Report card

Jamaica

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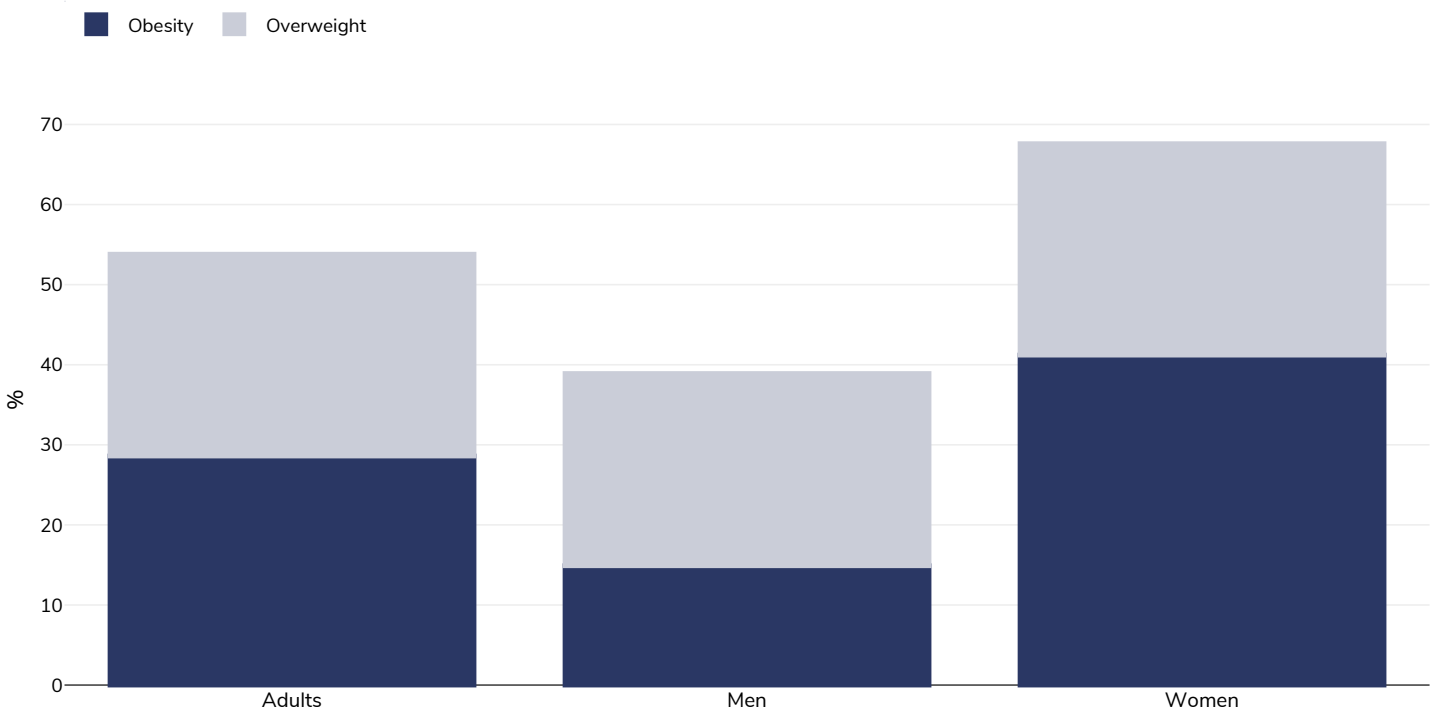
Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2016-2017



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Sample size:	2807
Area covered:	National
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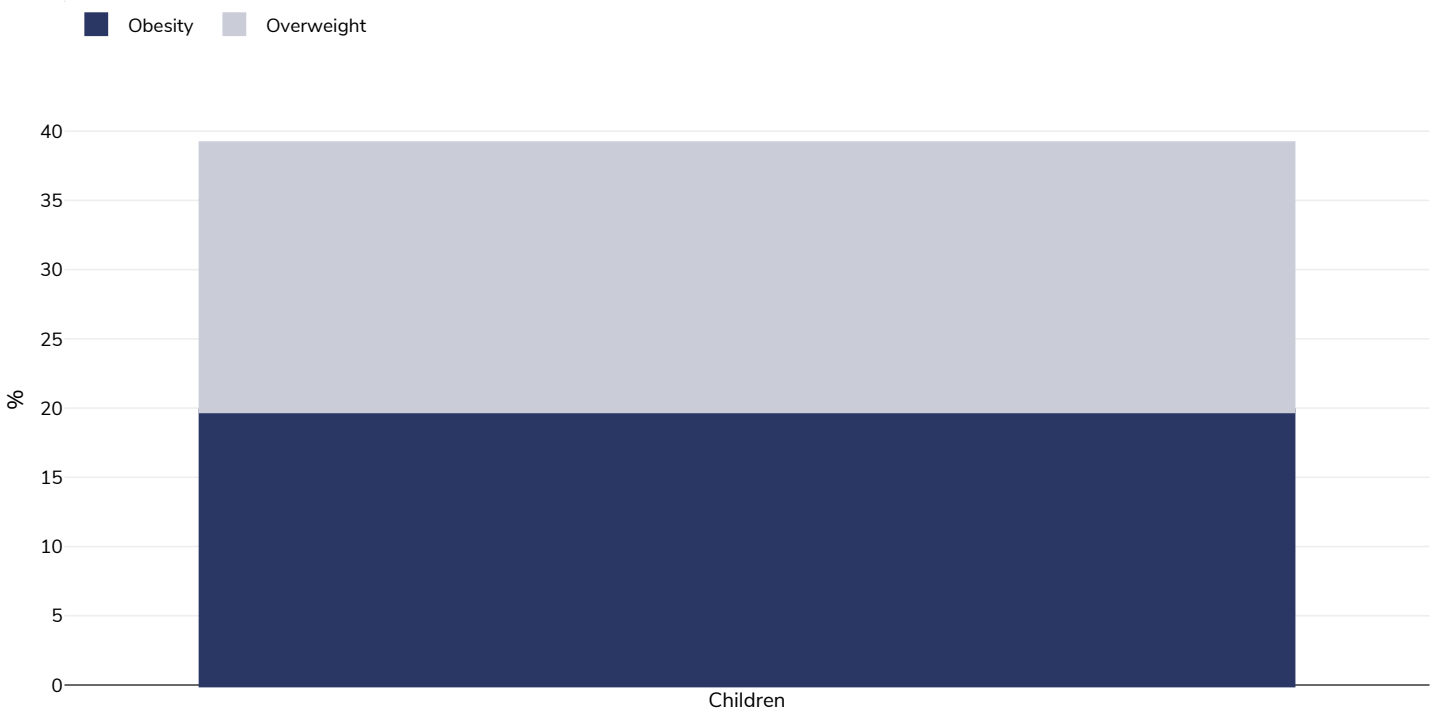
Children, 2018



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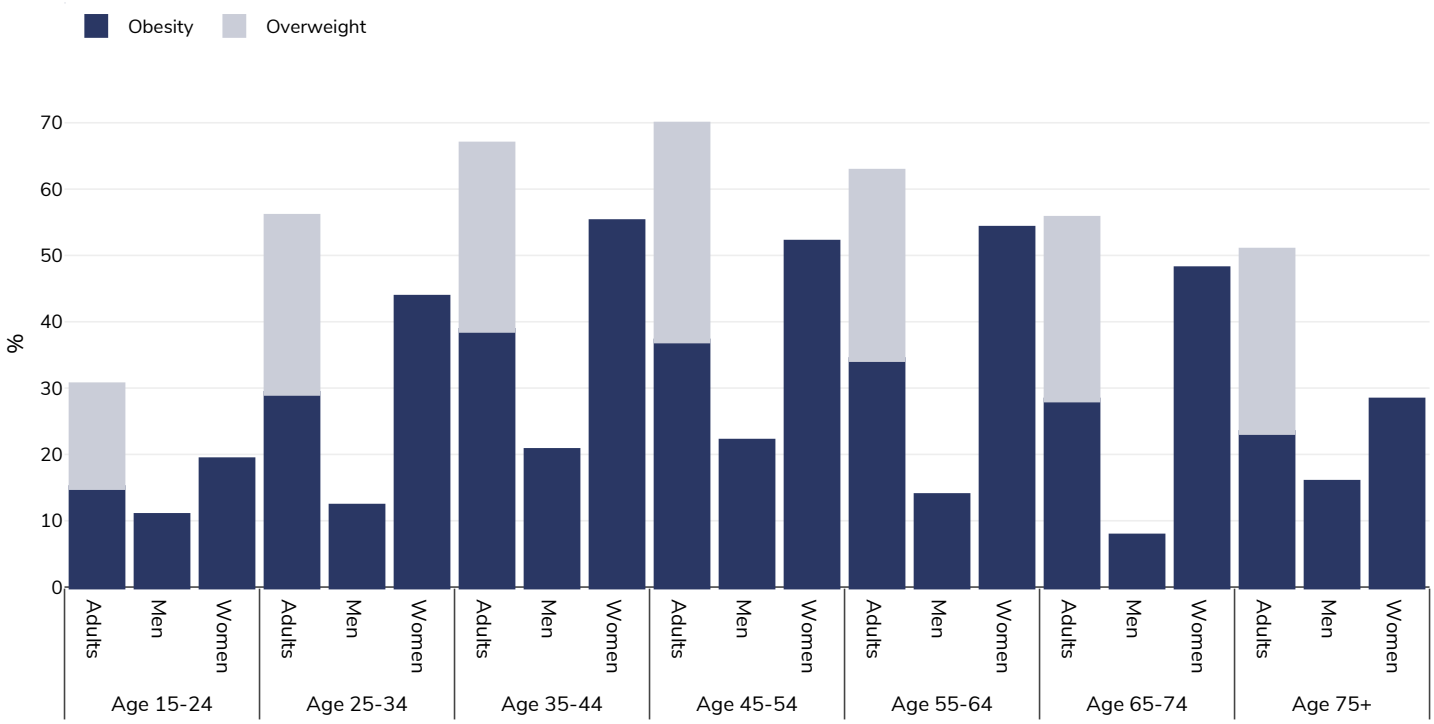
Sample size:	446
Area covered:	Regional
References:	Kirin Rambaran, Surujpal Teelucksingh, Sesh Gowrie Sankar, Michael Boyne, Godfrey Xuereb, Ambra Giorgetti & Michael B. Zimmermann (2020) High prevalence of childhood overweight and obesity in ten Caribbean countries: 2018 cross-sectional data and a narrative review of trends in Trinidad and Tobago, Child and Adolescent Obesity, DOI: 10.1080/2574254X.2020.1847632
Notes:	Not nationally representative but a cluster sampling strategy was used to obtain data across the varying geographical and socioeconomic areas of the country. Students with a history of major medical illnesses (such as malignancy, diabetes mellitus, asthma, thyroid disease, haemoglobinopathies, or congenital genetic disorders), or those taking chronic medications for such diseases were excluded from the study. Note that this study has a small sample size.
Cutoffs:	WHO

Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2016-2017



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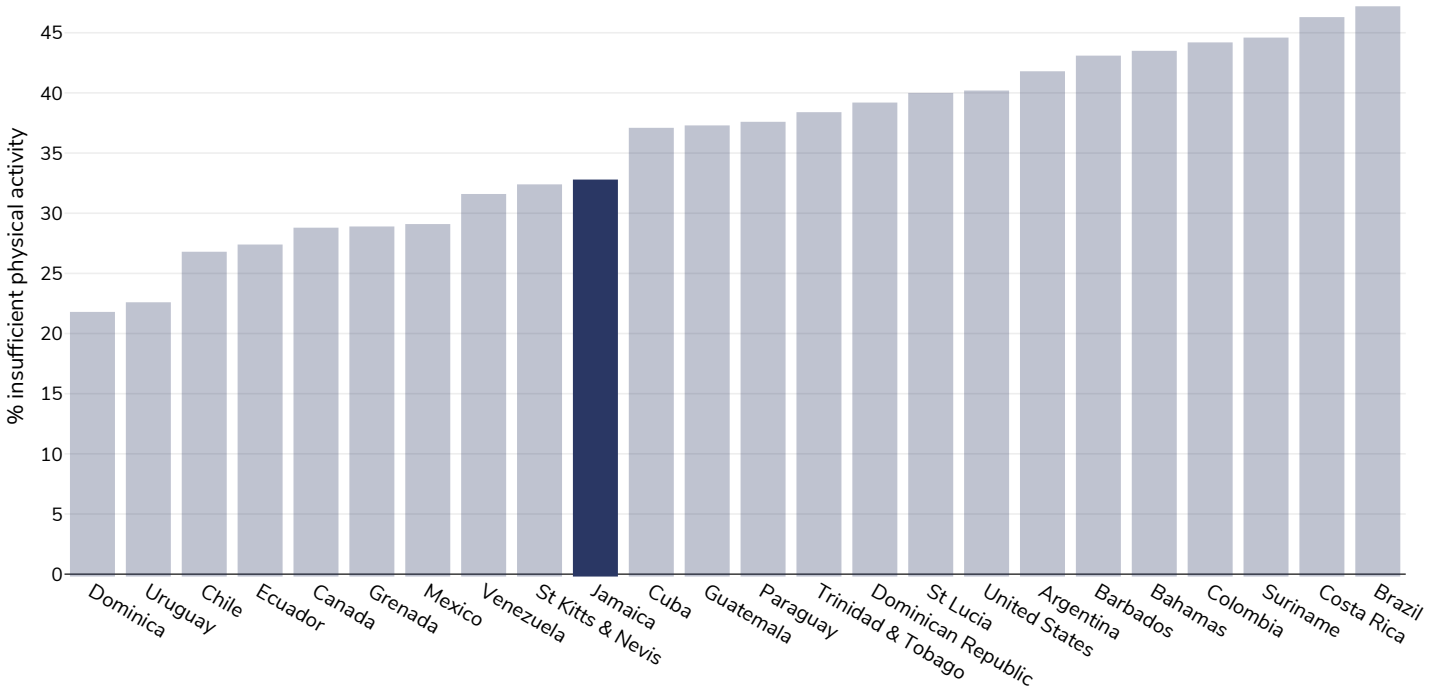
Insufficient physical activity

