

Report card

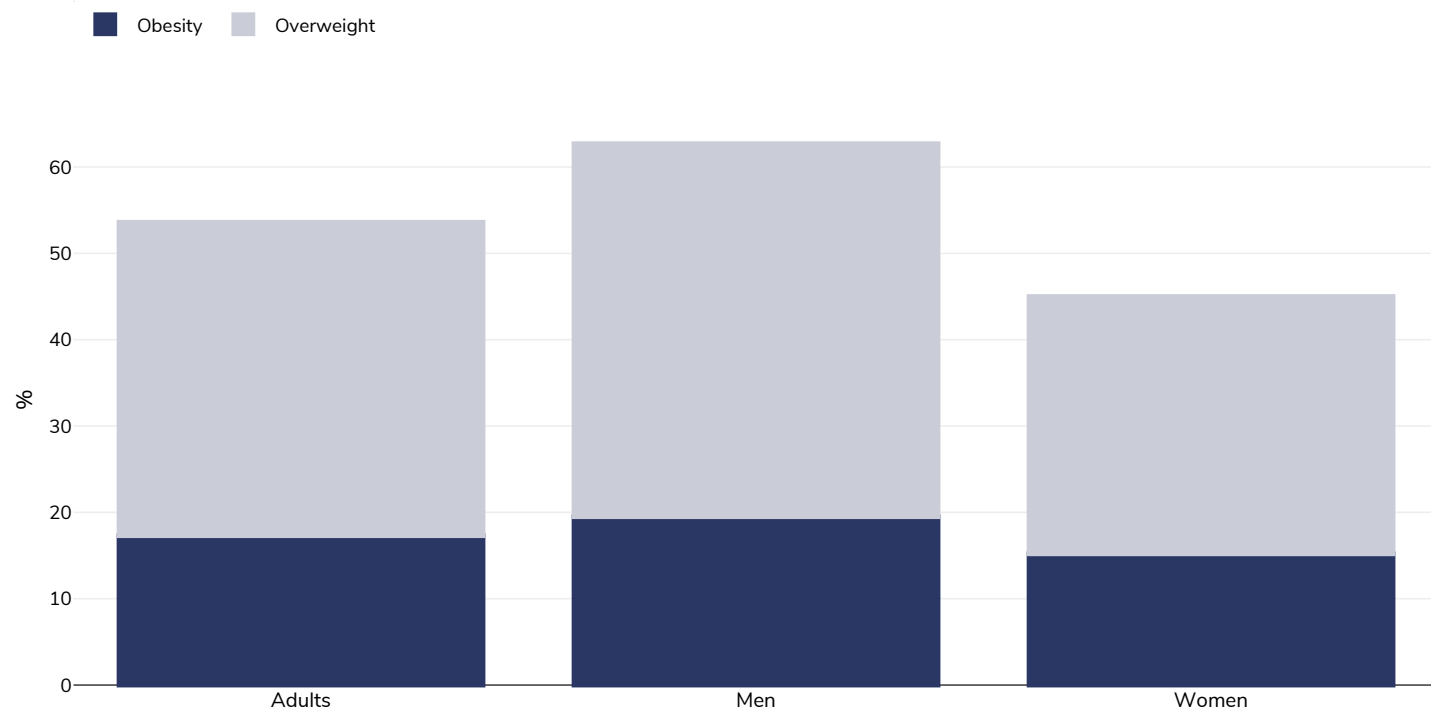
Serbia



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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2019



Survey type: Self-reported

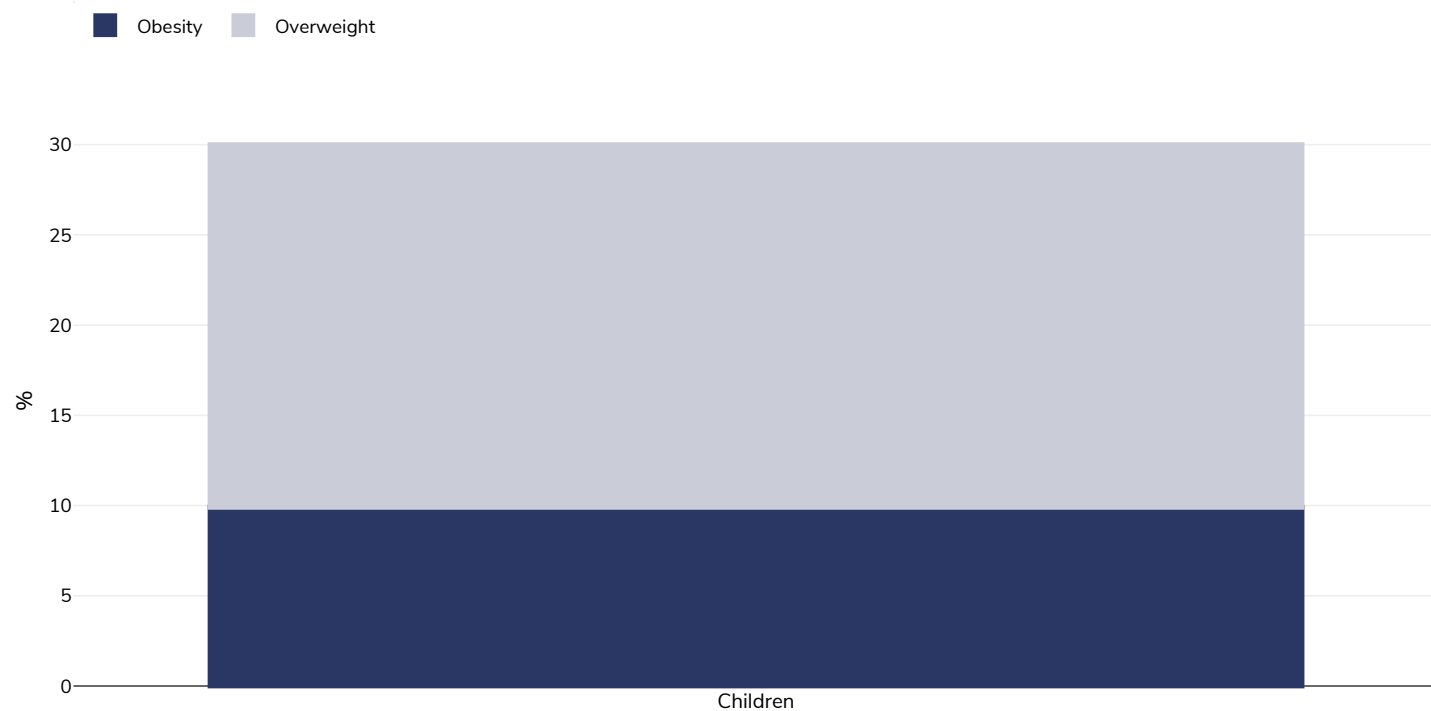
Age: 18+

Area covered: National

References: Eurostat 2019. Data available at https://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=hlth_ehis_bm1i&lang=en (last accessed 09.08.21)

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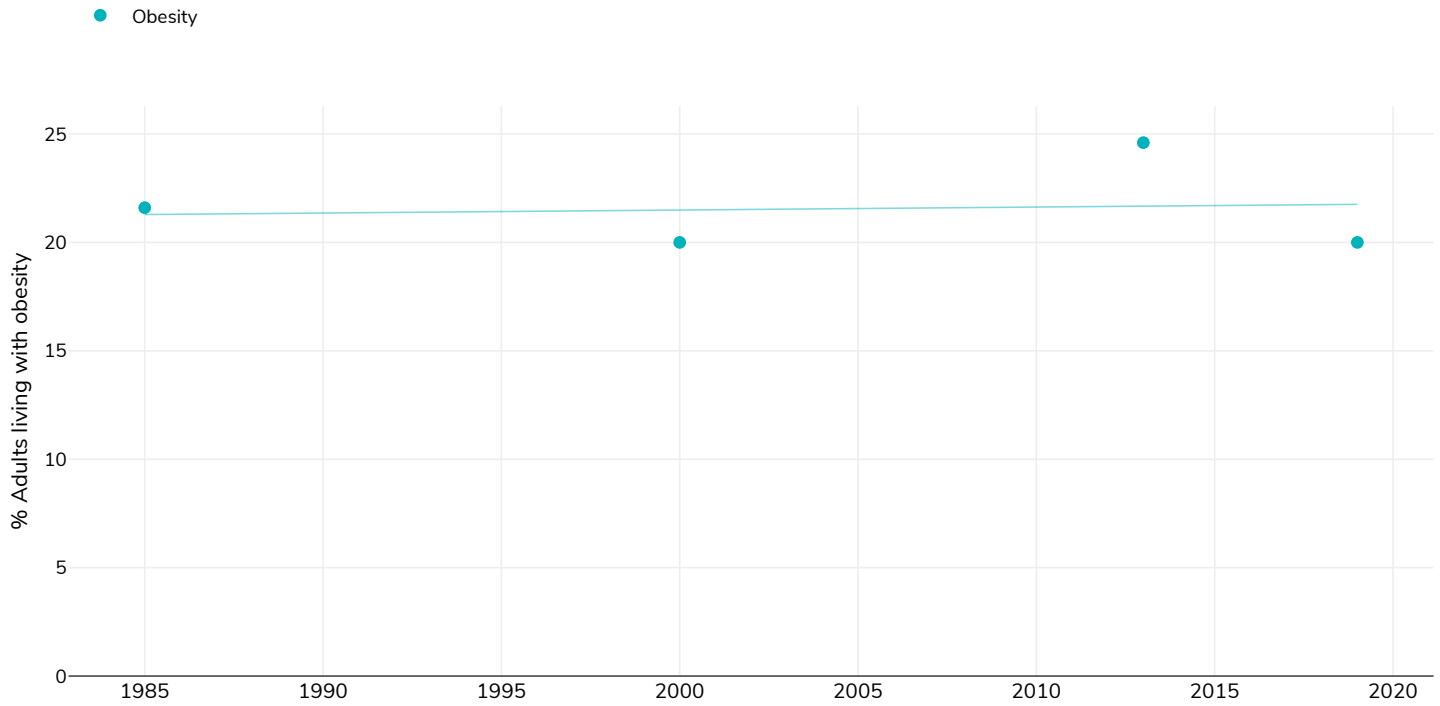
Children, 2019



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	7-9
Sample size:	3179
Area covered:	National
References:	Marković L, Ćorović V, Trajković N, Božić P, Halašić S, Cvejić D, Ostojić SM. Childhood Obesity in Serbia on the Rise. <i>Children</i> . 2021; 8(5):409. https://doi.org/10.3390/children8050409 , https://www.mdpi.com/2227-9067/8/5/409/html (Last Accessed 02.06.21)
Notes:	COSI data.
Cutoffs:	IOTF

% Adults living with obesity, 1985-2019

Women



Survey type:

Measured

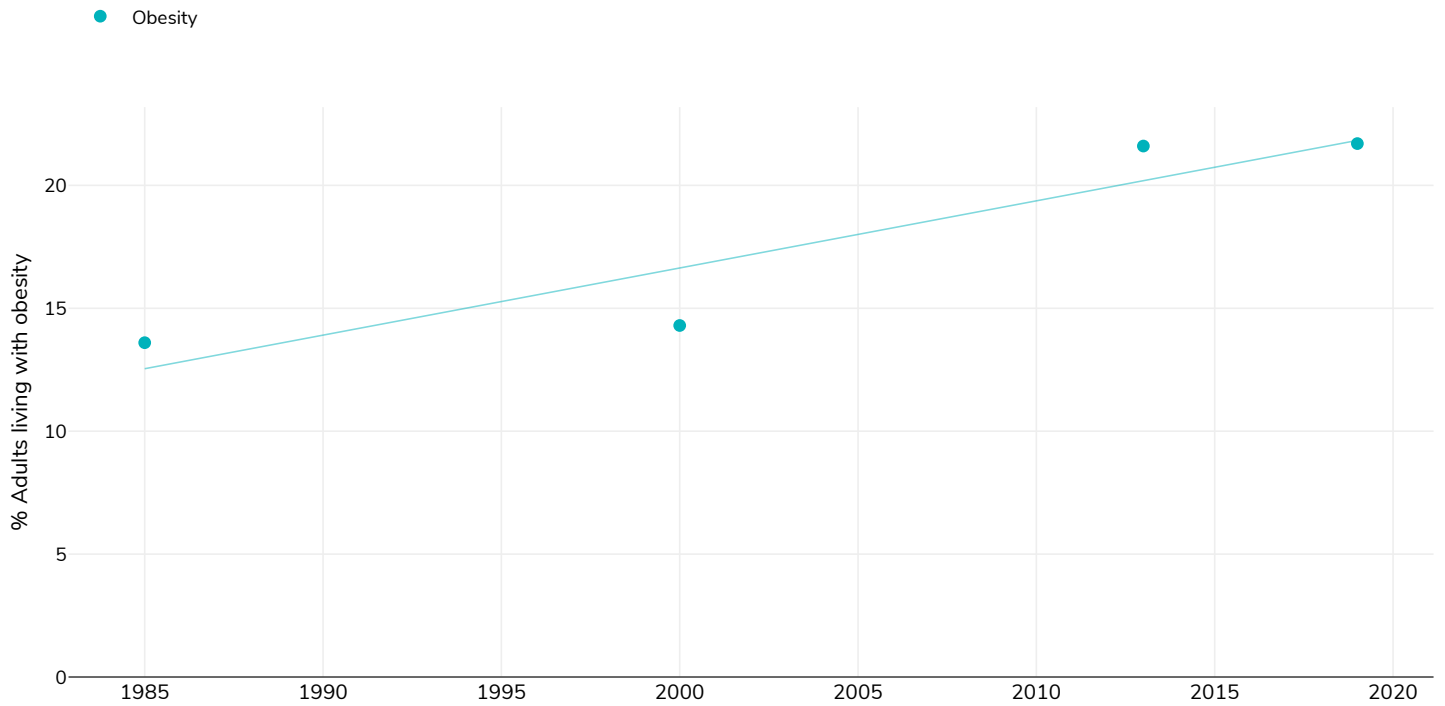
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Men



Survey type:

Measured

References:

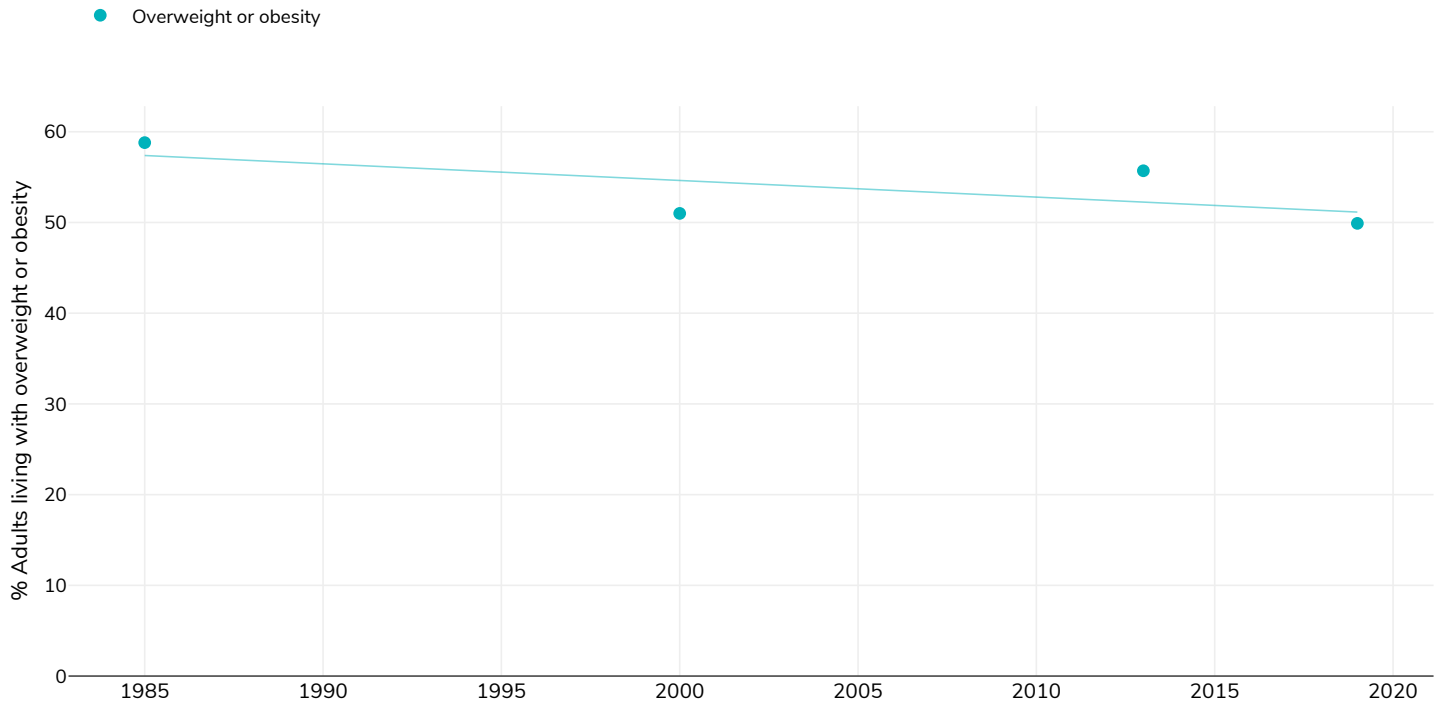
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% Adults living with overweight or obesity, 1985-2019

