

Report card Namibia



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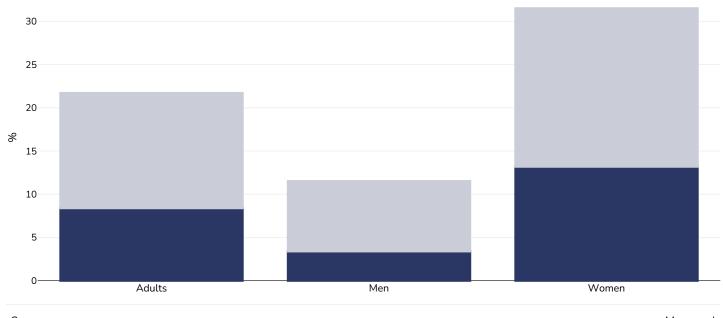


Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2013

Notes:





Survey	Measured
type:	
Age:	15-49
Sample size:	7497
Area covered:	National
References:	The Nambia Ministry of Health and Social Services - MoHSS - and ICF International. 2014. The Namibia Demographic and

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Demographic Health Survey data includes ever married women aged 15-49 years only and may include males aged 15-59.

3922 females, 3575 males 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 (

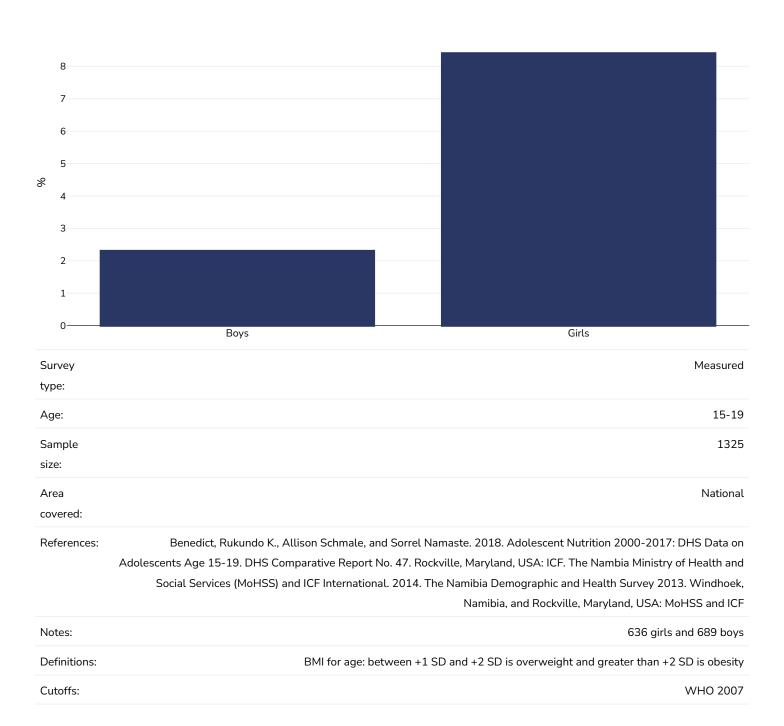
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Unless otherwise noted, overweight refers to a BMI between 25kg and 29.9kg/m², obesity refers to a BMI greater than 30kg/m².



Children, 2013

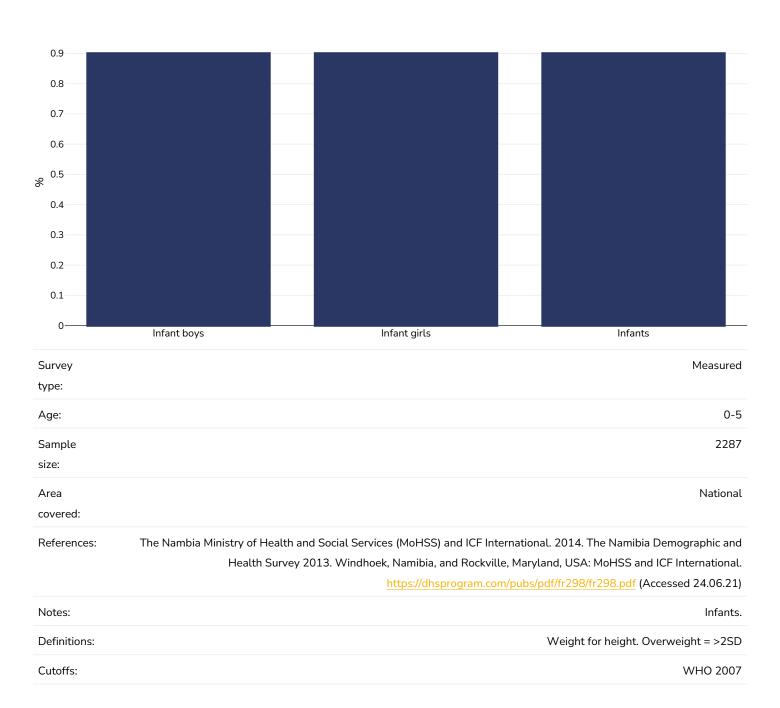
Overweight or obesity





Infants, 2013

Overweight or obesity



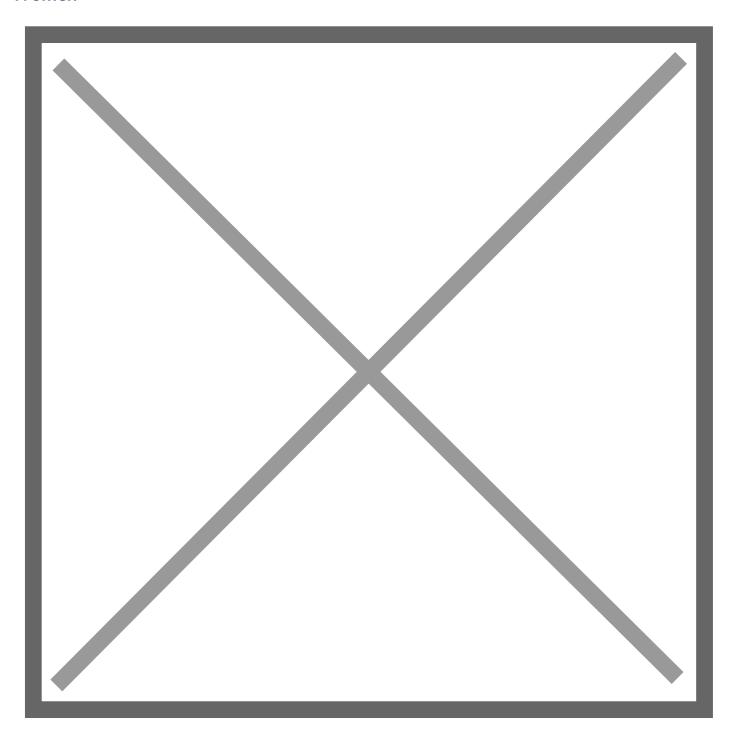


Namibia obesity trend 1992 2013



Women

type:



Survey Measured

References: 1992: Katjiuanjo, Puumue, Stephen Titus, Maazuu Zauana, and J. Ties Boerma. 1993. Namibia Demographic and Health Survey
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2006: Ministry of Health and Social Services - MoHSS/Namibia and Macro International. 2008. Namibia Demographic and Health Survey 2006-07. Windhoek, Namibia: MoHSS/Namibia and Macro International.



