



Philippines



Country report card - children

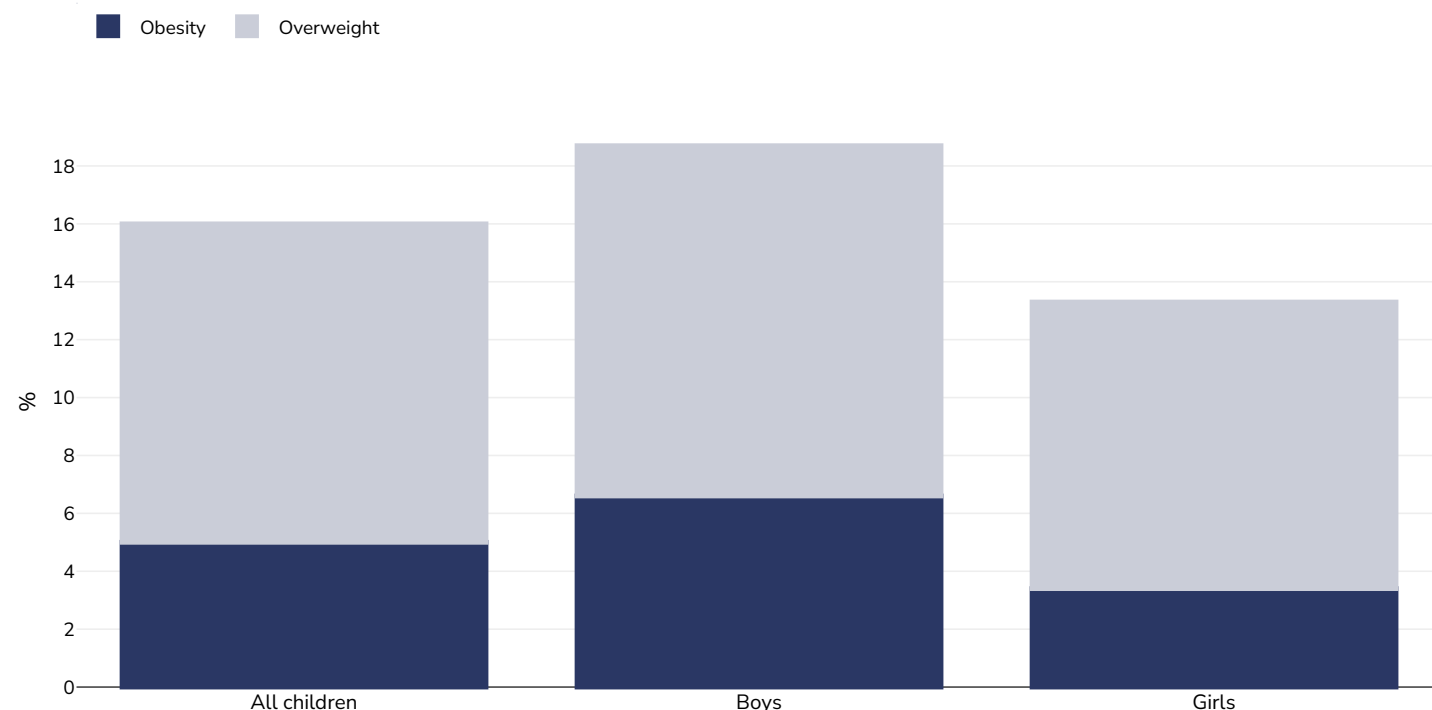
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children, including adolescents (aged 5 to 18 years). Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/philippines-172/>.

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Obesity prevalence

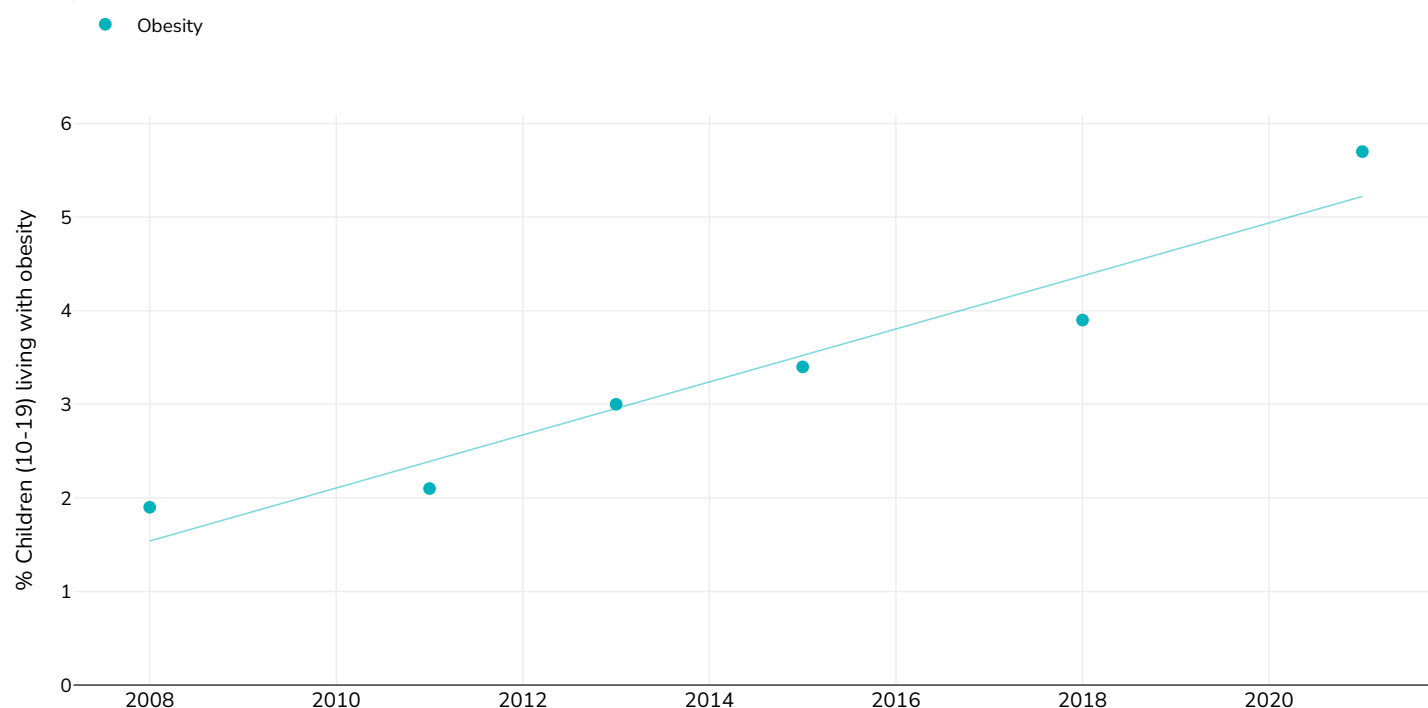
Children, 2024



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	13-17
Sample size:	8618
Area covered:	National
References:	Global School-based Student Health Survey, Philippines 2024 Fact Sheet. Available at: https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/2024-gshs-fact-sheet-philippines (Accessed: 12.06.25)
Cutoffs:	WHO 2007

% Children (10-19) living with obesity in the Philippines, 2008-2021

Boys



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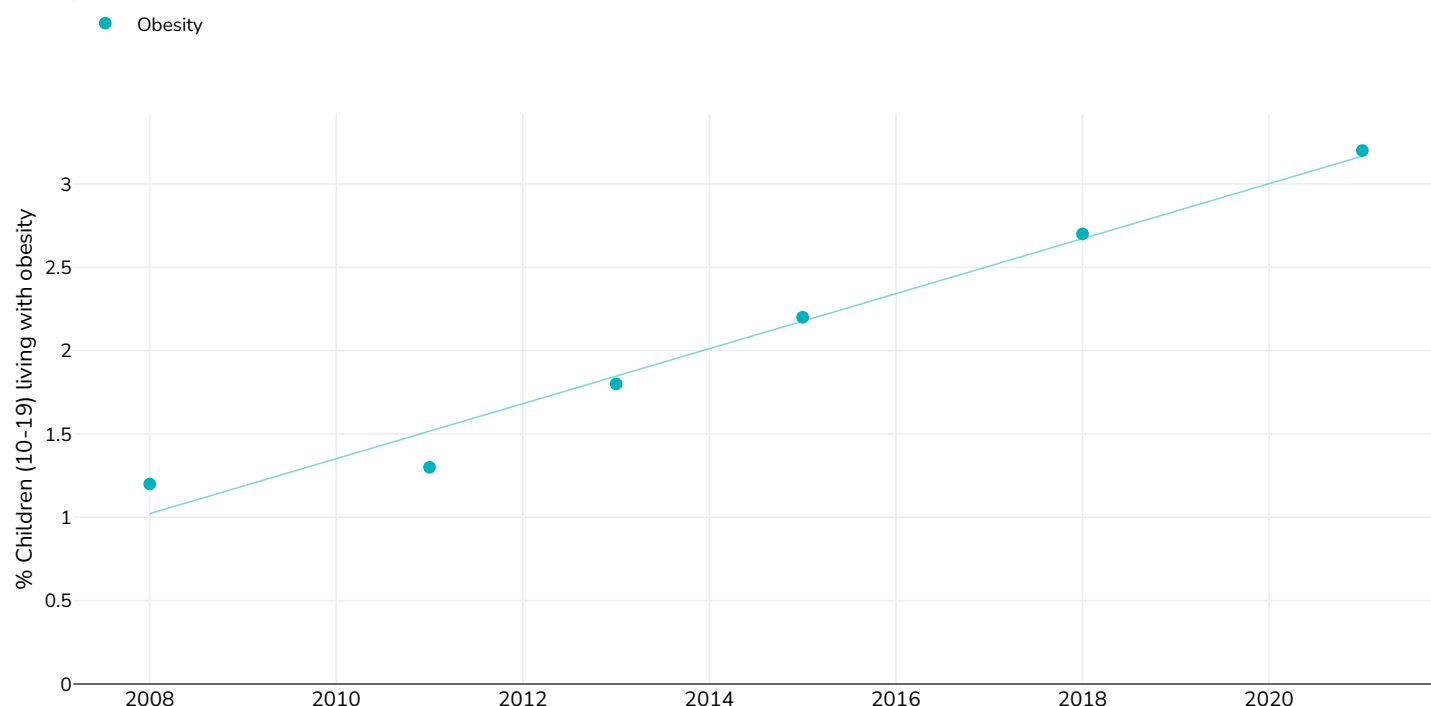
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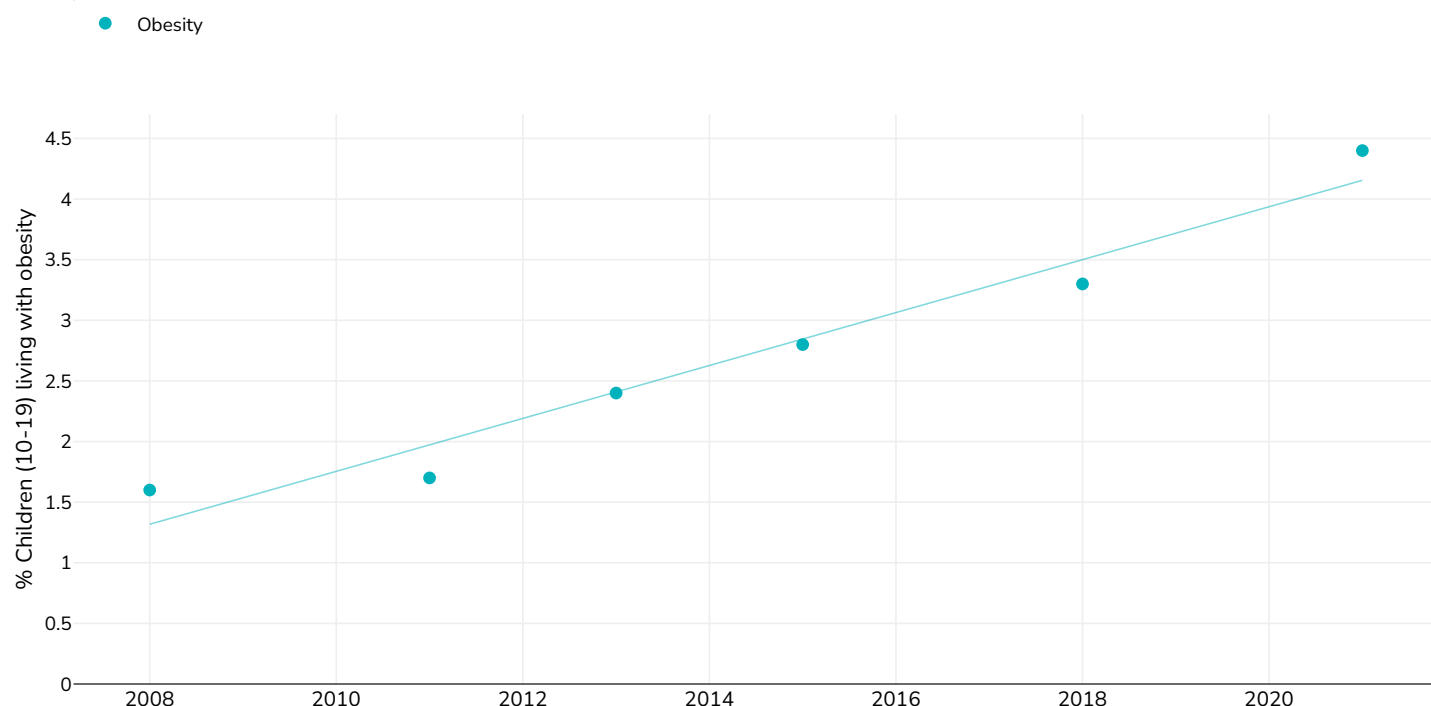
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Boys and girls



