

Report card Pakistan

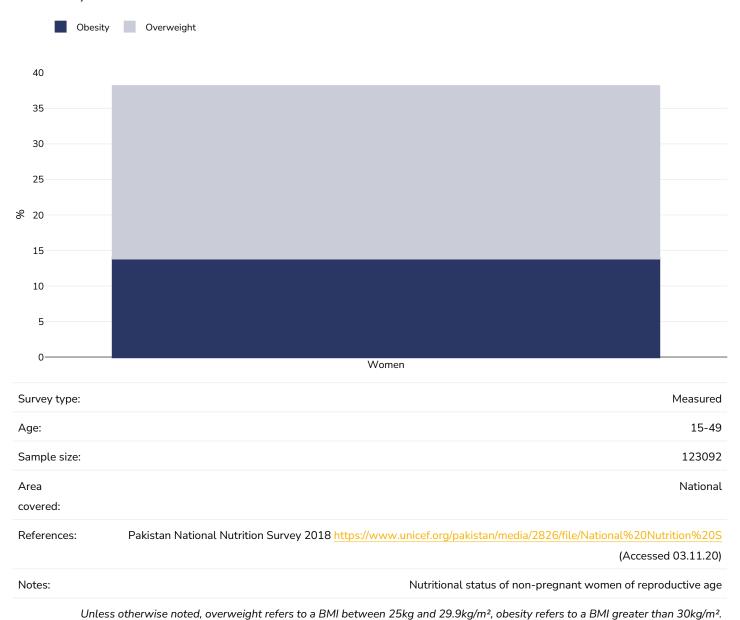


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Obesity prevalence

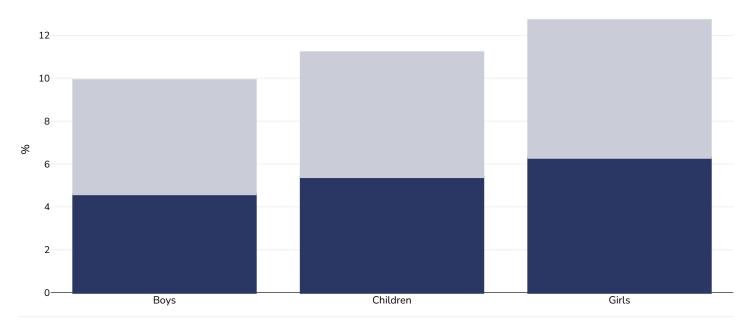
Women, 2018





Children, 2021





Survey type:	Measured
Age:	9-17
Sample size:	3551
Area covered:	National

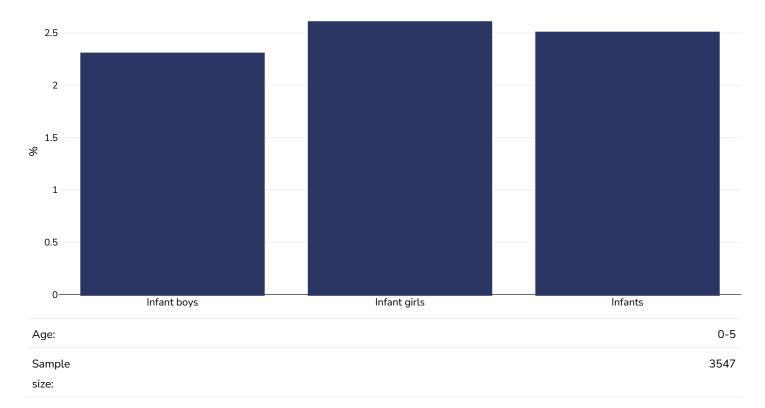
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Cutoffs: CDC US 2000 BMI charts



Infants, 2017-2018

Overweight or obesity



References: DHS: Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey 2017-18. Islamabad, Pakistan, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: NIPS and ICF

Notes: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Overweight (Survey Estimates), May 2023,

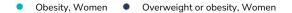
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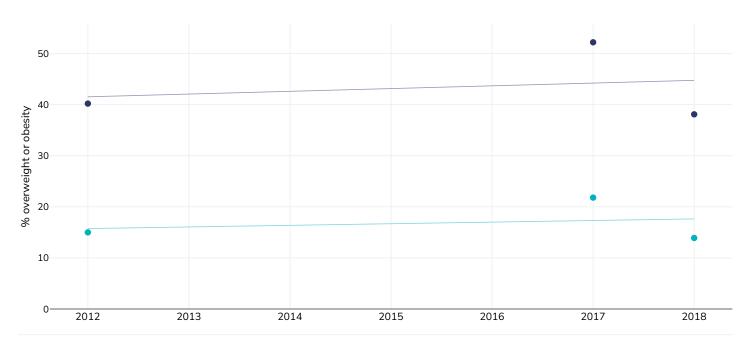
median weight-for-height of the reference population.

Definitions: =>+2SD



% Adults living with overweight or obesity in Pakistan 2012-2018





Survey Measured

type:

References: 2012: National Institute of Population Studies - NIPS/Pakistan and ICF International. 2013. Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey 2012-13. Islamabad, Pakistan: NIPS/Pakistan and ICF International.

2017: National Institute of Population Studies - NIPS/Pakistan and ICF. 2019. Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey 2017-18. Islamabad, Pakistan, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: NIPS and ICF.

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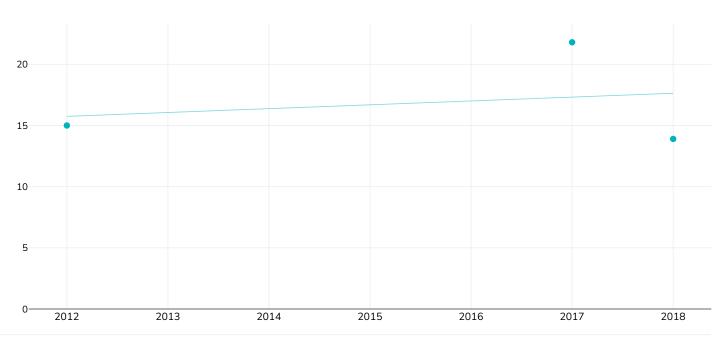
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Trend Adult Obesity 2012 2018

Obesity, Women



Survey Measured

type:

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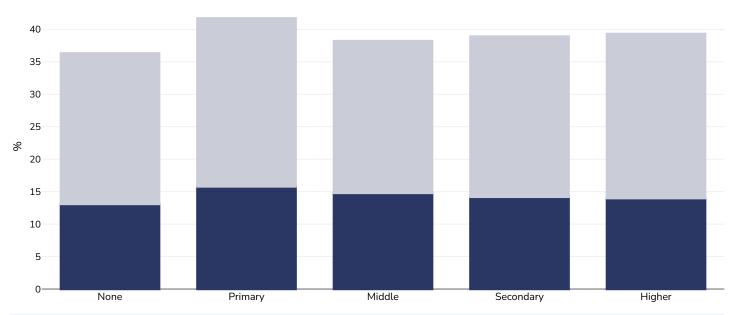


Overweight/obesity by education

Women, 2018

Notes:





