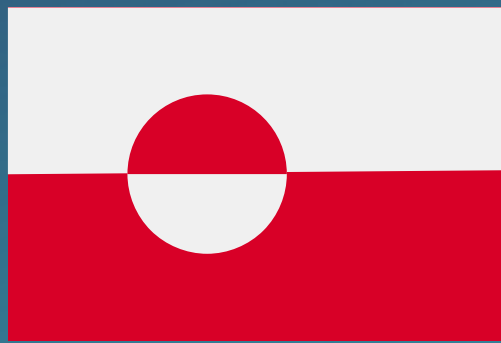




Greenland



Country report card - adults

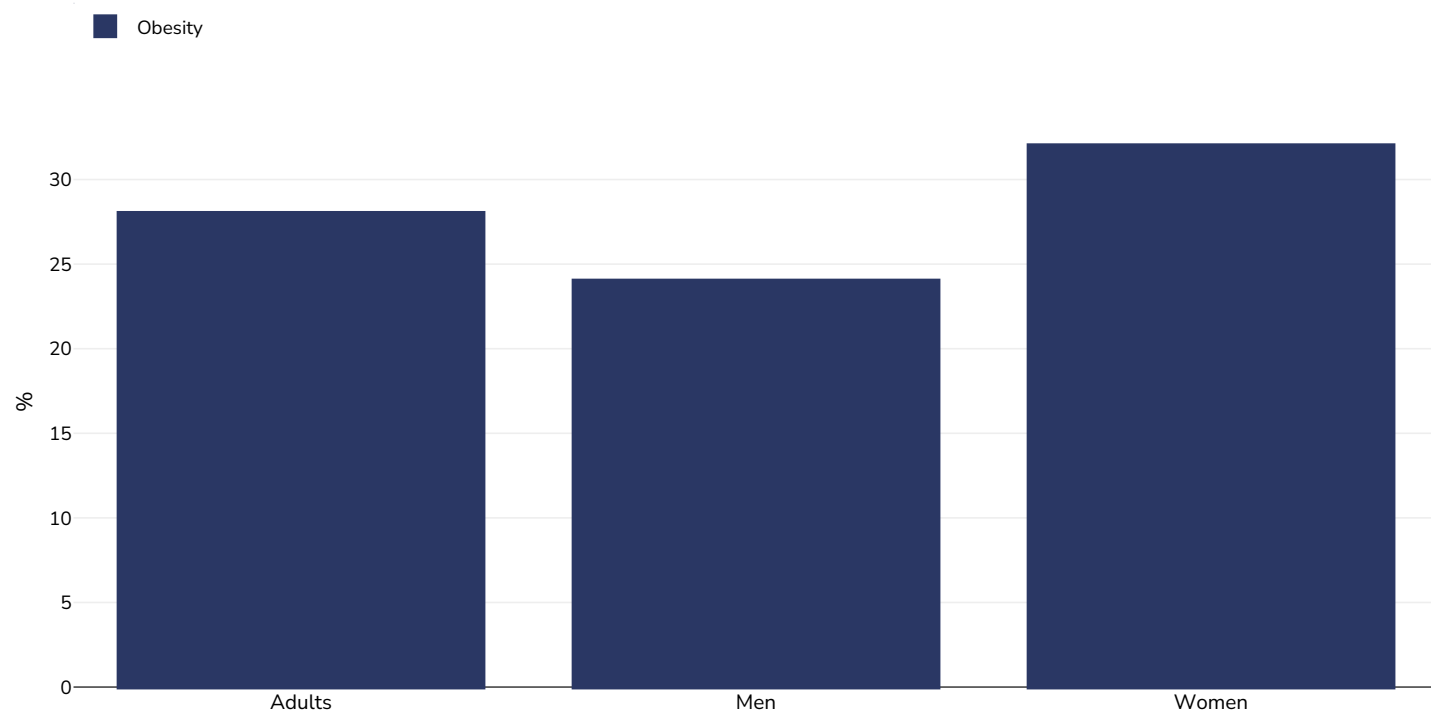
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for adults. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/greenland-81/>.

