



Puerto Rico



Country report card

This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity . 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/puerto-rico-175/>.

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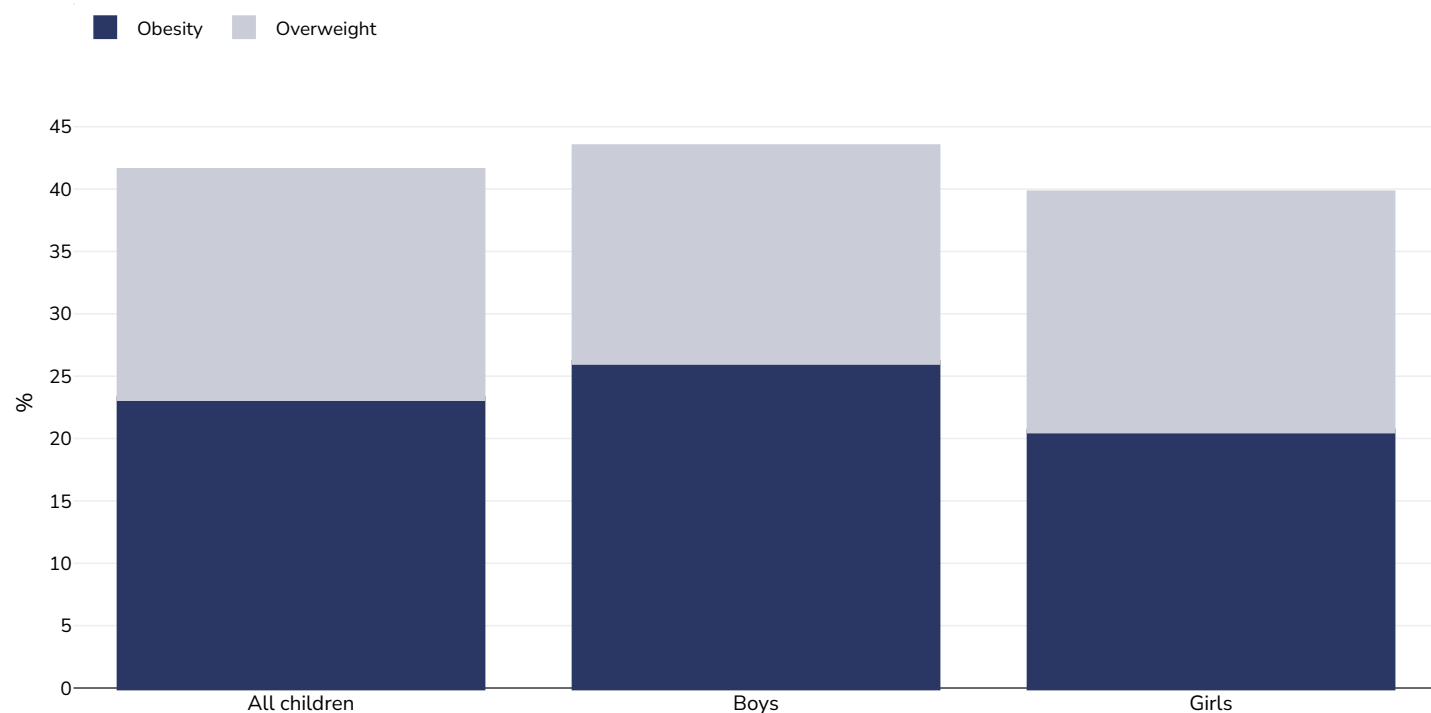
Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2023



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	18+
Sample size:	Database currently offline tbc
Area covered:	National
References:	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2023. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.â Adult Obesity Prevalence Maps. U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services; 2023. Available at https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/annual_data/annual_data.htm (last accessed 05.02.25)
Unless otherwise noted, overweight refers to a BMI between 25kg and 29.9kg/m², obesity refers to a BMI greater than 30kg/m².	

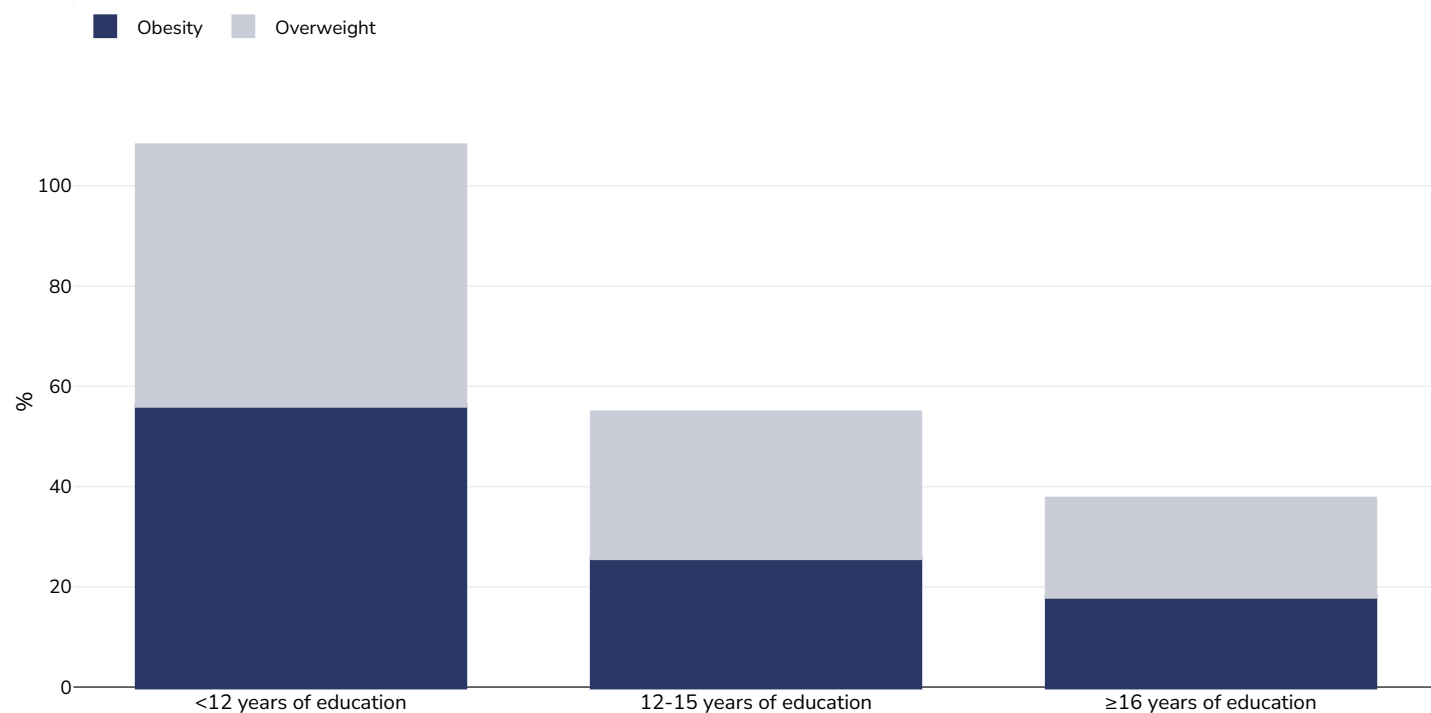
Children, 2010-2011



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	12
Sample size:	1582
References:	Elías-Boneta AR, Toro MJ, García O, Torres R, Palacios C. High prevalence of overweight and obesity among a representative sample of Puerto Rican children. BMC Public Health. 2015 Mar 5;15:219. doi: 10.1186/s12889-015-1549-0. PMID: 25885462; PMCID: PMC4358900. Available at https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4358900/ (last accessed 09.03.22)
Notes:	A probabilistic sample of 133 schools was selected from a total of 1,843 schools. Ten boys and ten girls were randomly selected from each school using the official student lists provided by the school's administration. The required sample size was 2,600 children. A total of 1,734 children were contacted and invited to participate, however, some of the selected schools were inactive and others had merged. 152 children were excluded due to school absences and failure to obtain their parent's written consent.
Definitions:	Children were categorized as overweight, or obese using the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's age and gender specific growth charts.
Cutoffs:	CDC

Overweight/obesity by education

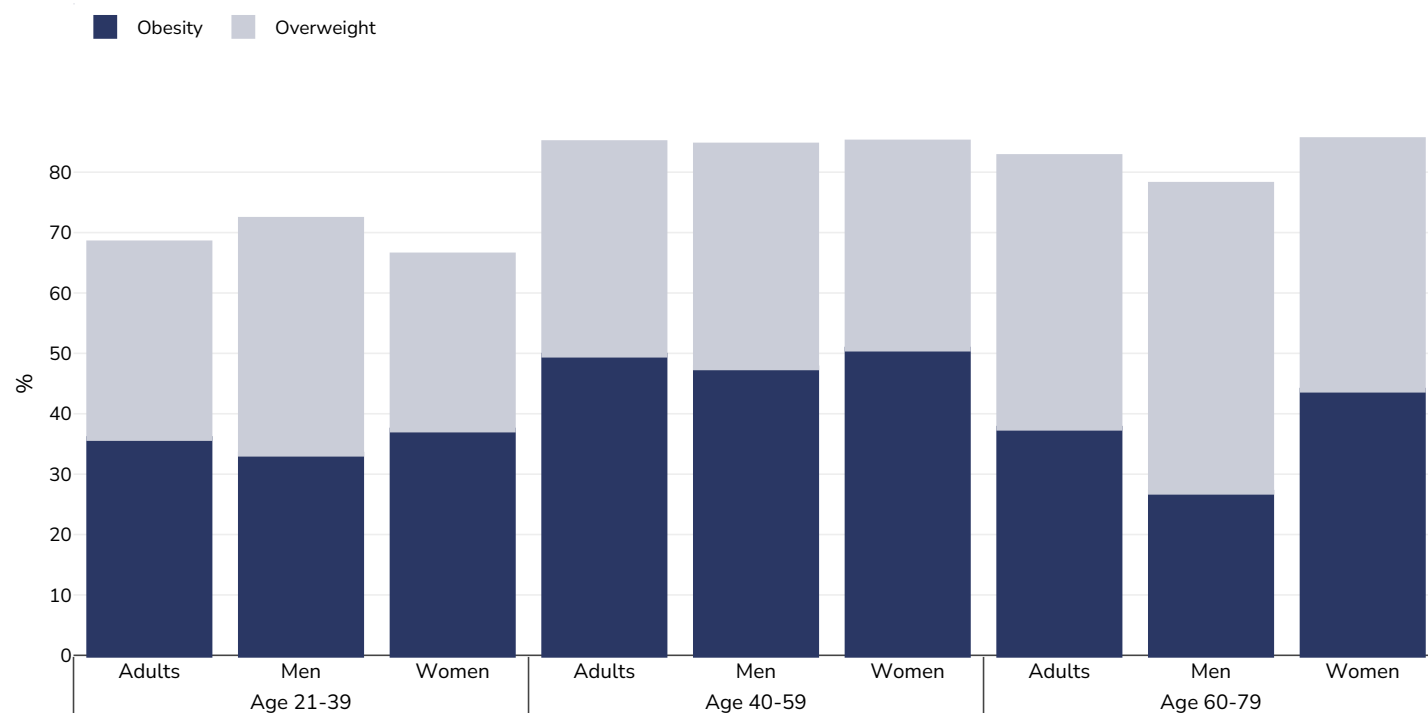
Adults, 2005-2007



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	45-52
Sample size:	840
Area covered:	Regional - San Juan Metropolitan Area
References:	Prevalence of overweight and obesity and their cardiometabolic comorbidities in Hispanic adults living in San Juan Metropolitan Area, Puerto Rico https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3823746/ (last accessed 09.03.22)
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Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2005-2007



Survey type: Measured

Sample size: 840

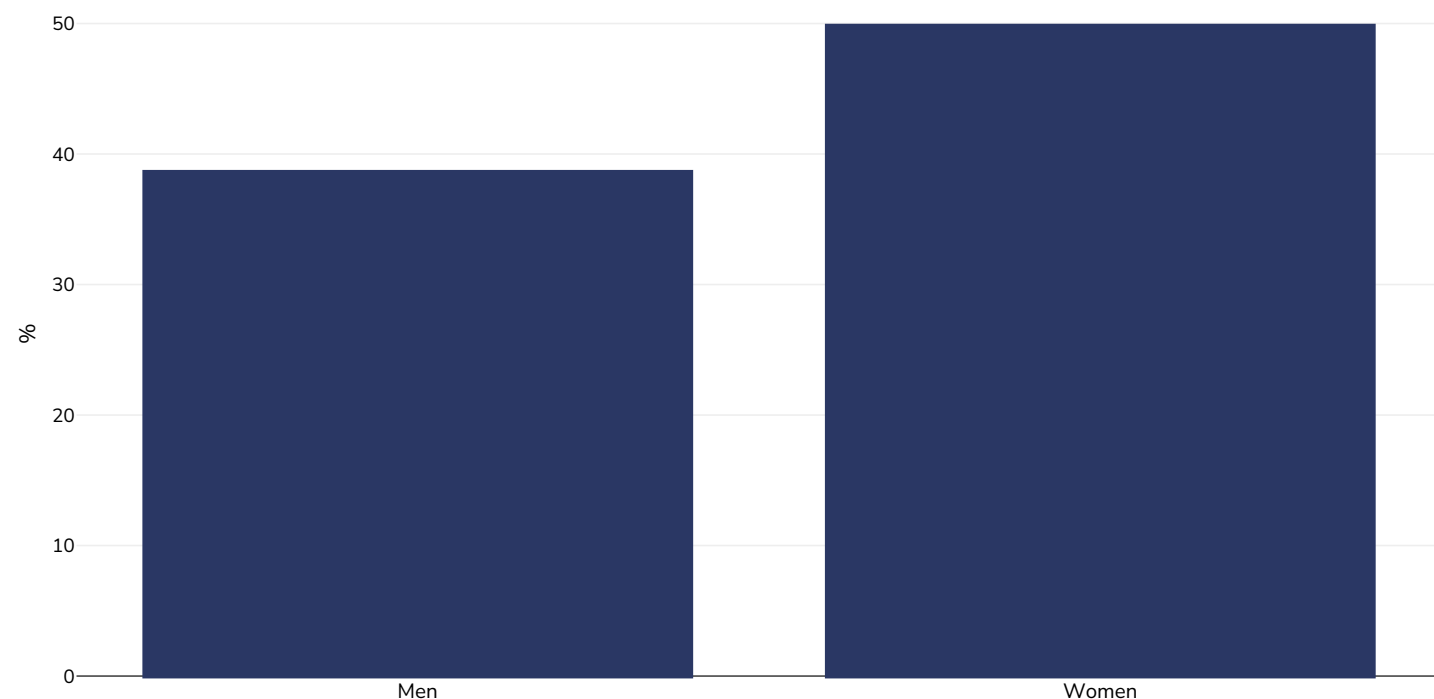
Area covered: Regional - San Juan Metropolitan Area

References: Prevalence of overweight and obesity and their cardiometabolic comorbidities in Hispanic adults living in San Juan Metropolitan Area, Puerto Rico <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3823746/> (last accessed 09.03.22)

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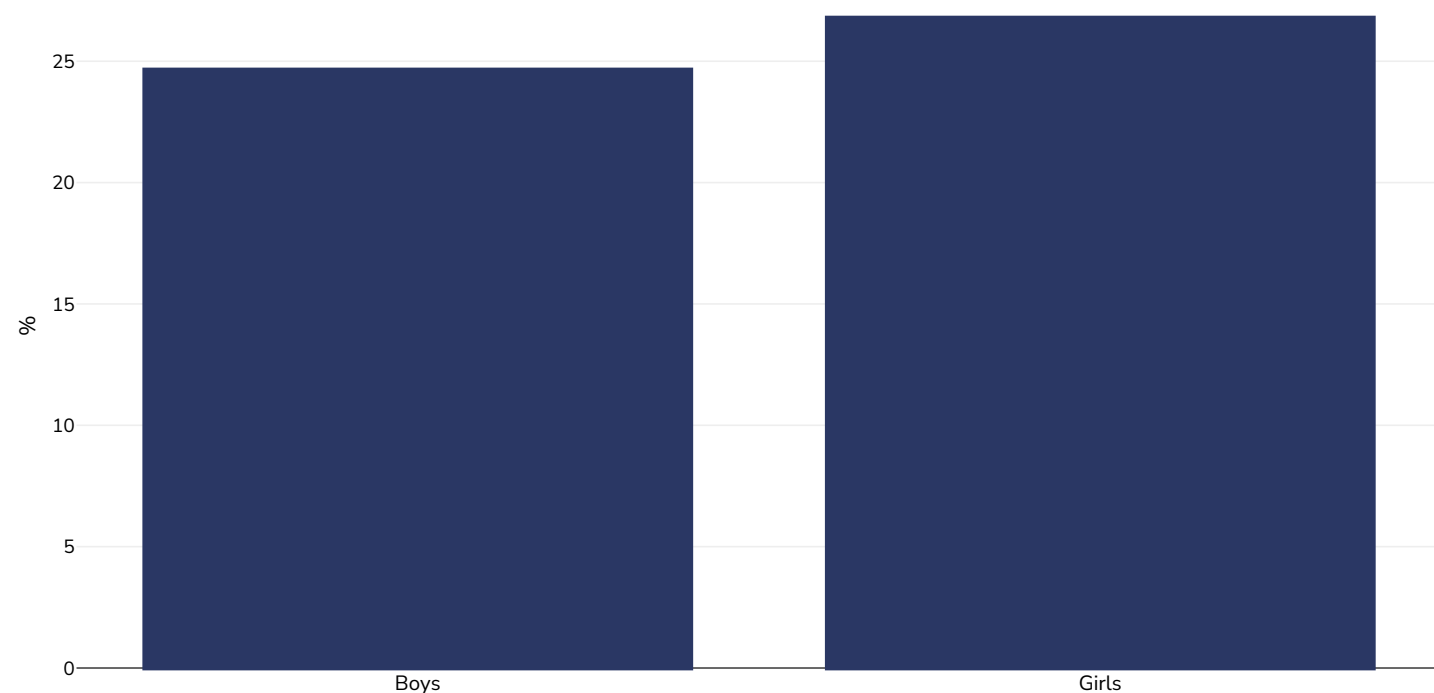
Double burden of underweight & overweight