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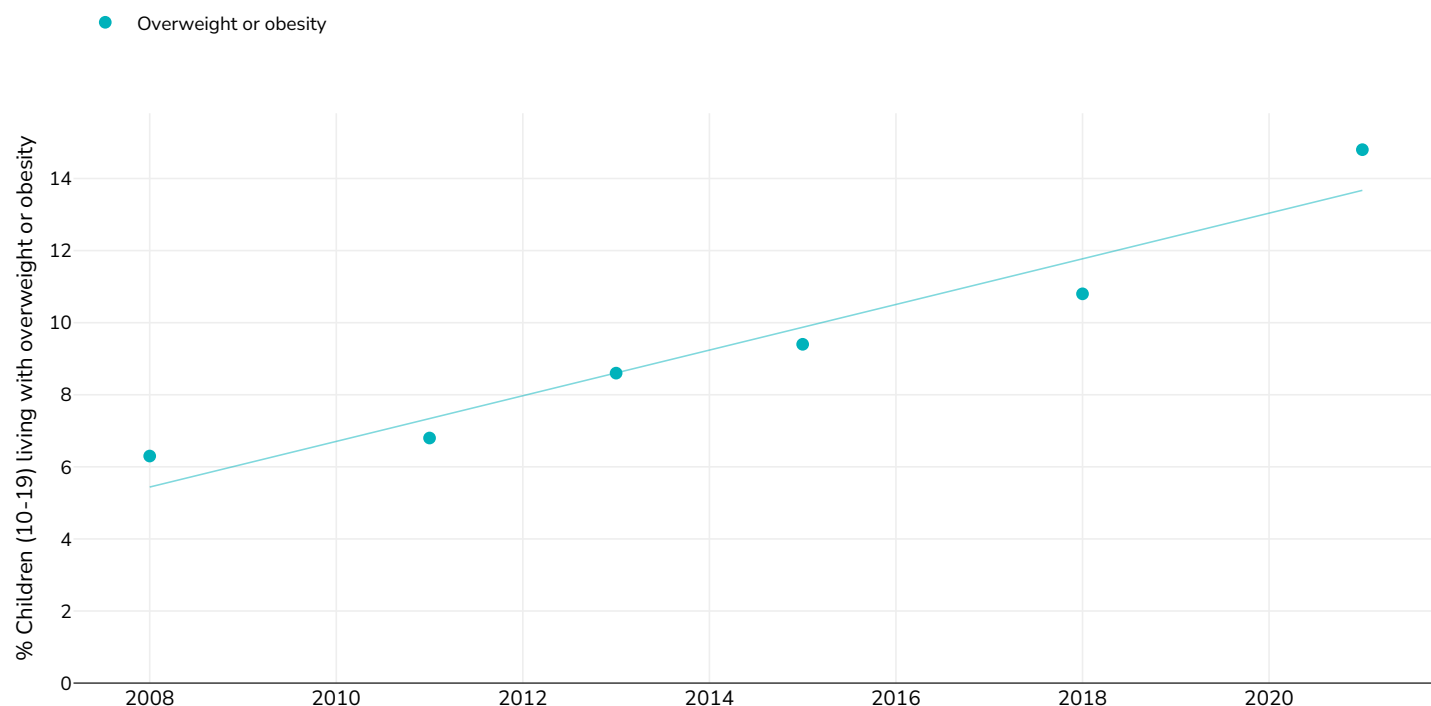
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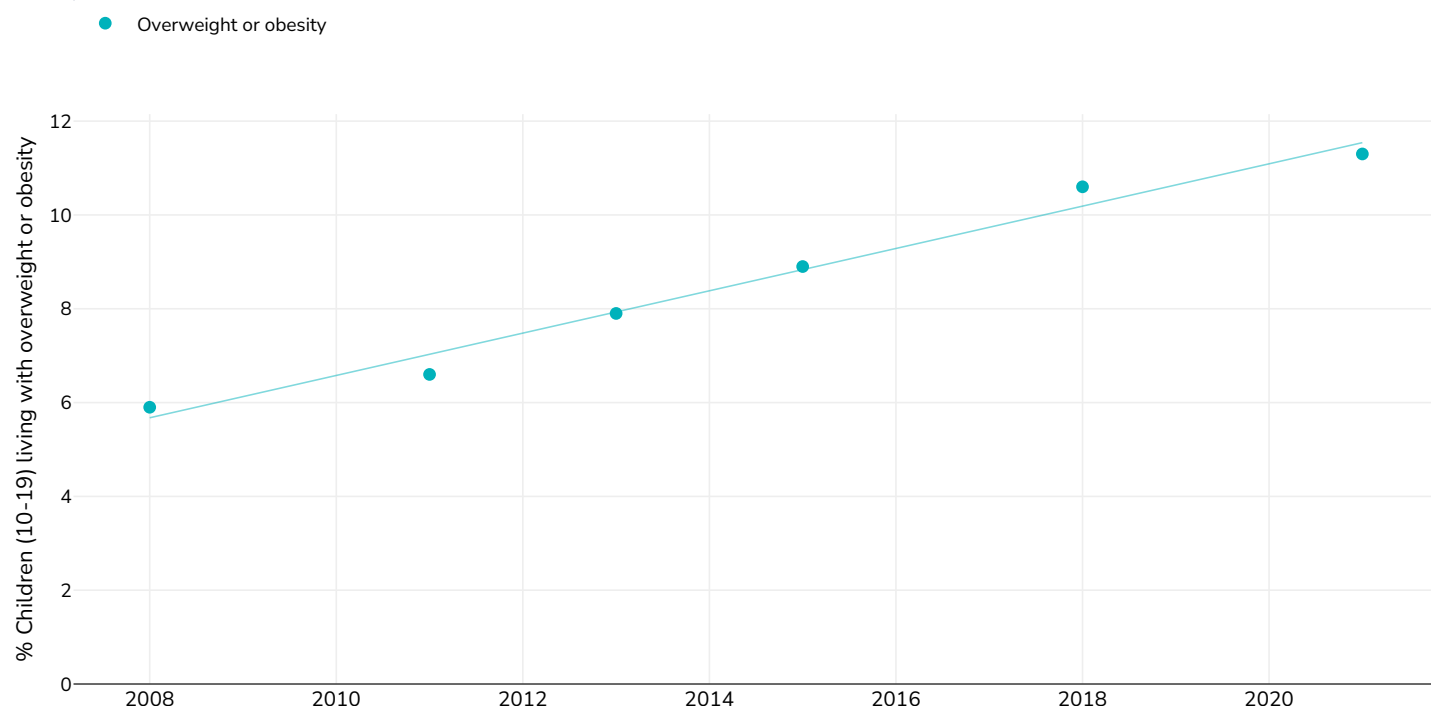
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Girls



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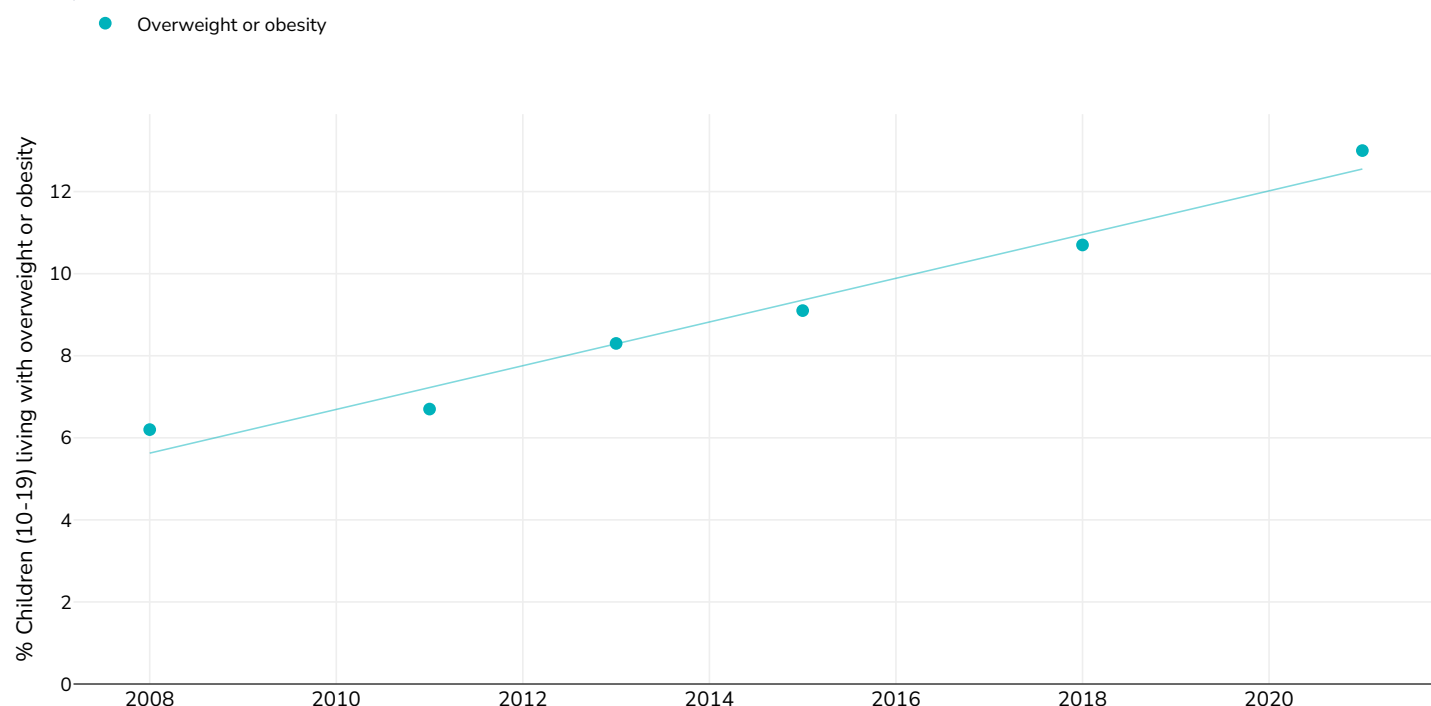
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Boys and girls



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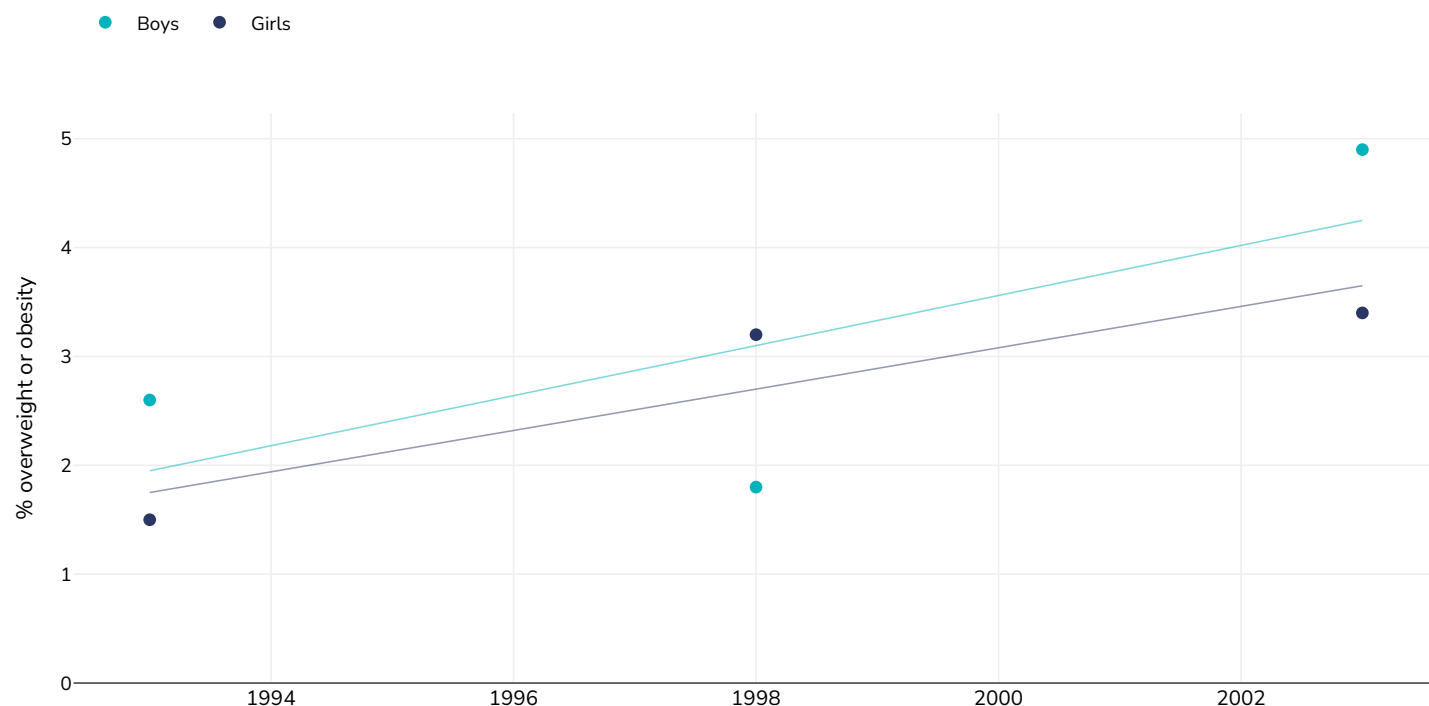
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% Children (12 years old) living with overweight or obesity in the Philippines 1993-2003



