



# Pakistan



## Country report card - children

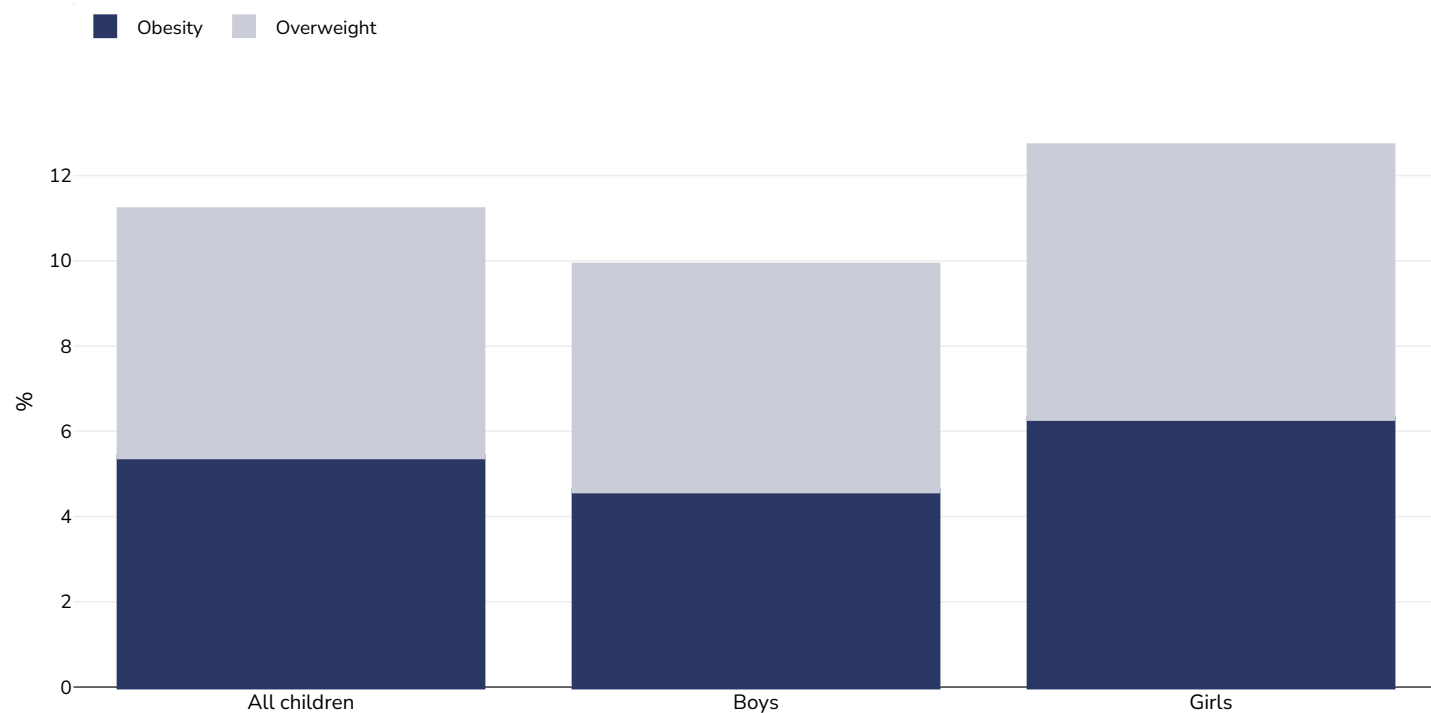
*This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children, including adolescents (aged 5 to 18 years). Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.*

*View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/pakistan-167/>.*

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## Obesity prevalence

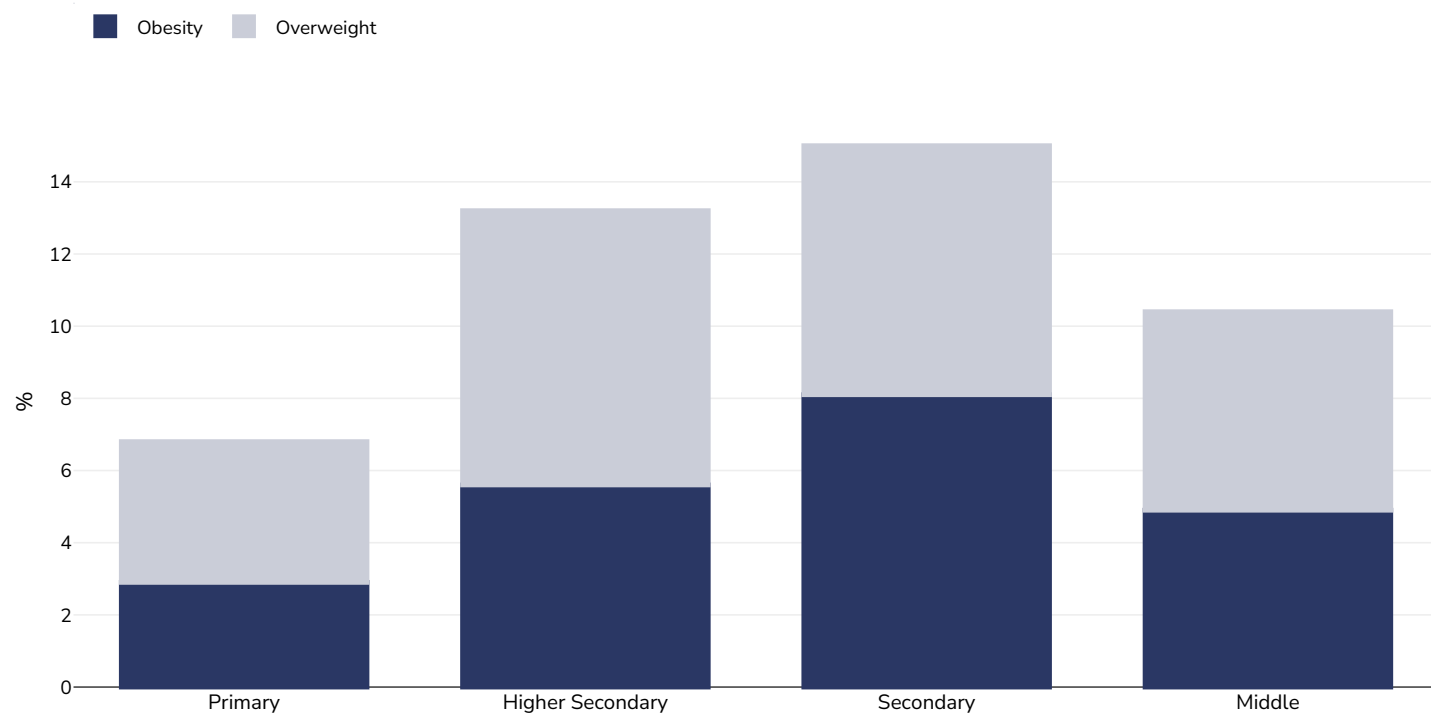
### Children, 2021



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	9-17
Sample size:	3551
Area covered:	National
References:	The Current Prevalence of Underweight, Overweight, and Obesity Associated with Demographic Factors among Pakistan School-Aged Children and Adolescents — An Empirical Cross-Sectional Study. Available at: <a href="https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/19/18/11619">https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/19/18/11619</a>
Cutoffs:	CDC US 2000 BMI charts