Women



Survey type:

Measured

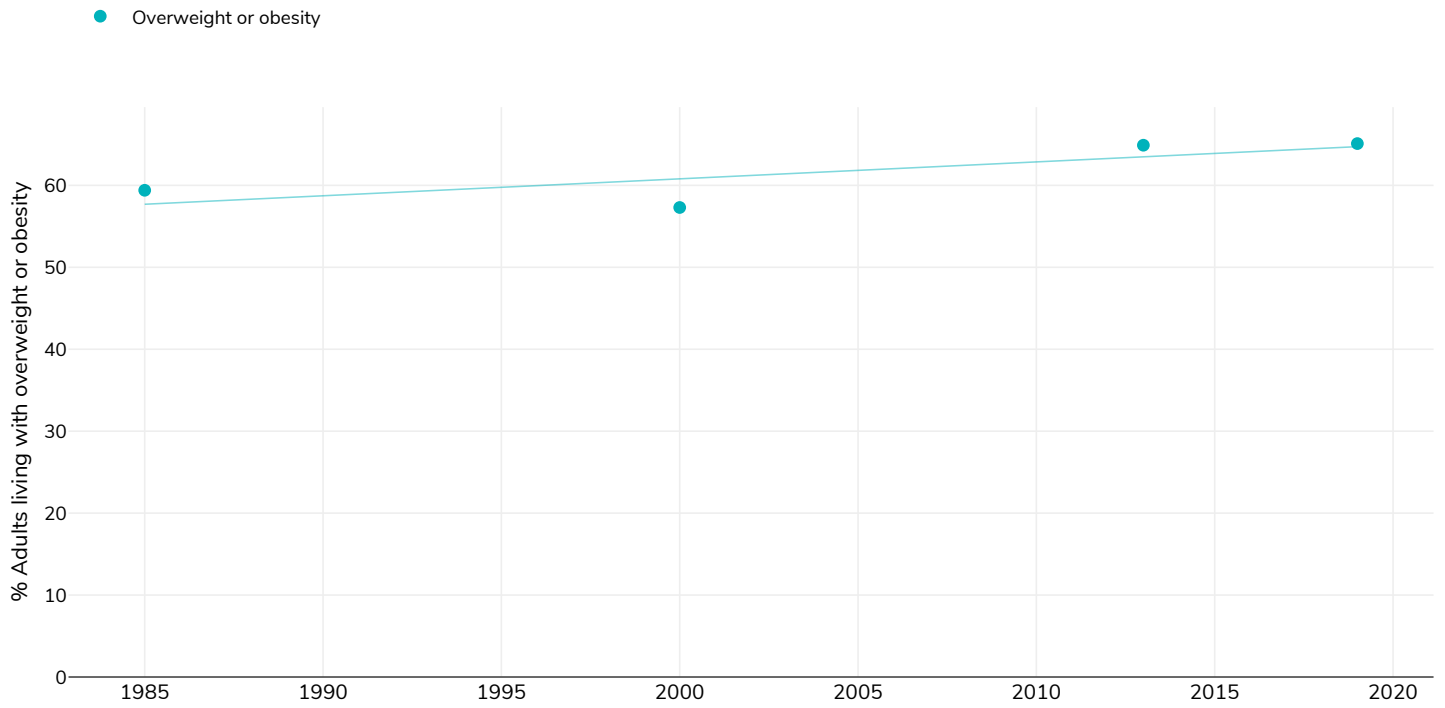
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Men



Survey type:

Measured

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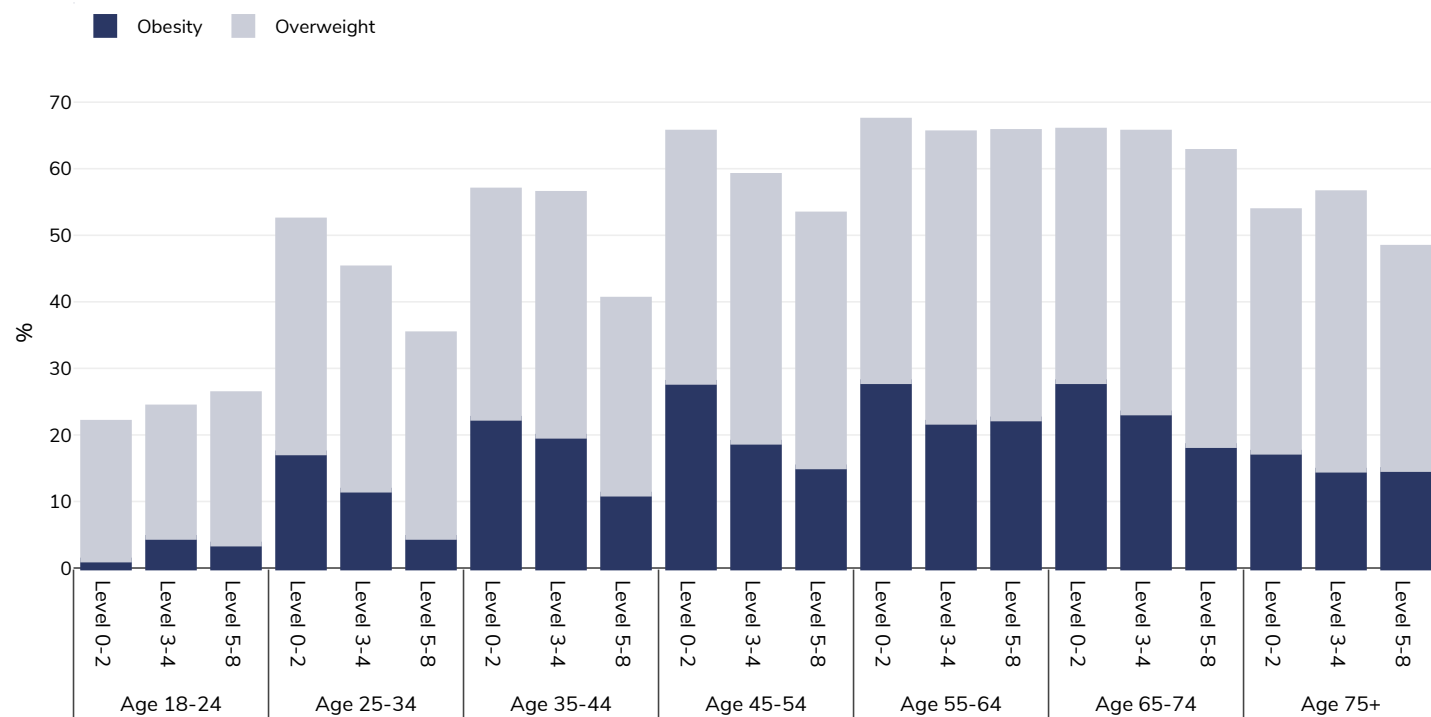
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Overweight/obesity by age and education

Adults, 2019



Survey type:

Self-reported

Area covered:

National

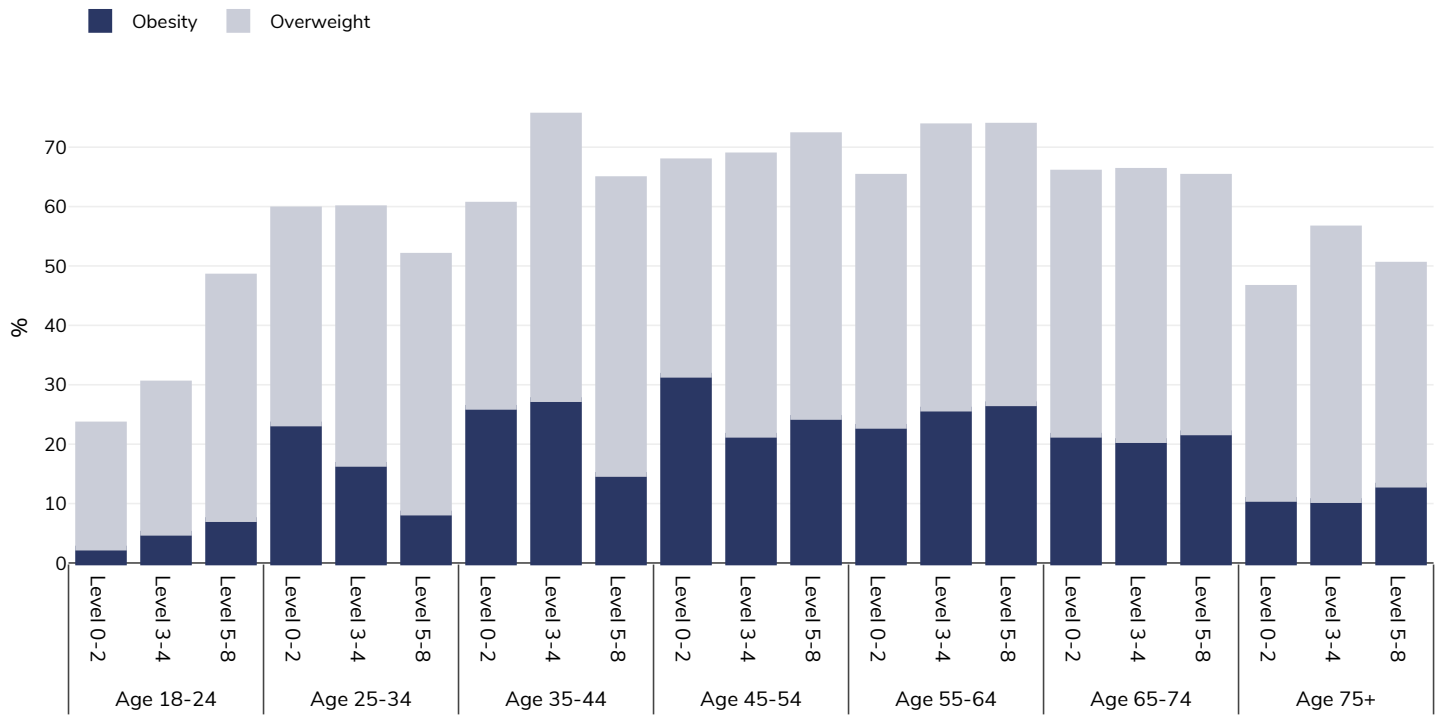
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Men, 2019



Survey type:

Self-reported

Area covered:

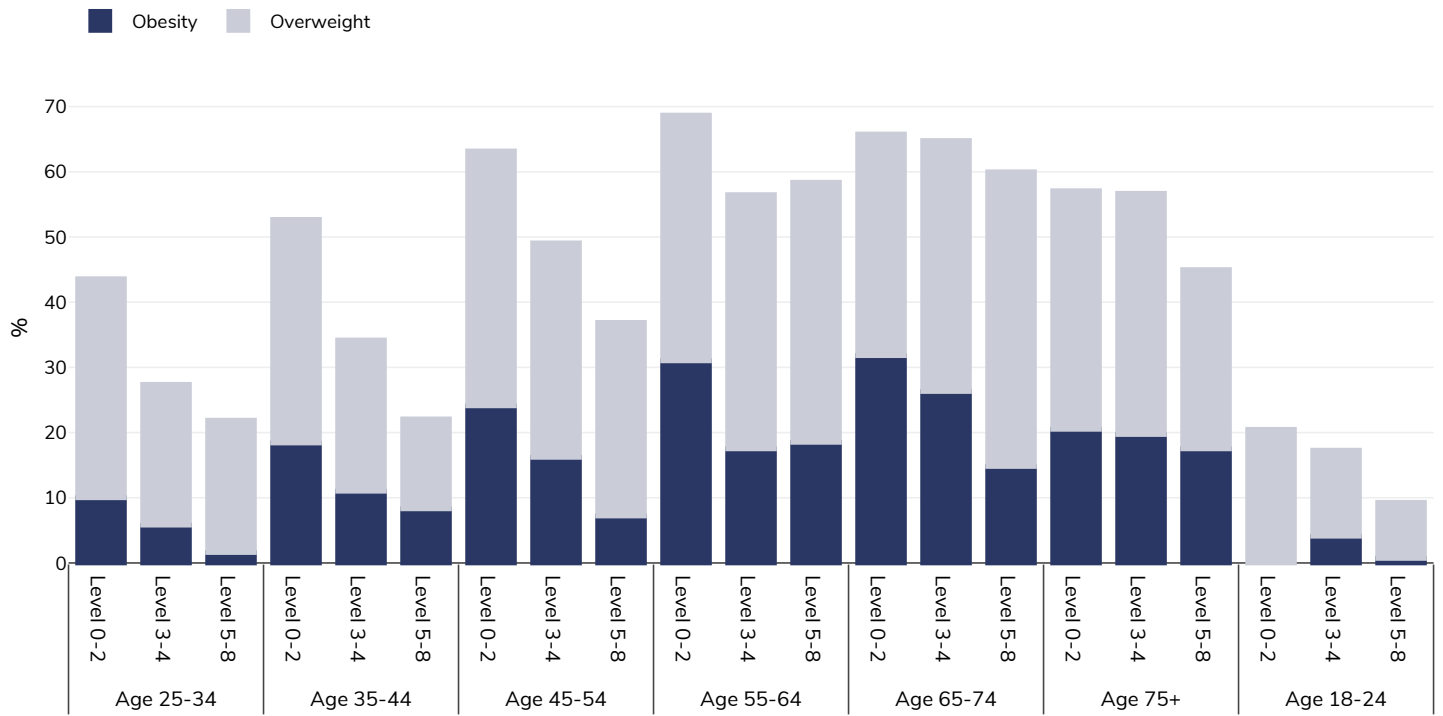
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Women, 2019



Survey type:

Self-reported

Area covered:

National

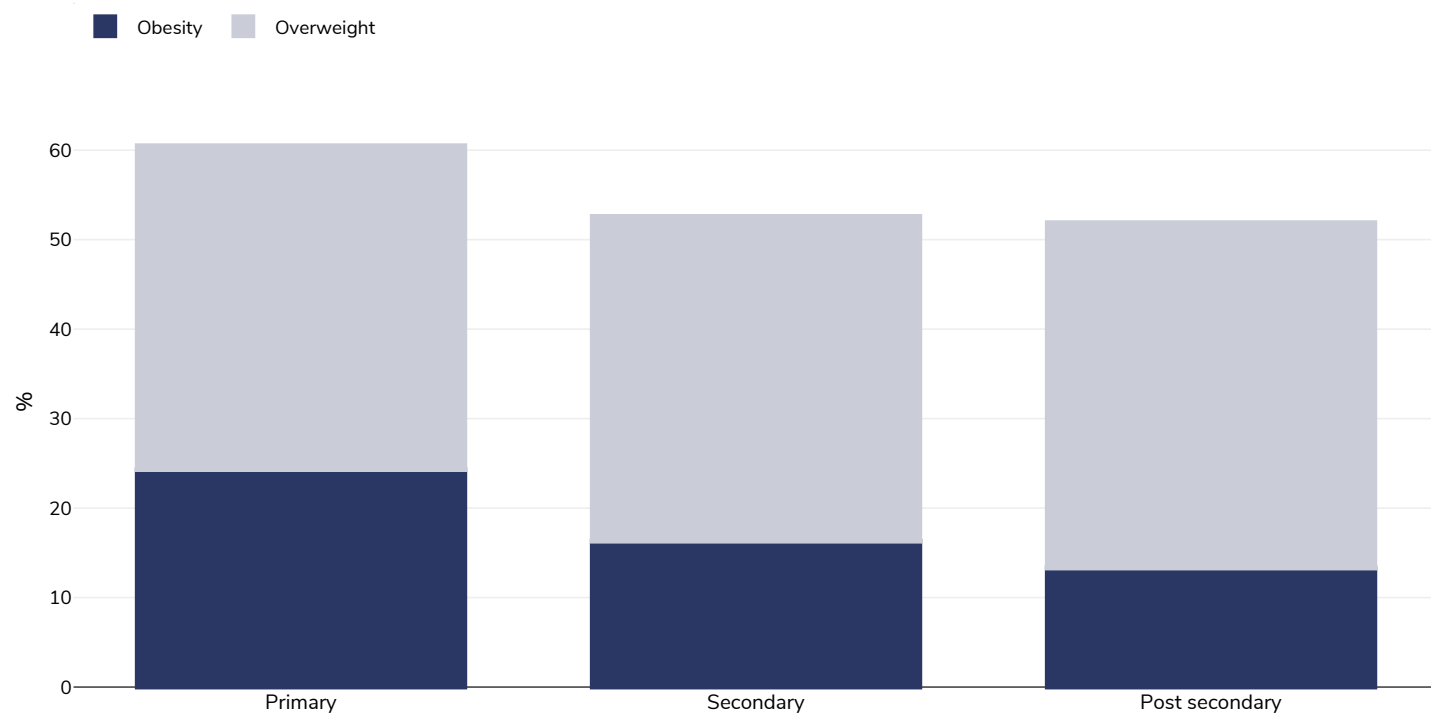
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Overweight/obesity by education