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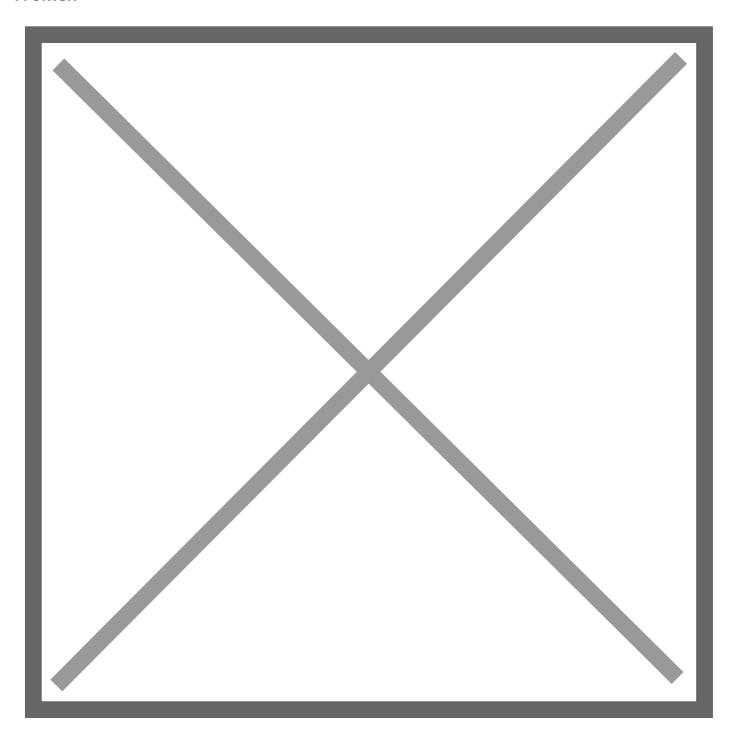


Trends overweight obesity 1992 2013



Women

type:



Survey Measured

References: 1992: Katjiuanjo, Puumue, Stephen Titus, Maazuu Zauana, and J. Ties Boerma. 1993. Namibia Demographic and Health Survey
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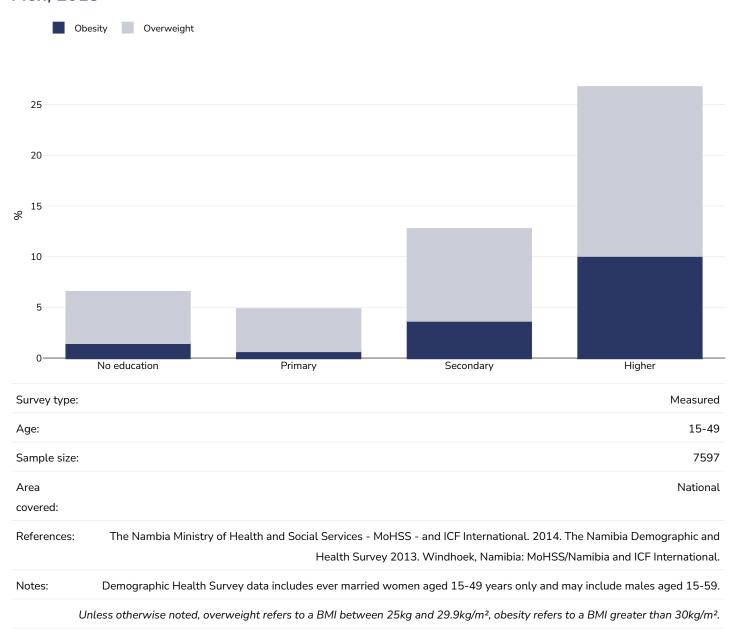


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Overweight/obesity by education

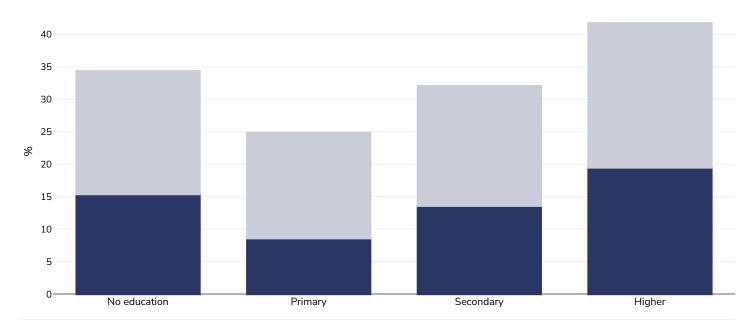
Men, 2013





Women, 2013

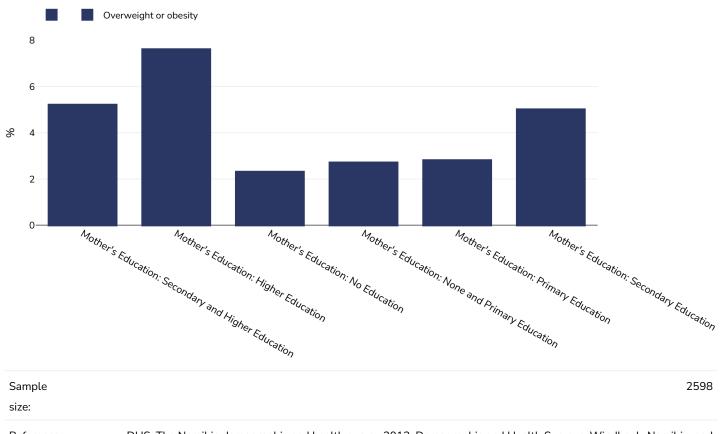




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Sample siz	e: 7597
Area covered:	National
References	The Nambia Ministry of Health and Social Services - MoHSS - and ICF International. 2014. The Namibia Demographic and Health Survey 2013. Windhoek, Namibia: MoHSS/Namibia and ICF International.
Notes:	Demographic Health Survey data includes ever married women aged 15-49 years only and may include males aged 15-59.
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Infants, 2013



References: DHS: The Namibia demographic and health survey 2013. Demographic and Health Surveys. Windhoek, Namibia, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: MoHSS and ICF International, 2014

Notes: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Overweight (Survey Estimates), May 2023, New York. For more information about the methodology, please consult https://data.unicef.org/resources/jme-2023-country-consultations/ Percentage of children under 5 years of age falling above 2 standard deviations (moderate and severe) from the median weight-for-height of the reference population.