## Overweight/obesity by education

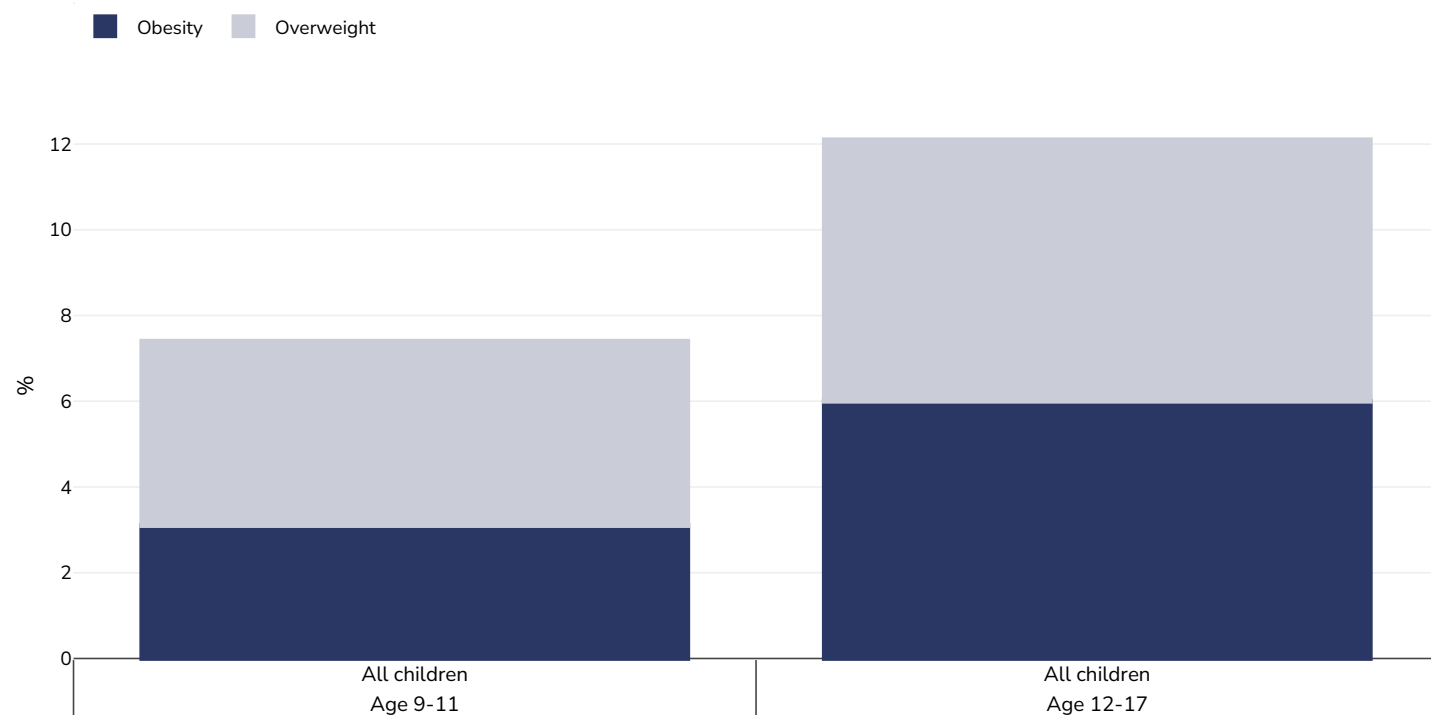
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## Overweight/obesity by age

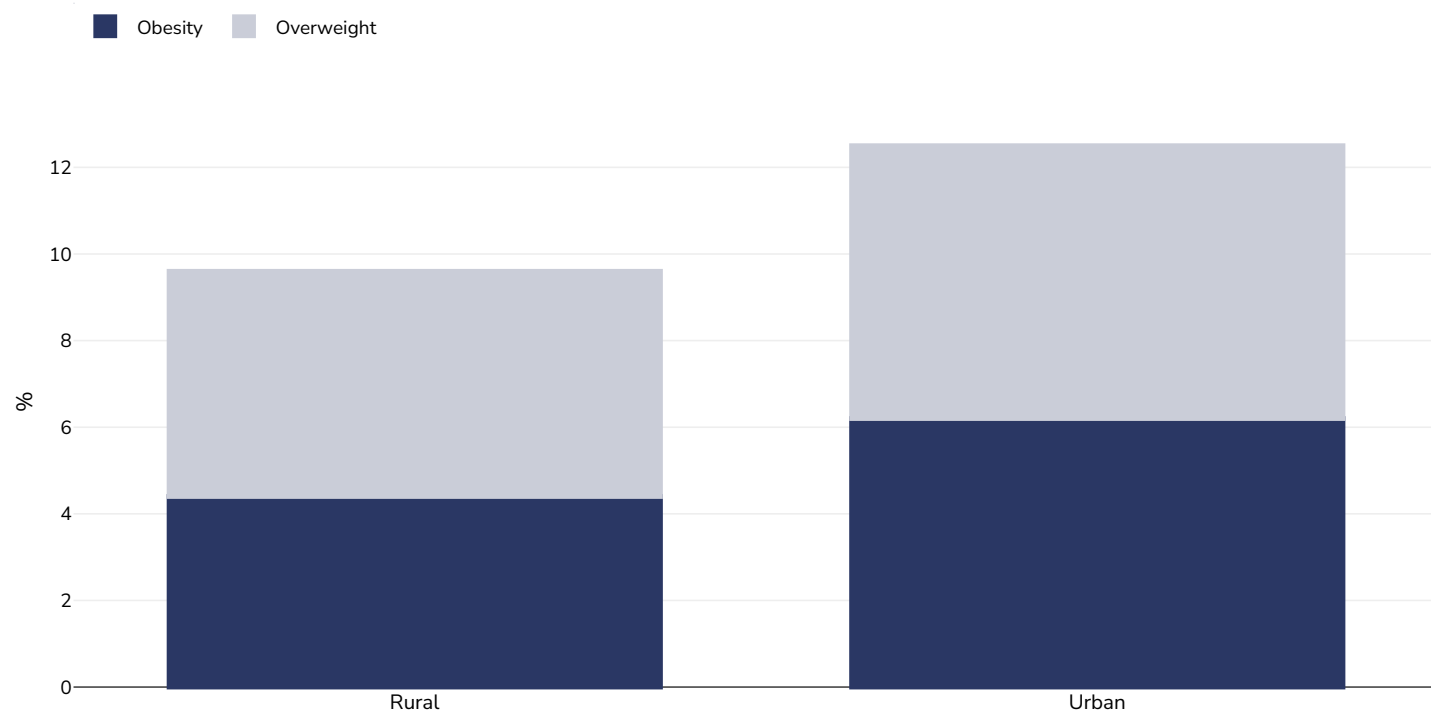
### Children, 2021



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Cutoffs:	CDC US 2000 BMI charts

## Overweight/obesity by region

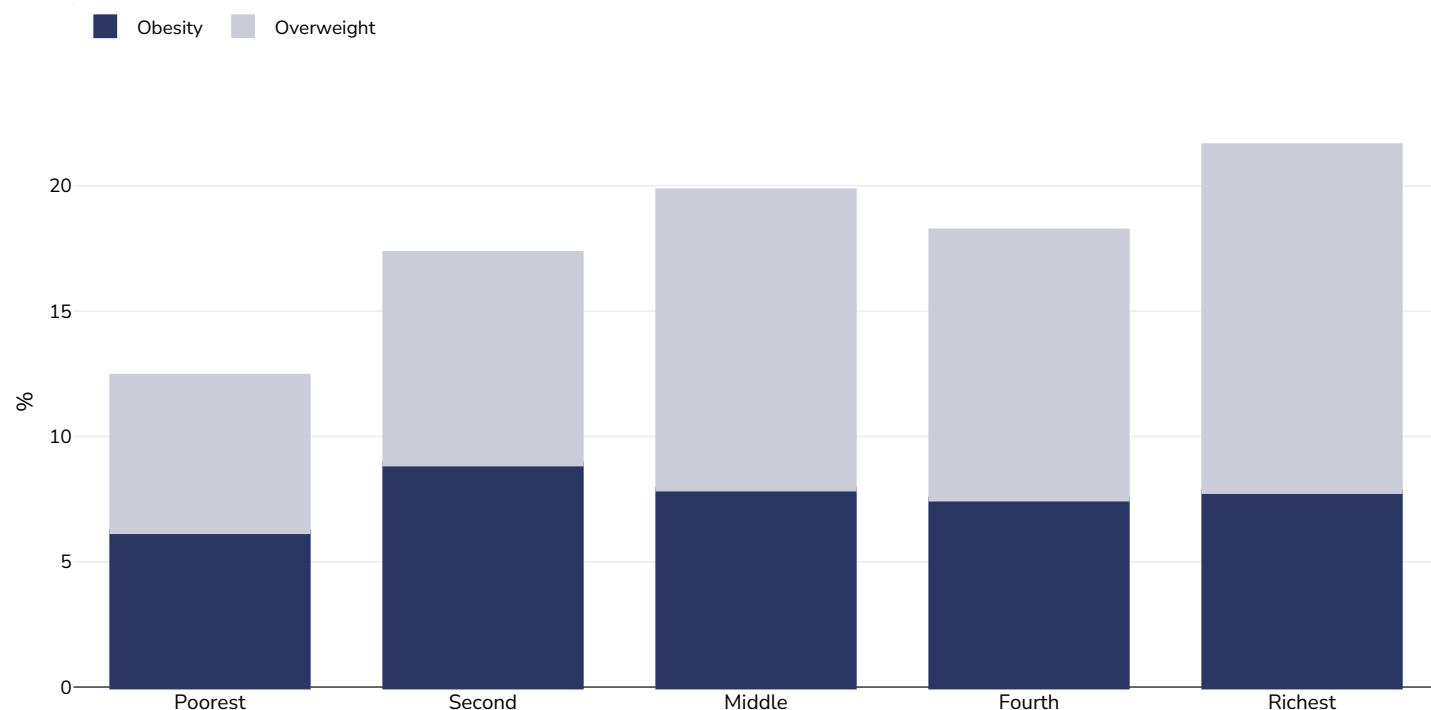
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Area covered:	National
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Cutoffs:	CDC US 2000 BMI charts