Adults, 2022



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	20+
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<18.5 kg/m ² and BMI≥30 kg/m ² (double burden of underweight and obesity)

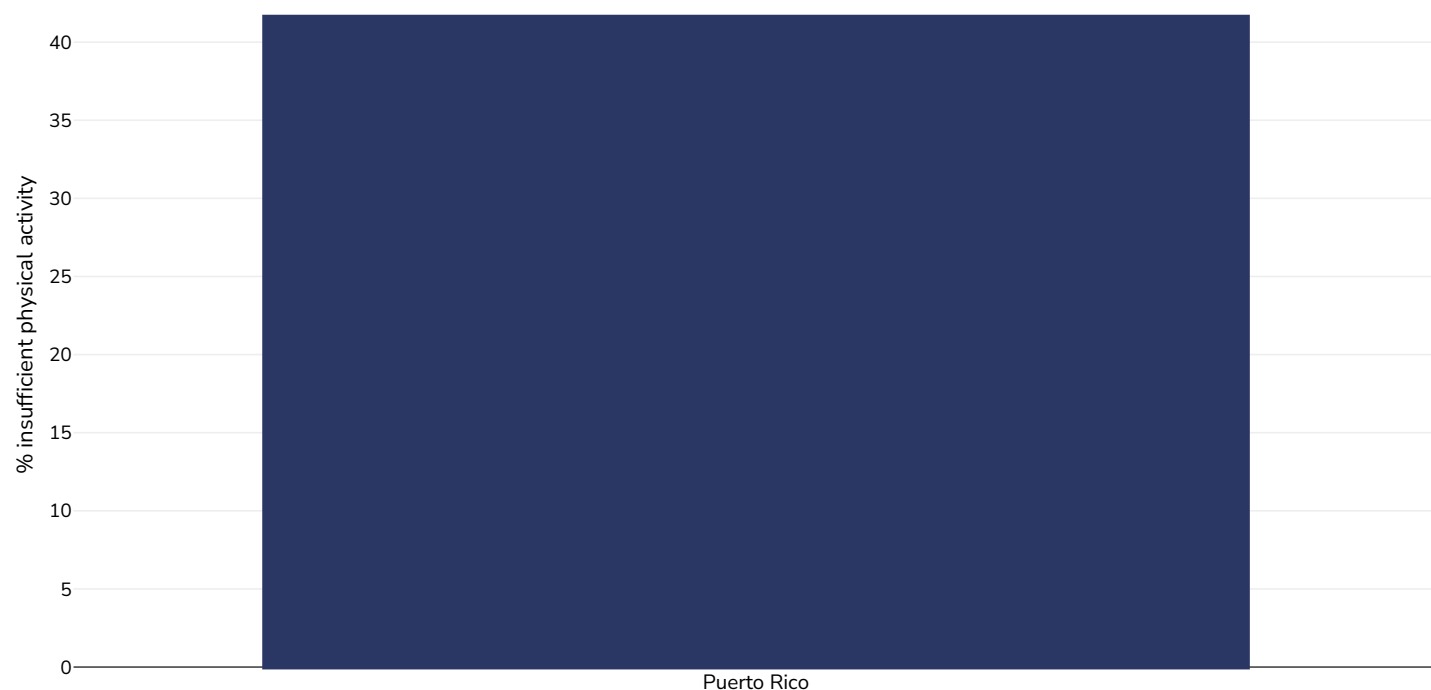
Children, 2022



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. 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

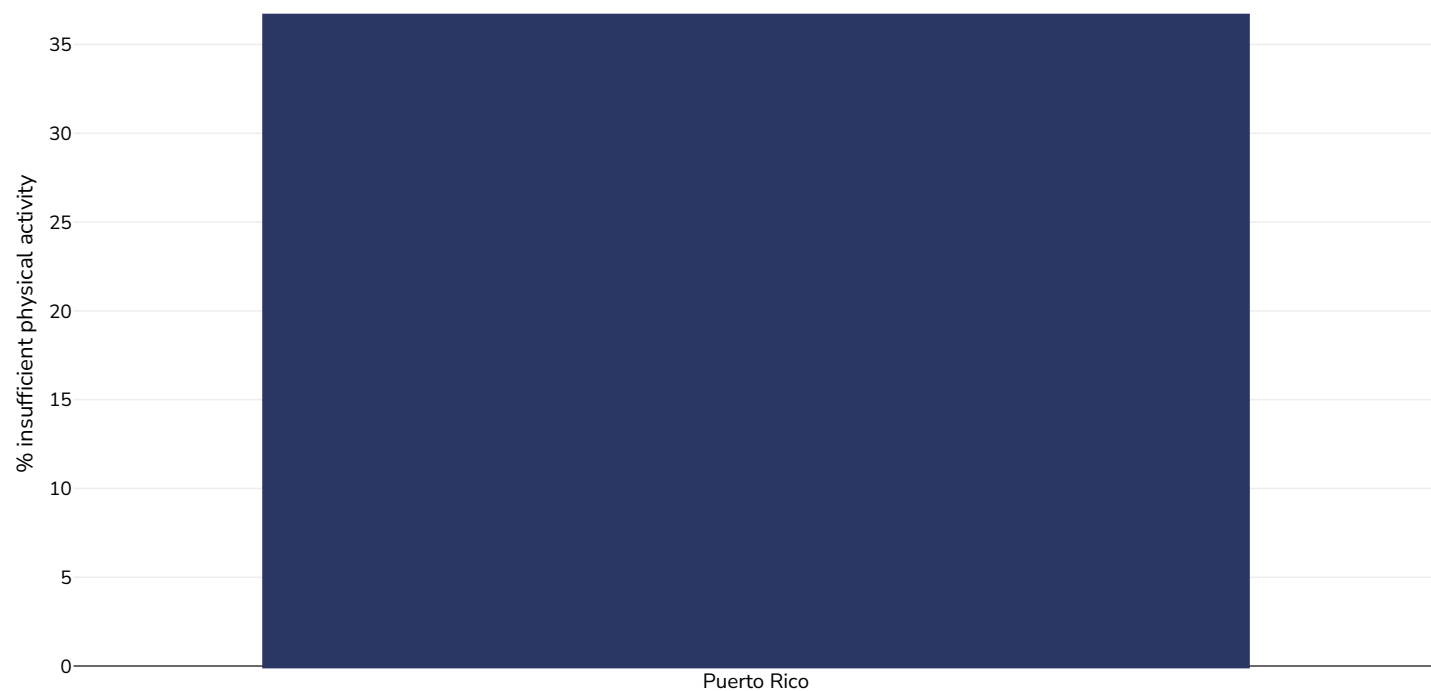
Insufficient physical activity

Adults, 2022



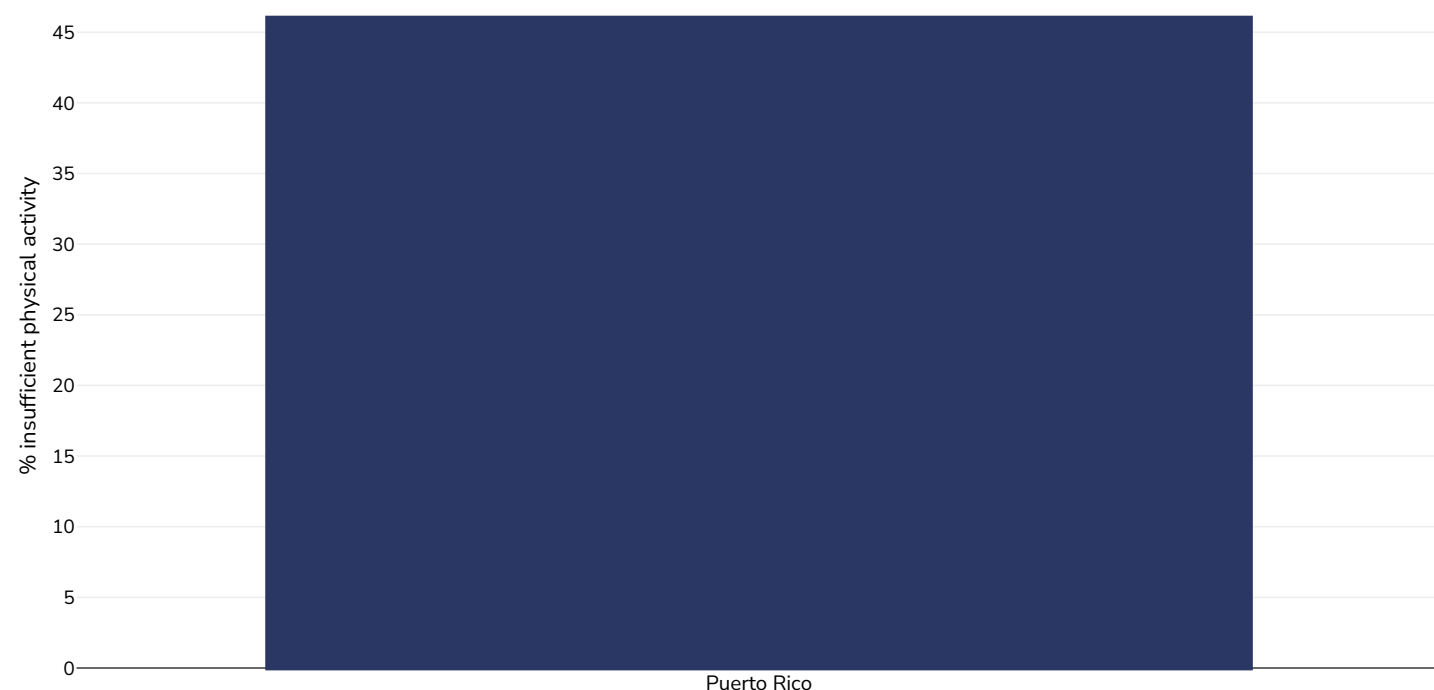
Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	18+
Area covered:	National
References:	WHO (2024). Prevalence of insufficient physical activity among adults aged 18-years age-standardized estimate in 2022. Available at https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/prevalence-of-insufficient-physical-activity-among-adults-aged-18-years-(age-standardized-estimate)-(-)
Definitions:	Percent of population attaining less than 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week, or less than 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week, or equivalent.

Men, 2022



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	18+
Area covered:	National
References:	WHO (2024). Prevalence of insufficient physical activity among adults aged 18-years age-standardized estimate in 2022. Available at https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/prevalence-of-insufficient-physical-activity-among-adults-aged-18-years-(age-standardized-estimate)-(-)
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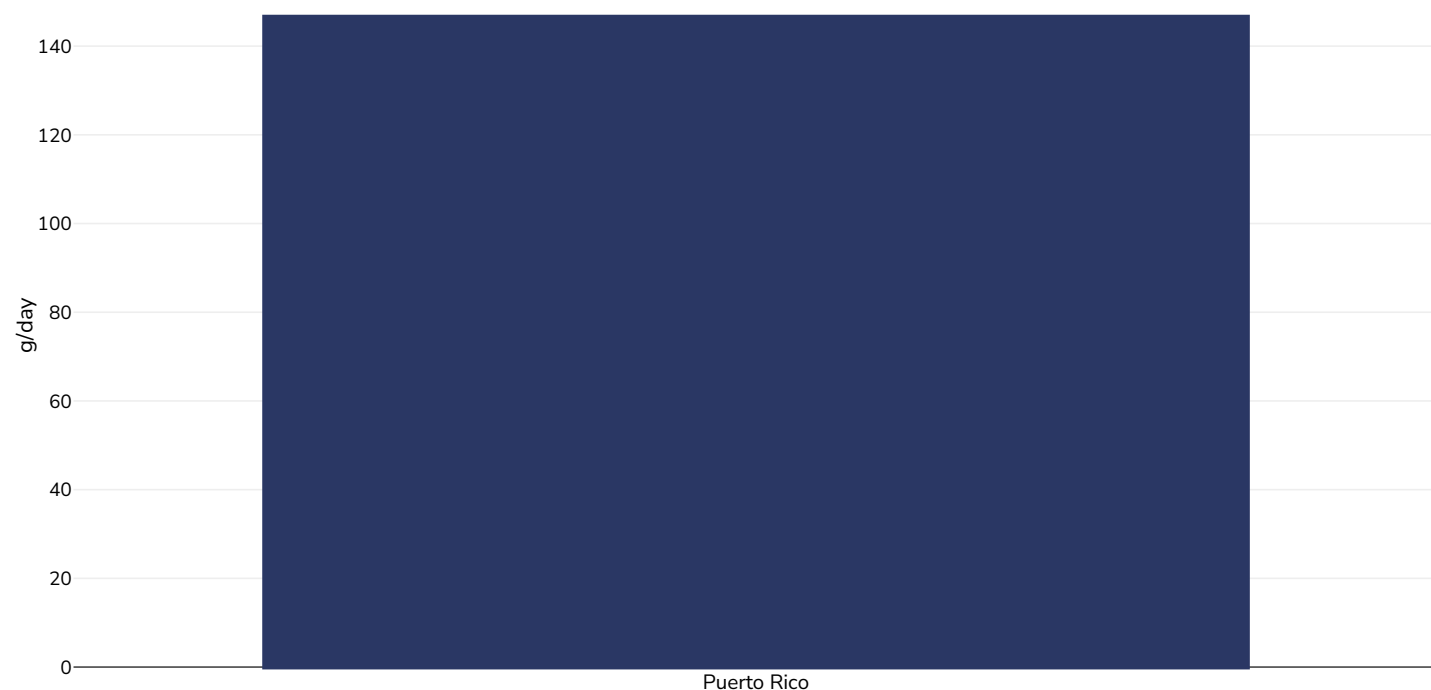
Women, 2022



Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	18+
Area covered:	National
References:	WHO (2024). Prevalence of insufficient physical activity among adults aged 18-years age-standardized estimate in 2022. Available at https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/prevalence-of-insufficient-physical-activity-among-adults-aged-18-years-(age-standardized-estimate)-(-)
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Estimated per capita fruit intake

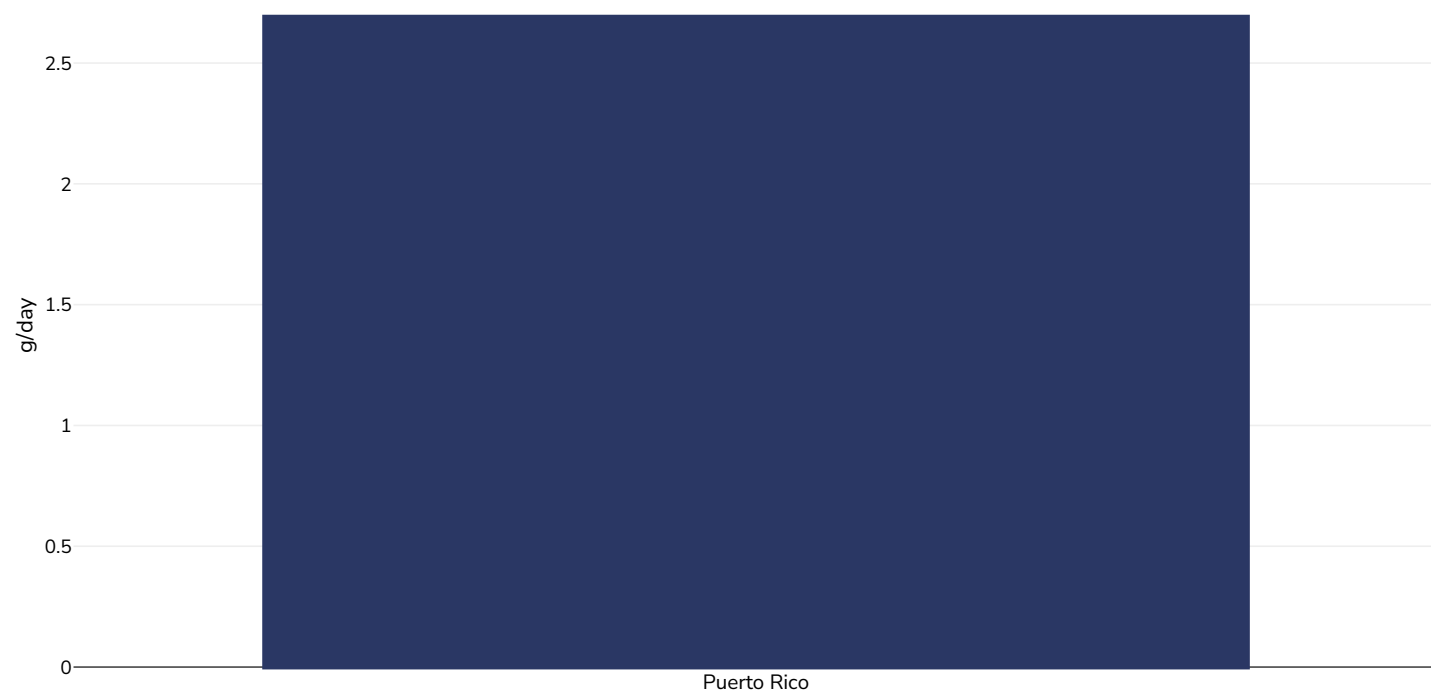
Adults, 2017



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 fruit intake (g/day)

Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

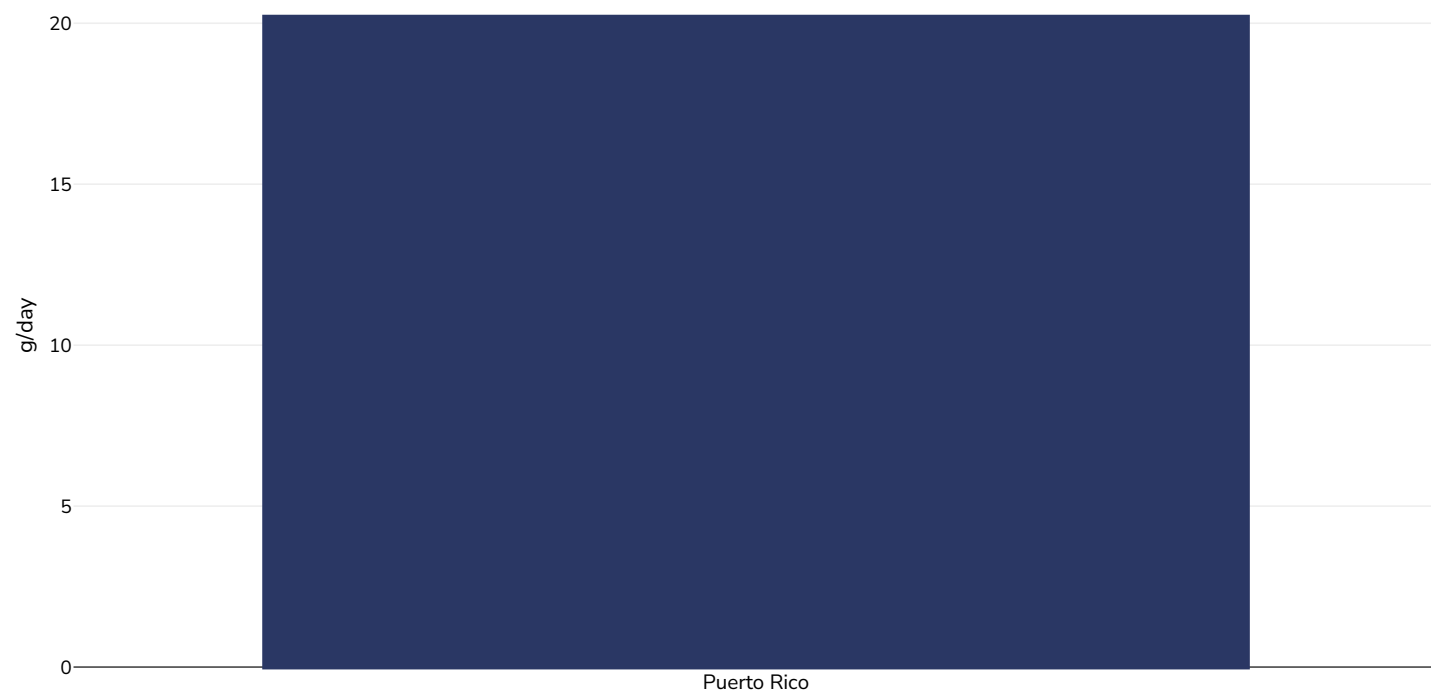
Adults, 2017



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	25+
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Definitions:	Estimated per-capita processed meat intake (g per day)

Estimated per capita whole grains intake

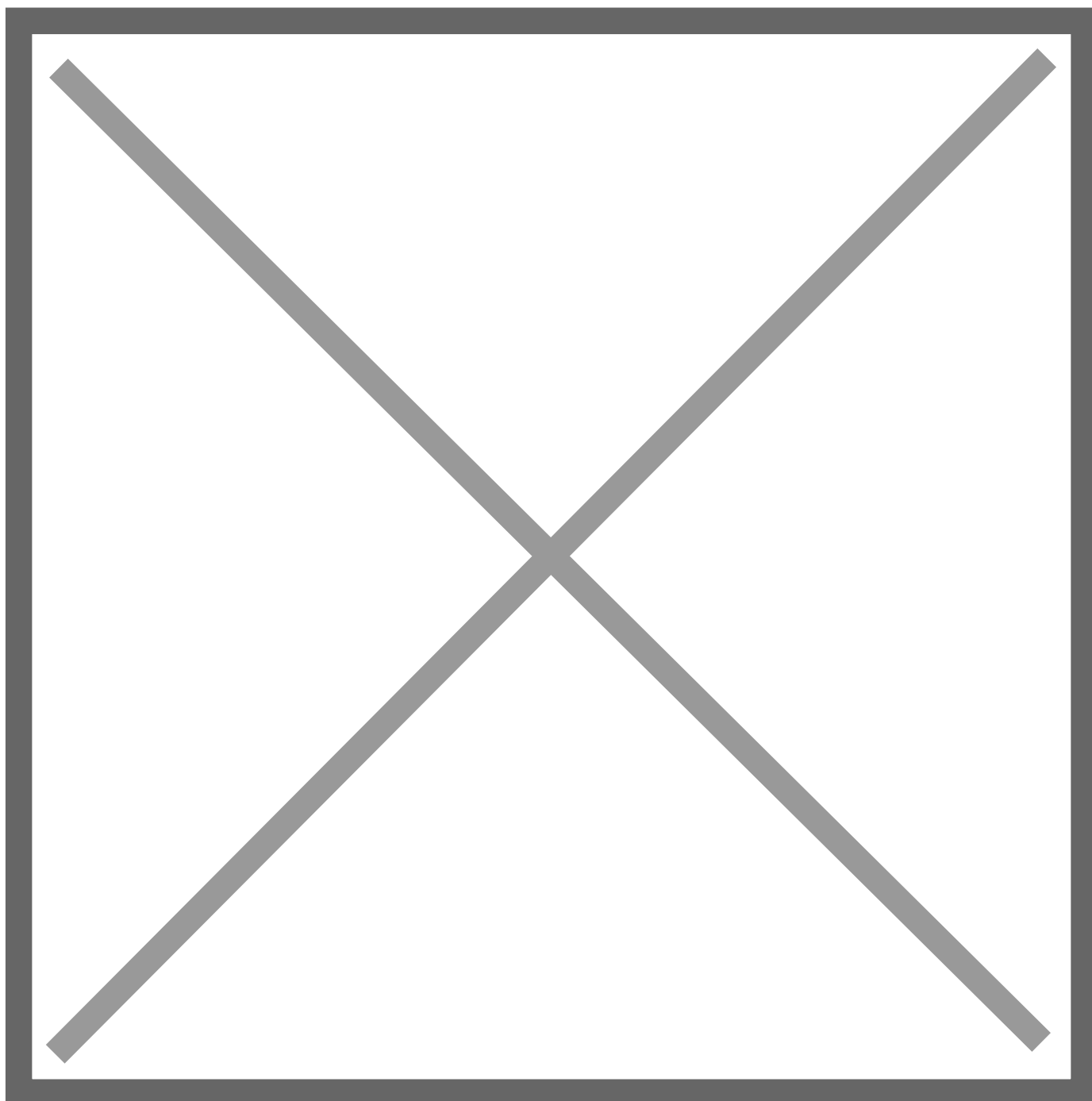
Adults, 2017



Survey type:	Measured
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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)

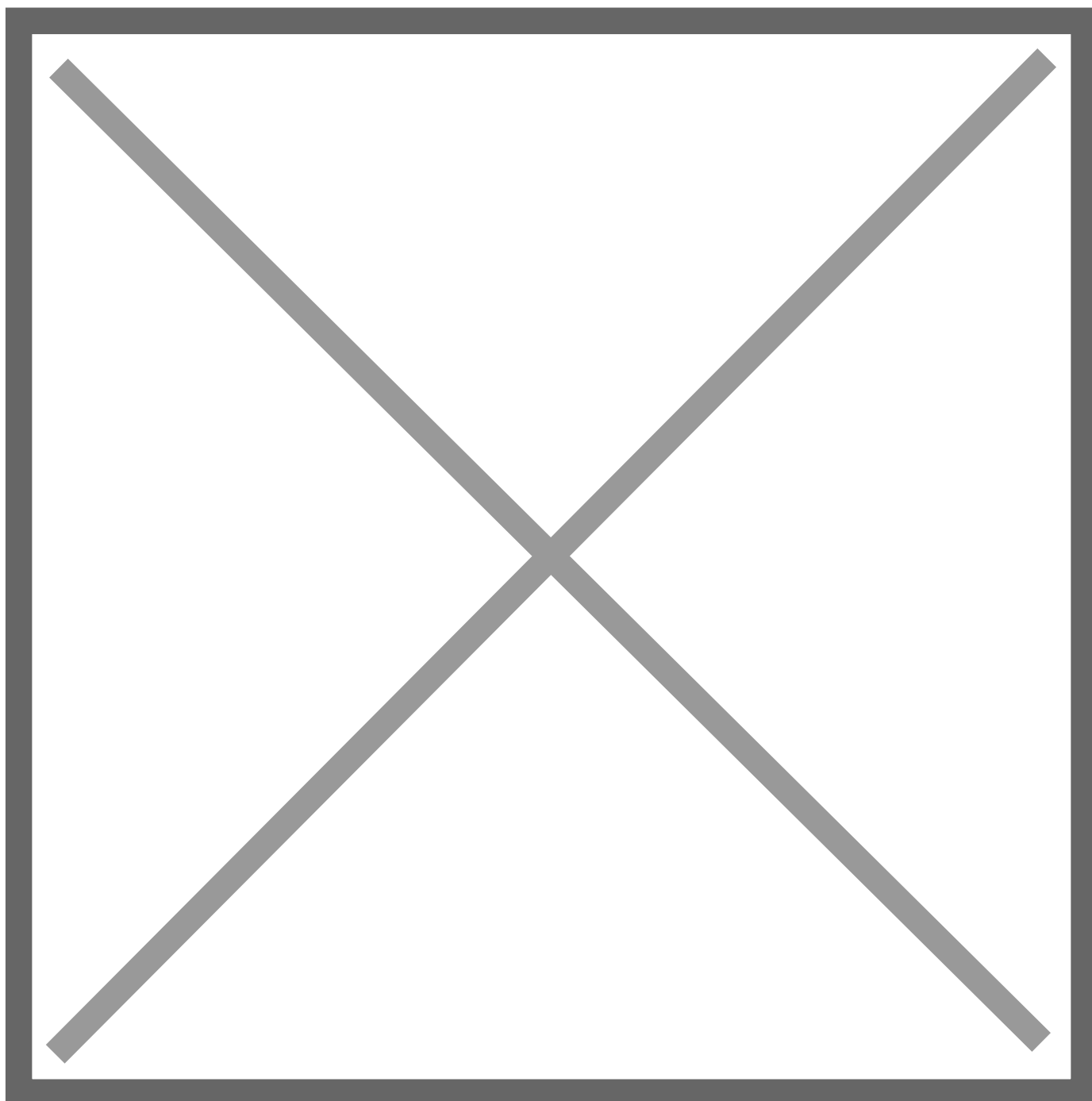
Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2021



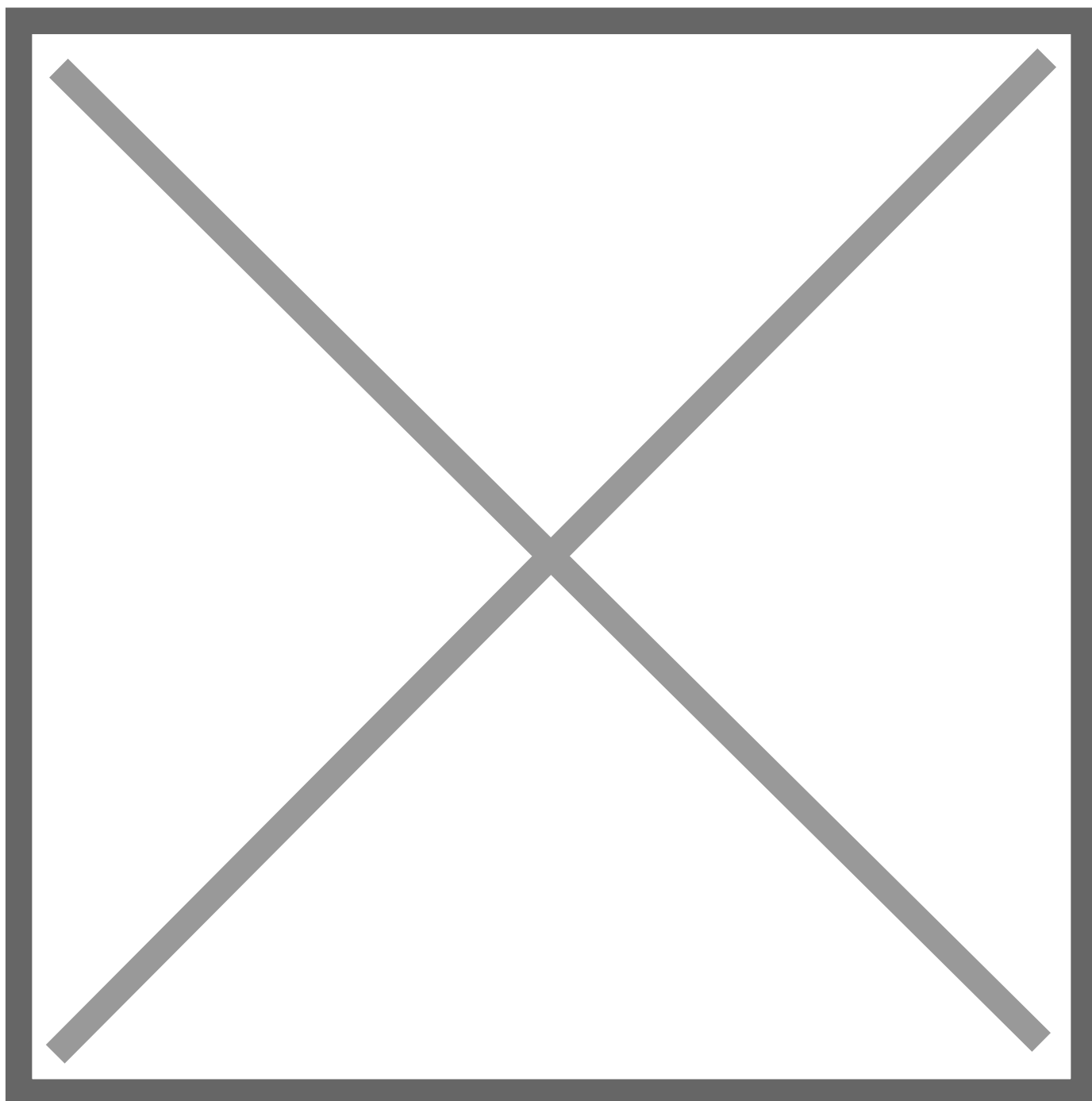
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Definitions:	Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Men, 2021



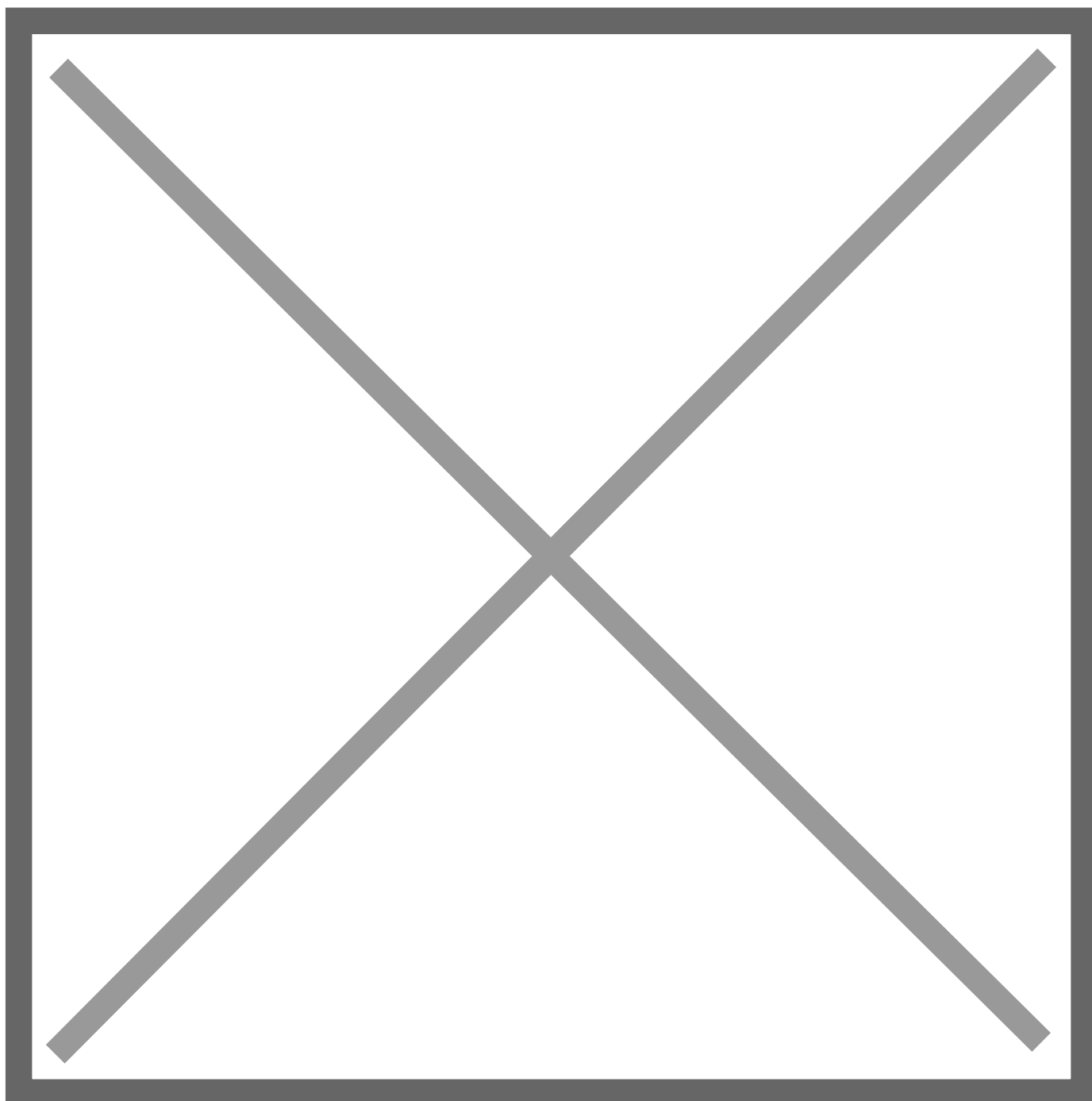
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Definitions:	Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Women, 2021