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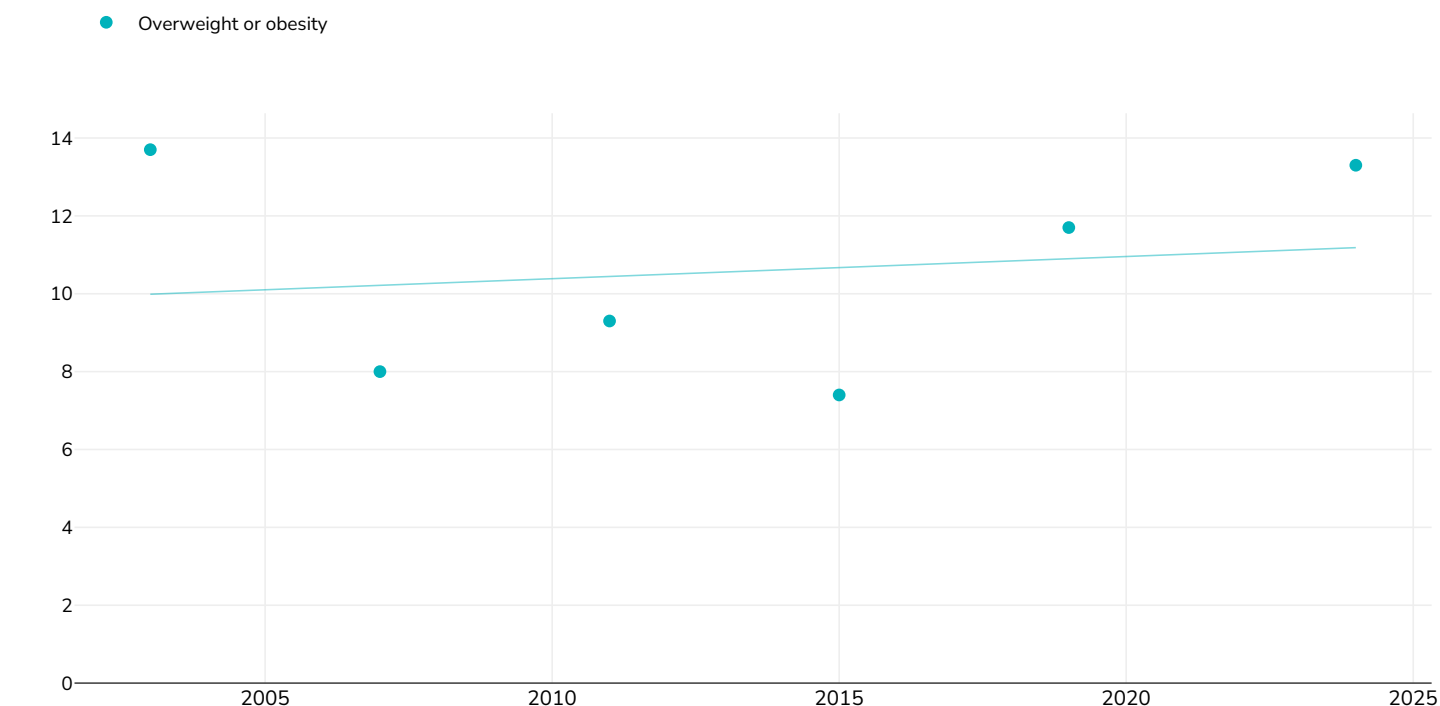
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Definitions: Other

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% Children (13-17) living with overweight or obesity in Philippines, 2003-2024

Girls



Survey type:

Self-reported

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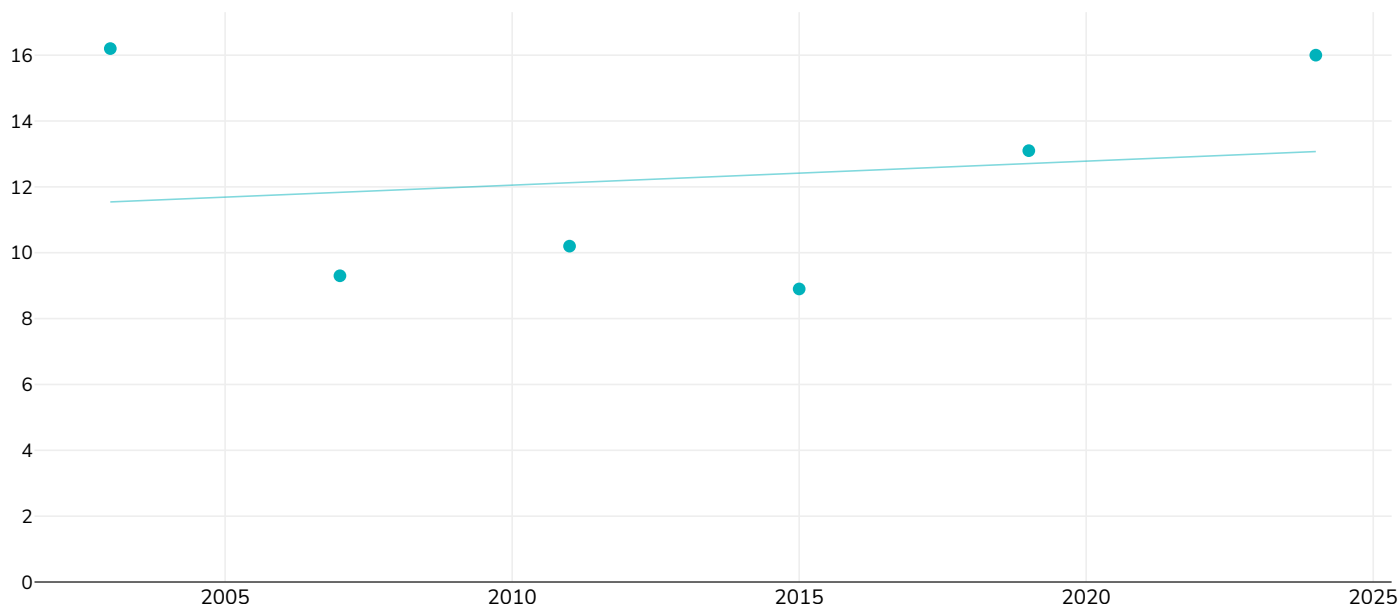
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Boys and girls

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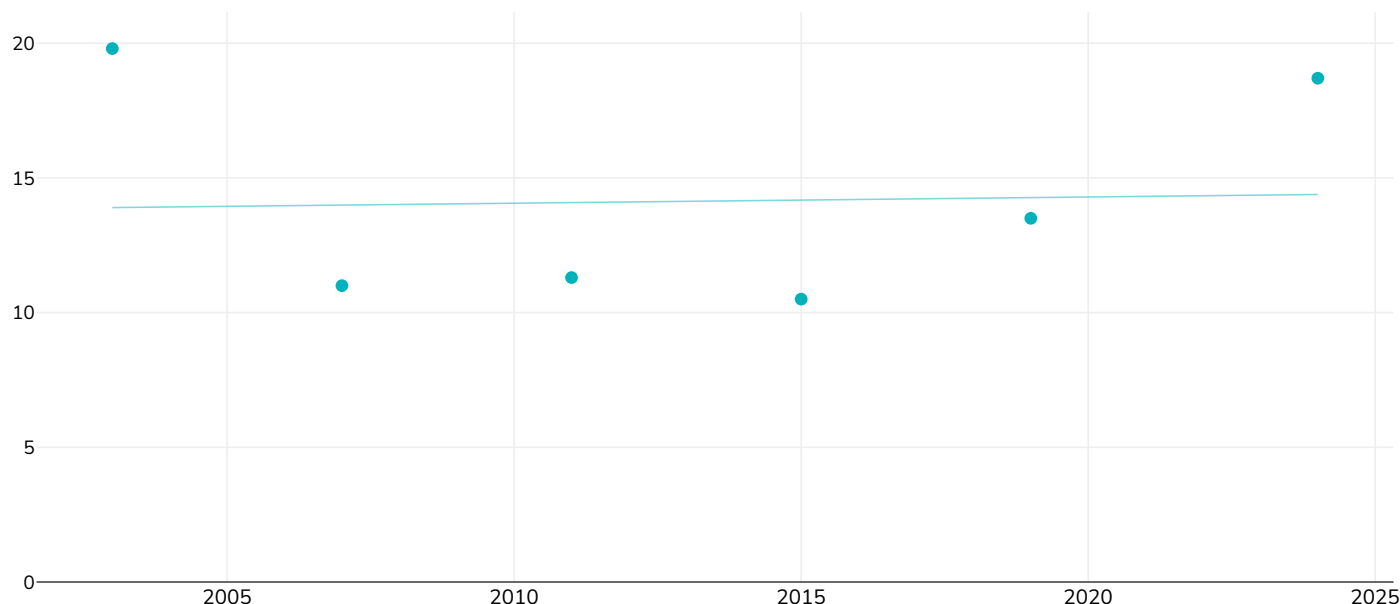
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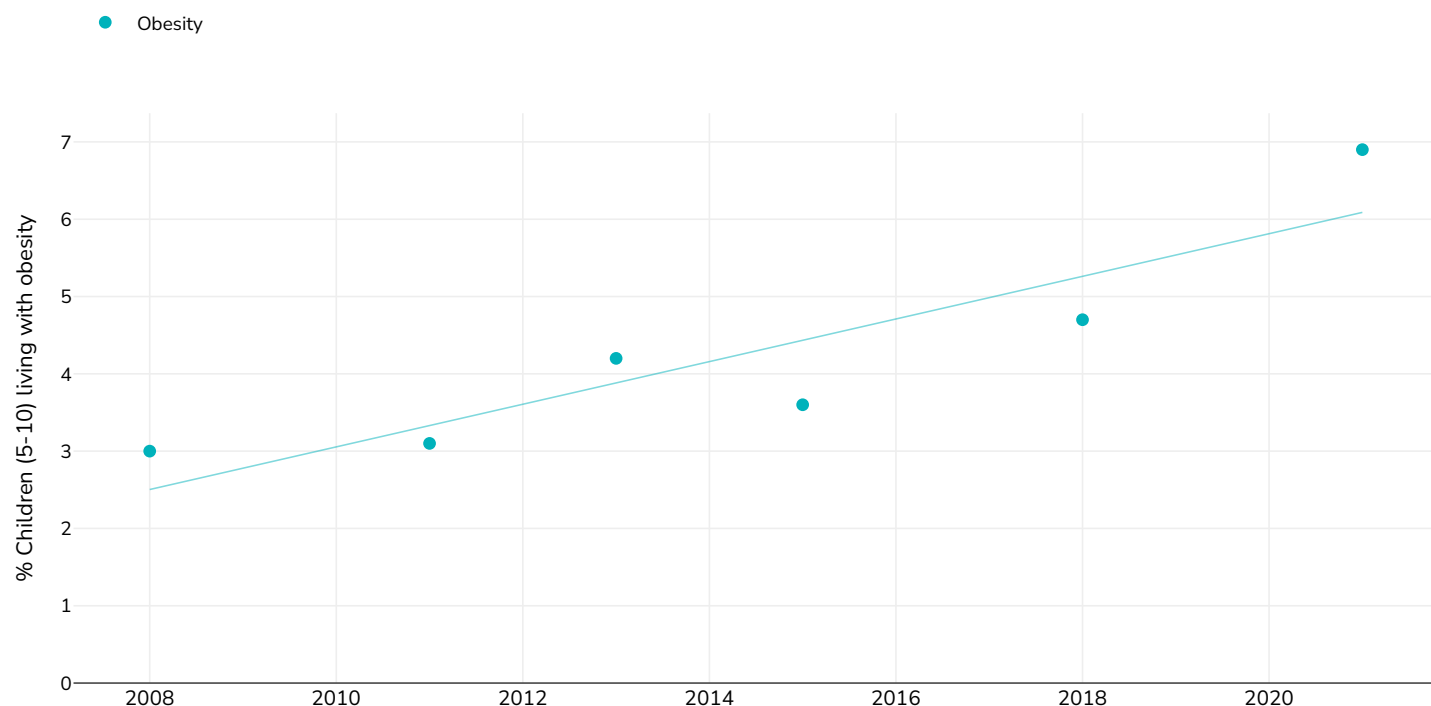
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% Children (5-10) living with obesity in the Philippines, 2008-2021

