

Nepal



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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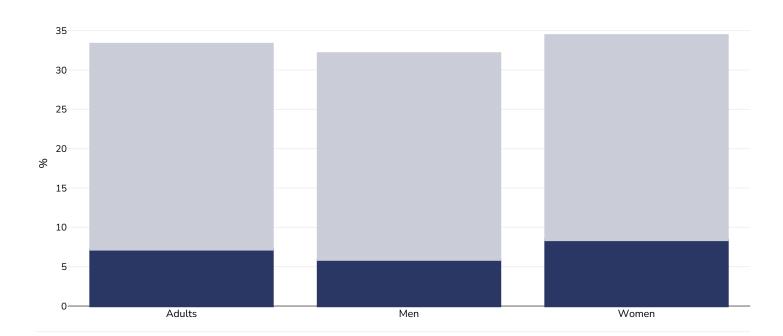


Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2022

Survey type:





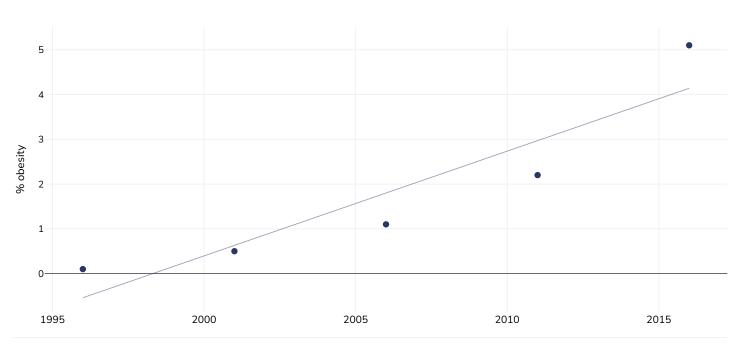
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Sample size:	7117
Area covered:	National
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Notes:	5750 Women and 1367 Men NB. Combined adult data estimated. These estimates were calculated by weighting male and female survey results. Weighting based on World Bank Population % total female 2020 (https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL.FE.ZS - accessed 06.07.23)

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% Adults living with obesity in Nepal 1996-2016

Obesity, Women



Survey type: Measured

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Notes: Adults aged 15-49

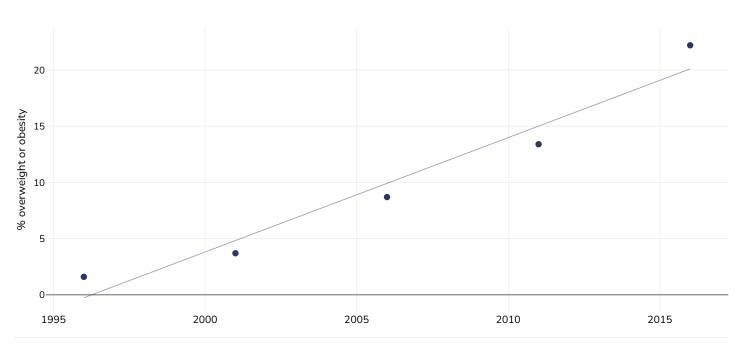
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% Adults living with overweight or obesity in Nepal 1996-2016

Overweight or obesity, Women



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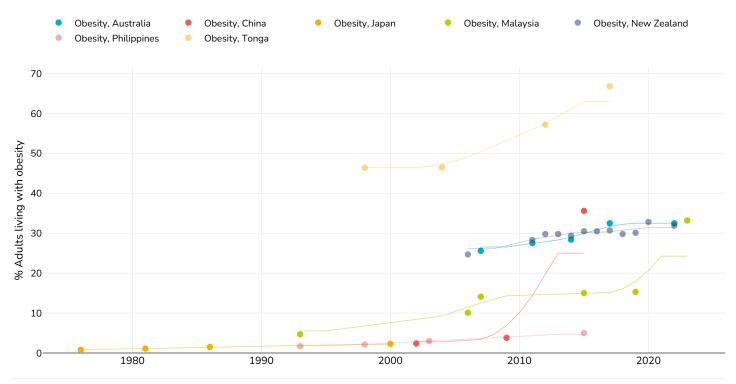


% Adults living with obesity in selected countries in the Asia/Oceania Region 1975-2019, selected countries

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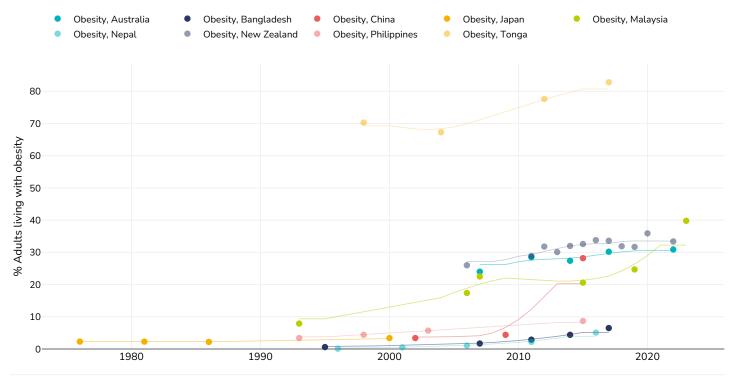
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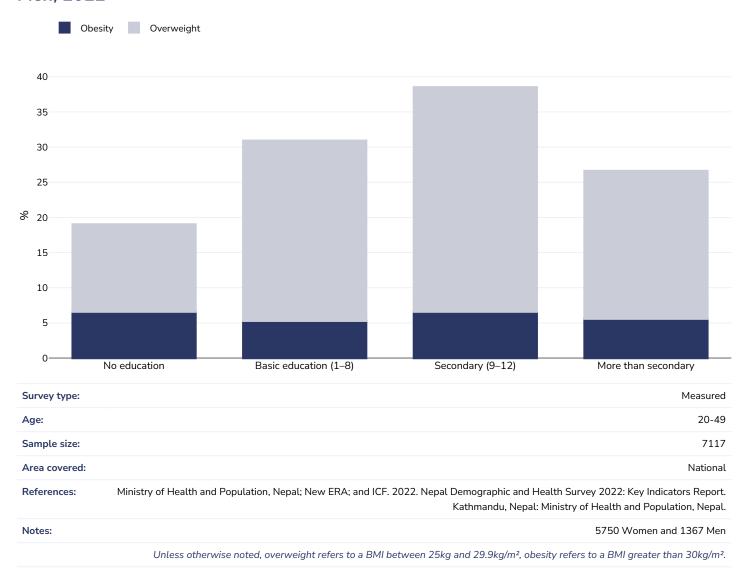


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Overweight/obesity by education

Men, 2022



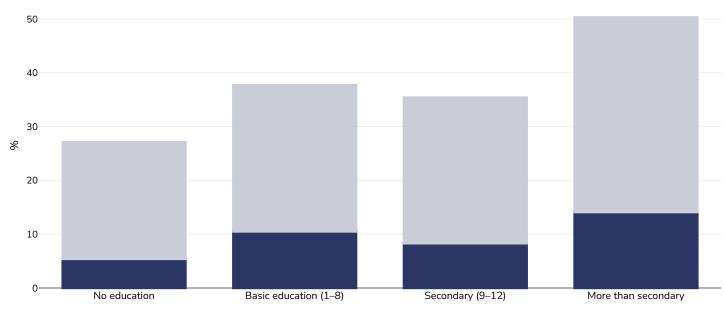
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Women, 2022

Notes:





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Overweight/obesity by age

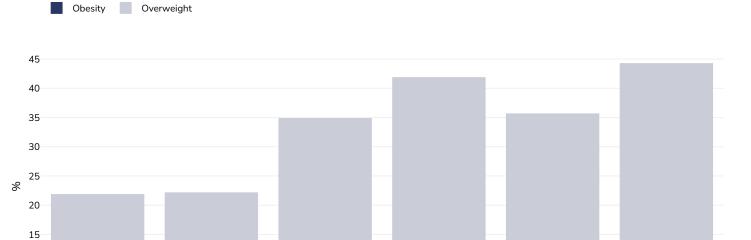
Adults, 2022

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Women





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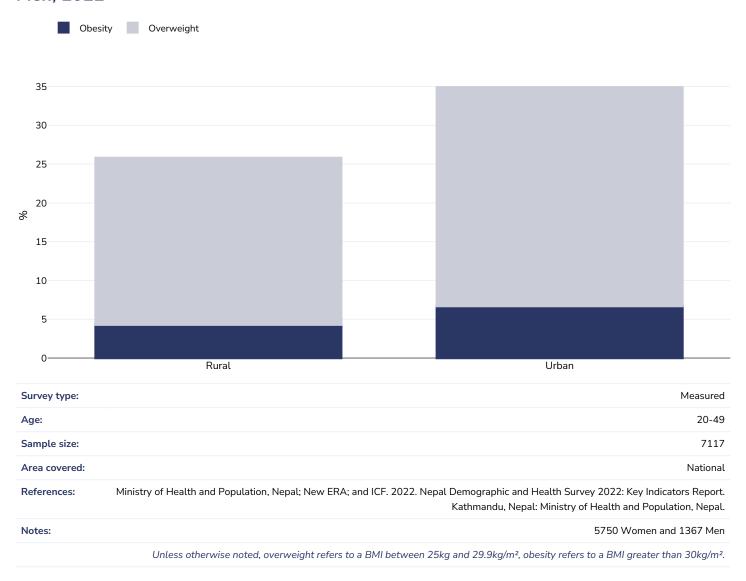
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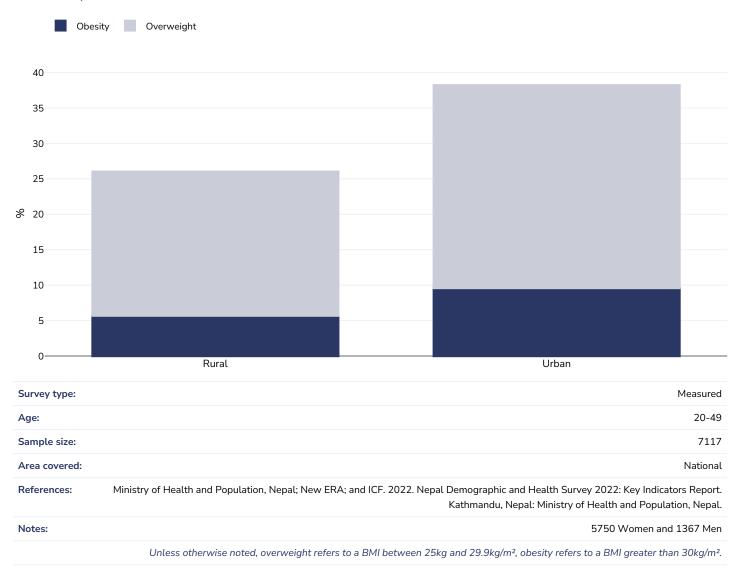


Overweight/obesity by region

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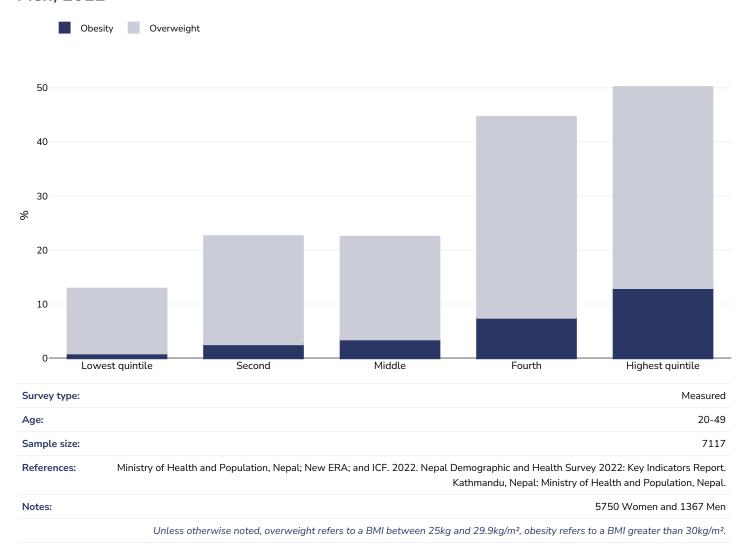






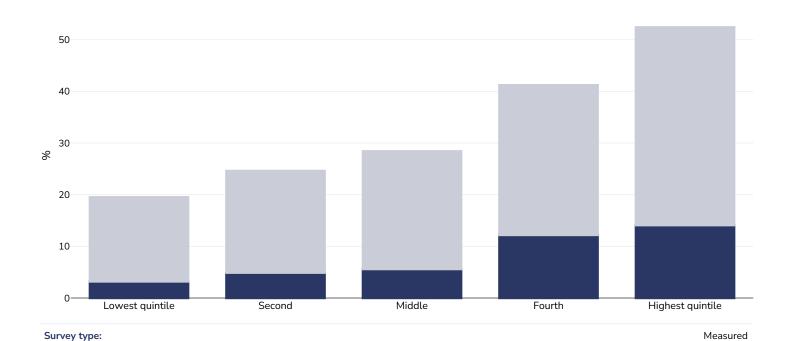
Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Men, 2022









Age: 20-49

Sample size: 7117

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Madhesi



Overweight/obesity by ethnicity

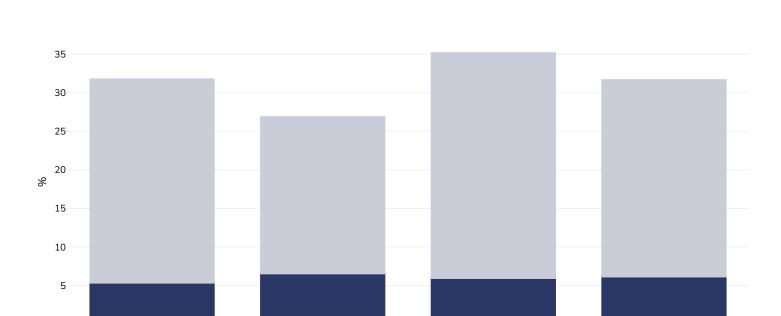
Overweight

Brahmin/Chhetri

Ethnic groups are as defined by publication of origin and are not as defined by WOF. In some instances ethnicity is conflated with nationality and/or race.

Men, 2022

Obesity



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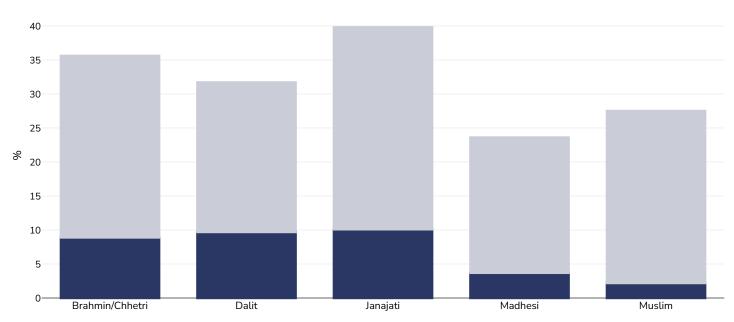
Dalit

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Janajati







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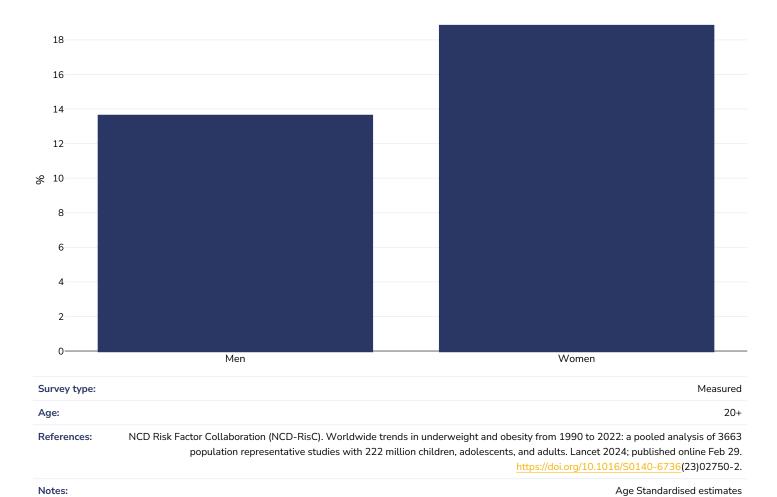
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Double burden of underweight & overweight