Adults, 2016



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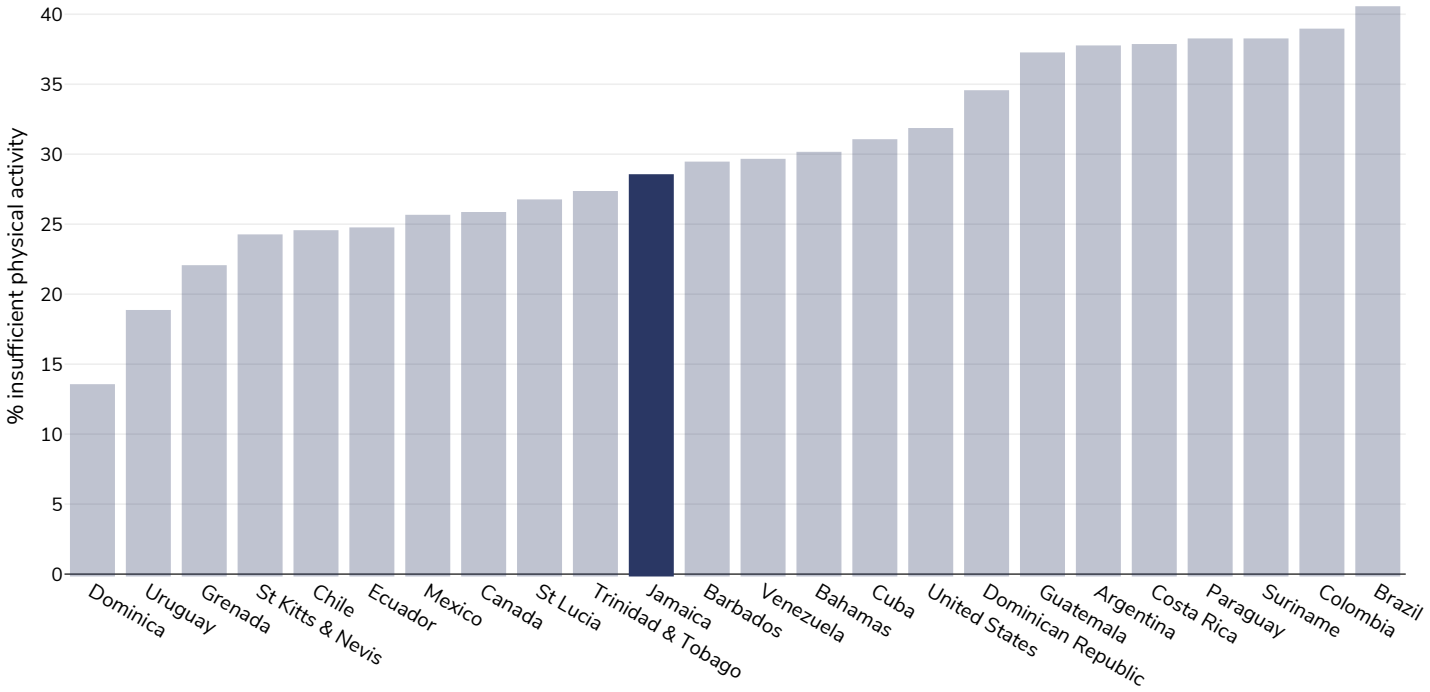
Men, 2016



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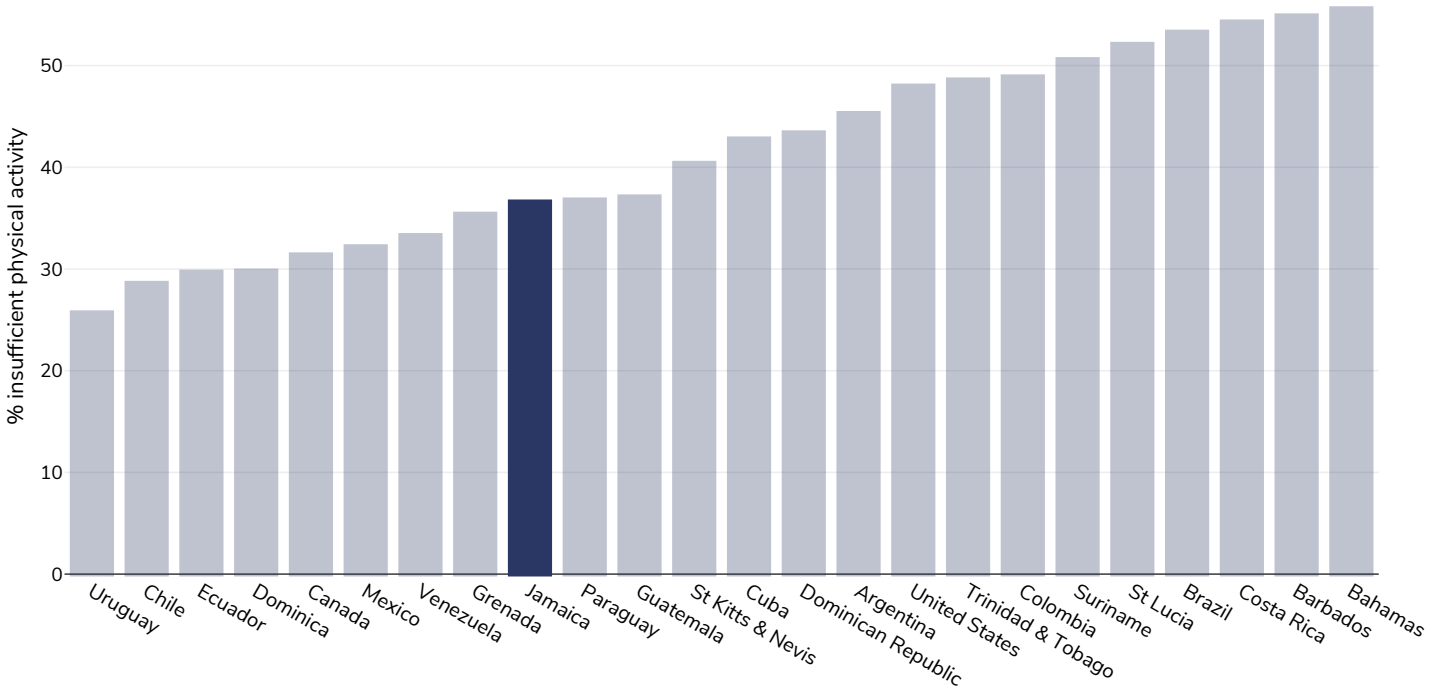
Women, 2016



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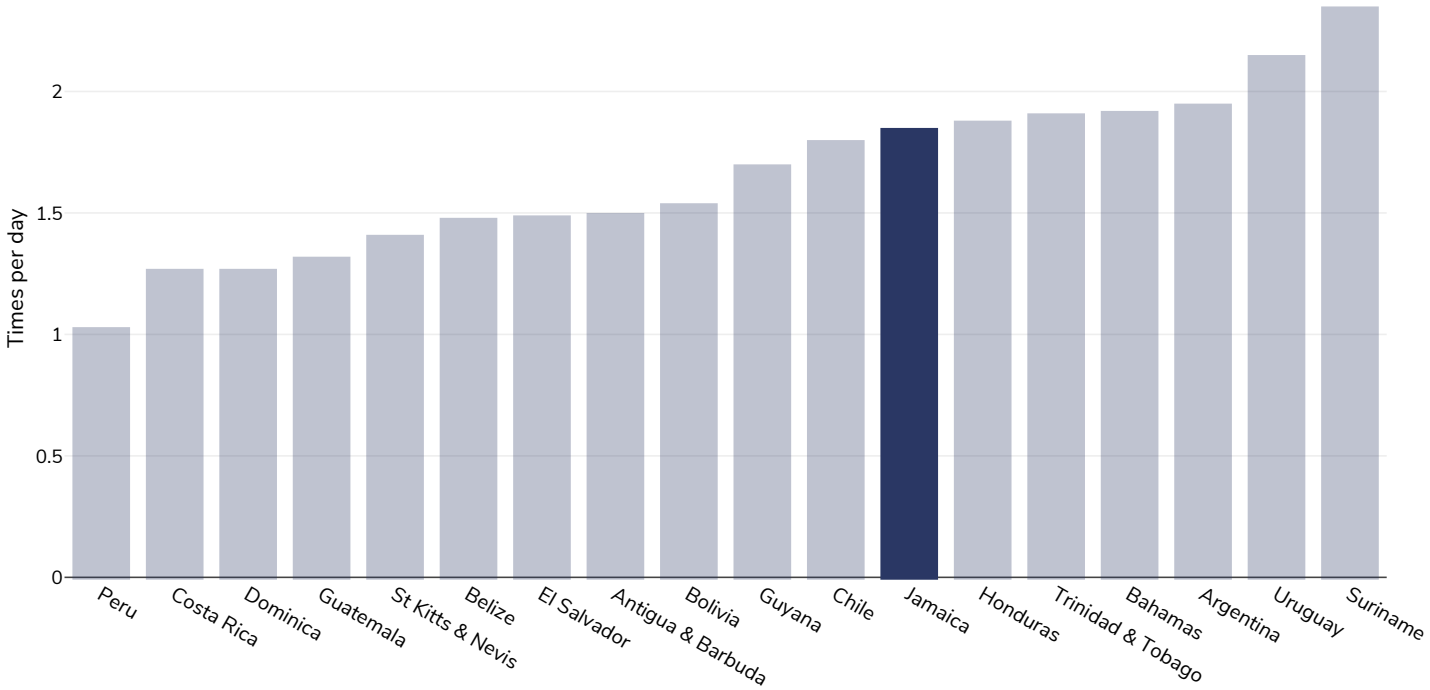
Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2009-2015



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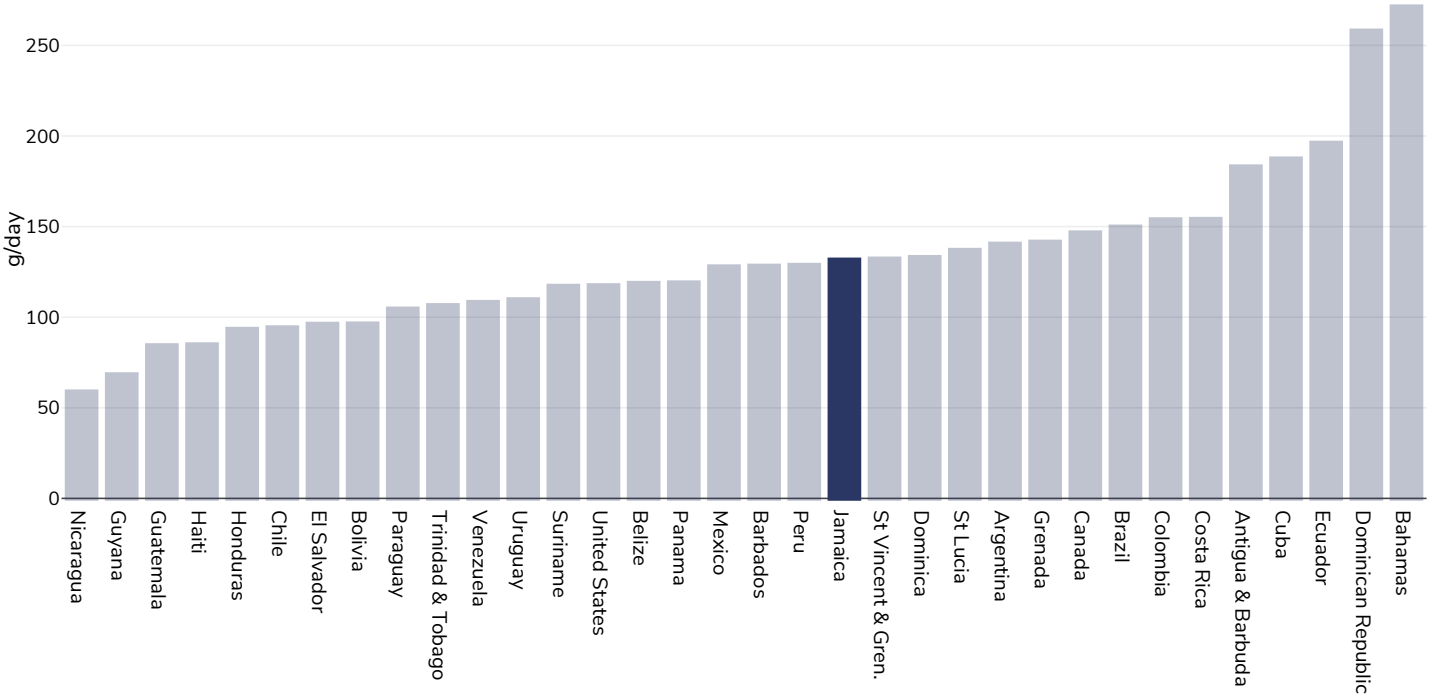
Estimated per capita fruit intake

Adults, 2017



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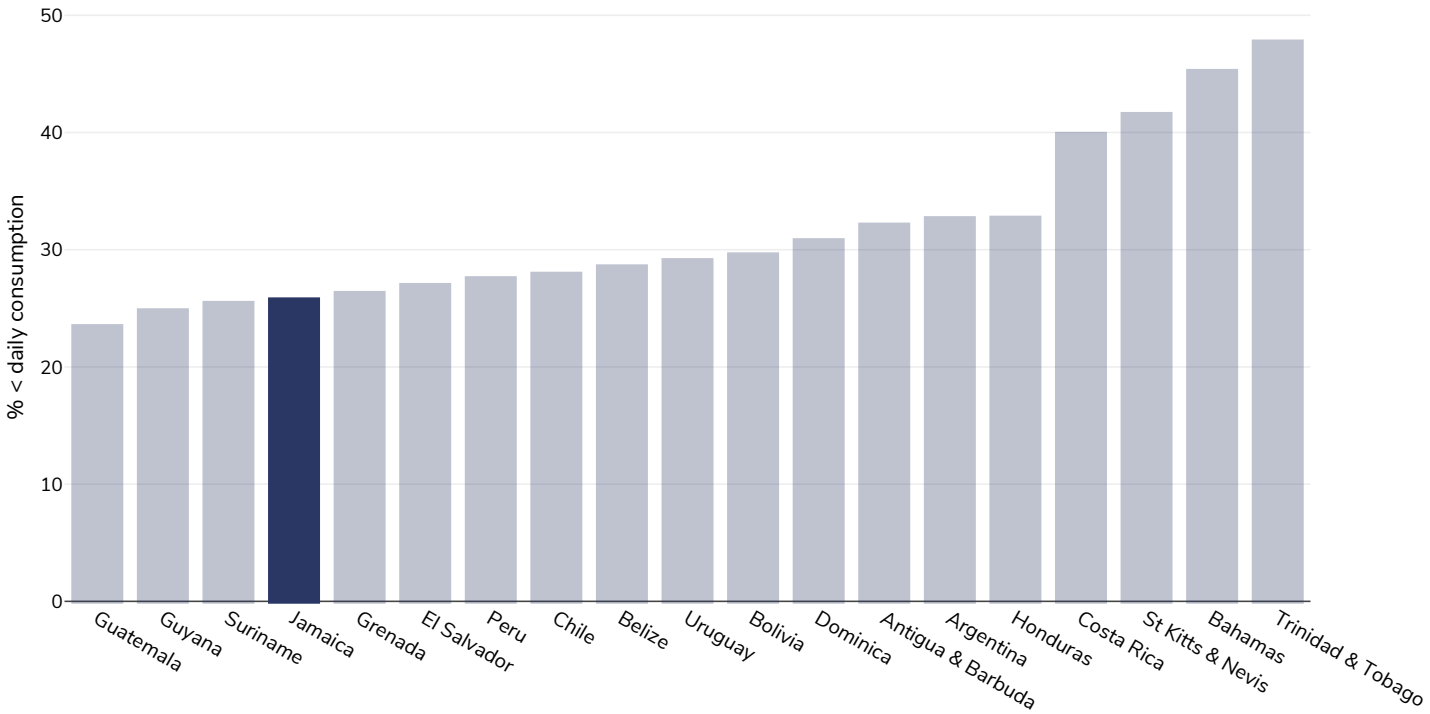
References:	Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation http://ghdx.healthdata.org/
Definitions:	Estimated per-capita fruit intake (g/day)

Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2009-2015



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Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