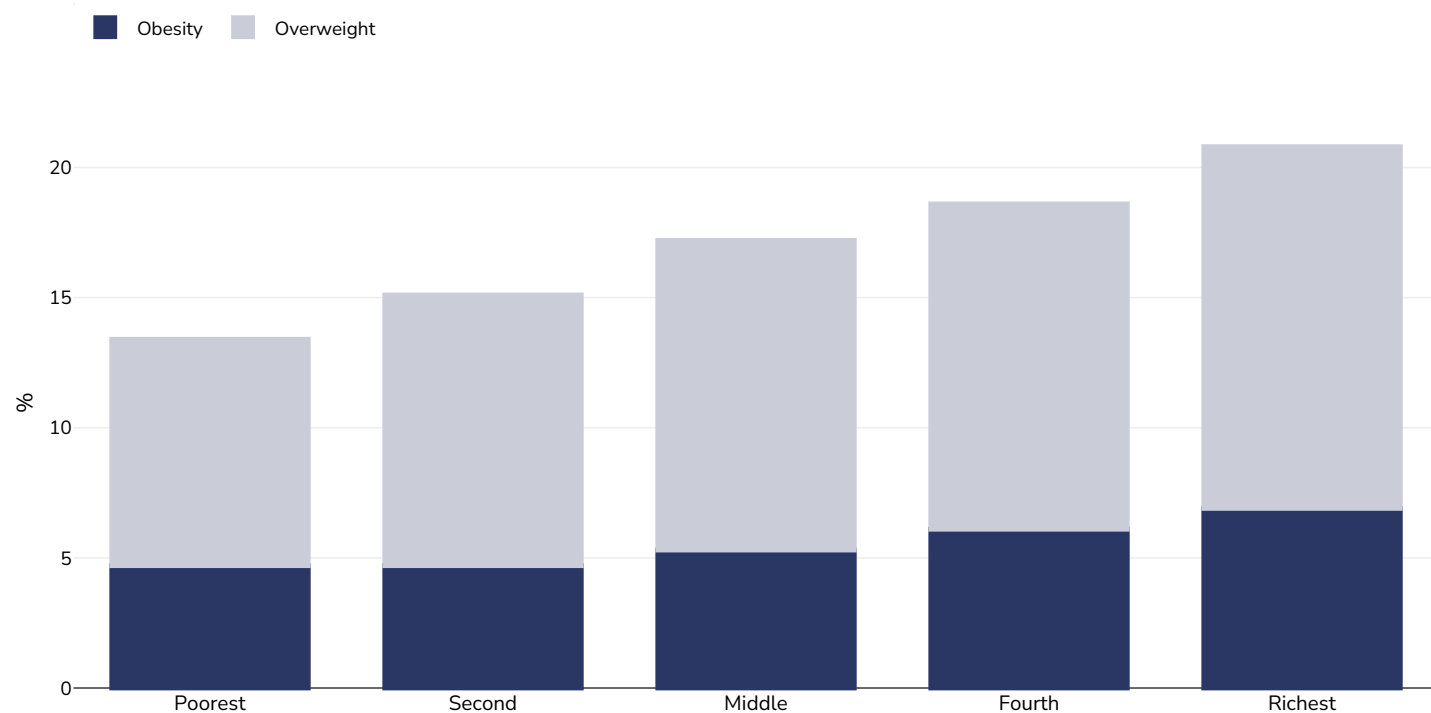
## Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

### Boys, 2018



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	10-19
Area covered:	National
References:	Pakistan National Nutrition Survey 2018 <a href="https://www.unicef.org/pakistan/media/2826/file/National%20Nutrition%20S">https://www.unicef.org/pakistan/media/2826/file/National%20Nutrition%20S</a> (Accessed 03.11.20)
Notes:	BMI-for-age cut-offs also available
Cutoffs:	WHO

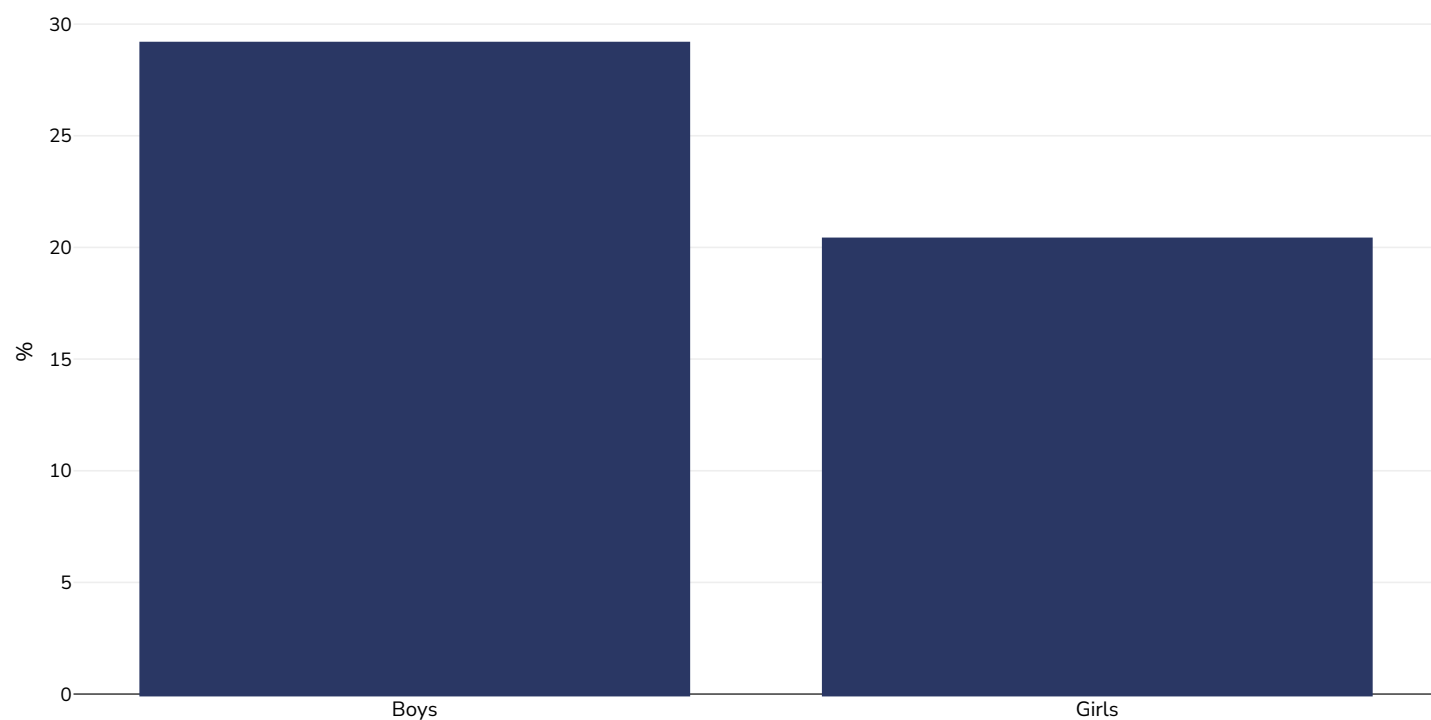
## Girls, 2018



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	10-19
Area covered:	National
References:	Pakistan National Nutrition Survey 2018 <a href="https://www.unicef.org/pakistan/media/2826/file/National%20Nutrition%20S">https://www.unicef.org/pakistan/media/2826/file/National%20Nutrition%20S</a> (Accessed 03.11.20)
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Cutoffs:	WHO