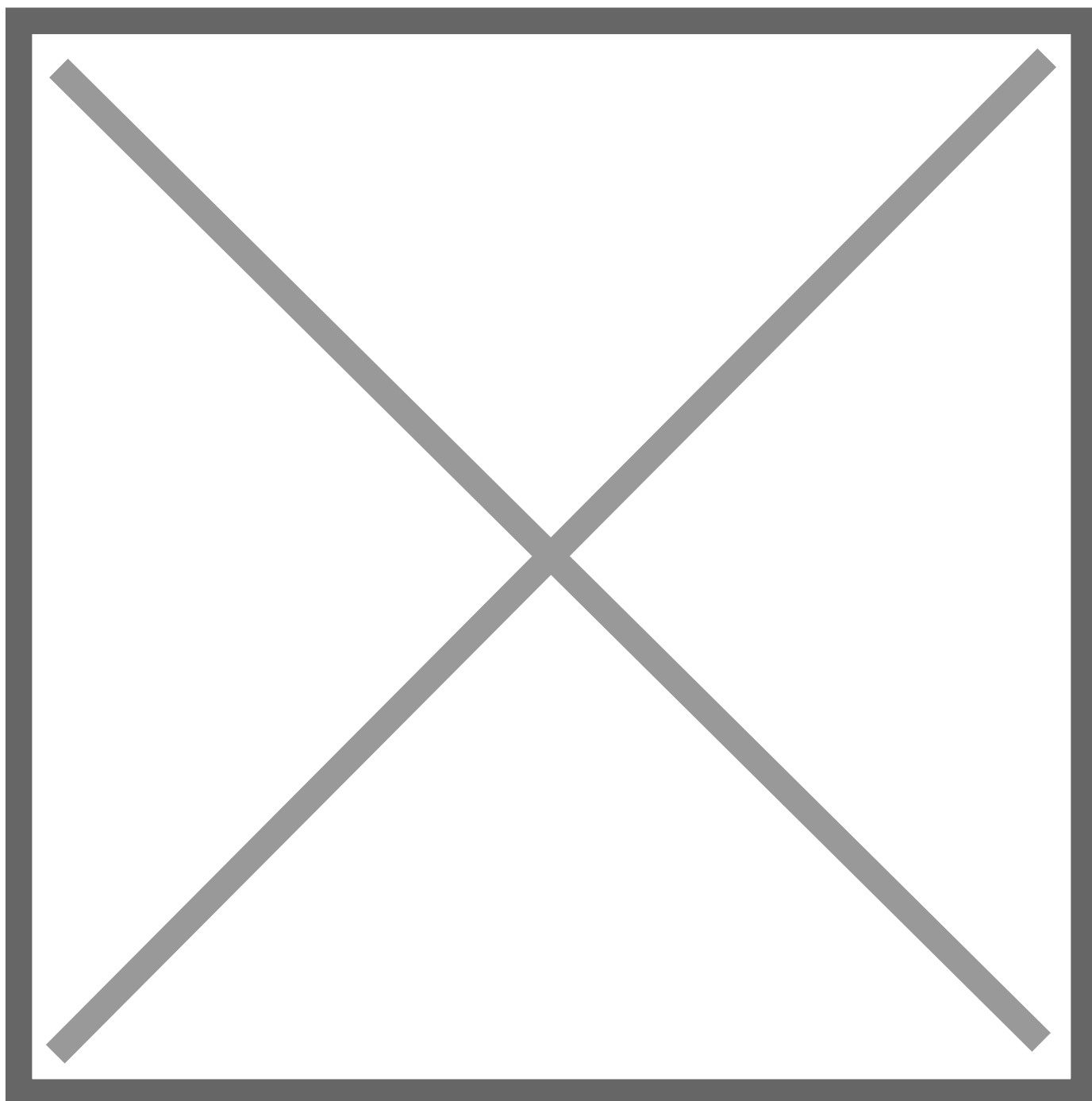
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Definitions:	Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Children, 2021



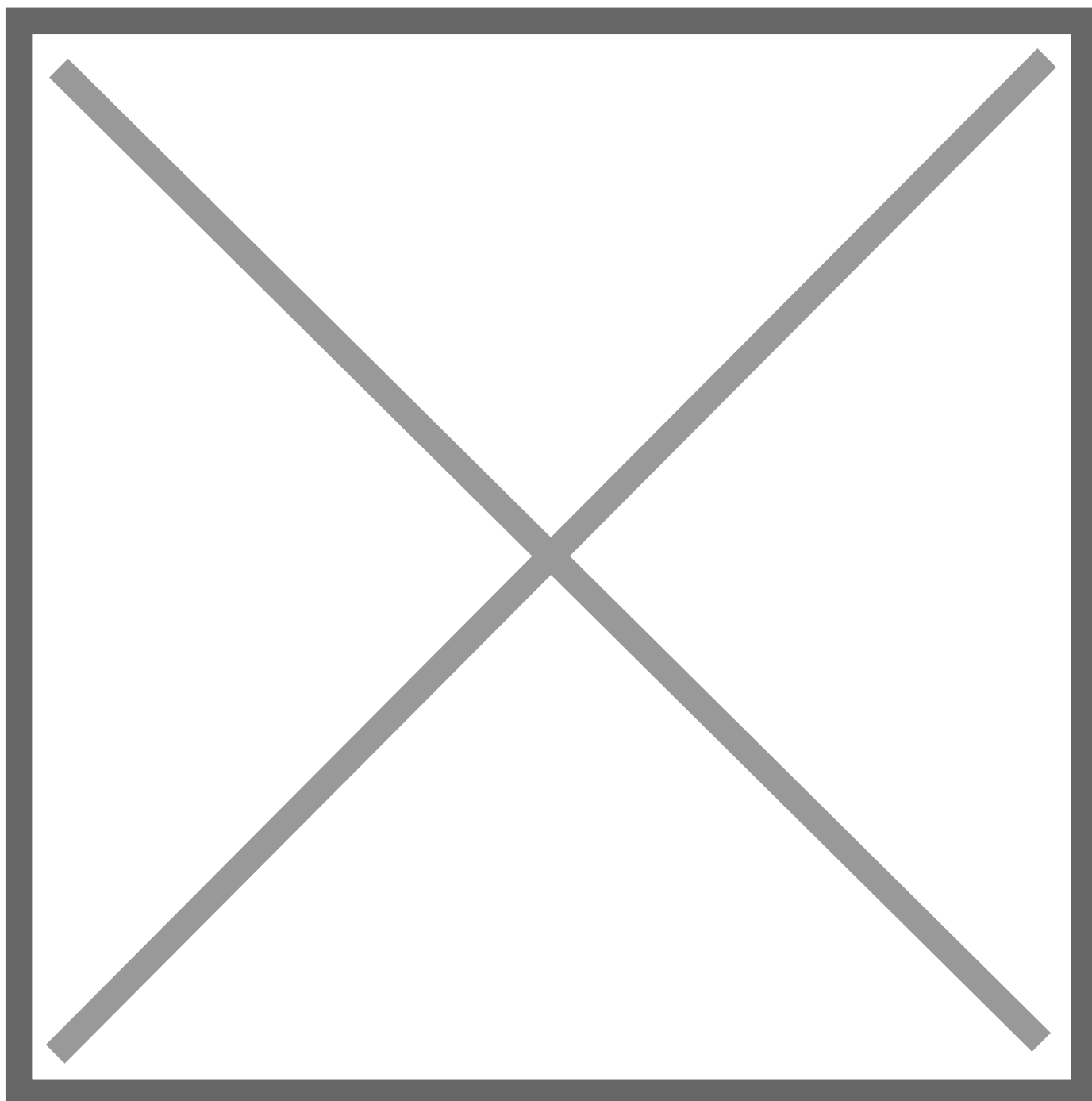
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Definitions:	Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

Boys, 2021



Area covered:	National
References:	Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME). GBD Compare Data Visualization. Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Study 2021. Seattle, WA: IHME, University of Washington, 2023. Available from http://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-compare . (Last accessed 23.04.25)
Definitions:	Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

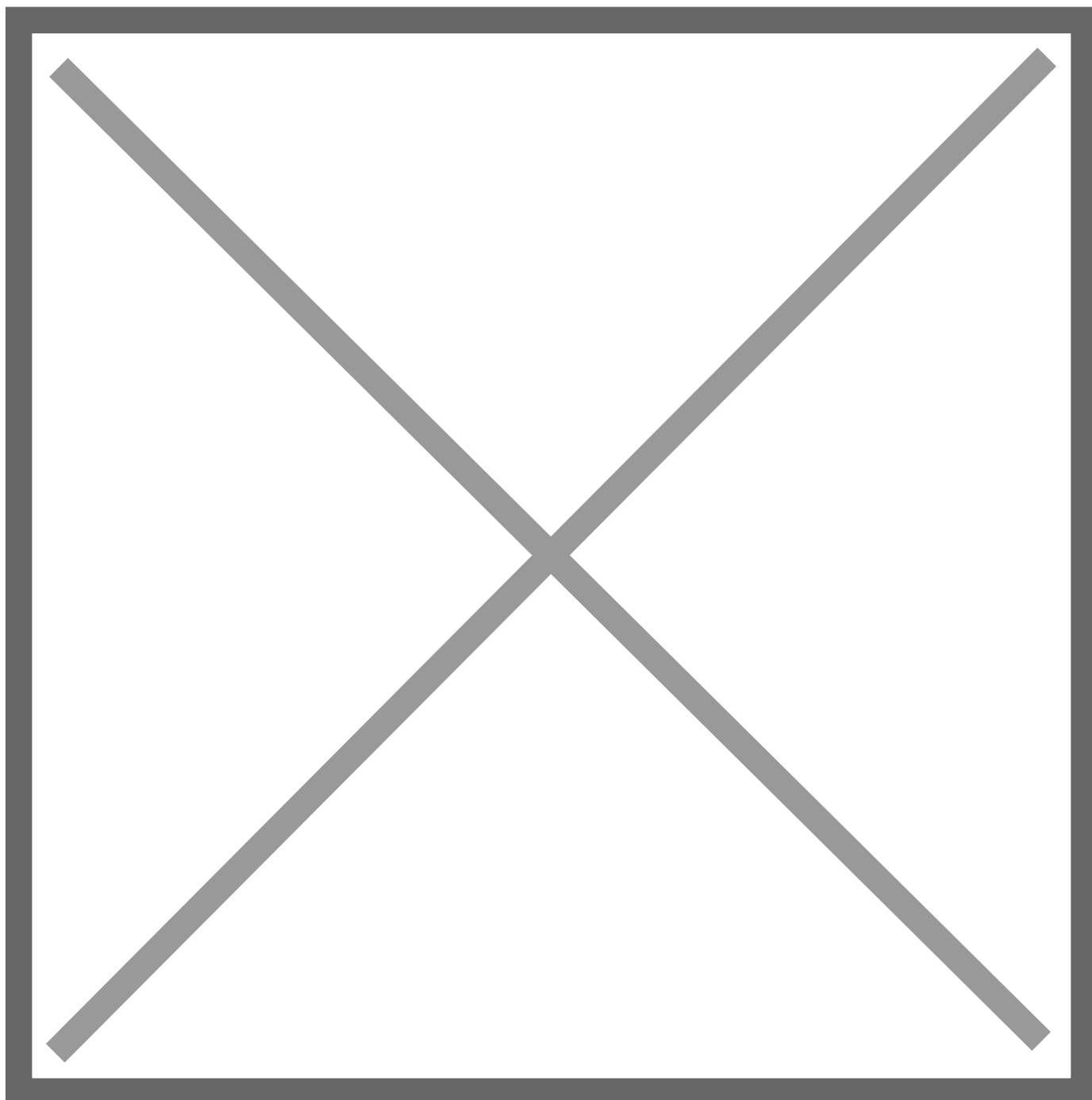
Girls, 2021



Area covered:	National
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Definitions:	Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)

Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2021

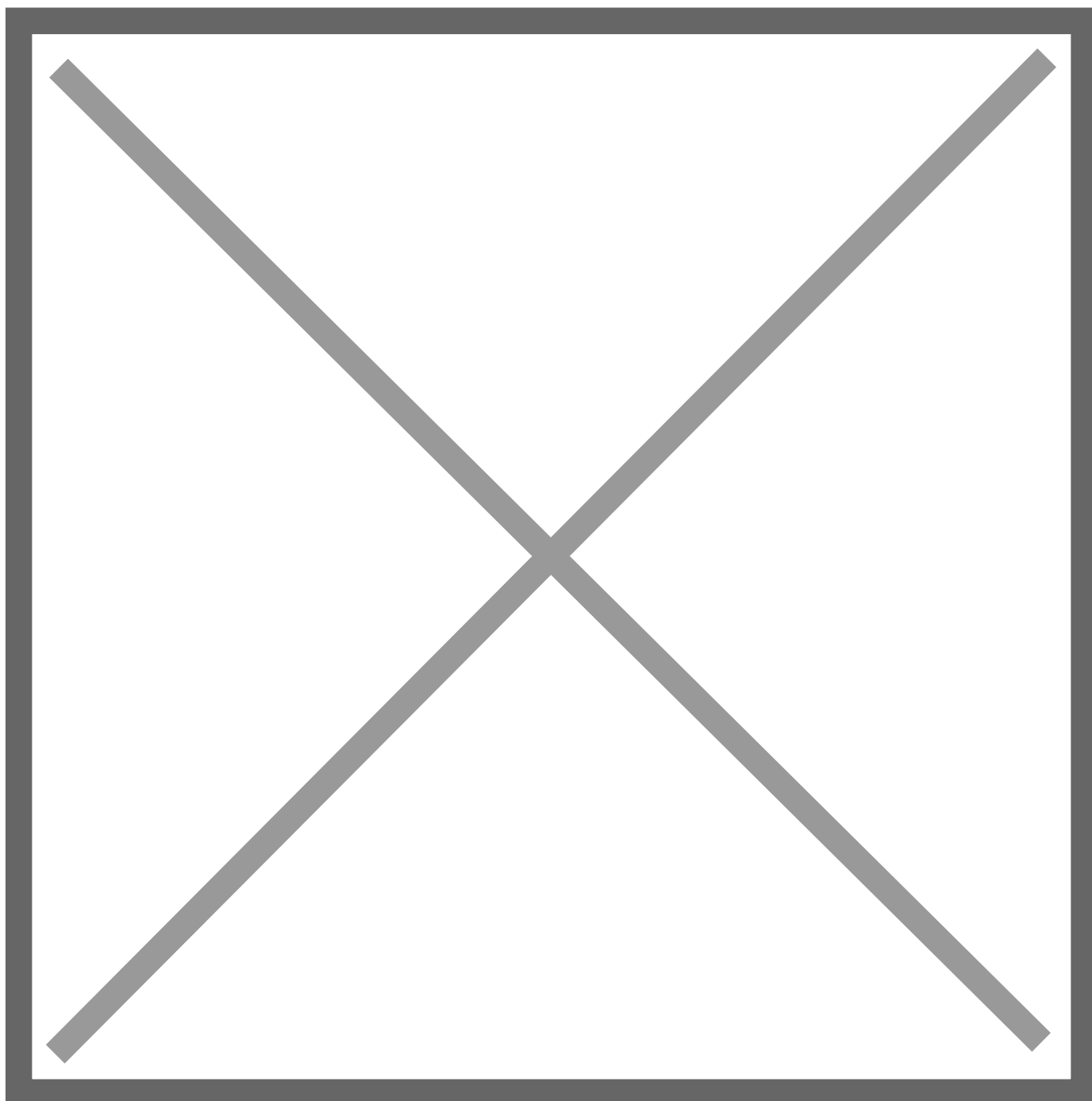


Age: 20+

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Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Men, 2021