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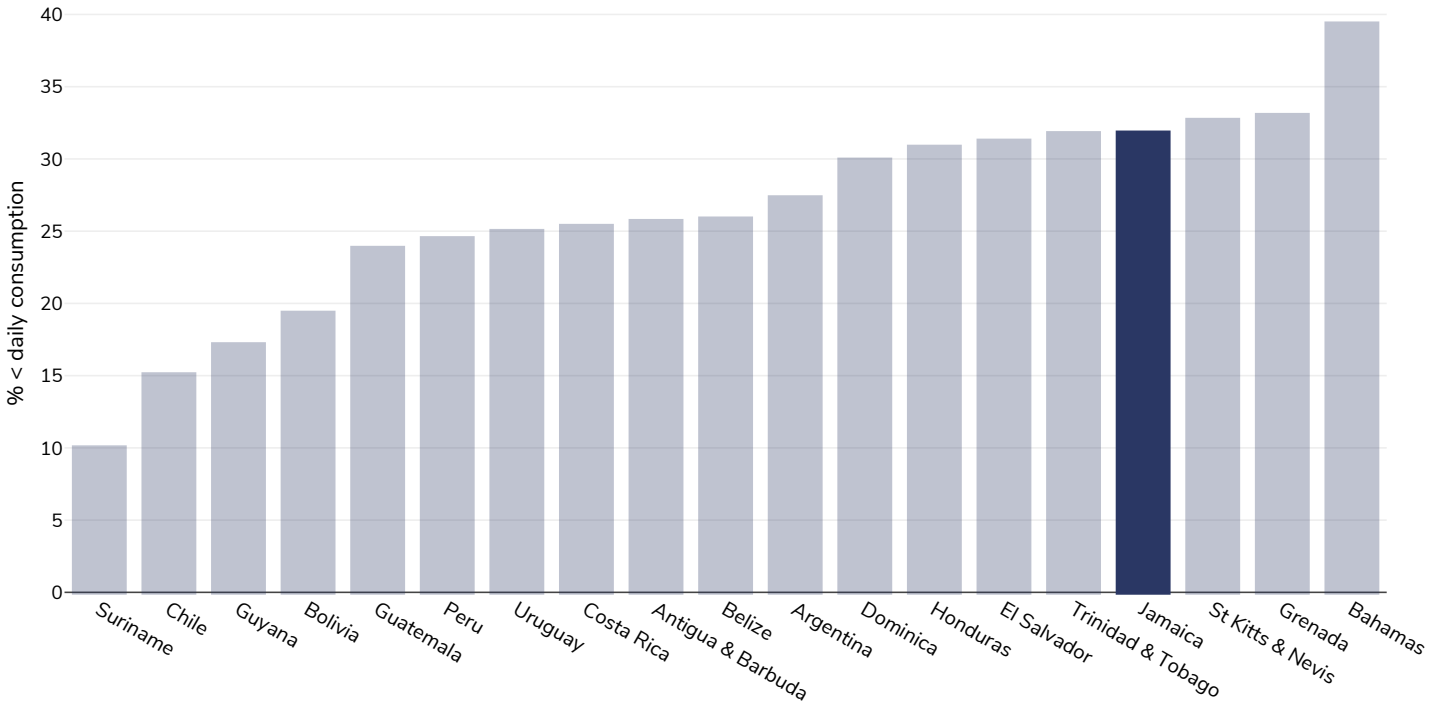

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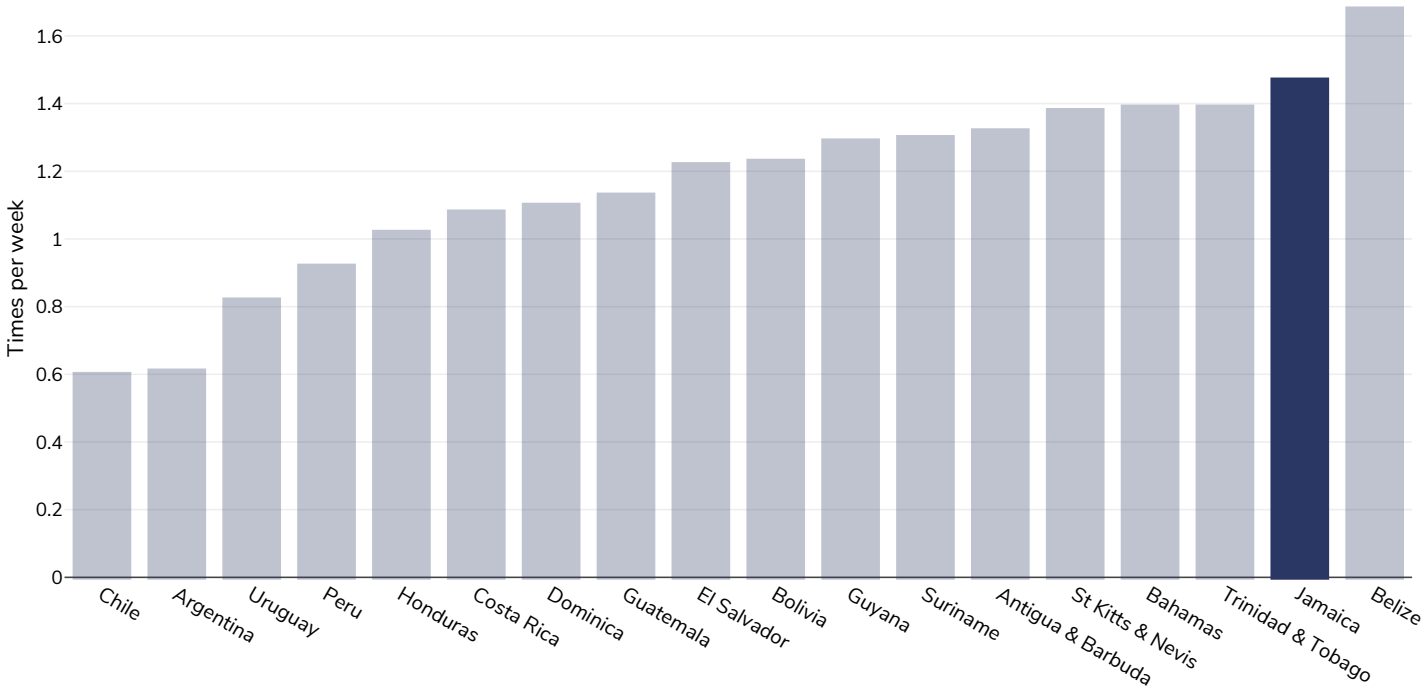
Average weekly frequency of fast food consumption

Children, 2009-2015



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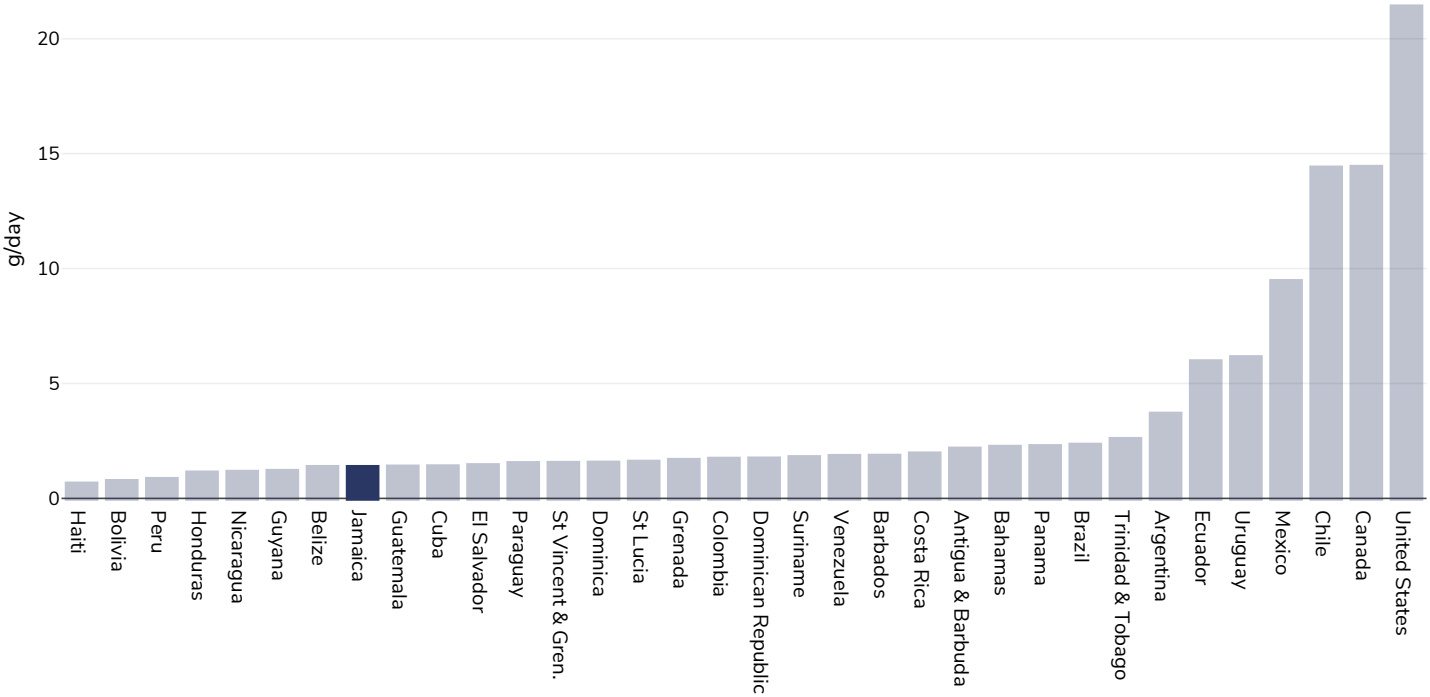
Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017



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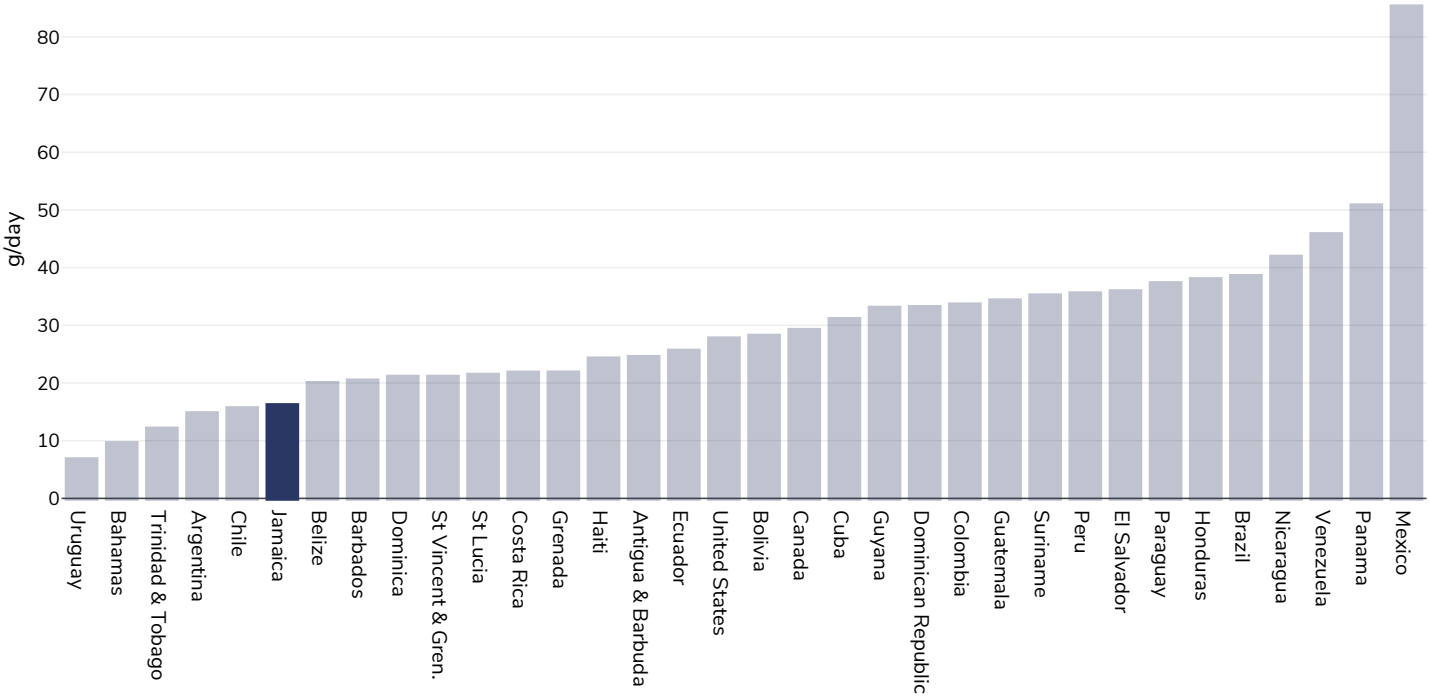
Estimated per capita whole grains intake

Adults, 2017



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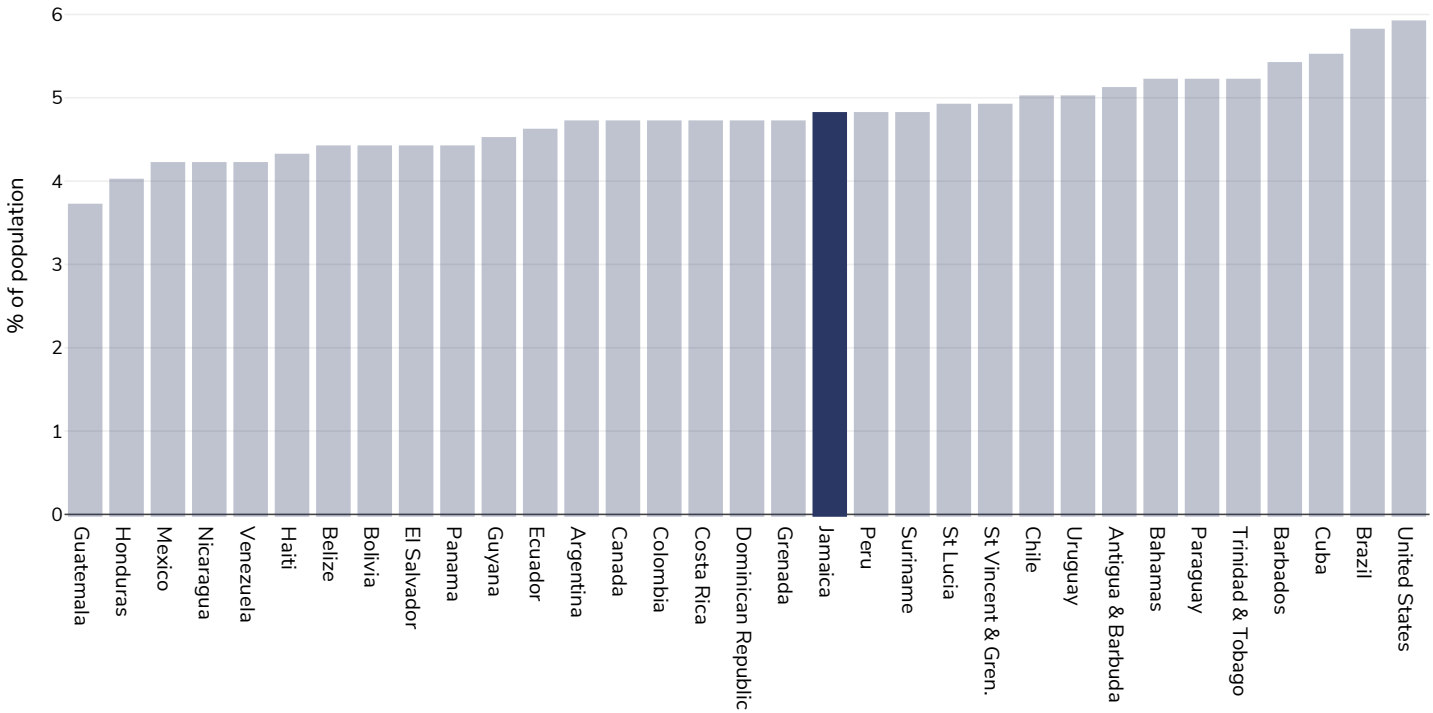
Definitions:	Estimated per-capita whole grains intake (g/day)

Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2015



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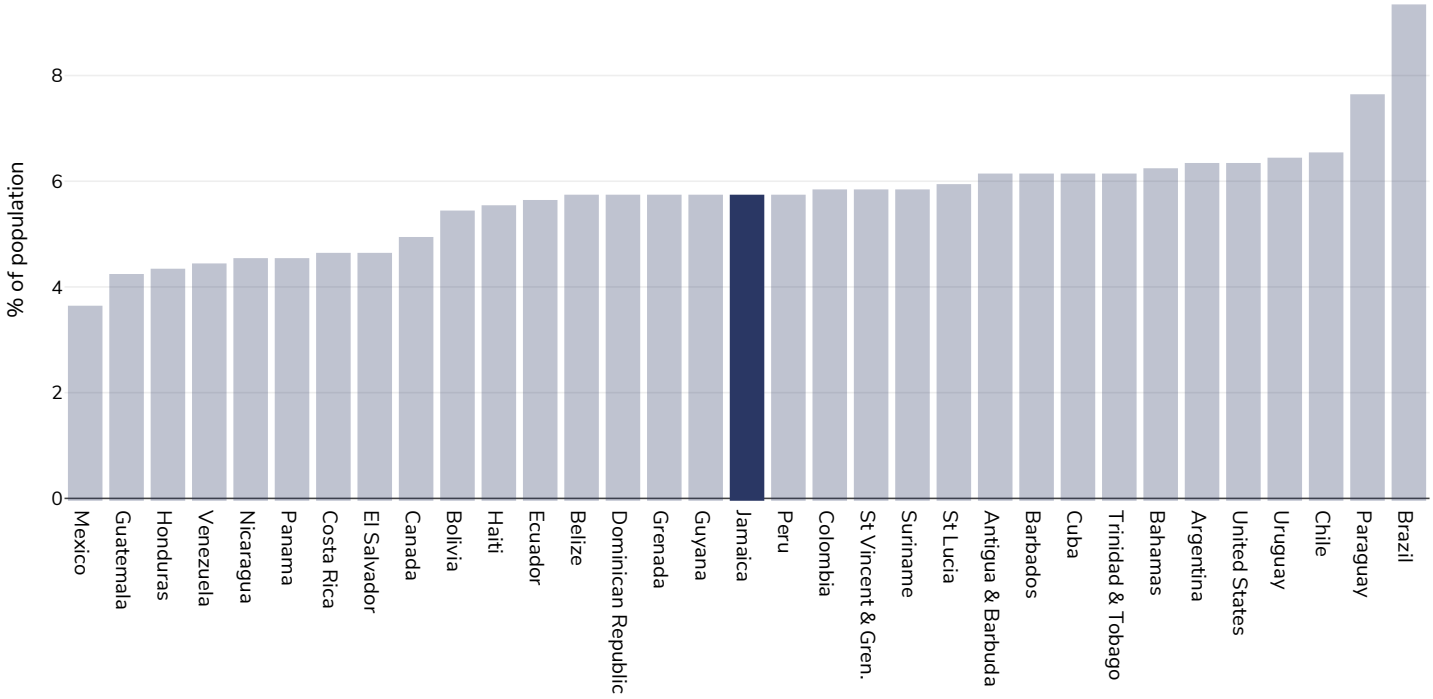
Definitions:	% of population with depression disorders

Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2015



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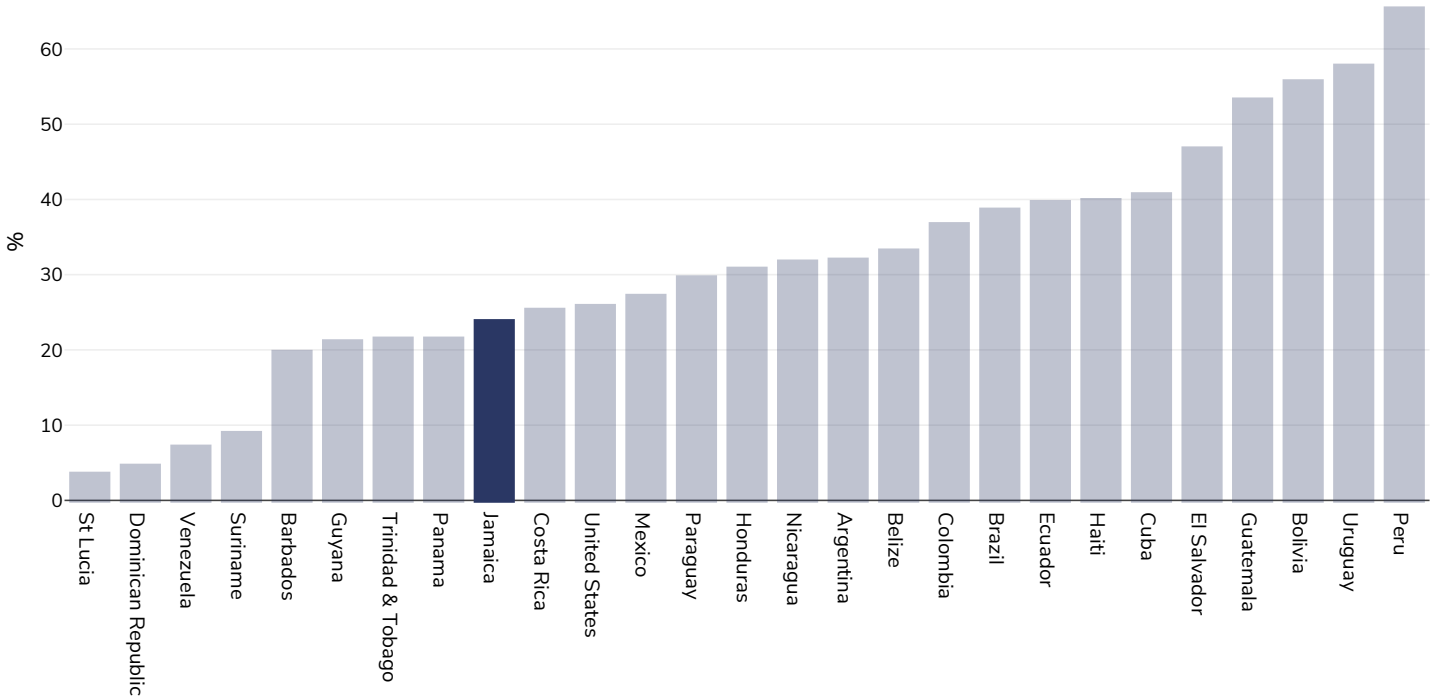
Definitions:	% of population with anxiety disorders

% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

Children, 1998-2019



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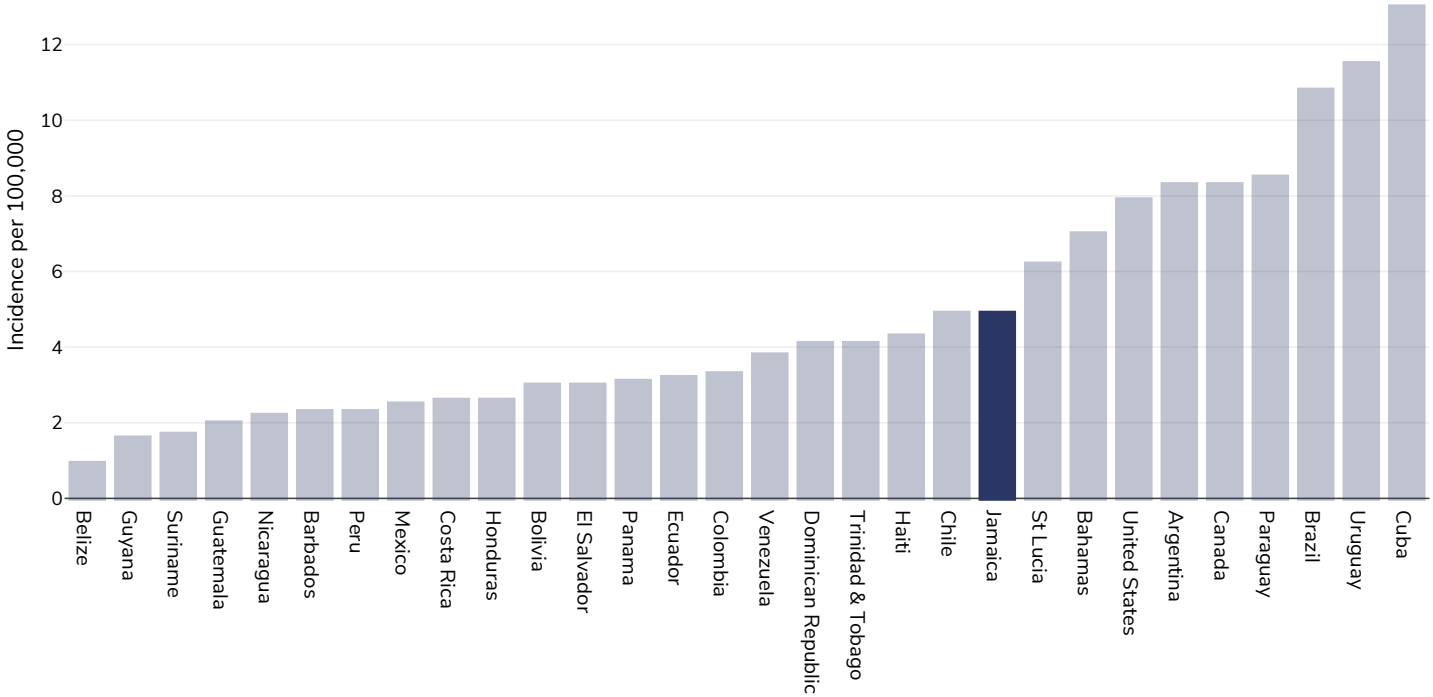
References:	Jamaica Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2011: Final Report. Kingston, Jamaica: STATIN and UNICEF
Notes:	See UNICEF website for further survey information. Available at : https://data.unicef.org/resources/dataset/infant-young-child-feeding/ (last accessed 28.9.21) Citation: United Nations Children's Fund, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2021). Global UNICEF Global Databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding: Exclusive breastfeeding, New York, September 2021.
Definitions:	% exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2020



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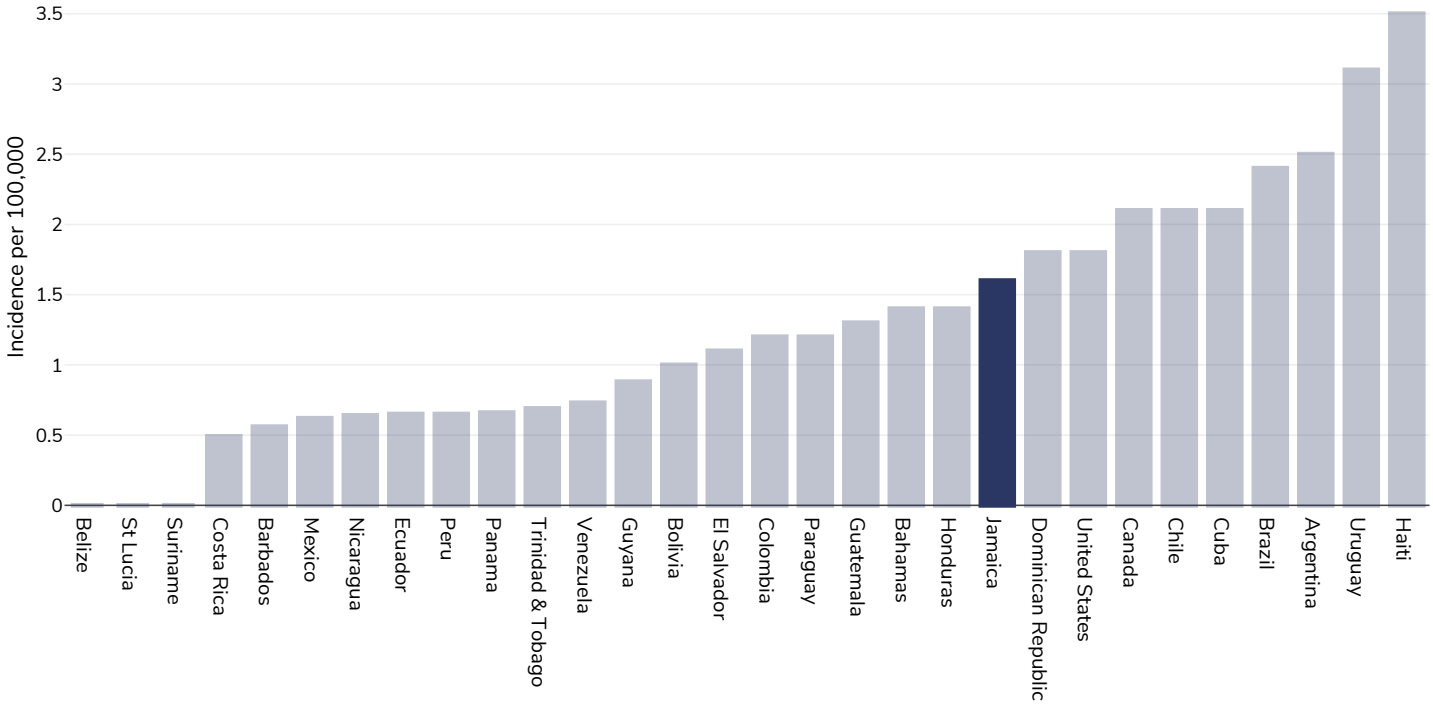
Definitions:	Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



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Breast cancer

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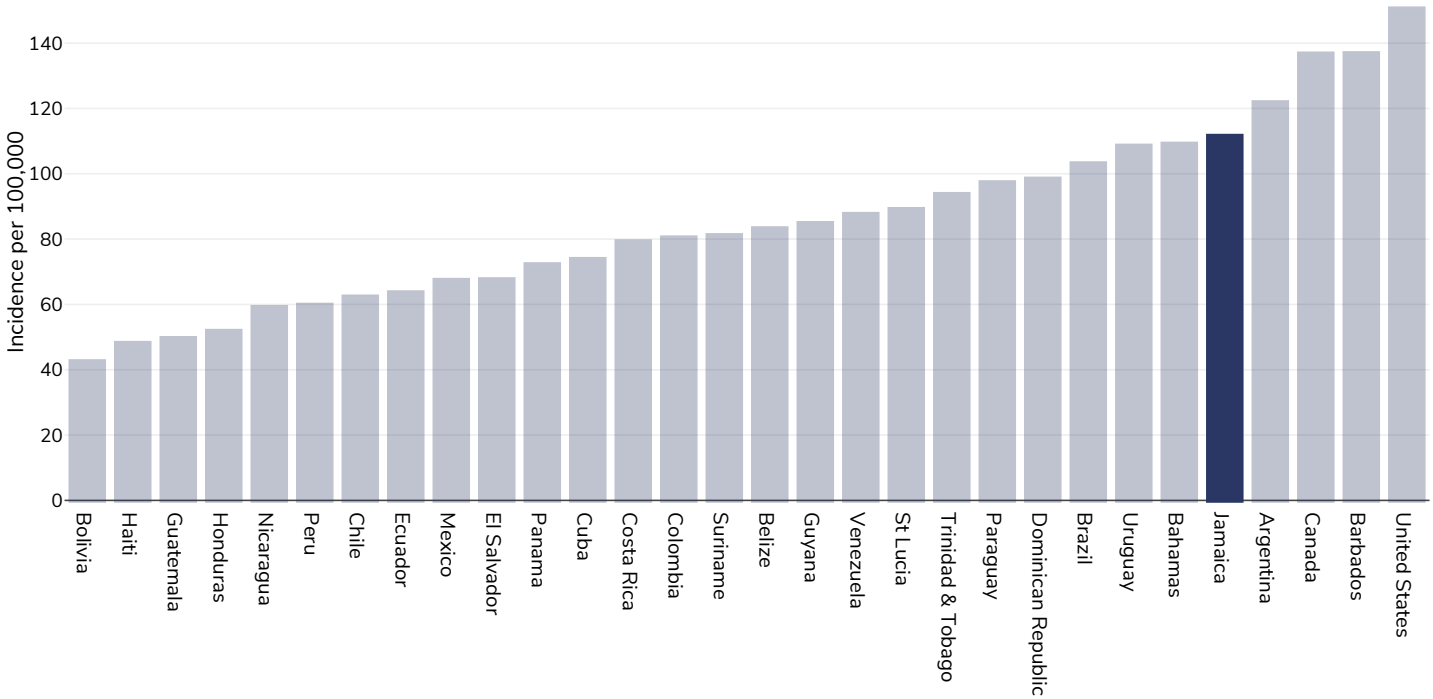