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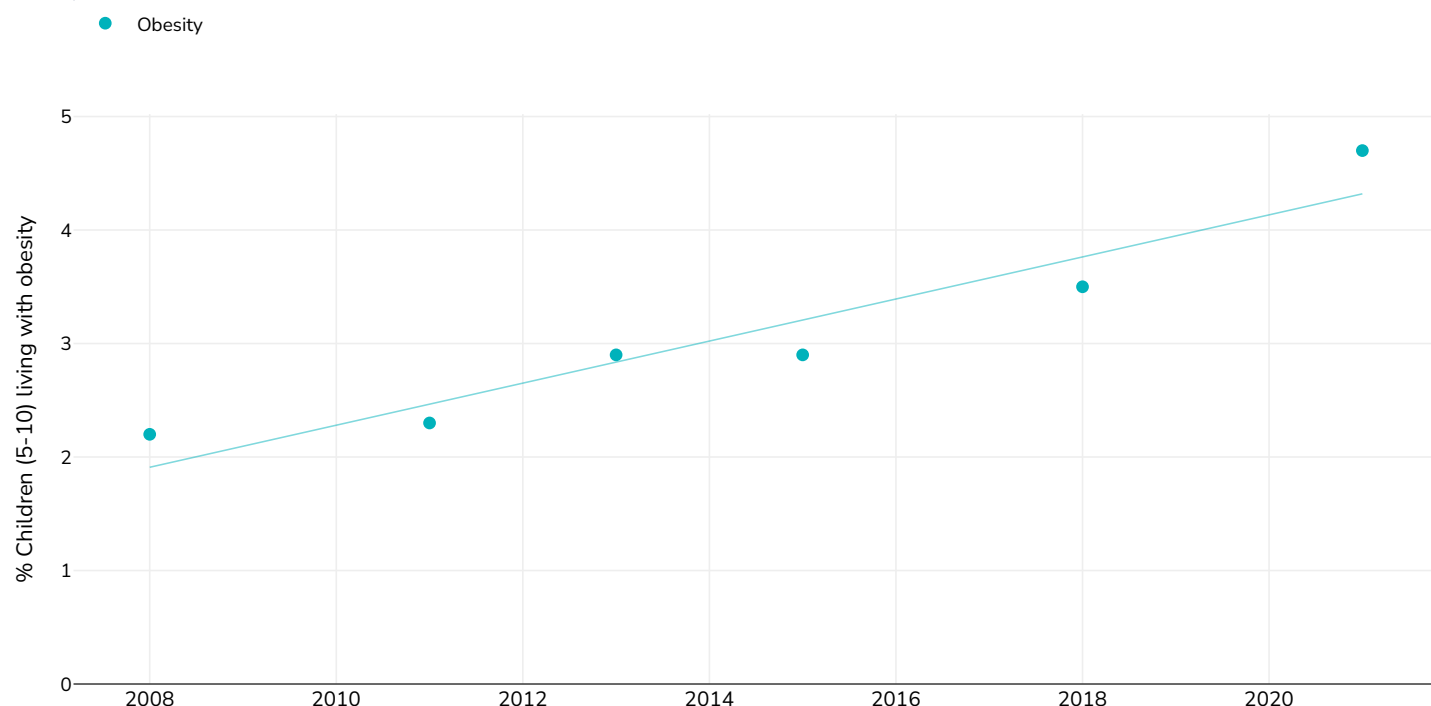
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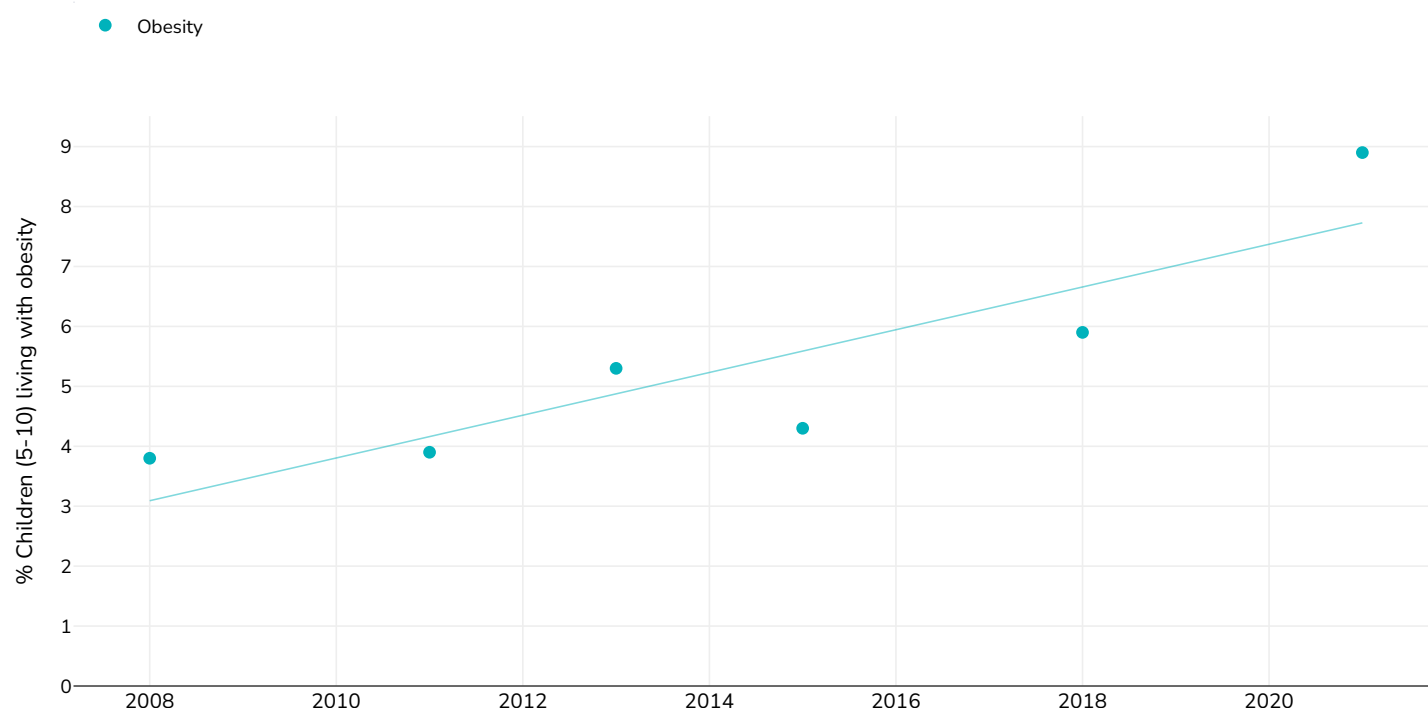
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Boys



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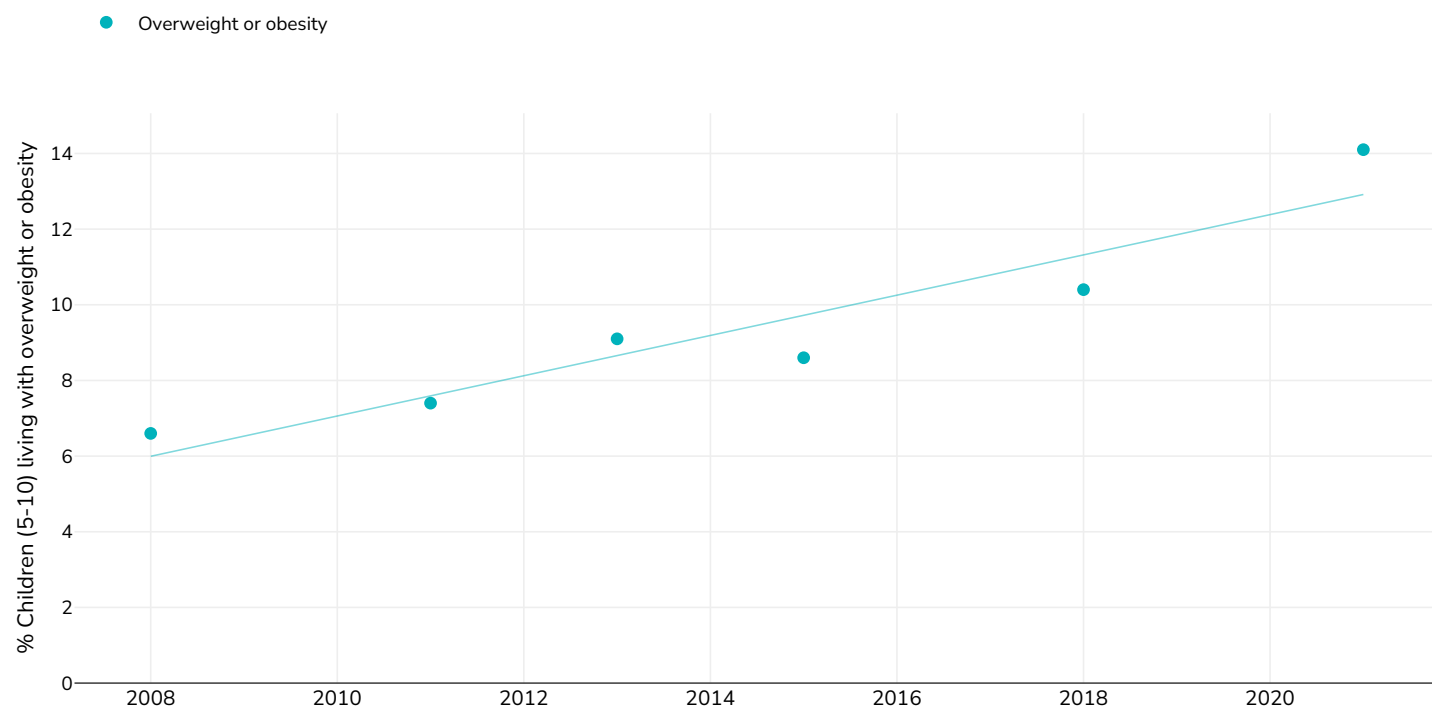
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% Children (5-10) living with overweight or obesity in the Philippines, 2008-2021

Boys and girls



Survey type:

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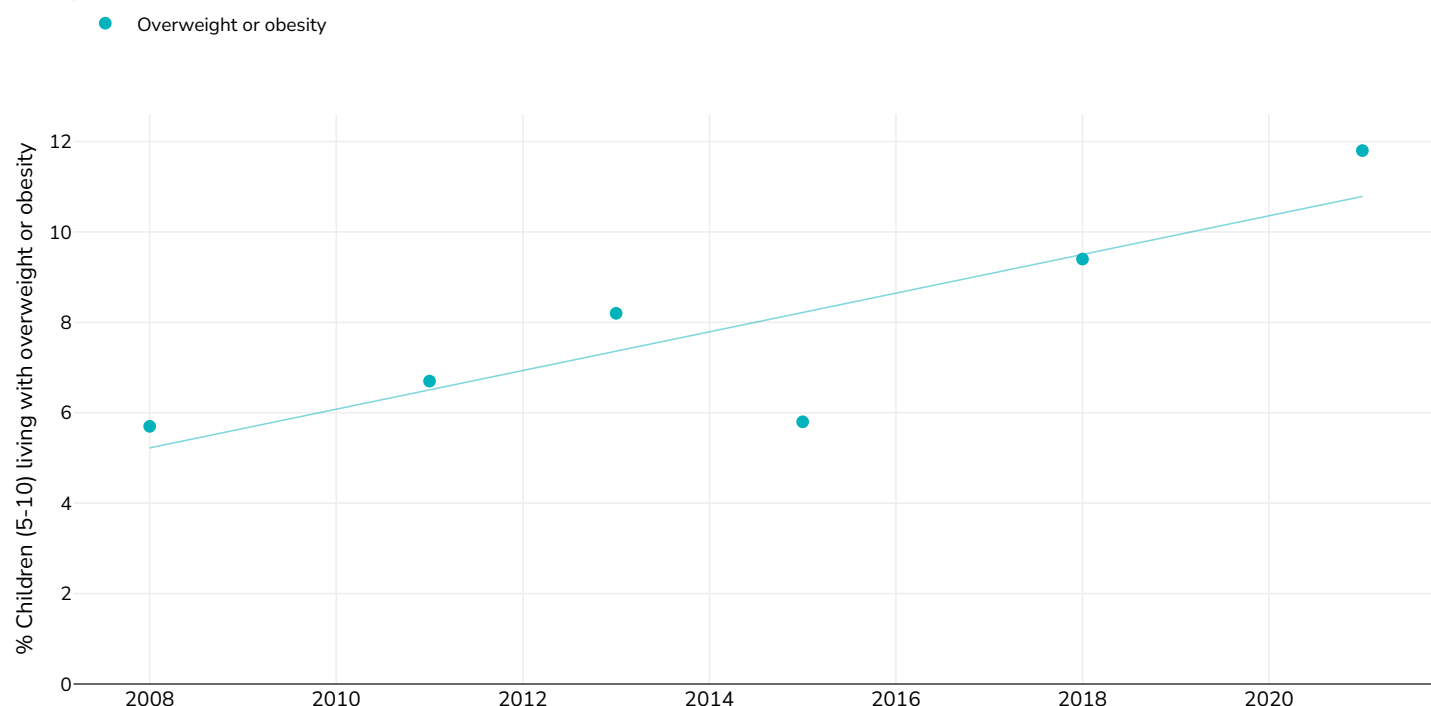
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Girls



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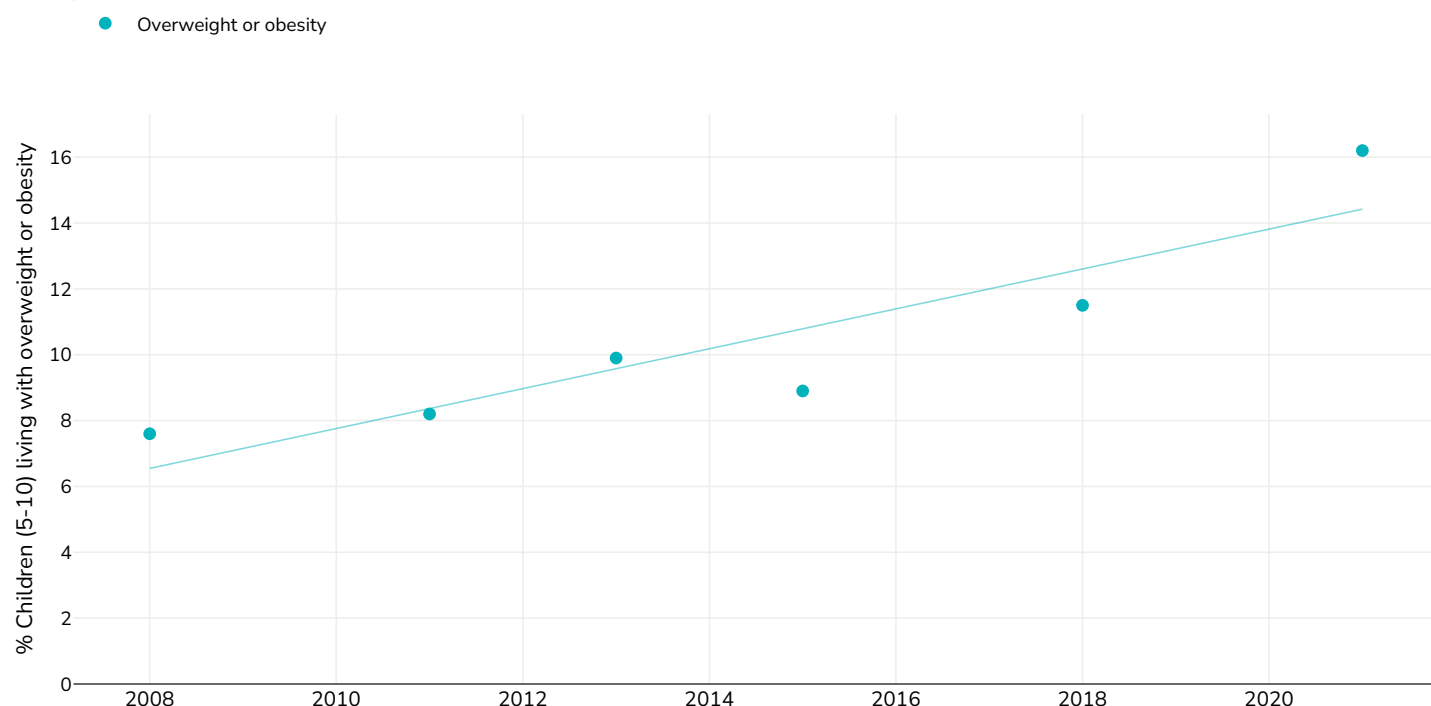
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Boys