## Double burden of underweight & overweight

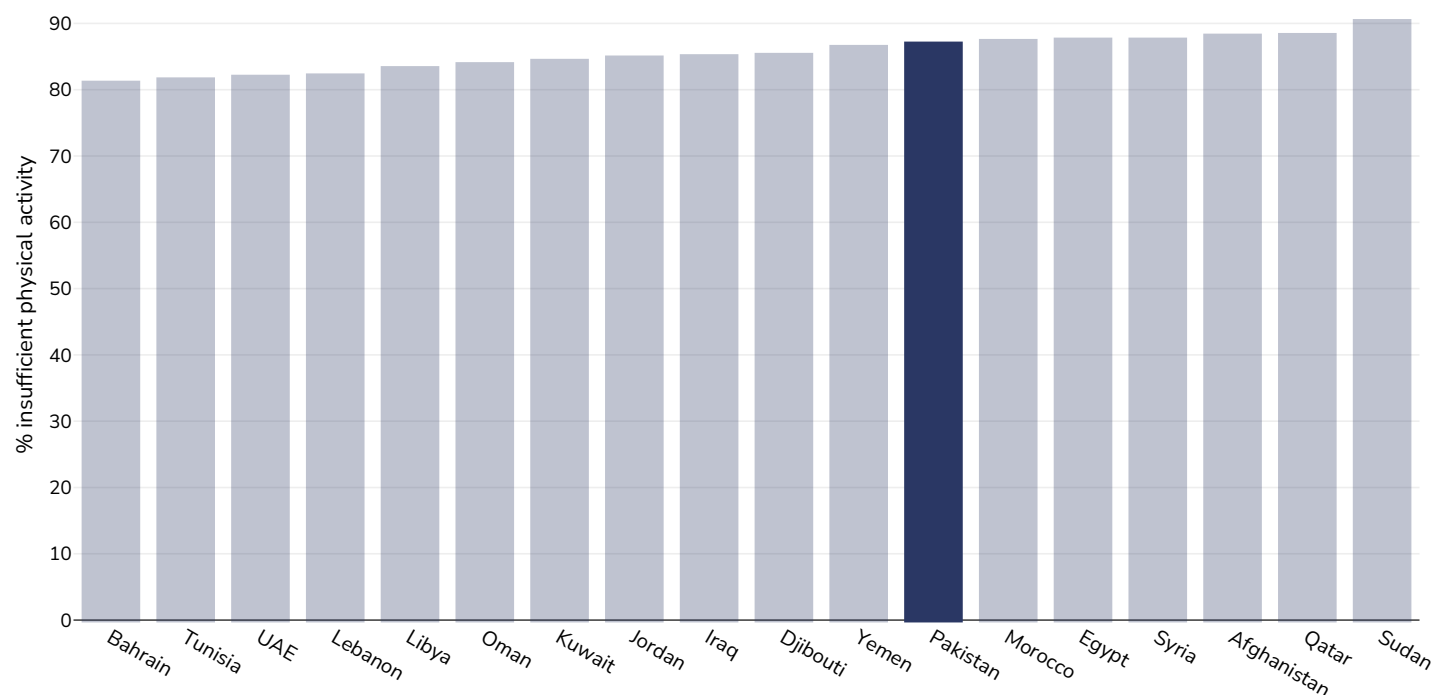
### Children, 2022



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	5-19
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. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2">https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2</a> .
Notes:	Age standardised estimates
Definitions:	Combined prevalence of BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD (double burden of thinness and obesity)
Cutoffs:	BMI < -2SD and BMI > 2SD

## Insufficient physical activity

### Children, 2016



Survey type: Self-reported

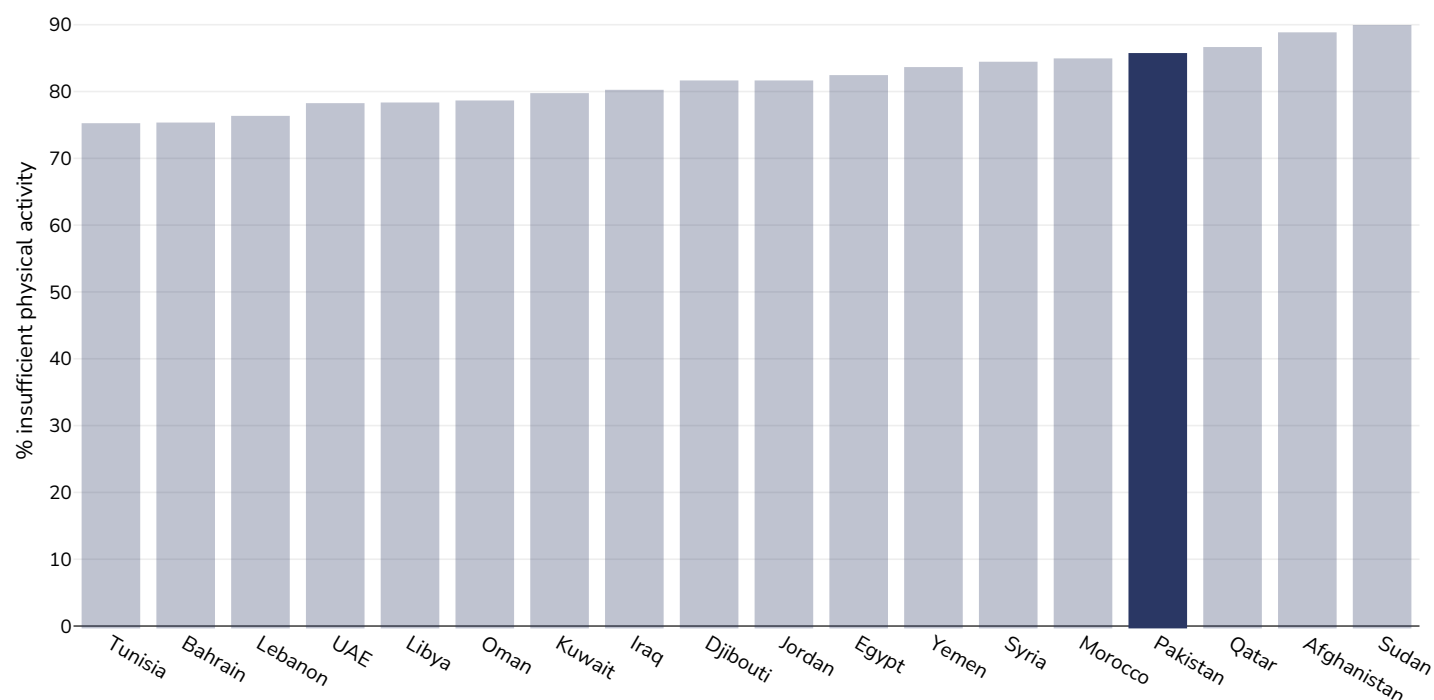
Age: 11-17

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



Survey type: Self-reported

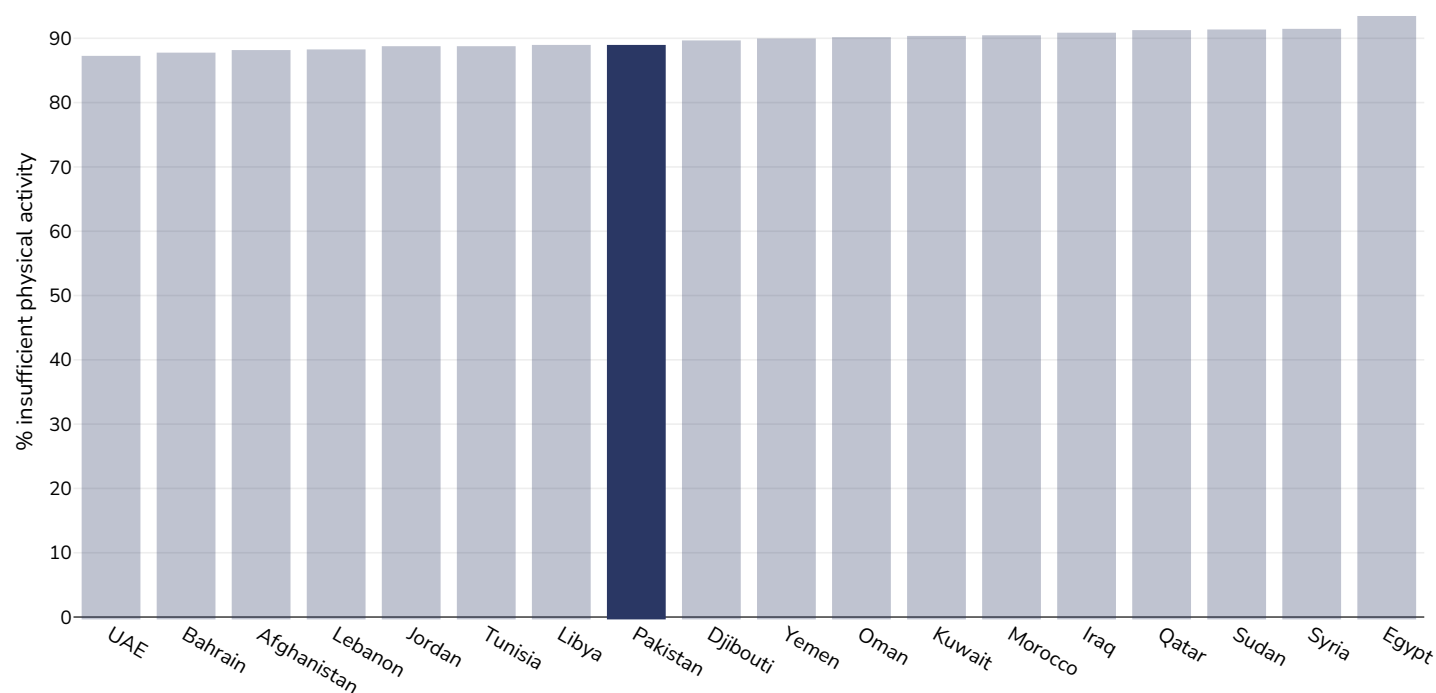
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Notes: % of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