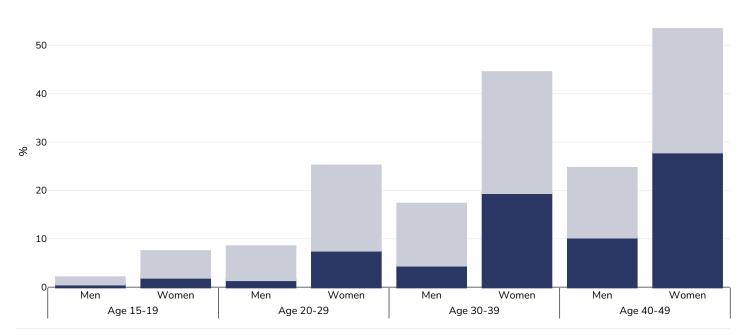
Definitions: =>+2SD



Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2013



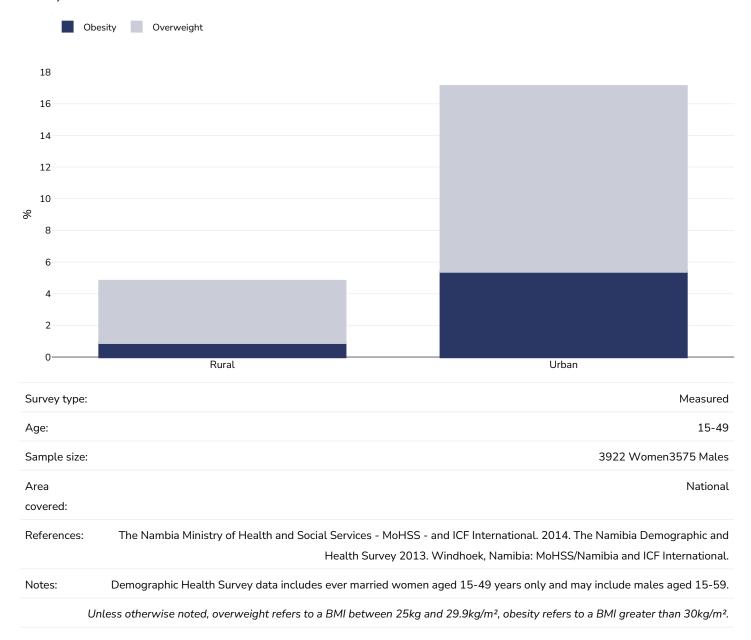


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Sample size:	3922 Women3575 Males
Area covered:	National
References:	The Nambia Ministry of Health and Social Services - MoHSS - and ICF International. 2014. The Namibia Demographic and Health Survey 2013. Windhoek, Namibia: MoHSS/Namibia and ICF International.
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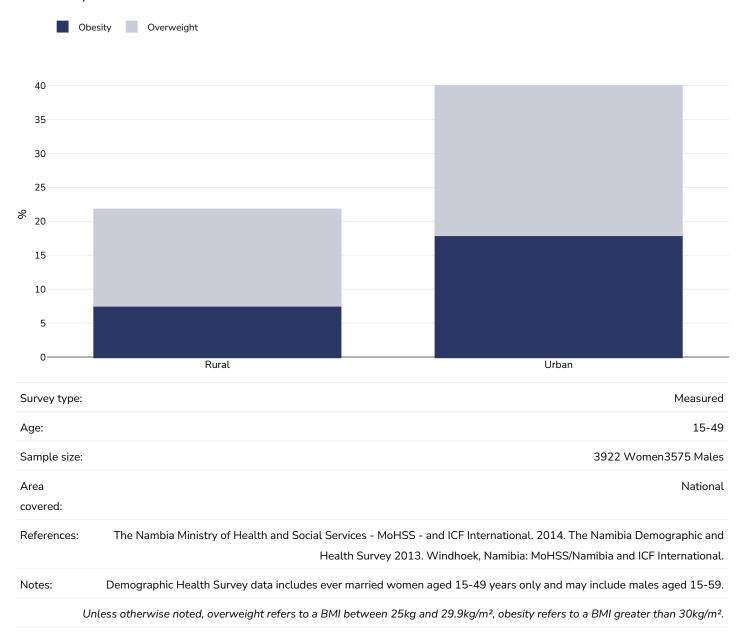
Overweight/obesity by region

Men, 2013





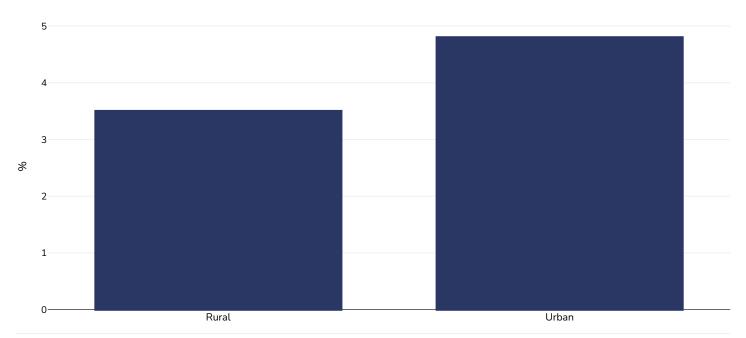
Women, 2013





Infants, 2013





Sample 2598 size:

References: DHS: The Namibia demographic and health survey 2013. Demographic and Health Surveys. Windhoek, Namibia, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: MoHSS and ICF International, 2014

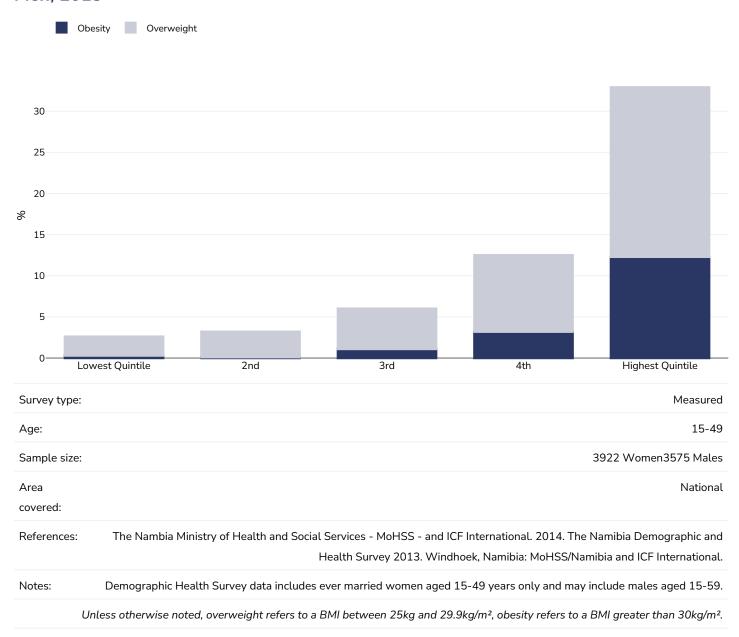
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Definitions: =>+2SD



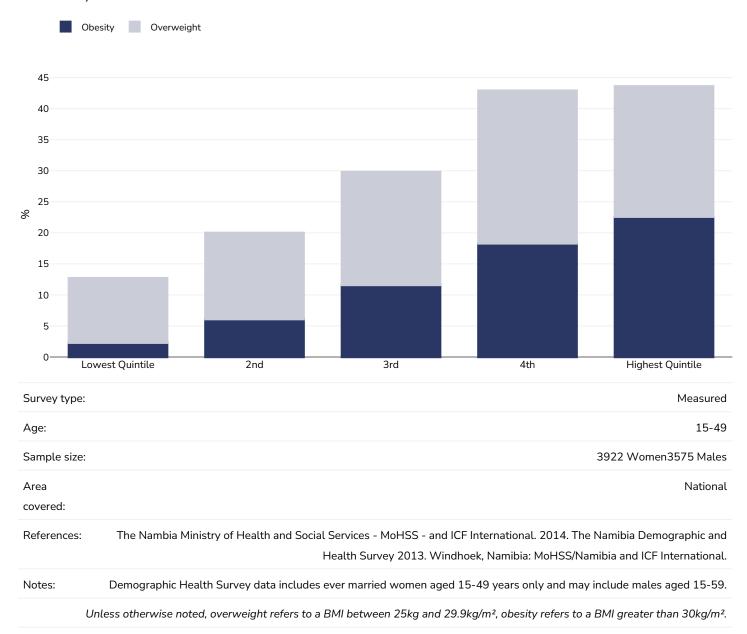
Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Men, 2013





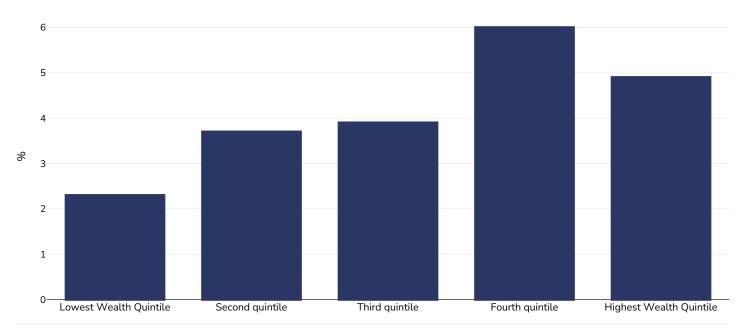
Women, 2013





Infants, 2013





Sample 2598

size:

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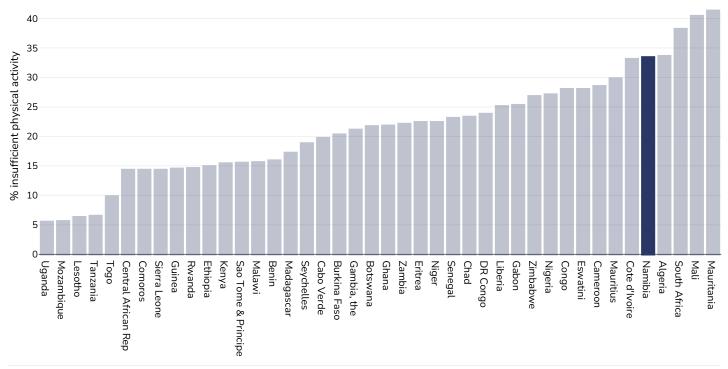
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Insufficient physical activity

