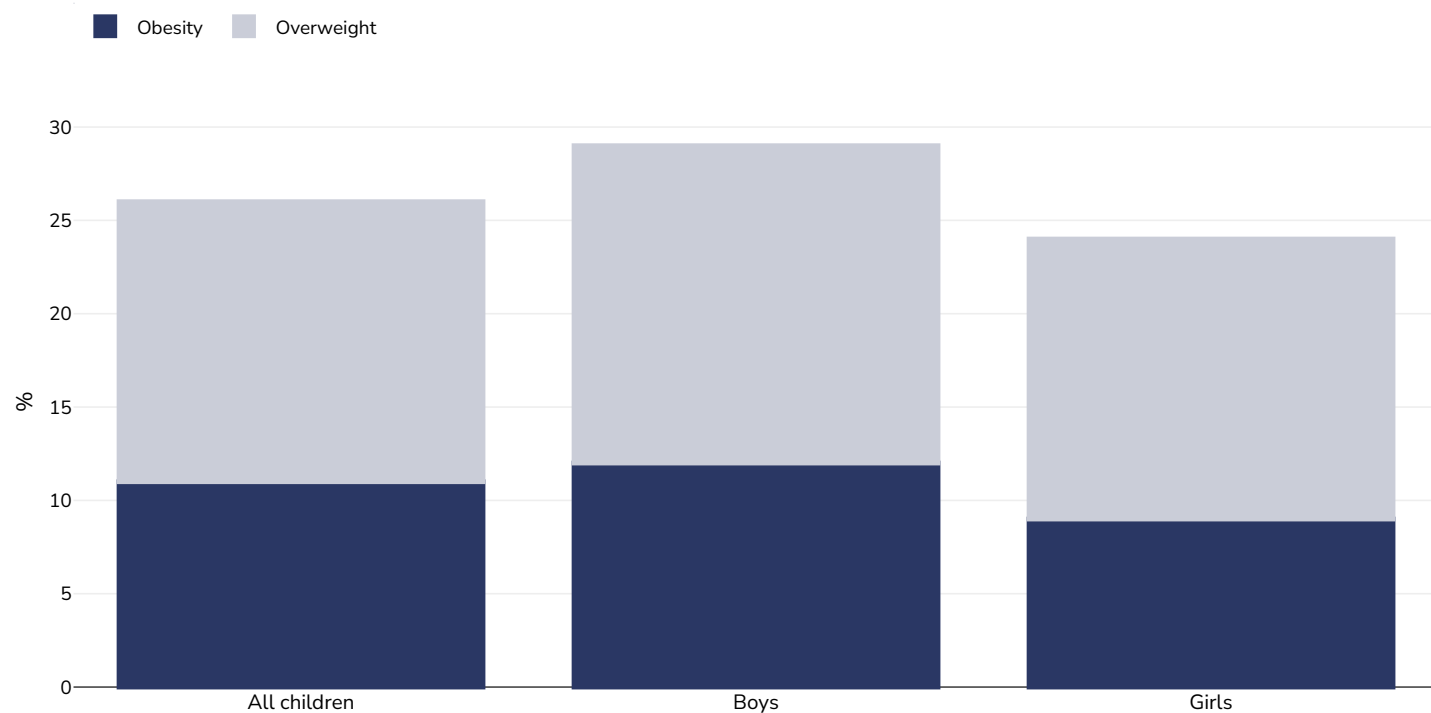
*This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children, including adolescents (aged 5 to 18 years). Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.*

*View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/estonia-64/>*

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## Obesity prevalence

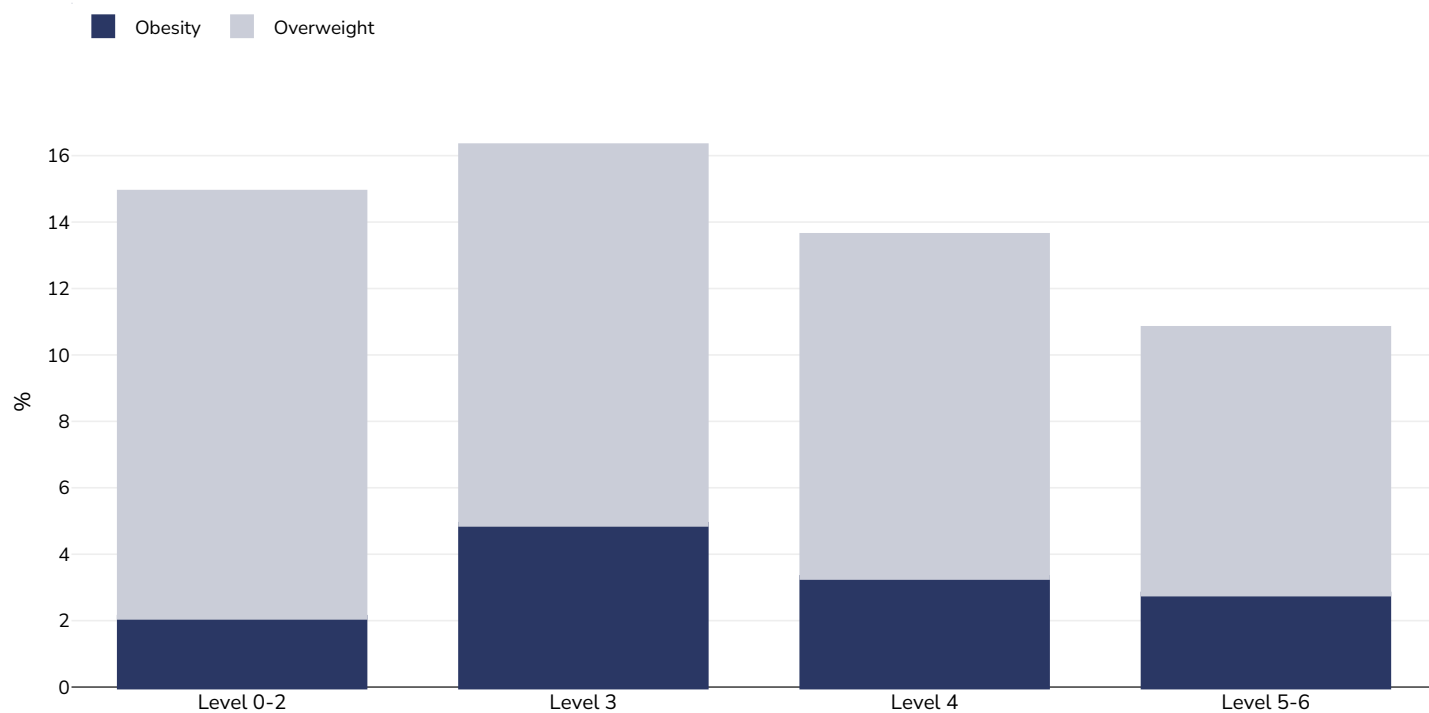
### Children, 2022-2024



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	7
Area covered:	National
References:	WHO European Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI): A brief review of results from round 6 of COSI (2022-2024). Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO.
Cutoffs:	WHO 2007