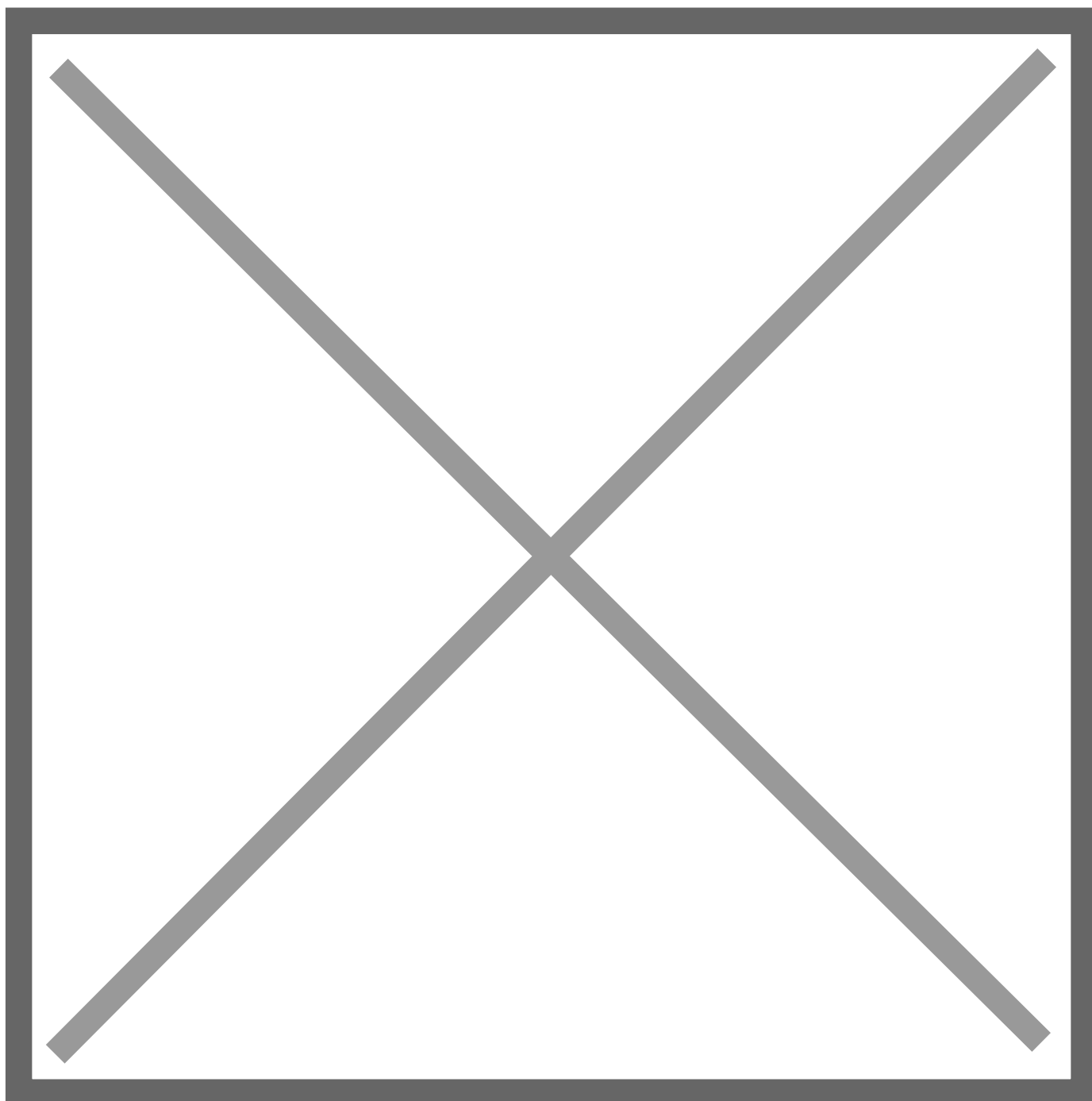


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Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Women, 2021

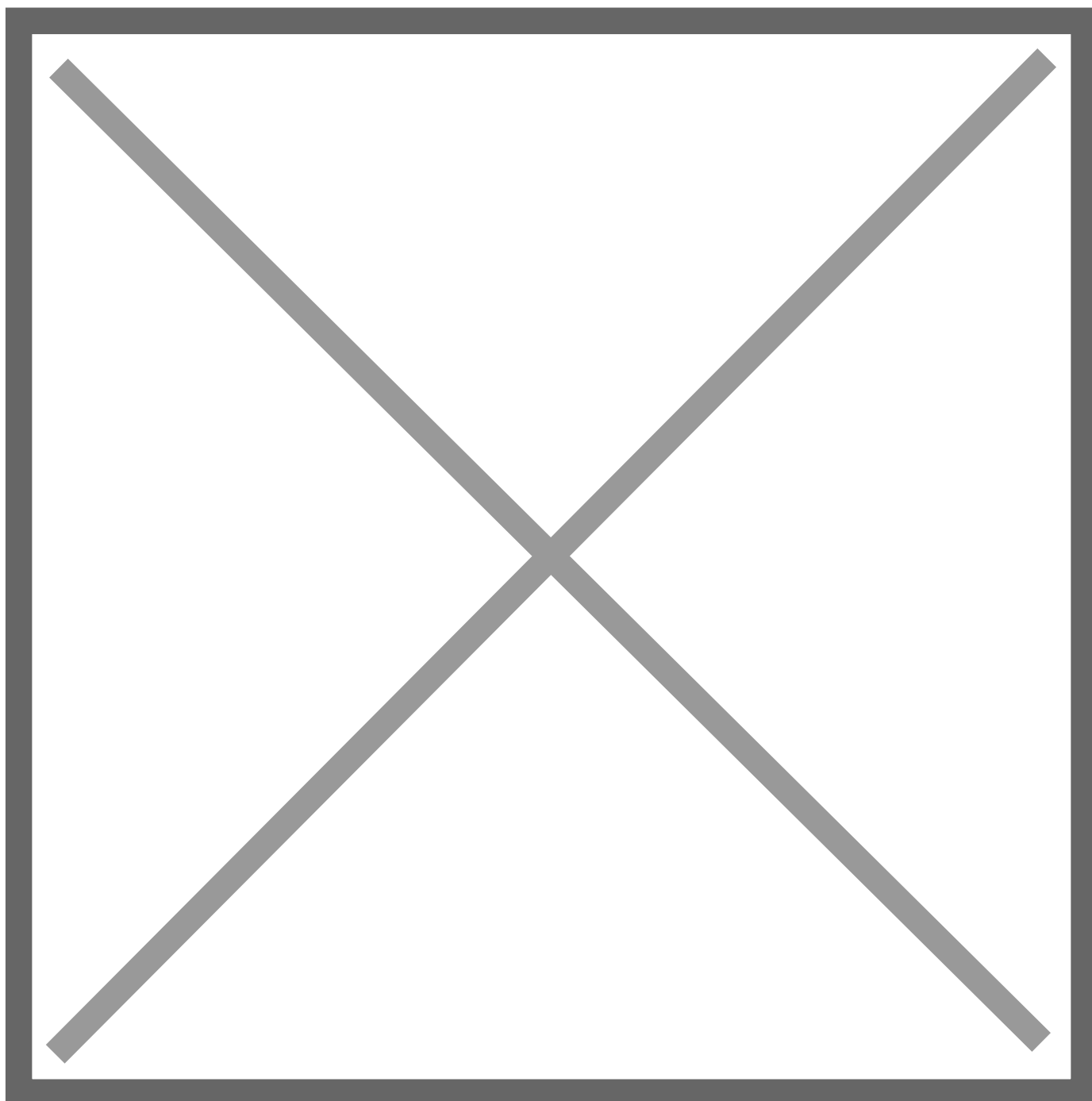


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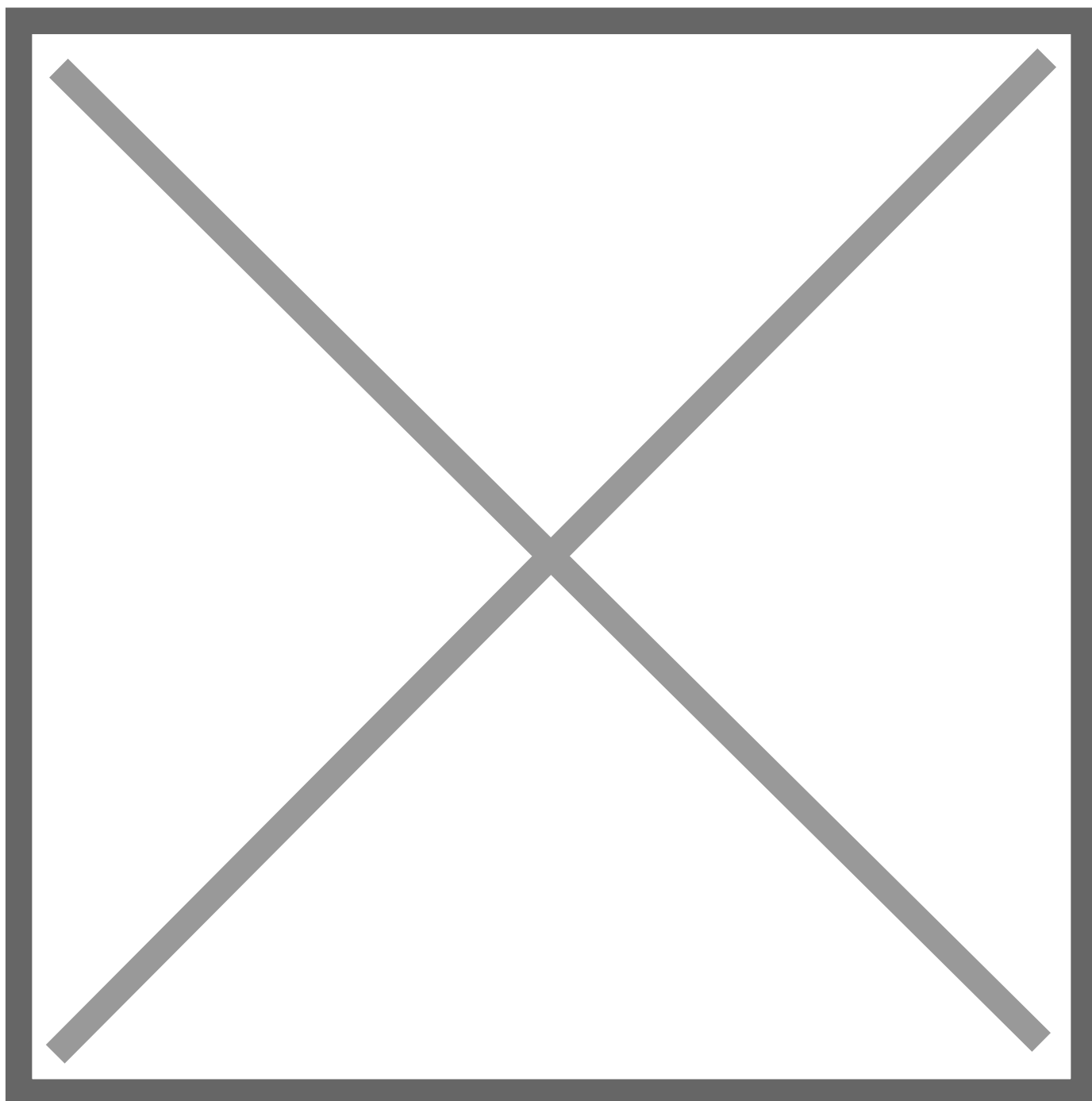
Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Children, 2021

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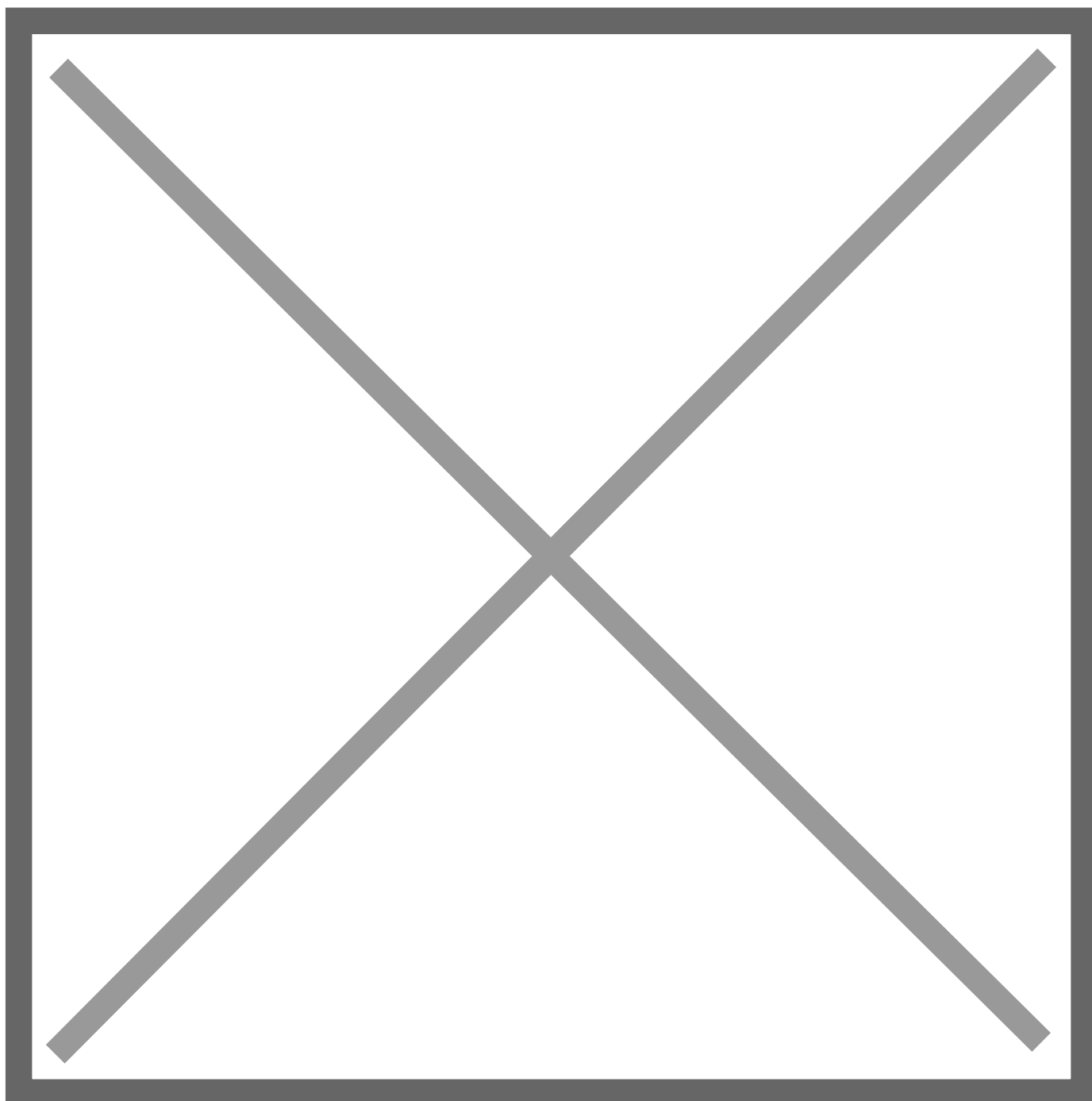
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Girls, 2021