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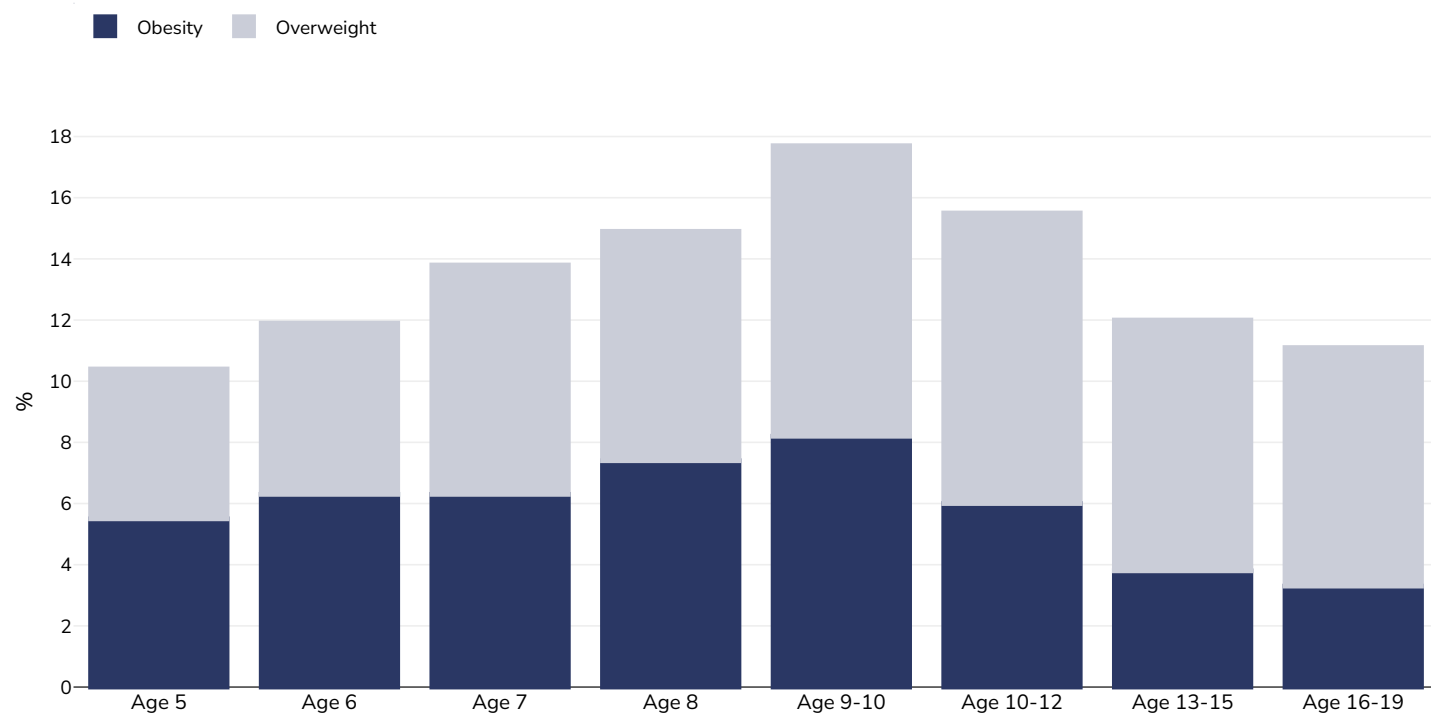
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Overweight/obesity by age

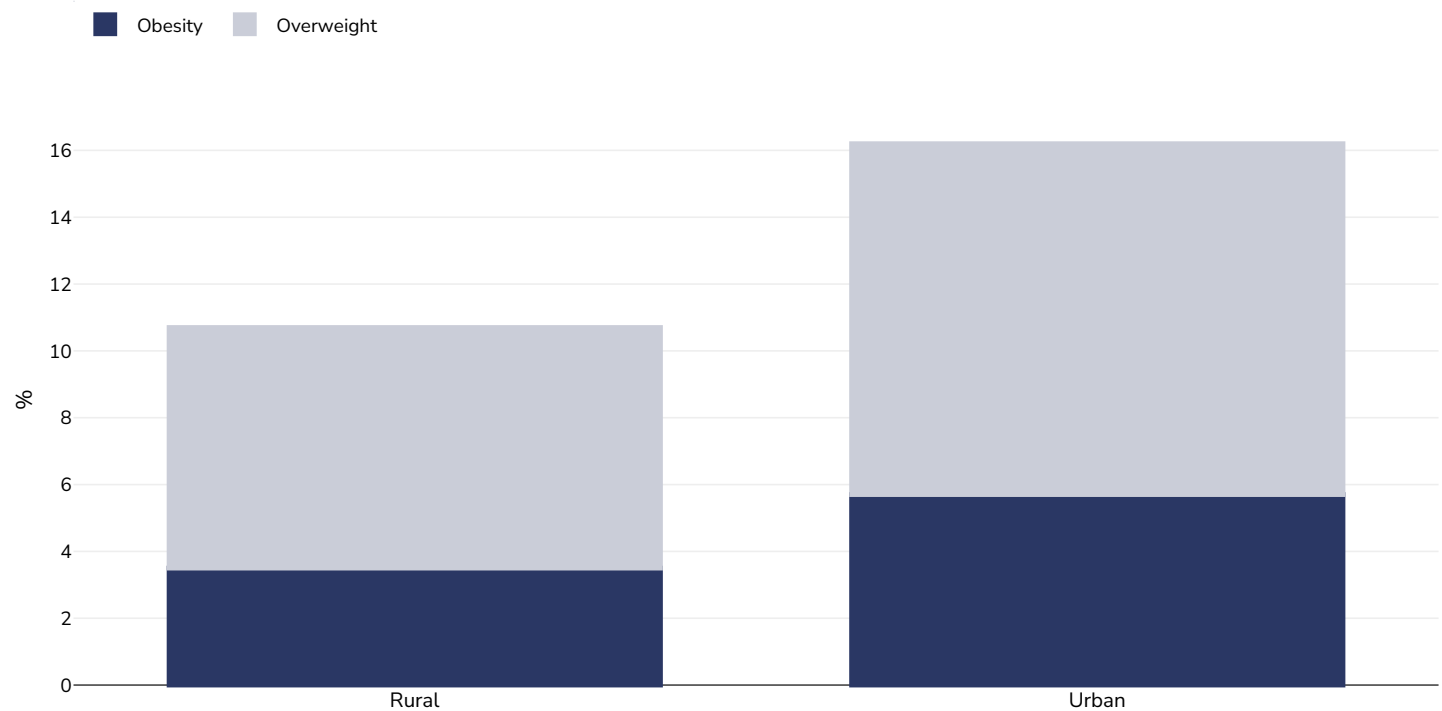
Children, 2021



Survey type:	Measured
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Cutoffs:	WHO

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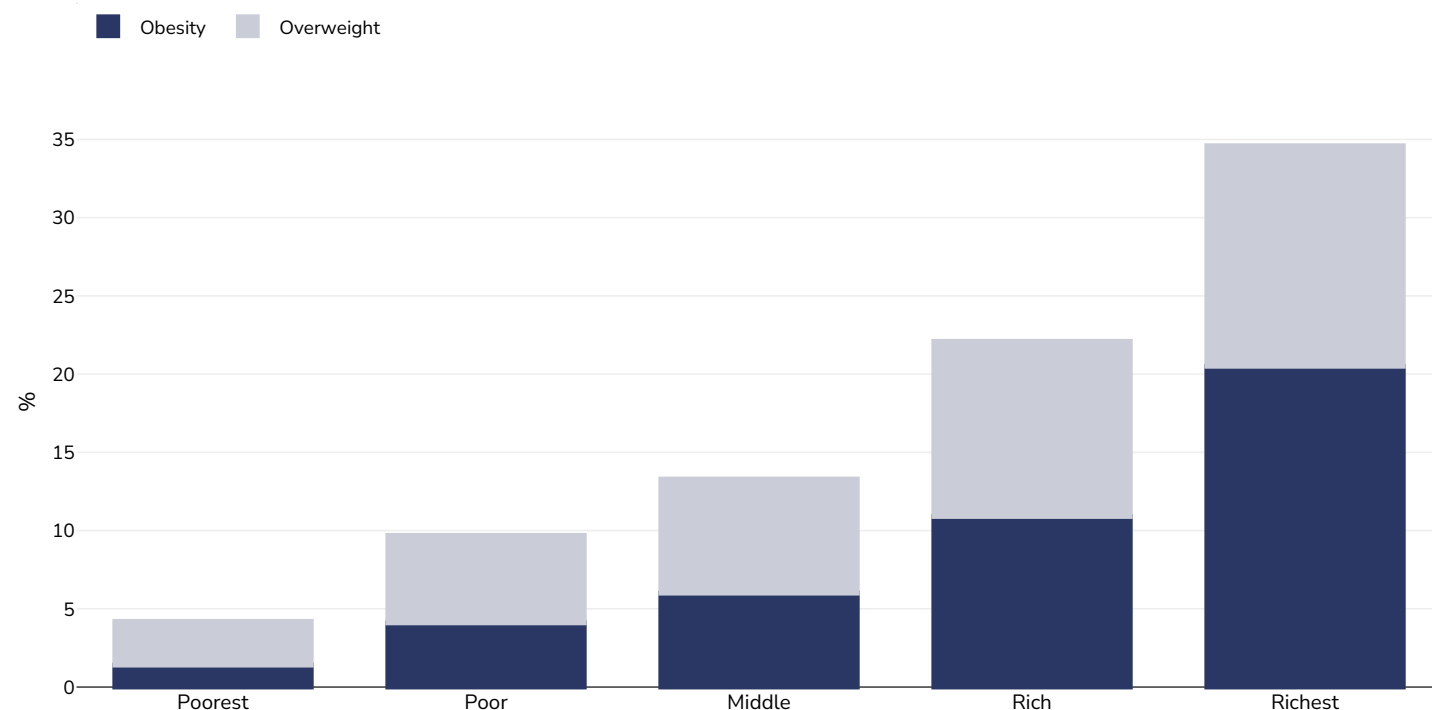
Children, 2021



Survey type:	Measured
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Area covered:	National
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Cutoffs:	WHO

Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

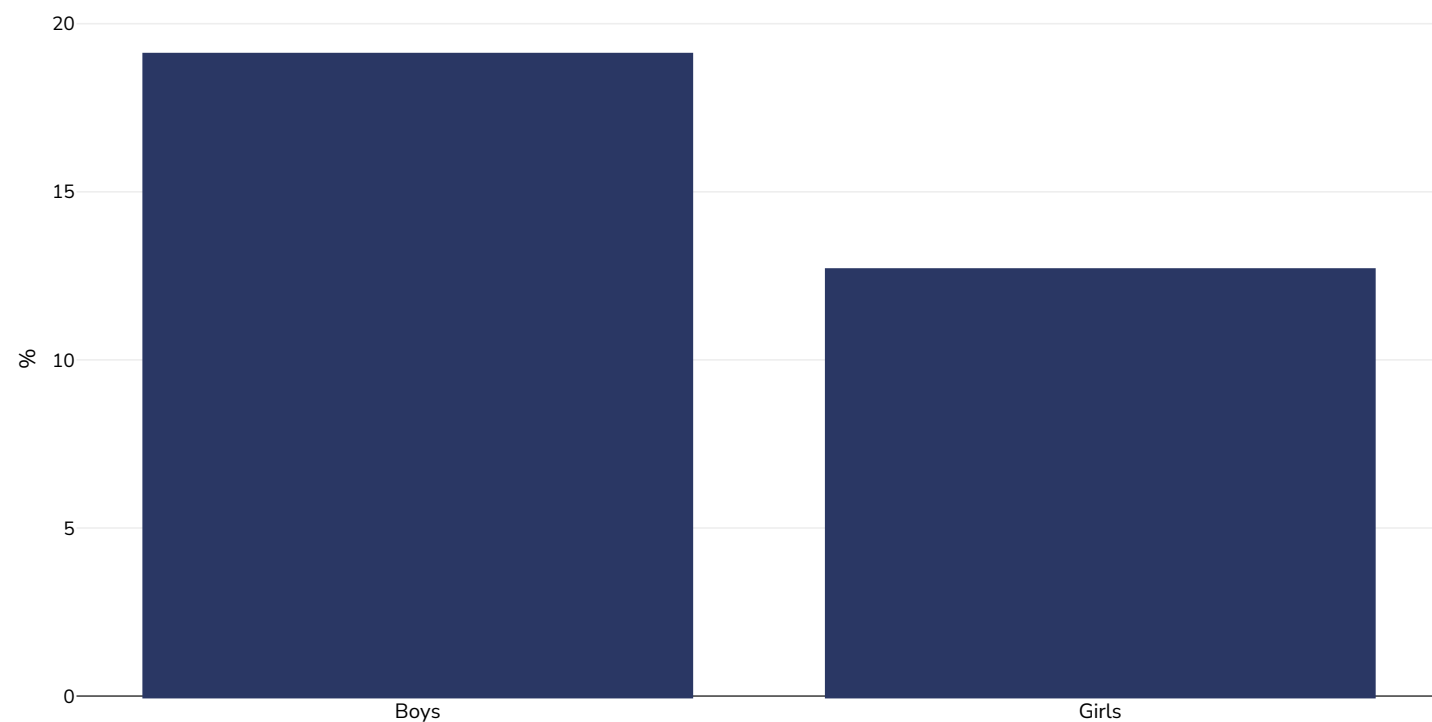
Children, 2021



Survey type:	Measured
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Double burden of underweight & overweight