## Overweight/obesity by education

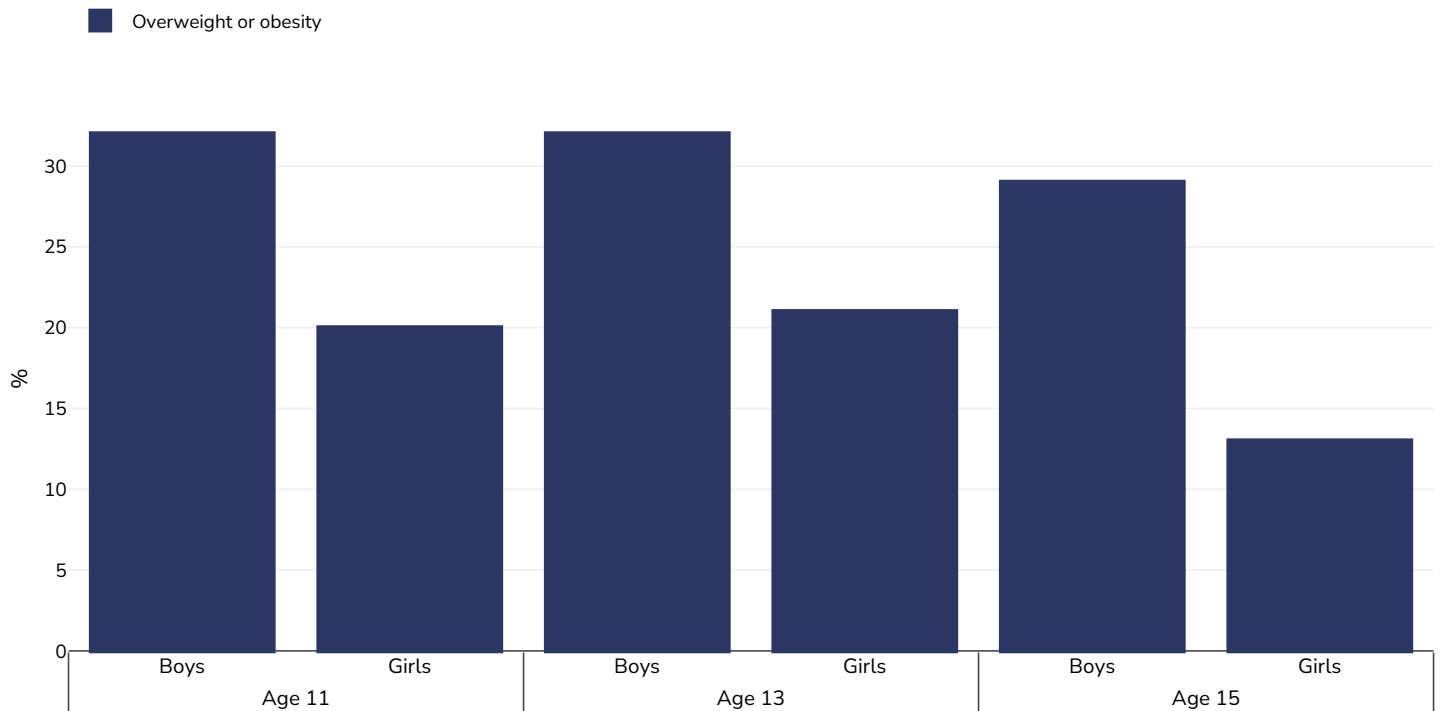
### Children, 2007-2008



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	2-9
Sample size:	2067
Area covered:	National
References:	Ahrens W, Pigeot I, Pohlabeln H et al. Prevalence of overweight and obesity in European children below the age of 10. IJO 2014;38:S99-S107
Cutoffs:	IOTF

## Overweight/obesity by age

### Children, 2021-2022



**Survey type:** Self-reported

**Area covered:** See Report

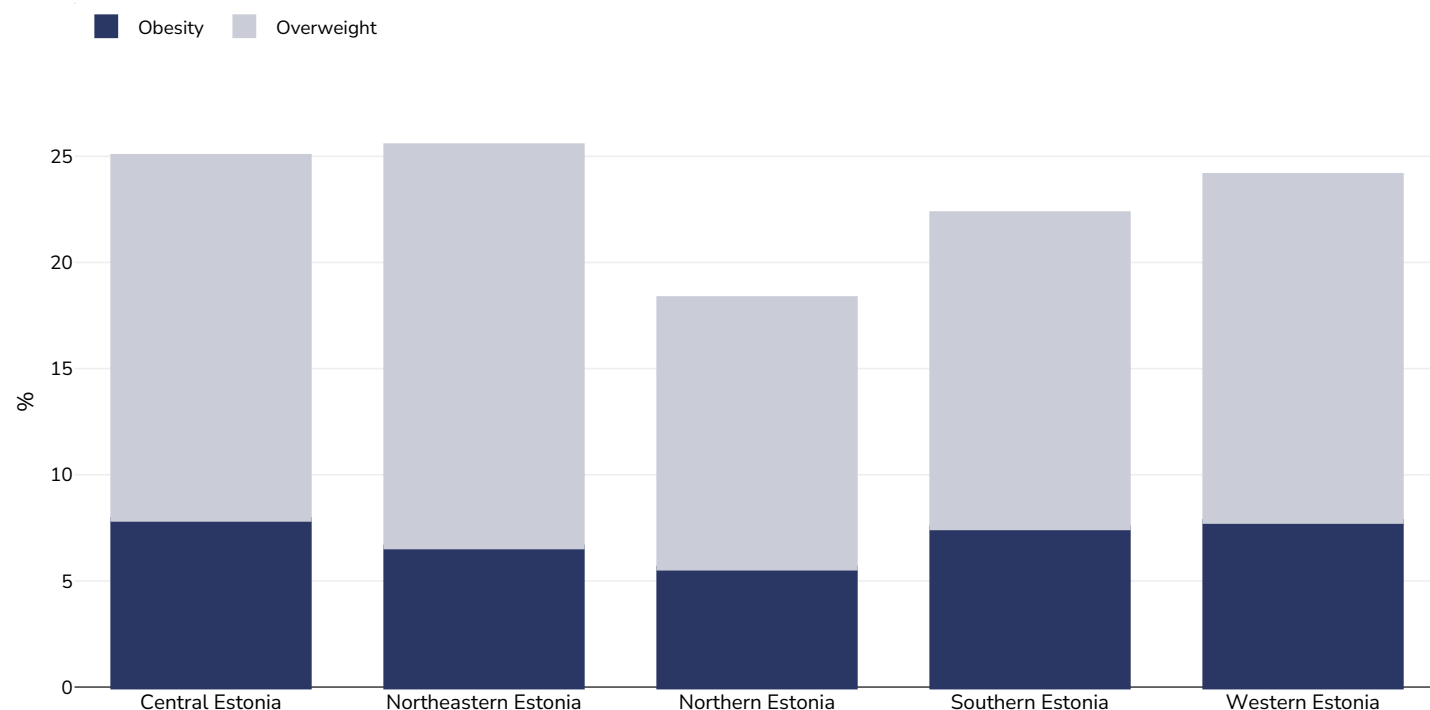
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**Notes:** HBSC aims to survey approximately 1500 pupils per age group in each country or region (totaling around 4500)

**Cutoffs:** +2SD

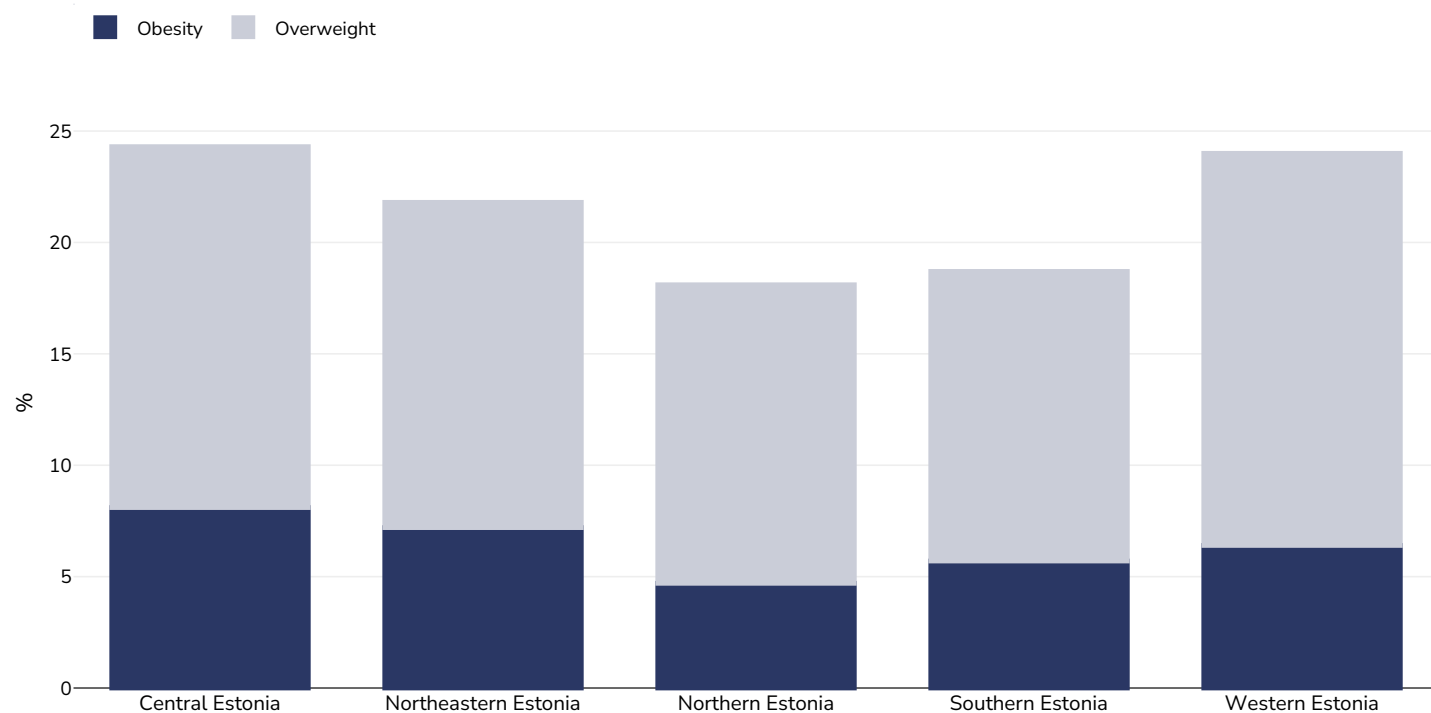
## Overweight/obesity by region

### Boys, 2015-2016



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	7-8
Sample size:	15457
Area covered:	National
References:	WHO Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI) Estonian study report for the academic year 2015/2016. Available at: <a href="https://www.tai.ee/sites/default/files/2021-03/152586931296_WHO_Childhood_Obesity_Surveillance_Initiative_COSI.pdf">https://www.tai.ee/sites/default/files/2021-03/152586931296_WHO_Childhood_Obesity_Surveillance_Initiative_COSI.pdf</a> . Last accessed: 19.04.21.
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Cutoffs:	IOTF