Survey type:	Measured
Age:	15-49
Sample size:	123092
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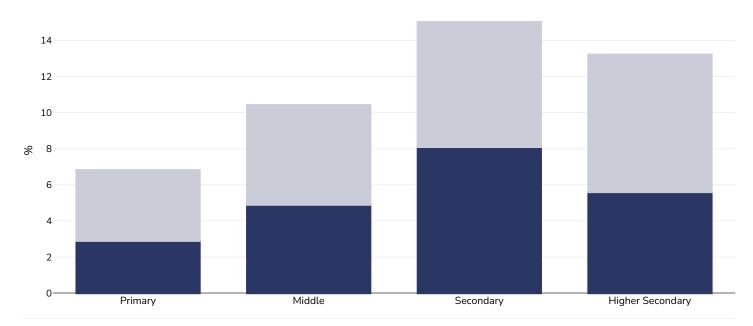
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Non-pregnant women



Children, 2021





Survey type:	Measured
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Sample size:	3551
Area covered:	National

References:

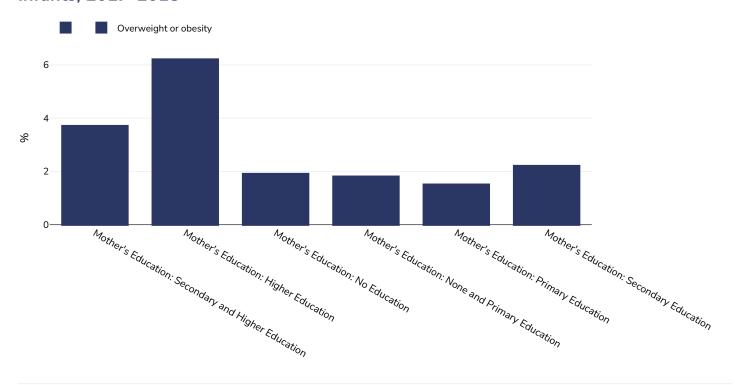
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Cutoffs: CDC US 2000 BMI charts



Infants, 2017-2018



Sample	3547
size:	
References:	DHS: Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey 2017-18. Islamabad, Pakistan, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: NIPS and ICF
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
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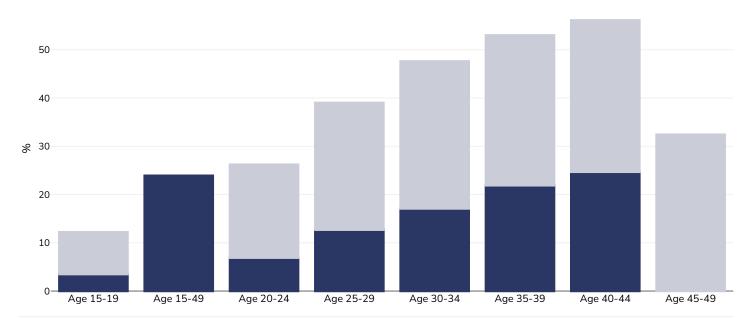
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Overweight/obesity by age

Women, 2018





Survey type:

Sample size:

Area
covered:

Measured

123092

References: Pakistan National Nutrition Survey 2018 https://www.unicef.org/pakistan/media/2826/file/National%20Nutrition%20S (Accessed 03.11.20)

Notes: Nutritional status of non-pregnant women of reproductive age

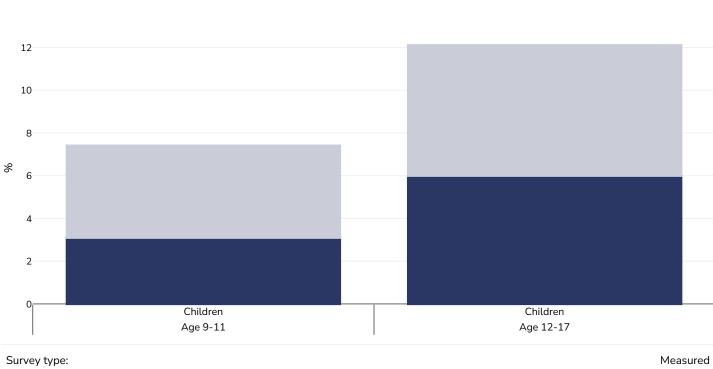
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Children, 2021

References:

Obesity Overweight



Sample size: 3551
Area National covered:

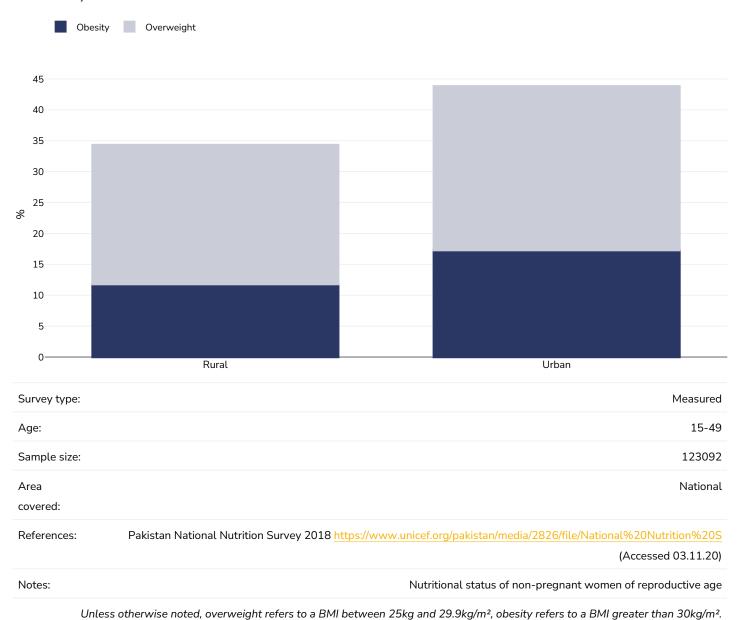
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Cutoffs: CDC US 2000 BMI charts



Overweight/obesity by region

Women, 2018

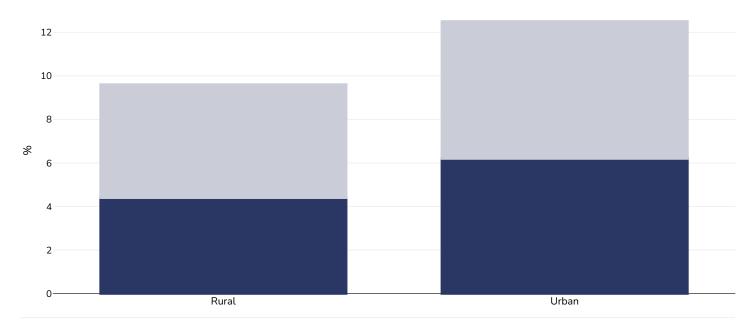


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Children, 2021





Survey type:	Measured
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Sample size:	3551
Area covered:	National

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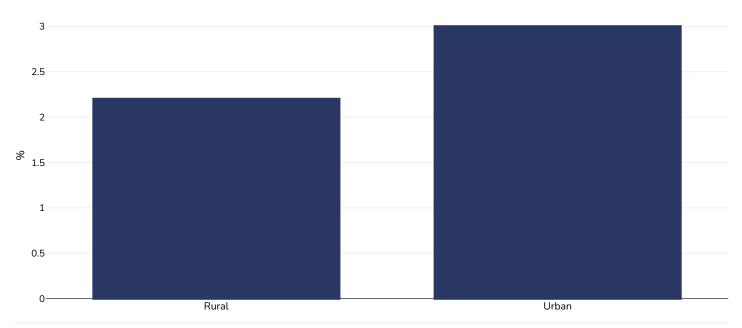
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Cutoffs: CDC US 2000 BMI charts