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Colorectal cancer

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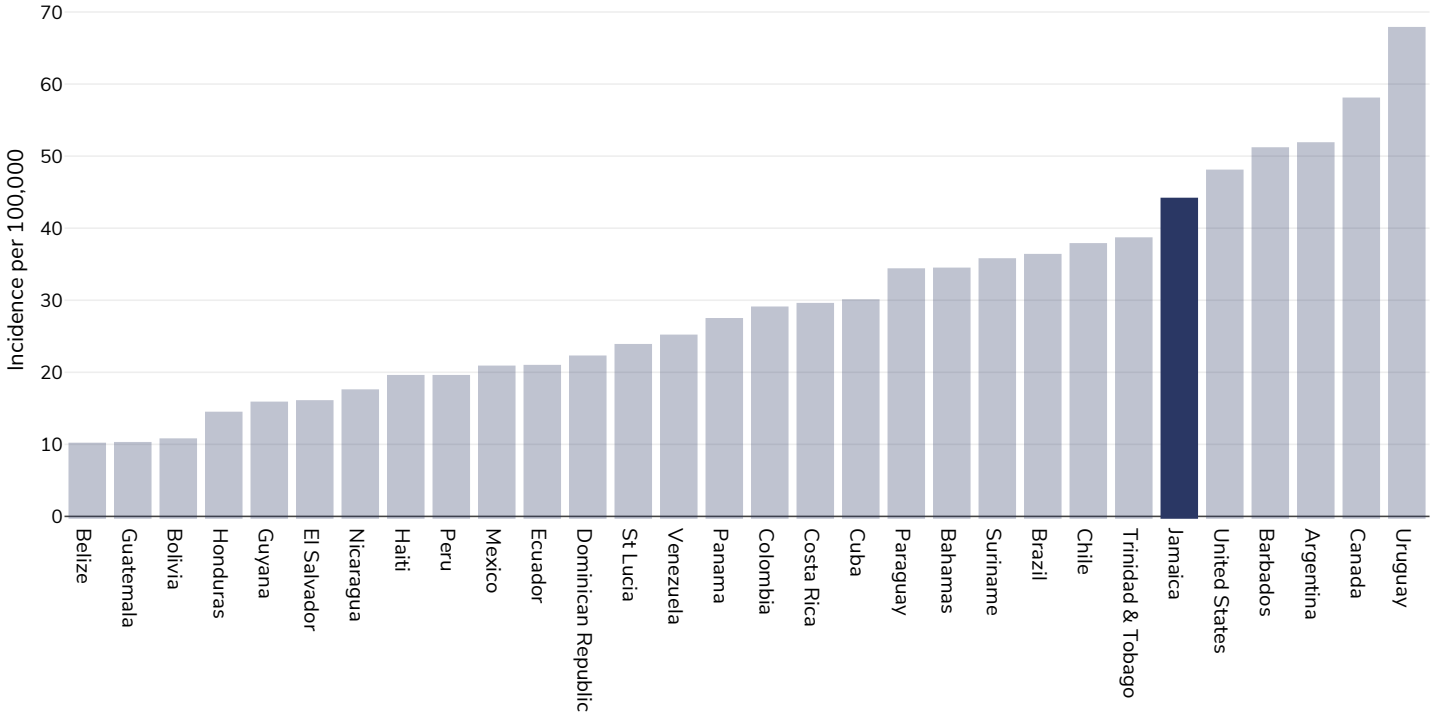

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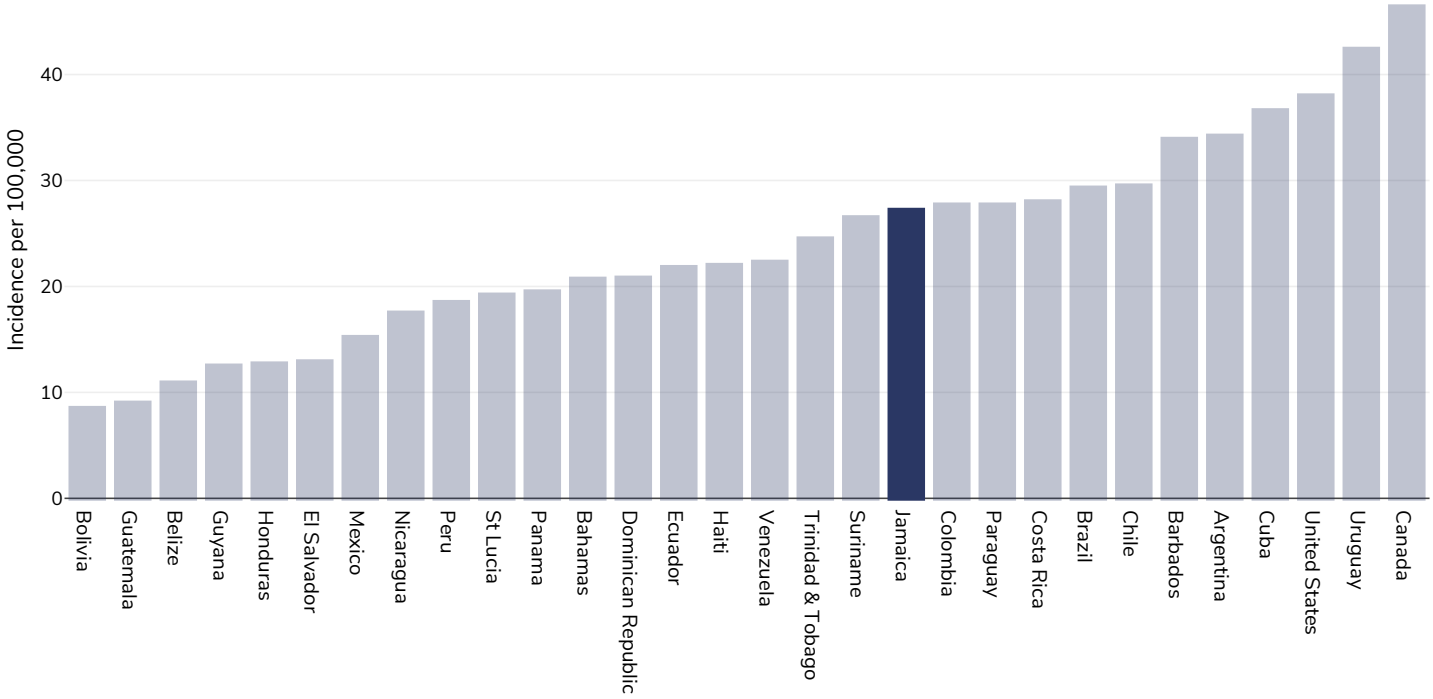

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Pancreatic cancer

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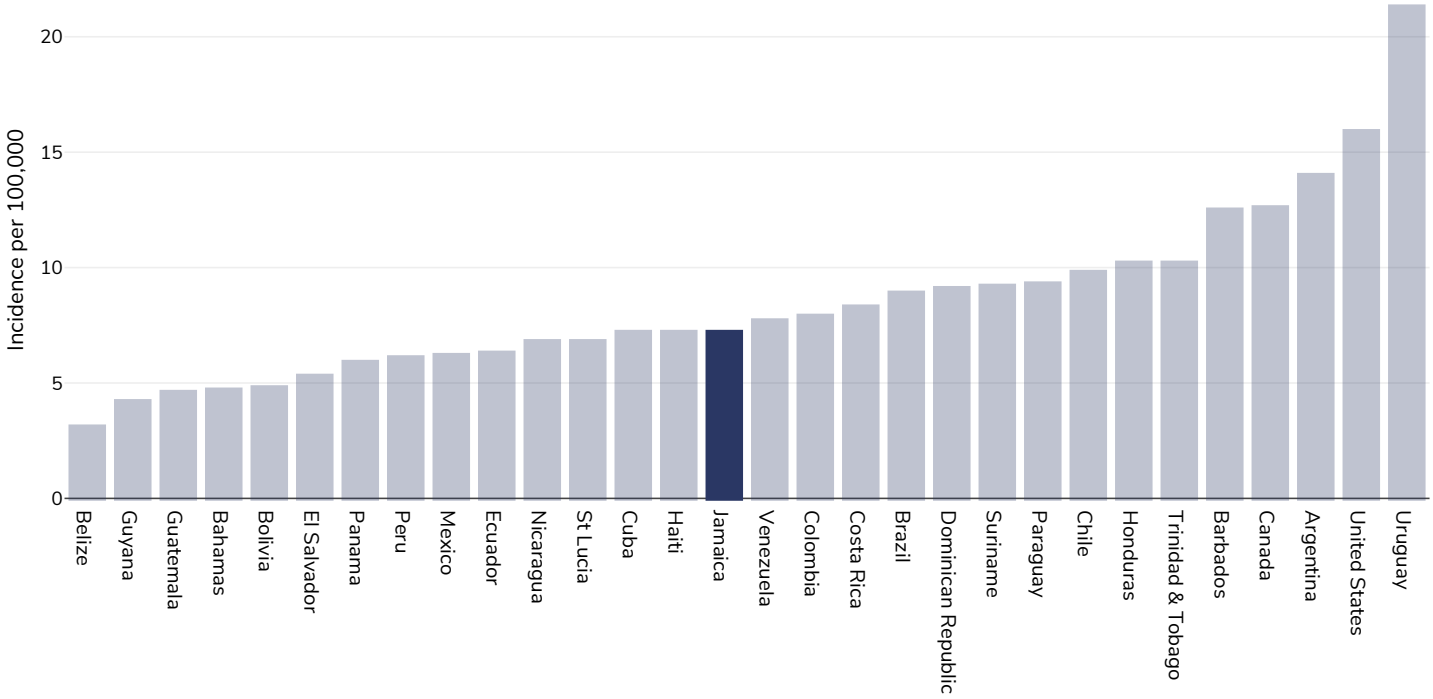

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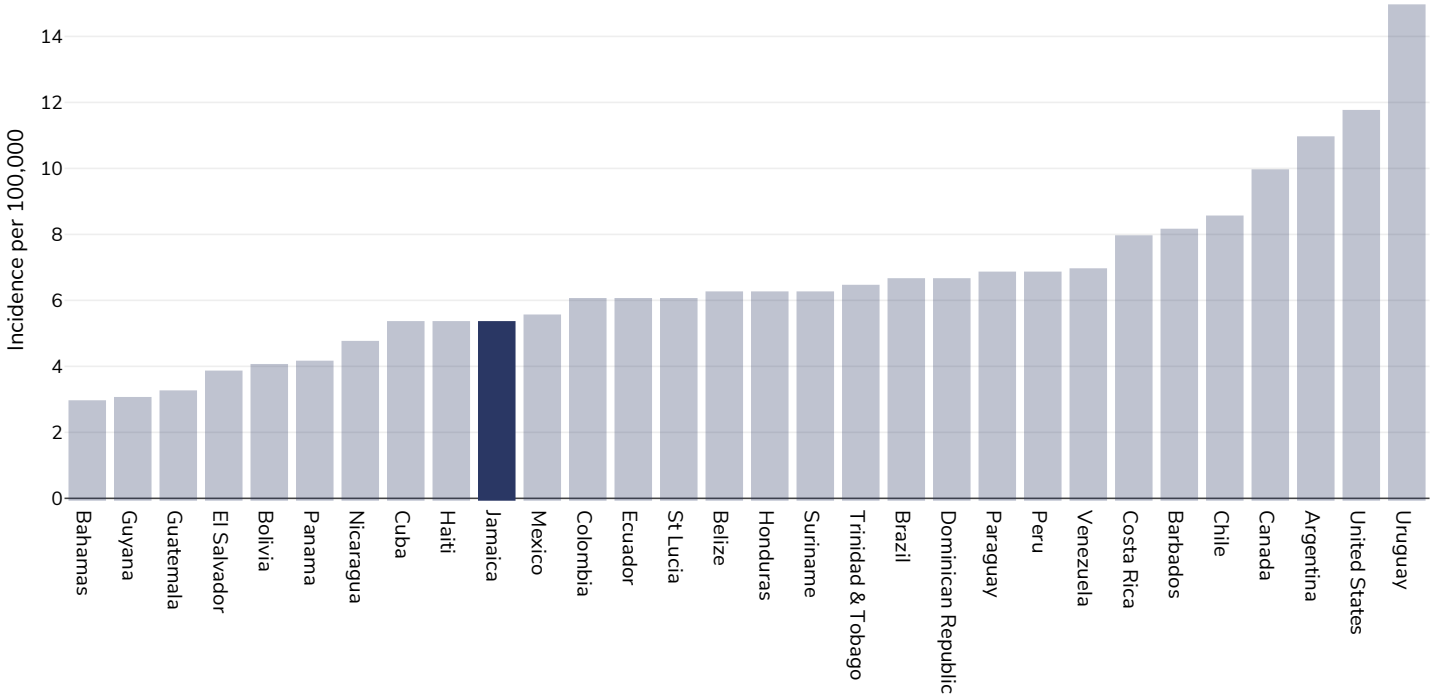

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Gallbladder cancer

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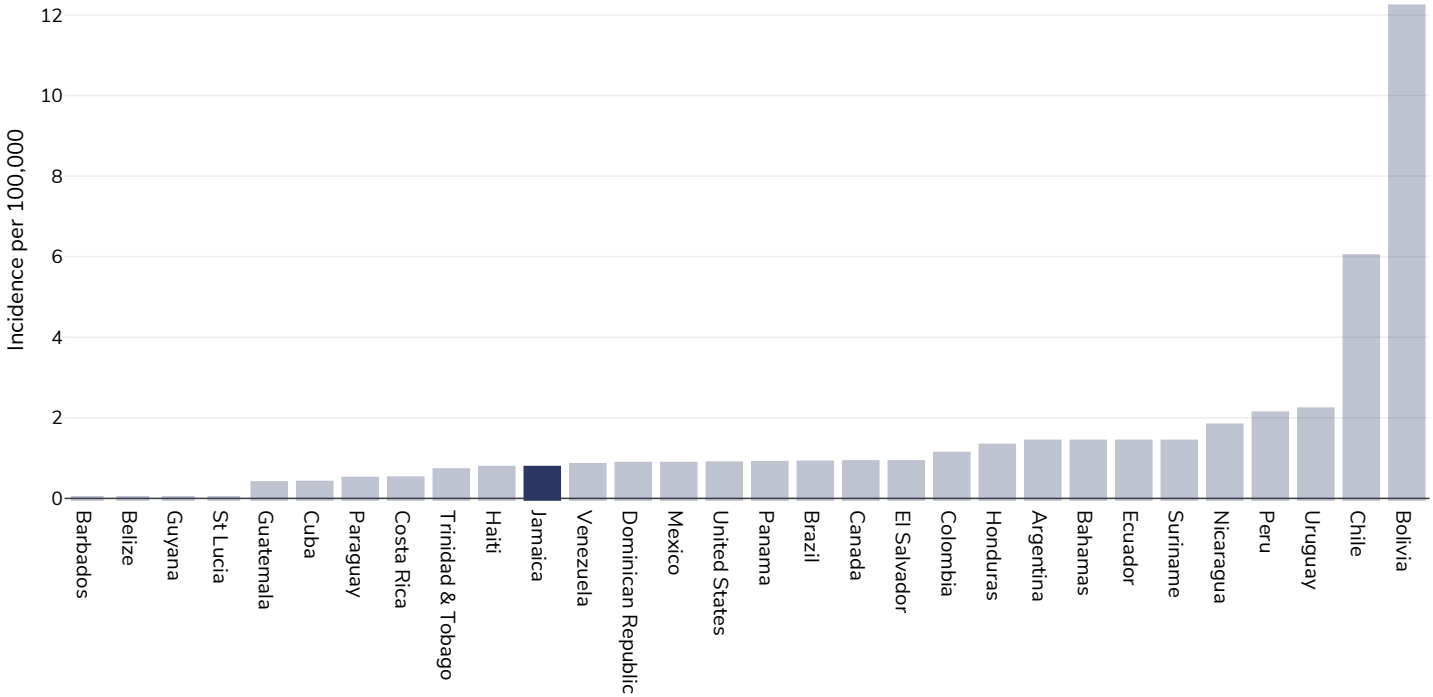