## Girls, 2015-2016



Survey type: Measured

Age: 7-8

Sample size: 15457

Area covered: National

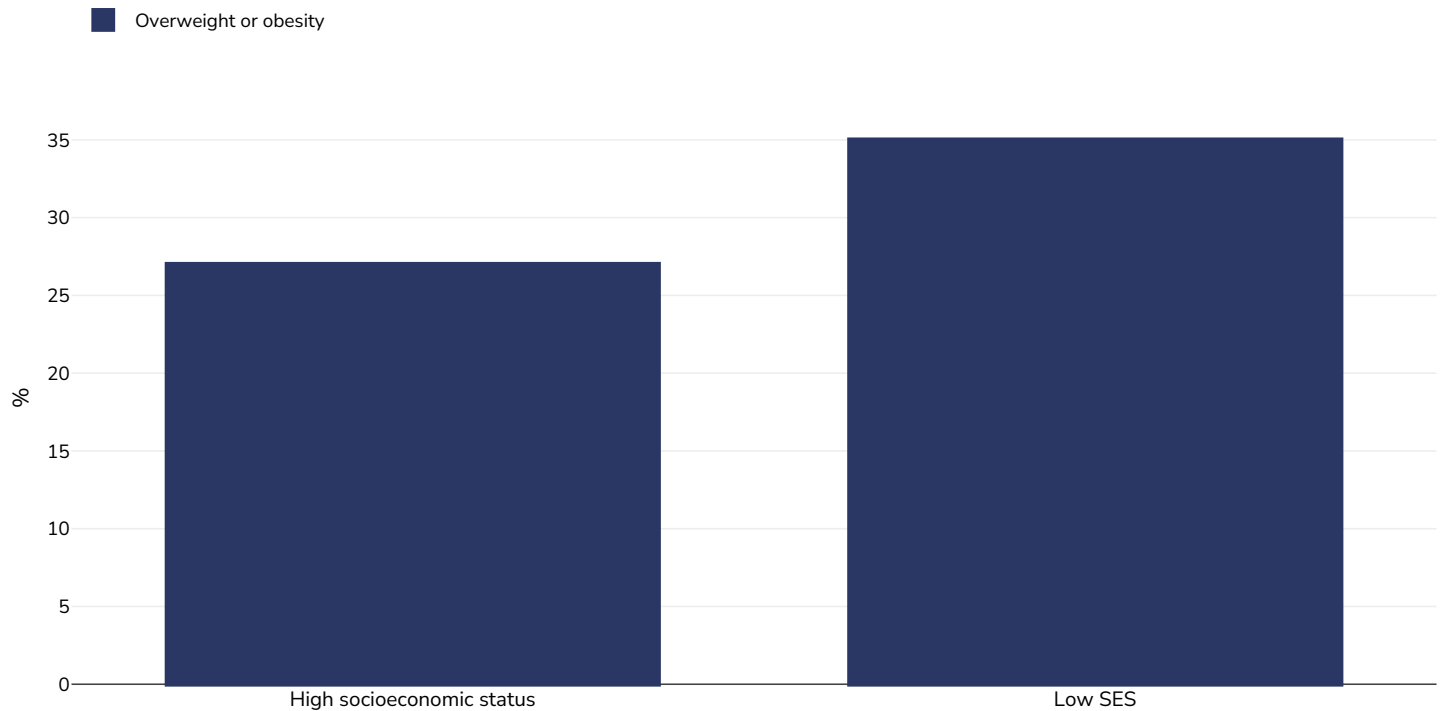
References: WHO Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI) Estonian study report for the academic year 2015/2016. Available at: [https://www.tai.ee/sites/default/files/2021-03/152586931296\\_WHO\\_Childhood\\_Obesity\\_Surveillance\\_Initiative\\_COSI.pdf](https://www.tai.ee/sites/default/files/2021-03/152586931296_WHO_Childhood_Obesity_Surveillance_Initiative_COSI.pdf). Last accessed: 19.04.21.

Definitions: Data available at: [https://statistika.tai.ee/pxweb/en/Andmebaas/Andmebaas\\_05Uuringud\\_10COSI/?tablelist=true](https://statistika.tai.ee/pxweb/en/Andmebaas/Andmebaas_05Uuringud_10COSI/?tablelist=true).

Cutoffs: IOTF

## Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

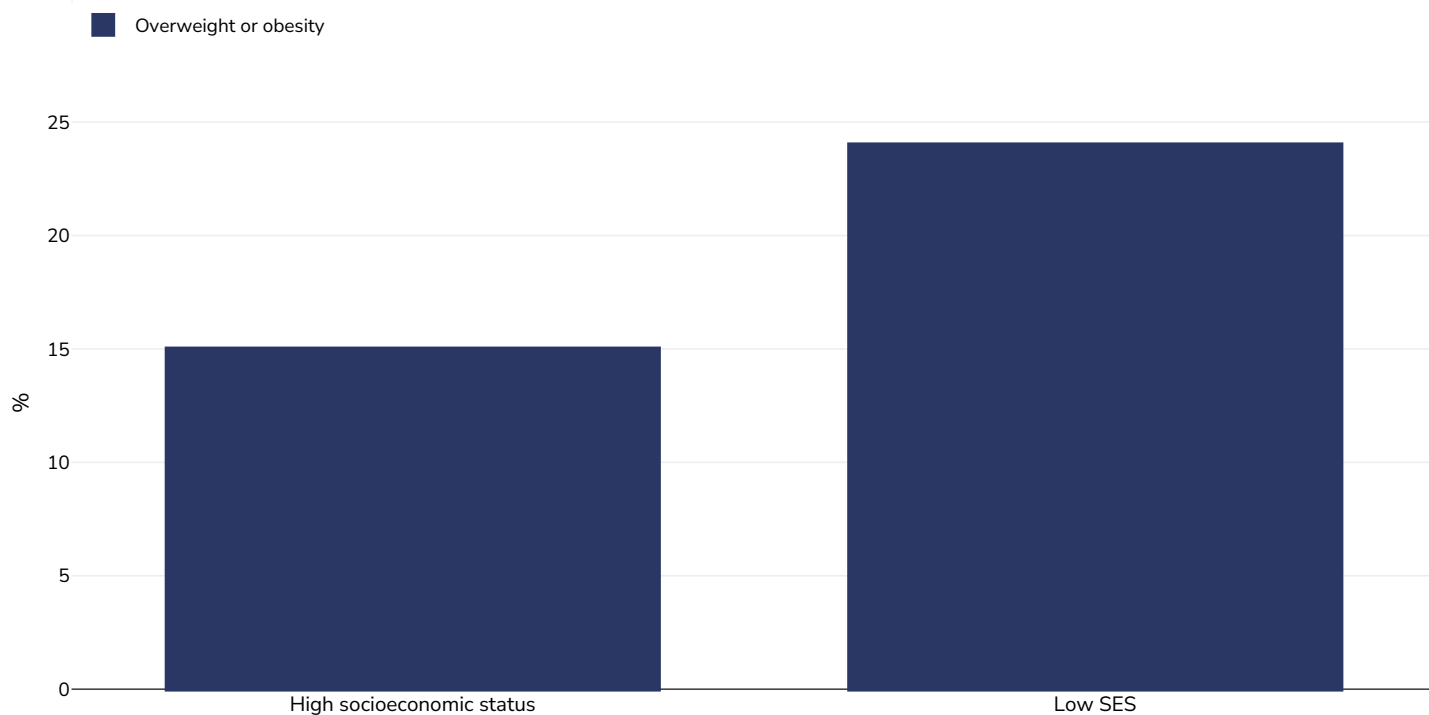
### Boys, 2021-2022



<b>Survey type:</b>	Self-reported
<b>Age:</b>	11-15
<b>References:</b>	Raki? JG, Hamrik Z, Dzielska A, Felder-Puig R, Oja L, Bakalár P et al. A focus on adolescent physical activity, eating behaviours, weight status and body image in Europe, central Asia and Canada. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) international report from the 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. 'Any translation was not created by the World Health Organization (WHO). WHO is not responsible for the content or accuracy of this translation. The original English edition shall be the binding and authentic edition'
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<b>Cutoffs:</b>	+2SD