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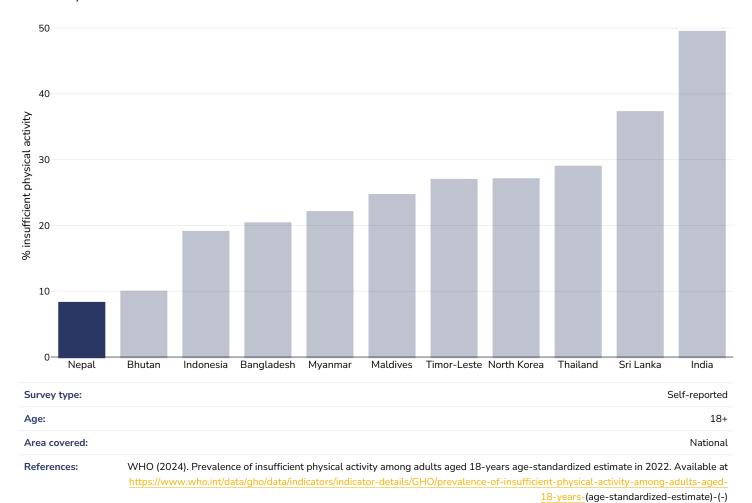
Combined prevalence of BMI<18.5 kg/m 2 and BMI>=30 kg/m 2 (double burden of underweight and obesity)



Insufficient physical activity

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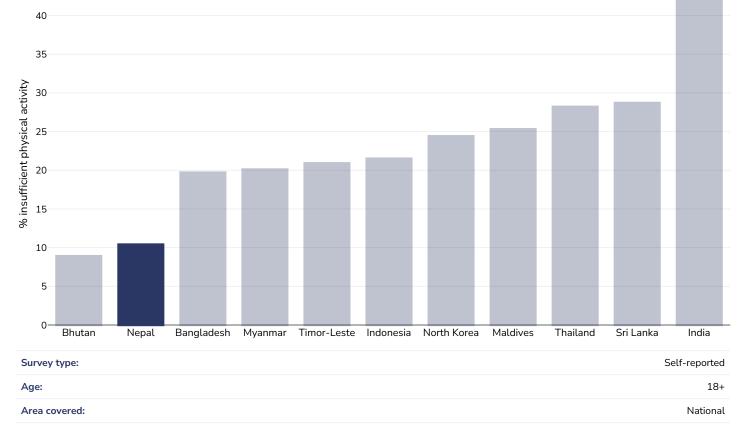


Percent of population attaining less than 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week, or less than 75 minutes of

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Men, 2022

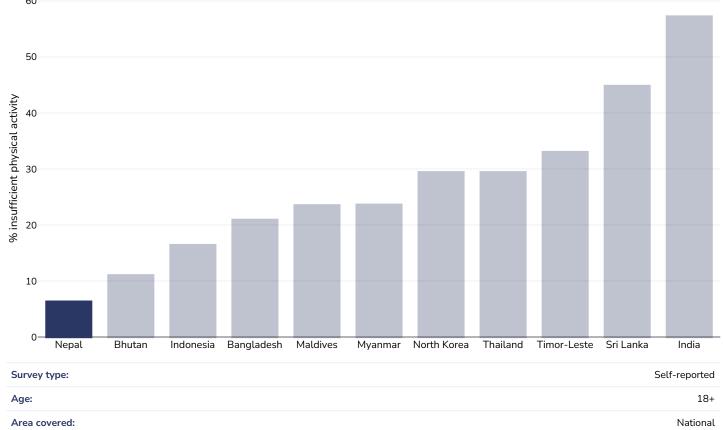


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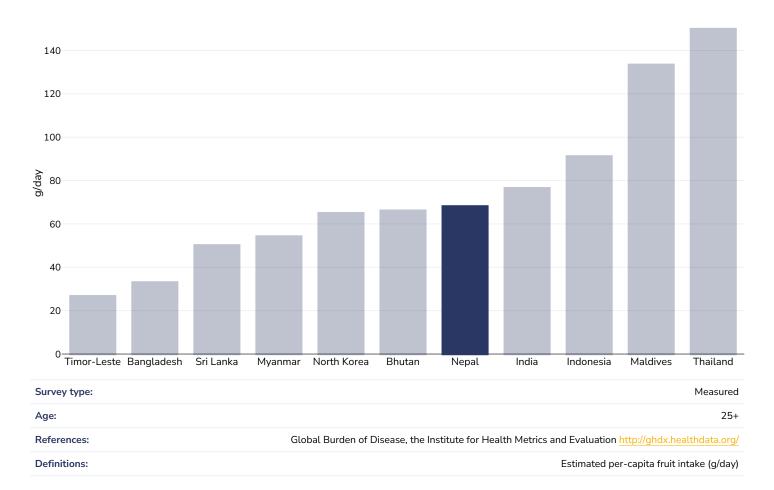
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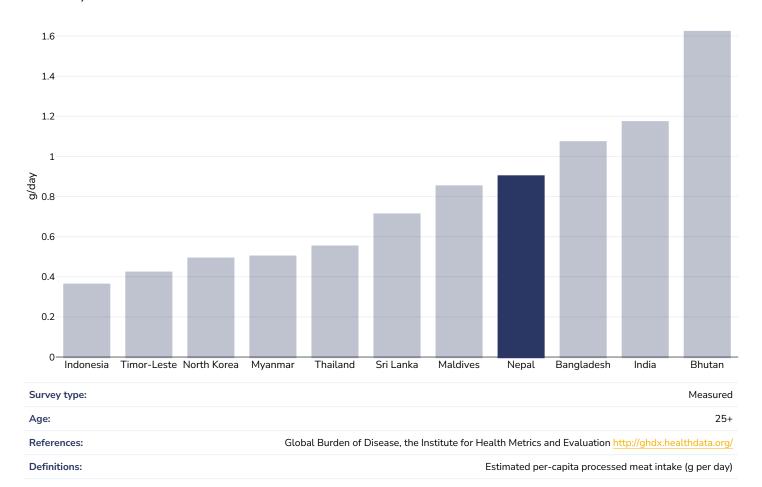