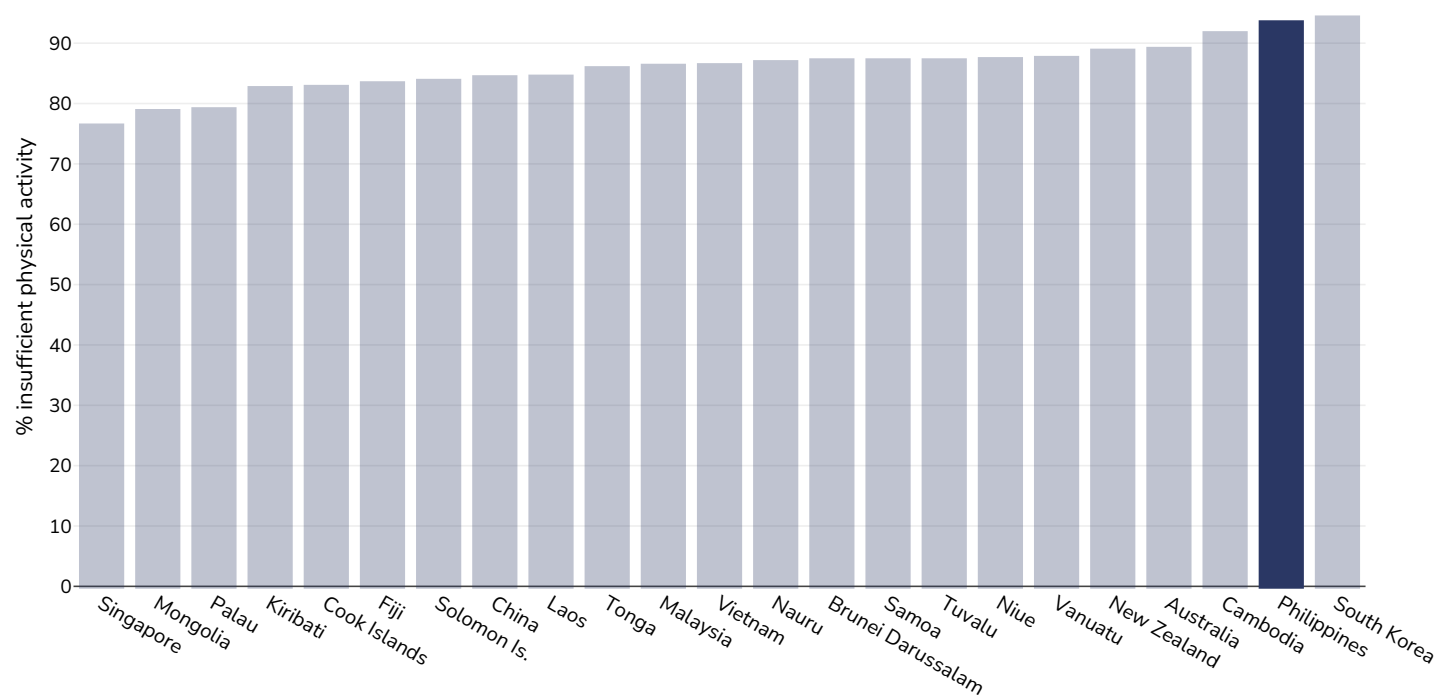
Children, 2022



Survey type:	Measured
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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. https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02750-2 .
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

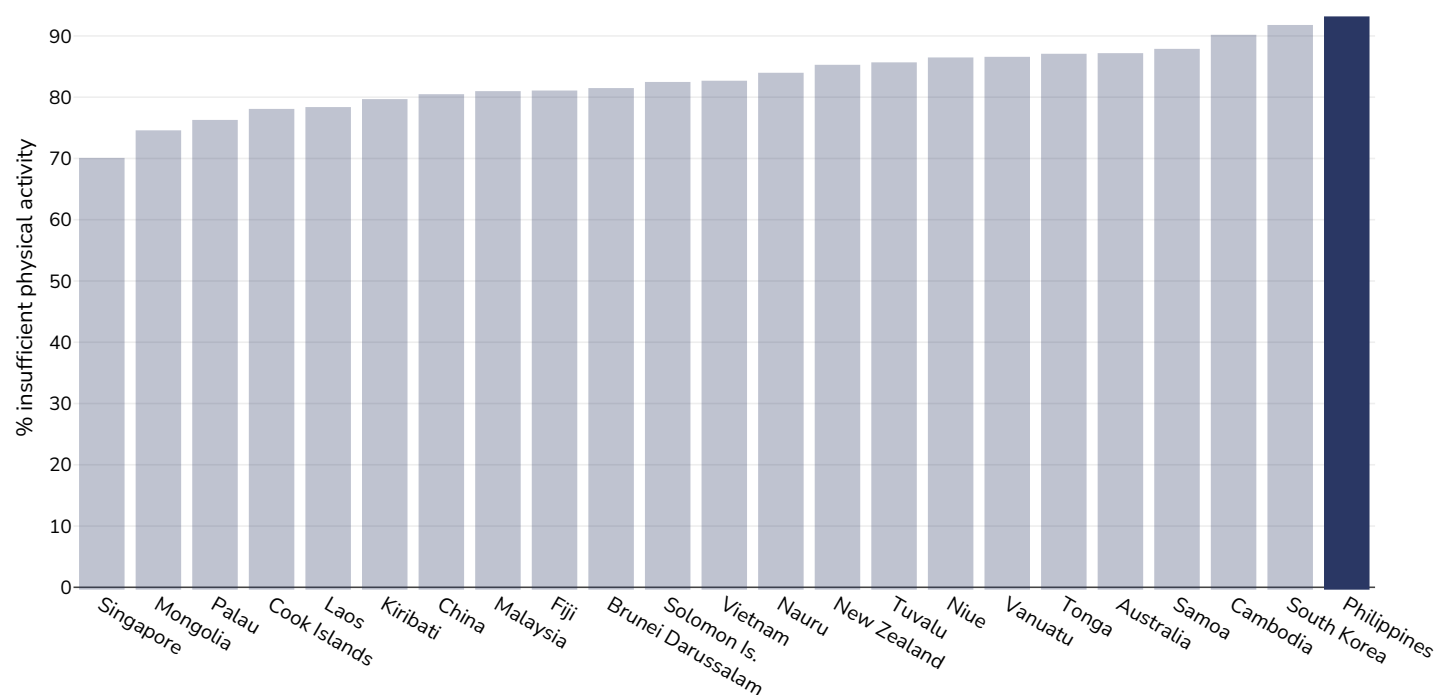
Insufficient physical activity

Children, 2016



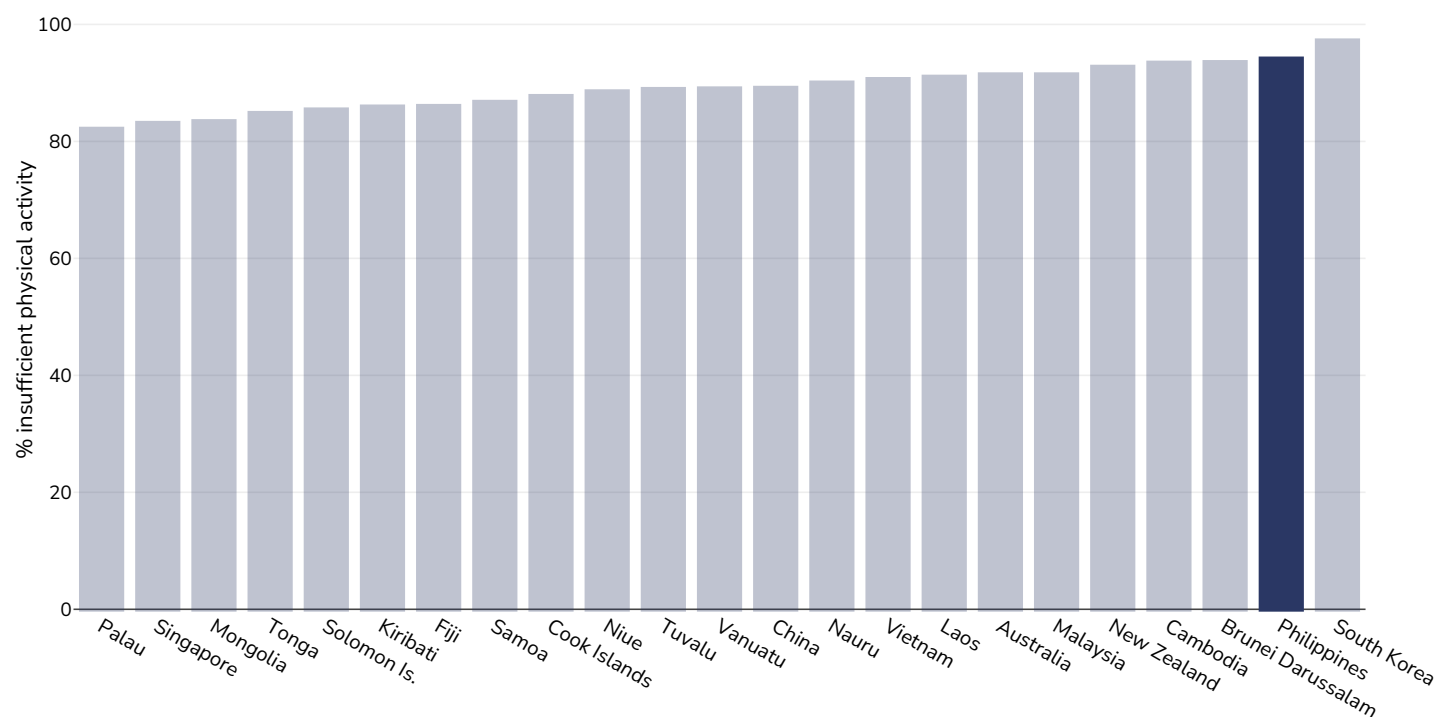
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Notes:	% of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.
Definitions:	% Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

Boys, 2016



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Girls, 2016



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 11-17

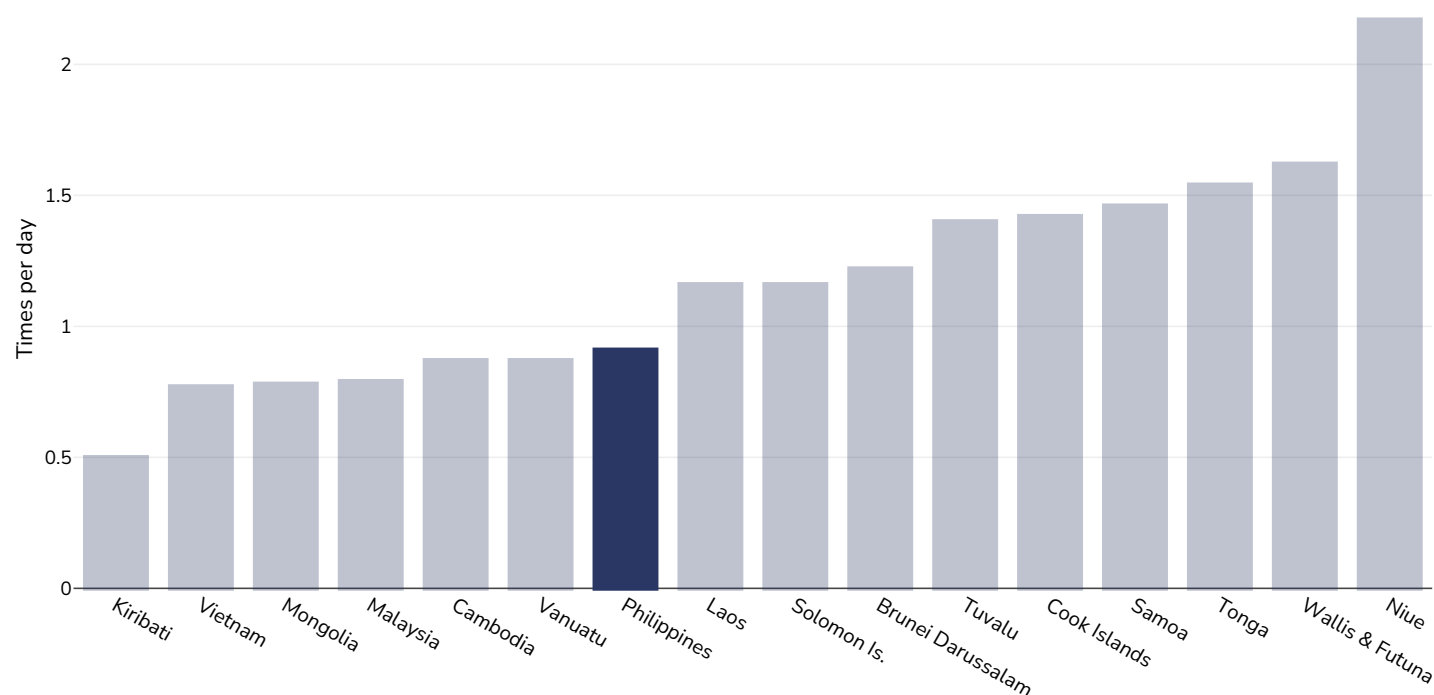
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Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2010-2015



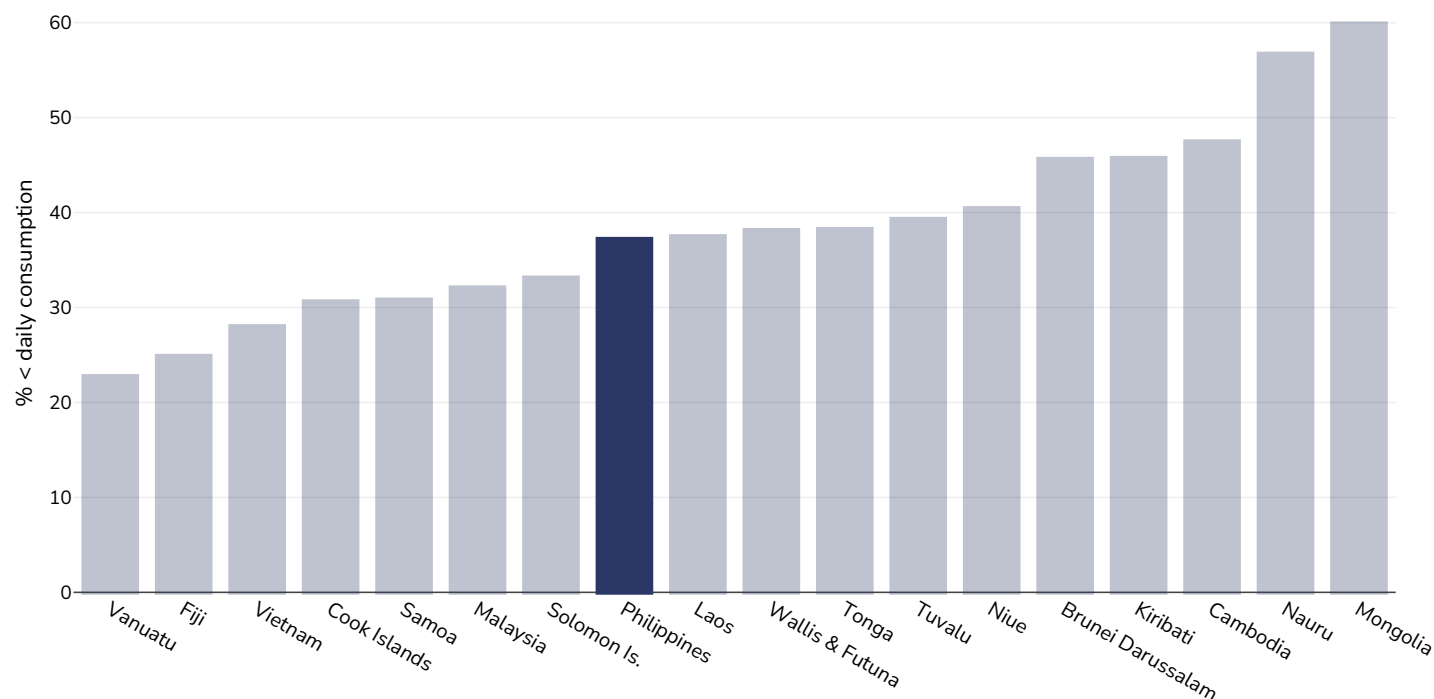
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Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