Adults, 2016

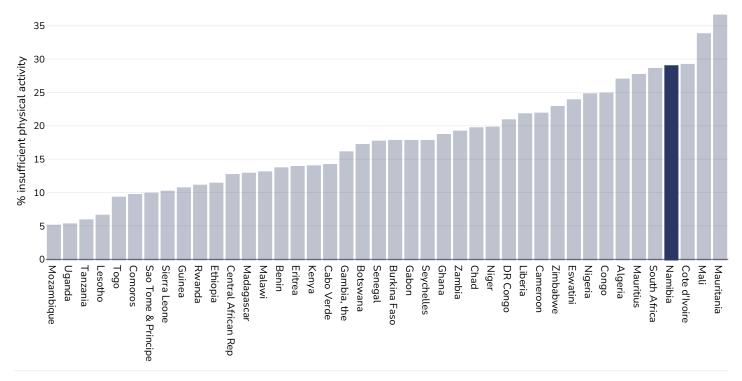


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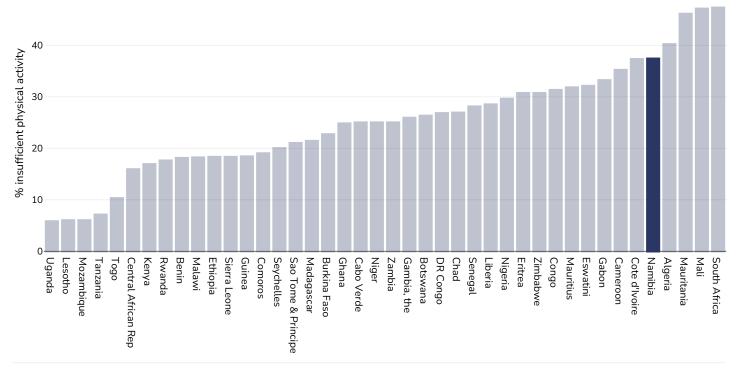
Men, 2016



References: Guthold R, Stevens GA, Riley LM, Bull FC. Worldwide trends in insufficient physical activity from 2001 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 358 population-based surveys with 1.9 million participants. Lancet 2018 http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X
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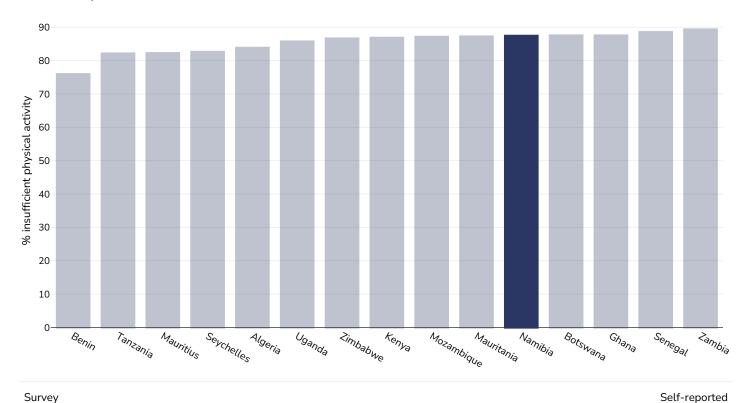
Women, 2016



References: Guthold R, Stevens GA, Riley LM, Bull FC. Worldwide trends in insufficient physical activity from 2001 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 358 population-based surveys with 1.9 million participants. Lancet 2018 http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X (18)30357-7



Children, 2016



type:			
Age:			11-17

References: Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A893ADO?lang=en (last accessed 16.03.21)

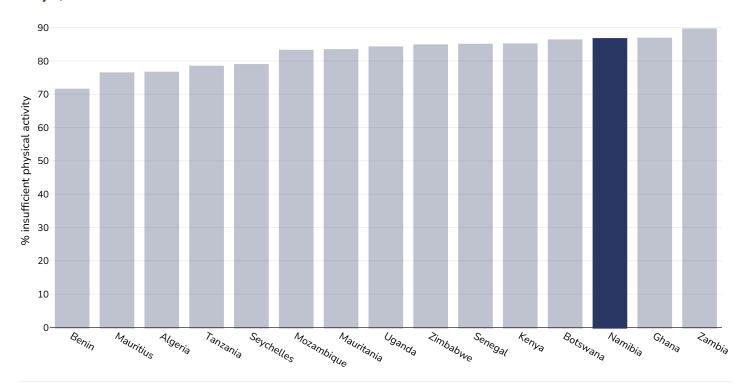
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Definitions: % Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)



Boys, 2016

Survey



type:		
Age:		11-17

Self-reported

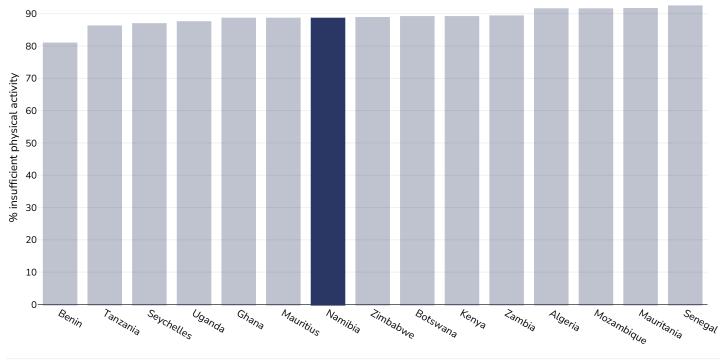
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Definitions: % Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)



Girls, 2016



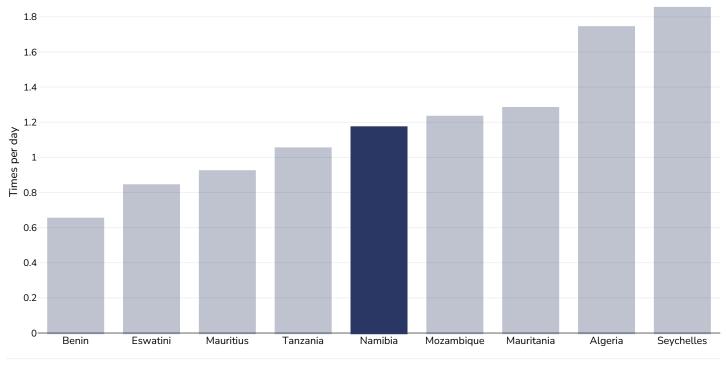
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Notes:	% of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

Definitions: % Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)



Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Survey Measured

type:

Age: 12-17

References:

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.

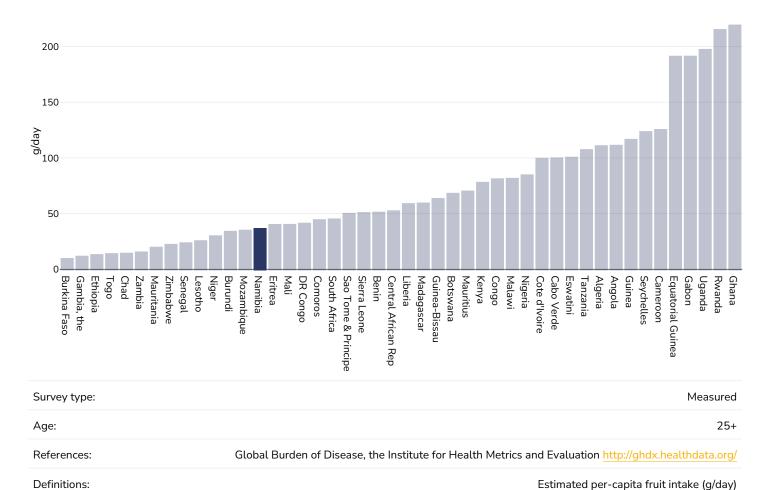
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Estimated per capita fruit intake