Estimated per capita fruit intake



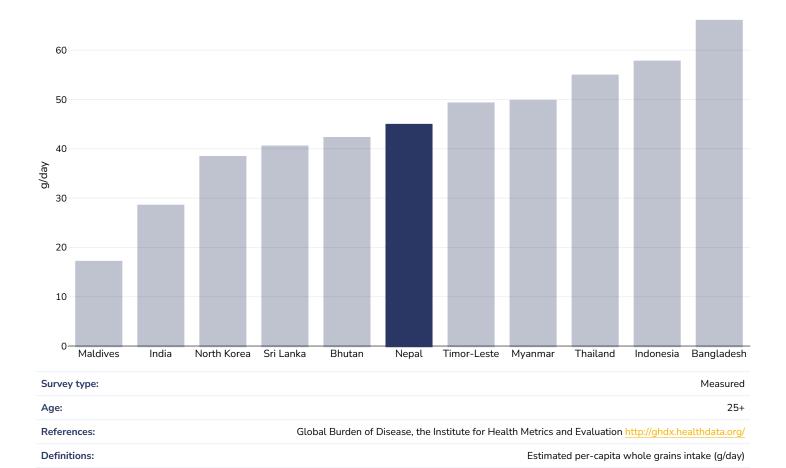


Estimated per-capita processed meat intake



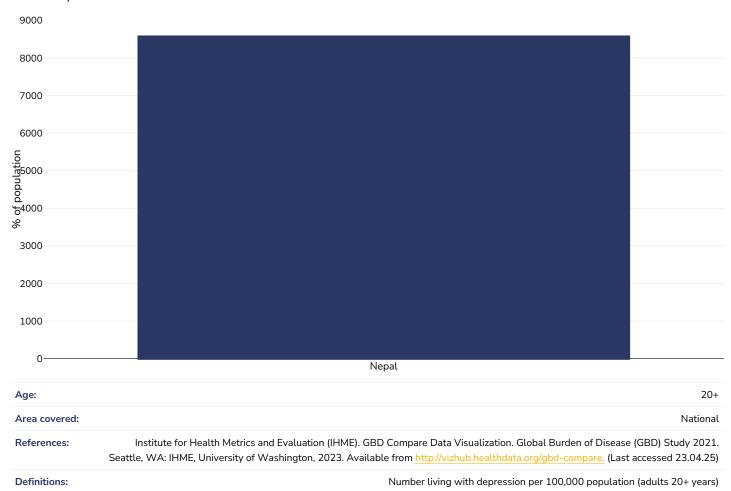


Estimated per capita whole grains intake





Mental health - depression disorders

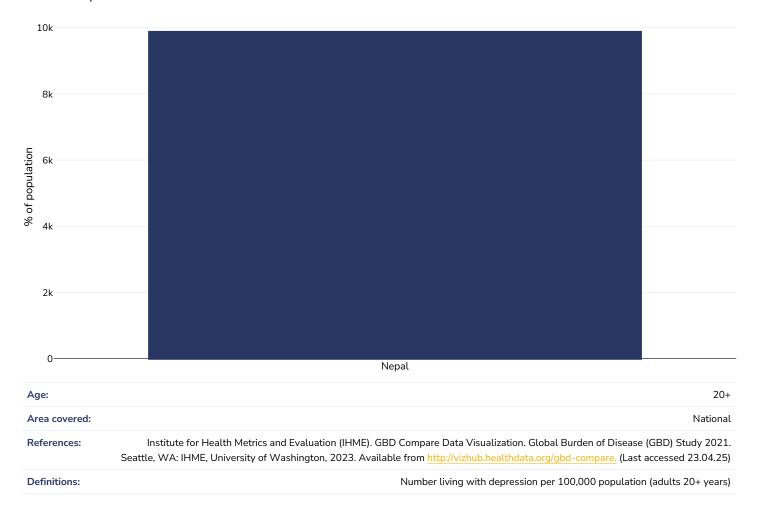




Men, 2021

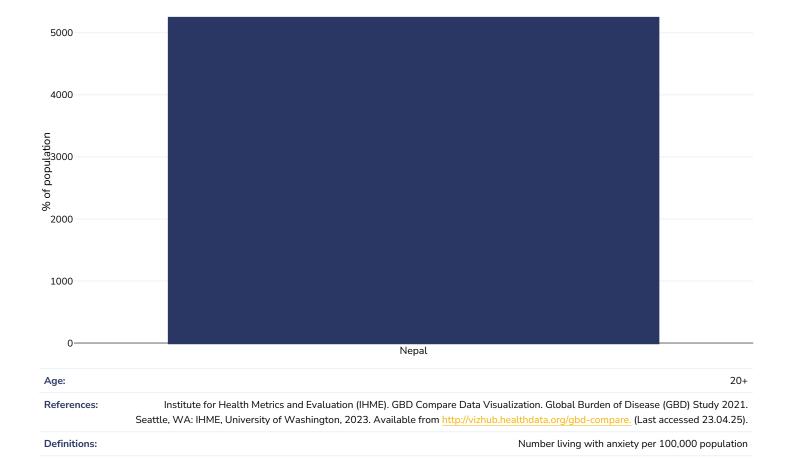






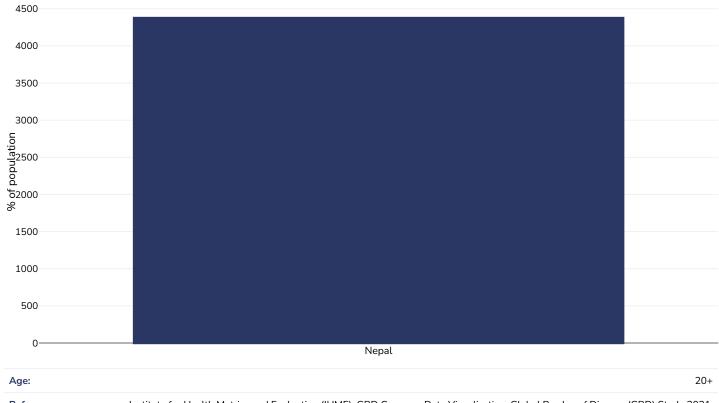


Mental health - anxiety disorders





Men, 2021



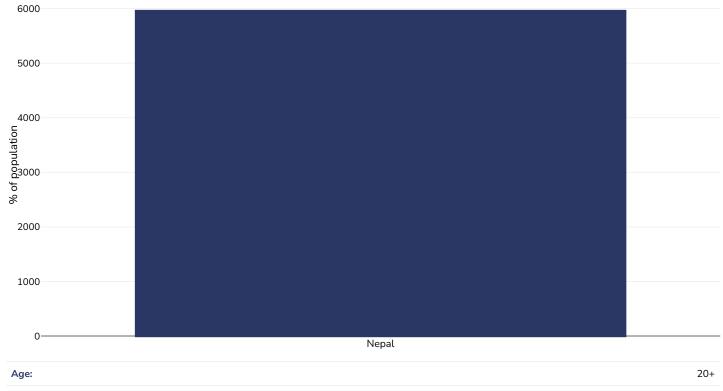
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Definitions:

Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population





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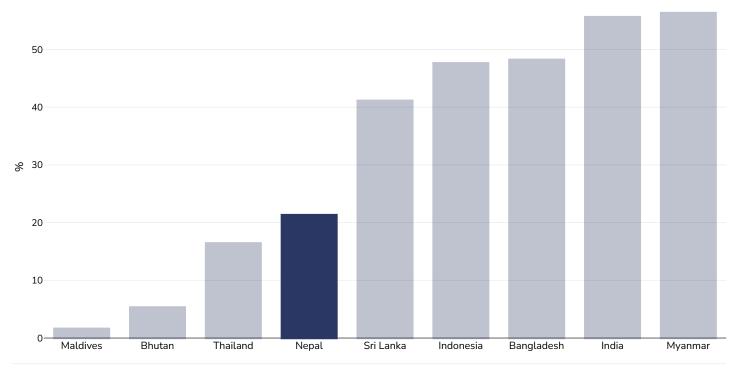
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Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population



Percent of population who cannot afford a healthy diet

Adults, 2022



Area covered: National

References:

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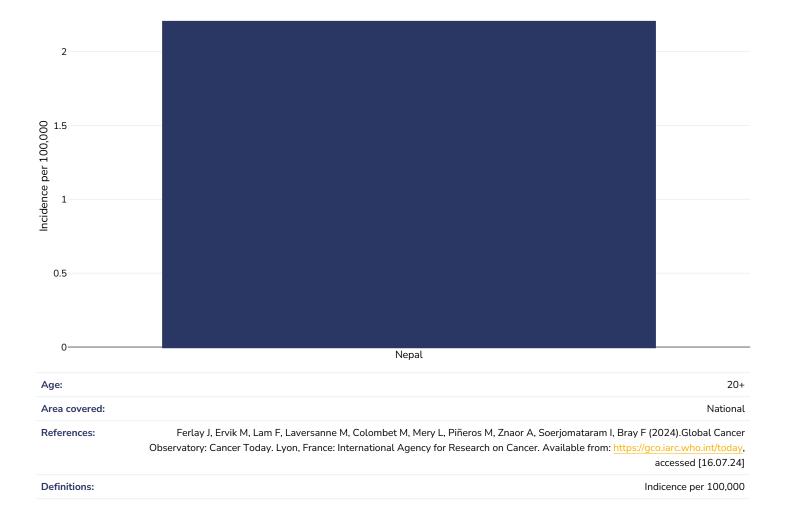
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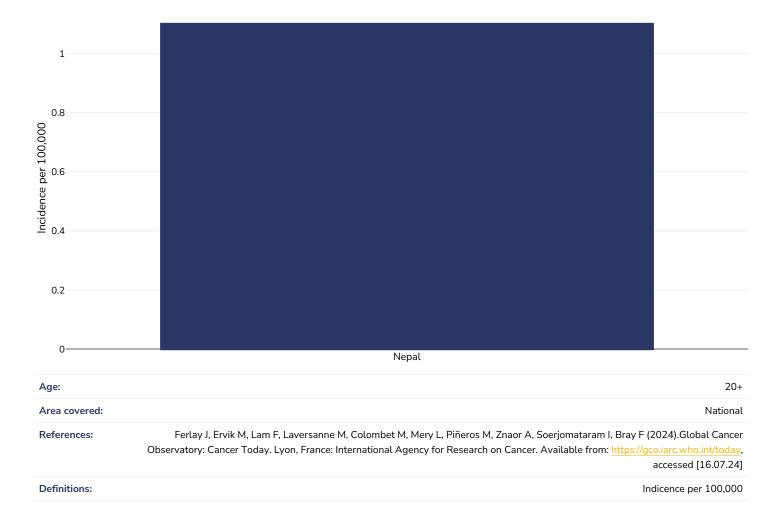


Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2022



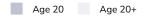


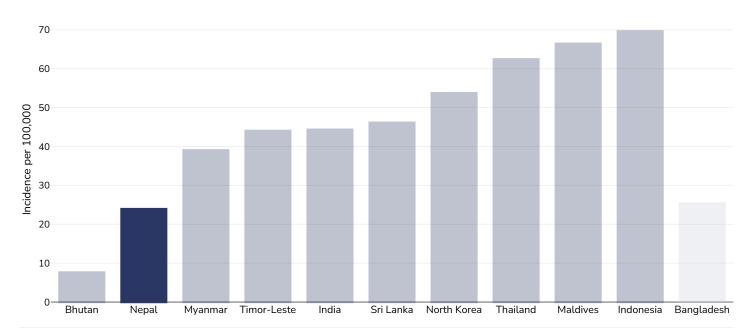




Breast cancer

Women, 2022





Area covered: National

References:

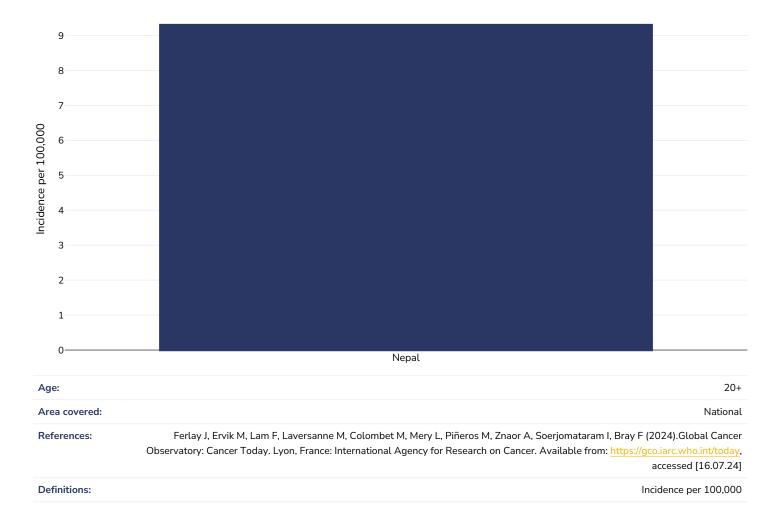
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Colorectal cancer