Children, 2010-2015



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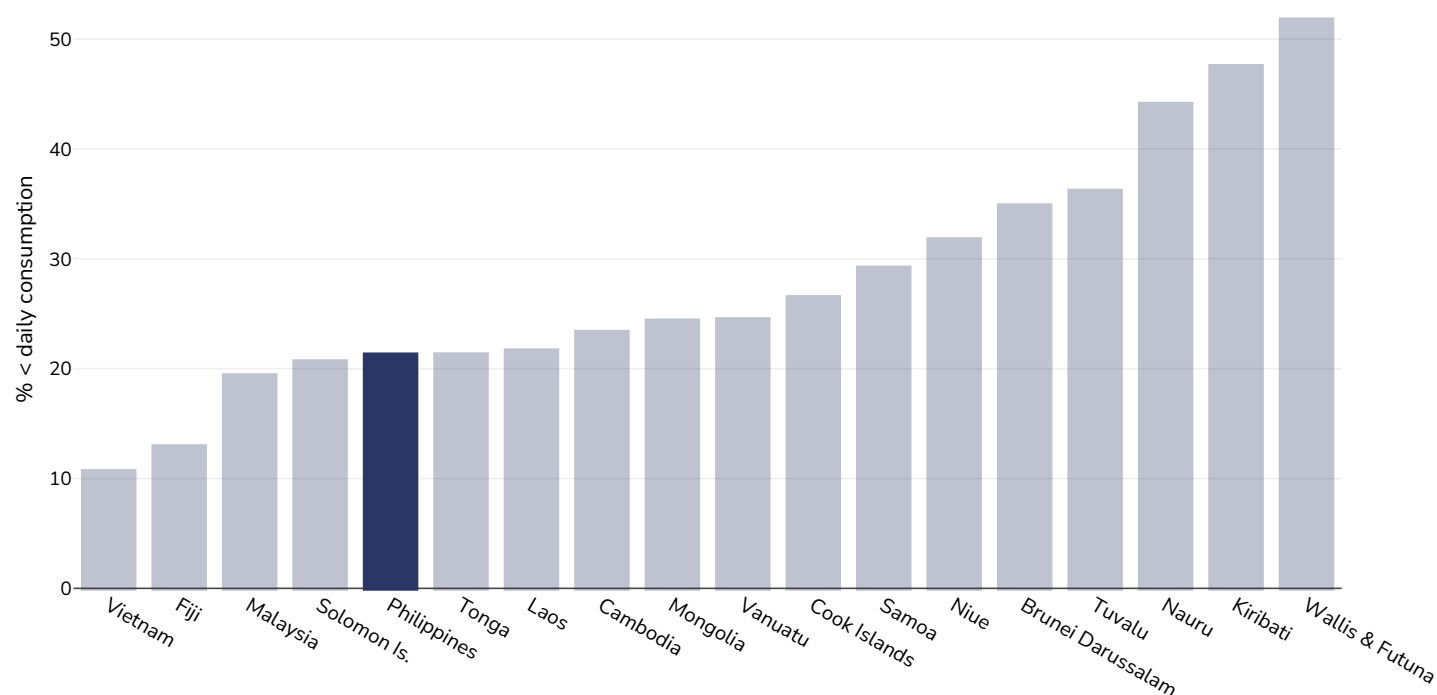
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Definitions: Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption (% less-than-daily fruit consumption)

Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2010-2015



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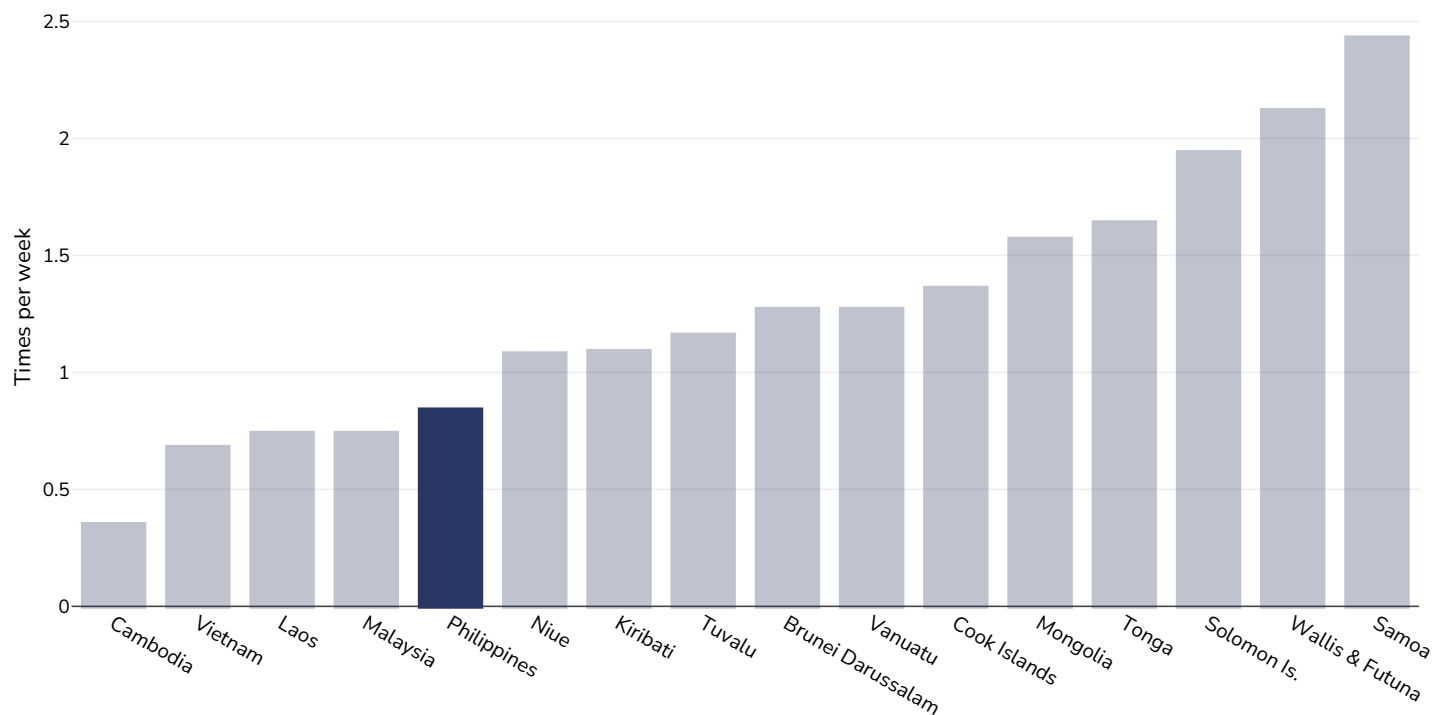
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Definitions: Prevalence of less-than-daily vegetable consumption (% less-than-daily vegetable consumption)

Average weekly frequency of fast food consumption

Children, 2010-2015

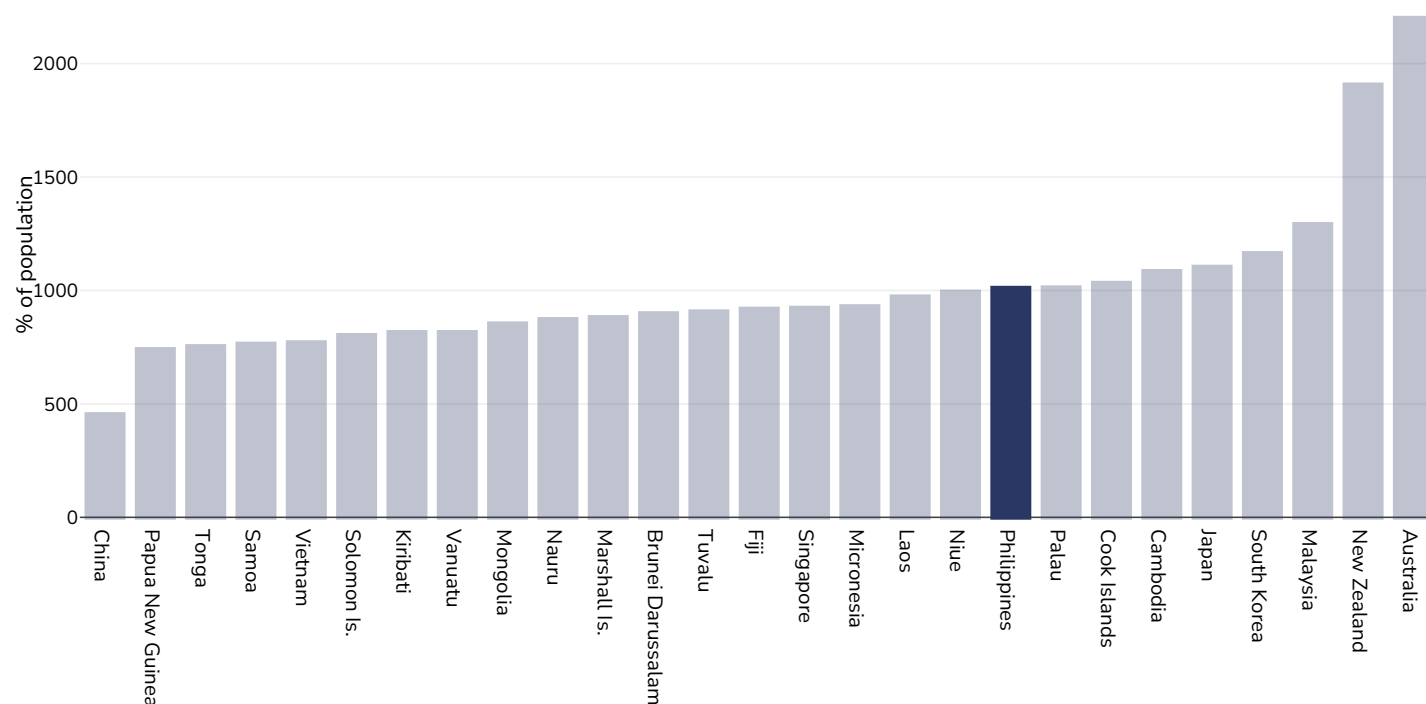


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Mental health - depression disorders

Children, 2021



Area covered:

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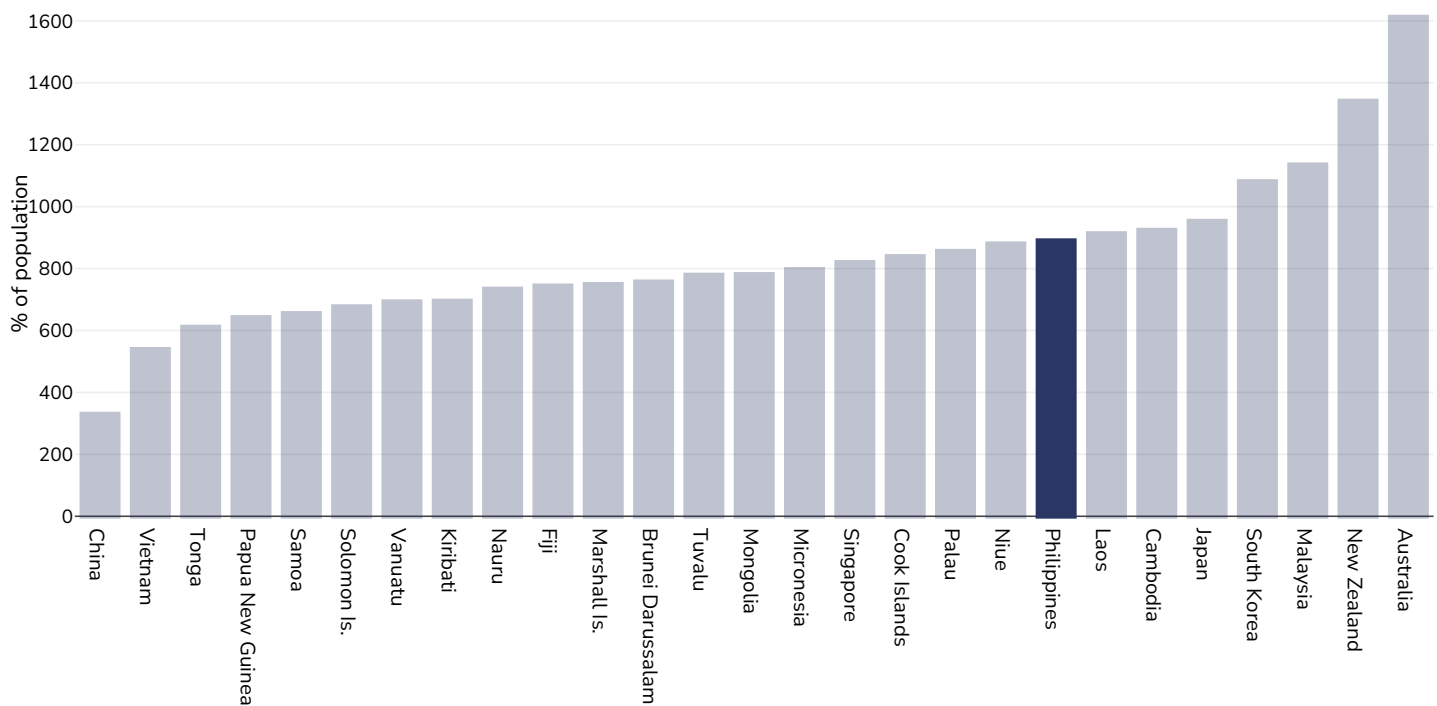
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Definitions:

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

Boys, 2021



Area covered:

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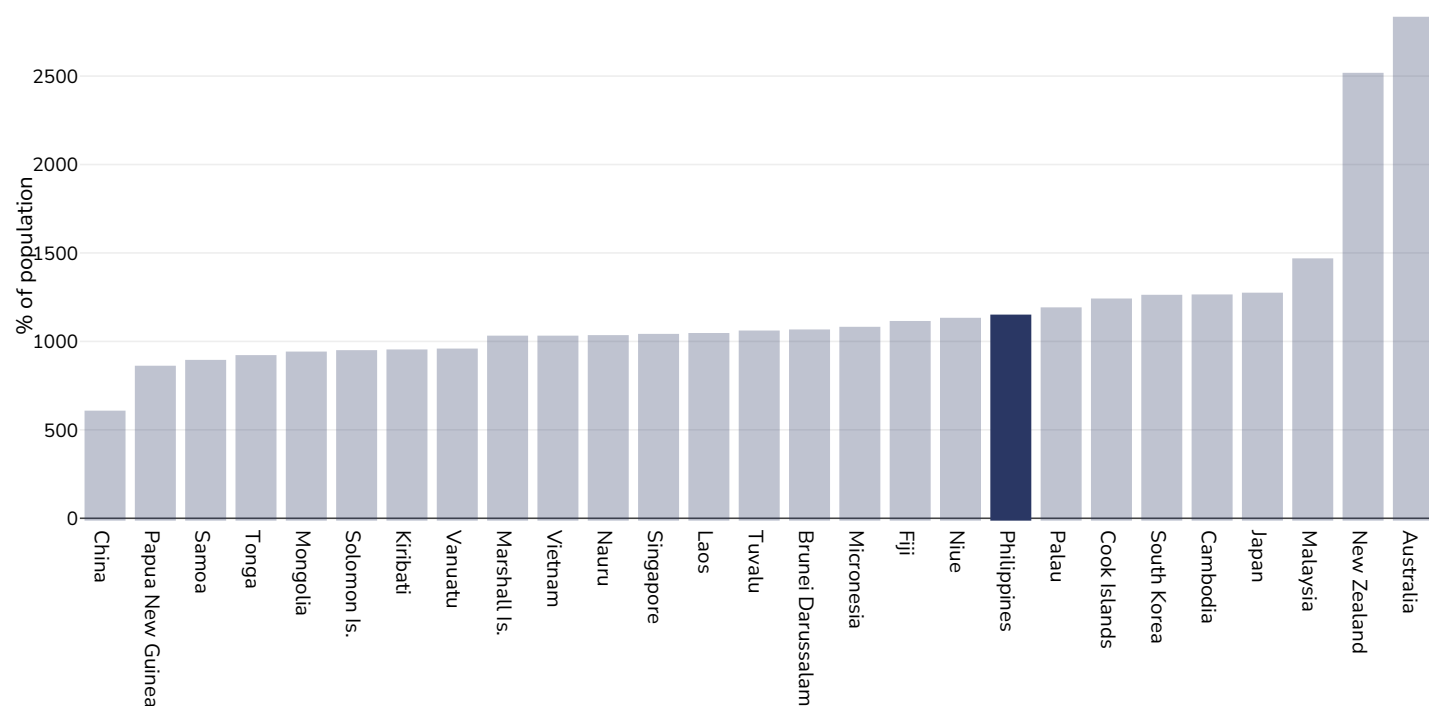
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Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

Girls, 2021



Area covered:

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References:

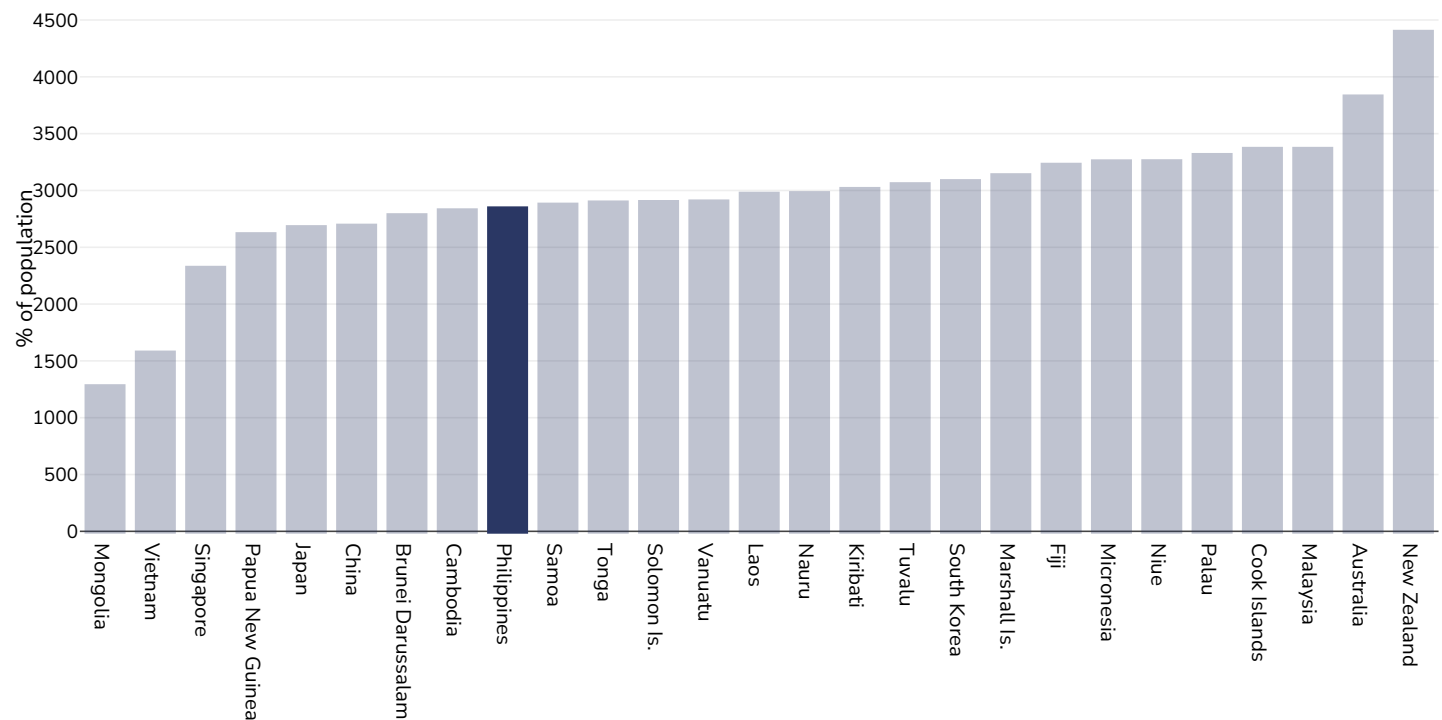
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Mental health - anxiety disorders

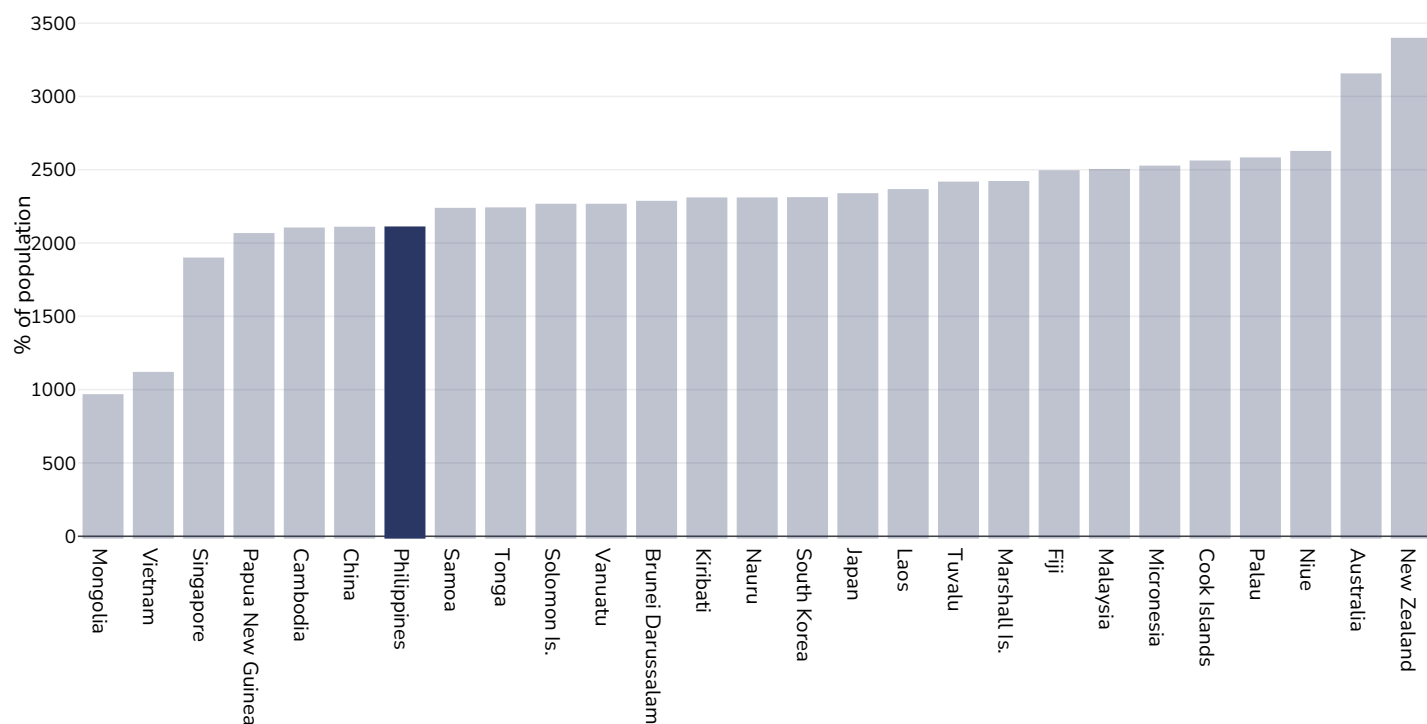
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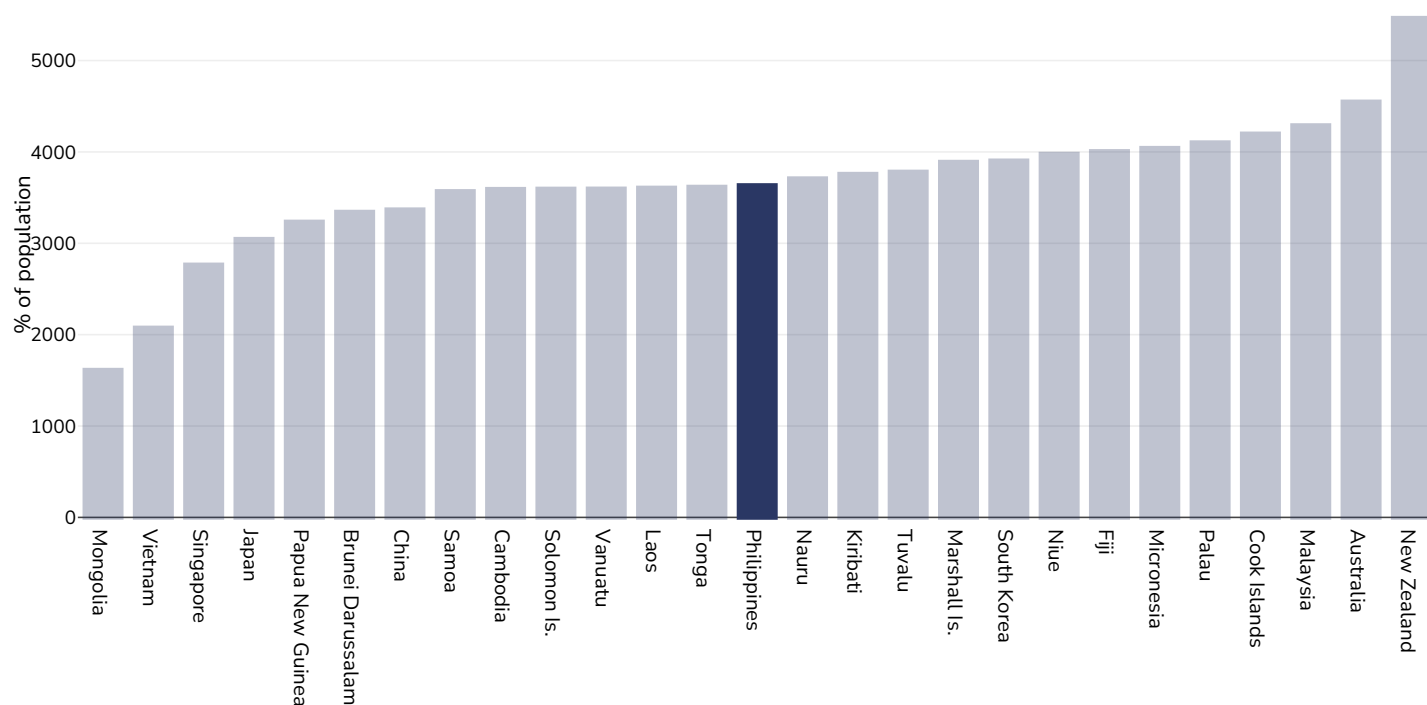
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