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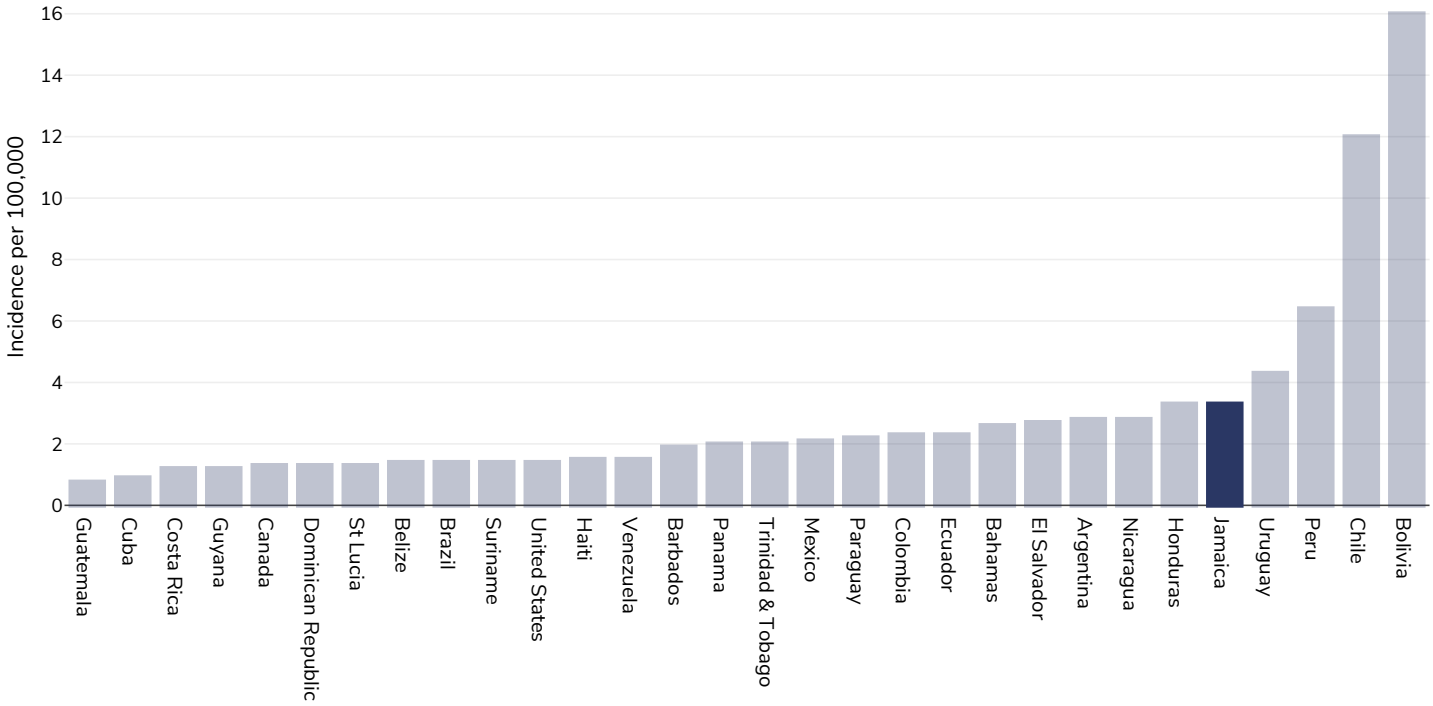
Women, 2020



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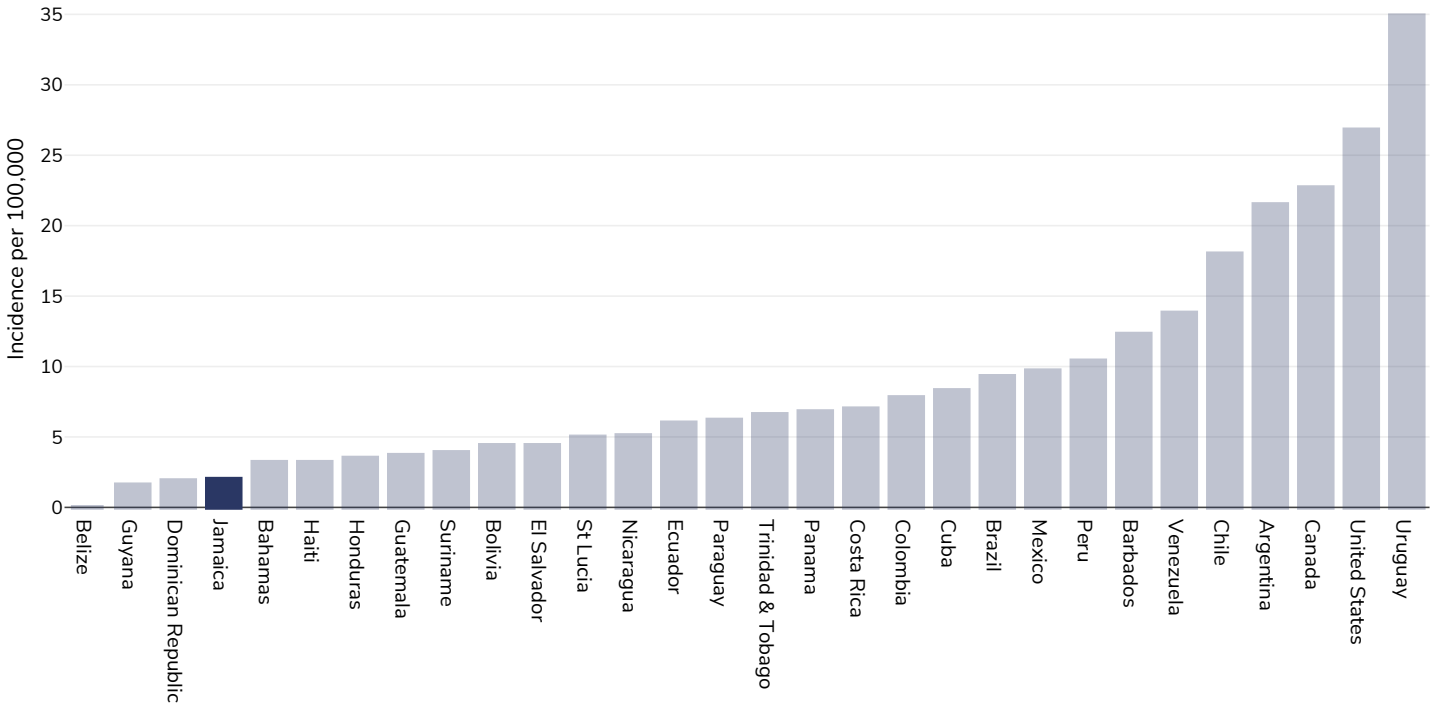
Kidney cancer

Men, 2020



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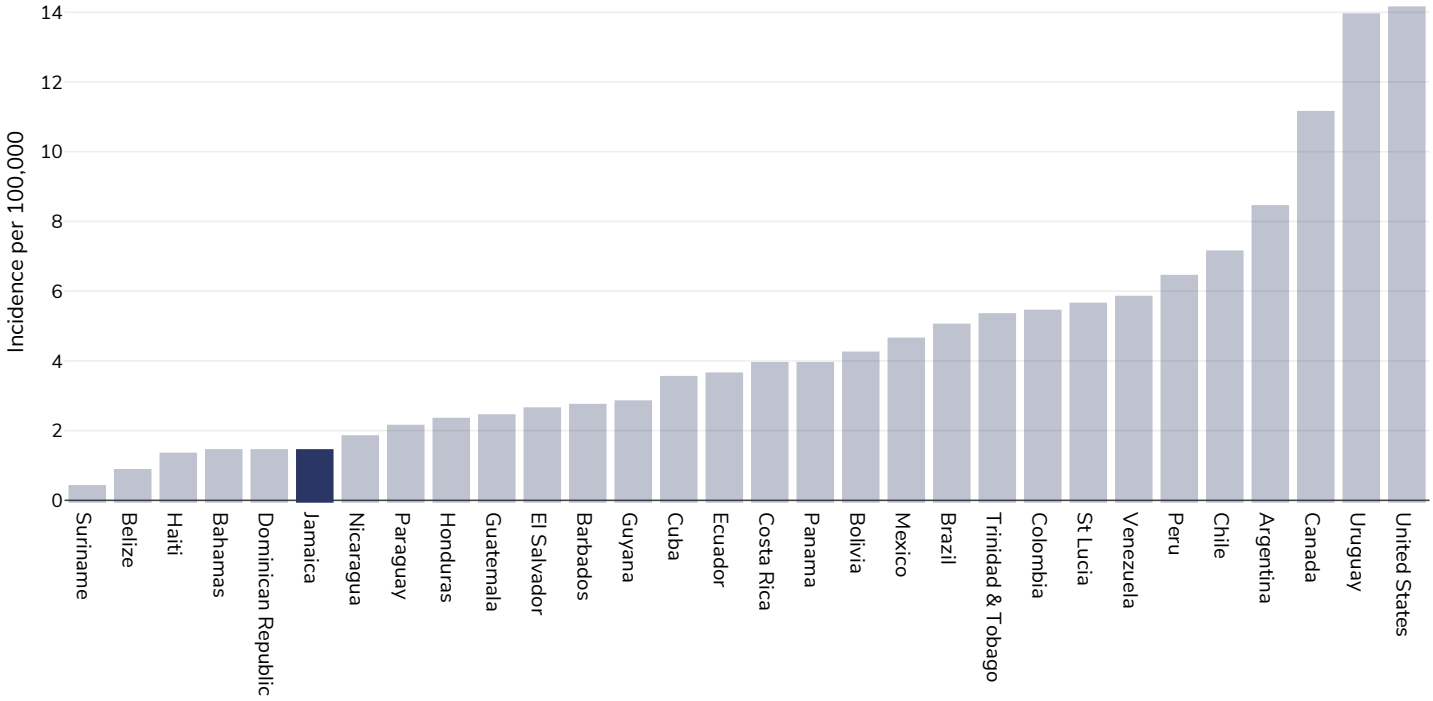

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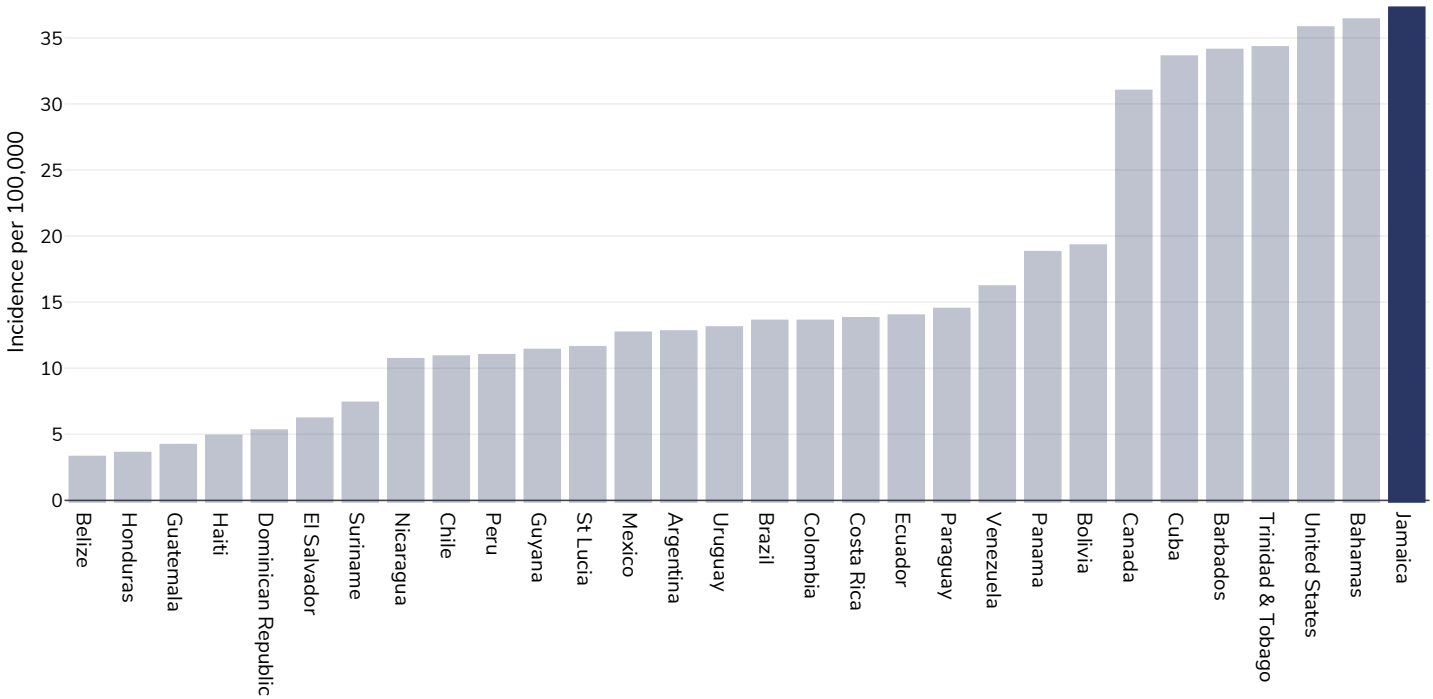
Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2020