Men, 2022



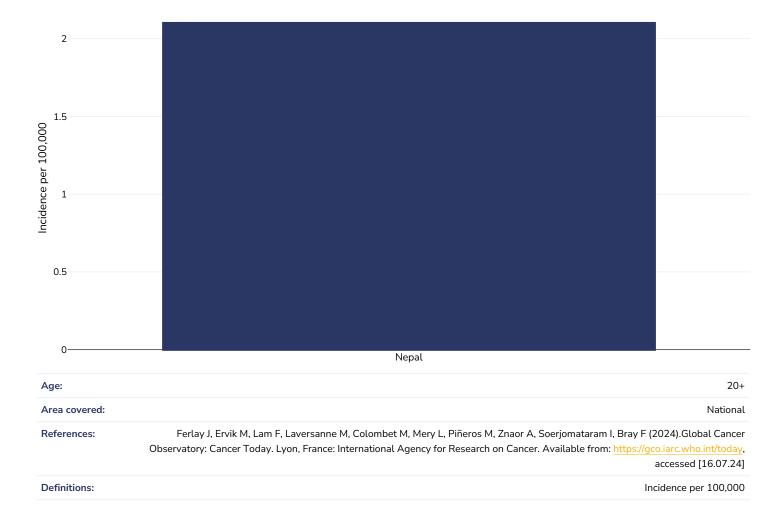




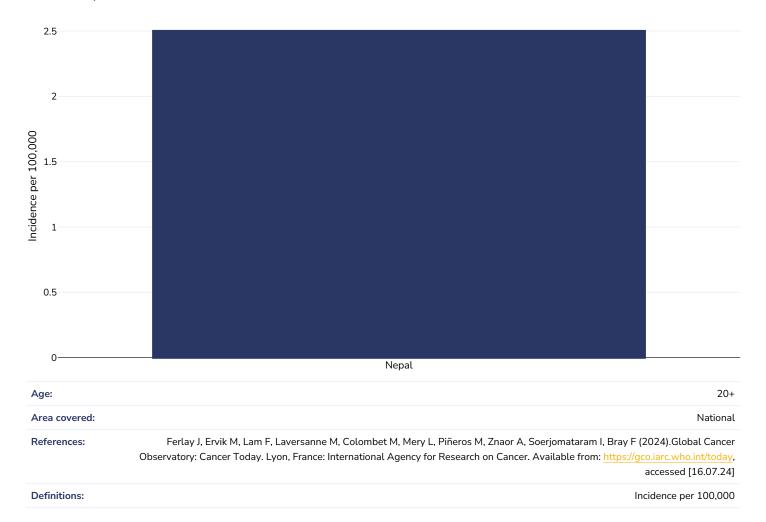


Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2022



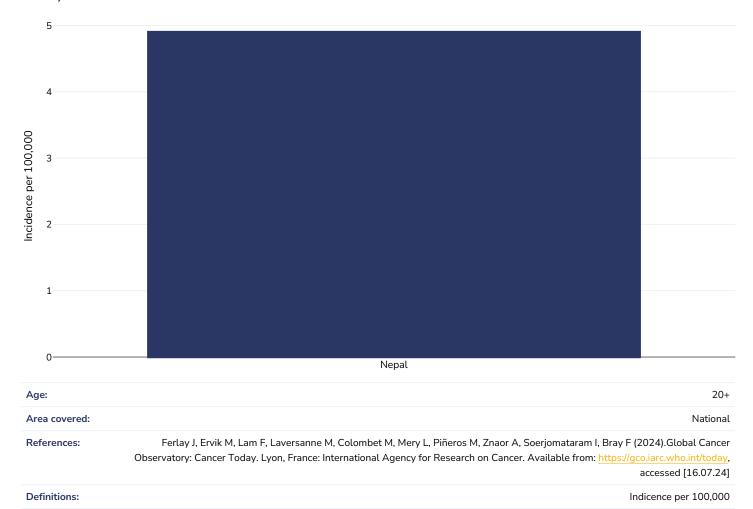




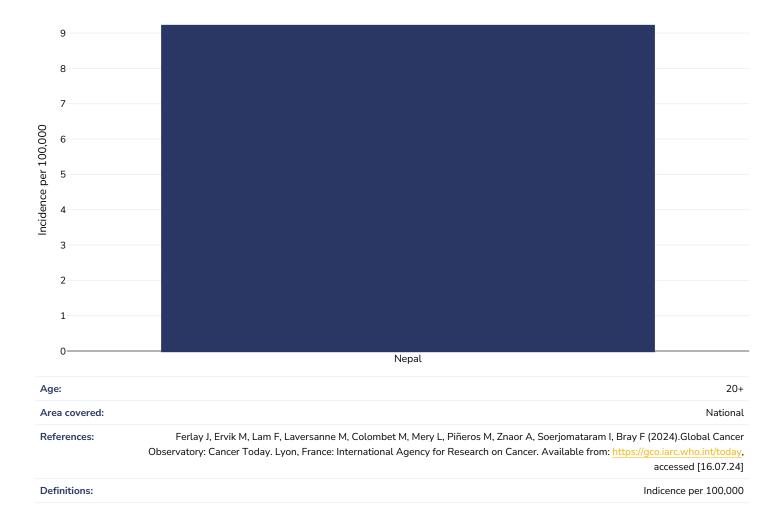


Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2022



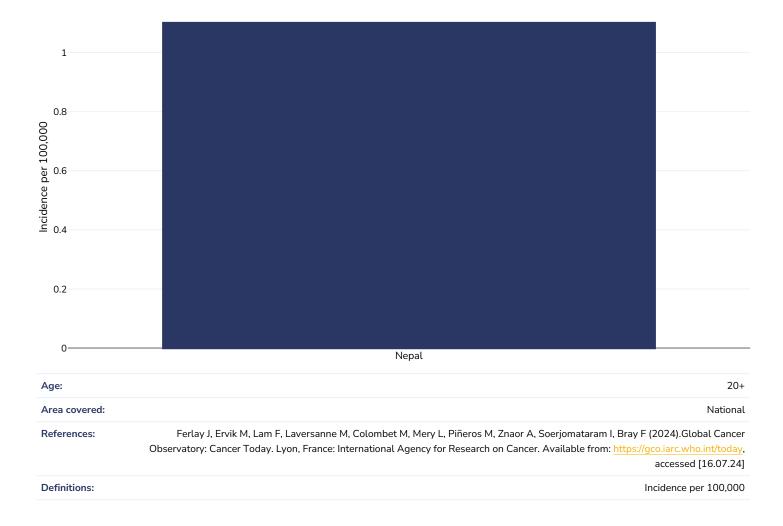




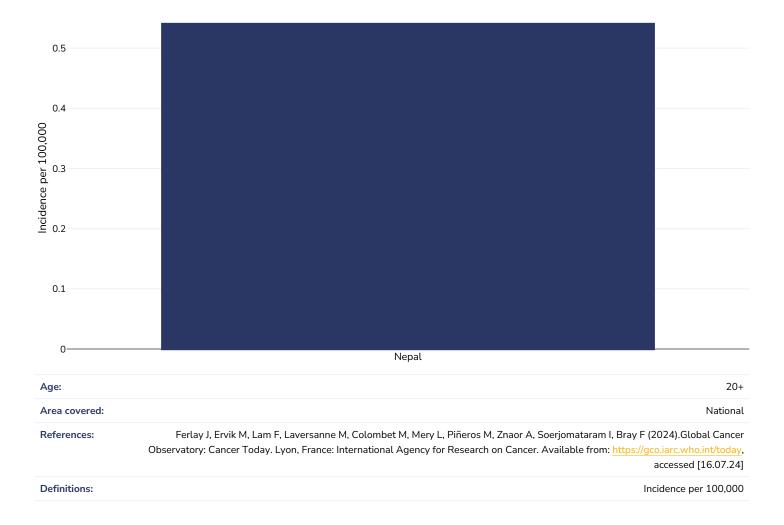


Kidney cancer

Men, 2022

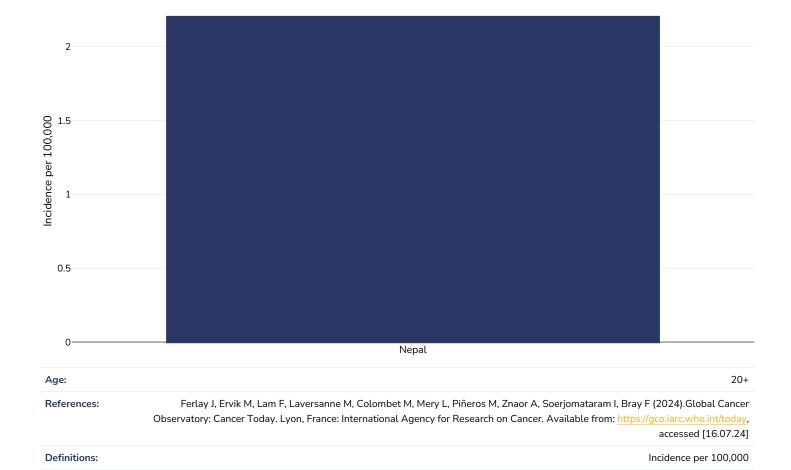








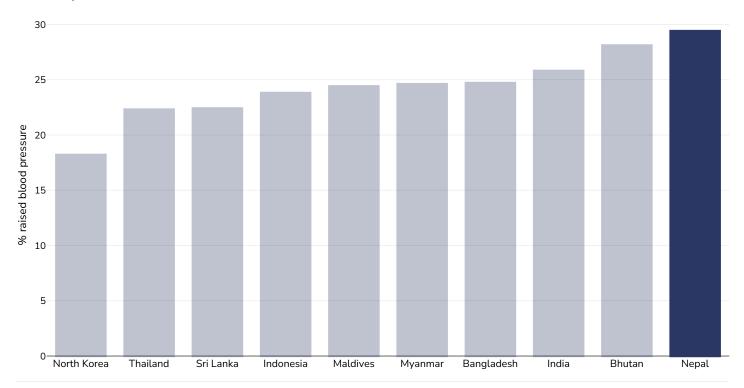
Cancer of the uterus





Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



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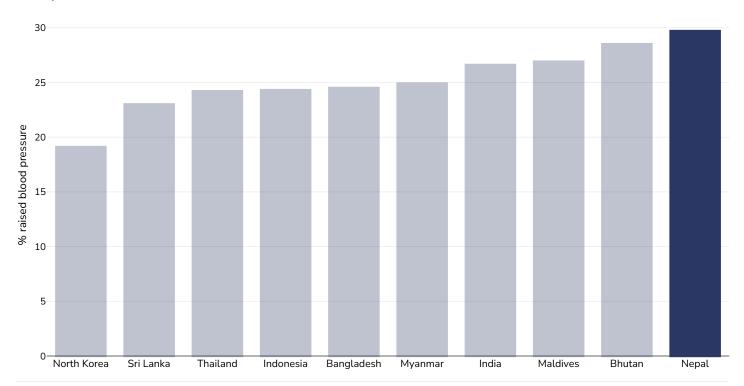
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Definitions:

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



Men, 2015



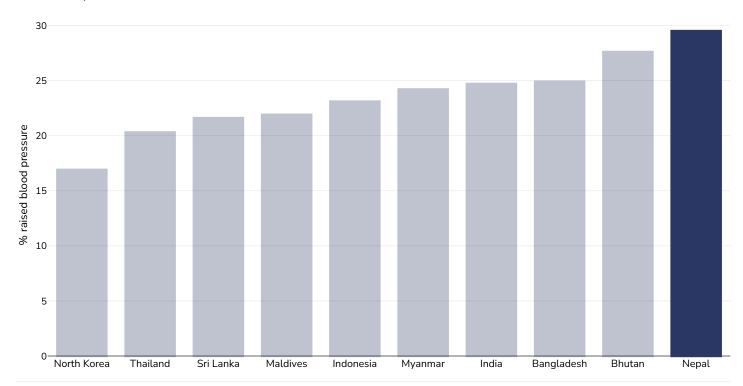
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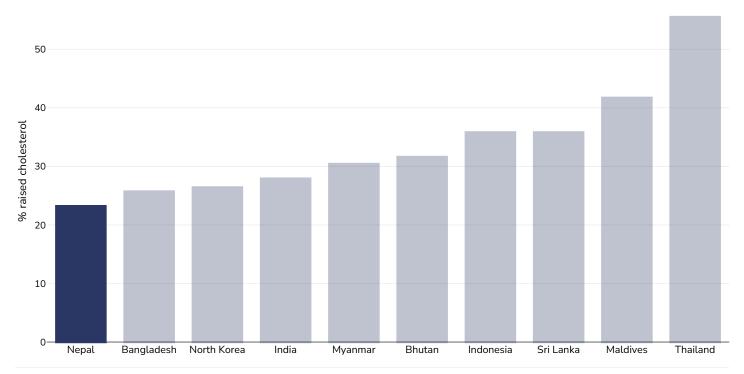
Definitions:

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



Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



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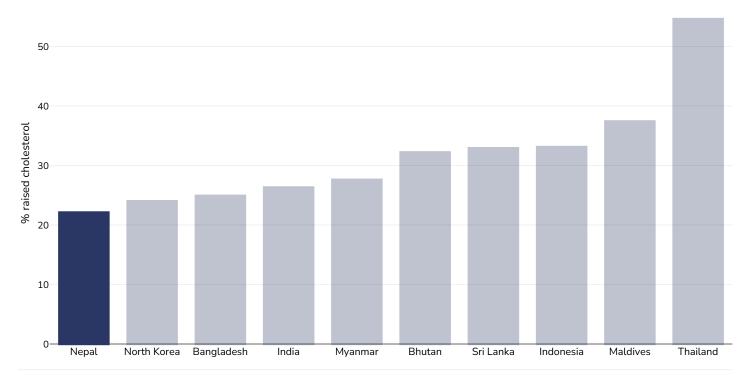
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Definitions:

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



Men, 2008



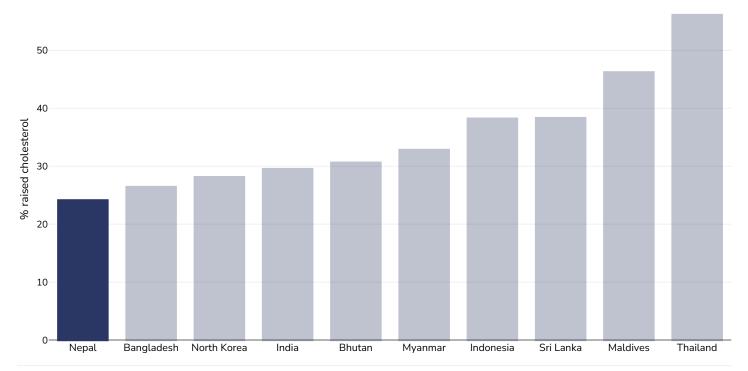
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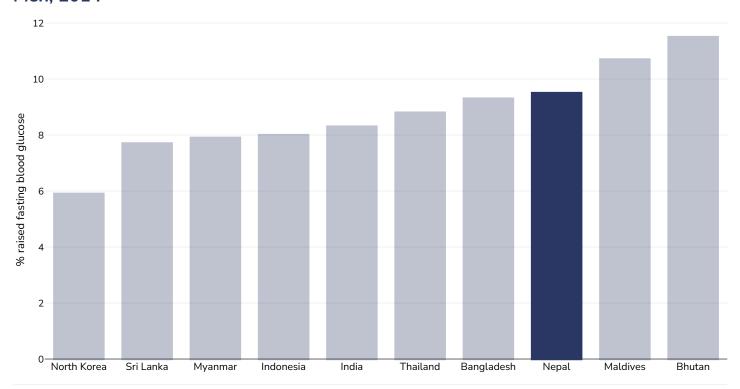
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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



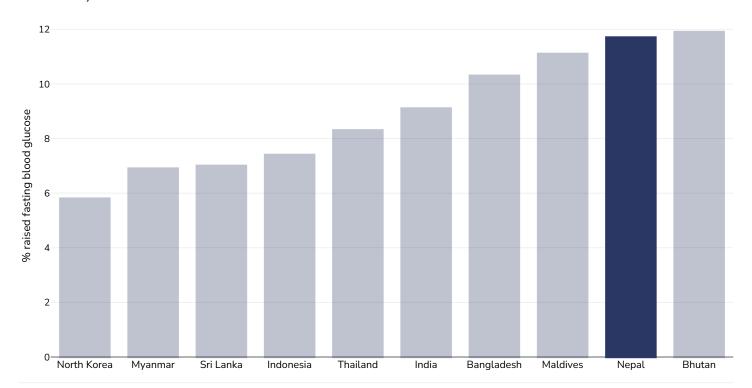
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Definitions:

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





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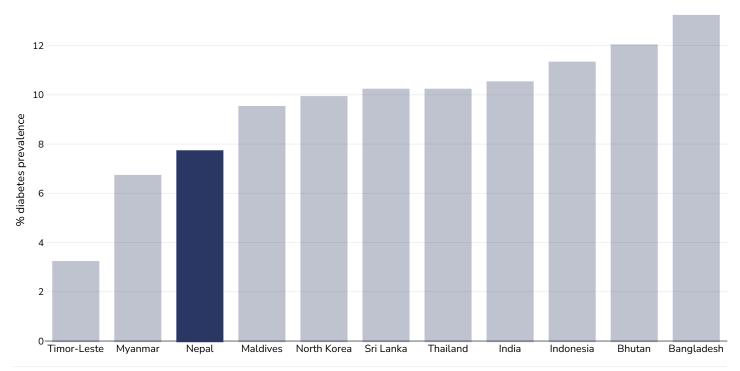
Definitions:

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Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



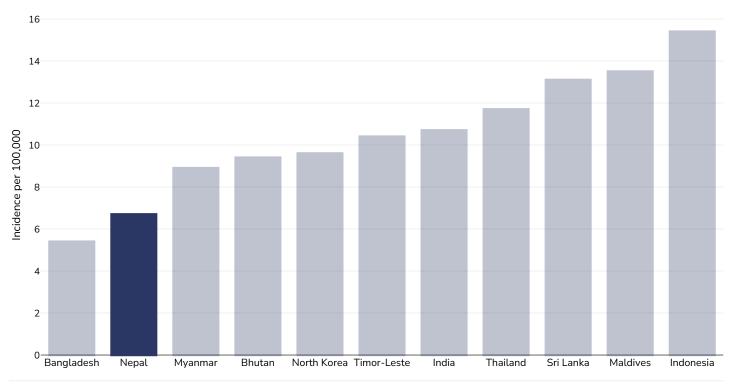
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Ovarian Cancer

Women, 2022



Age: 20+

References:

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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000



Leukemia

Men, 2022											
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3											
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Age:							20+				
Area covered:							National				
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Definitions:						Incidence pe	r 100,000				
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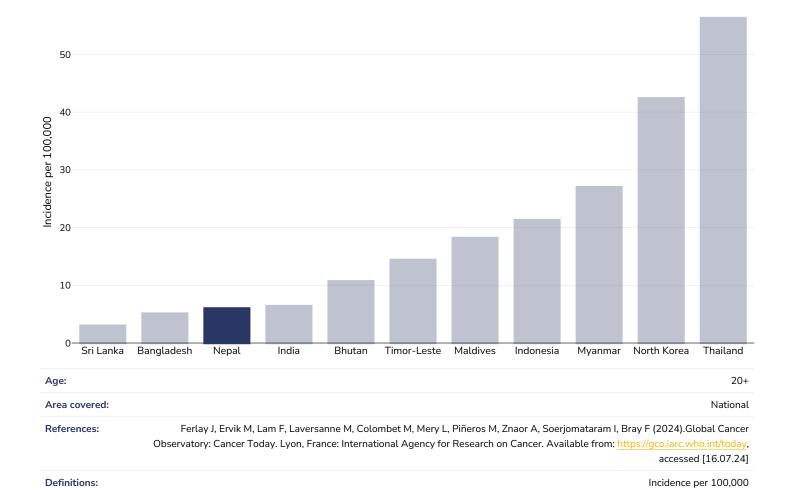