Definitions: % Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

## Girls, 2016



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 11-17

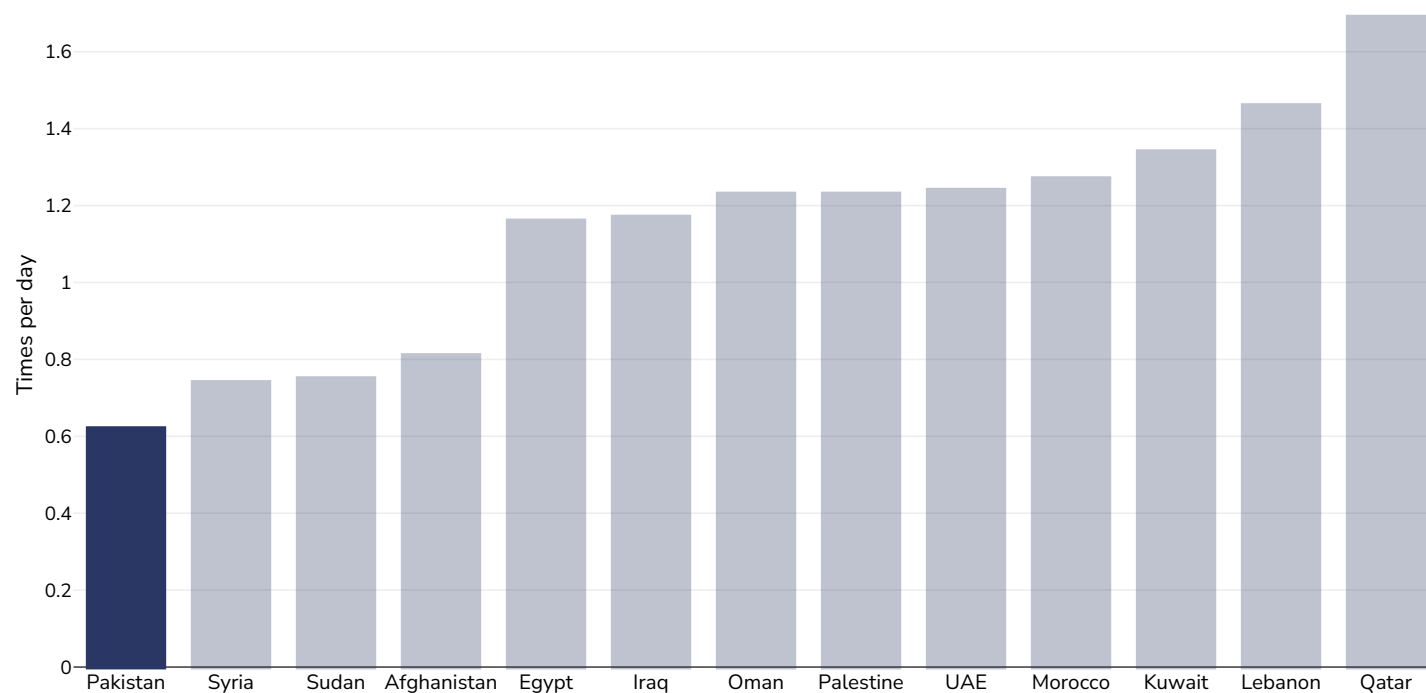
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Definitions: % Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

## Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

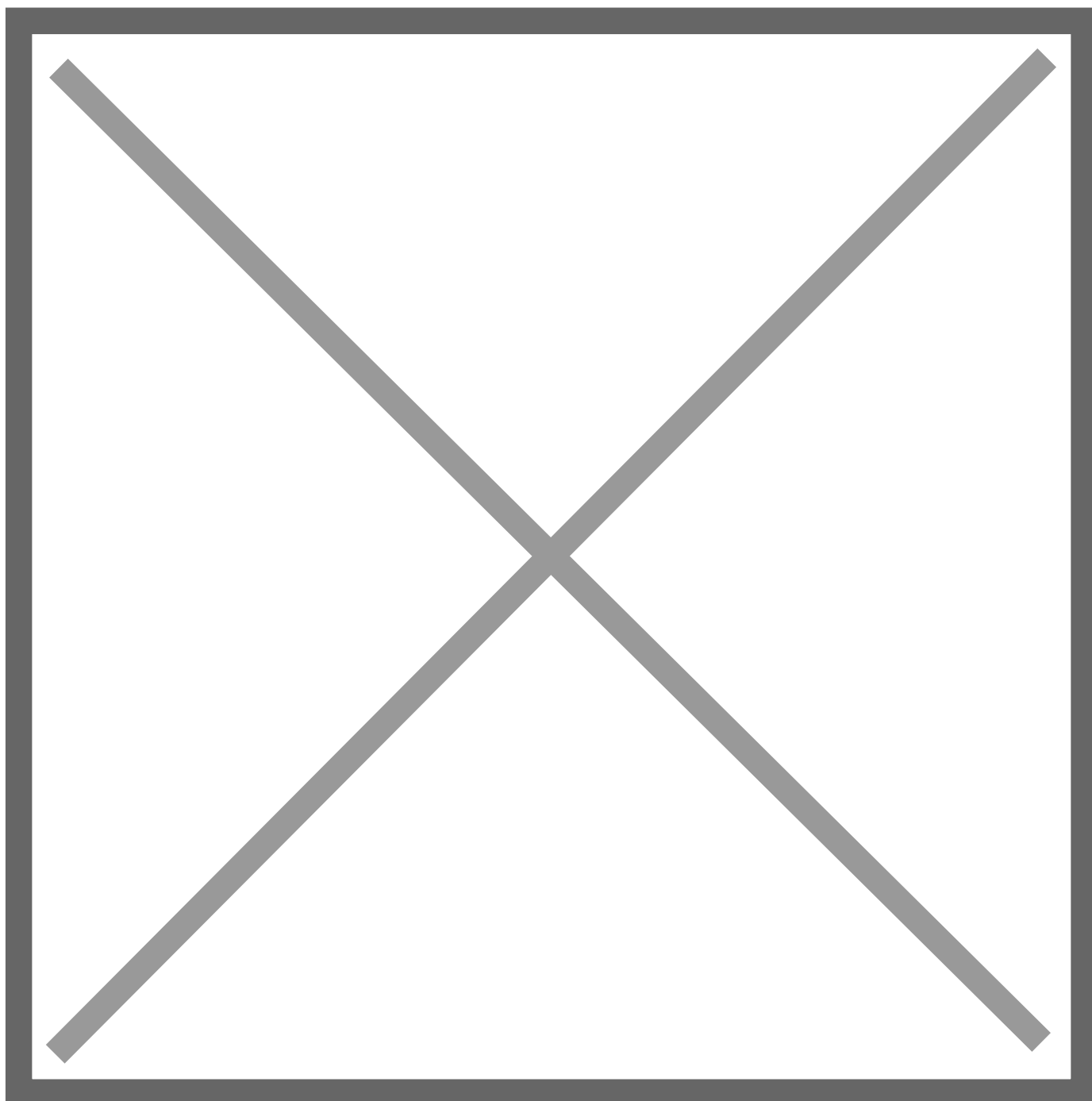
12-17

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. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287> sourced from Food Systems Dashboard <http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system>

## Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

## Children, 2017



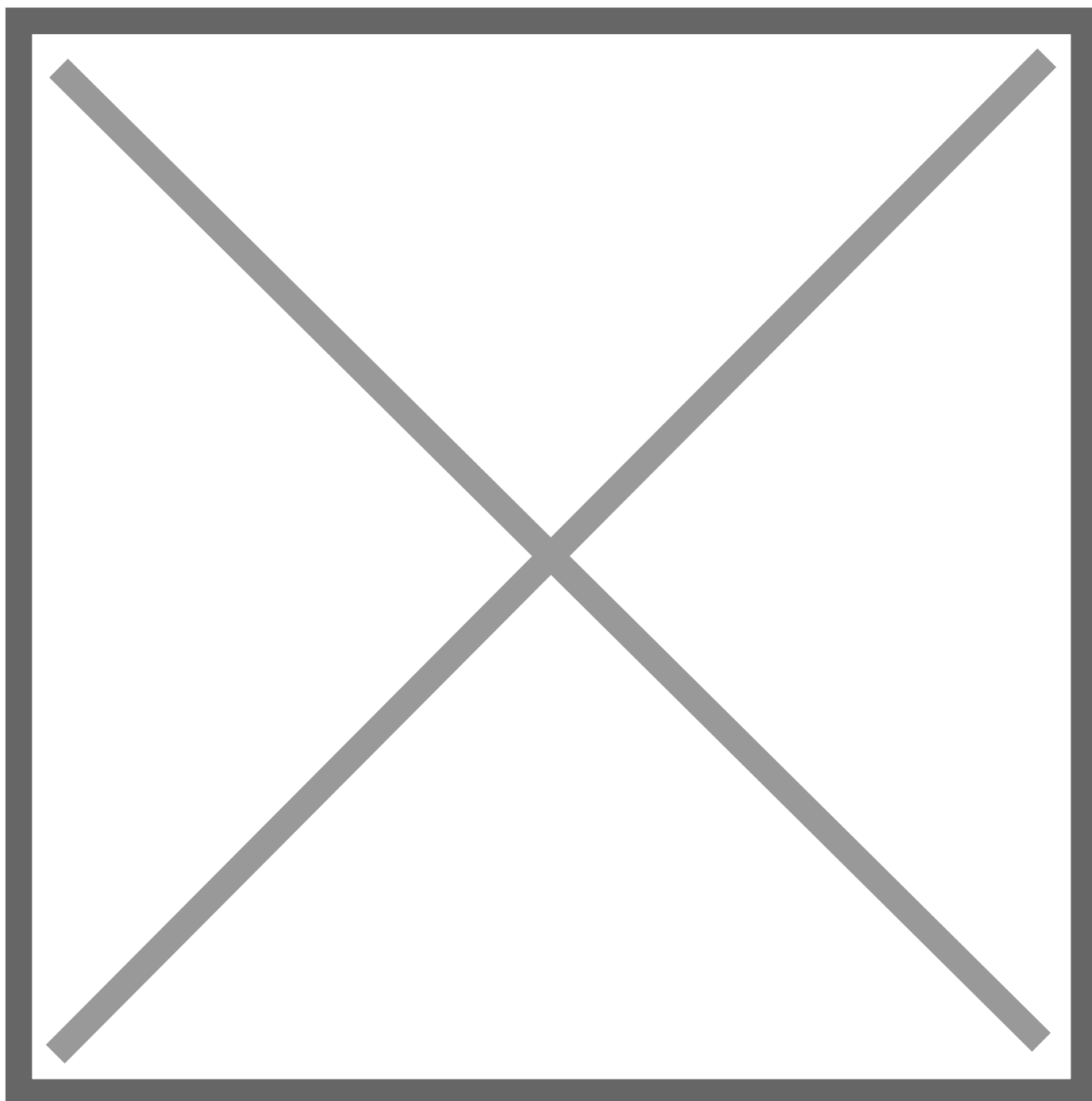
Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	12-17
Area covered:	National
References:	Global School-based Student Health Surveys. Beal et al (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287">https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287</a> . Sourced from Food Systems Dashboard <a href="http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system">http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system</a>

Definitions:

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

## Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

## Children, 2017



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	12-17
Area covered:	National
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. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287">https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287</a> sourced from Food Systems Dashboard <a href="http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system">http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system</a>

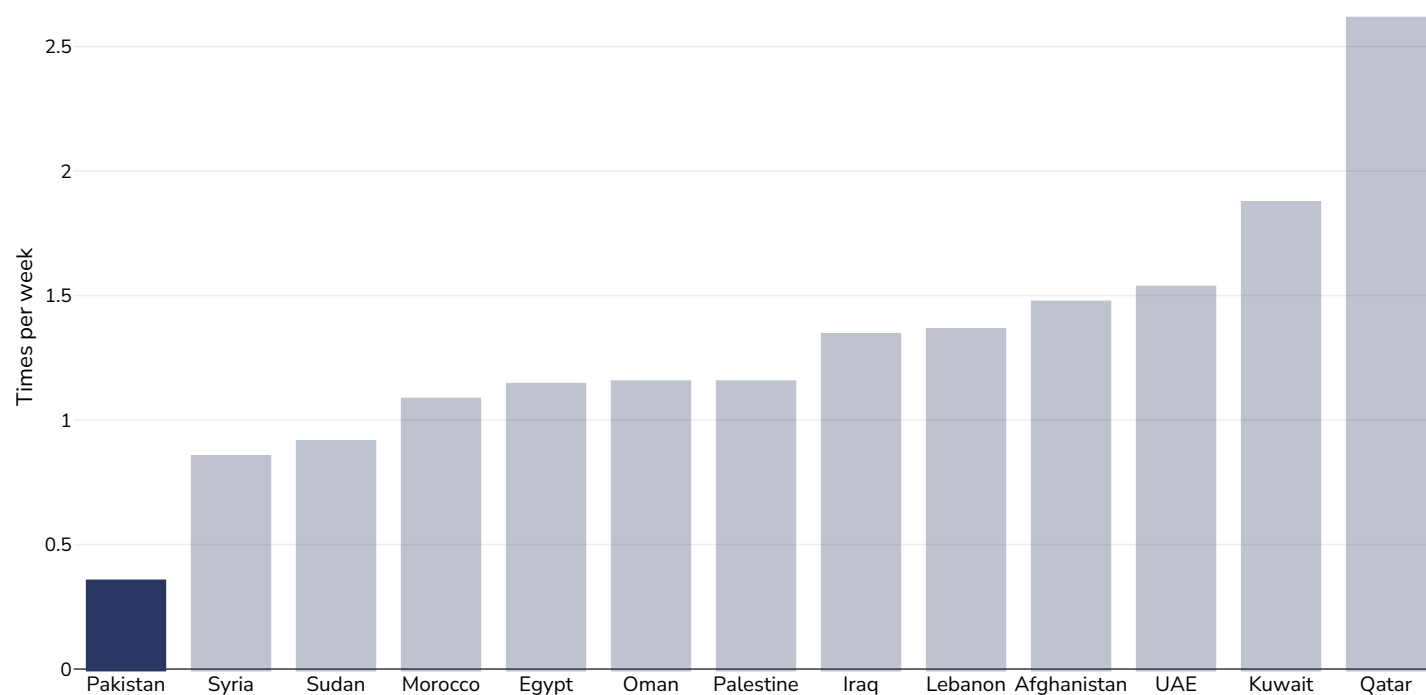
**Definitions:**

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

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## Average weekly frequency of fast food consumption

Children, 2009-2015



Age:

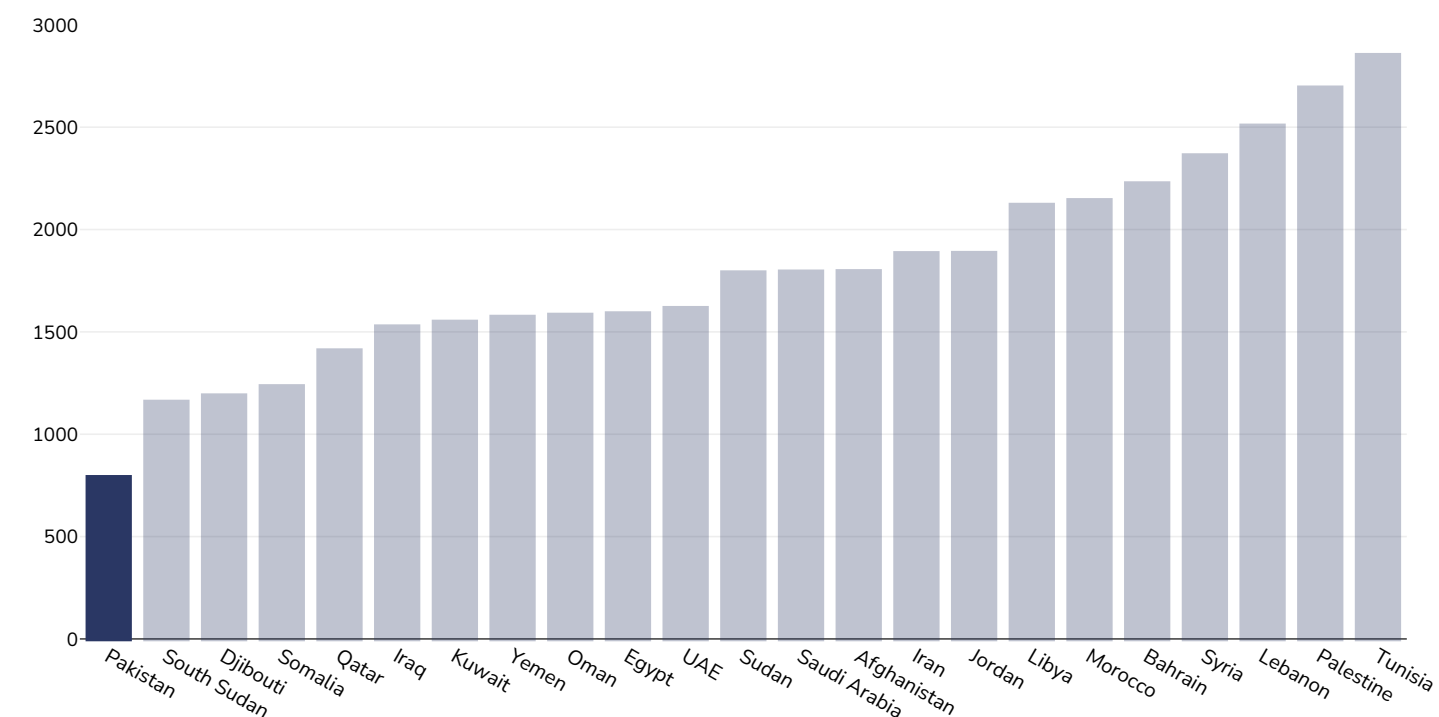
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## Mental health - depression disorders