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Obesity prevalence

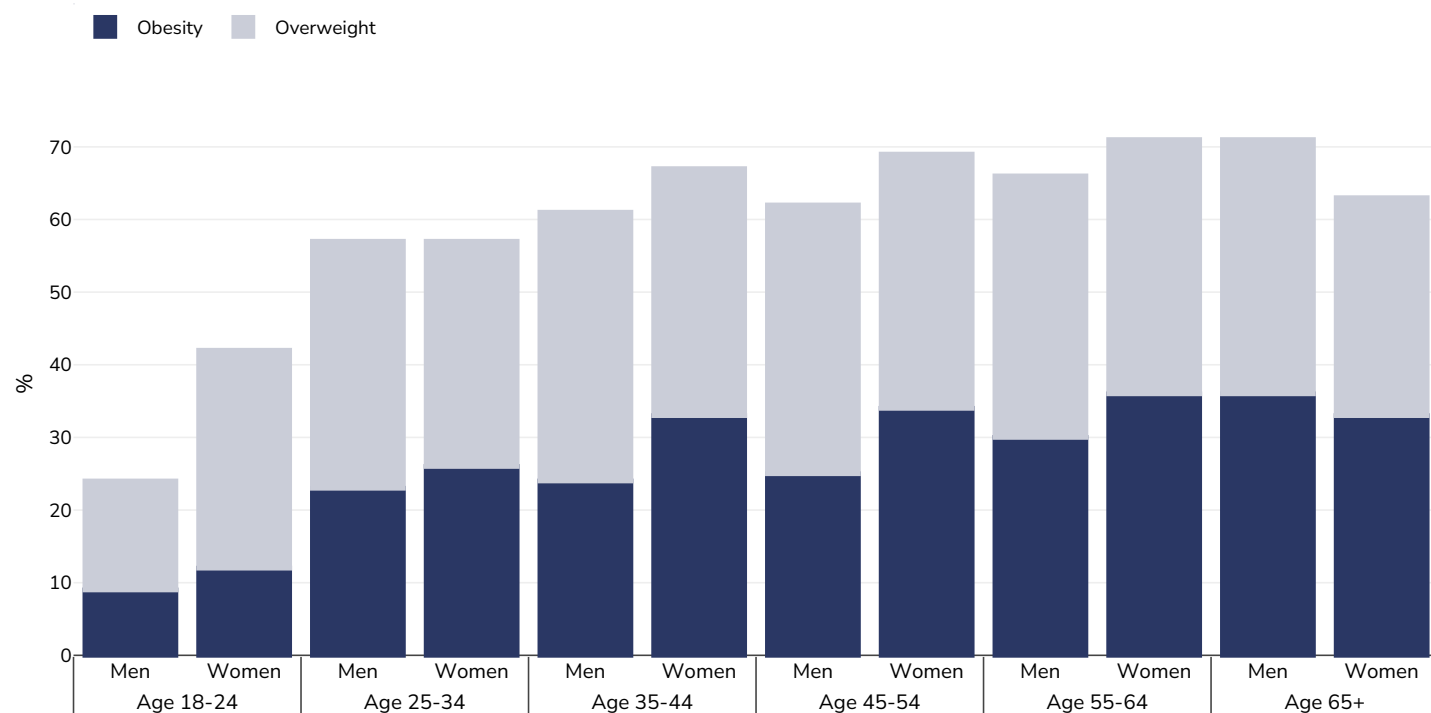
Adults, 2018



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	15-94
Sample size:	2539
Area covered:	National
References:	Larsen CVL, Hansen CD, Igemann C et al. Befolkningsundersøgelsen i Grønland 2018. – Levevilkår, livsstil og helbred. Oversigt over indikatorer for folkesundheden. Statens Institute for Folkesundhed
Notes:	NB. Total adults taken as an average of male & female. Worldbank unable to provide male/female ratio for Greenland 50% therefore assumed.
Unless otherwise noted, overweight refers to a BMI between 25kg and 29.9kg/m ² , obesity refers to a BMI greater than 30kg/m ² .	

Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2014



Survey type: Measured

Sample size: 2102

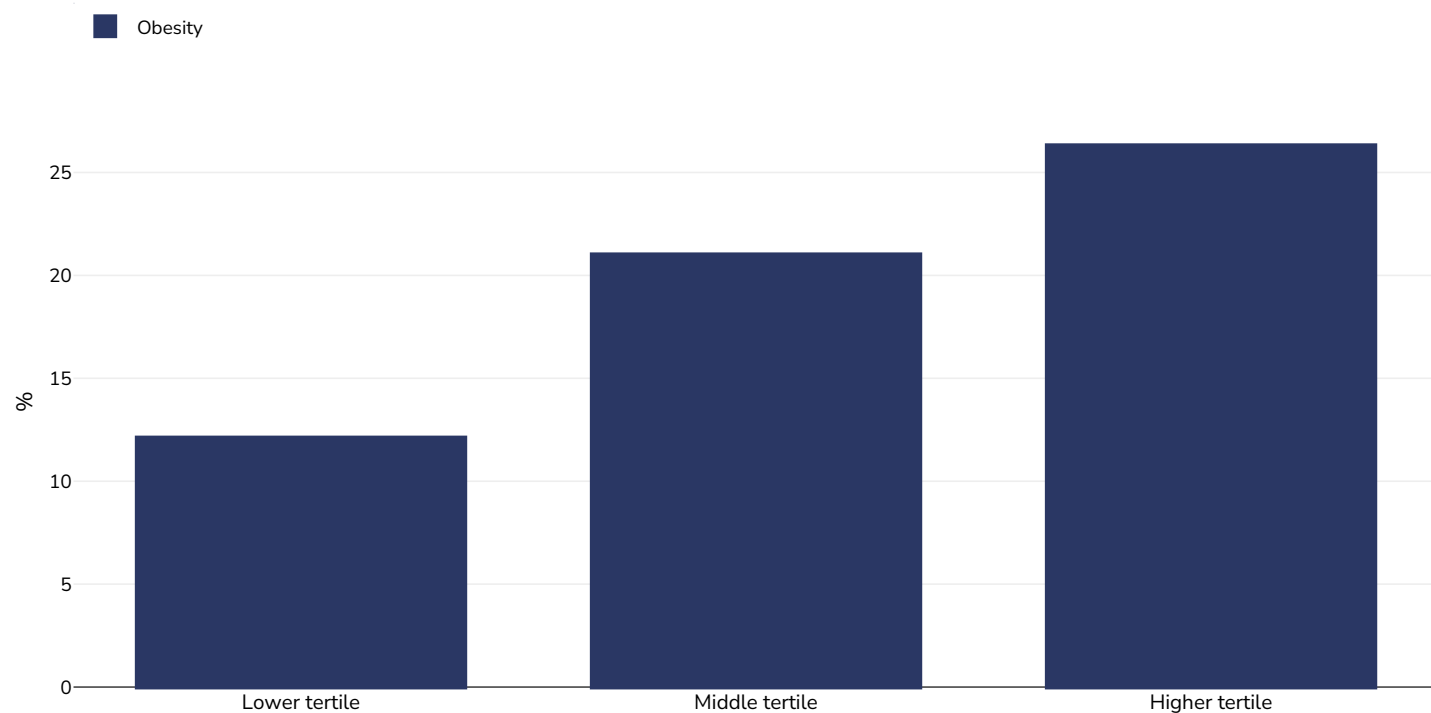
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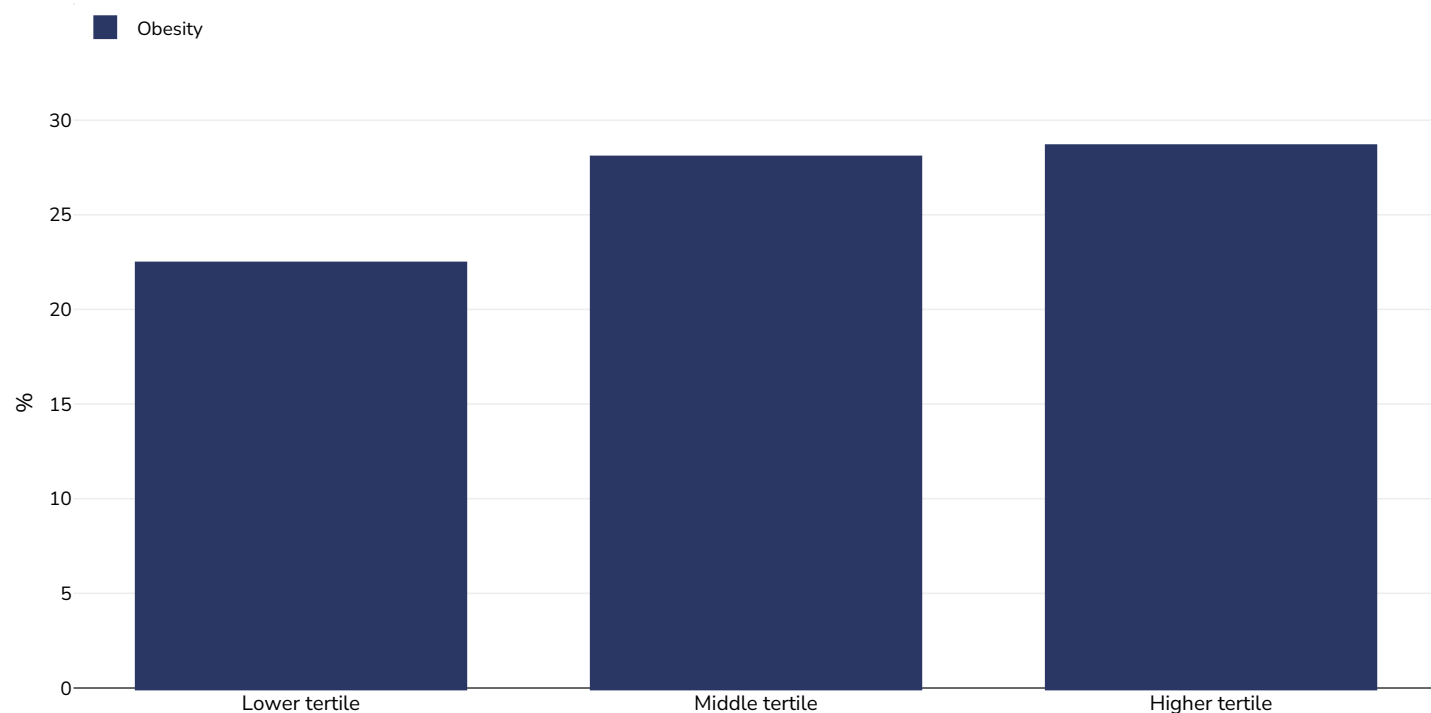
Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Men, 2005-2010