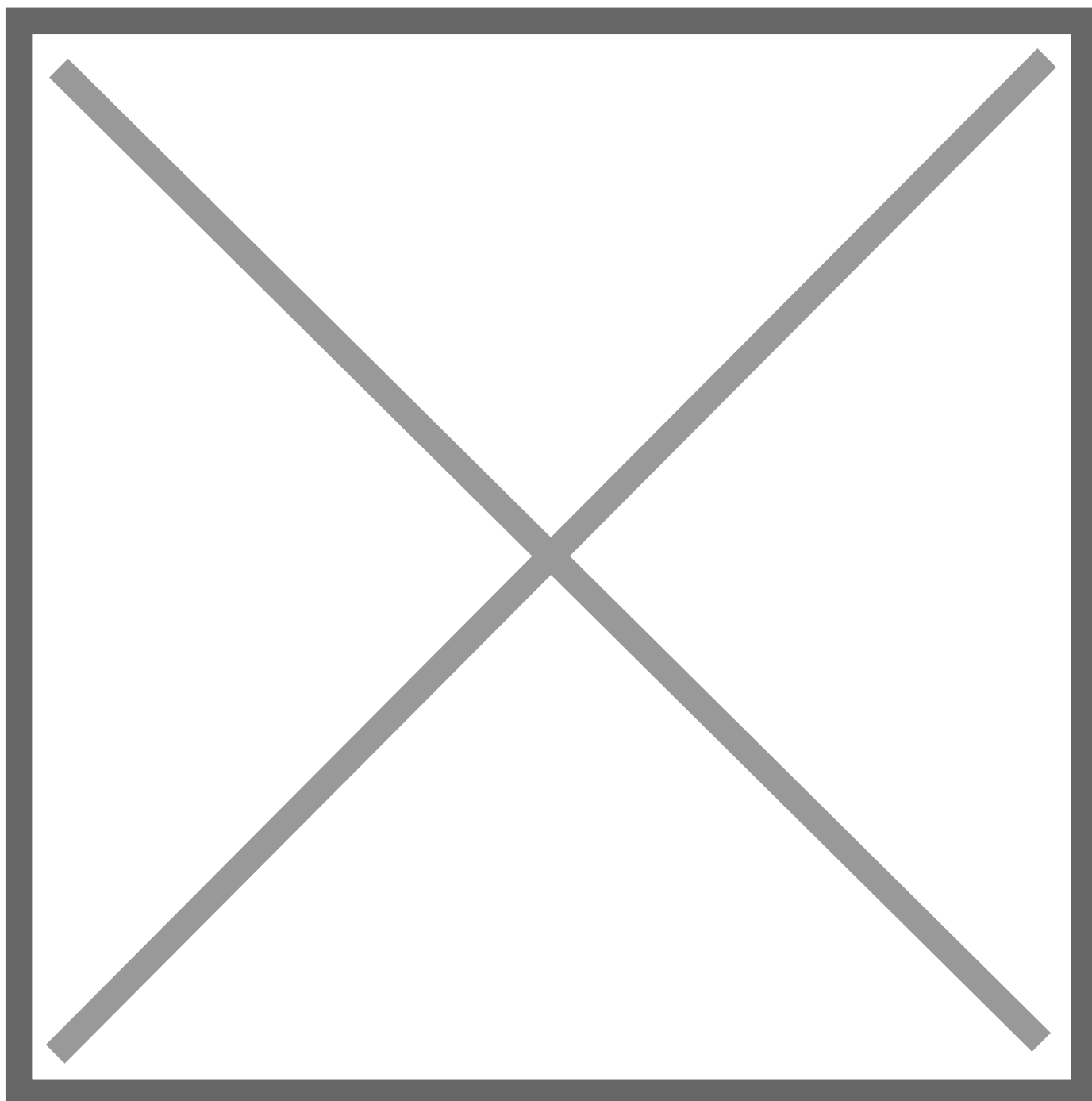


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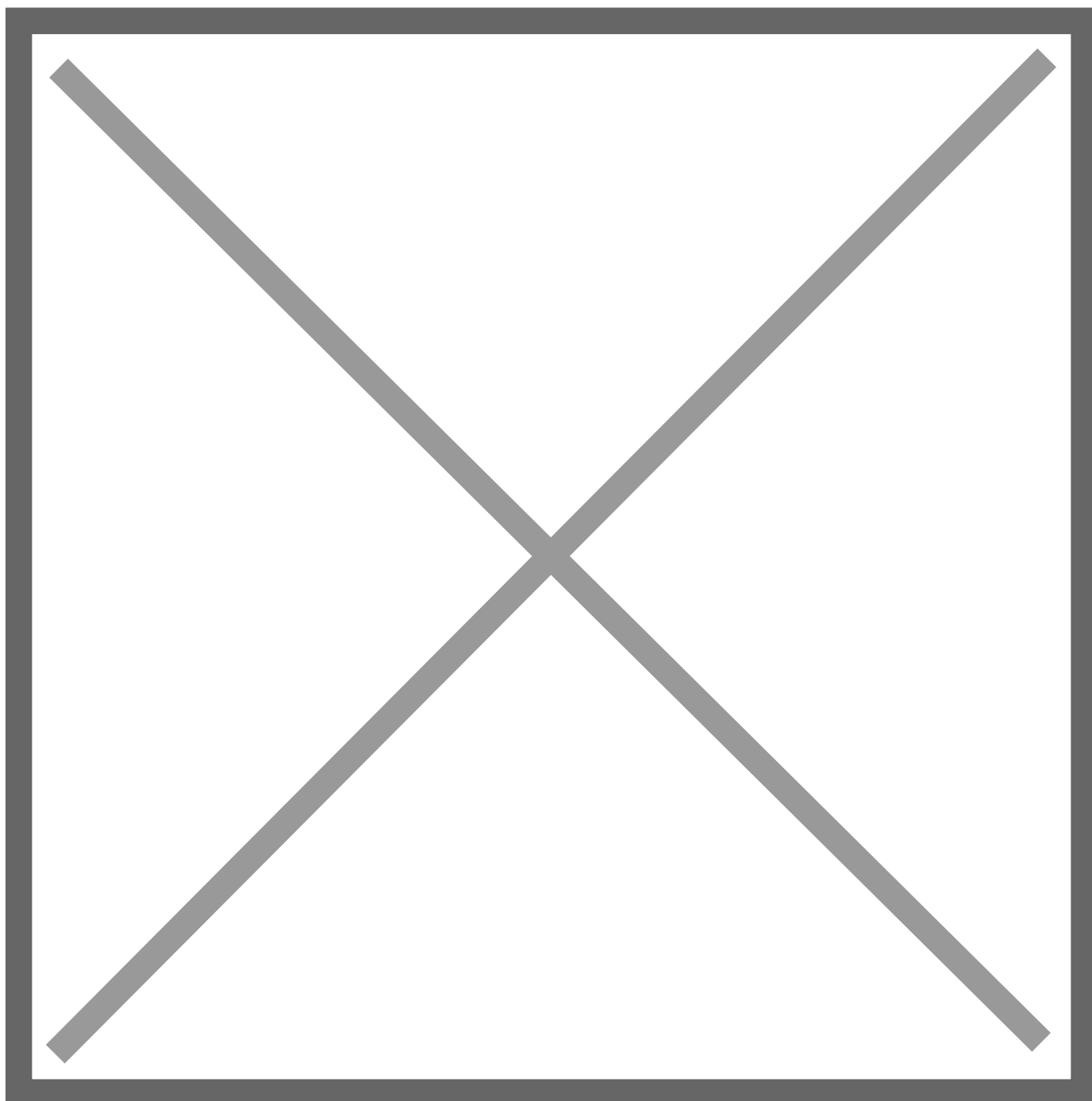
Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
Definitions:	Indicence per 100,000

Women, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
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Breast cancer

Women, 2022



Age:	20
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
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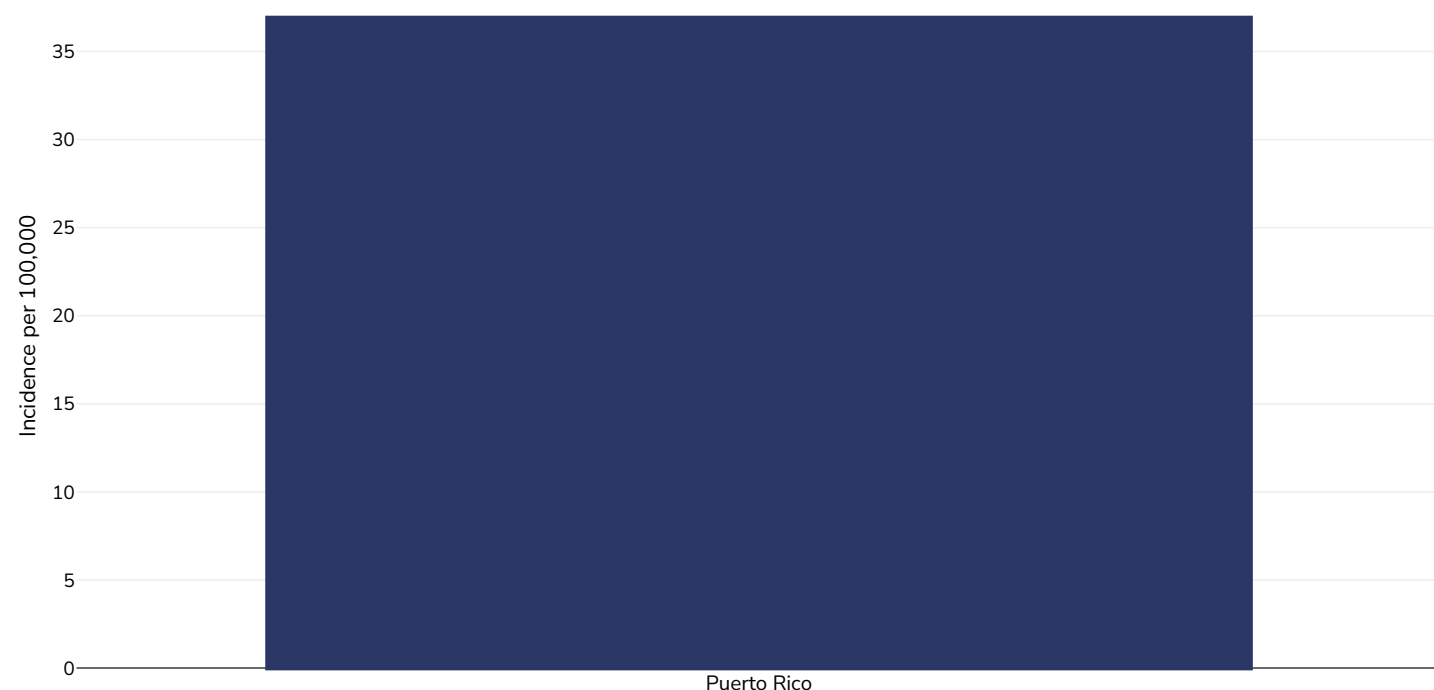
Colorectal cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
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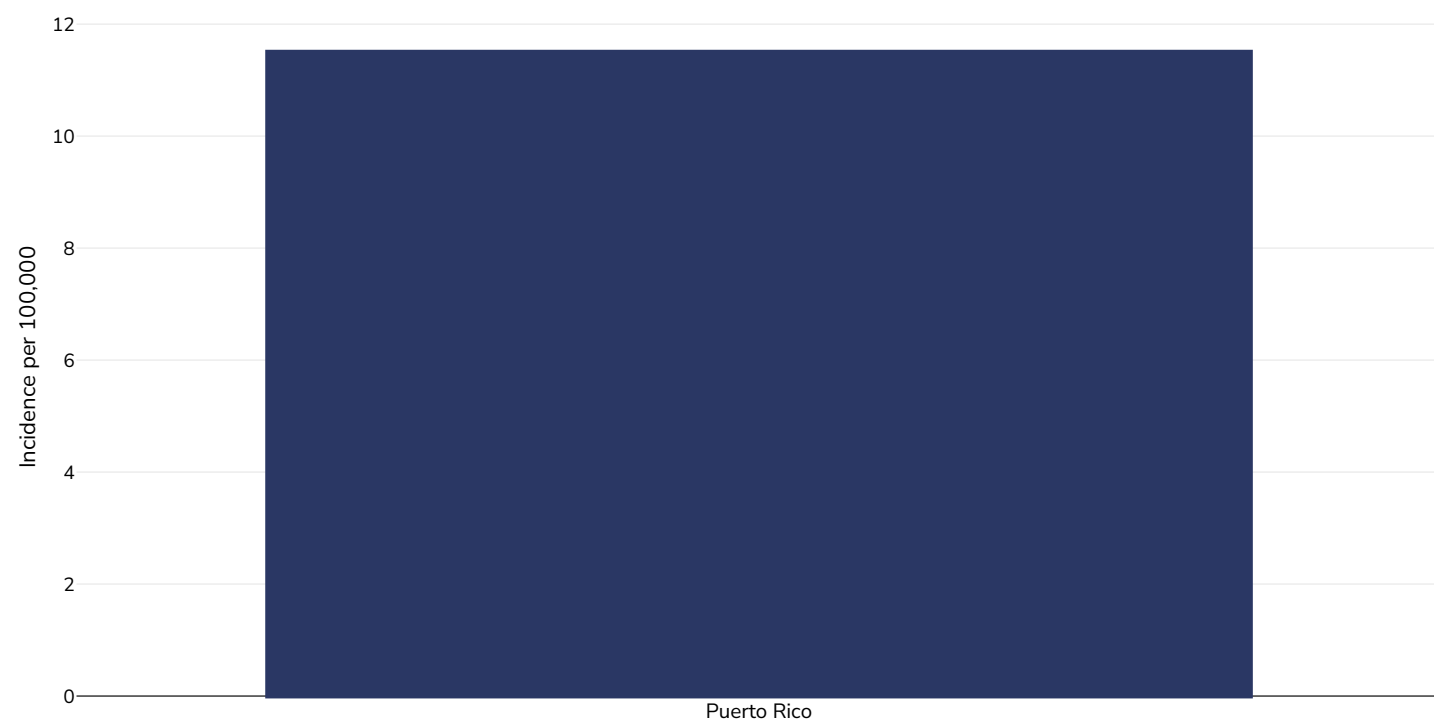
Women, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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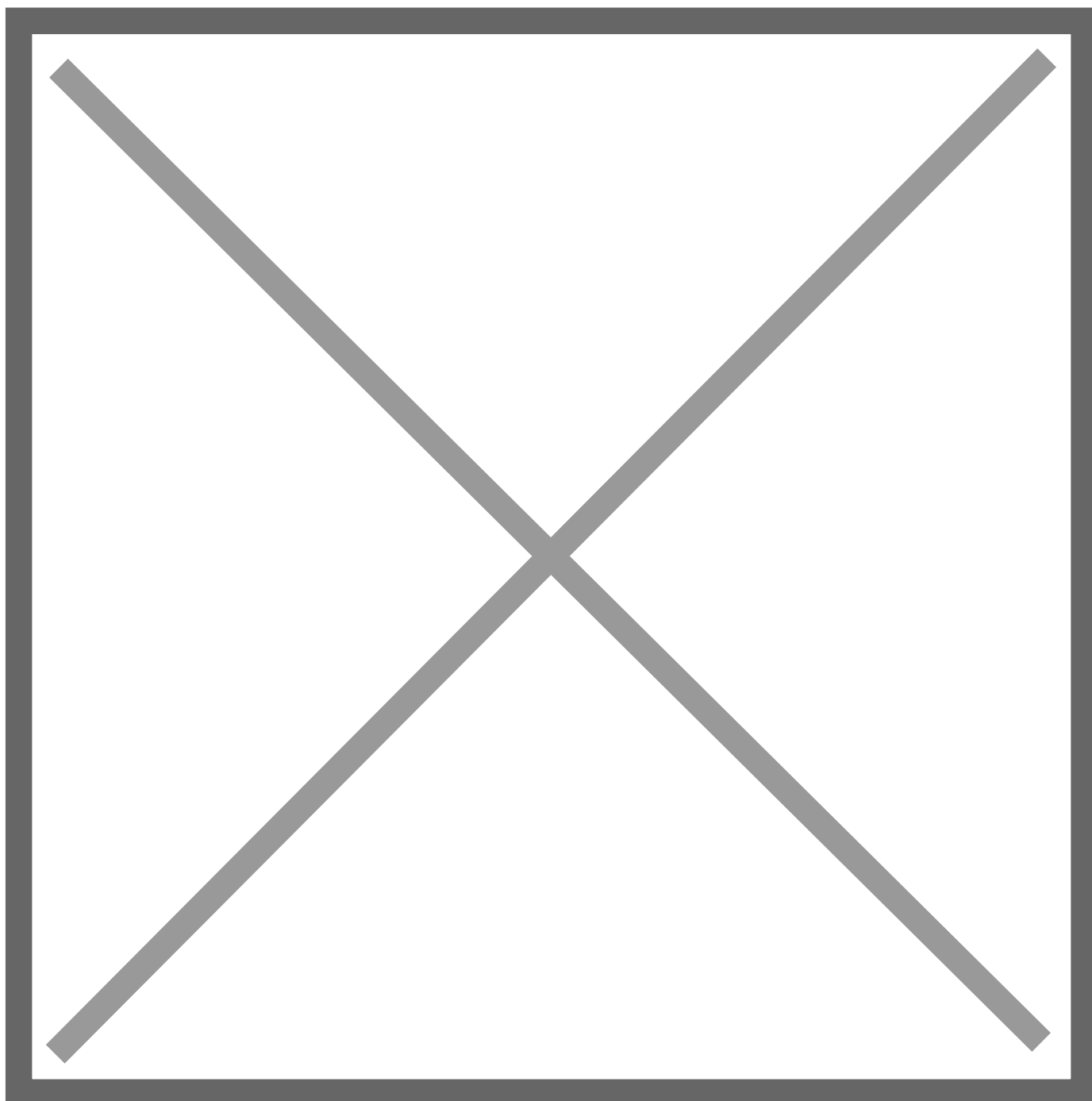
Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Women, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
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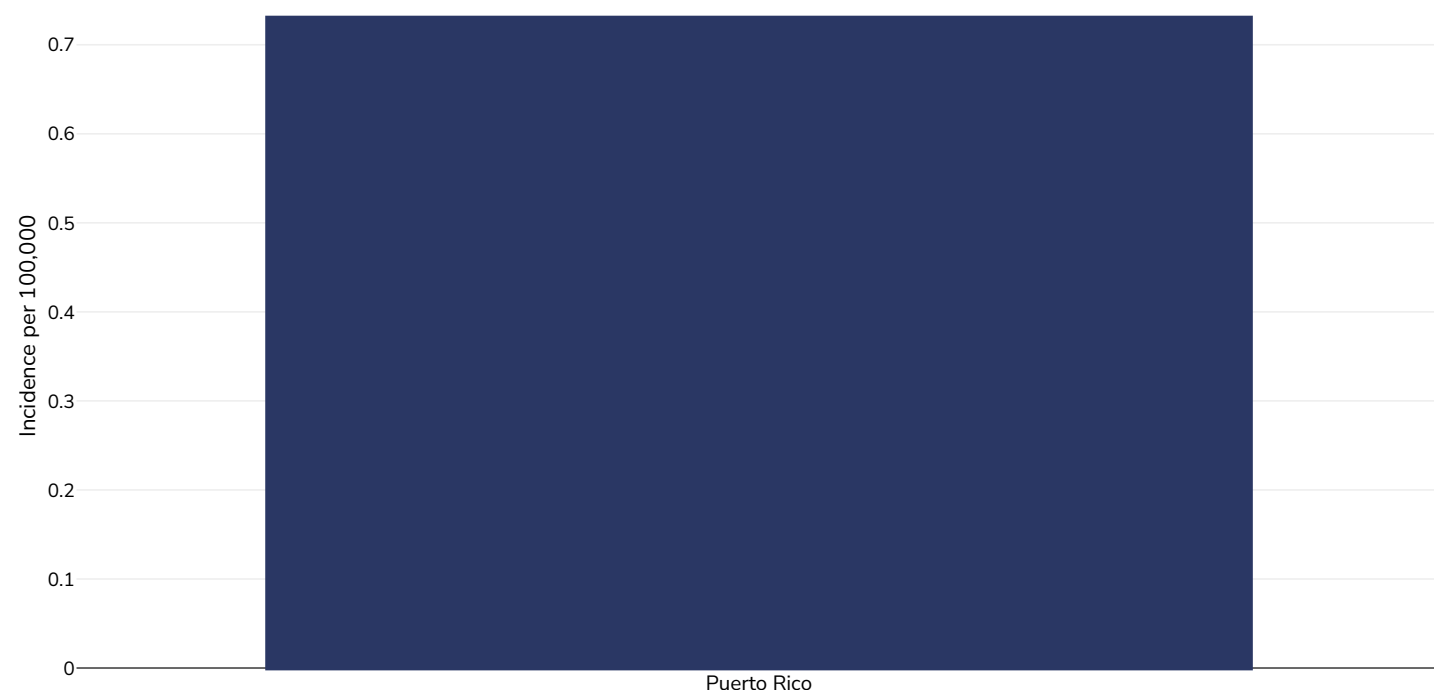
Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
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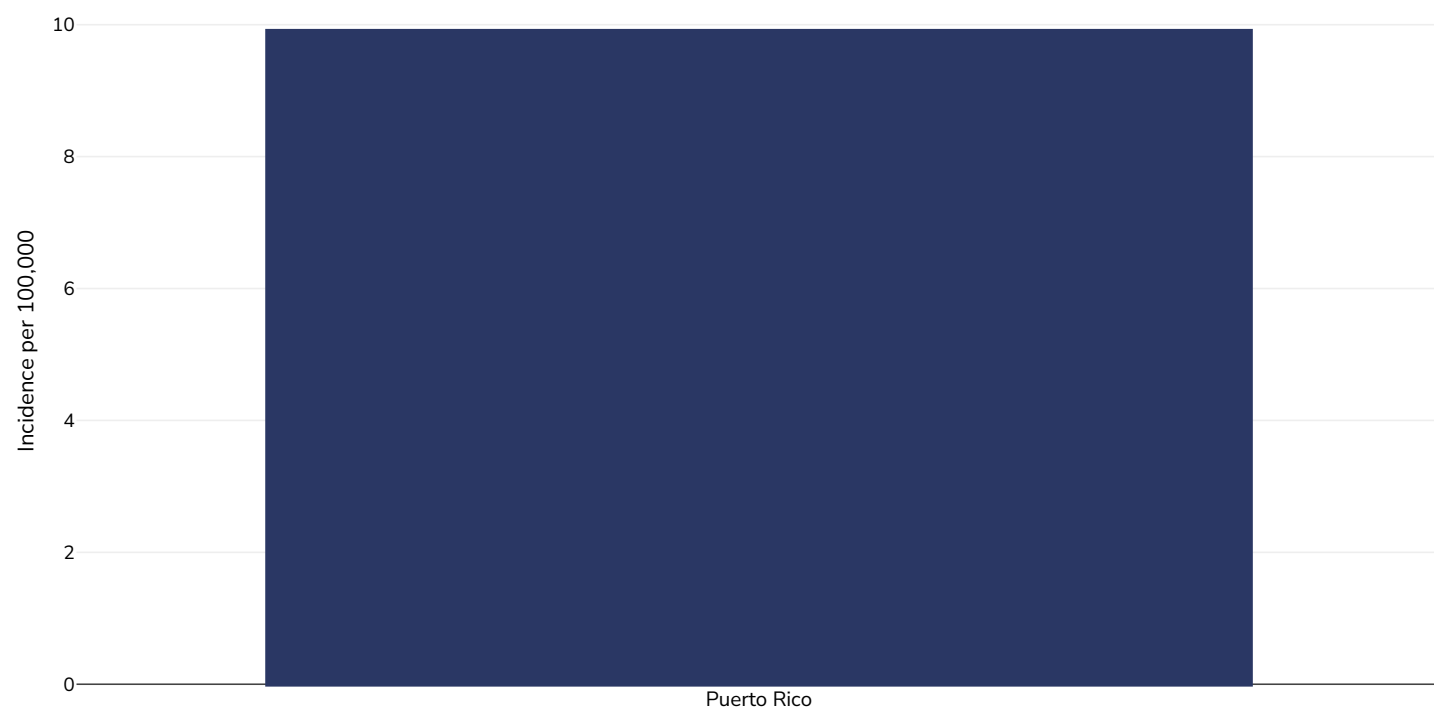
Women, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
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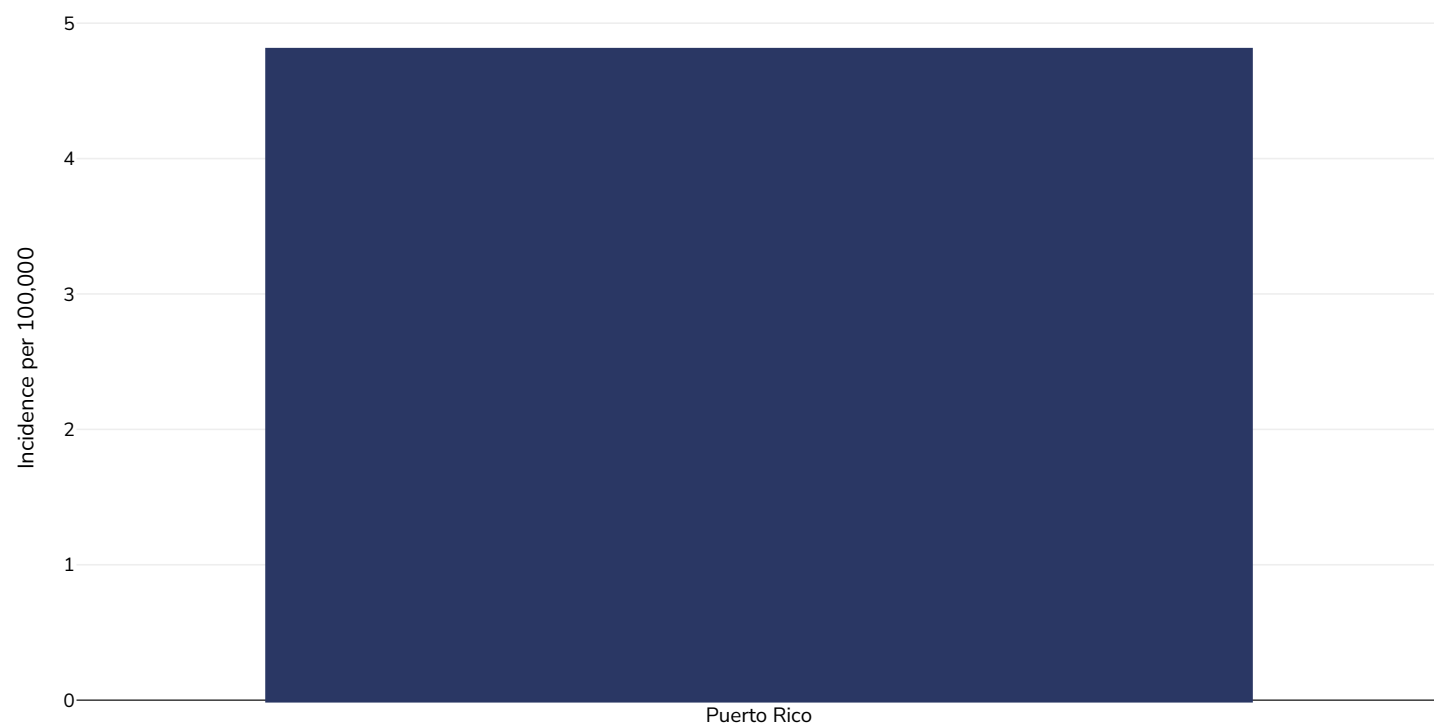
Kidney cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Women, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2022