### Children, 2021



Area covered:

National

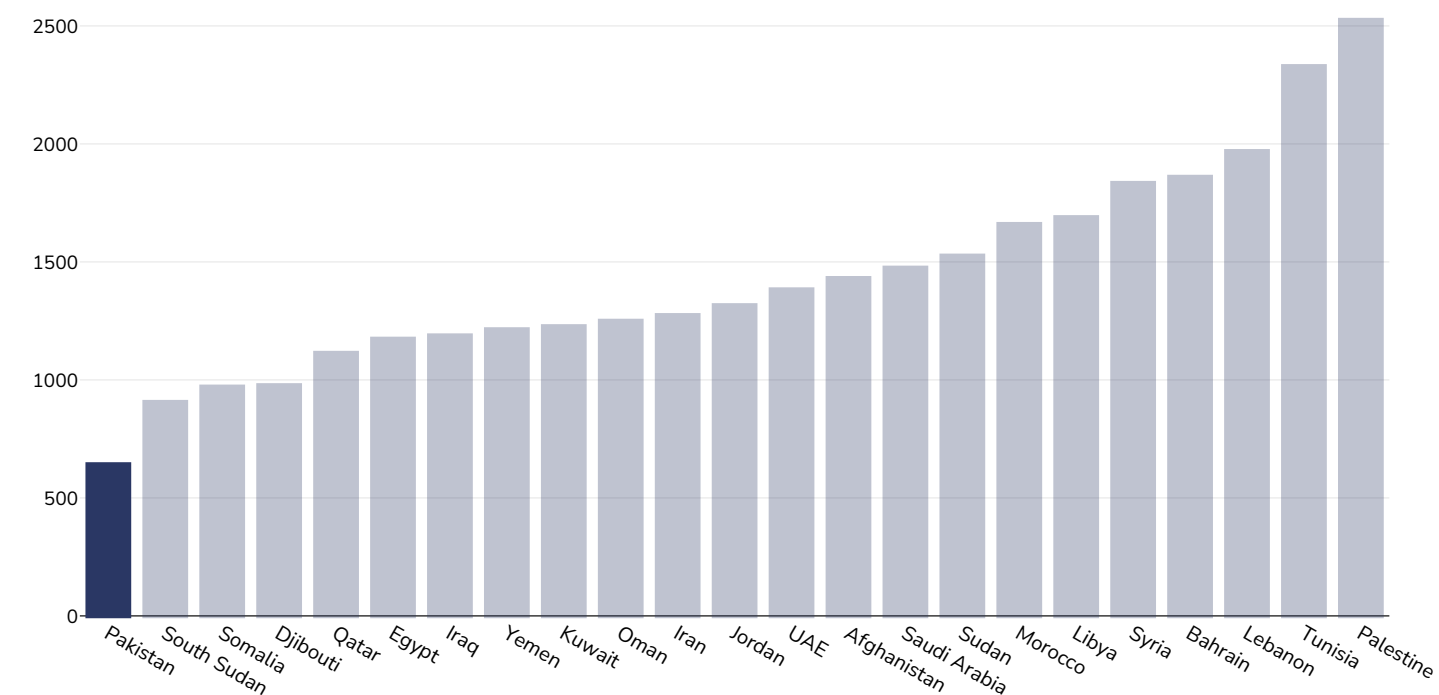
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Definitions:

Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

## Boys, 2021



Area covered:

National

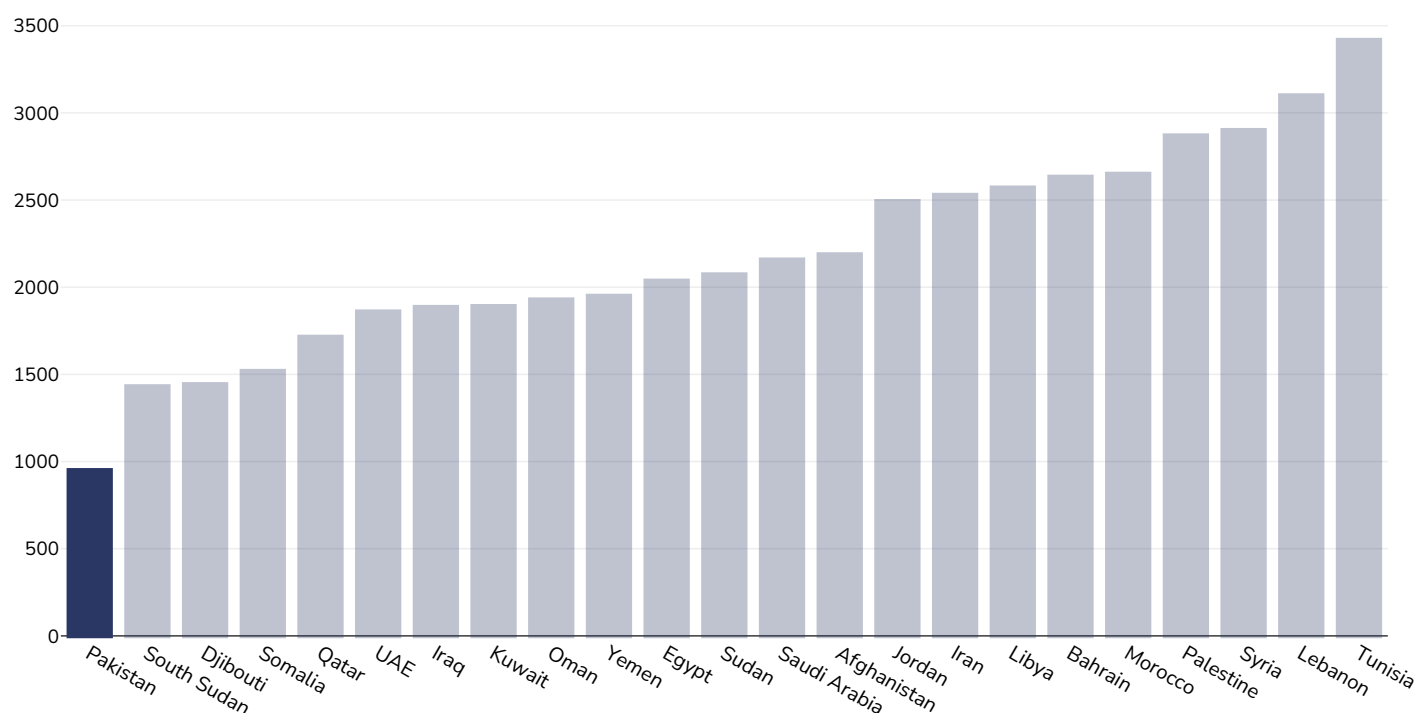
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Definitions:

Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

## Girls, 2021



Area covered:

National

References:

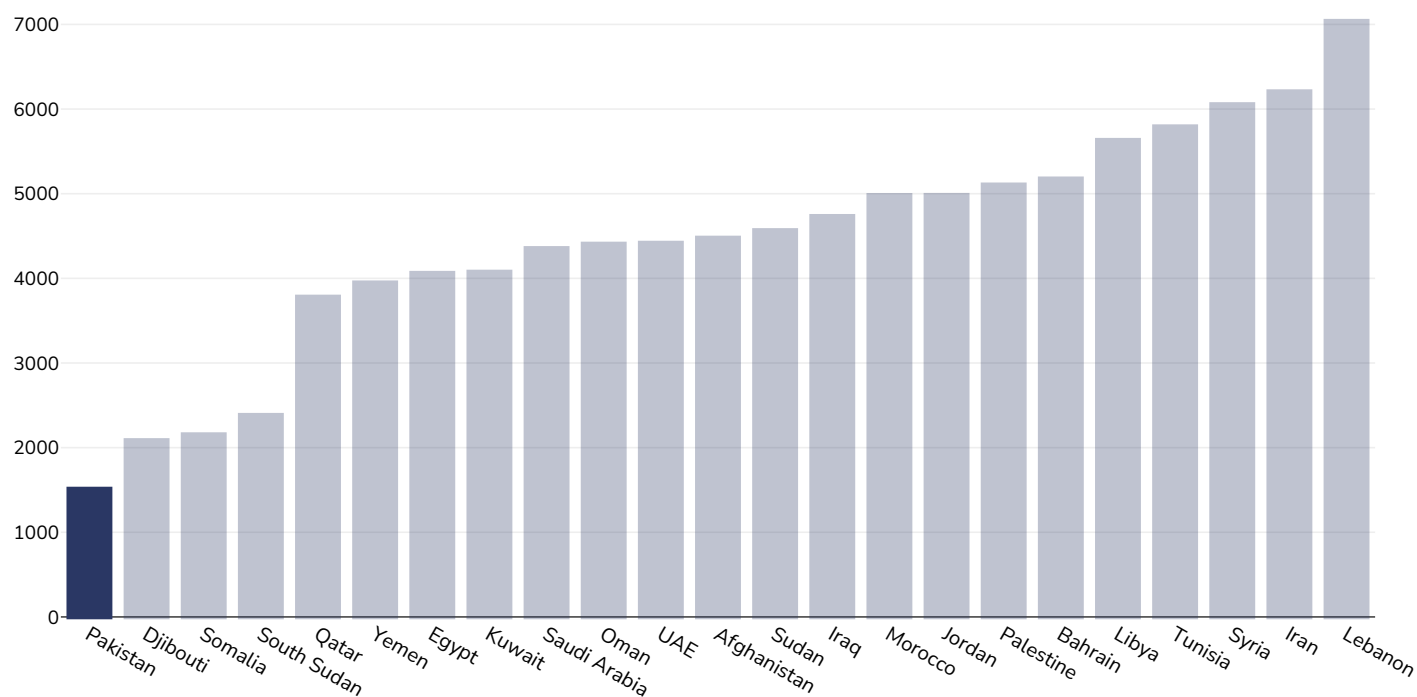
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Definitions:

Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

## Mental health - anxiety disorders

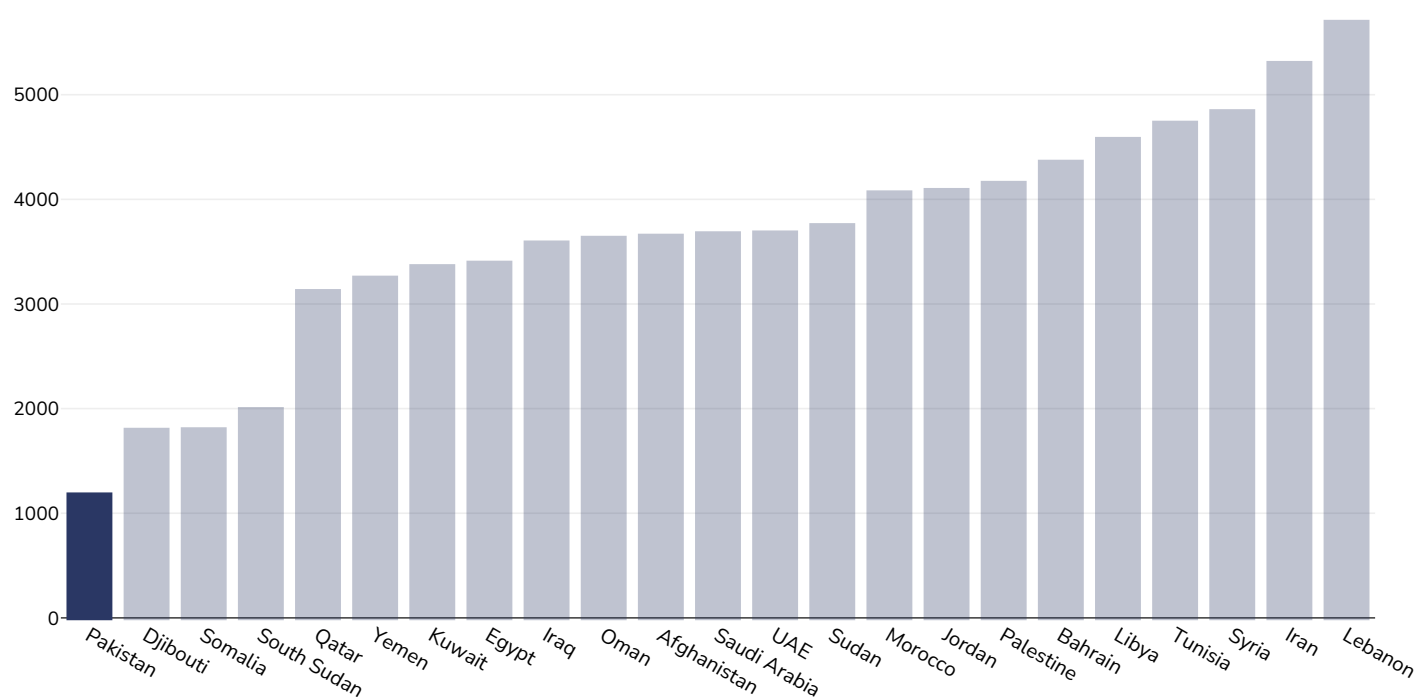
### Children, 2021



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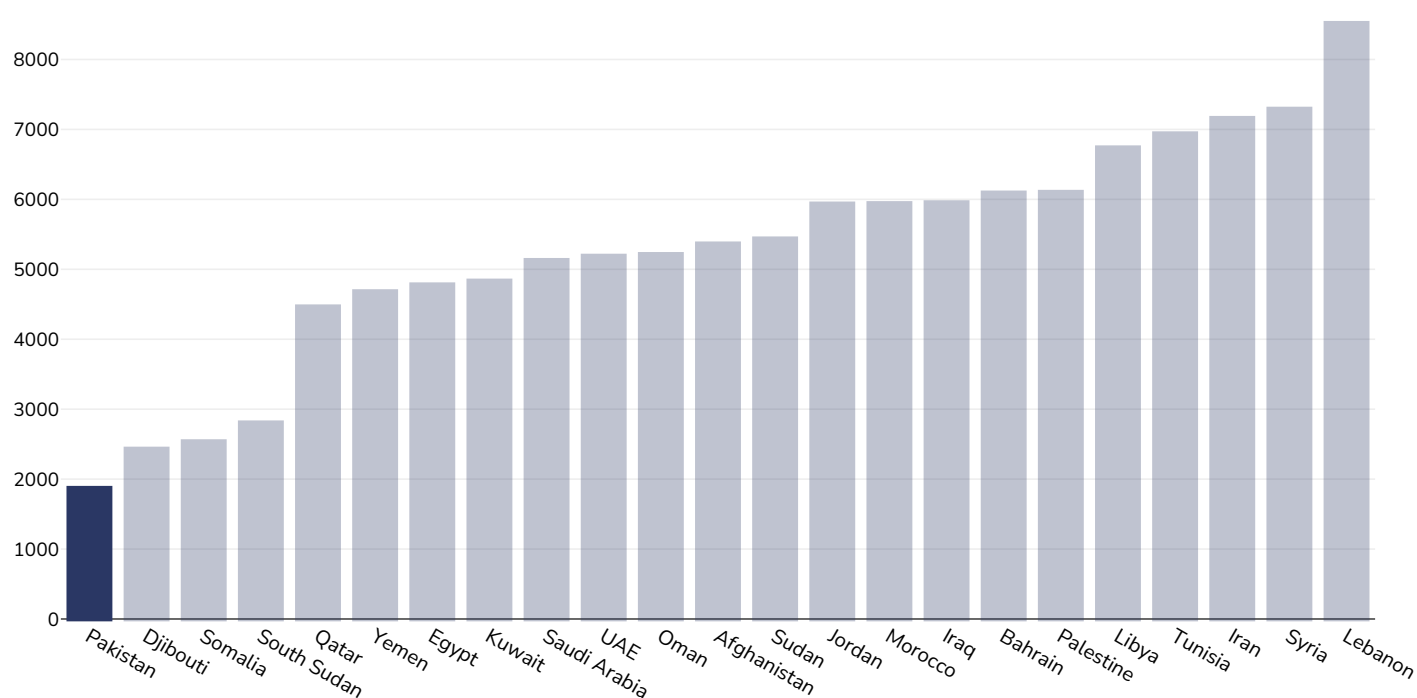
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