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	18+
Sample size:	2757
Area covered:	National
References:	Bjerregaard, P., Jørgensen, M. E. and The Greenland Population Study Group (2013), Prevalence of obesity among Inuit in Greenland and temporal trend by social position. Am. J. Hum. Biol., 25: 335–340. doi: 10.1002/ajhb.22372
Notes:	Social position was scored from information about education, housing density and ownership of specified household items. <i>Unless otherwise noted, overweight refers to a BMI between 25kg and 29.9kg/m², obesity refers to a BMI greater than 30kg/m².</i>

Women, 2005-2010



Survey type: Measured

Age: 18+

Sample size: 2757

Area covered: National

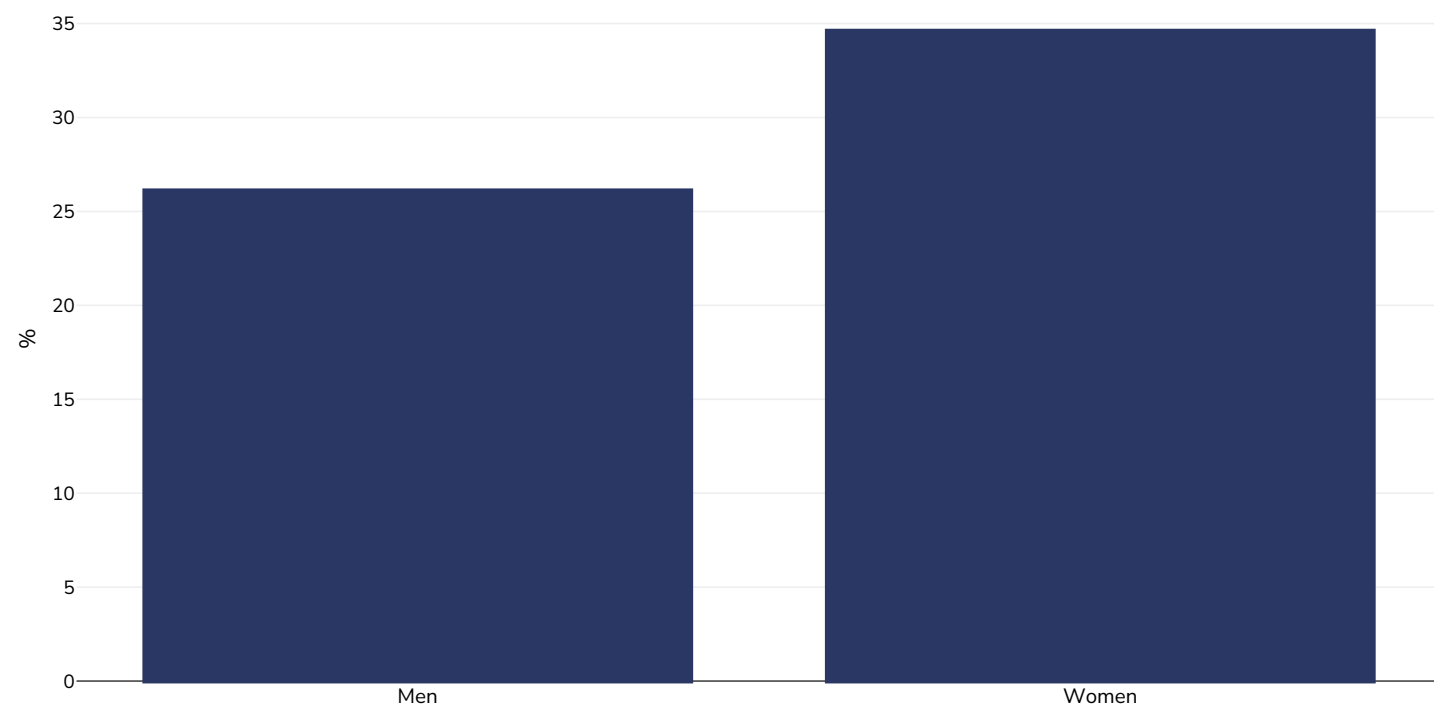
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Double burden of underweight & overweight