Adults, 2006



Survey type: Measured

Age: 20+

Sample size: 13796

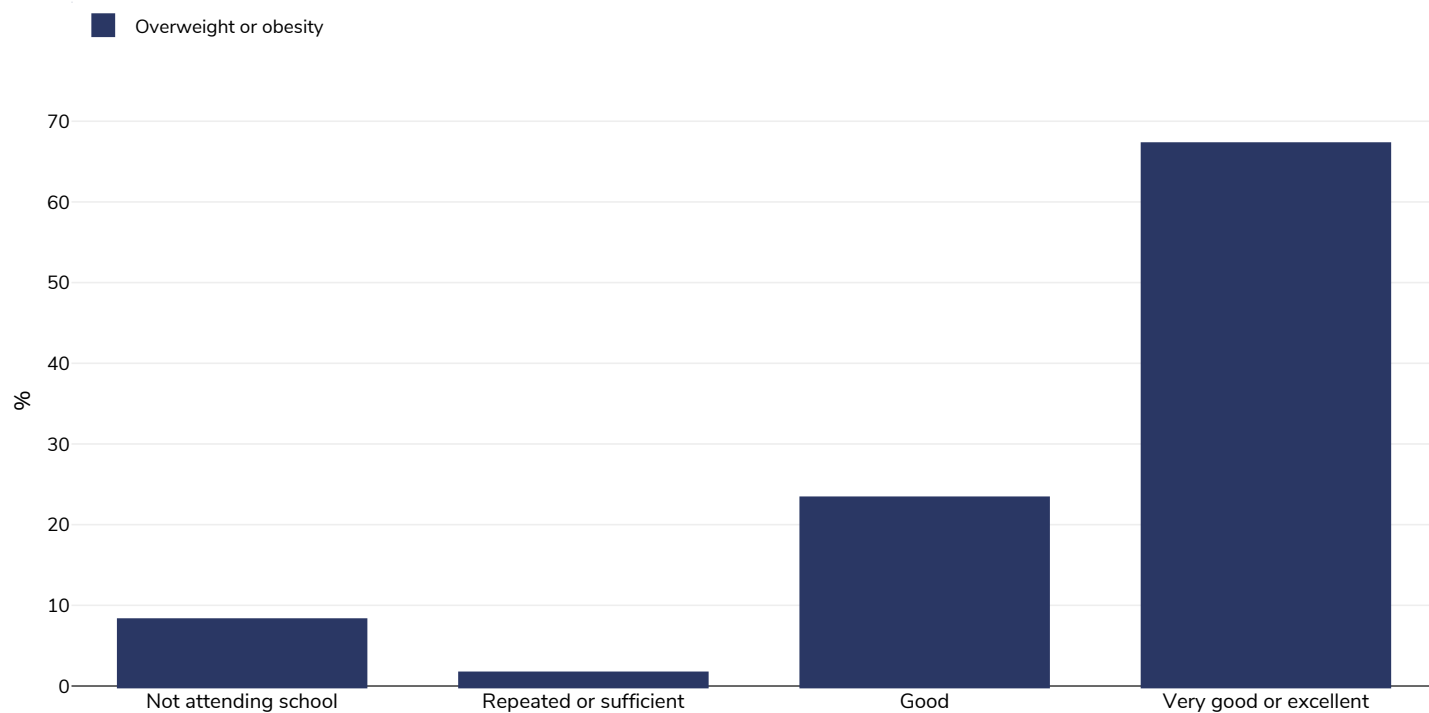
Area covered: National

References: Grujic, V. et al. (2010) 'Overweight and obesity among adults in Serbia: Results from the National Health Survey', Eat Weight Disord, 15(1-2), pp.34-42

Notes: Prevalence of overweight and obesity by income.

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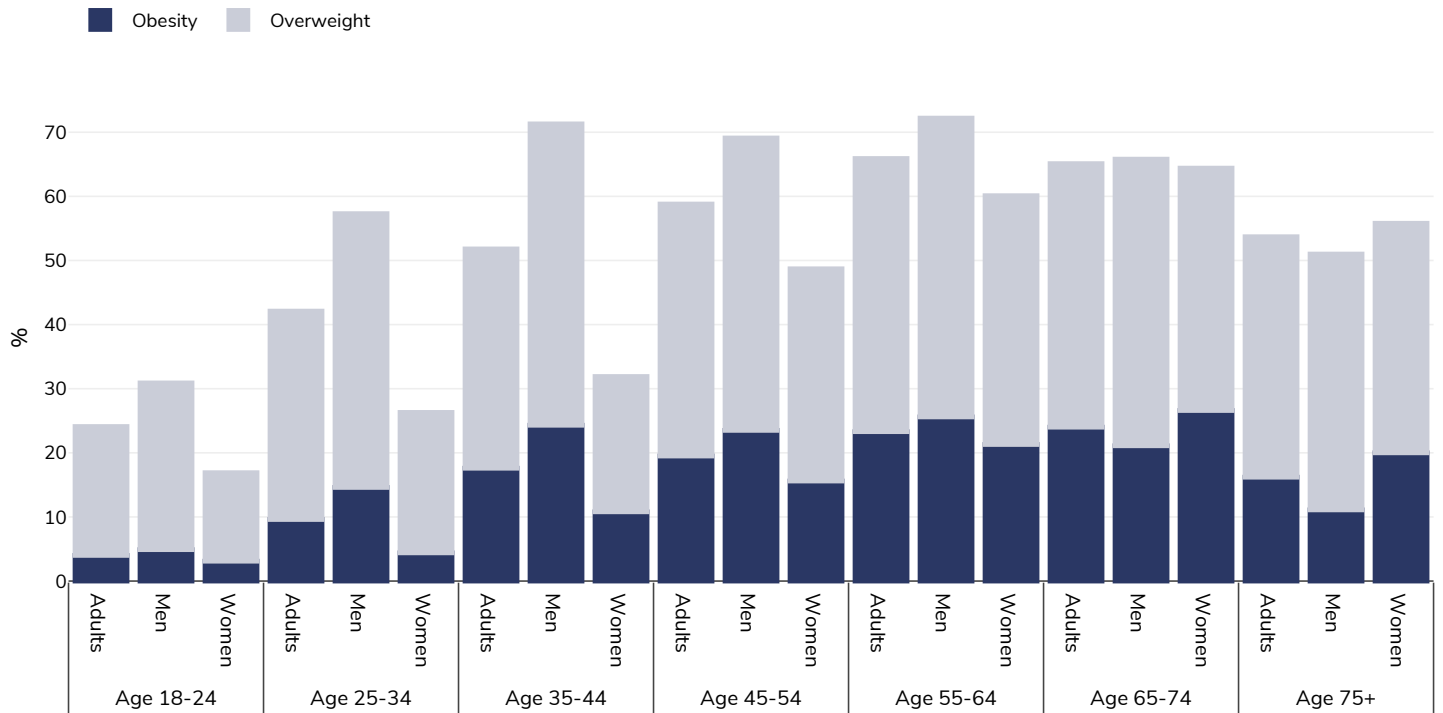
Children, 2006



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	10-19
Sample size:	2139
Area covered:	National
References:	Borić; K, Simić; S, Kasiljević; N, et al. Risk factors associated with overweight among adolescents in Serbia. Slovenian Journal of Public Health. December 2014; 53(4):283-293.
Notes:	Prevalence of overweight and obesity by school success. CDC growth charts were used to calculate BMI-for-age and sex for the population of children and adolescents. Those with a BMI value higher or equal to the 85th percentile are overweight (between 85 and 95 have a high risk of obesity, and obese are those whose level is higher than or equal to 95).
Cutoffs:	CDC

Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2019



Survey type:

Self-reported

Area covered:

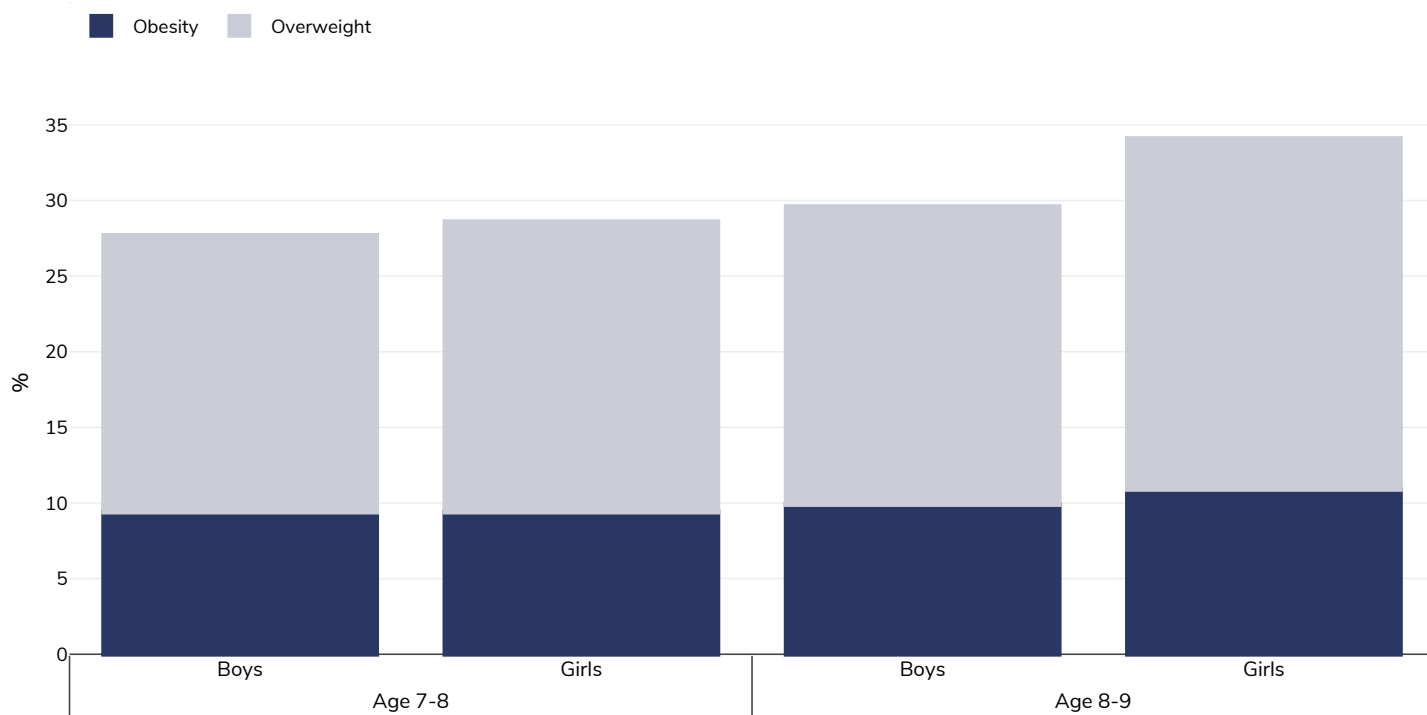
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Survey type: Measured

Sample size: 3179

Area covered: National

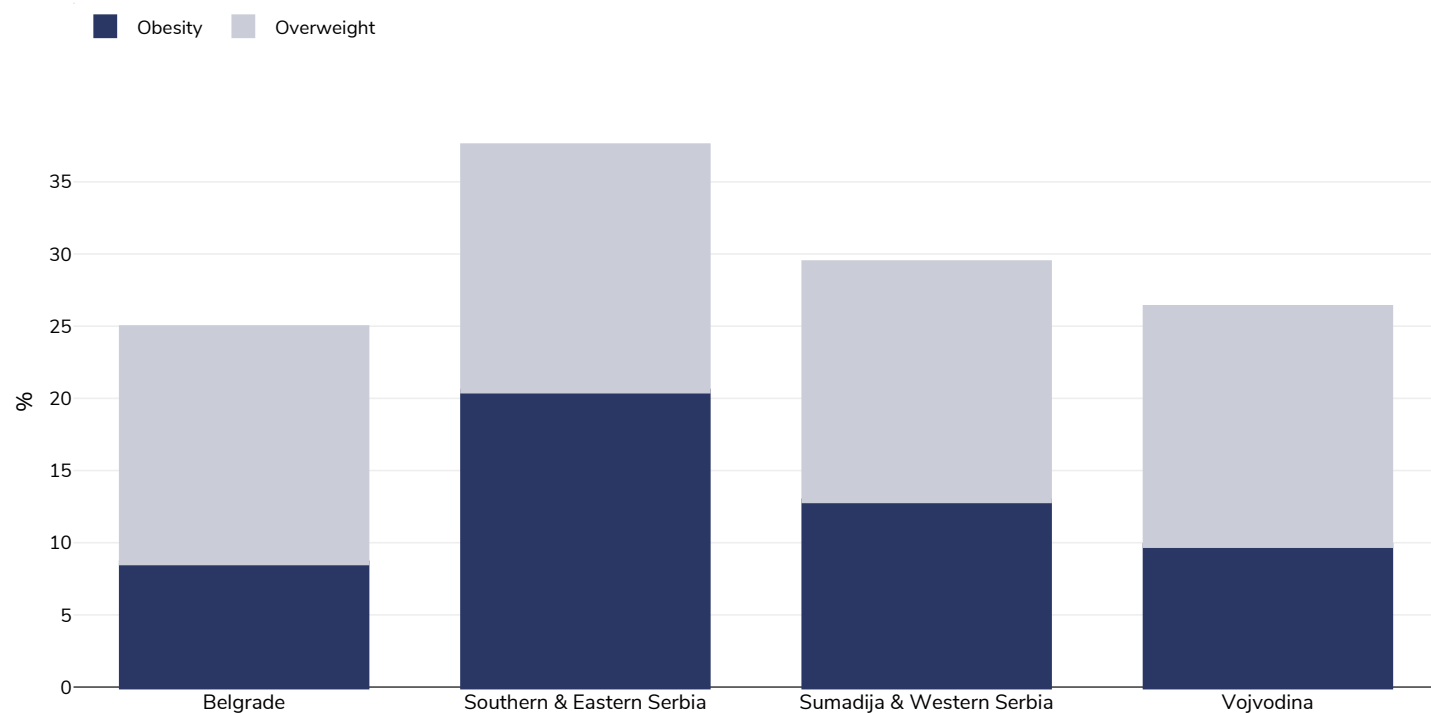
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Notes: COSI data.