Infants, 2017-2018

Overweight or obesity



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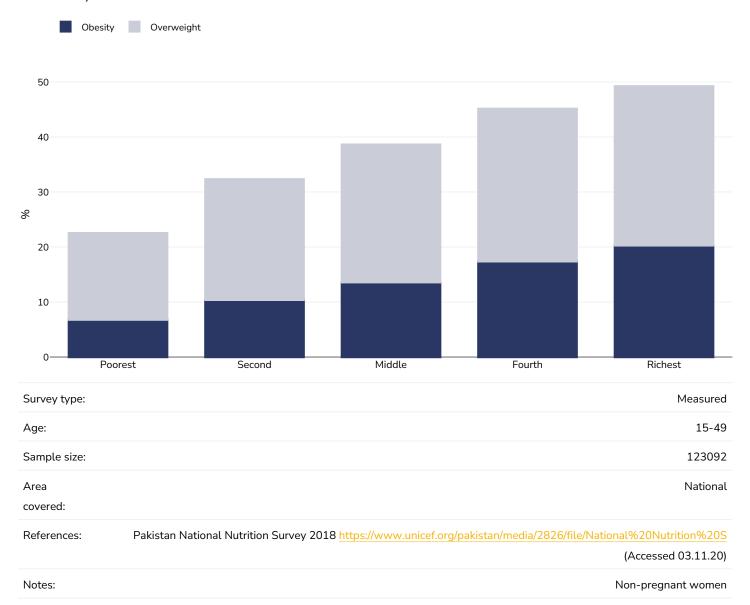
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Definitions: =>+2SD



Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Women, 2018

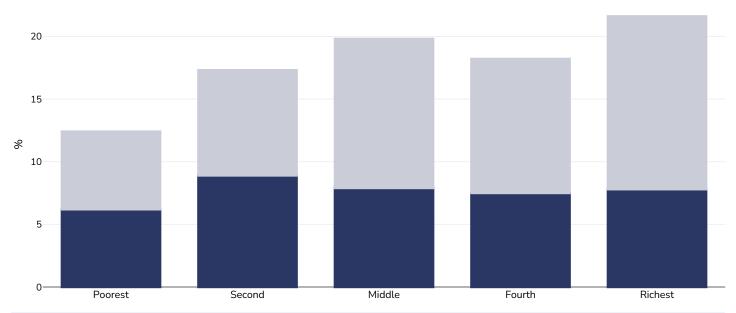


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Boys, 2018



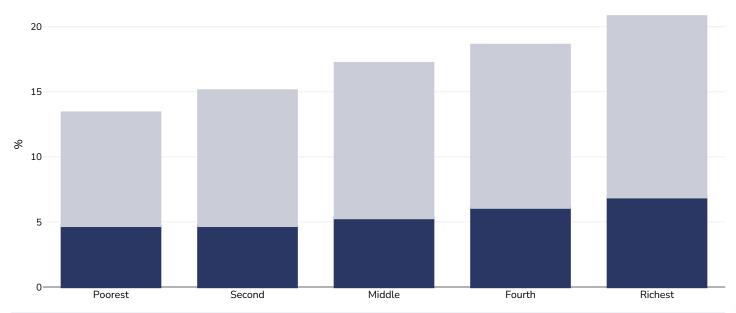


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Notes:	BMI-for-age cut-offs also available
Cutoffs:	WHO



Girls, 2018



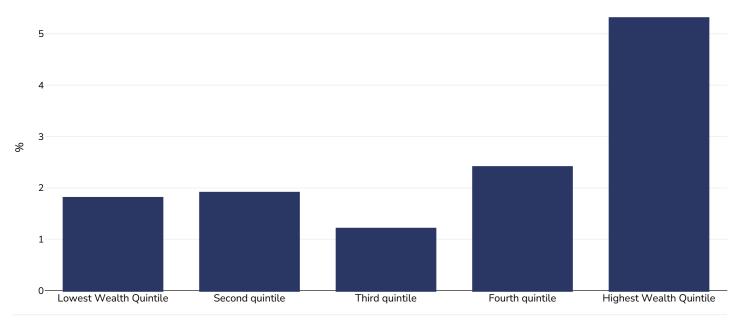


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Notes:	BMI-for-age cut-offs also available
Cutoffs:	WHO



Infants, 2017-2018

Overweight or obesity



Sample 3547

size:

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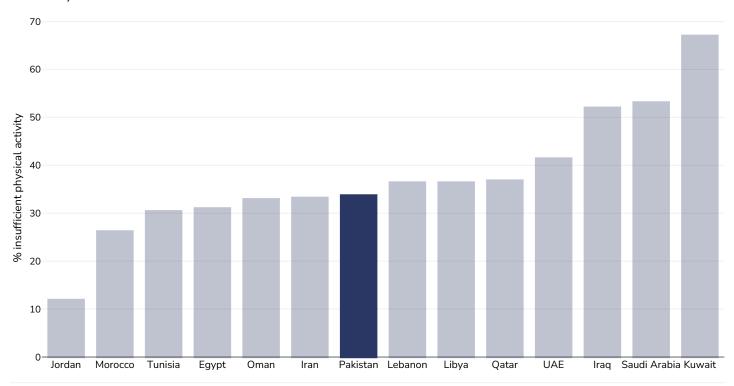
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Insufficient physical activity

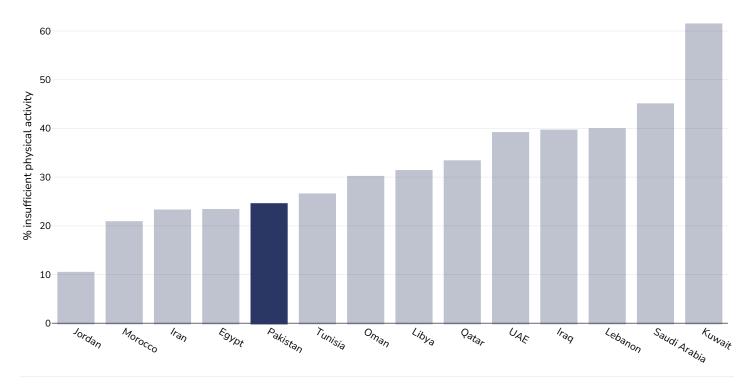
Adults, 2016



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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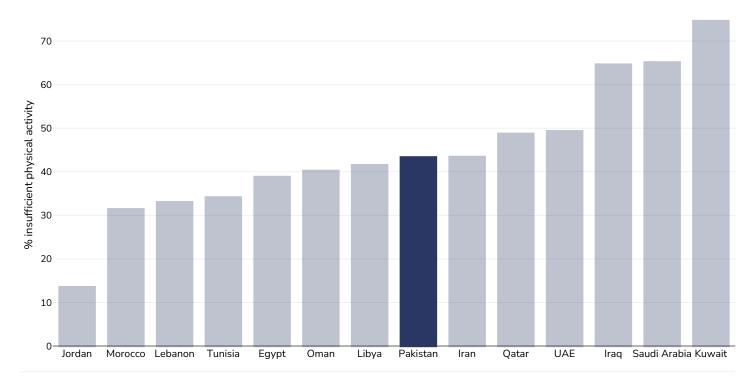
Men, 2016