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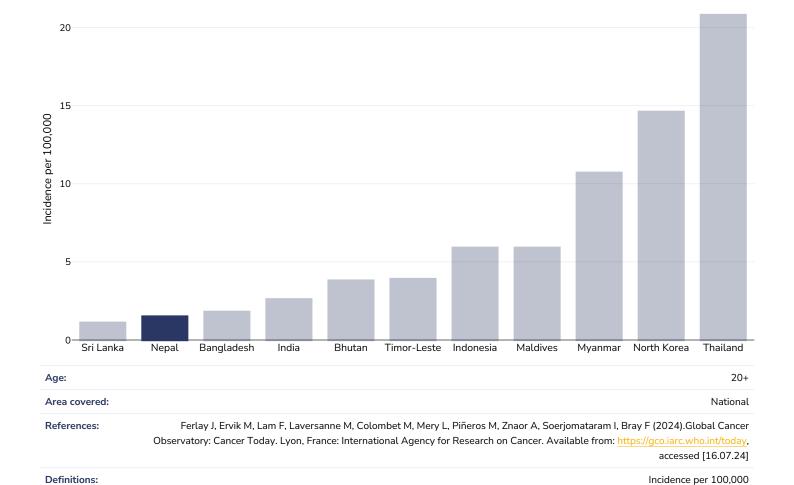


Liver and intrahepatic bile duct Cancer

Men, 2022



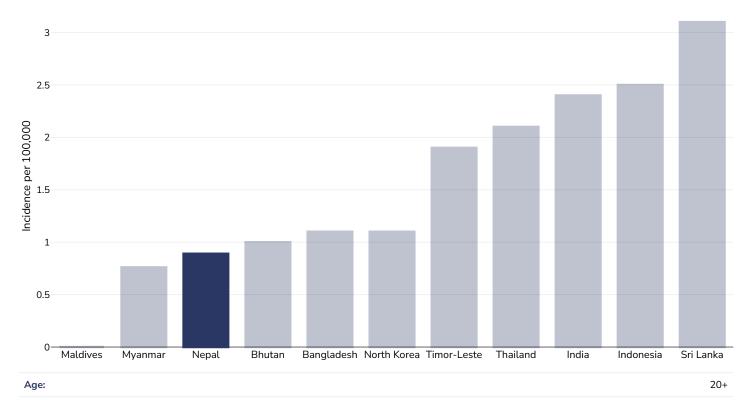






Multiple Myeloma

Men, 2022



Area covered: National

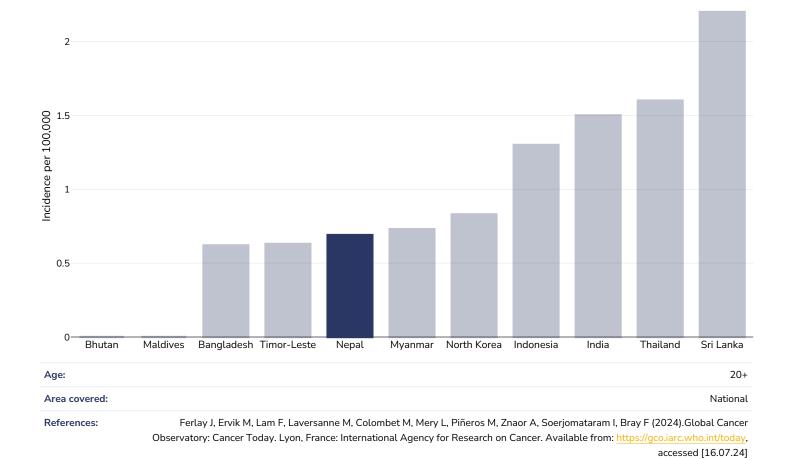
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Definitions: Indicence per 100,000

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Definitions: Indicence per 100,000

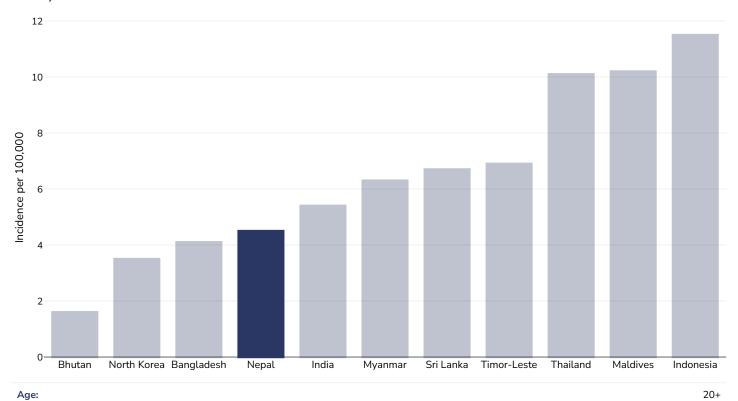
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Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

Men, 2022



Area covered: National

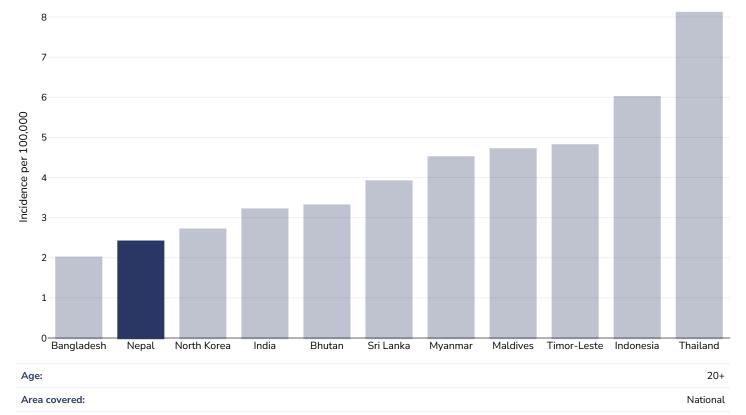
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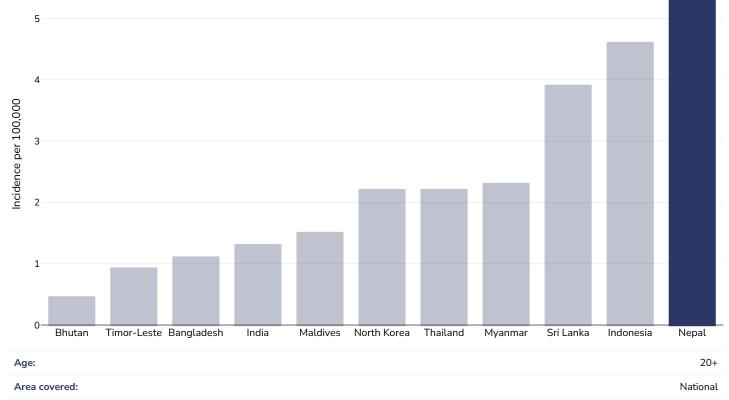
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Thyroid Cancer

Men, 2022

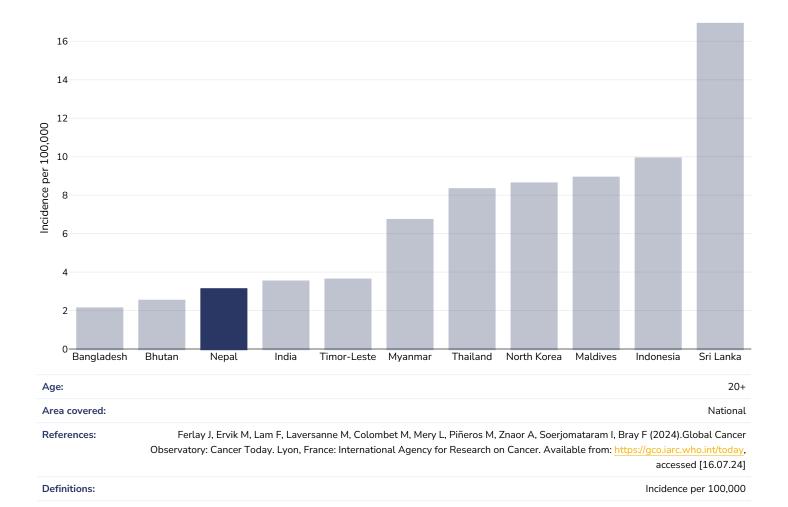


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