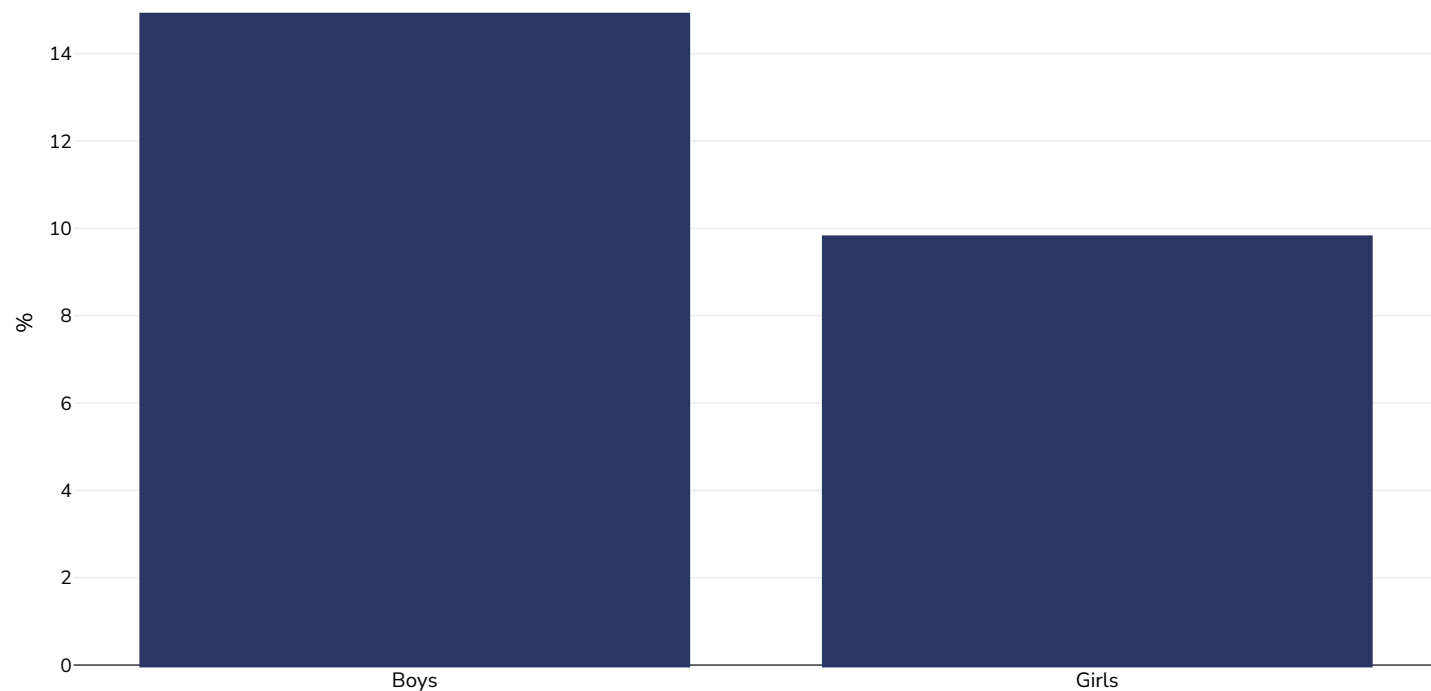
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<b>Cutoffs:</b>	+2SD

## Double burden of underweight & overweight

### Children, 2022



<b>Survey type:</b>	Measured
<b>Age:</b>	5-19
<b>References:</b>	NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). Worldwide trends in underweight and obesity from 1990 to 2022: a pooled analysis of 3663 population representative studies with 222 million children, adolescents, and adults. Lancet 2024; published online Feb 29. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2">https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2</a> .
<b>Notes:</b>	Age standardised estimates
<b>Definitions:</b>	Combined prevalence of BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD (double burden of thinness and obesity)
<b>Cutoffs:</b>	BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD

## Insufficient physical activity

### Boys, 2022

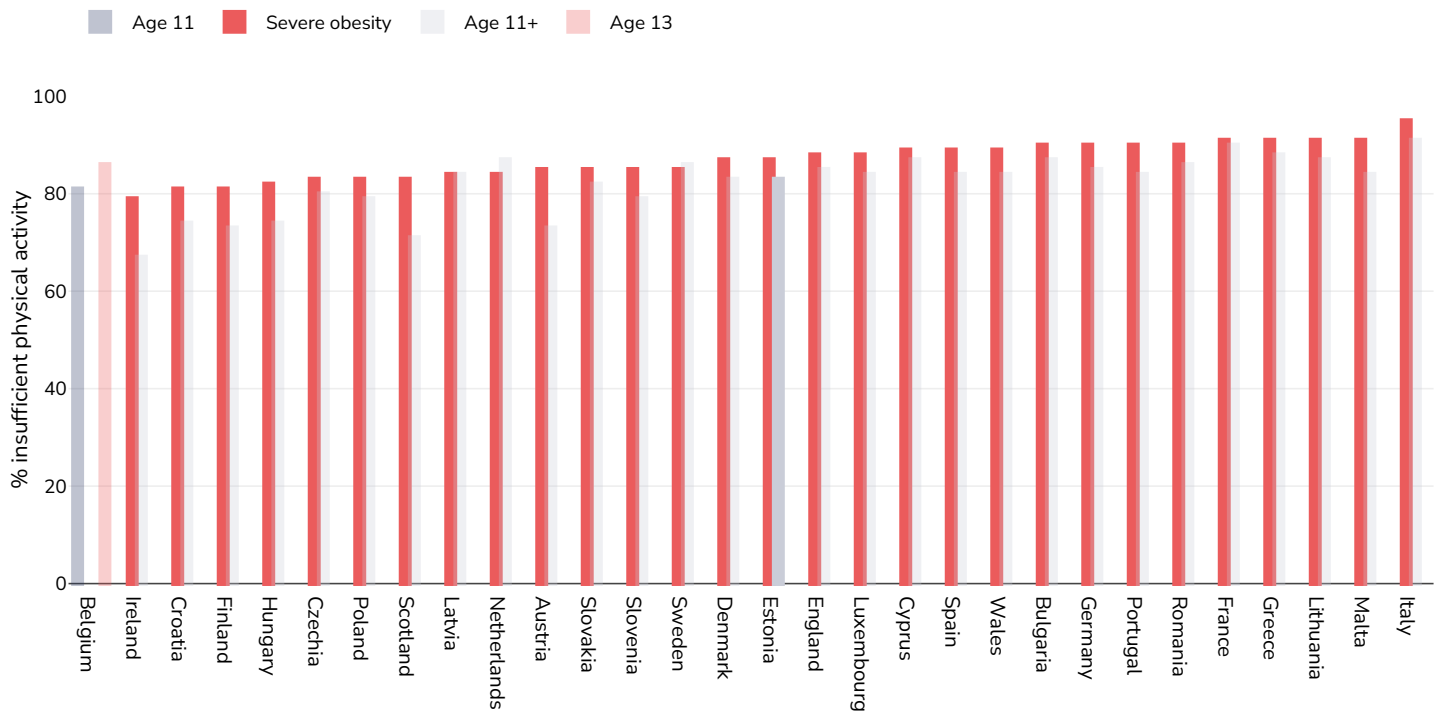


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**Notes:** Young people were asked to report the number of days over the past week during which they were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes. The question was introduced by text defining moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) as any activity that increases the heart rate and makes the person get out of breath some of the time, with examples provided. Findings presented on the Observatory show the proportions who report less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily.