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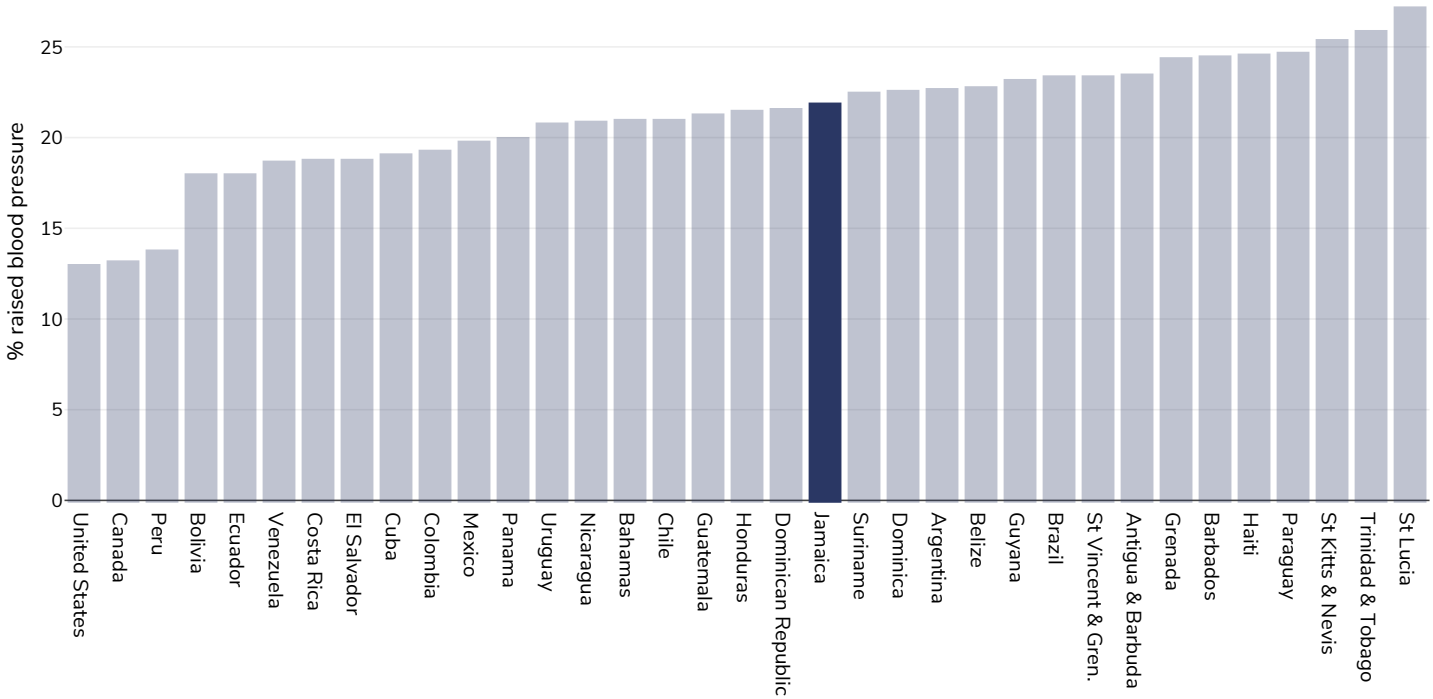
Raised blood pressure

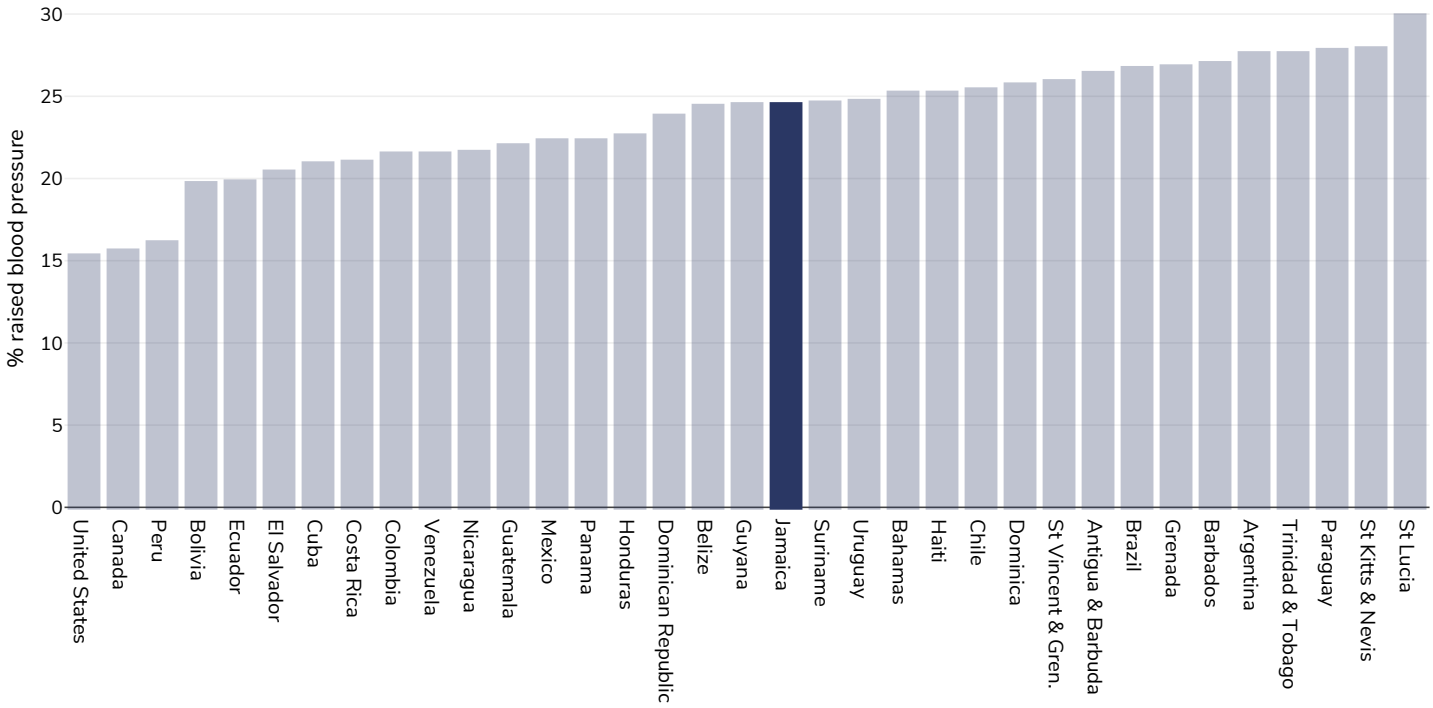
Adults, 2015



References: Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A875?lang=en

Definitions: Age Standardised estimated % Raised blood pressure 2015 (SBP>=140 OR DBP>=90).

Men, 2015



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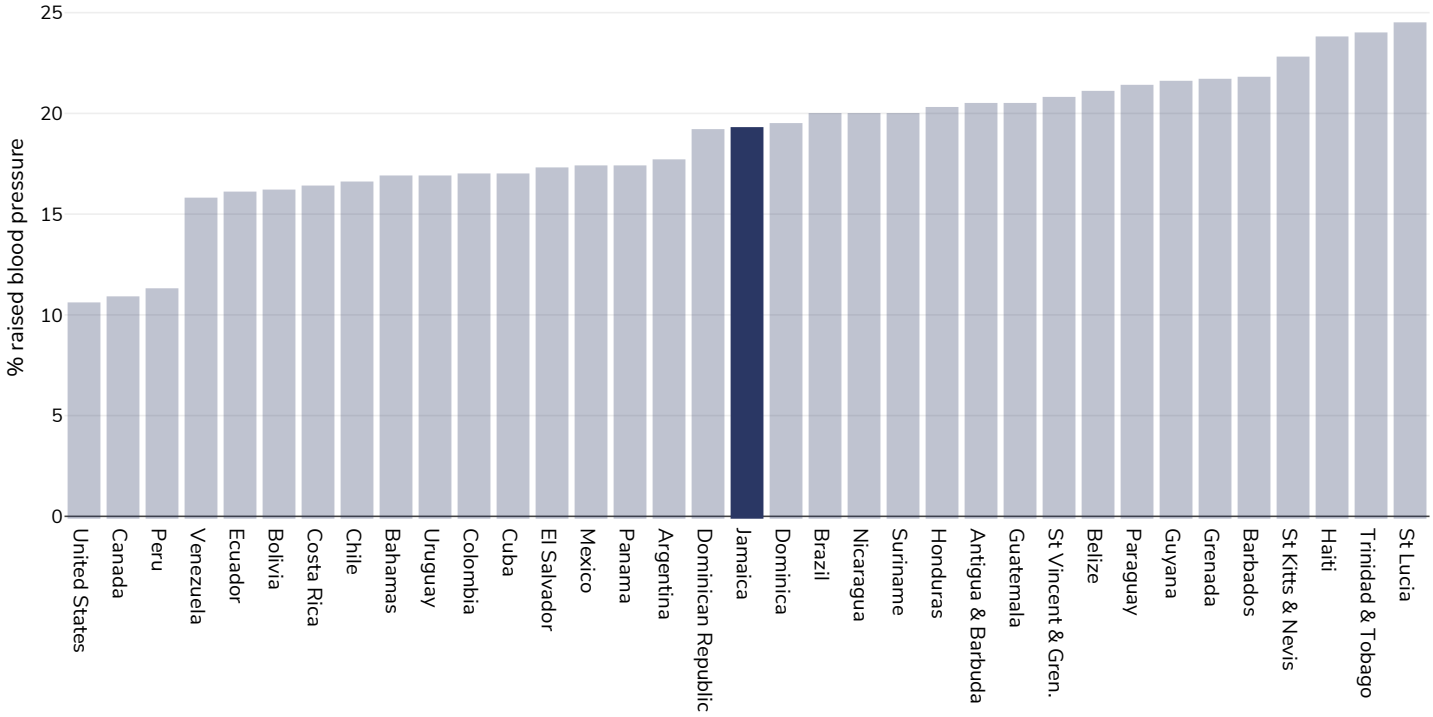
Women, 2015



References: Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A875?lang=en

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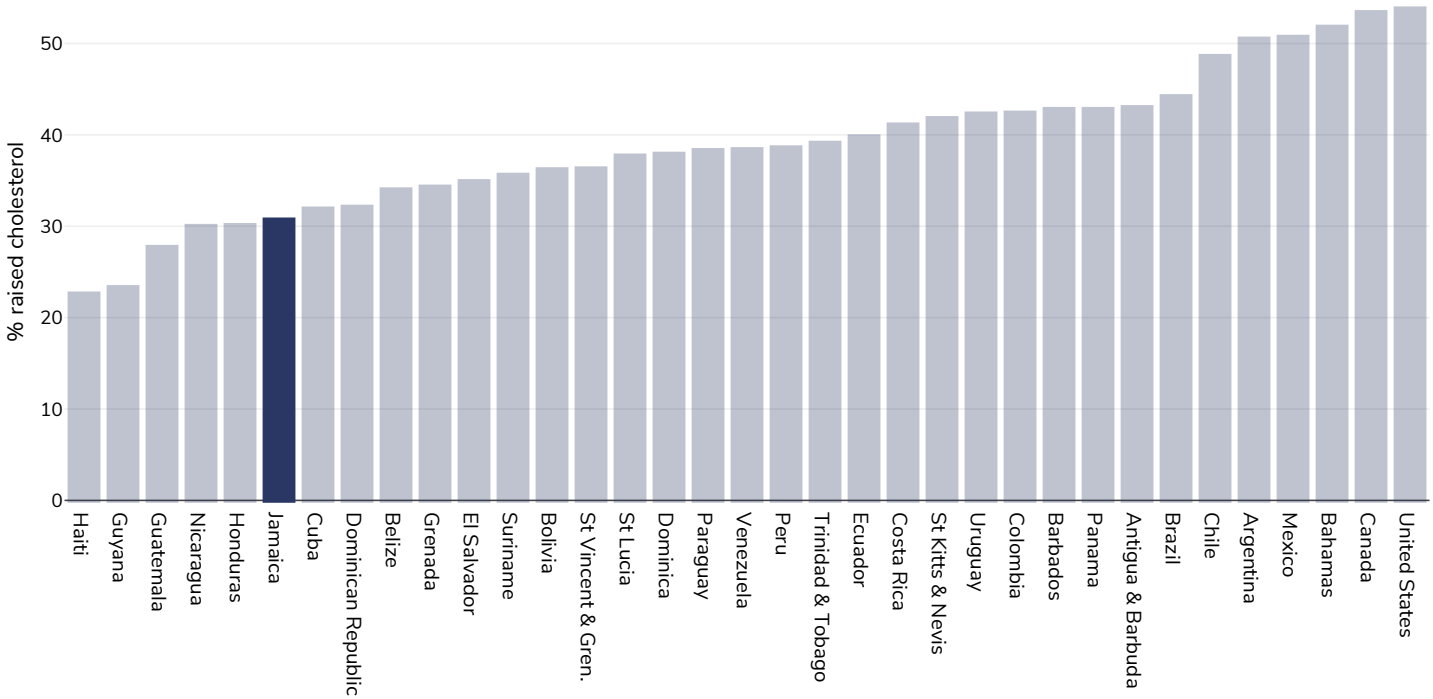
Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



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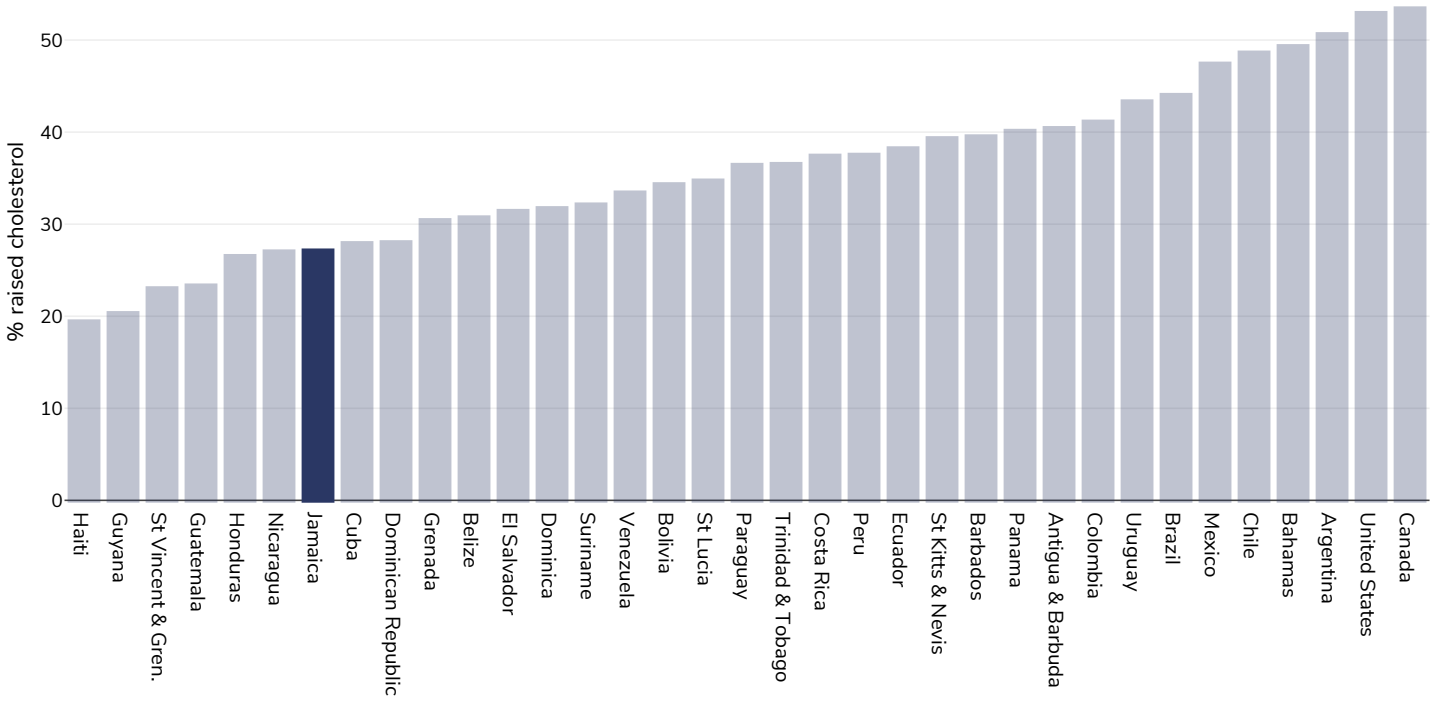
Definitions: % Raised total cholesterol (>= 5.0 mmol/L) (age-standardized estimate).