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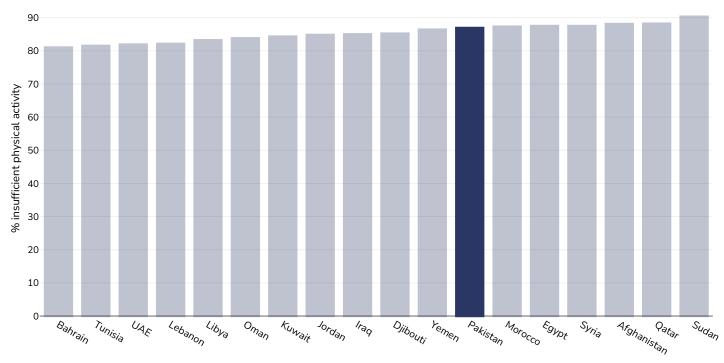
Women, 2016



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
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Children, 2016

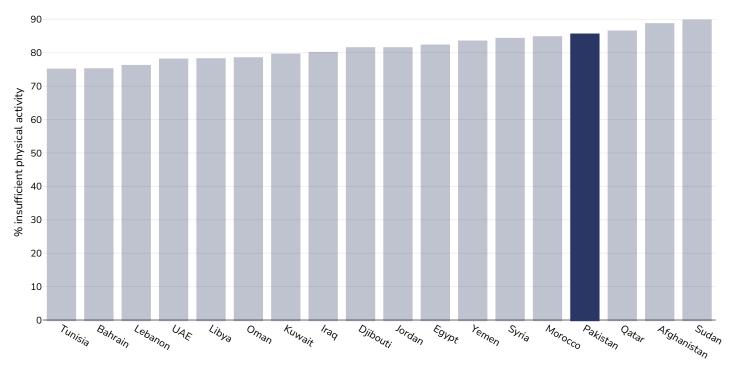


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Age:	11-17
References:	Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A893ADO?lang=en (last accessed 16.03.21)
Notes:	% of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical 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)



Boys, 2016



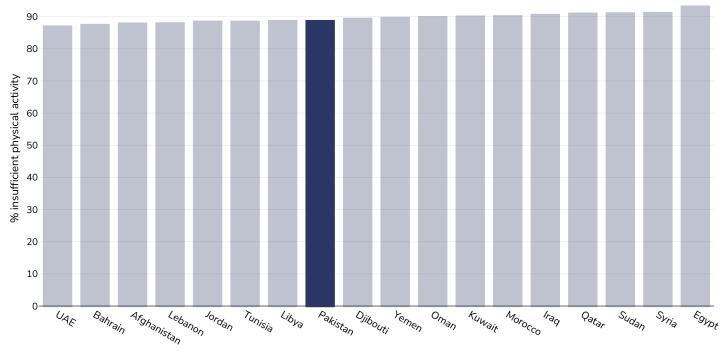
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Girls, 2016



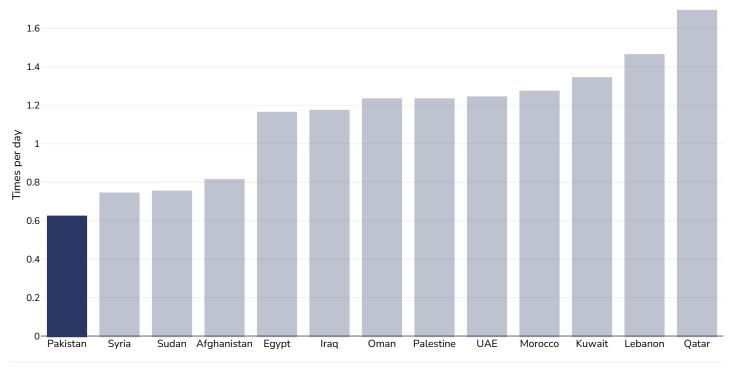
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Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

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.

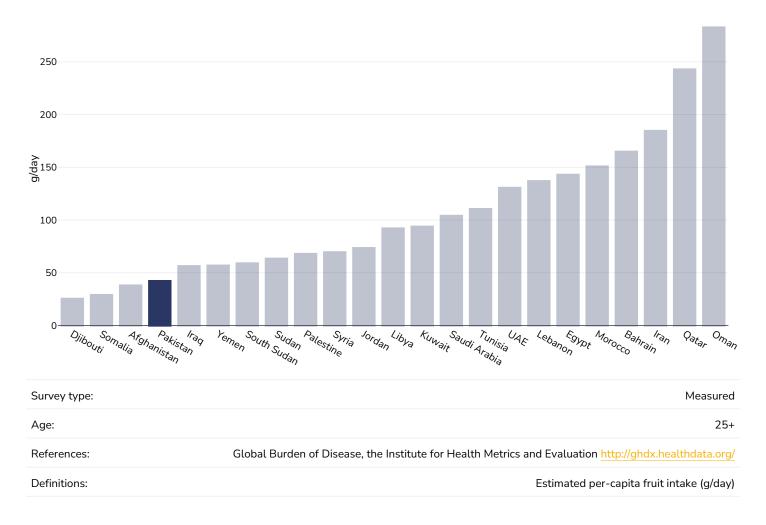
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Estimated per capita fruit intake

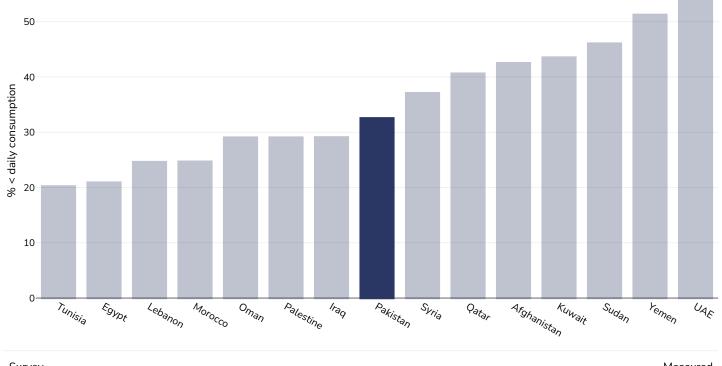
Adults, 2017





Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2008-2015



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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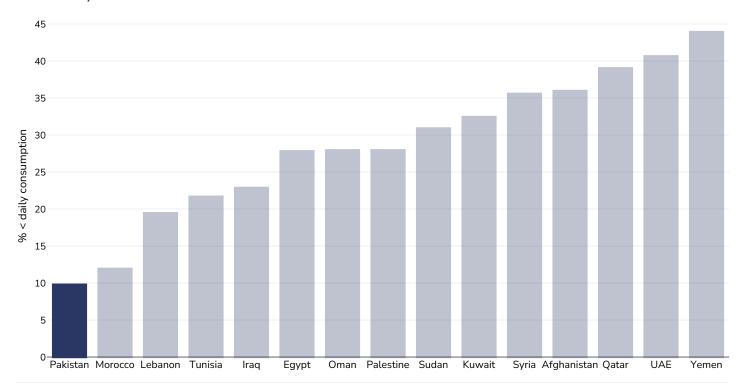
Definitions:

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



Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2008-2015



Survey Measured

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Age: 12-17

References:

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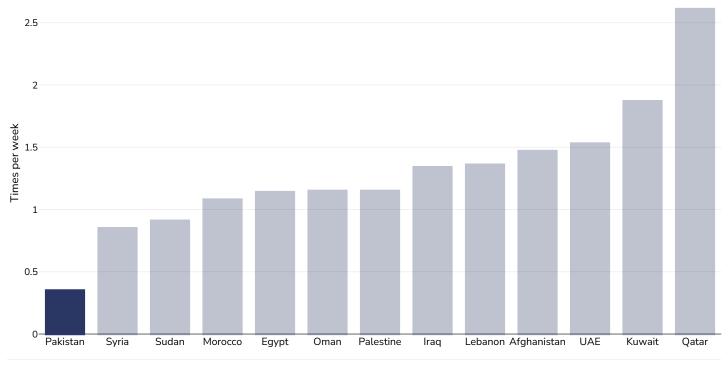
Definitions:

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

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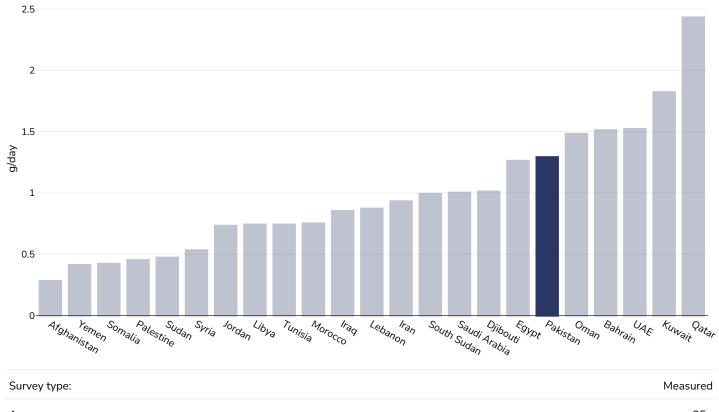
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Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type: Measured

Age: 25+

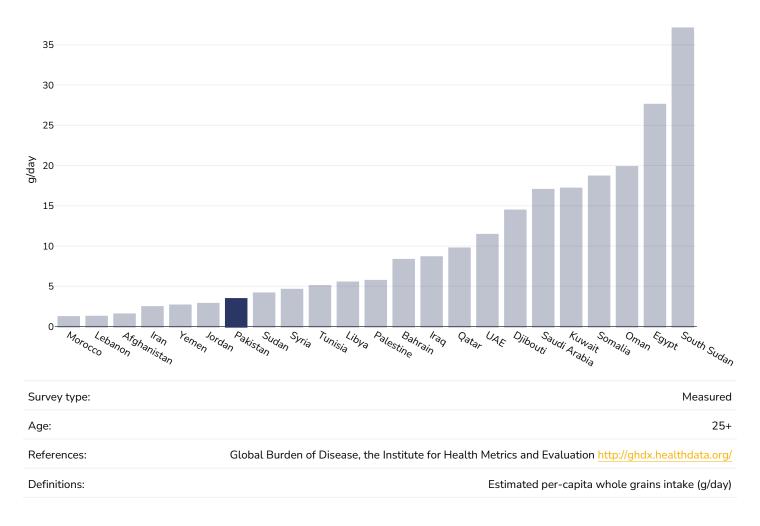
References: Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation http://ghdx.healthdata.org/

Definitions: Estimated per-capita processed meat intake (g per day)



Estimated per capita whole grains intake

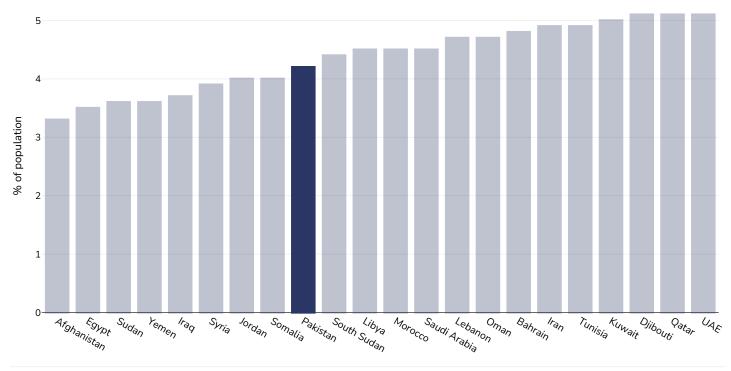
Adults, 2017





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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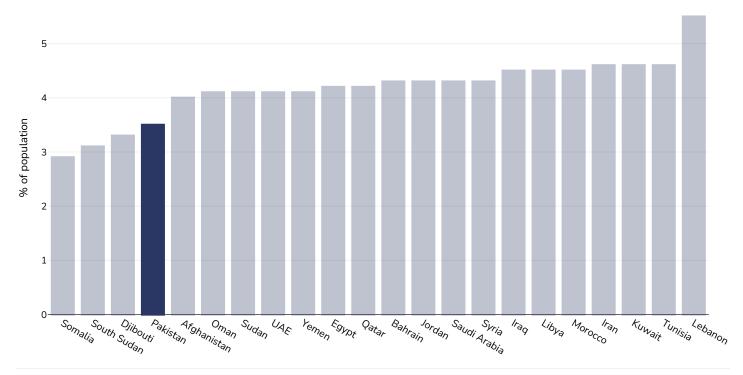
% of population with depression disorders

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Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2015



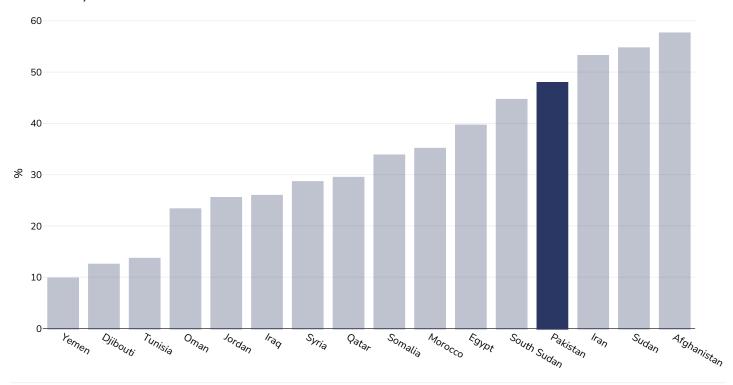
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Definitions: % of population with anxiety disorders



% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

Children, 2010-2019



Area National

covered:

References:

Pakistan 2018 National Nutrition Survey

Notes:

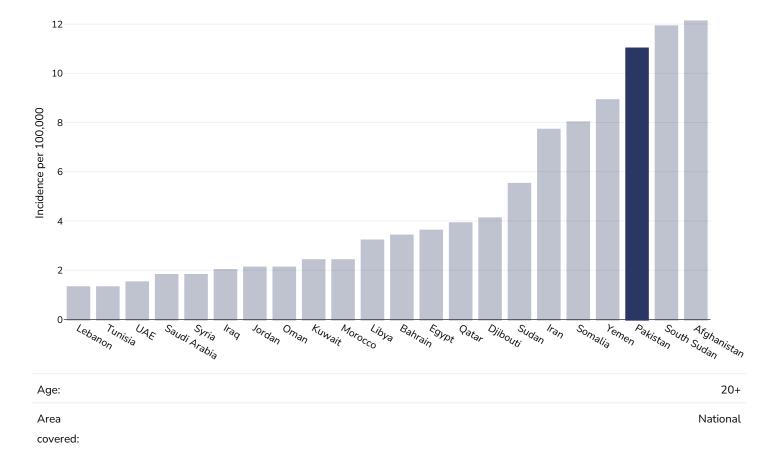
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Definitions: % exclusively breastfed 0-5 months



Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2020



References:

Ferlay J, Ervik M, Lam F, Colombet M, Mery L, Piñeros M, Znaor A, Soerjomataram I, Bray F (2020). Global Cancer Observatory: Cancer Today. Lyon, France: International Agency for Research on Cancer. Available from:

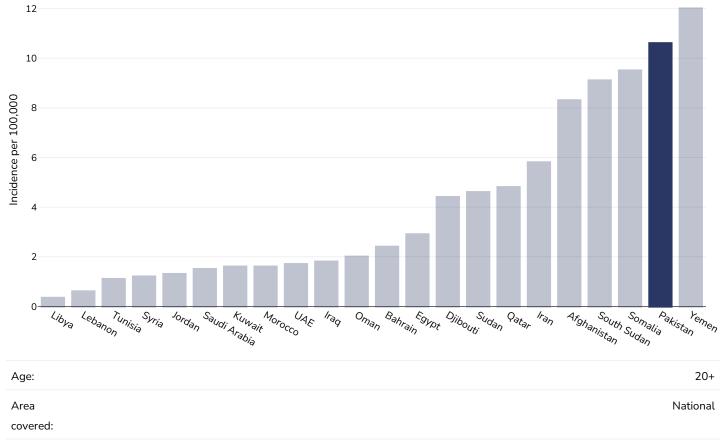
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Definitions:

Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000



Women, 2020



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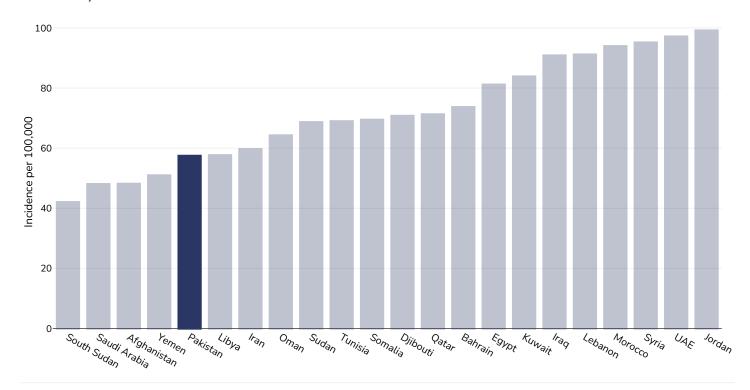
Definitions:

Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000



Breast cancer

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

Area National covered:

References:

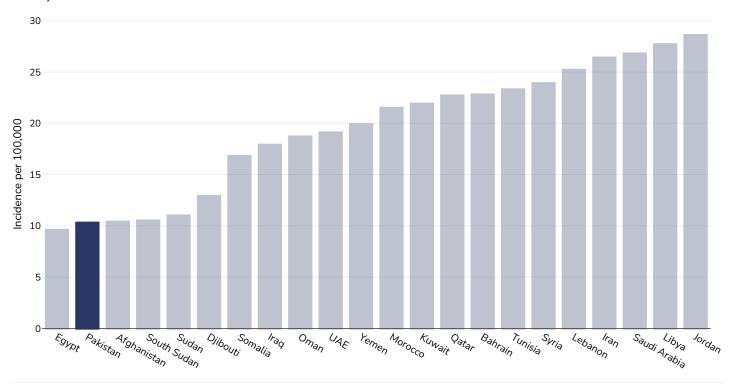
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Colorectal cancer

Men, 2020



Age: 20+

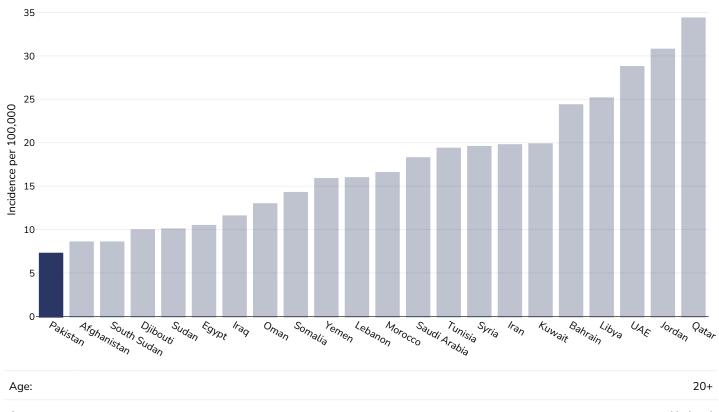
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Area National

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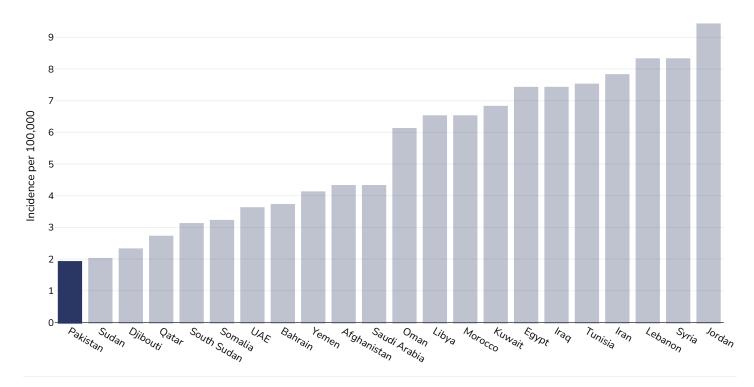
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Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2020



Age: 20+

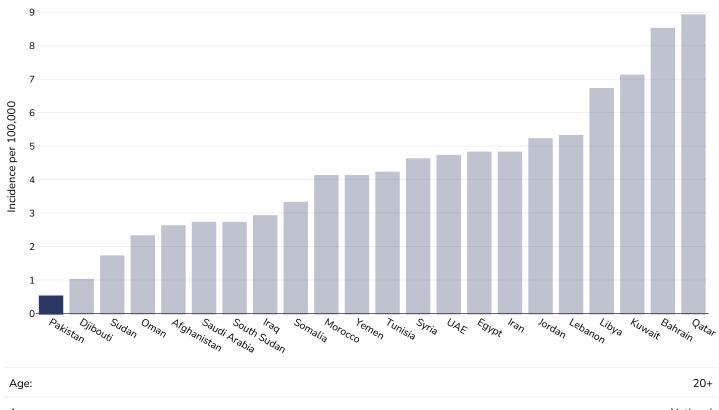
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Area National

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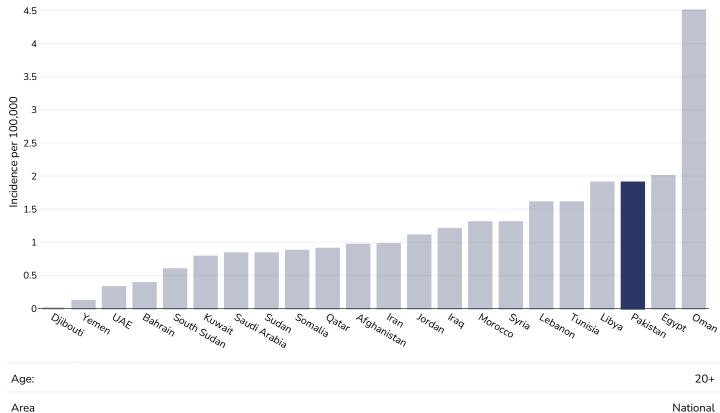
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Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2020