**Definitions:** % reporting less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily

## Girls, 2022



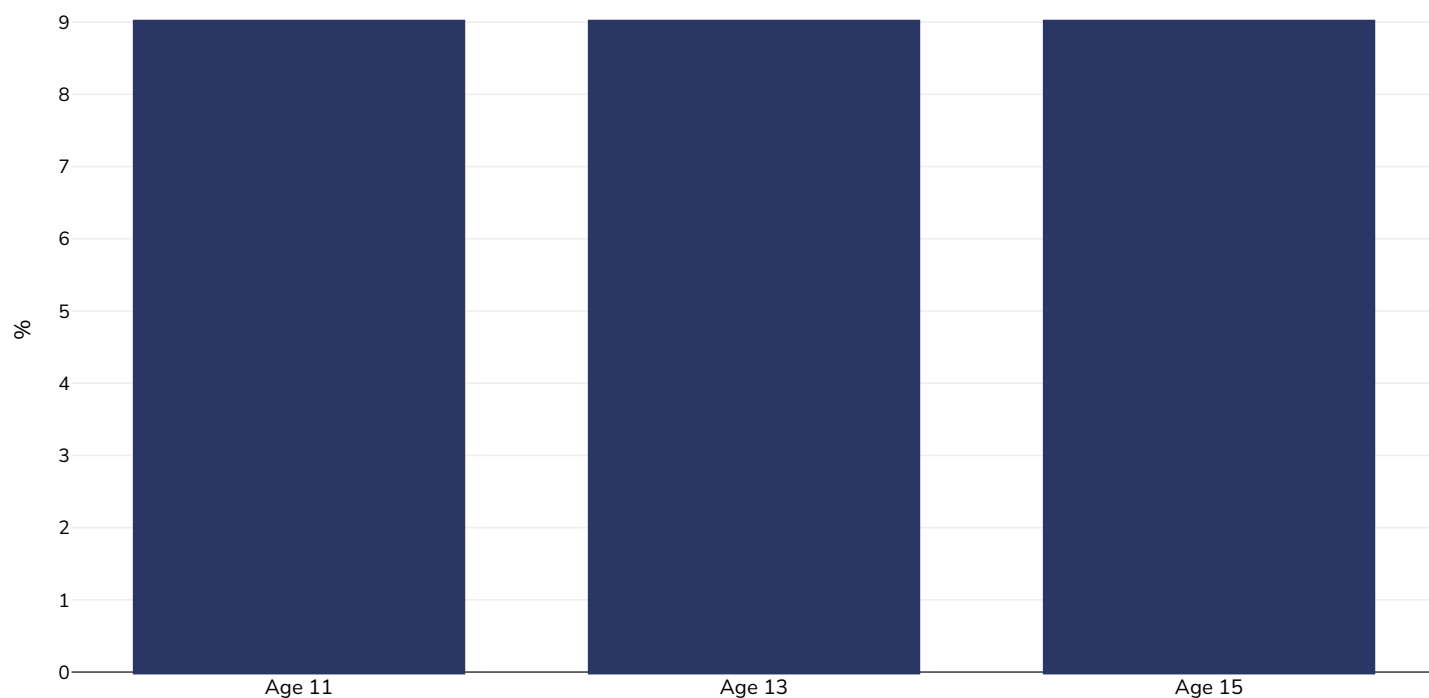
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## Prevalence of at least daily carbonated soft drink consumption

### Boys, 2021-2022

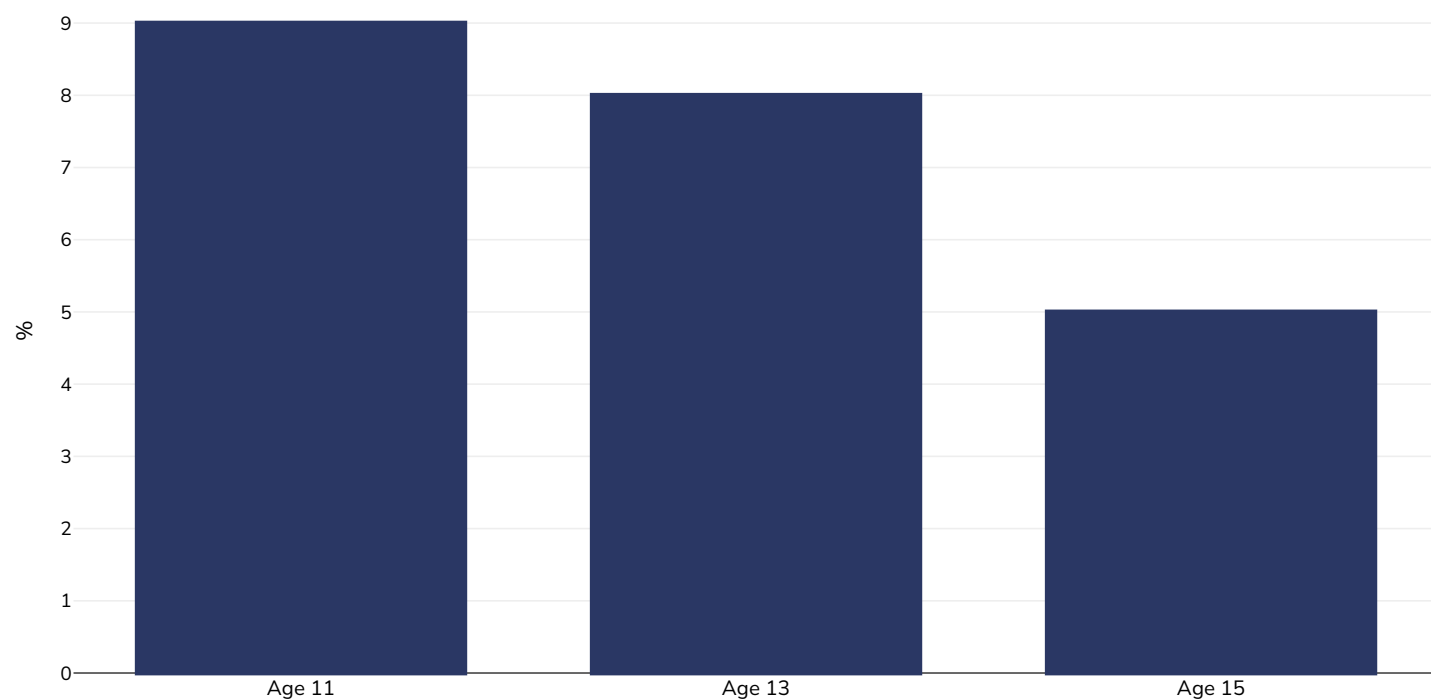


Area covered: National

References: Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (2023), Data browser (findings from the 2021/22 international HBSC survey): <https://data-browser.hbsc.org/>.

Definitions: Proportion who reported drinking sugary soft drinks daily (at least once)

## Girls, 2021-2022



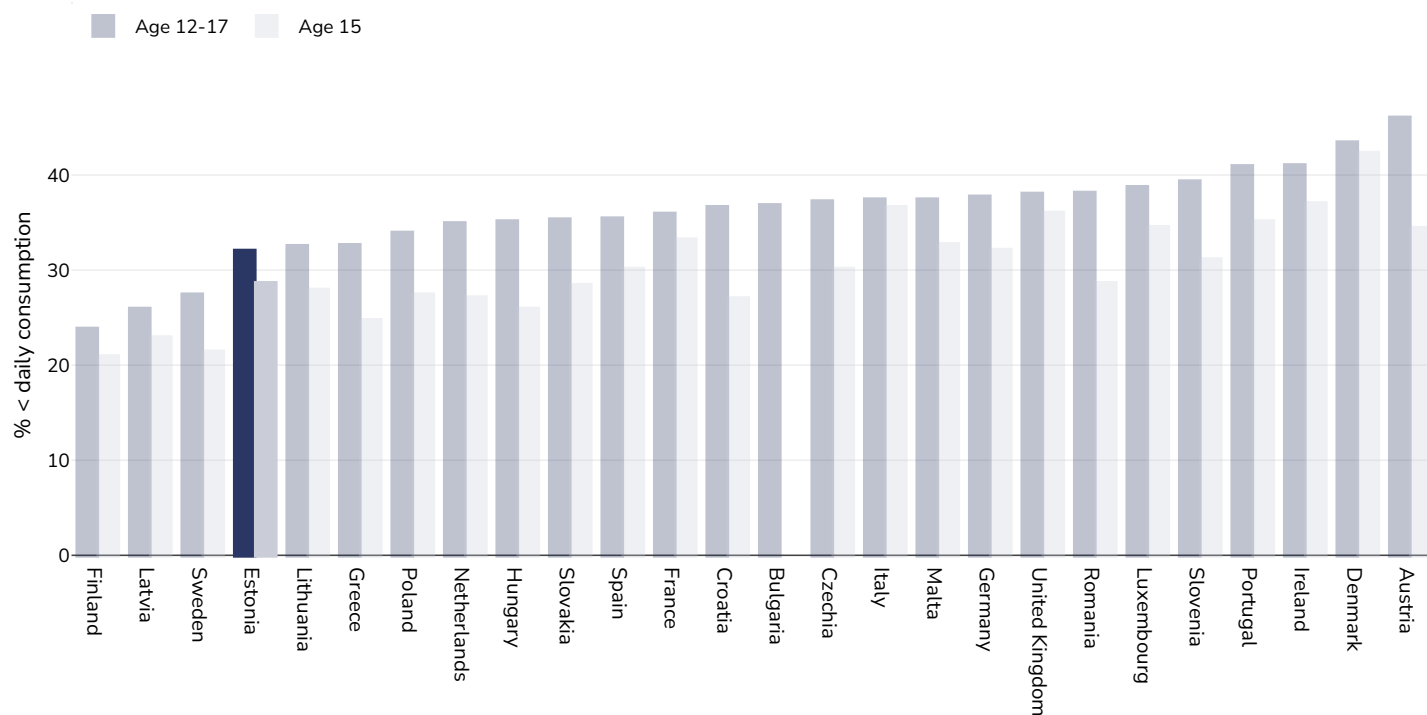
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## Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