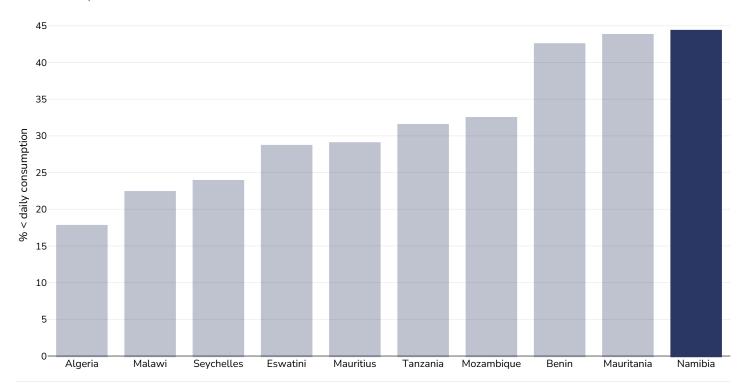
Adults, 2017





Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Survey Measured

type:

Age: 12-17

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

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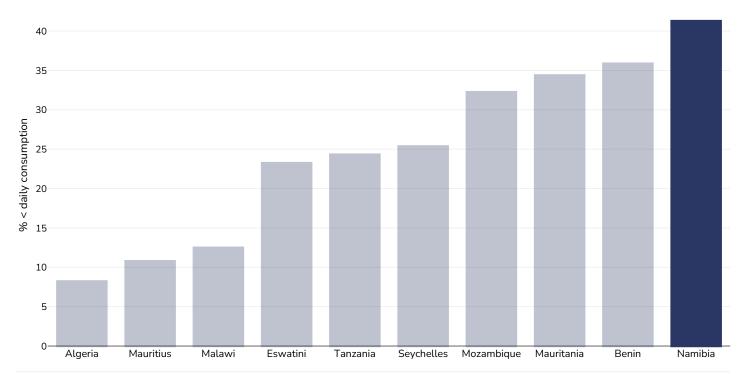
Definitions:

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



Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Survey Measured

type:

Age: 12-17

References:

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.

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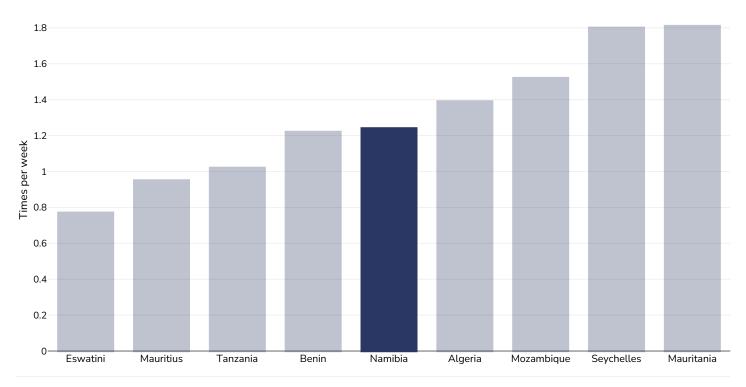
Definitions:

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



Average weekly frequency of fast food consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Age: 12-17

References:

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.

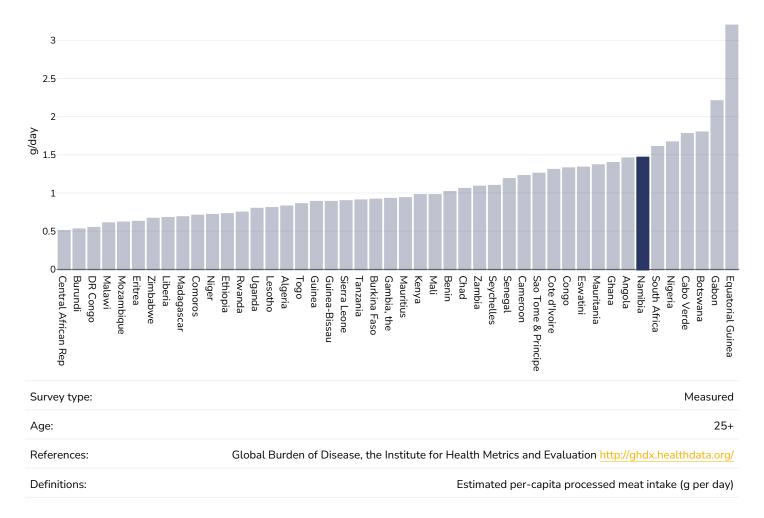
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Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

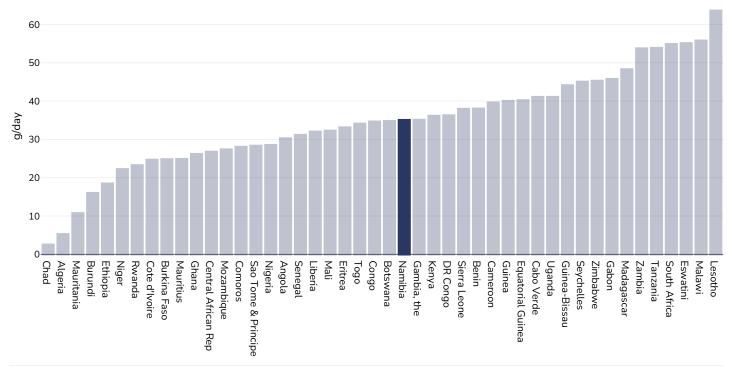
Adults, 2017





Estimated per capita whole grains intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type: Measured

Age: 25+

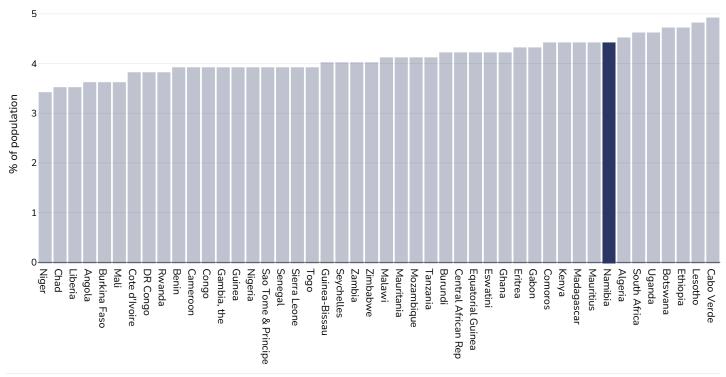
References: Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation http://ghdx.healthdata.org/

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



Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2015



References: Prevalence data from Global Burden of Disease study 2015 (http://ghdx.healthdata.org) published in: Depression and Other Common Mental Disorders: Global Health Estimates. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2017. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

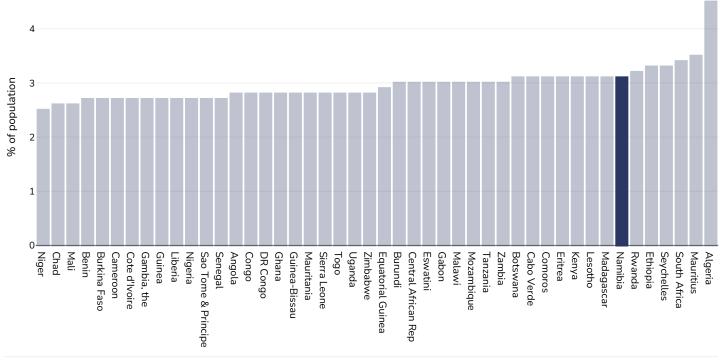
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Definitions: % of population with depression disorders



Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2015



References: Prevalence data from Global Burden of Disease study 2015 (http://ghdx.healthdata.org) published in: Depression and Other Common Mental Disorders: Global Health Estimates. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2017. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