Adults, 2022



Survey type: Measured

Age: 20+

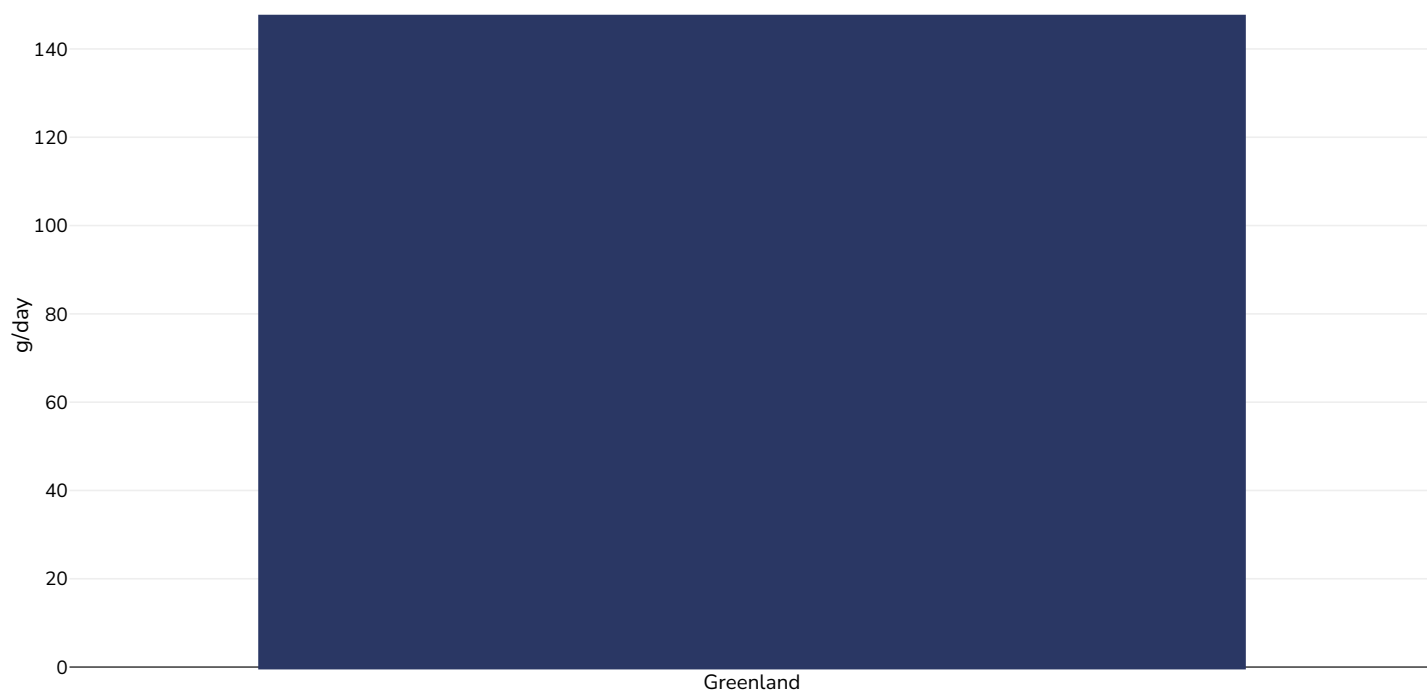
References: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). Worldwide trends in underweight and obesity from 1990 to 2022: a pooled analysis of 3663 population representative studies with 222 million children, adolescents, and adults. Lancet 2024; published online Feb 29. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(23\)02750-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2).

Notes: Age Standardised estimates

Definitions: Combined prevalence of BMI<18.5 kg/m² and BMI≥30 kg/m² (double burden of underweight and obesity)

Estimated per capita fruit intake

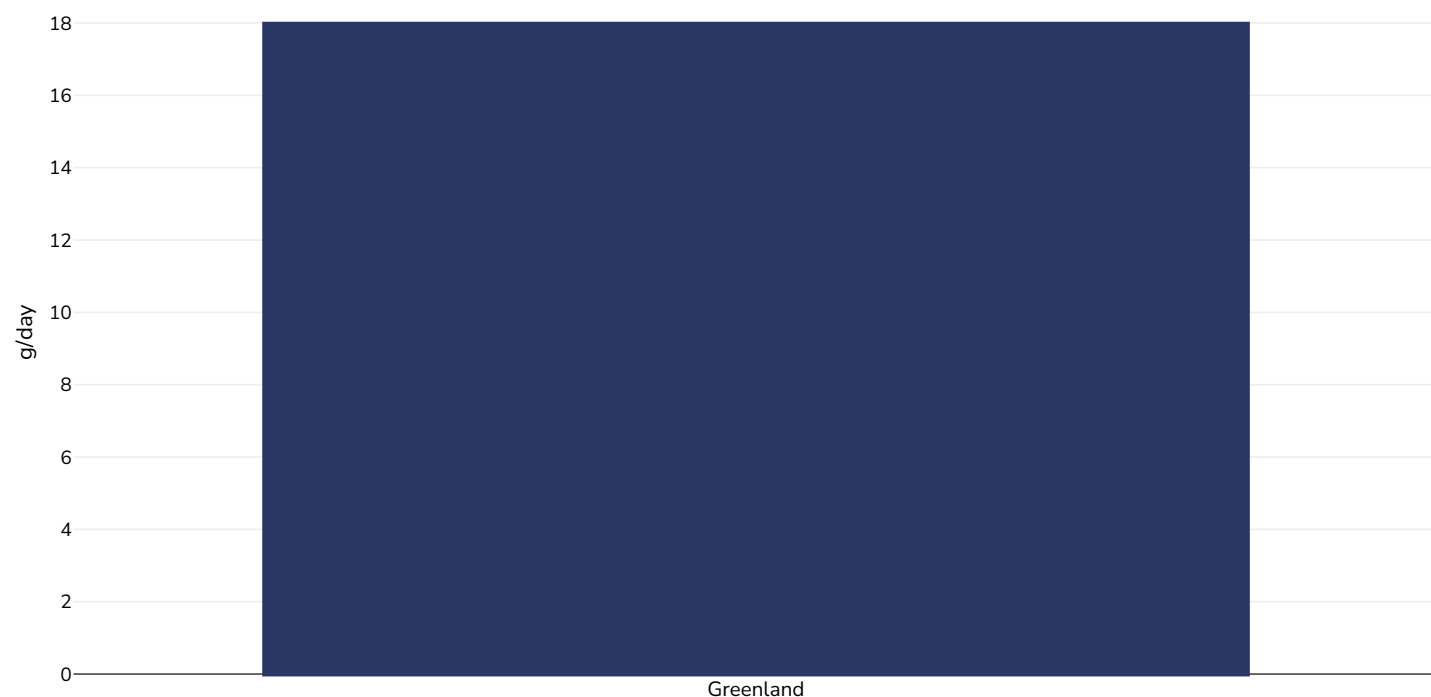
Adults, 2017



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	25+
References:	Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation http://ghdx.healthdata.org/
Definitions:	Estimated per-capita fruit intake (g/day)

Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

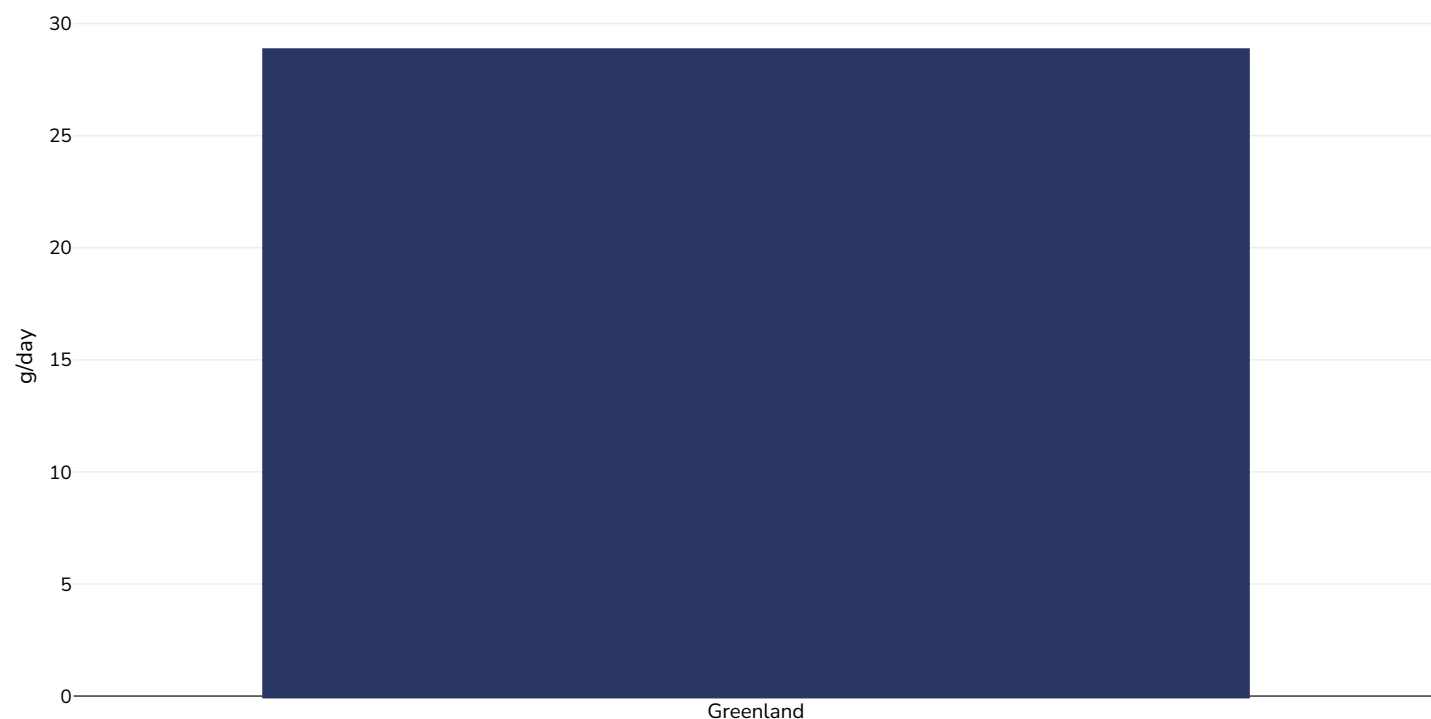
Adults, 2017



Survey type:	Measured
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Estimated per capita whole grains intake

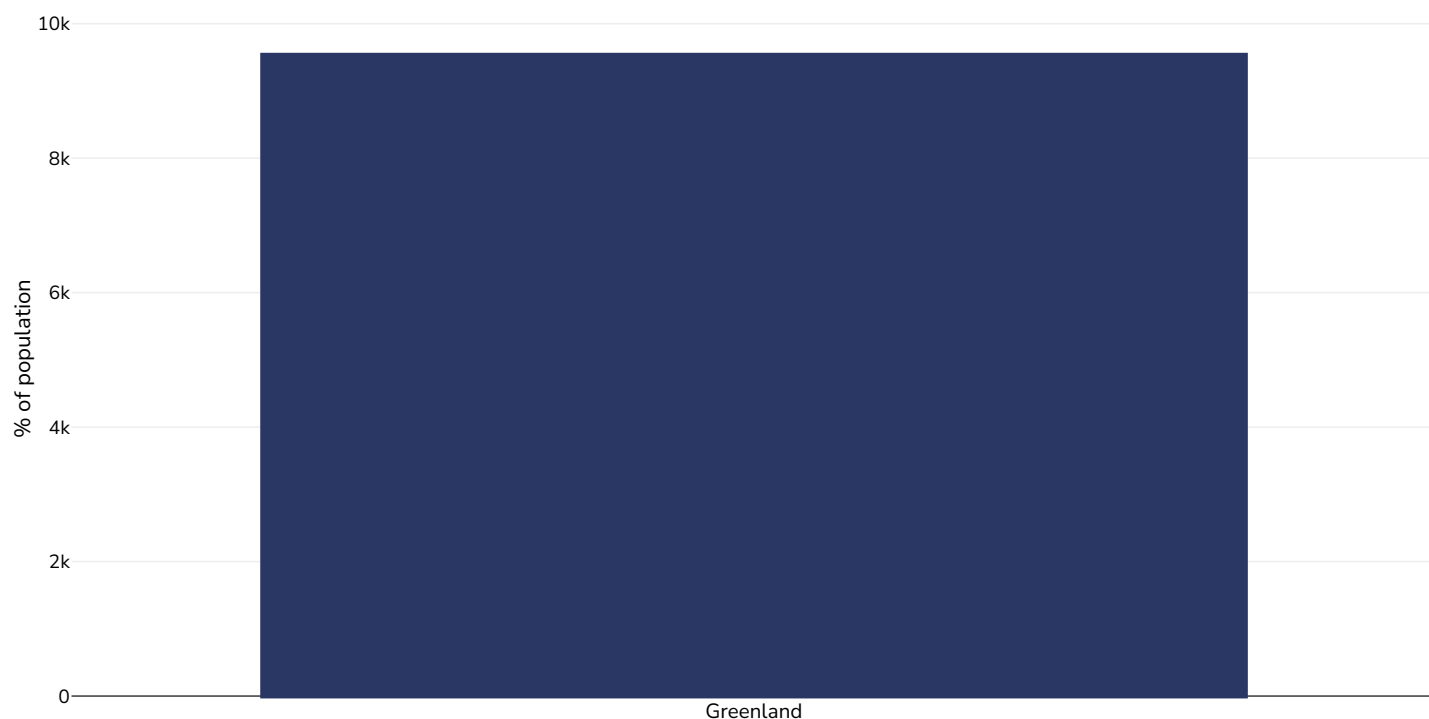
Adults, 2017



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	25+
References:	Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation http://ghdx.healthdata.org/
Definitions:	Estimated per-capita whole grains intake (g/day)

Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2021



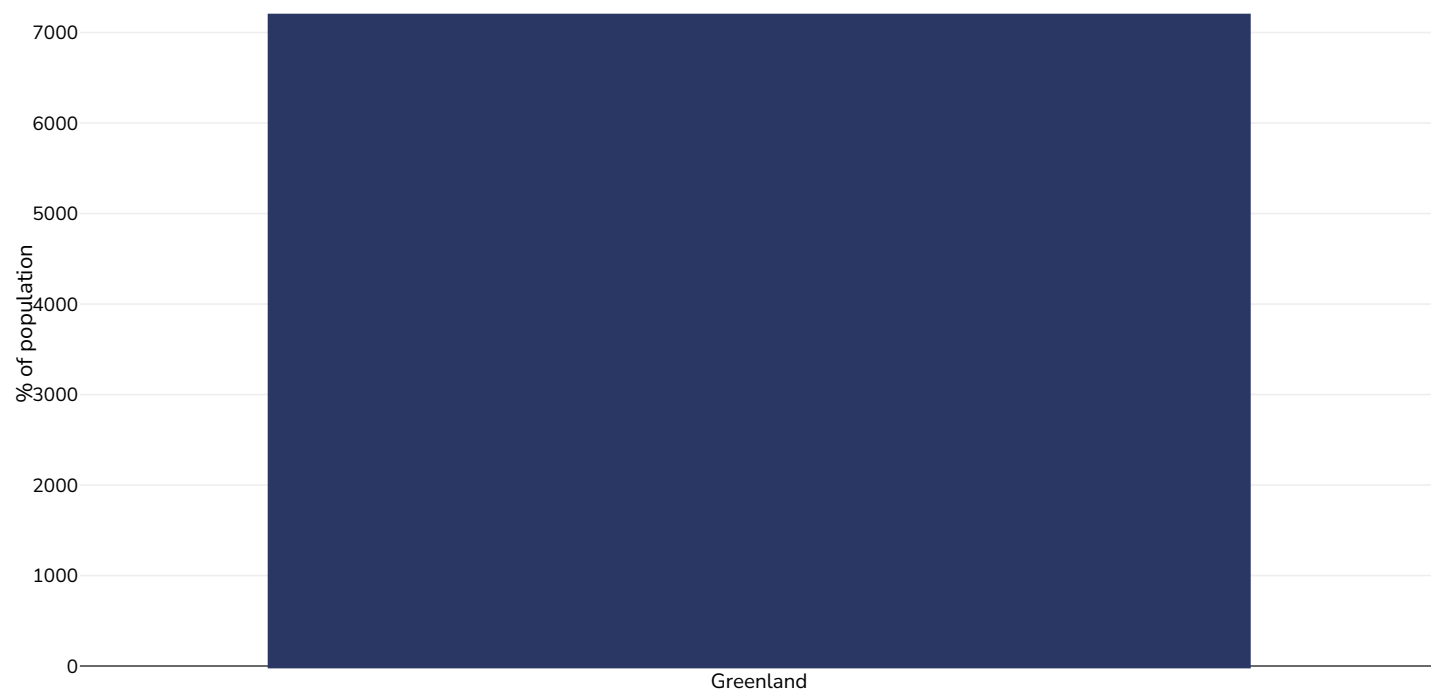
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Definitions: Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Men, 2021



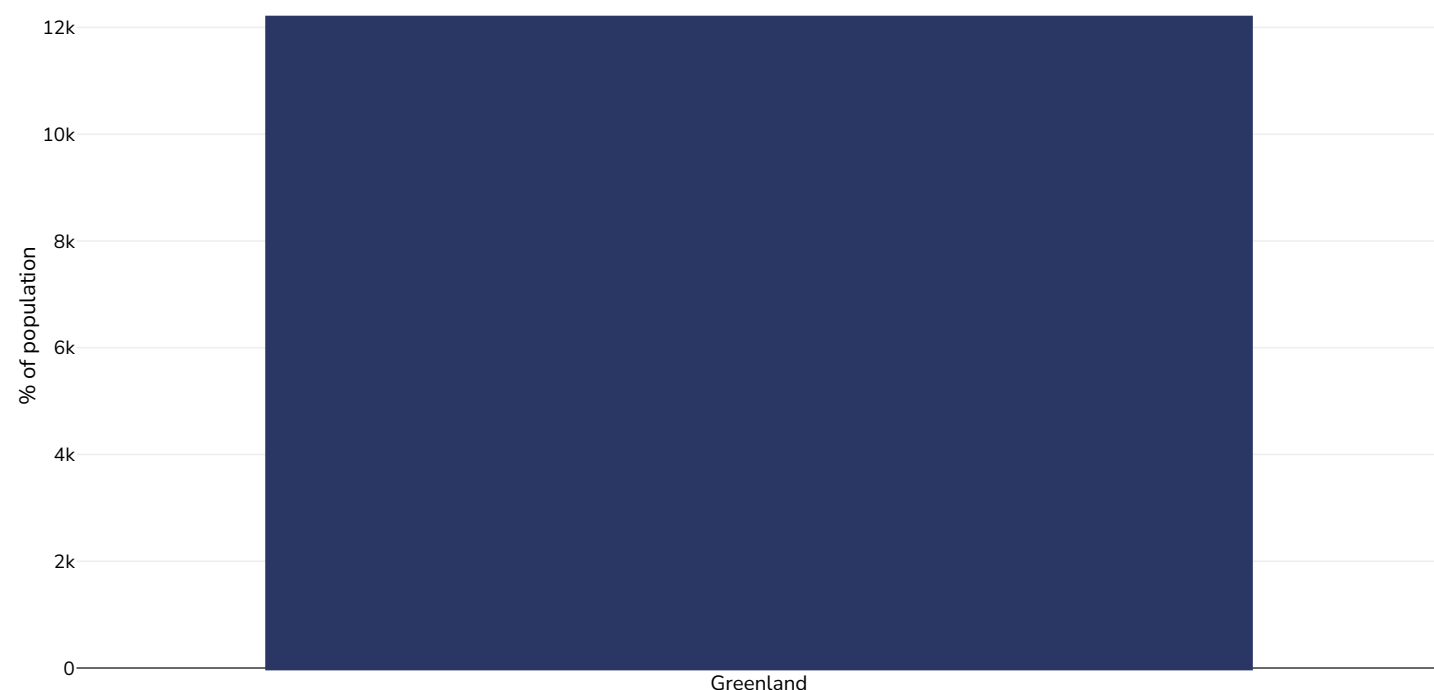
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Definitions: Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Women, 2021