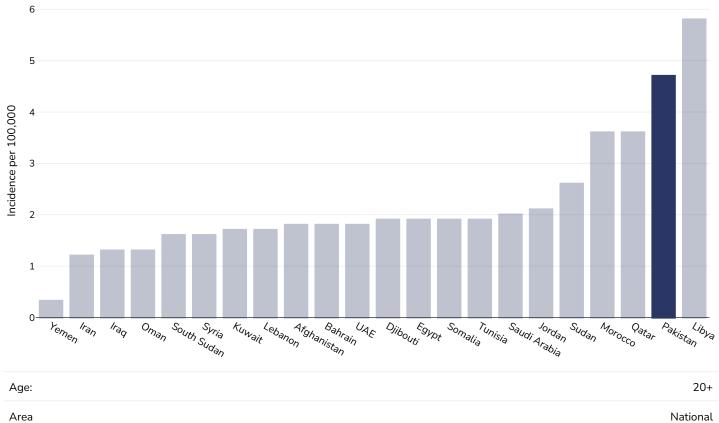


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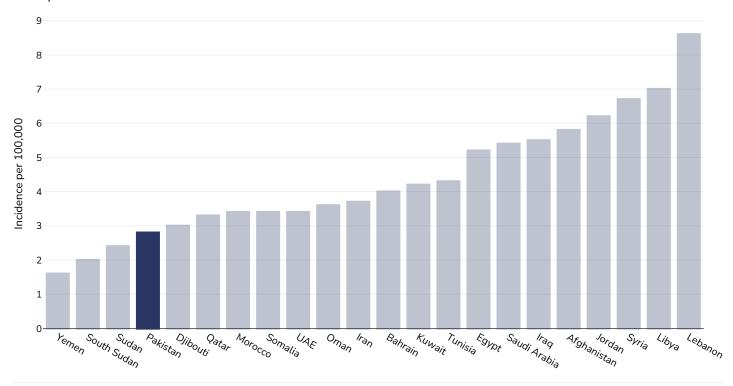
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Age-standardized indicence rates per 100 000



Kidney cancer

Men, 2020



Age: 20+

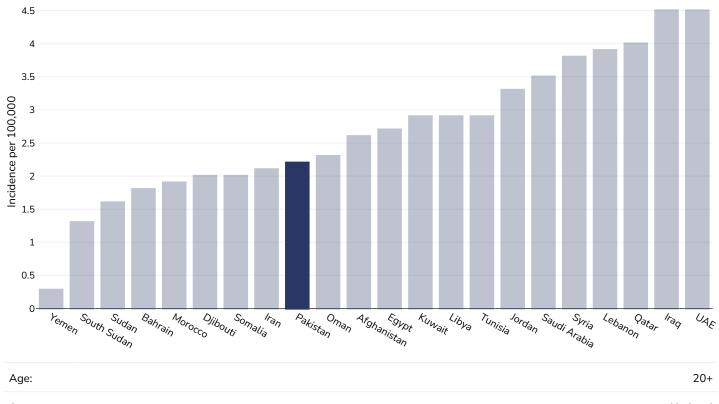
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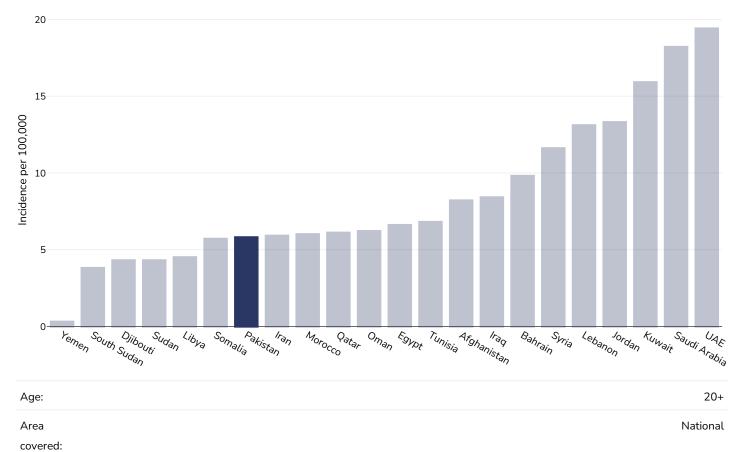
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Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2020



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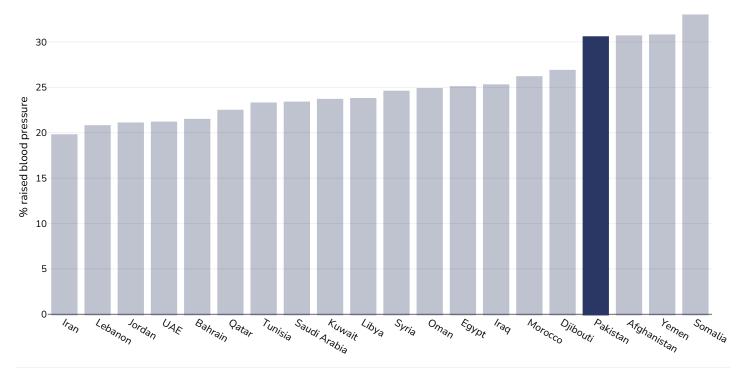
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Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



References:

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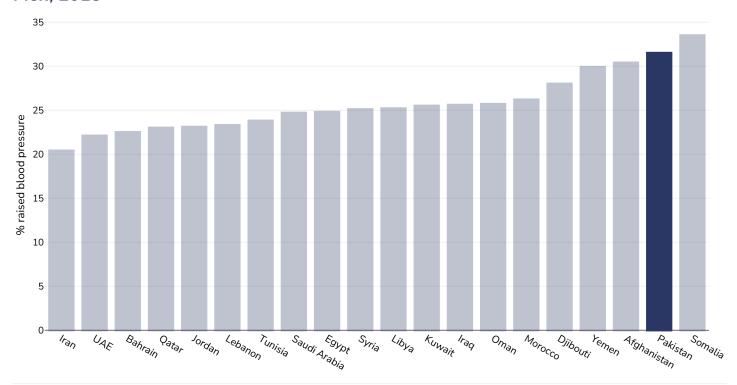
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Definitions:

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



Men, 2015



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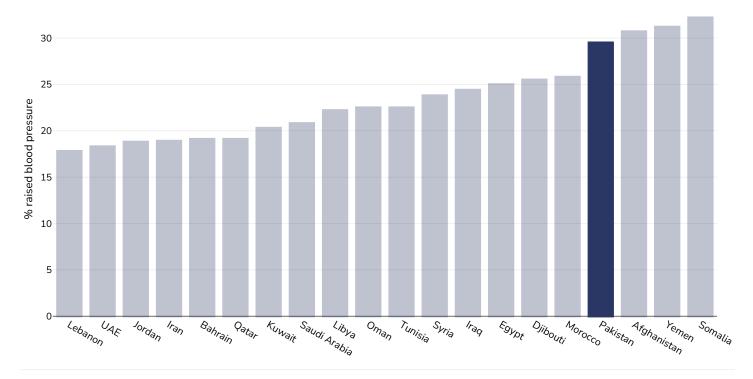
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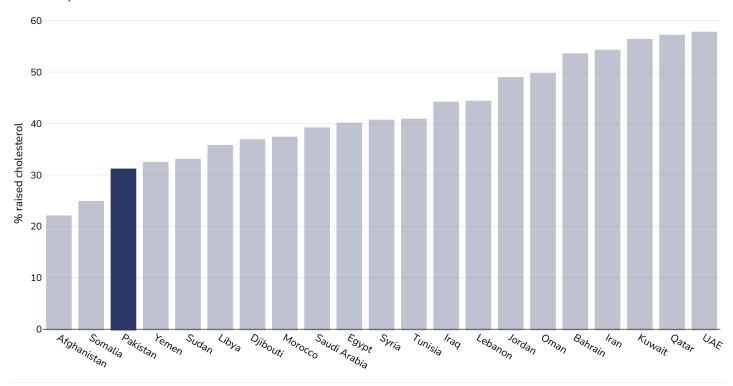
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Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



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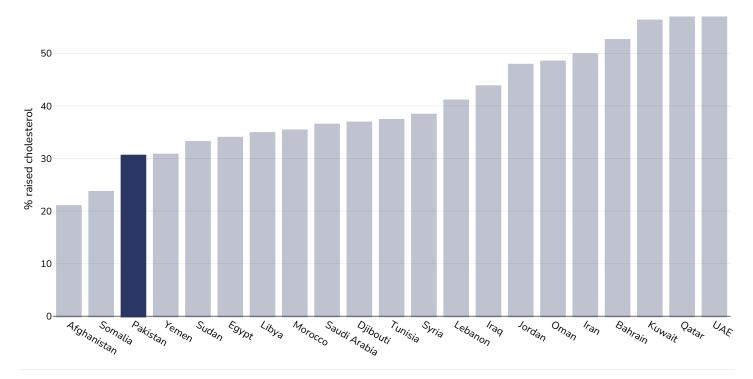
Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A885

Definitions:

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



Men, 2008



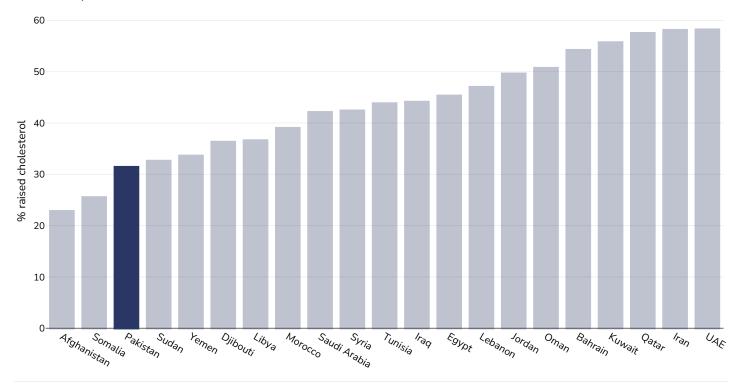
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Definitions:

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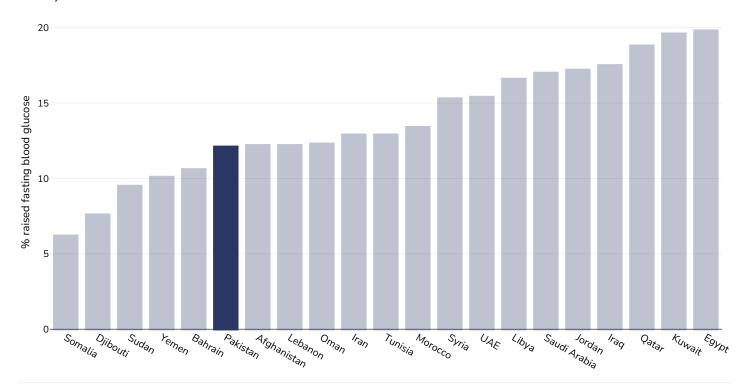
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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



References:

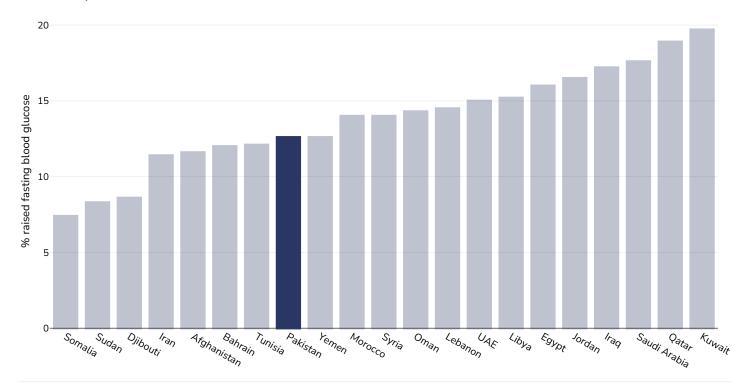
Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,

http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A869?lang=en

Definitions:

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





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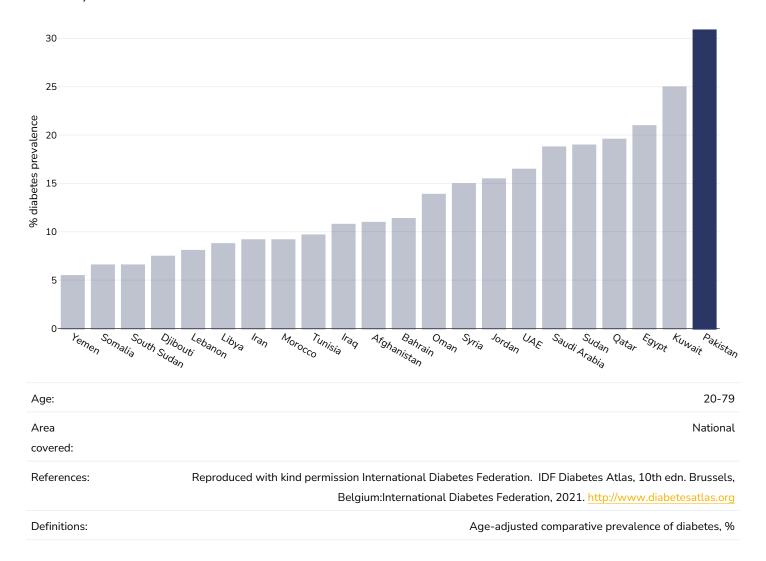
Definitions:

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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?	
Tax on unhealthy foods?	X
Tax on unhealthy drinks?	~
Are there fiscal policies on healthy products?	X
Subsidy on fruits?	X
Subsidy on vegetables?	X
Subsidy on other healthy products?	×
Mandatory limit or ban of trans fat (all settings)?	X
Mandatory limit of trans fats in place (all settings)?	X
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?	×
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?	X
	X





Political will and support

National obesity strategy or nutrition and physical activity national strategy?	X
National obesity strategy?	×
National childhood obesity strategy?	×
Comprehensive nutrition strategy?	~
Comprehensive physical activity strategy?	X
Evidence-based dietary guidelines and/or RDAs?	~
National target(s) on reducing obesity?	X
Guidelines/policy on obesity treatment?	X
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 Present Incoming Absent 7 Unknown	
(voluntary)	

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