### Children, 2014



Survey type:

Measured

References:

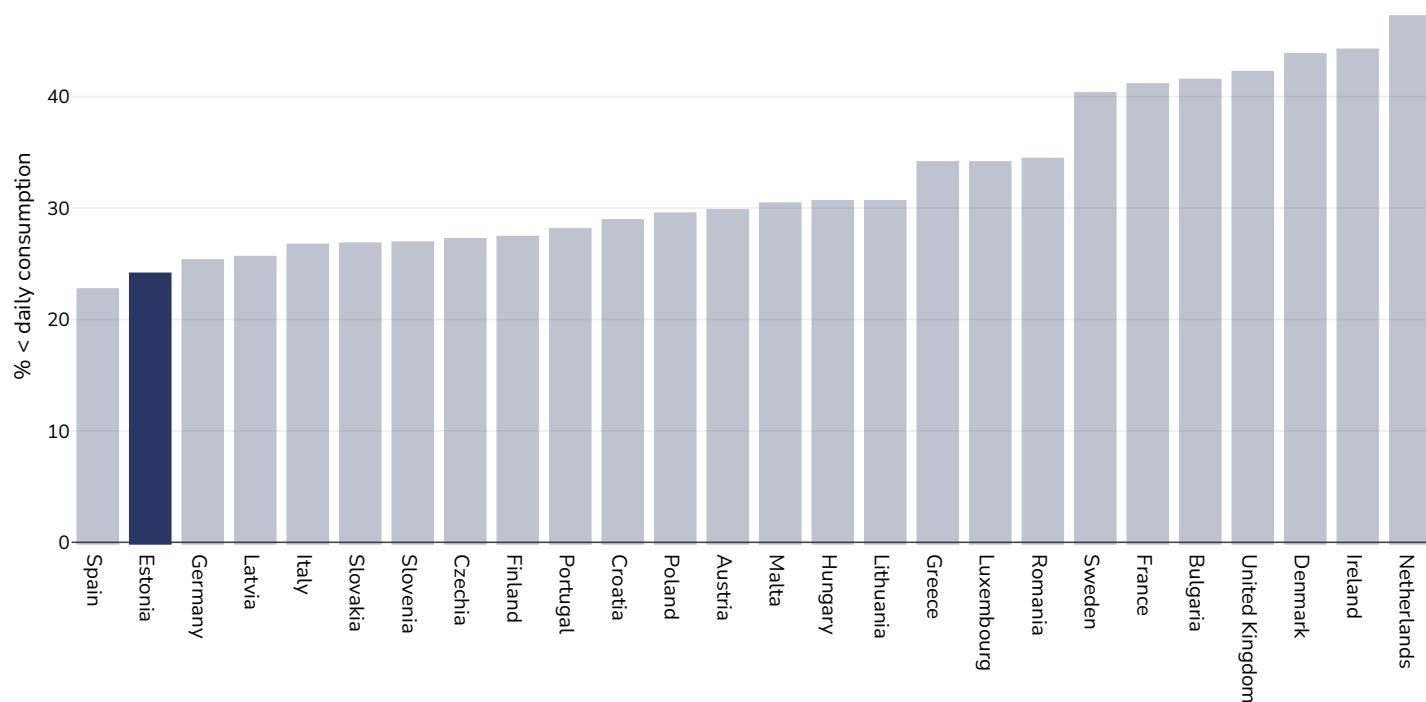
Global School-based Student Health Surveys. Beal et al (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287>. Sourced from Food Systems Dashboard <http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system>

Definitions:

Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption (% less-than-daily fruit consumption)

## Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

### Children, 2014



Survey type: Measured

Age: 12-17

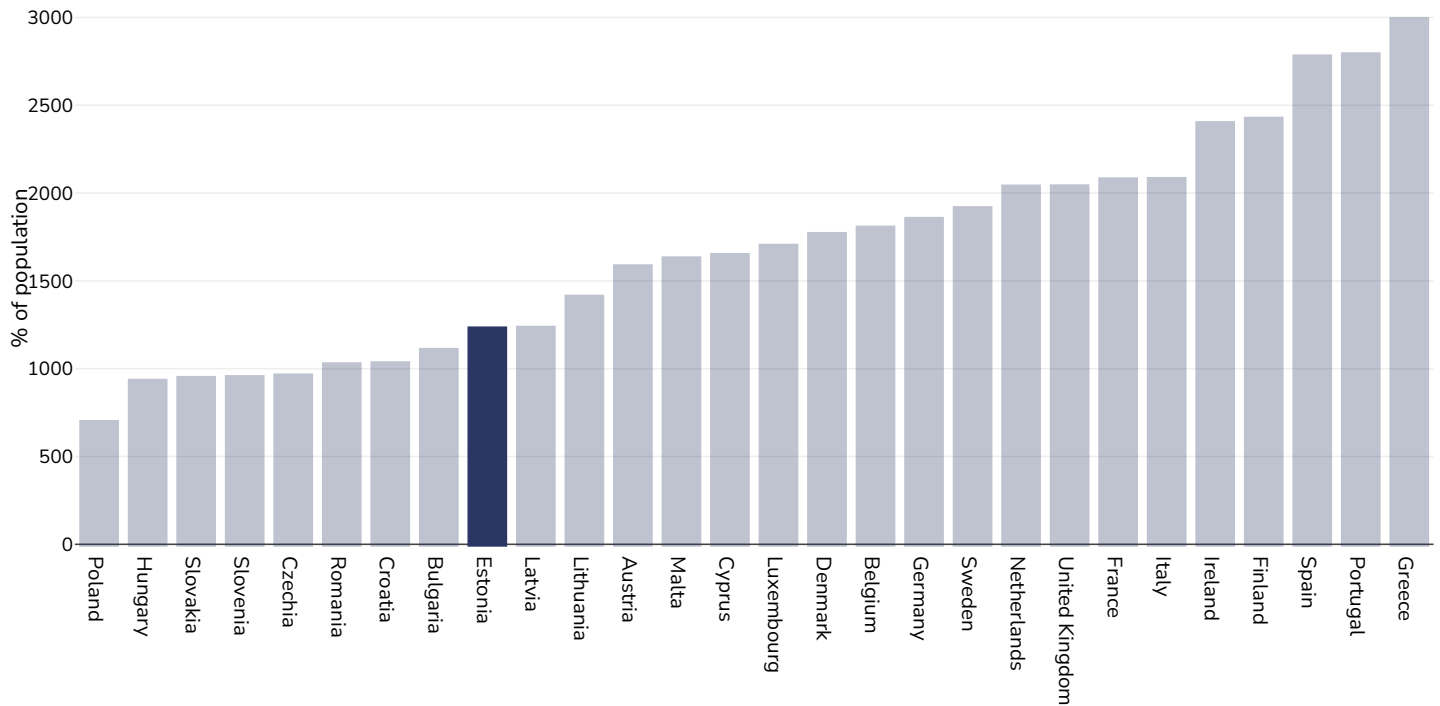
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Definitions: Prevalence of less-than-daily vegetable consumption (% less-than-daily vegetable consumption)