Men, 2008



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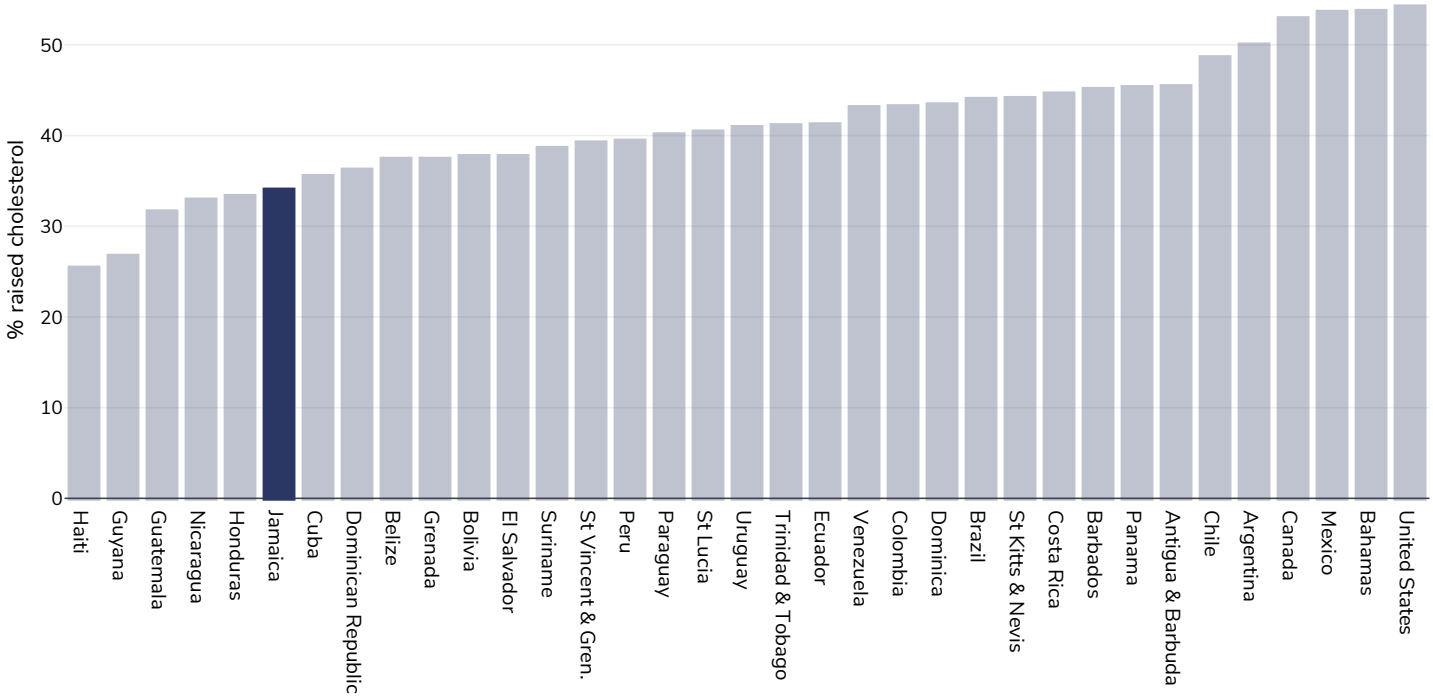
Women, 2008



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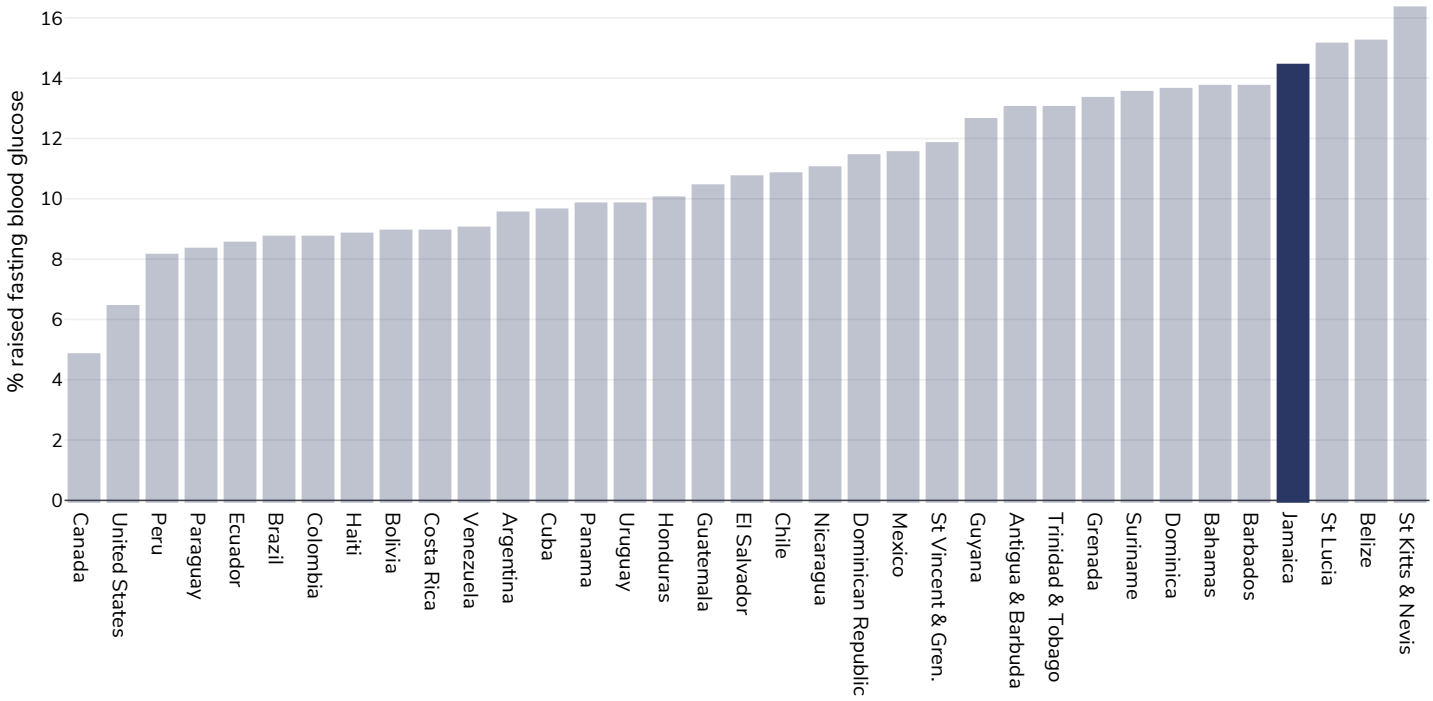
Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



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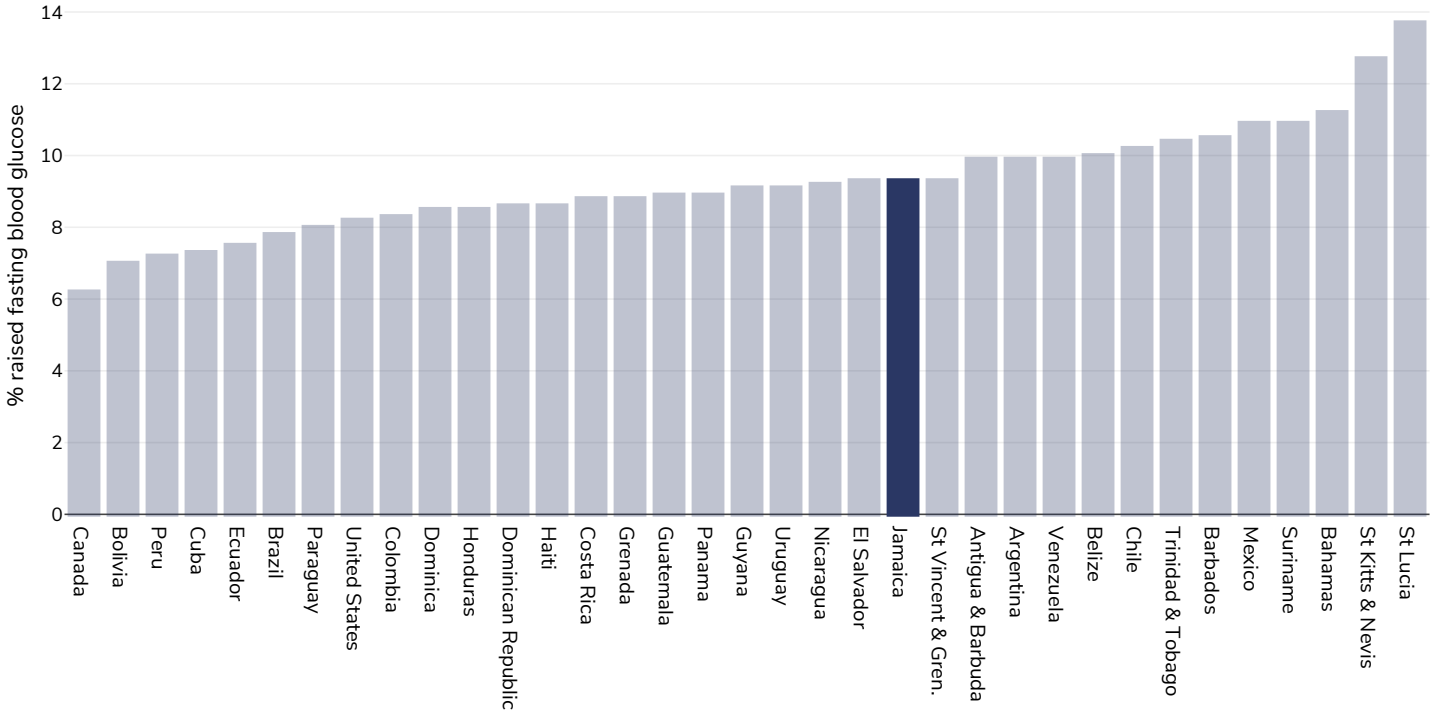
Definitions: Age Standardised % raised fasting blood glucose (>= 7.0 mmol/L or on medication).

Women, 2014



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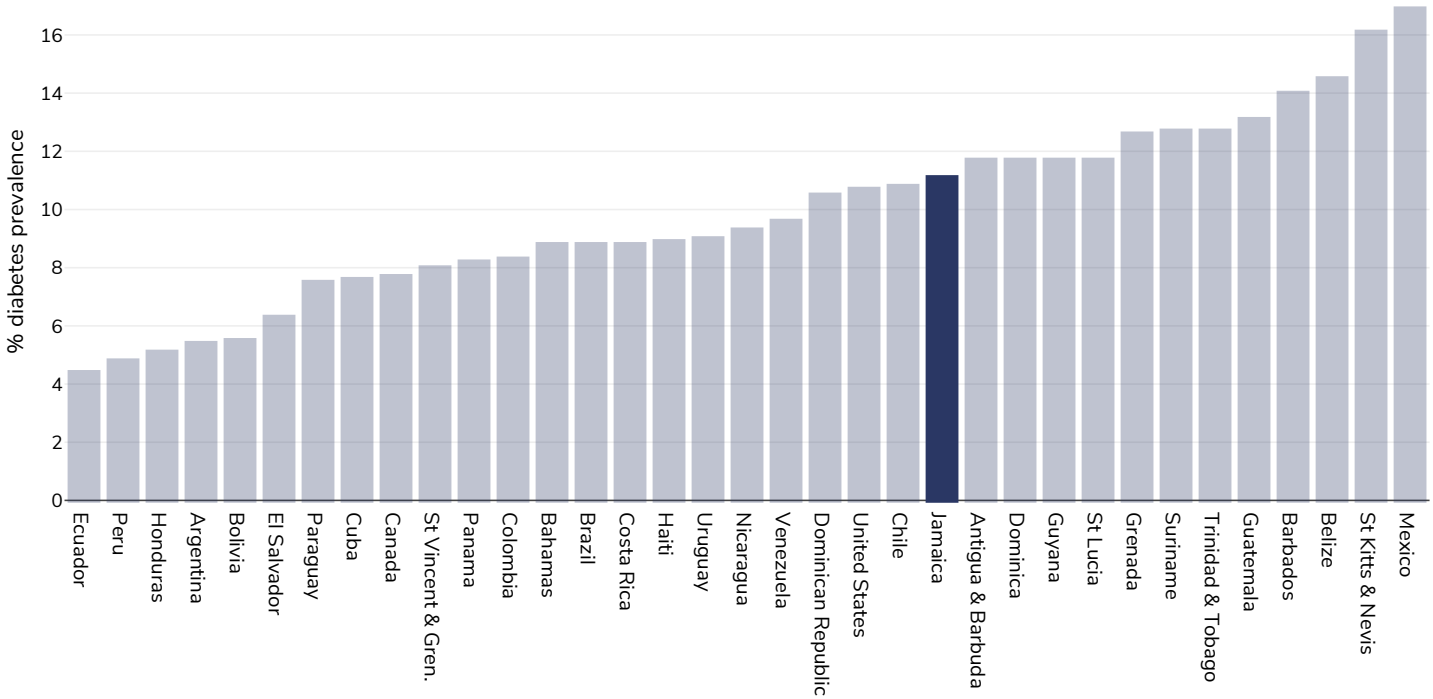
Definitions: Age Standardised % raised fasting blood glucose (>= 7.0 mmol/L or on medication).

Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2021



Age:	20-79
Area covered:	National
References:	Reproduced with kind permission International Diabetes Federation. IDF Diabetes Atlas, 10th edn. Brussels, Belgium:International Diabetes Federation, 2021. http://www.diabetesatlas.org
Definitions:	Age-adjusted comparative prevalence of diabetes, %

Contextual factors

Disclaimer: These contextual factors should be interpreted with care. Results are updated as regularly as possible and use very specific criteria. The criteria used and full definitions are available for download at the bottom of this page.

Labelling

Is there mandatory nutrition labelling?	✗
Front-of-package labelling?	✗
Back-of-pack nutrition declaration?	✓
Color coding?	✗
Warning label?	✗

Regulation and marketing

Are there fiscal policies on unhealthy products?	✗
Tax on unhealthy foods?	✗
Tax on unhealthy drinks?	✗
Are there fiscal policies on healthy products?	✗
Subsidy on fruits?	✗
Subsidy on vegetables?	✗
Subsidy on other healthy products?	✗
Mandatory limit or ban of trans fat (all settings)?	✗
Mandatory limit of trans fats in place (all settings)?	✗
Ban on trans-fats or phos in place (all settings)?	✗
Are there any mandatory policies/marketing restrictions on the promotion of unhealthy food/drinks to children?	✗
Mandatory restriction on broadcast media?	✗
Mandatory restriction on non-broadcast media?	✗
Voluntary policies/marketing restrictions on the promotion of unhealthy food/drinks to children?	✗
Are there mandatory standards for food in schools?	✓
Are there any mandatory nutrient limits in any manufactured food products?	✗
Nutrition standards for public sector procurement?	✗

Political will and support

National obesity strategy or nutrition and physical activity national strategy?	✓
National obesity strategy?	✗
National childhood obesity strategy?	✓
Comprehensive nutrition strategy?	✓
Comprehensive physical activity strategy?	✗
Evidence-based dietary guidelines and/or RDAs?	✓
National target(s) on reducing obesity?	✓
Guidelines/policy on obesity treatment?	✗
Promotion of breastfeeding?	✓

Monitoring and surveillance

Monitoring of the prevalence and incidence for the main obesity-related NCDs and risk factors?	✓
Within 5 years?	✗

Governance and resource

Multi-sectoral national co-ordination mechanism for obesity or nutrition (including obesity)?	✗

Key

✓ **Present** ✓v **Present (voluntary)** ✓ **Incoming** ✗ **Absent** ? **Unknown**

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