Age: 20+

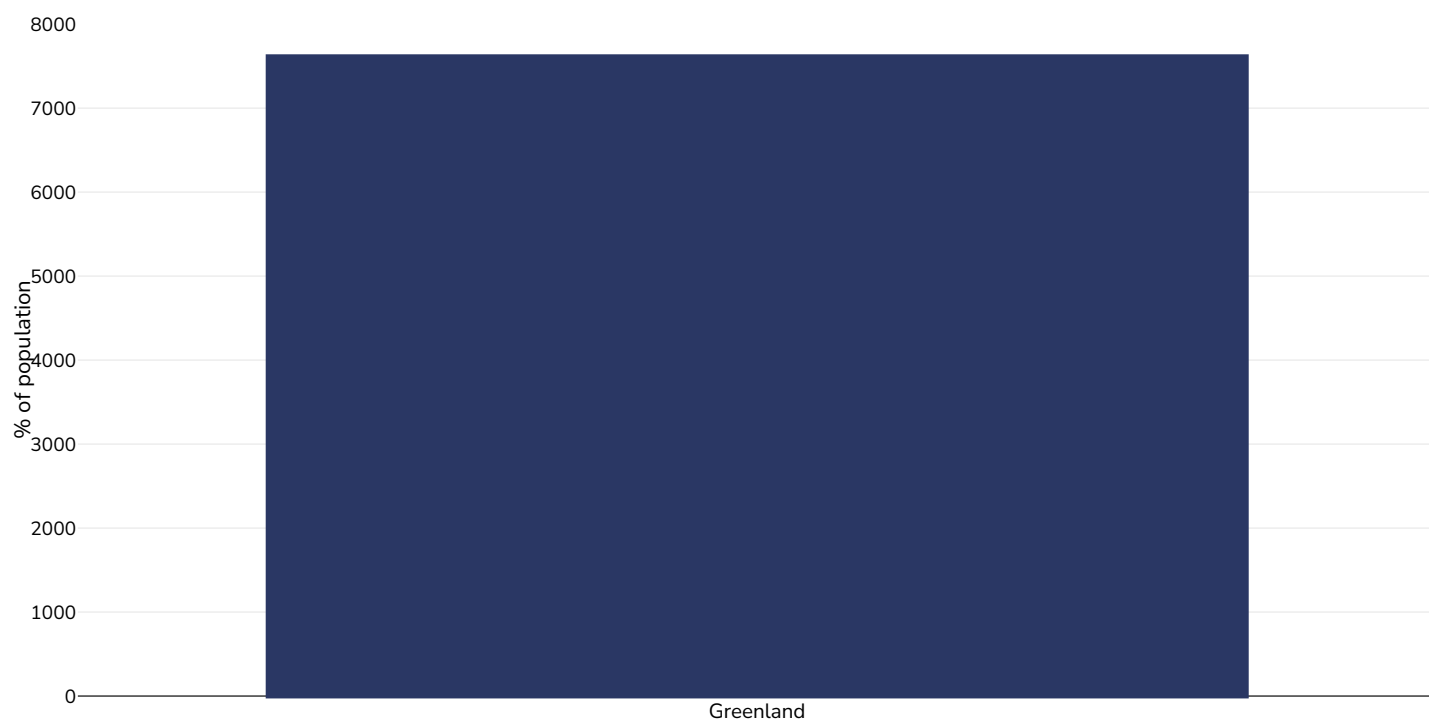
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Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2021

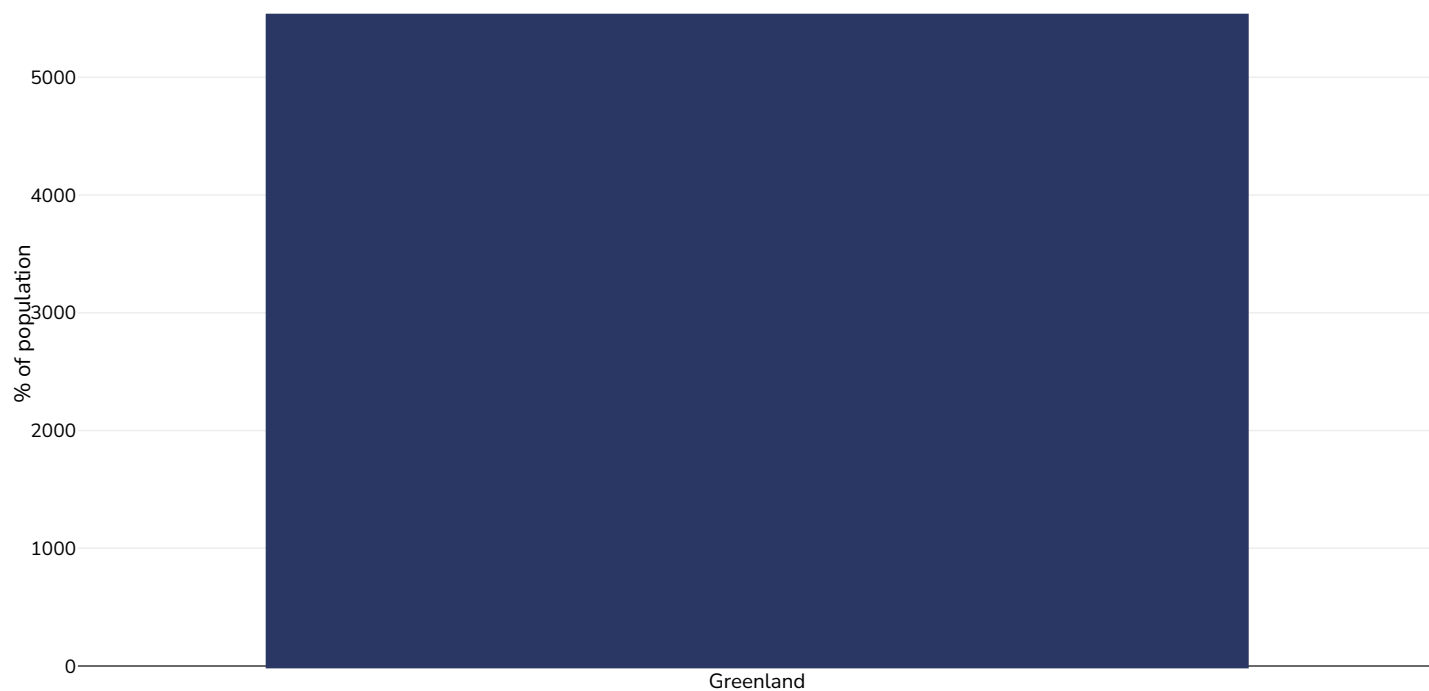


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Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Men, 2021