## Mental health - depression disorders

### Children, 2021

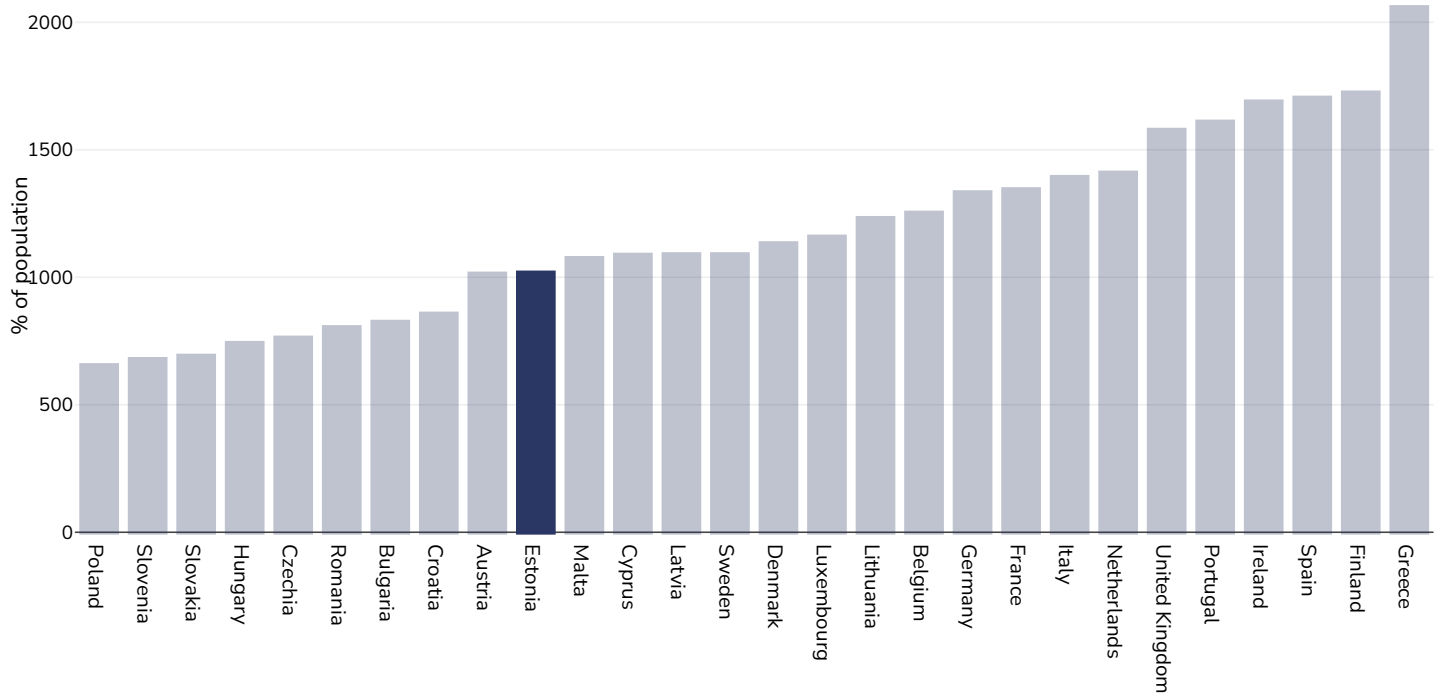


Area covered: National

References: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME). GBD Compare Data Visualization. Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Study 2021. Seattle, WA: IHME, University of Washington, 2023. Available from <http://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-compare>. (Last accessed 23.04.25)

Definitions: Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

## Boys, 2021



Area covered:

National

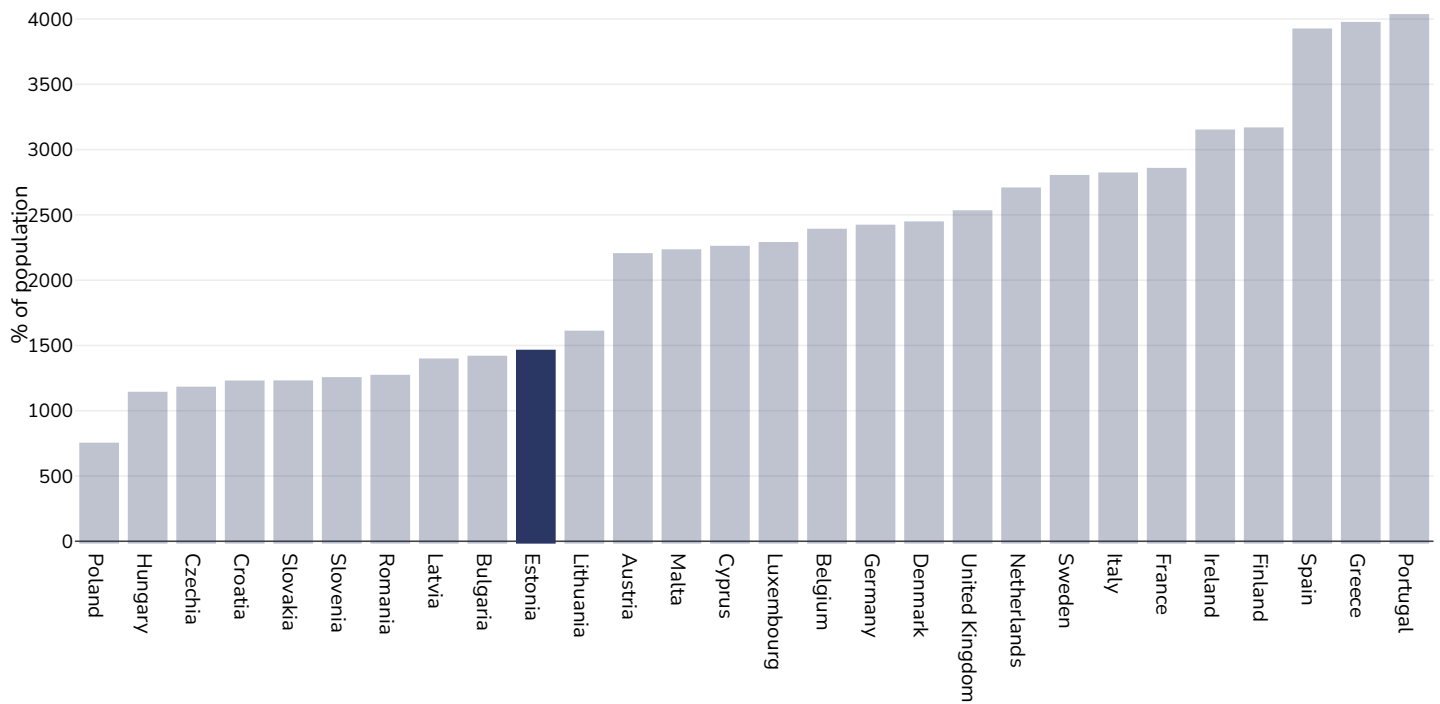
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## Girls, 2021



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References:

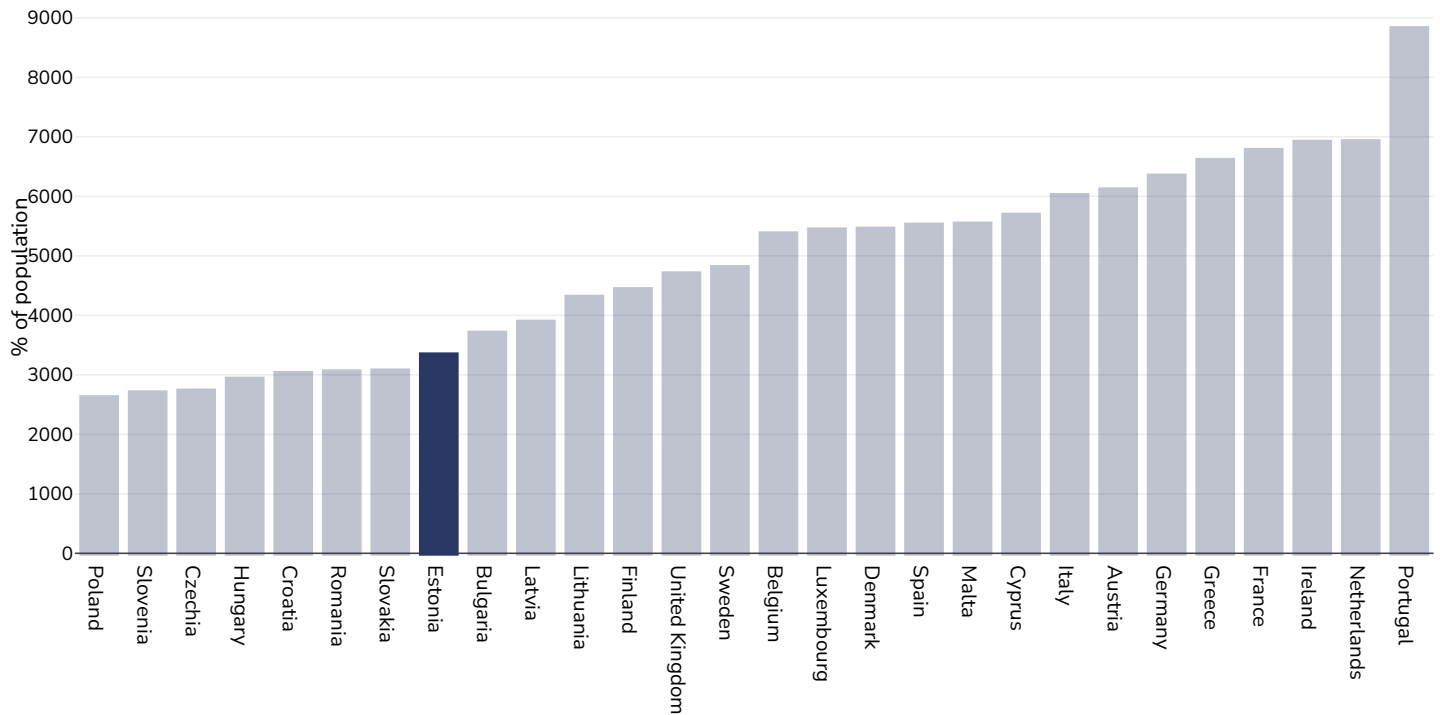
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## Mental health - anxiety disorders

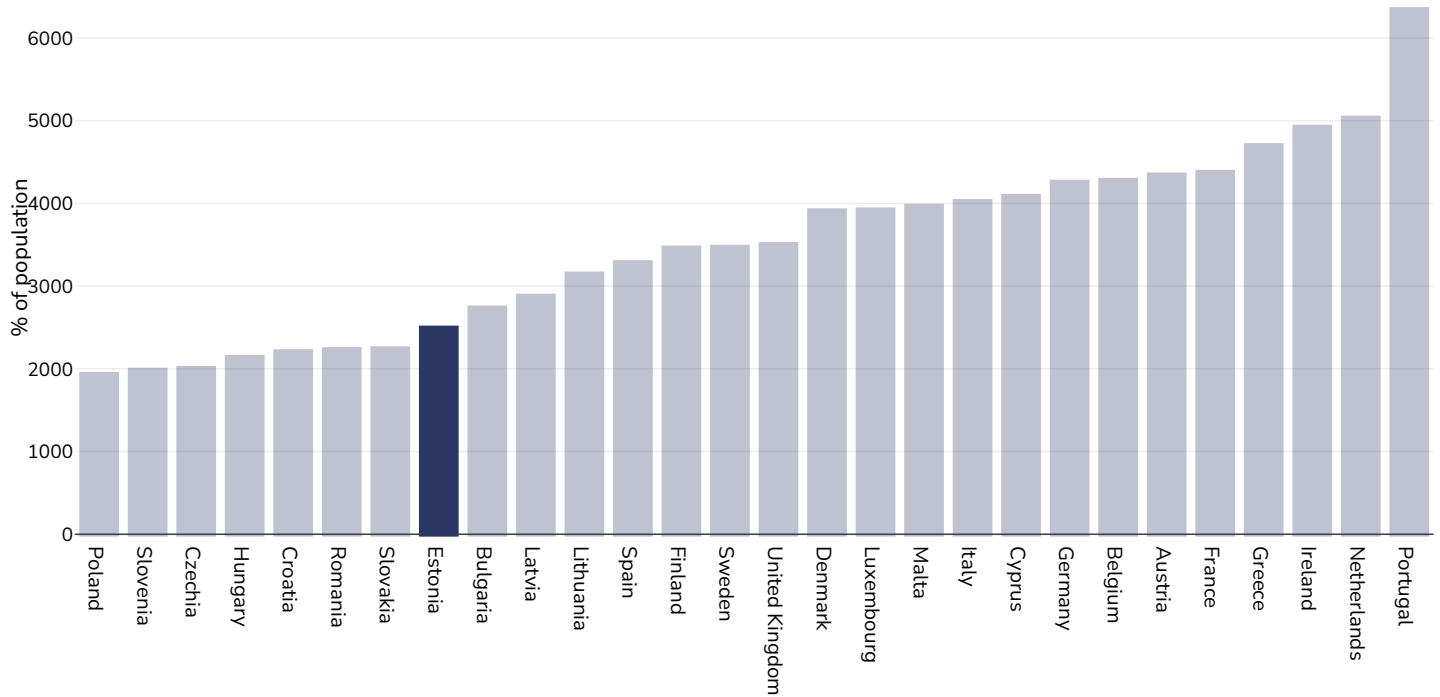
### Children, 2021



**References:**

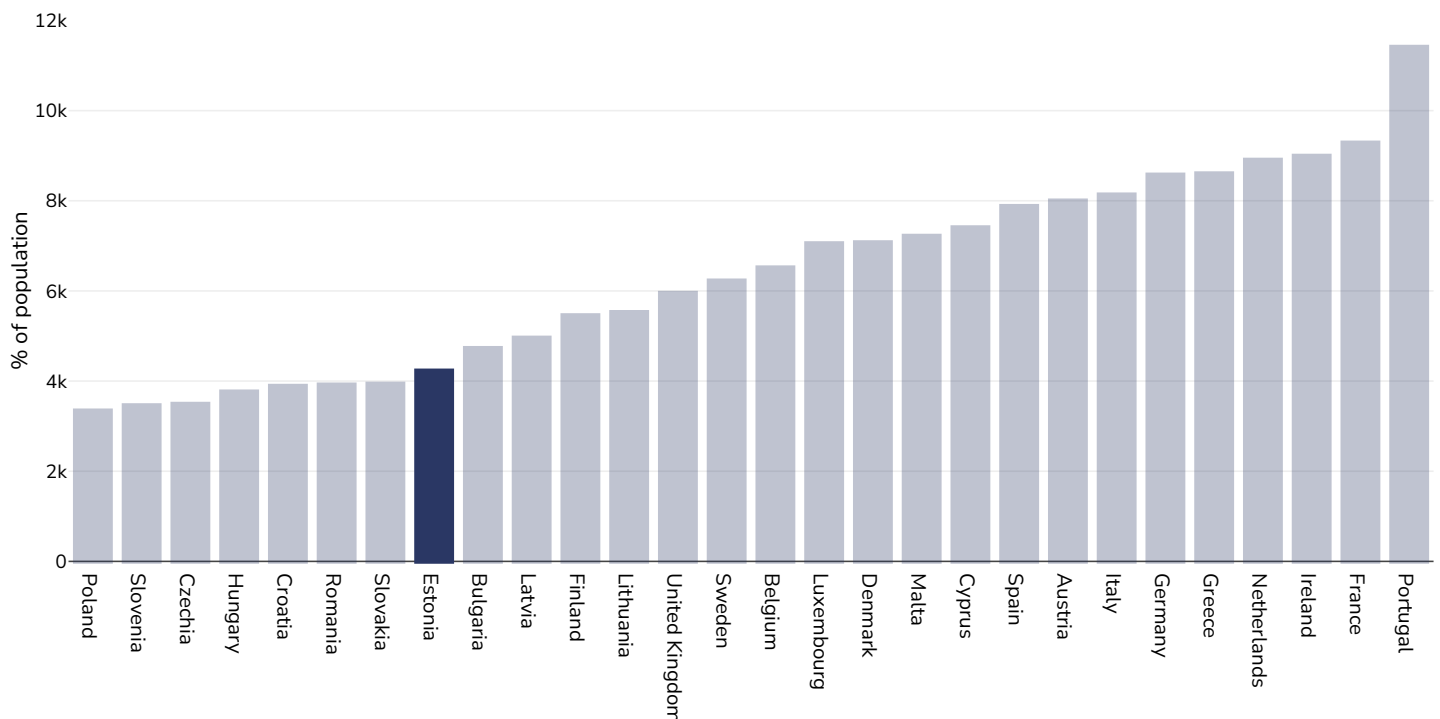
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## Boys, 2021



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