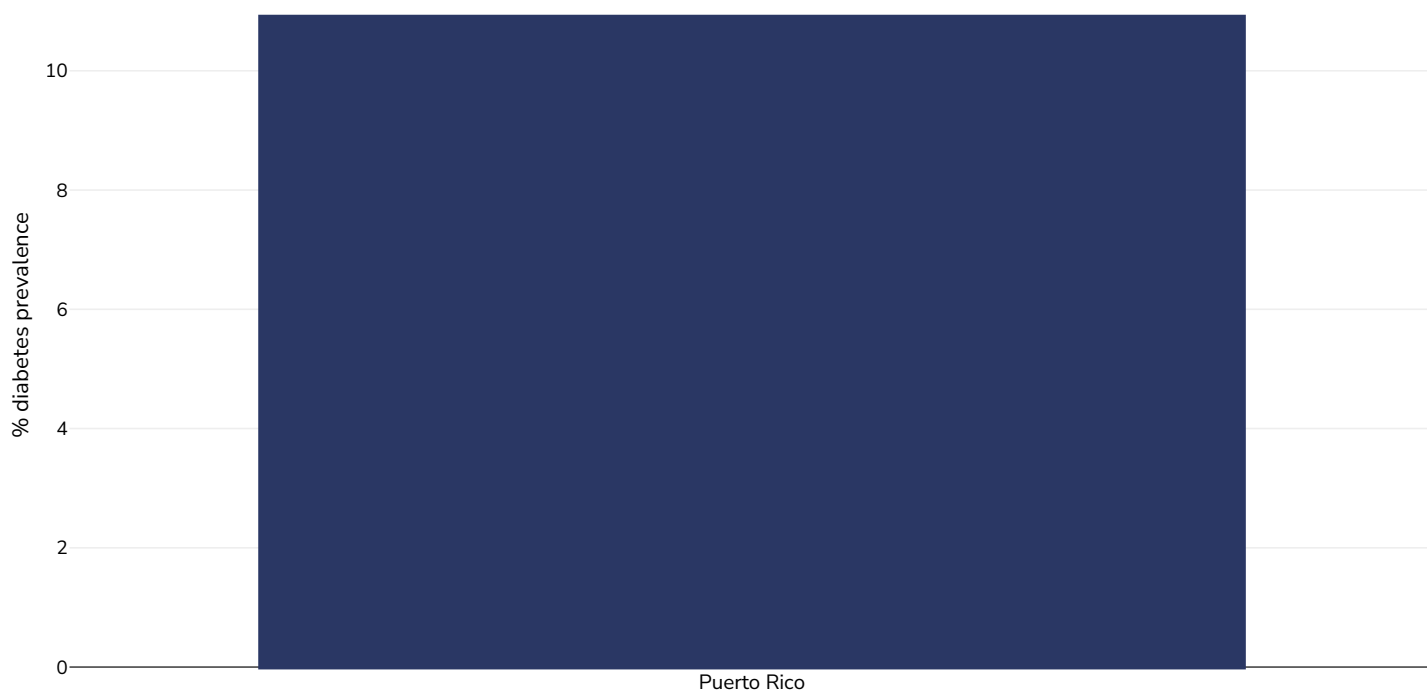
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000

Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



References:

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Ovarian Cancer

Women, 2022



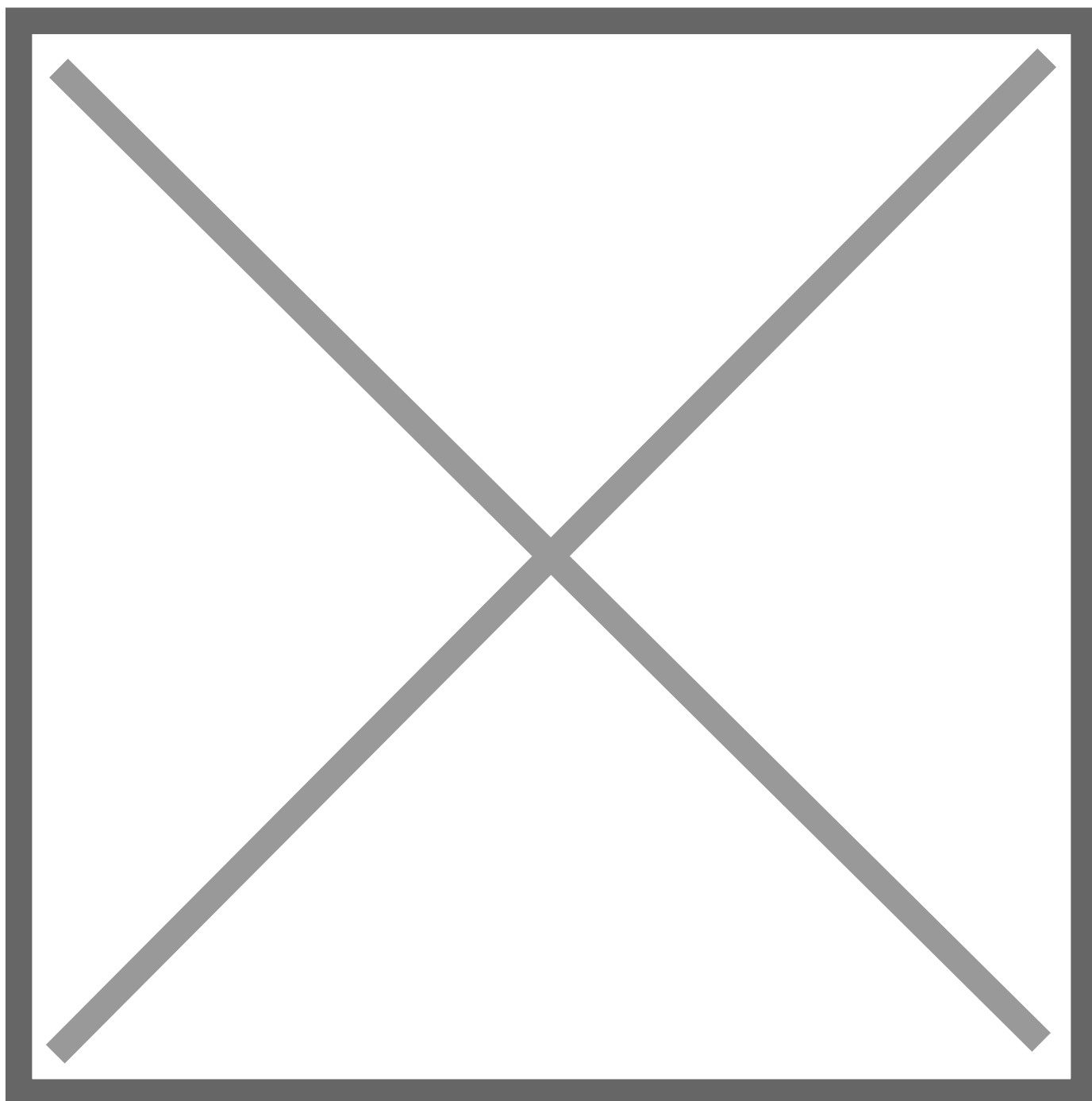
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Definitions: Incidence per 100,000

Leukemia

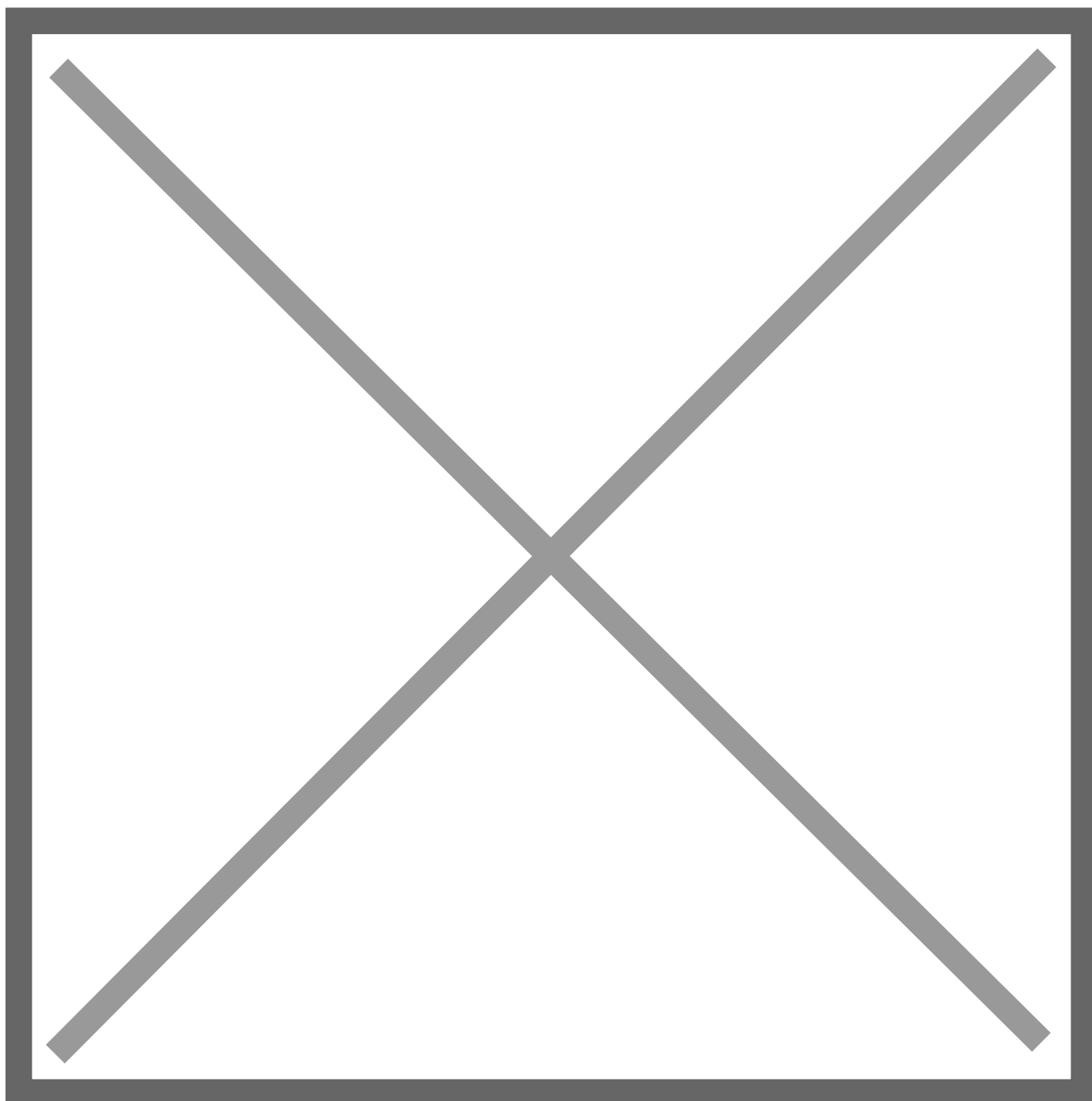
Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
References:	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: https://gco.iarc.who.int/today , accessed [16.07.24]
Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