Cutoffs: IOTF

Overweight/obesity by region

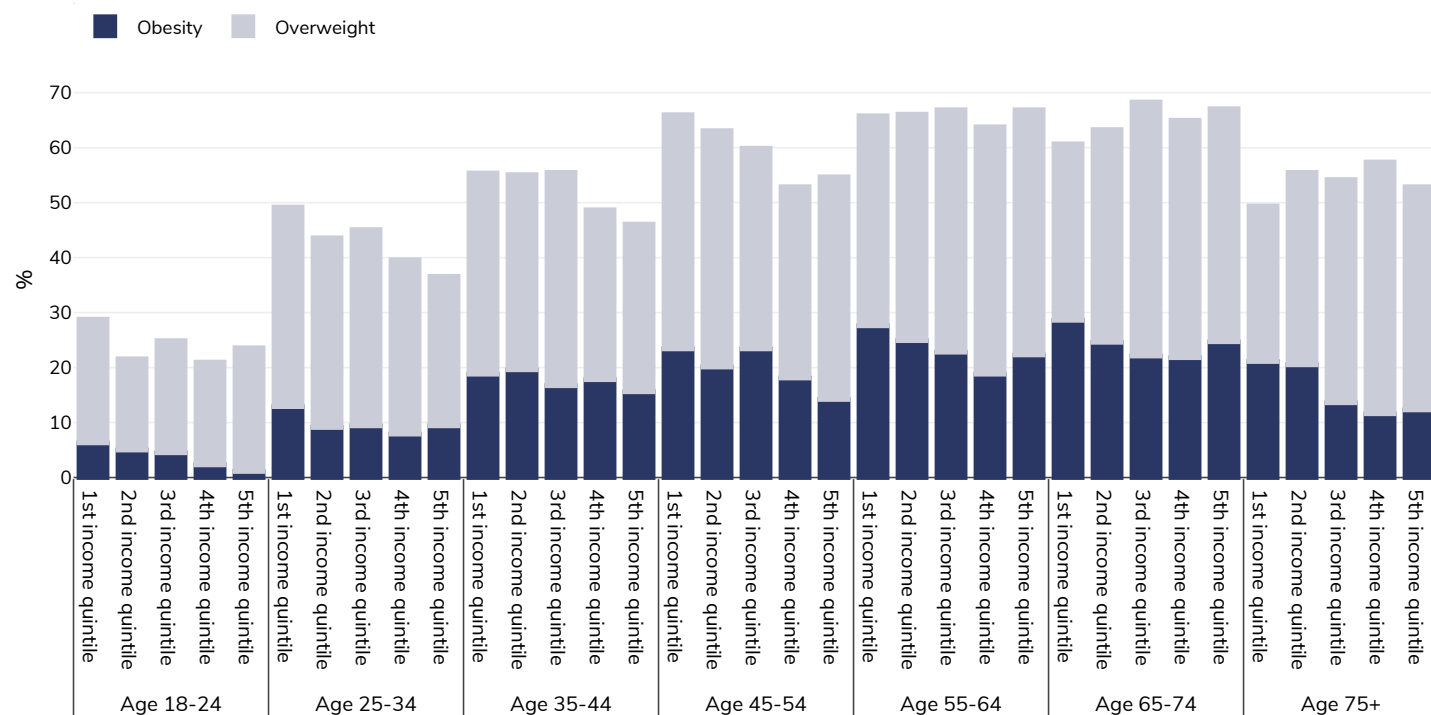
Children, 2019



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	5-14
Sample size:	1285
Area covered:	National
References:	Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, Institute of Public Health of Serbia (2021). THE 2019 SERBIAN NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY. Available at https://publikacije.stat.gov.rs/G2021/pdfE/G20216003.pdf (last accessed 08.06.21)
Definitions:	No details published
Cutoffs:	Not available

Overweight/obesity by age and socio-economic group

Adults, 2019



Survey type:

Self-reported

Area covered:

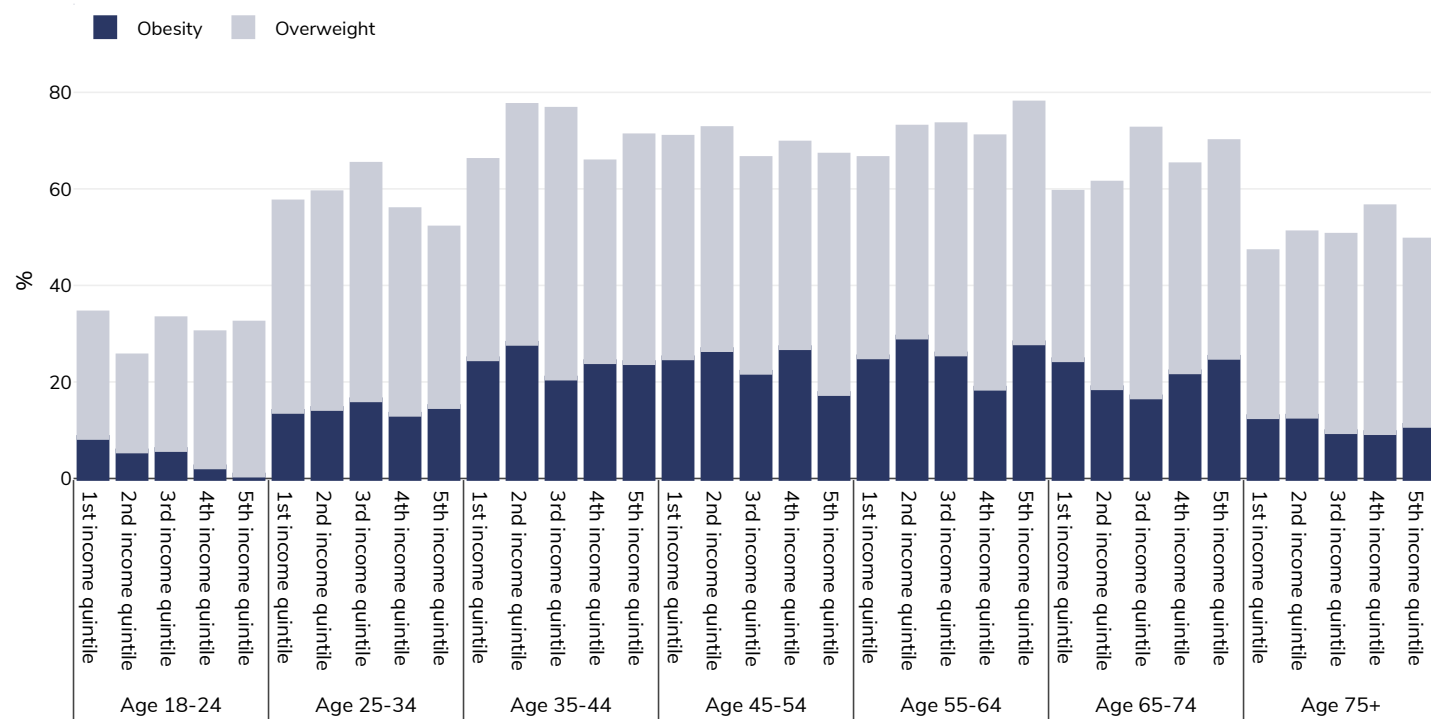
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Men, 2019



Survey type:

Self-reported

Area covered:

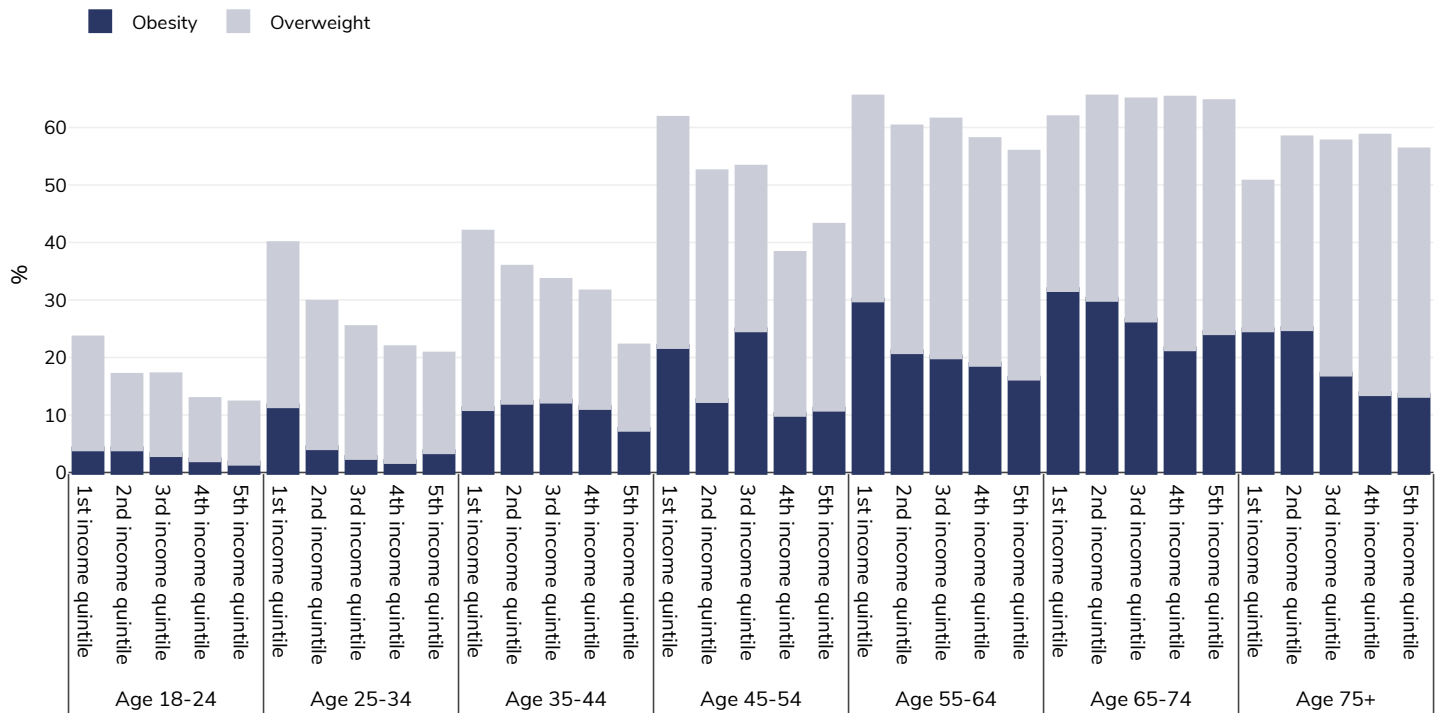
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Women, 2019



Survey type:

Self-reported

Area covered:

National

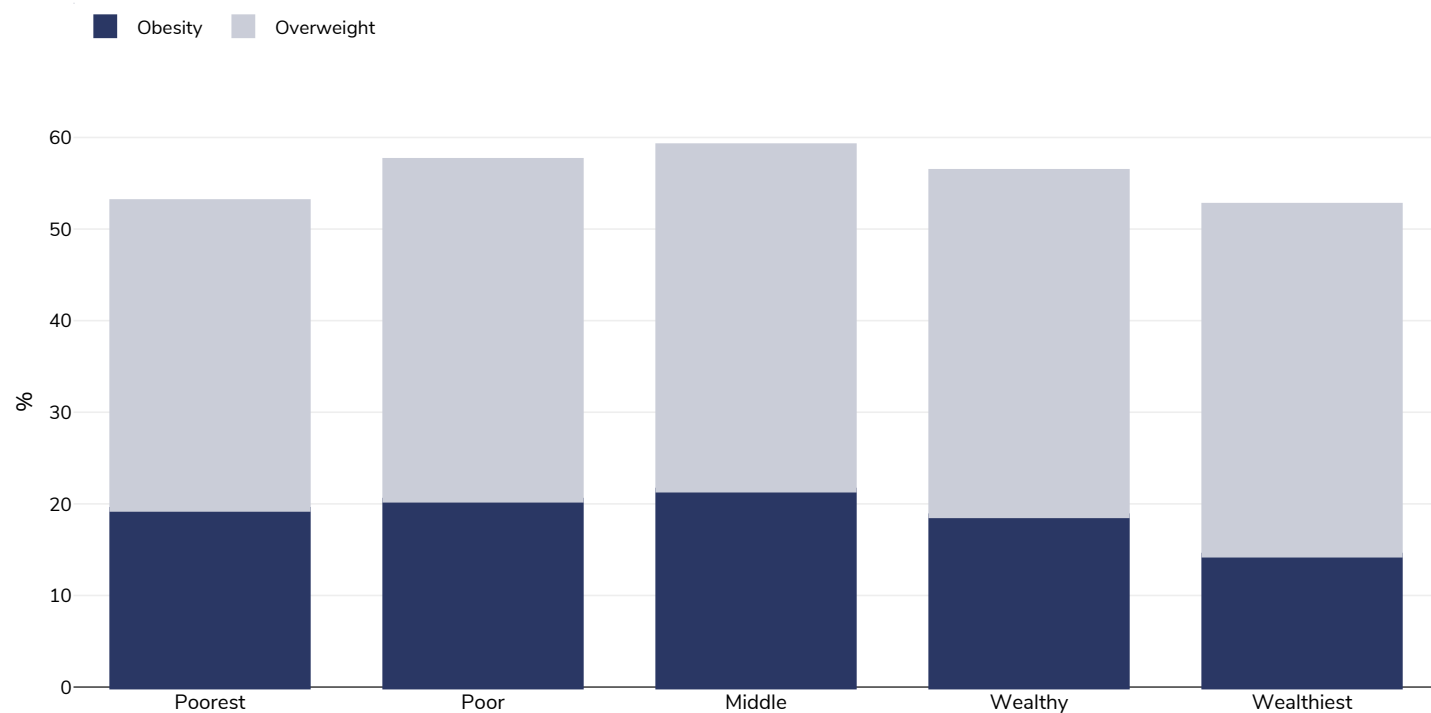
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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Adults, 2006



Survey type: Measured

Age: 20+

Sample size: 13796

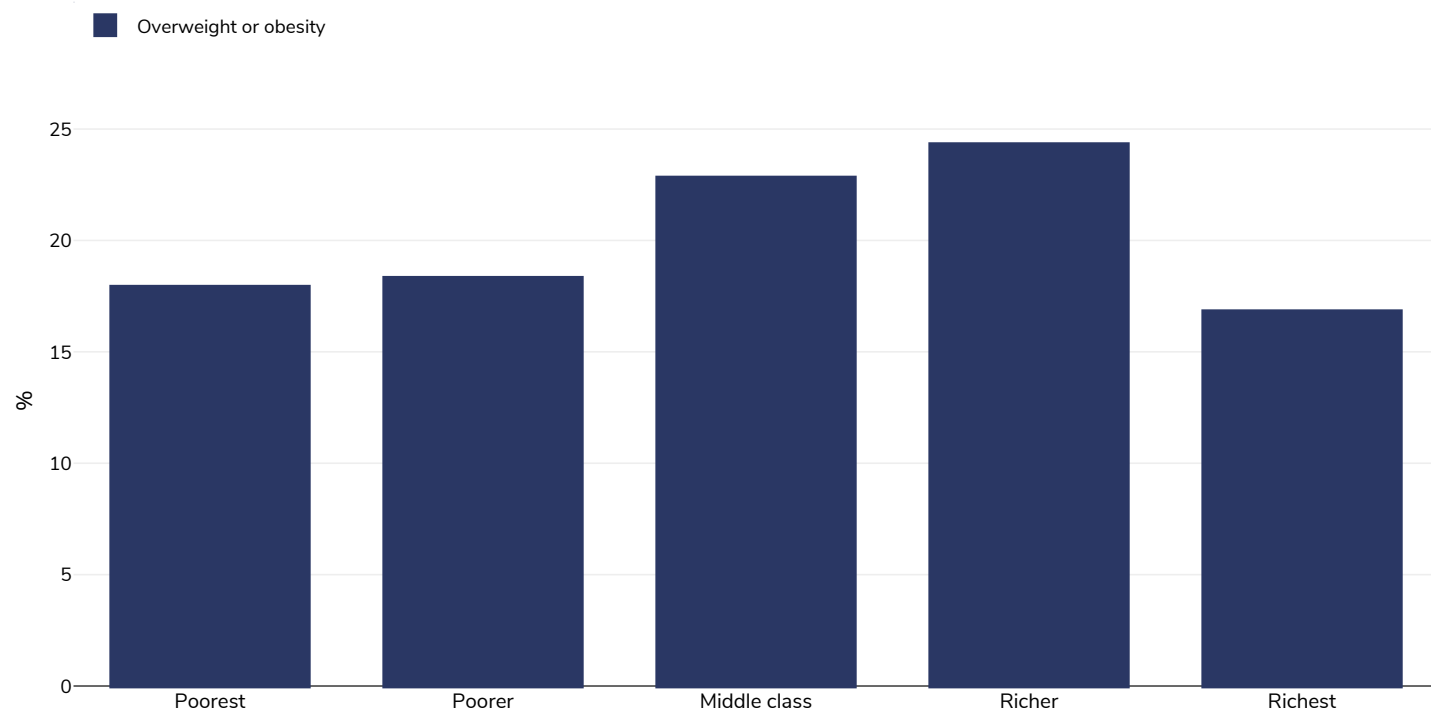
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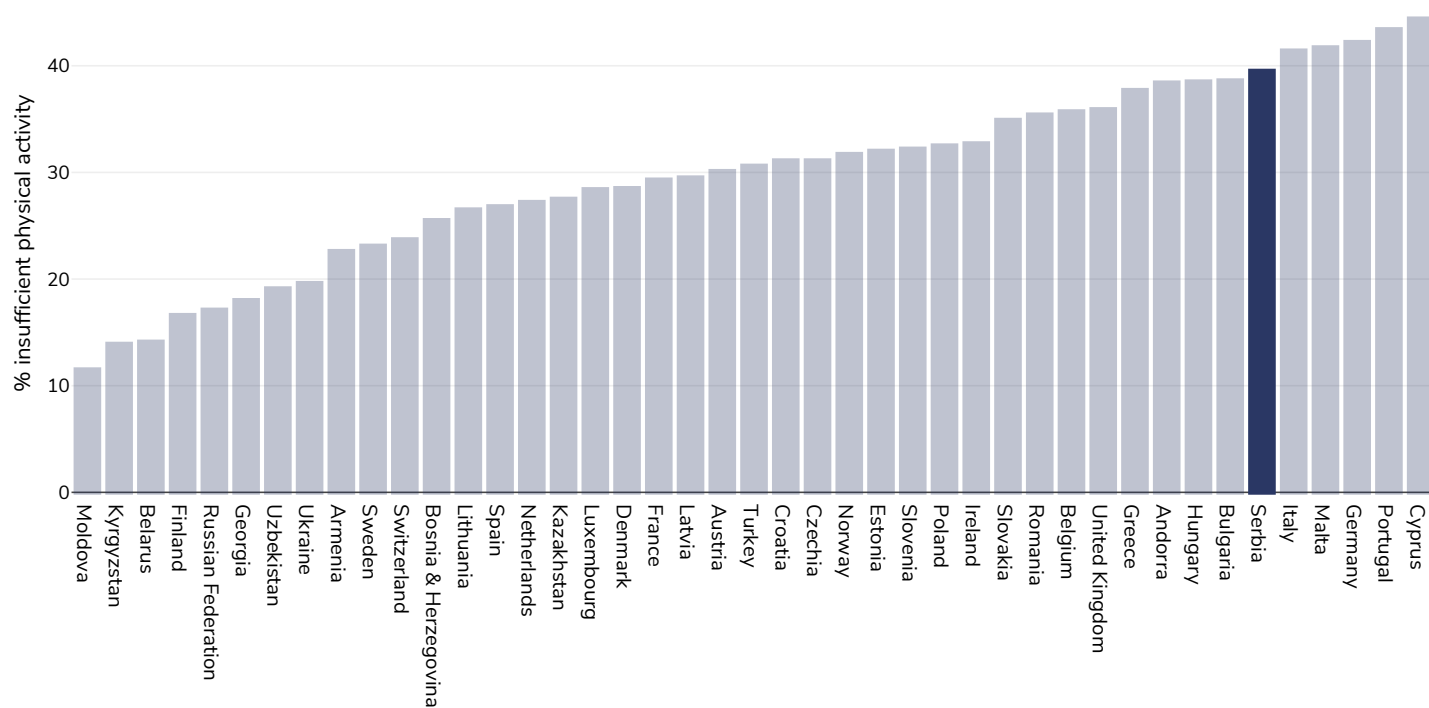
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Cutoffs:	CDC