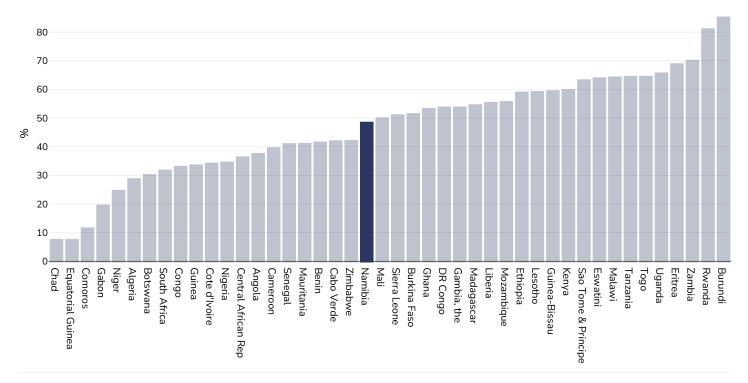
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Definitions: % of population with anxiety disorders



% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

Infants, 2010-2023



References:

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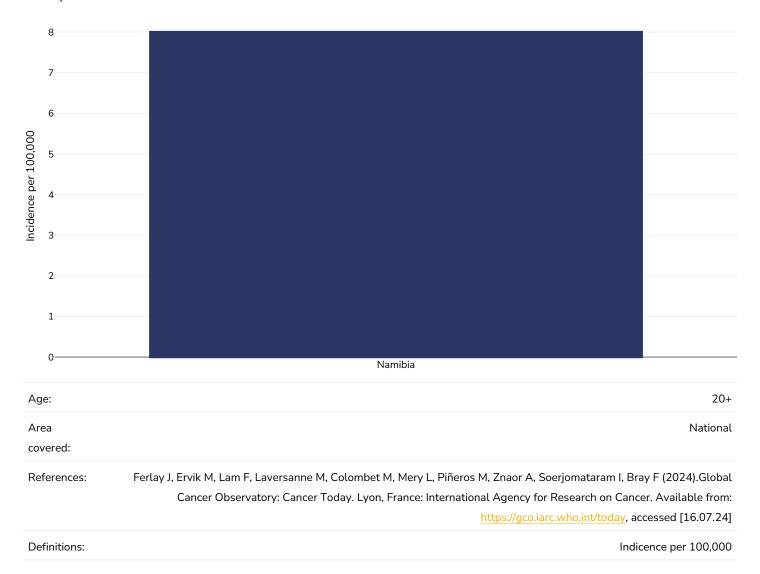
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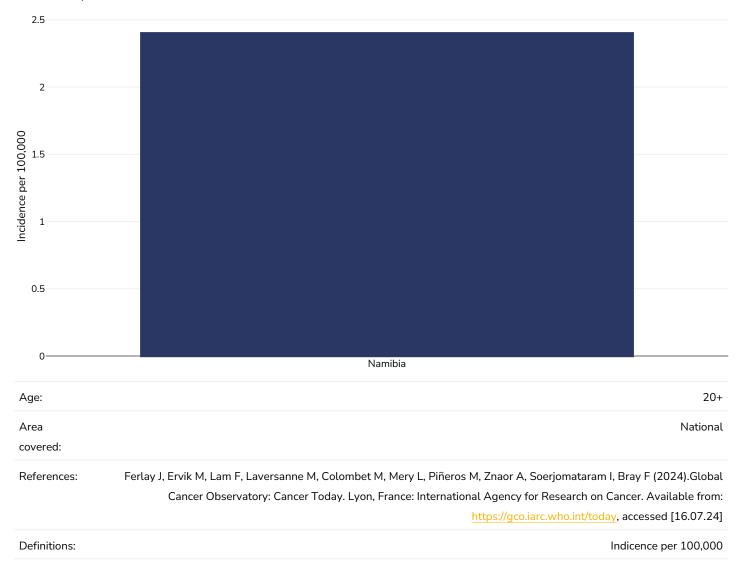


Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2022





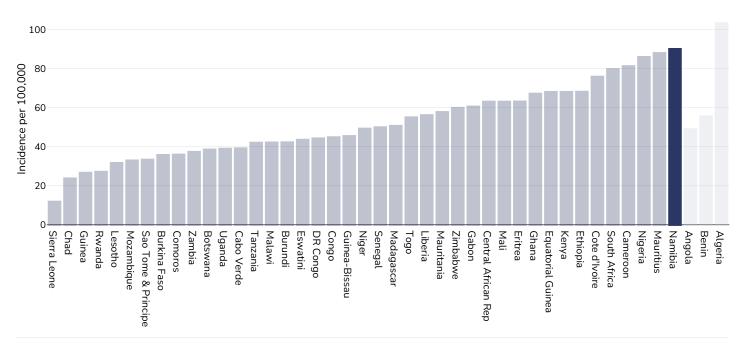




Breast cancer

Women, 2022





Area National

covered:

Ferlay J, Ervik M, Lam F, Laversanne M, Colombet M, Mery L, Piñeros M, Znaor A, Soerjomataram I, Bray F (2024).Global Cancer Observatory: Cancer Today. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer. Available from:

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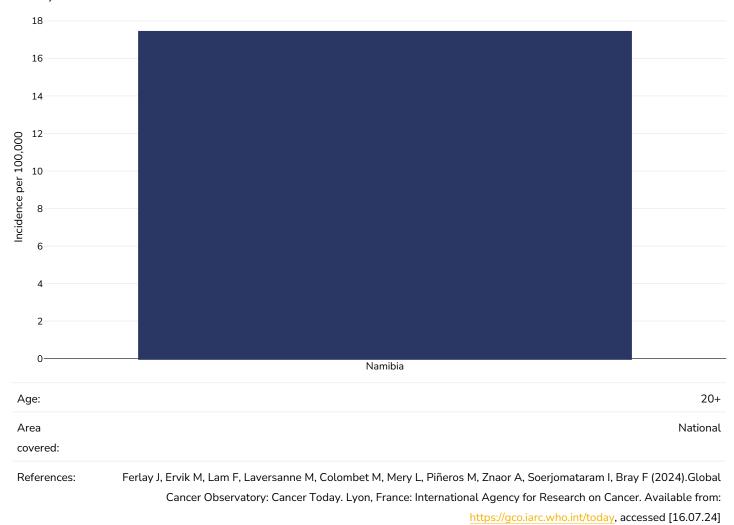
Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Colorectal cancer

Men, 2022

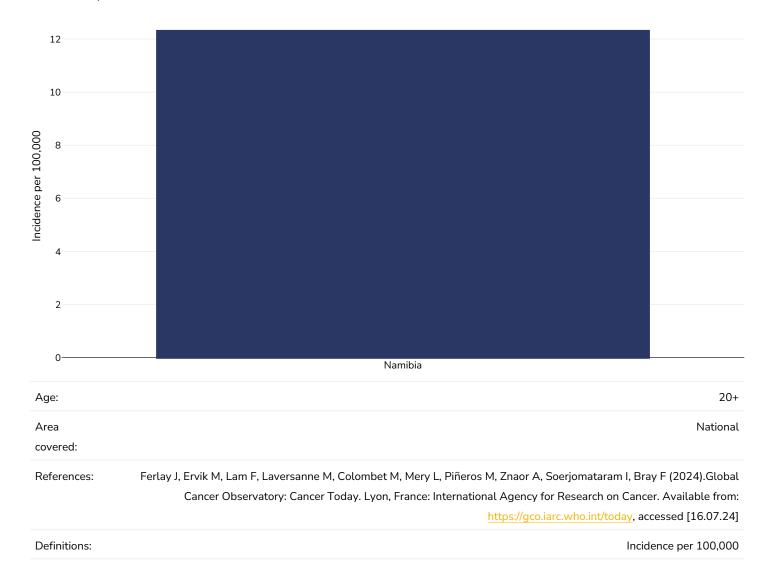
Definitions:



Incidence per 100,000

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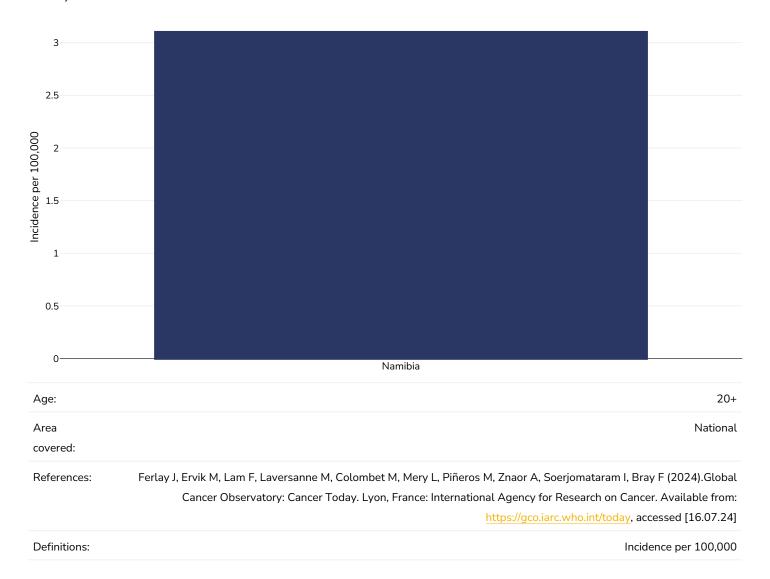




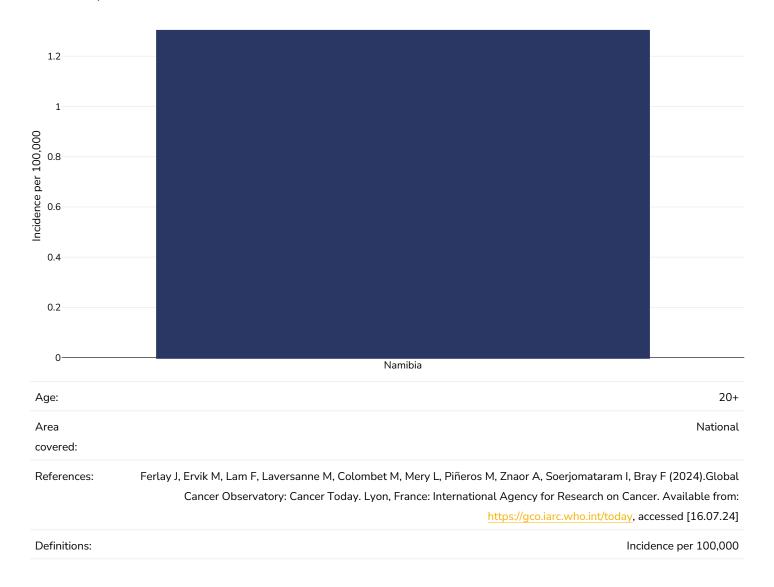


Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2022









Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2022

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Namibia

Age:

Area covered: National

20+

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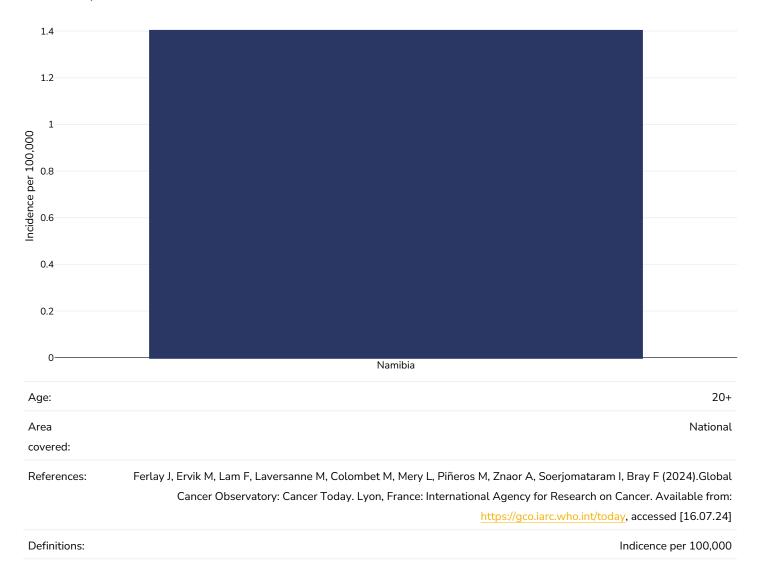
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Indicence per 100,000 Definitions:







Kidney cancer

Men, 2022



Definitions: Incidence per 100,000

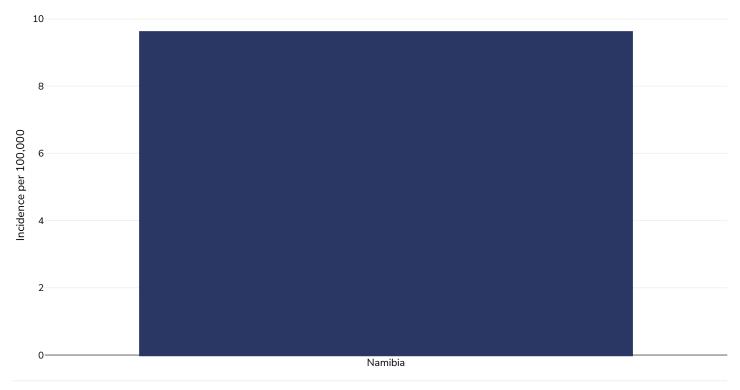






Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2022



Age: 20+

References:

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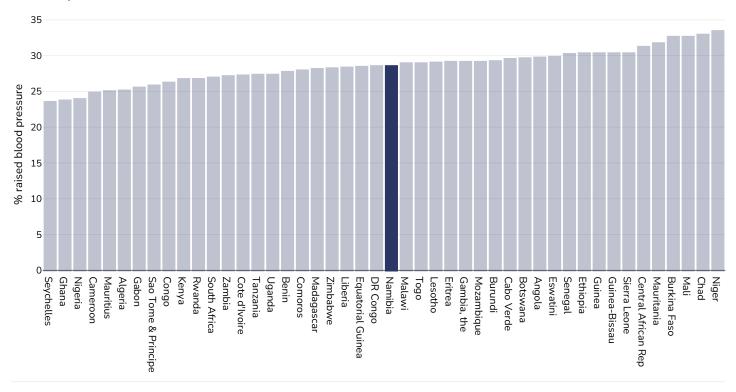
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



References:

Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

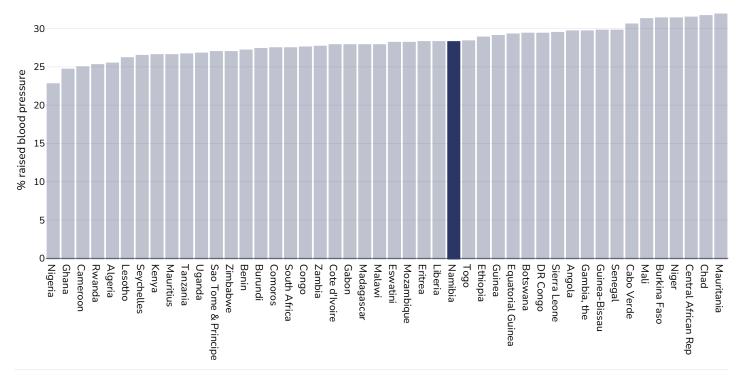
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Definitions:

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



Men, 2015



References:

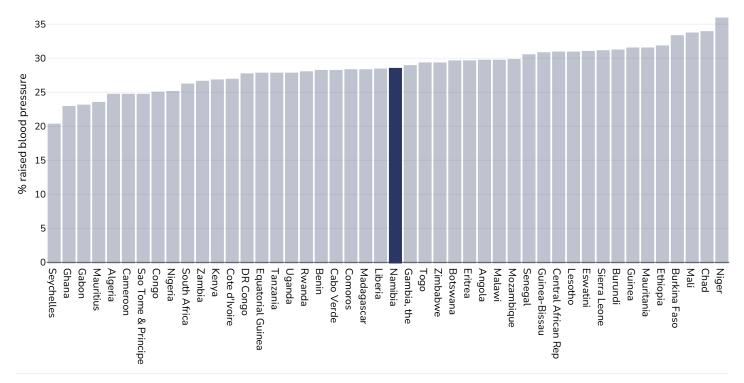
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Definitions:

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





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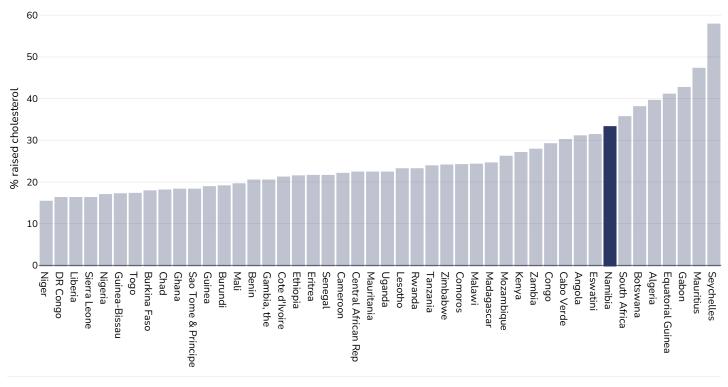
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Age Standardised estimated % Raised blood pressure 2015 (SBP>=140 OR DBP>=90).



Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



References:

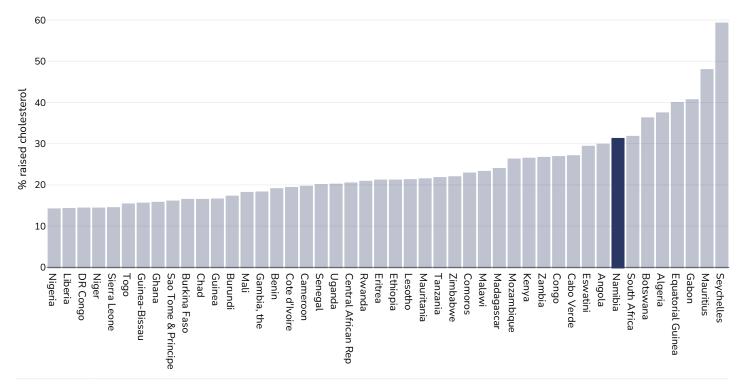
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Definitions:

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



Men, 2008



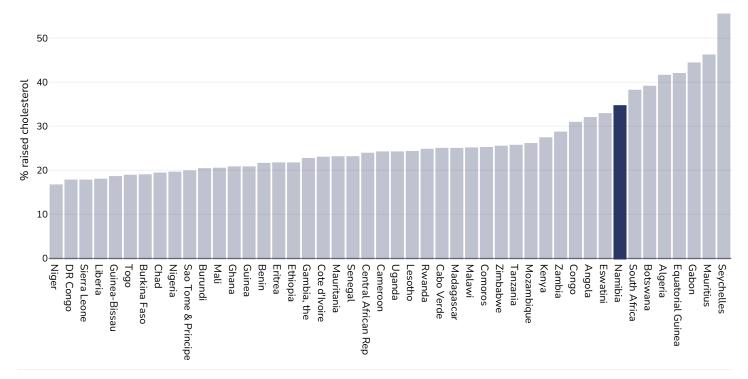
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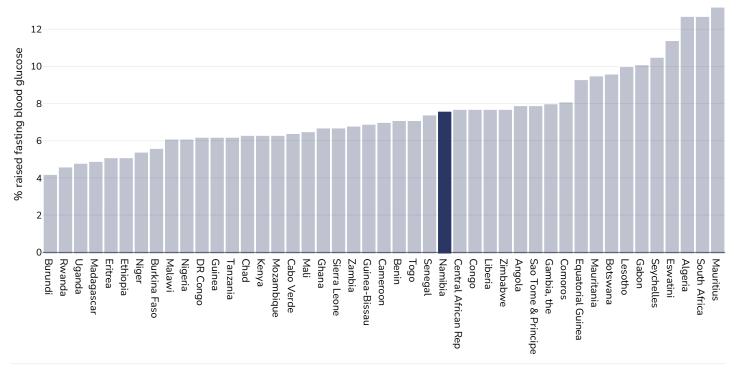
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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



References:

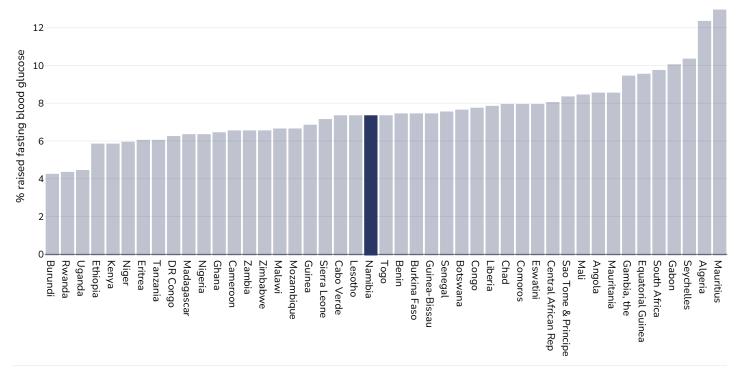
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Definitions:

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





References:

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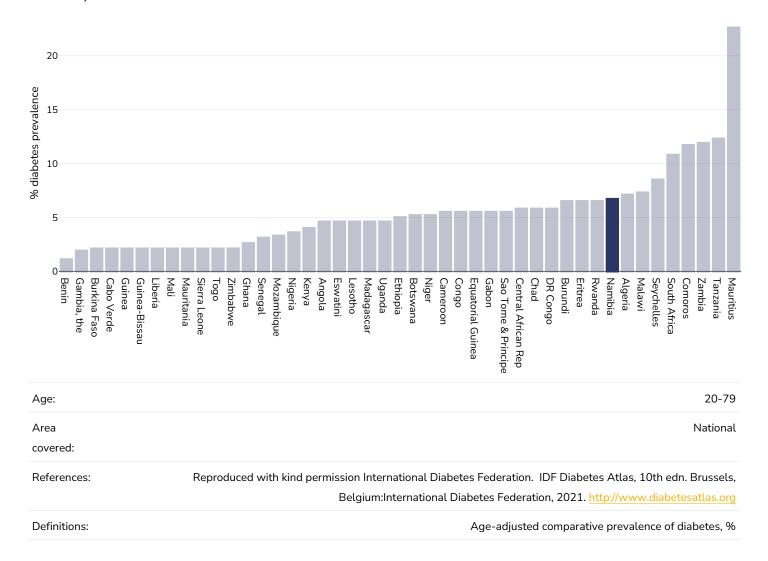
Definitions:

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



Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2021





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?	X
Front-of-package labelling?	×
Back-of-pack nutrition declaration?	×
Color coding?	×
Warning label?	×





Regulation and marketing

Are there fiscal policies on unhealthy products?	X
Tax on unhealthy foods?	X
Tax on unhealthy drinks?	X
Are there fiscal policies on healthy products?	X
Subsidy on fruits?	X
Subsidy on vegetables?	X
Subsidy on other healthy products?	X
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?	X
Mandatory restriction on broadcast media?	X
Mandatory restriction on non-broadcast media?	X
Voluntary policies/marketing restrictions on the promotion of unhealthy food/drinks to children?	X
Are there mandatory standards for food in schools?	X
Are there any mandatory nutrient limits in any manufactured food products?	~
Nutrition standards for public sector procurement?	X





Political will and support

National obesity strategy or nutrition and physical activity national strategy?	X
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National childhood obesity strategy?	X
Comprehensive nutrition strategy?	X
Comprehensive physical activity strategy?	X
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?	X
Governance and resource	
Multi-sectoral national co-ordination mechanism for obesity or nutrition (including obesity)?	~
Key	
Present Present Incoming Absent ? Unknown	wn
(voluntary)	

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