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Women, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

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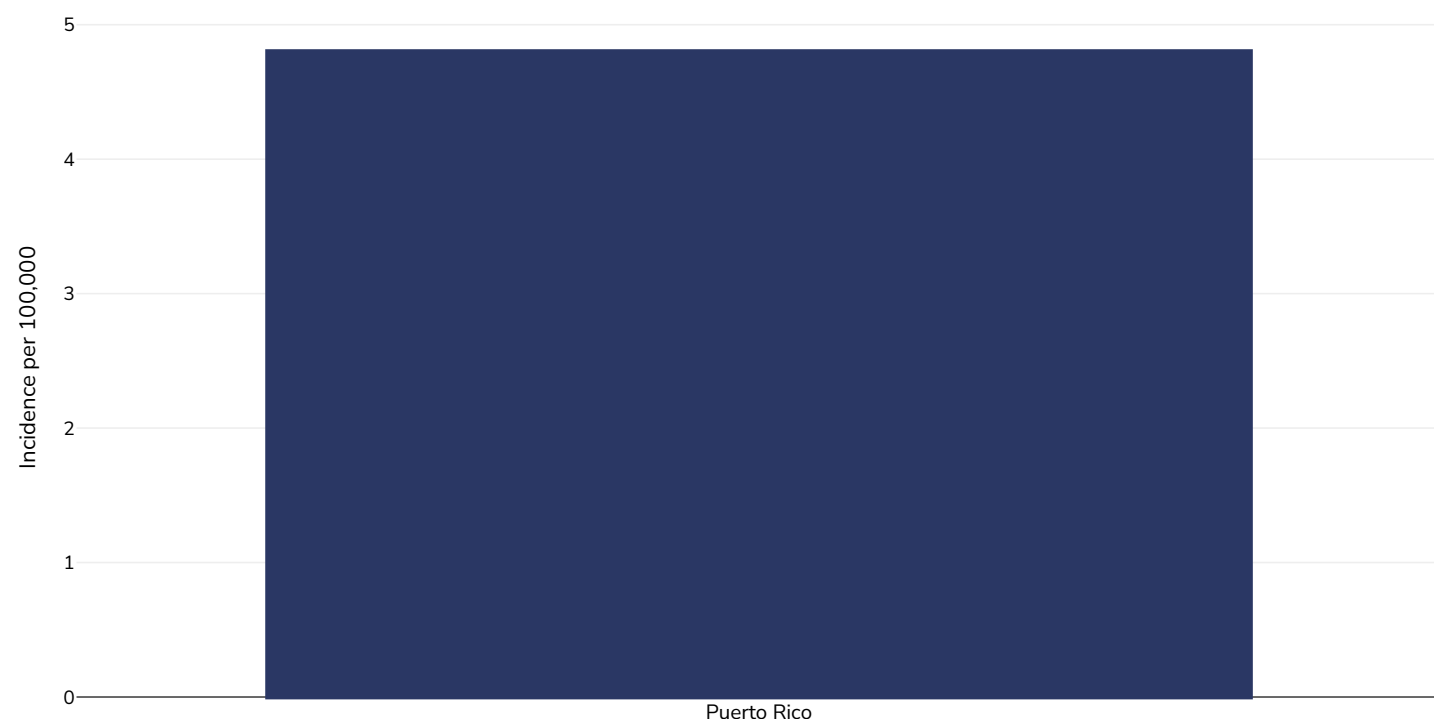
Liver and intrahepatic bile duct Cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Women, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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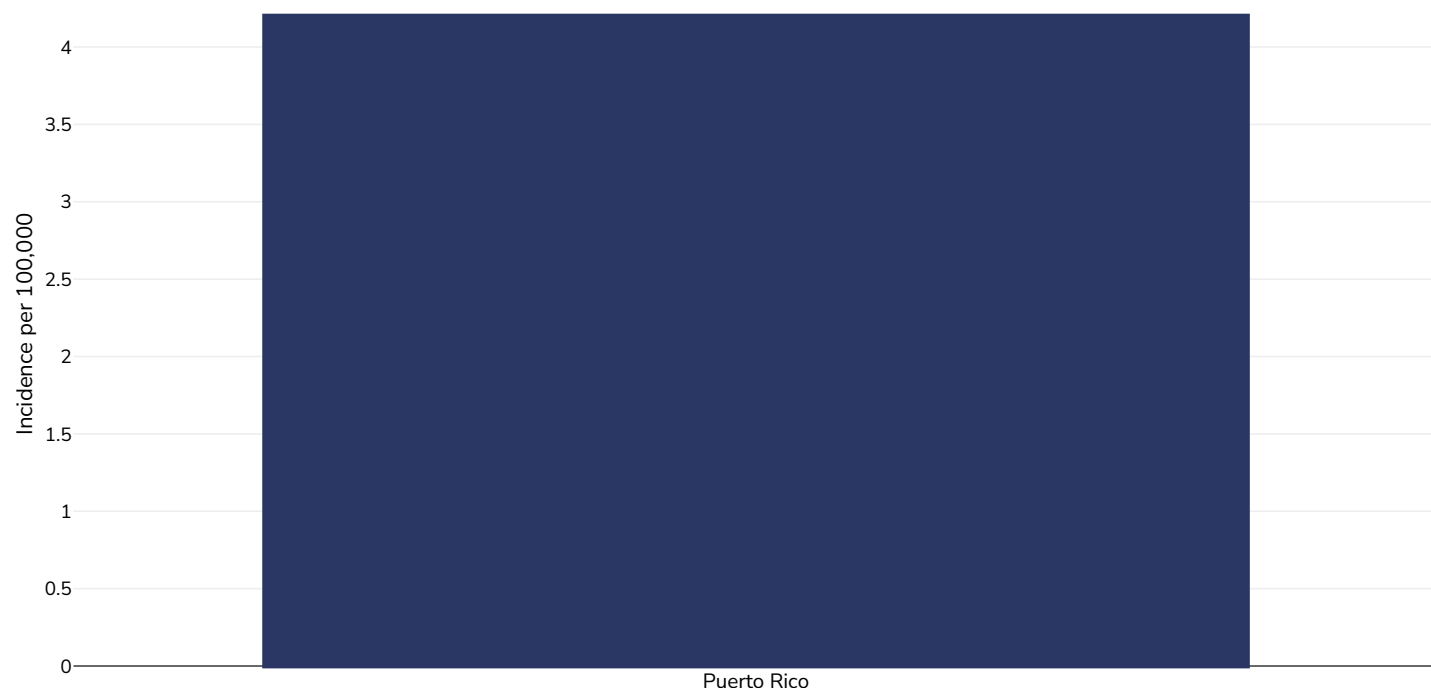
Multiple Myeloma

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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Women, 2022



Age: 20+

Area covered: National

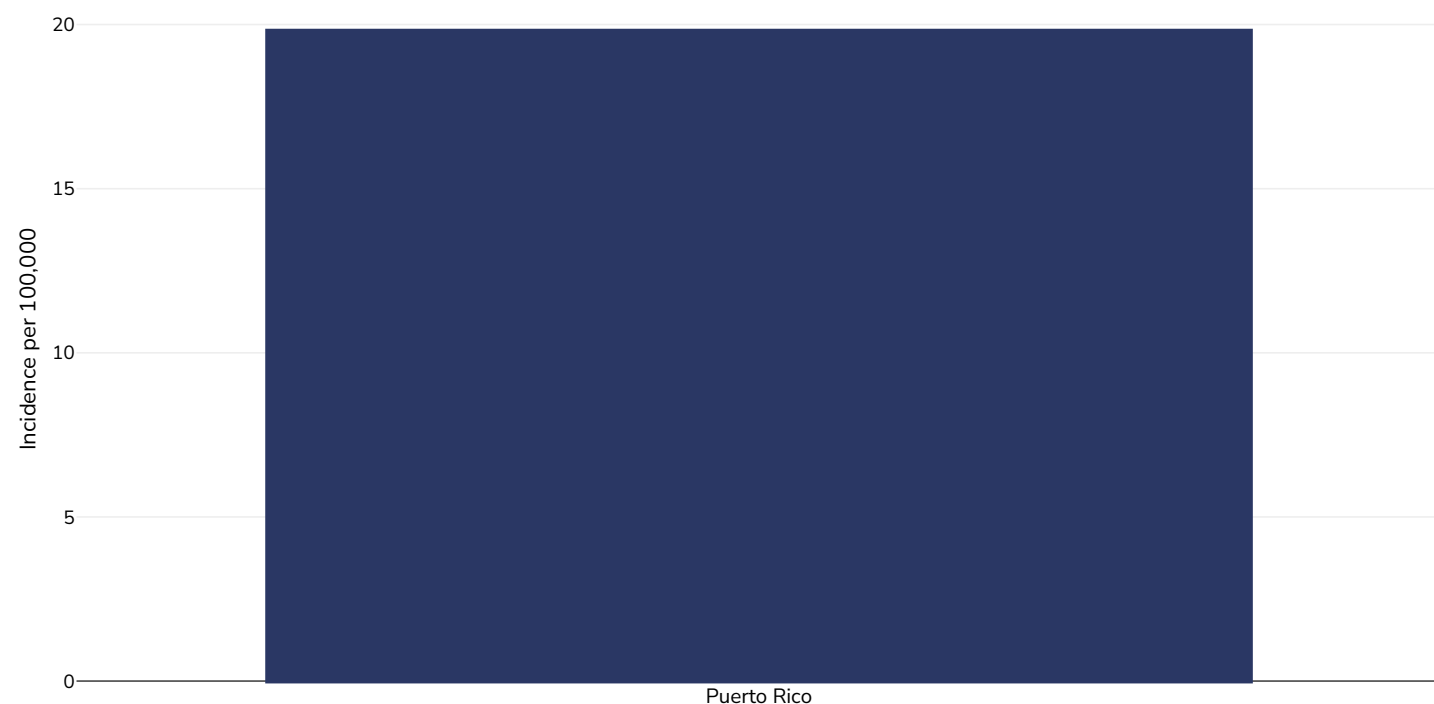
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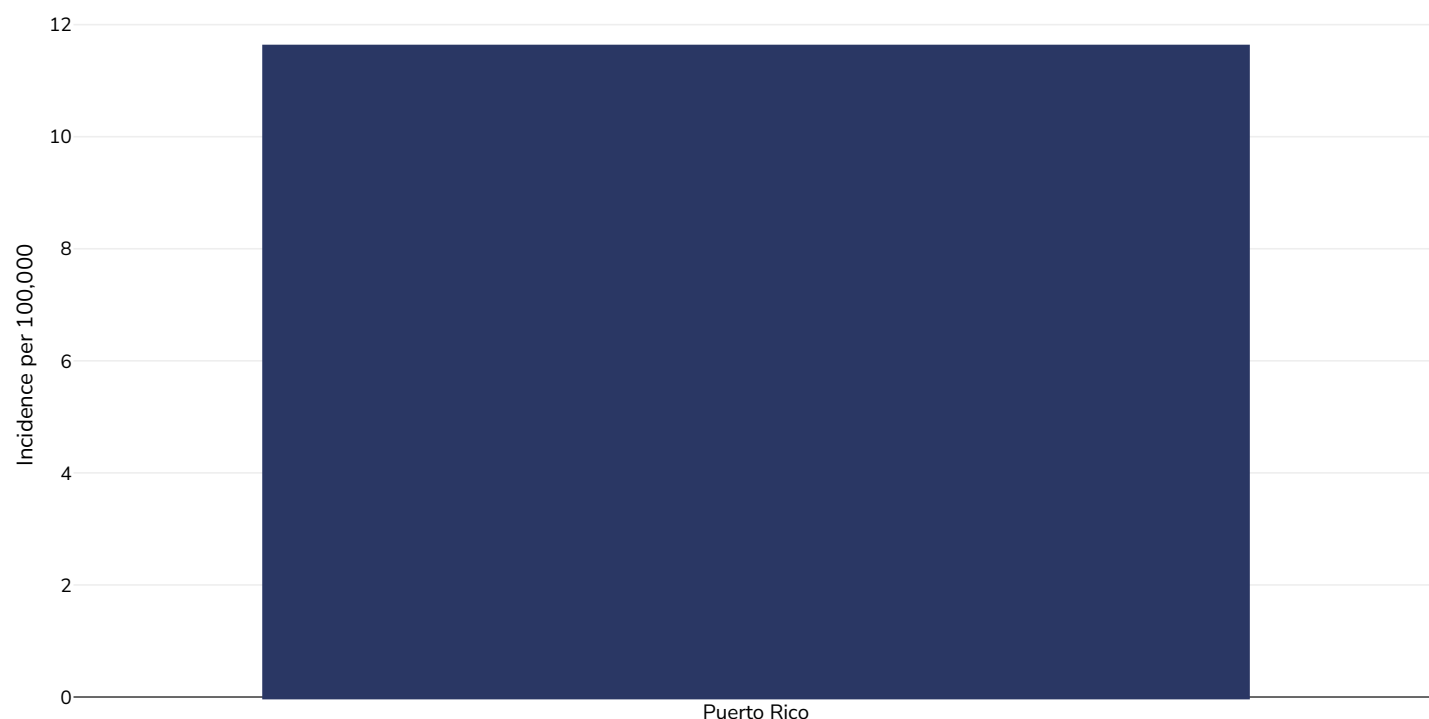
Non Hodgkin Lymphoma

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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Women, 2022



Age: 20+

Area covered: National

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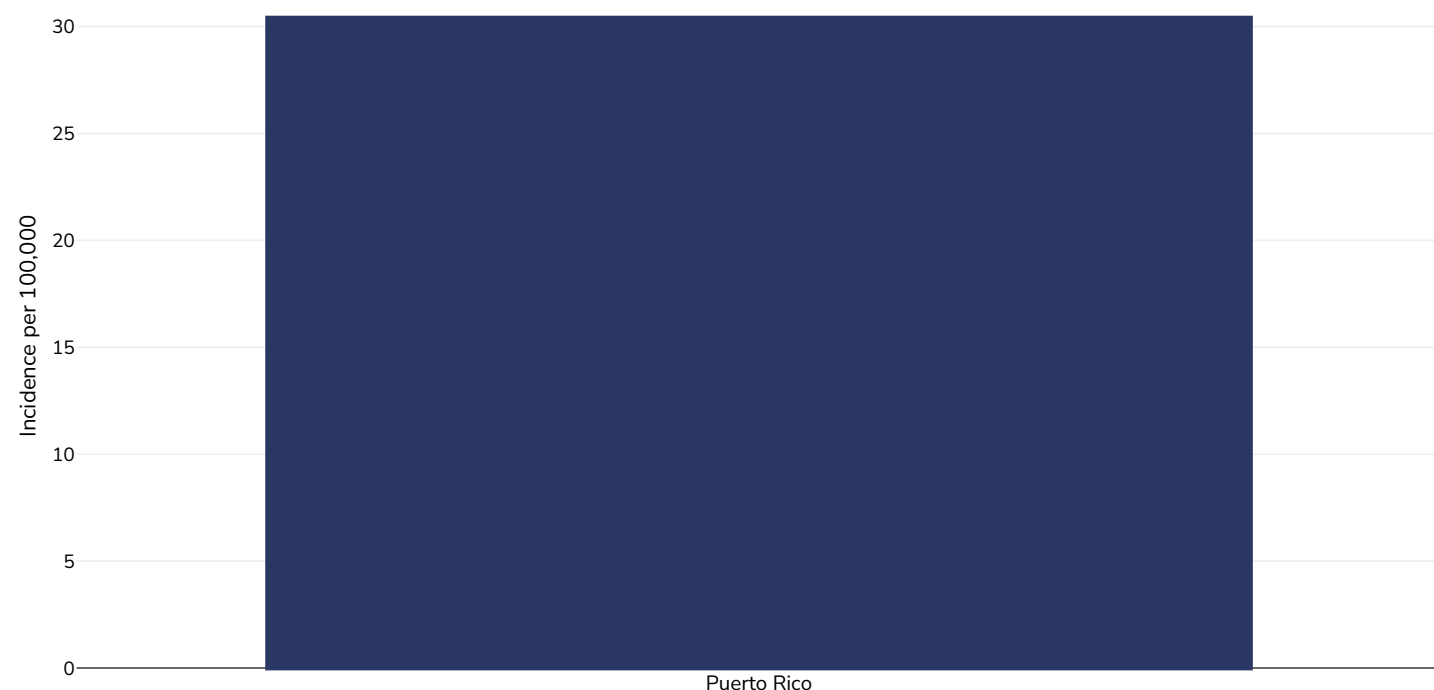
Thyroid Cancer

Men, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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Definitions:	Incidence per 100,000

Women, 2022



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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