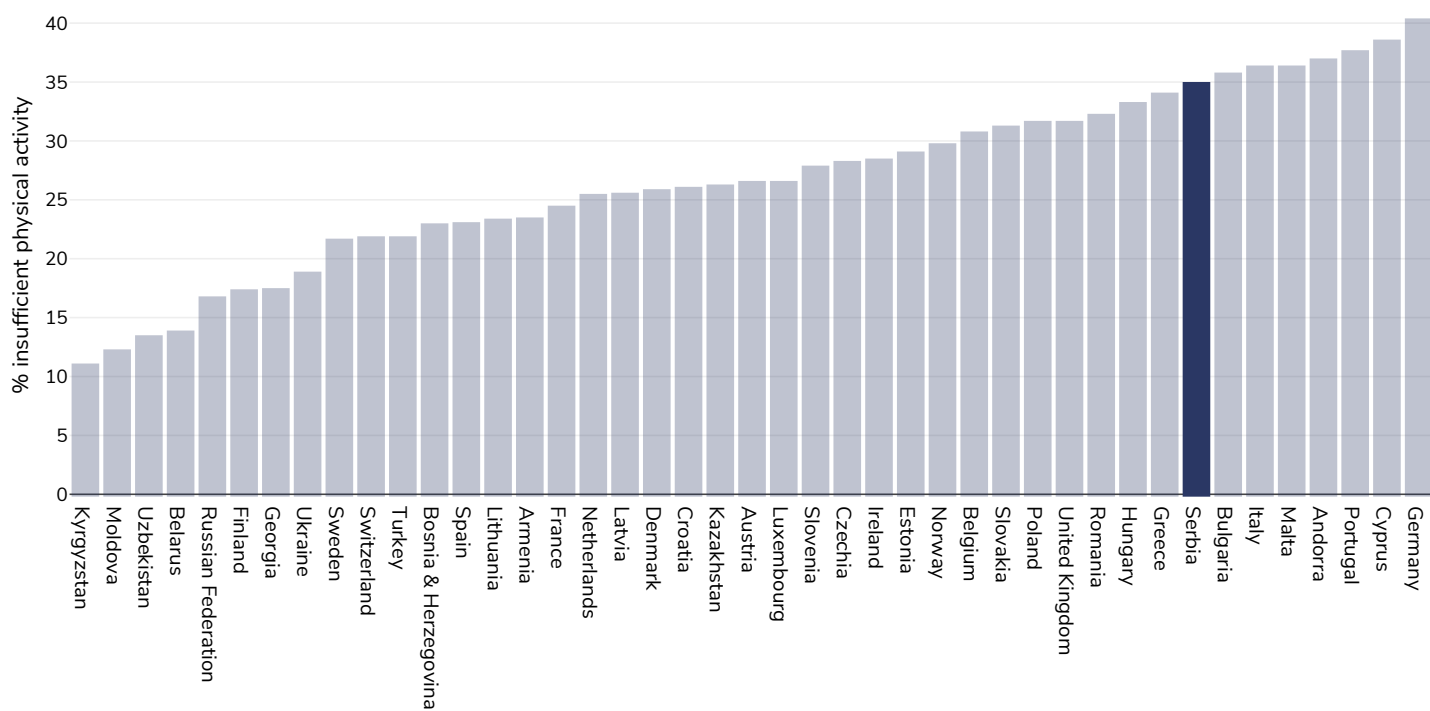
Insufficient physical activity

Adults, 2016



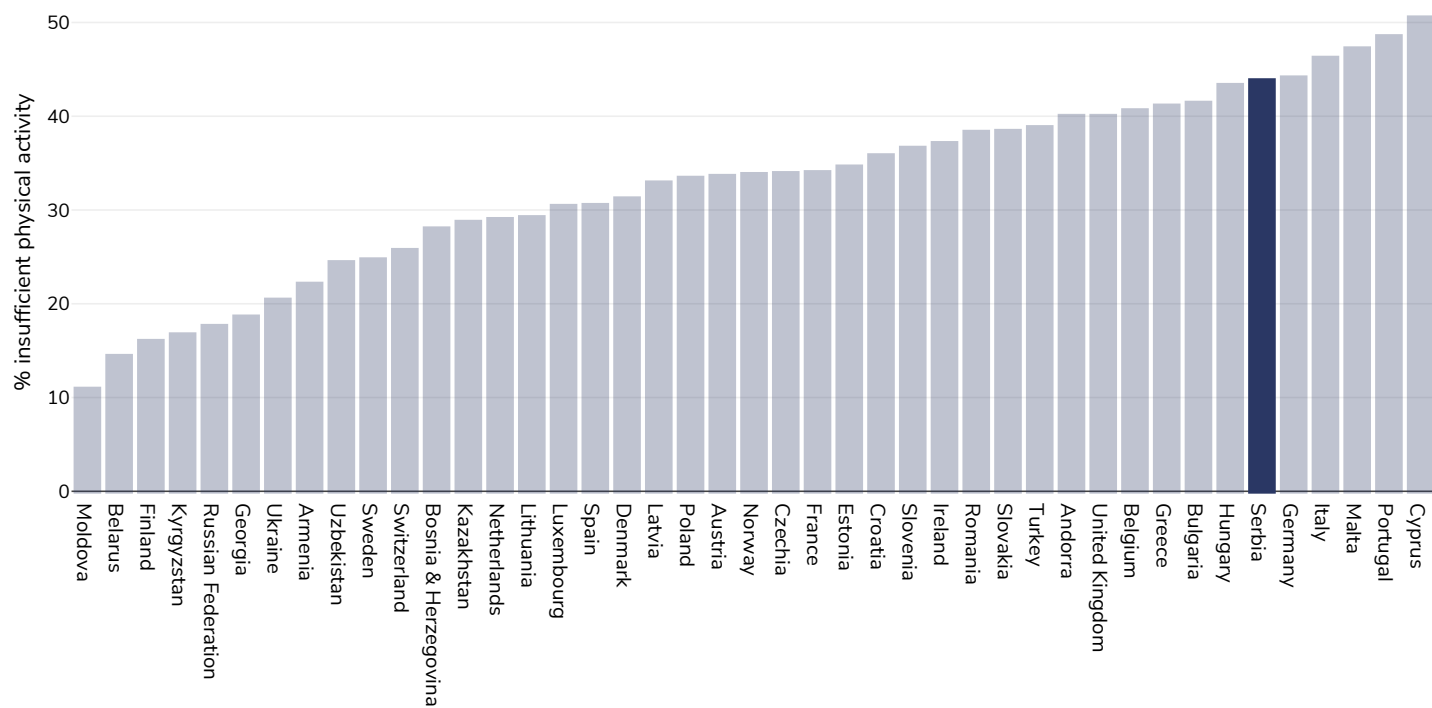
References: Guthold R, Stevens GA, Riley LM, Bull FC. Worldwide trends in insufficient physical activity from 2001 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 358 population-based surveys with 1.9 million participants. Lancet 2018 [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X\(18\)30357-7](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(18)30357-7)

Men, 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\(18\)30357-7](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(18)30357-7)

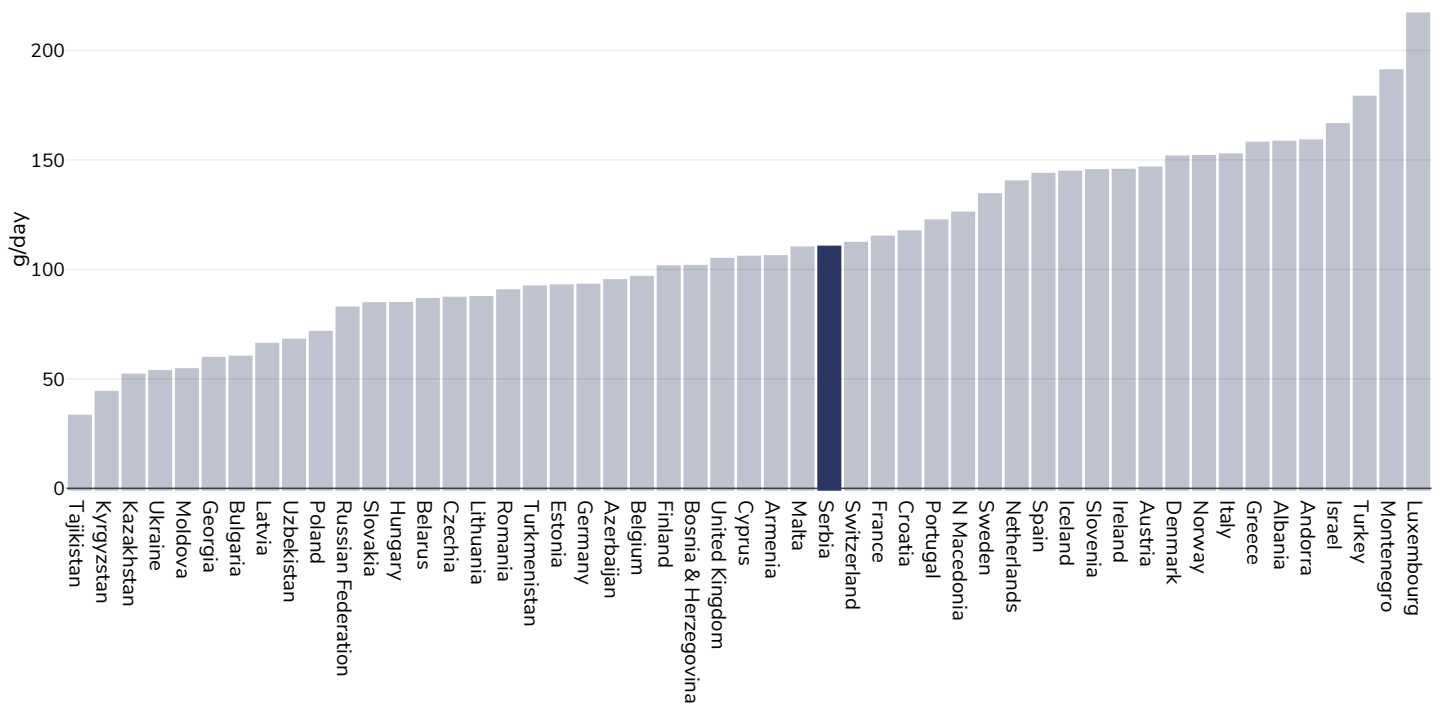
Women, 2016



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Estimated per capita fruit intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

References:

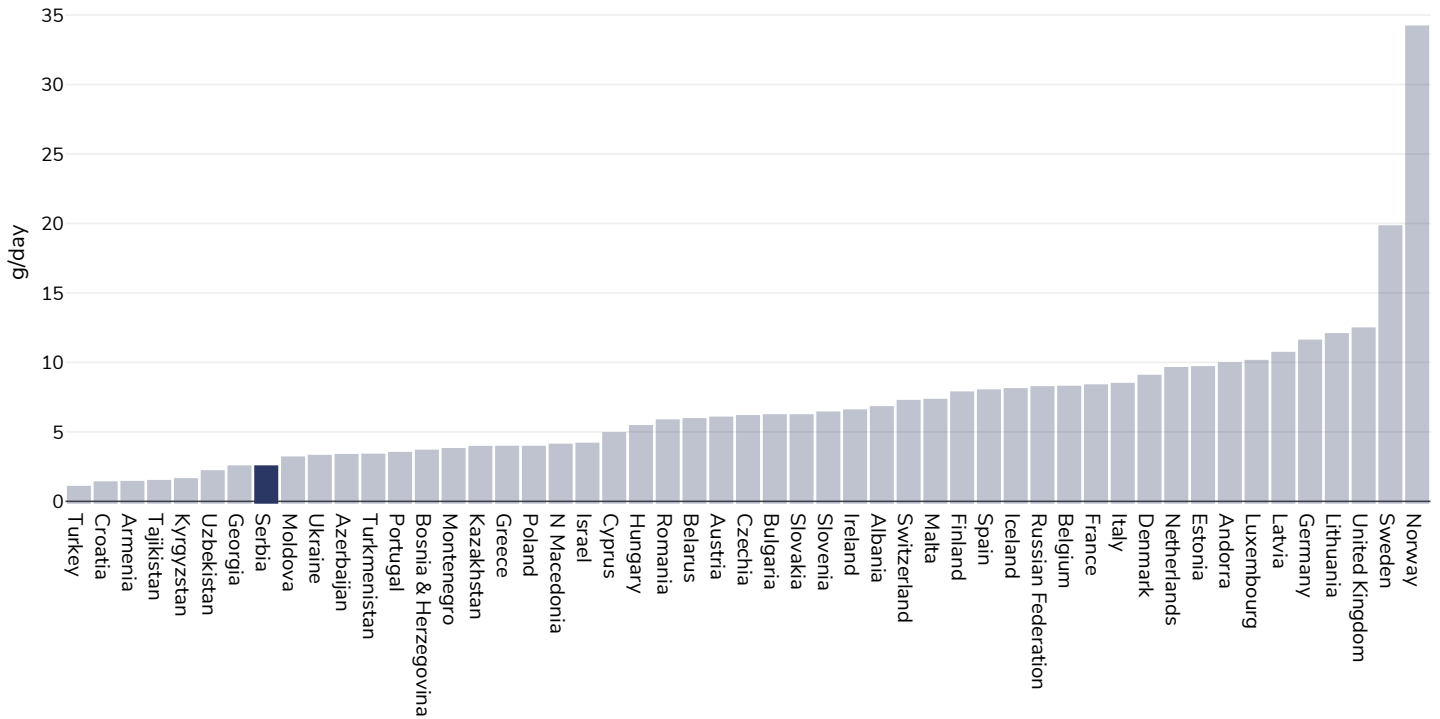
Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation <http://ghdx.healthdata.org/>

Definitions:

Estimated per-capita fruit intake (g/day)

Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

References:

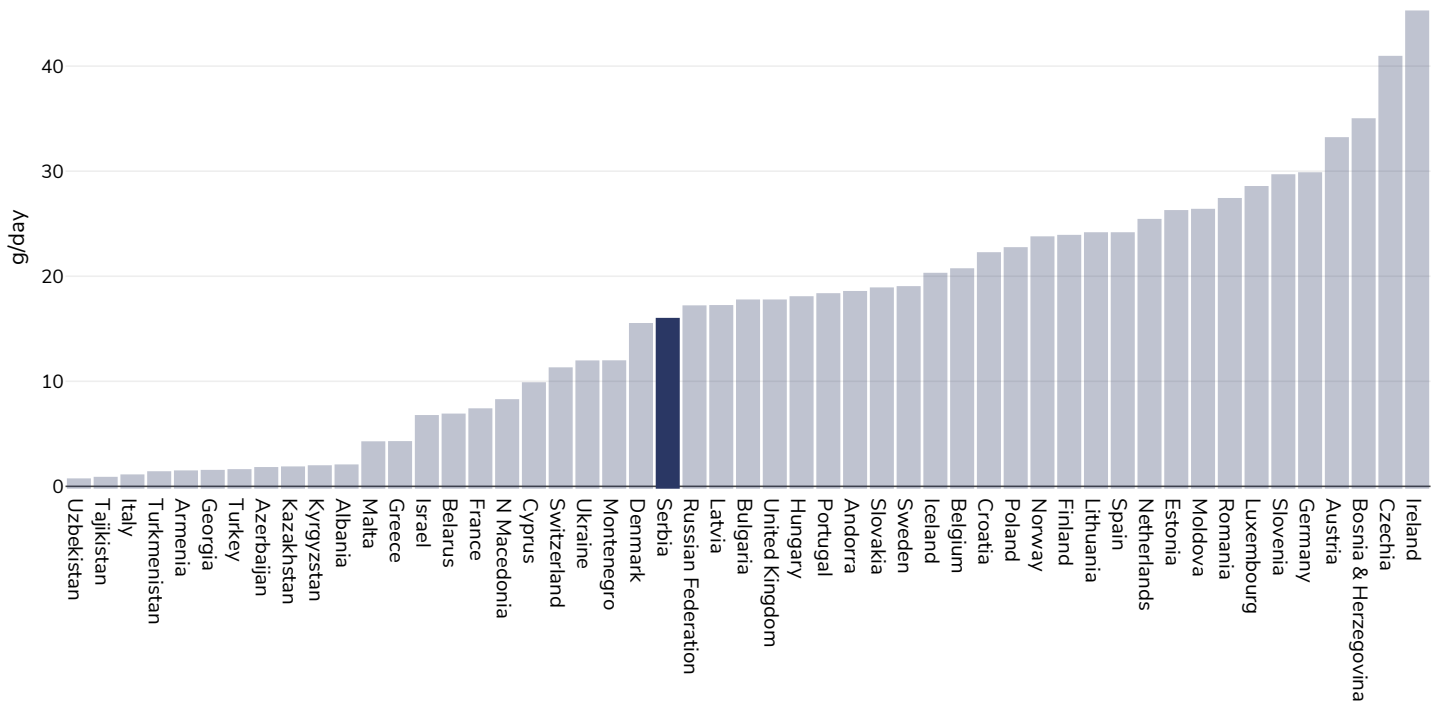
Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation <http://ghdx.healthdata.org/>

Definitions:

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

Estimated per capita whole grains intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

References:

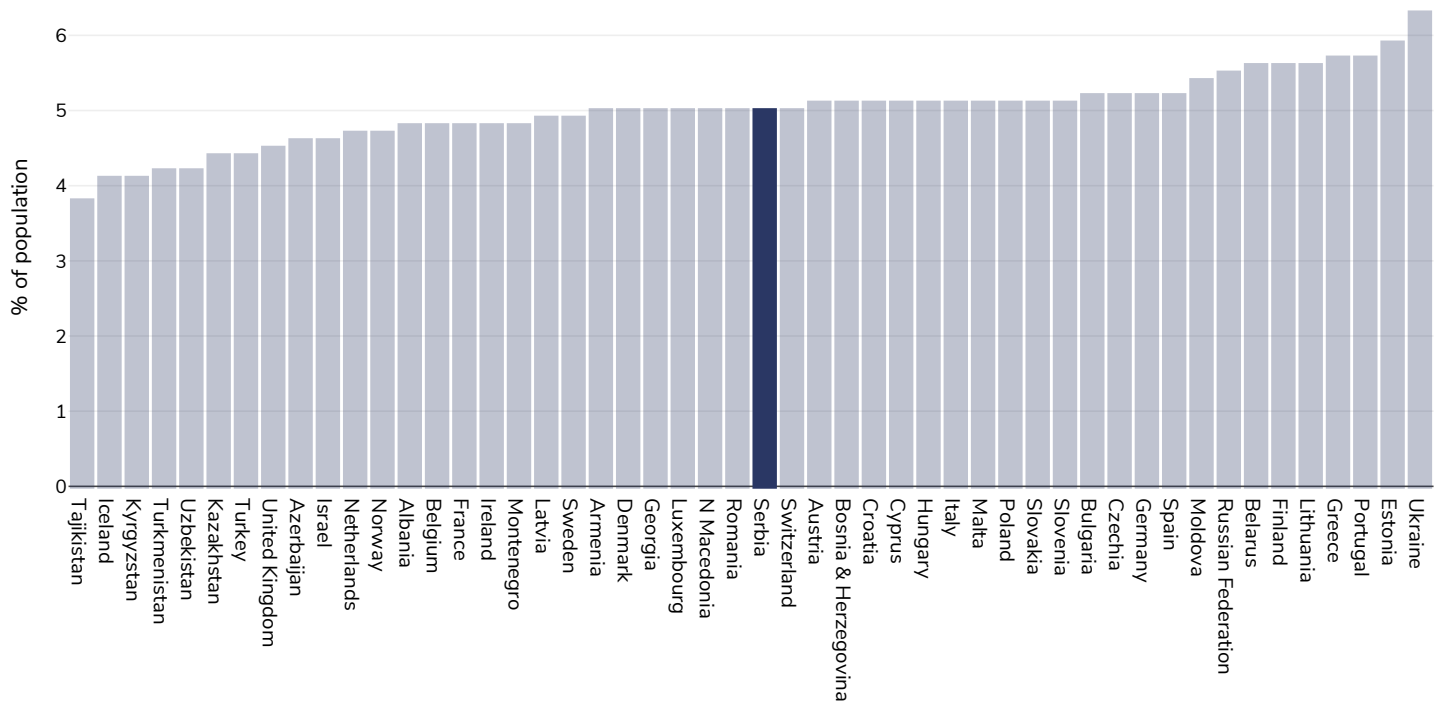
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Definitions:

Estimated per-capita whole grains intake (g/day)

Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2015

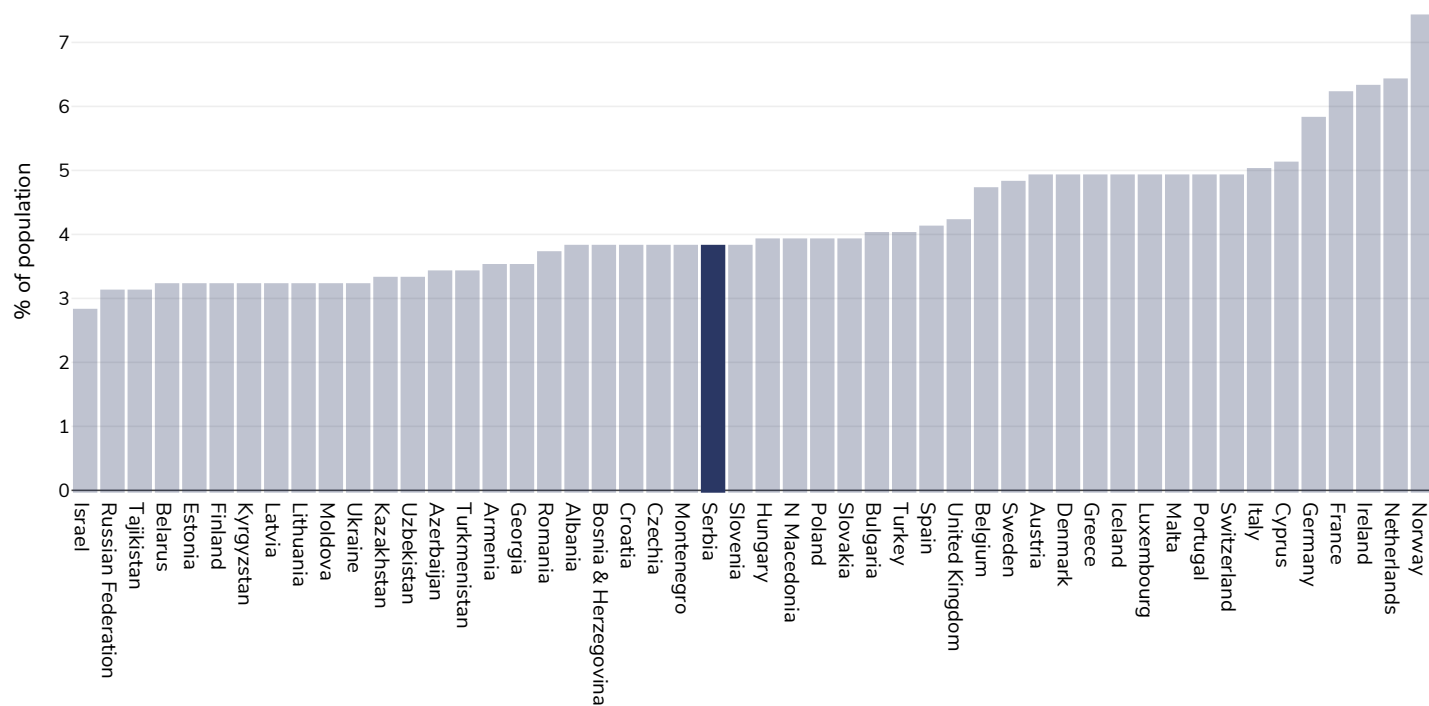


References: Prevalence data from Global Burden of Disease study 2015 (<http://ghdx.healthdata.org>) published in: Depression and Other Common Mental Disorders: Global Health Estimates. Geneva:World Health Organization; 2017. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO.

Definitions: % of population with depression disorders

Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2015

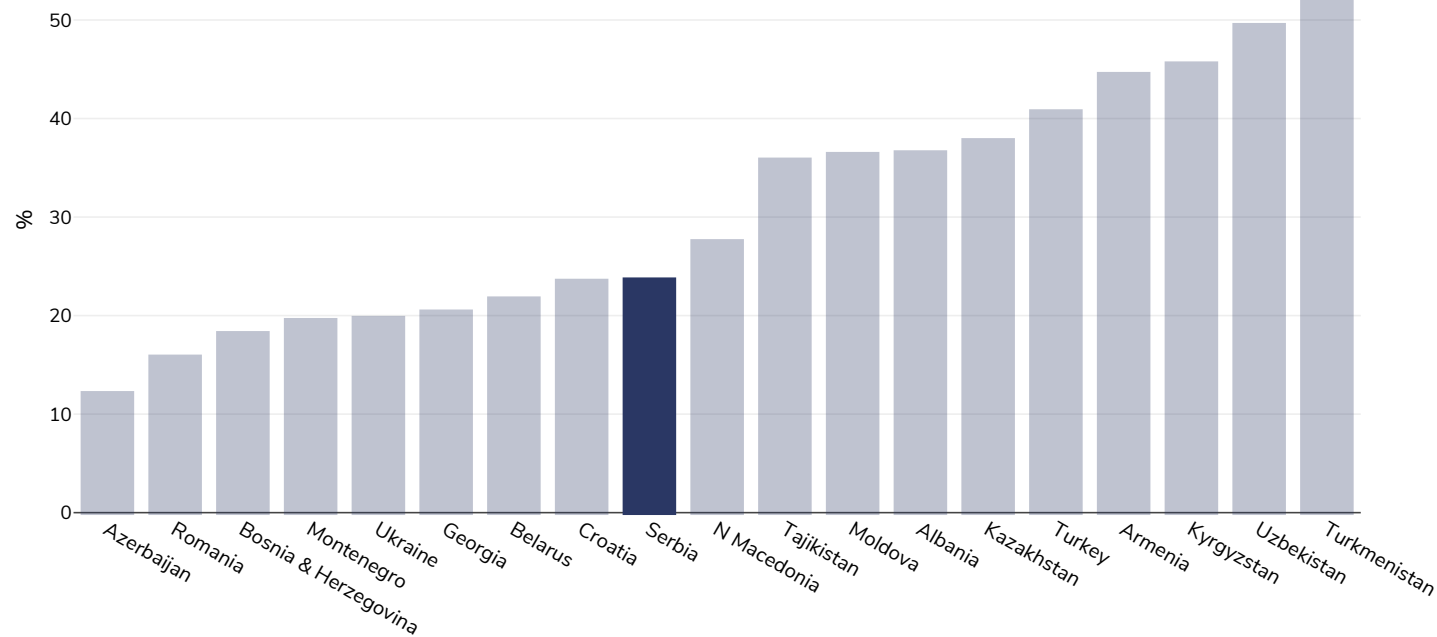


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Definitions: % of population with anxiety disorders

% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

Children, 1996-2019



Area covered:

National

References:

Serbia Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2019, Survey Findings Reports. Belgrade, Serbia: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia and UNICEF

Notes:

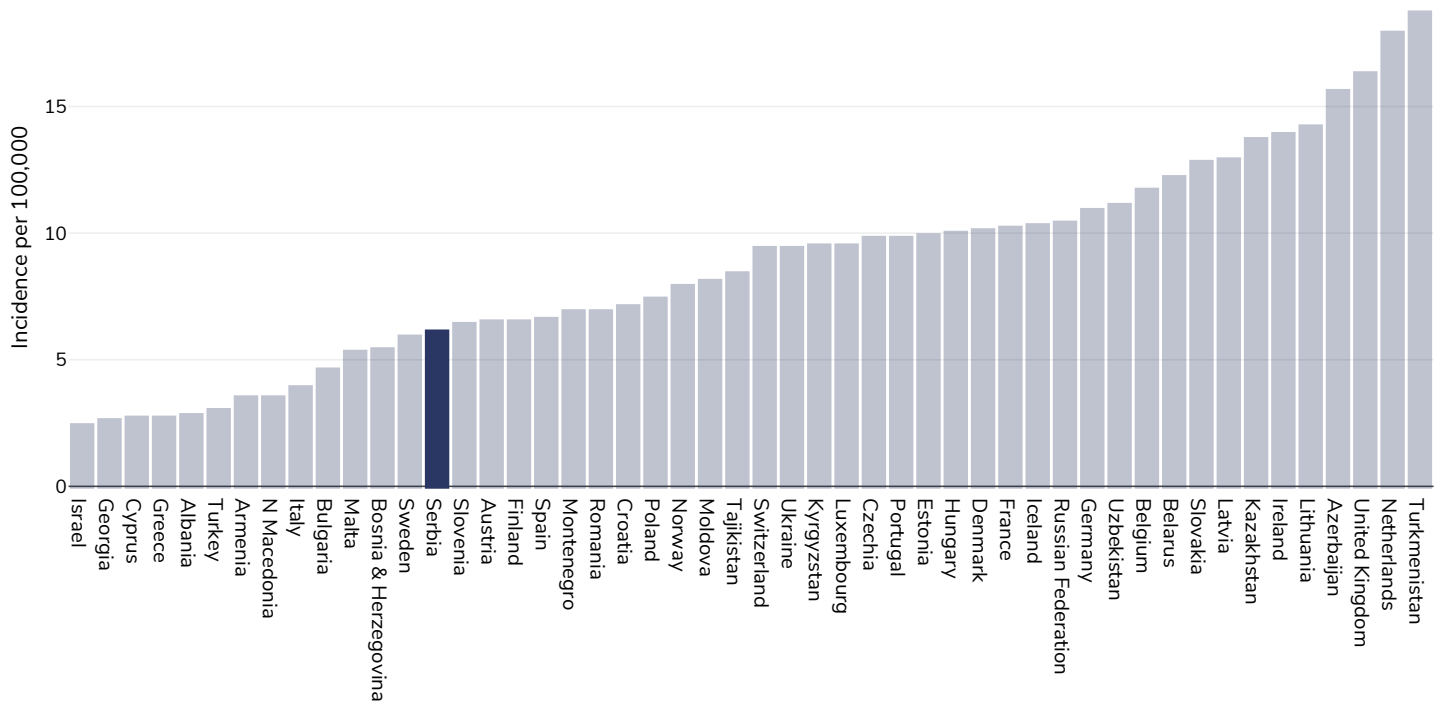
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Definitions:

% exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

Oesophageal cancer

Men, 2020



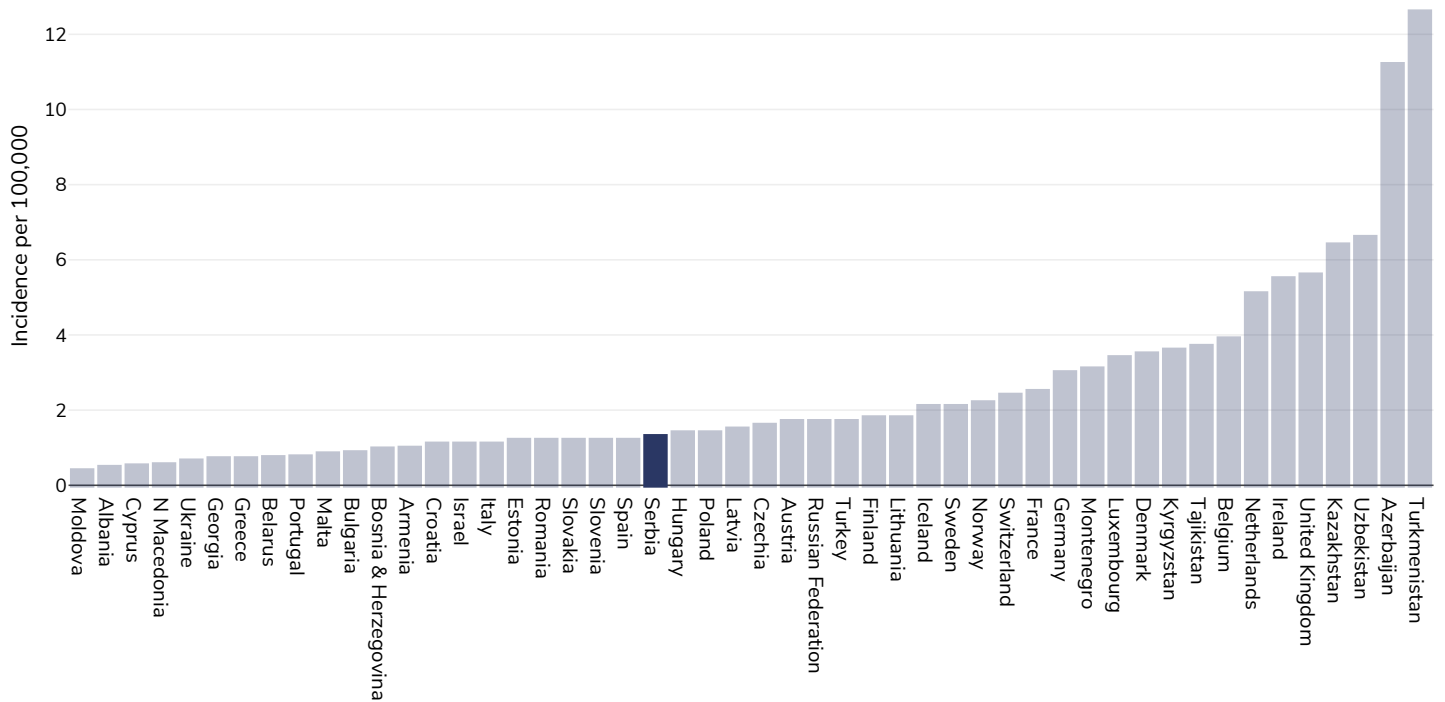
Age: 20+

Area covered: National

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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

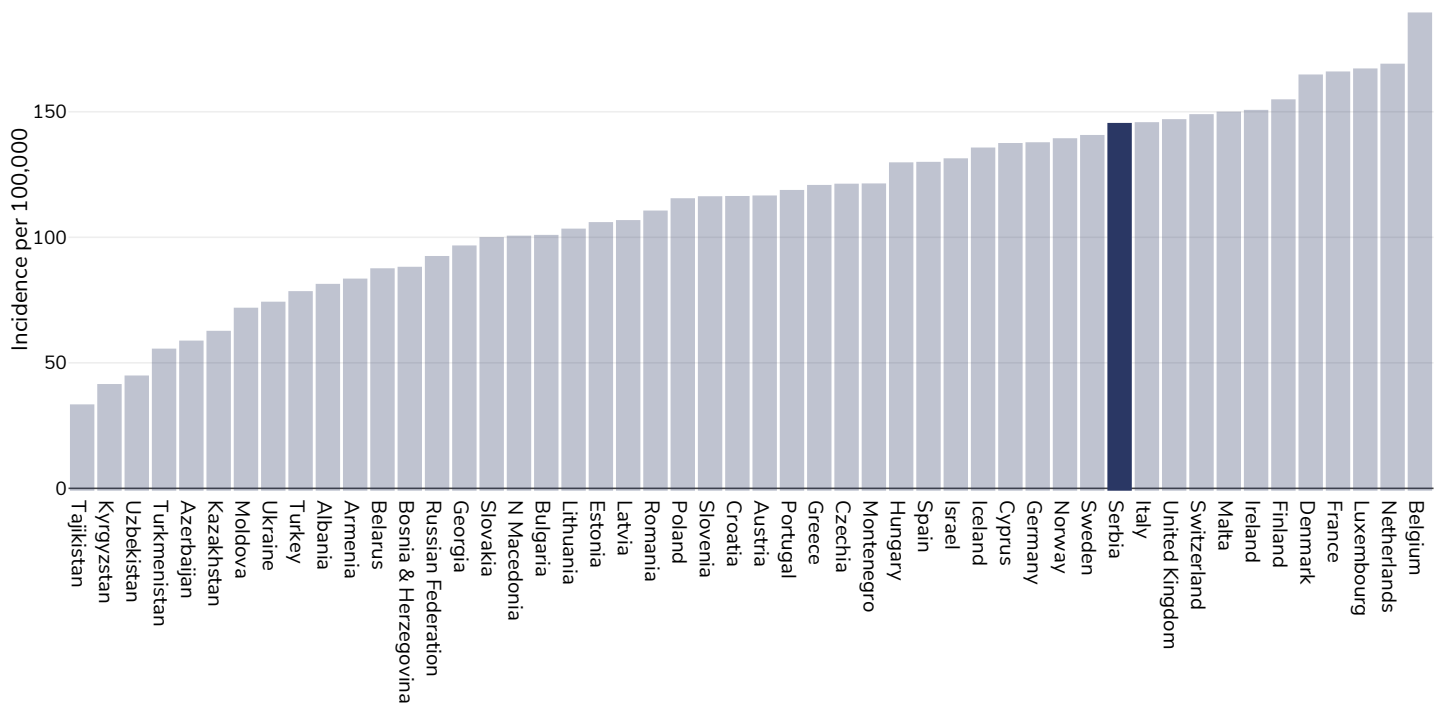
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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Breast cancer

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

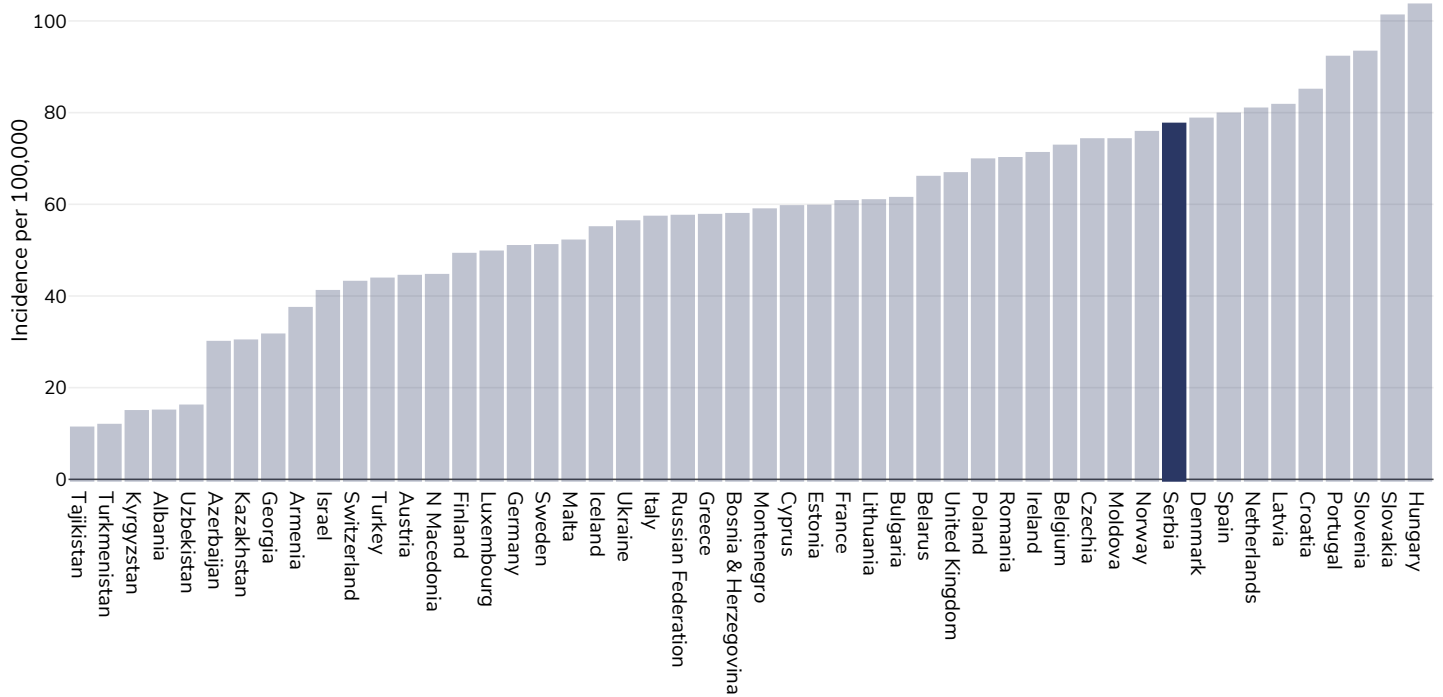
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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Colorectal cancer

Men, 2020



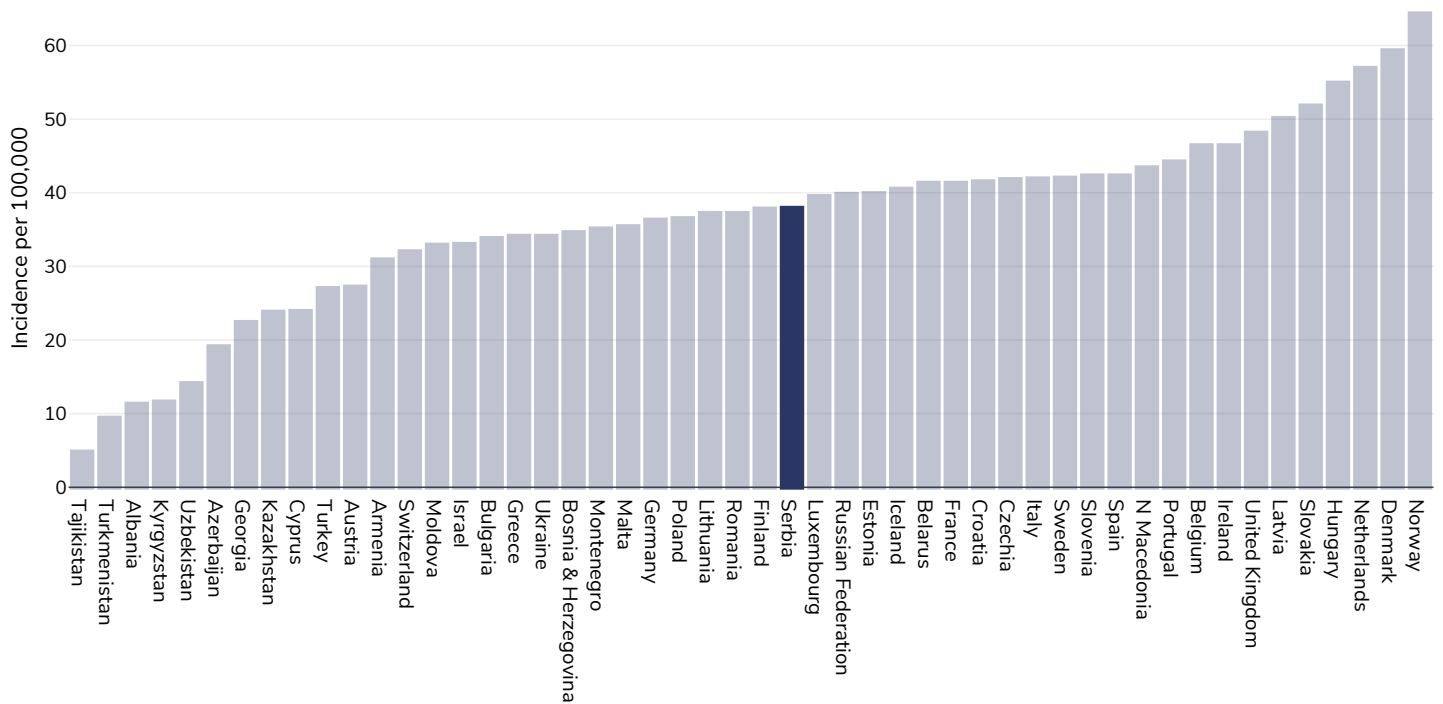
Age: 20+

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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

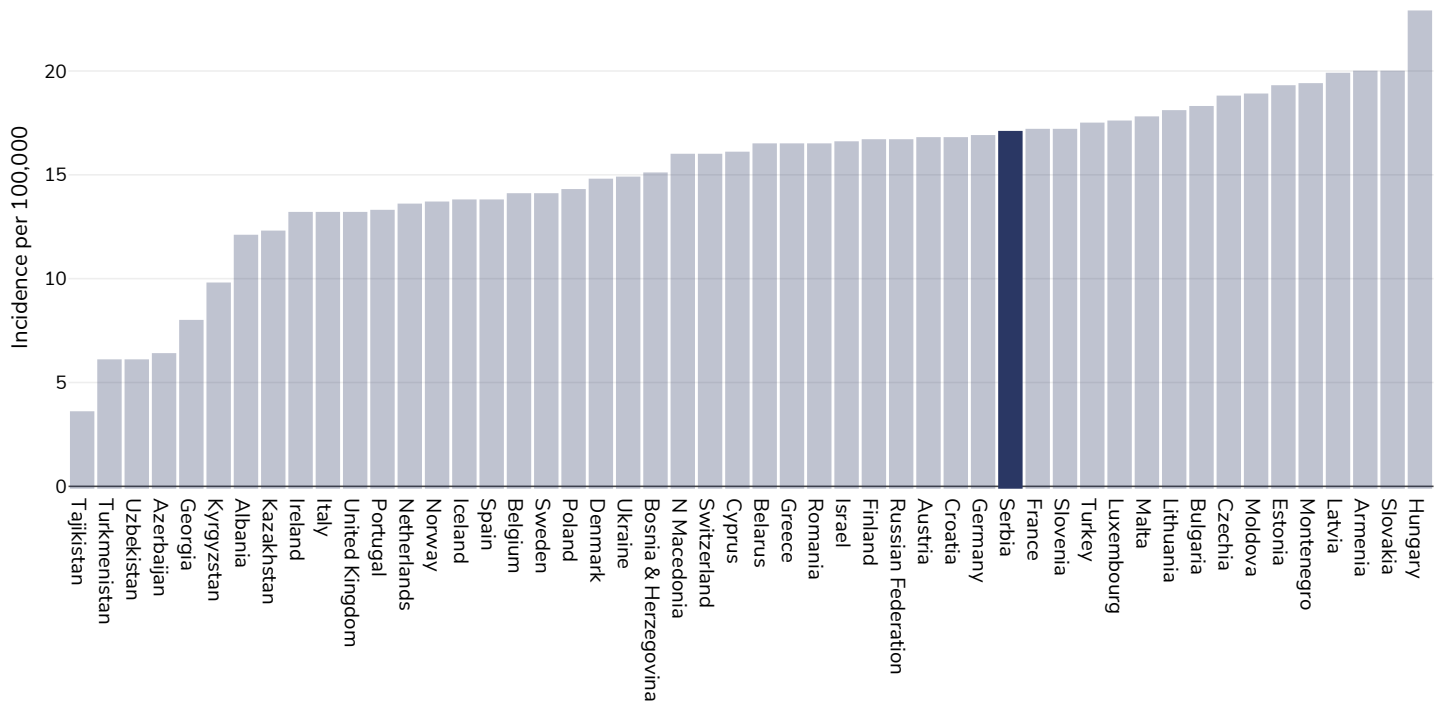
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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2020