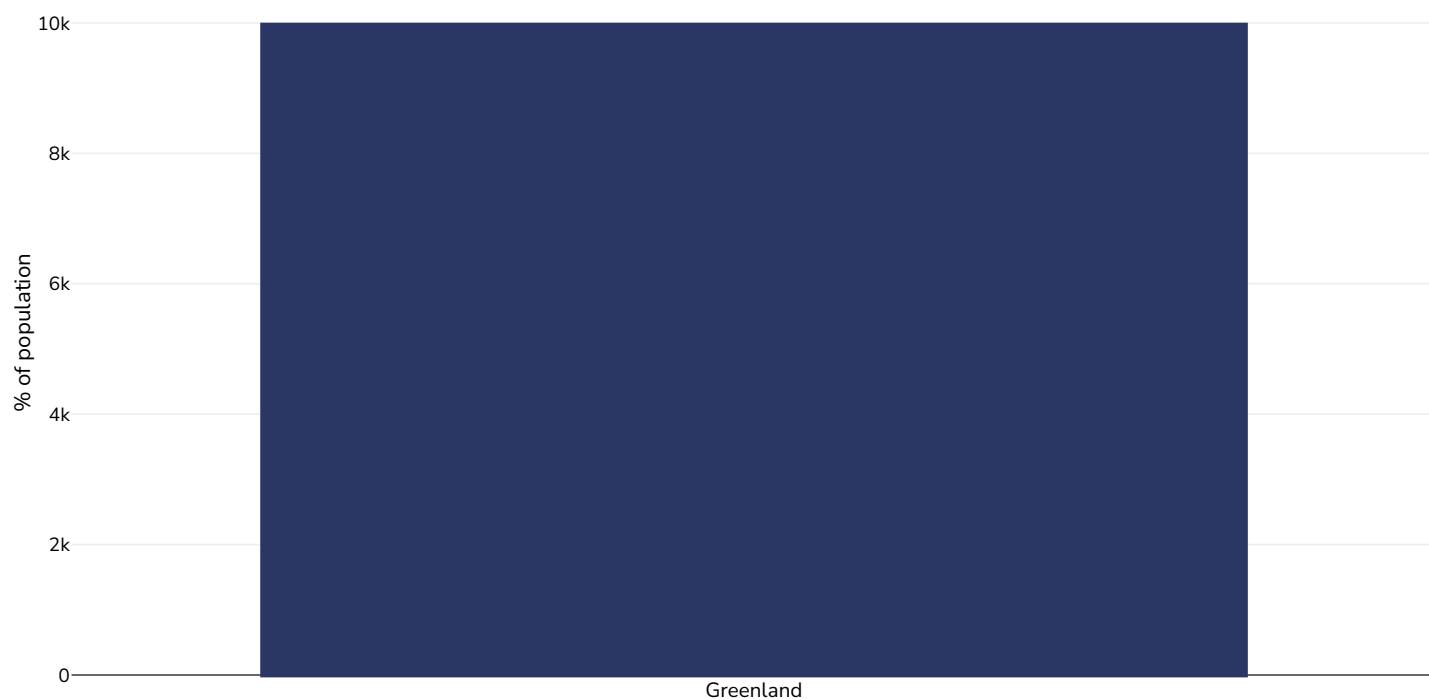


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Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Women, 2021



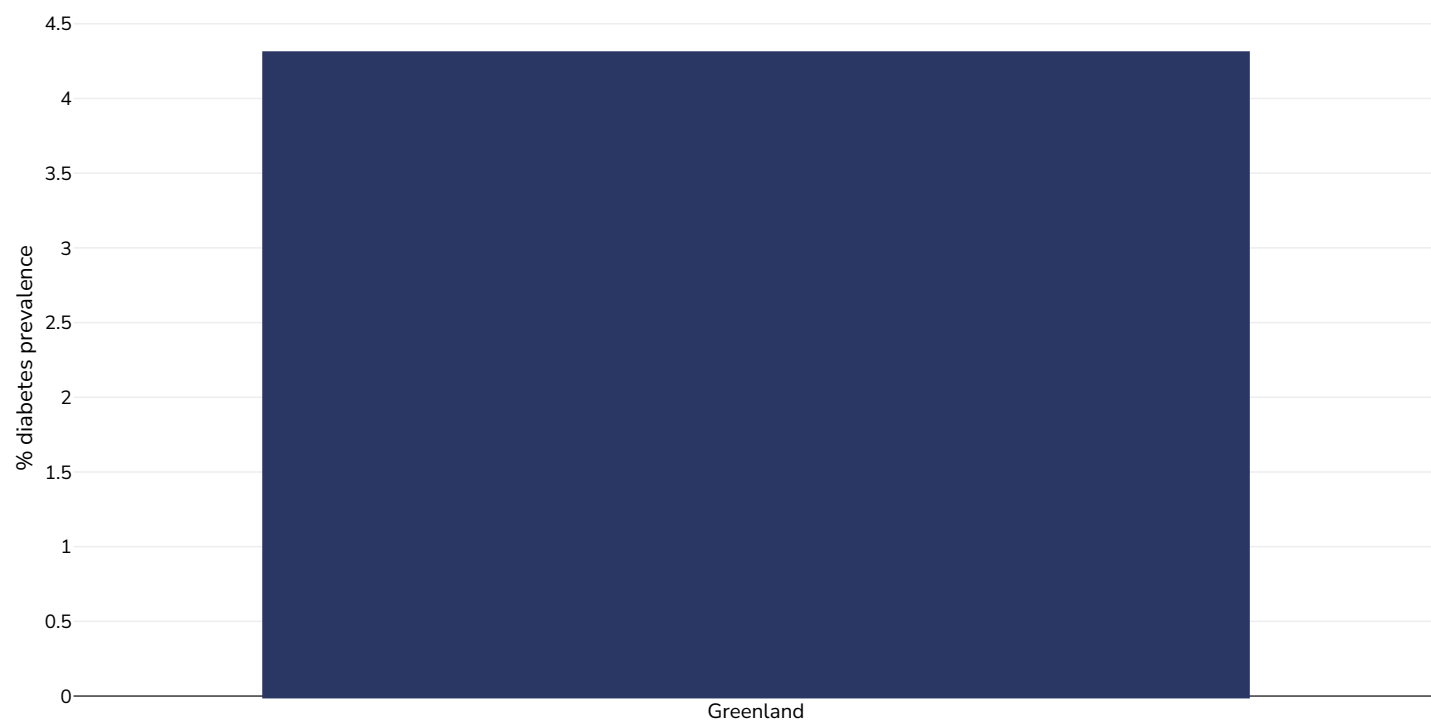
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Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024

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