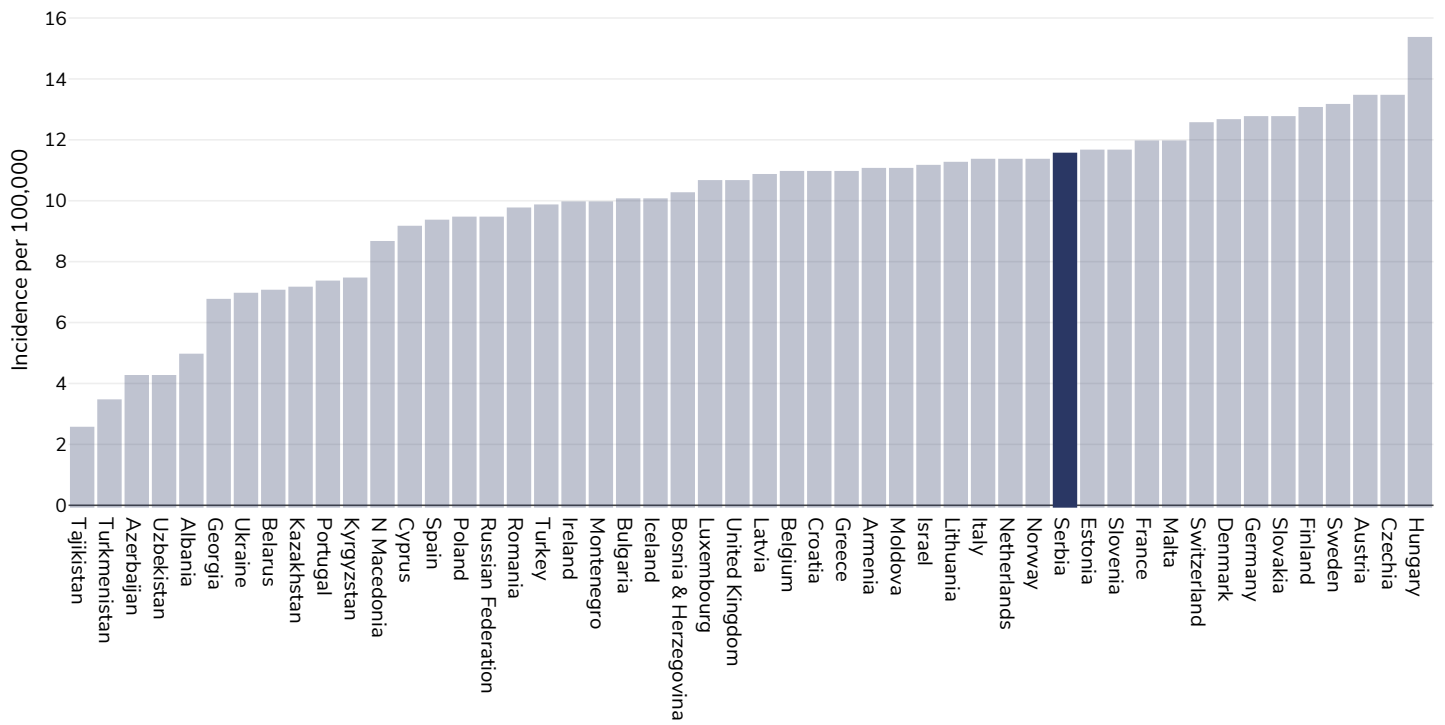
Age: 20+

Area covered: National

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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

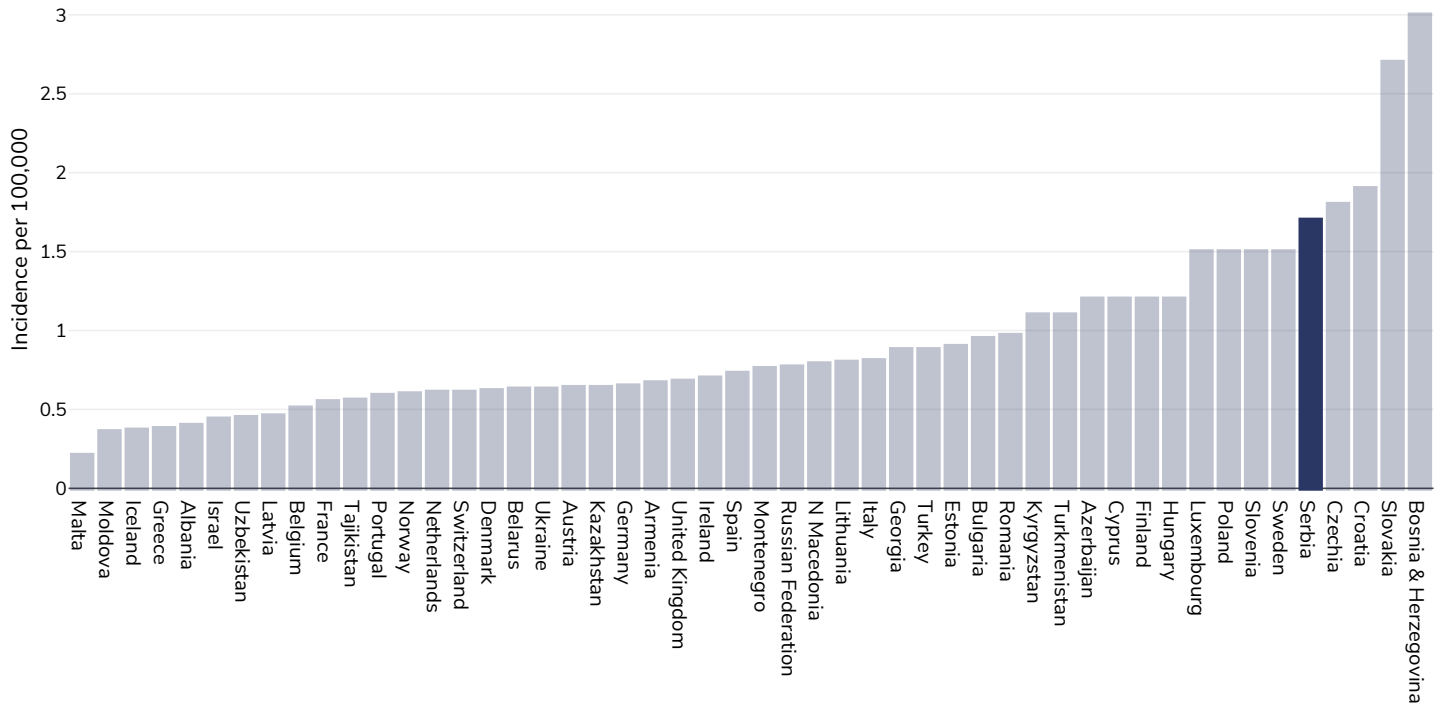
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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Gallbladder cancer

Men, 2020



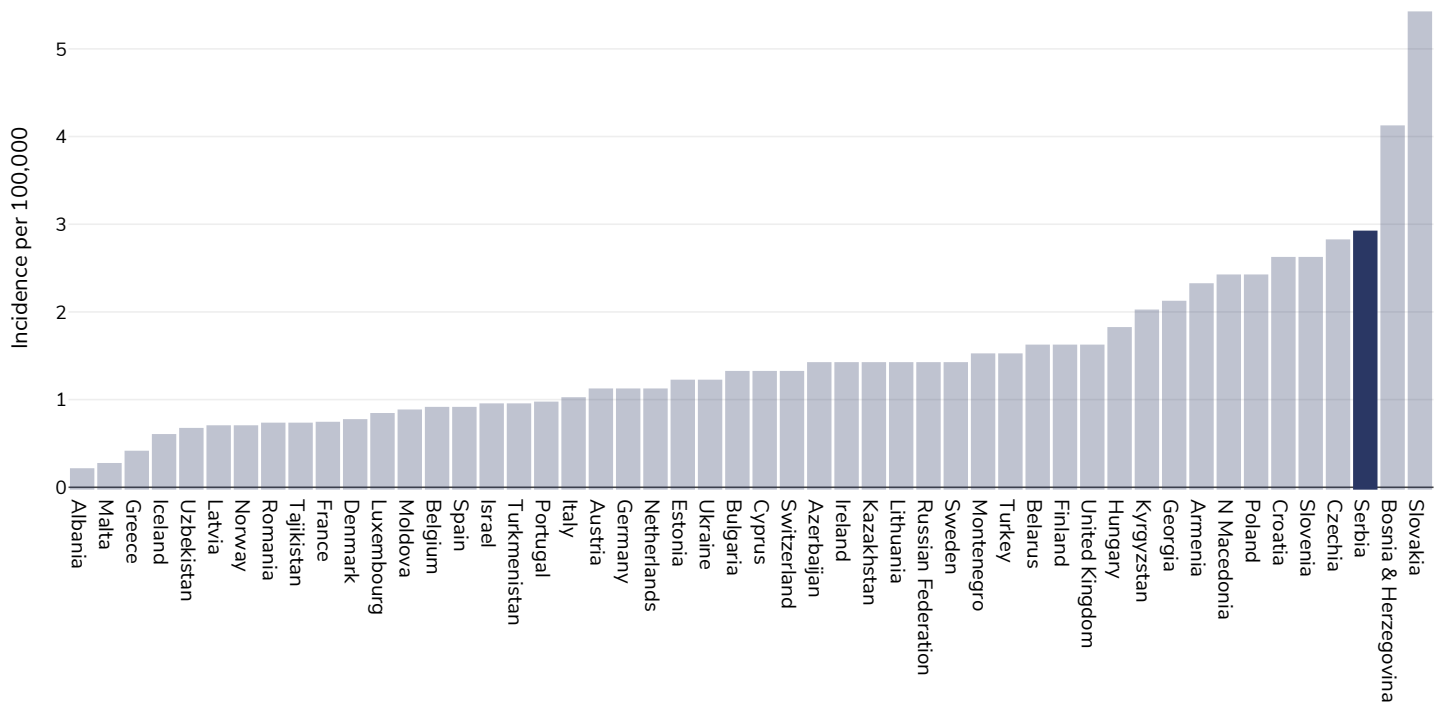
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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

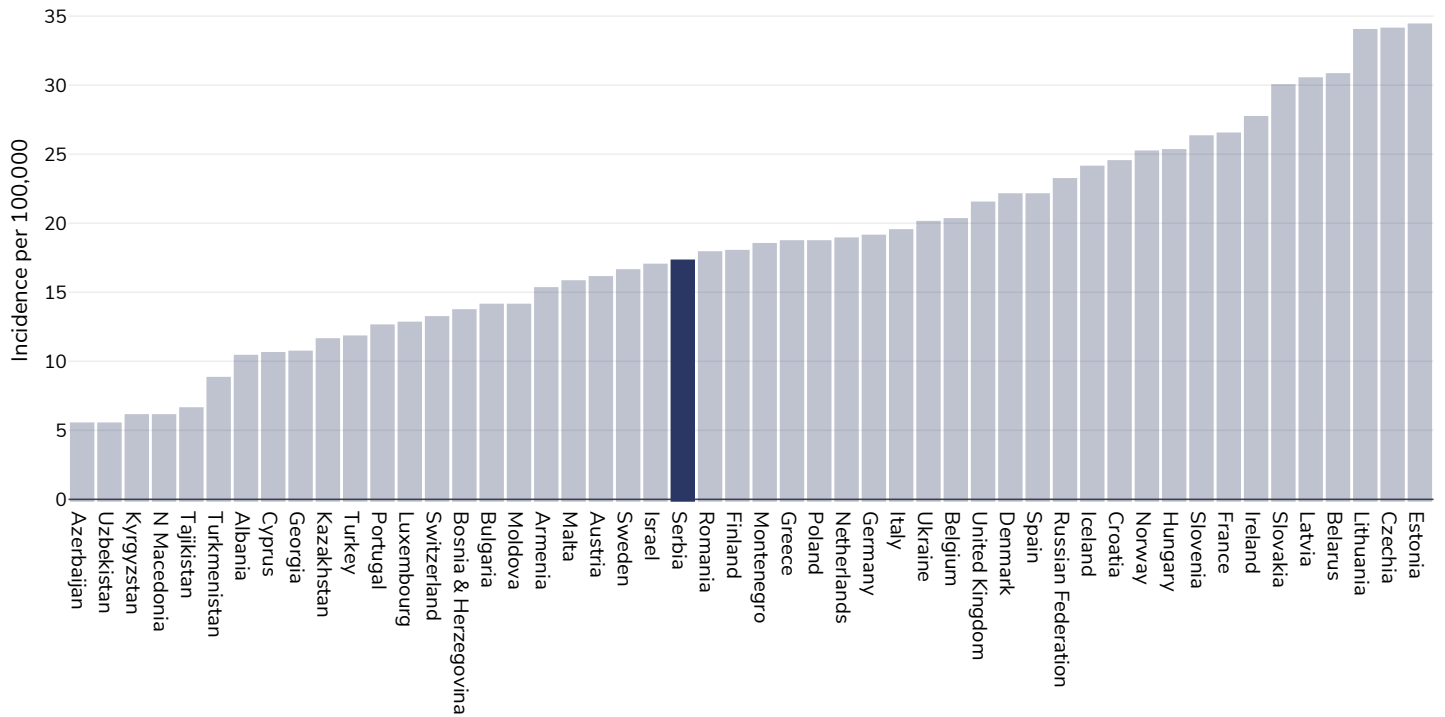
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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Kidney cancer

Men, 2020



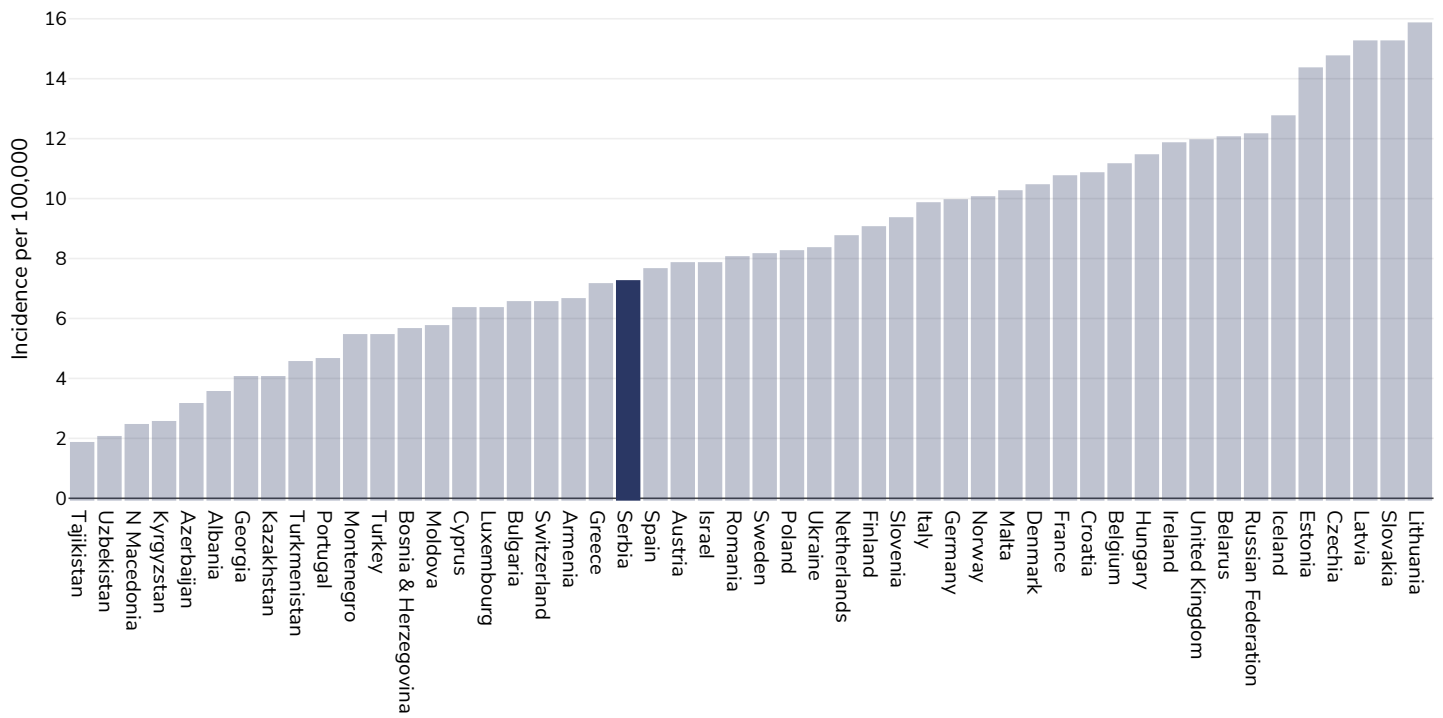
Age: 20+

Area covered: National

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: <https://gco.iarc.fr/today>, accessed 10.01.2311

Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

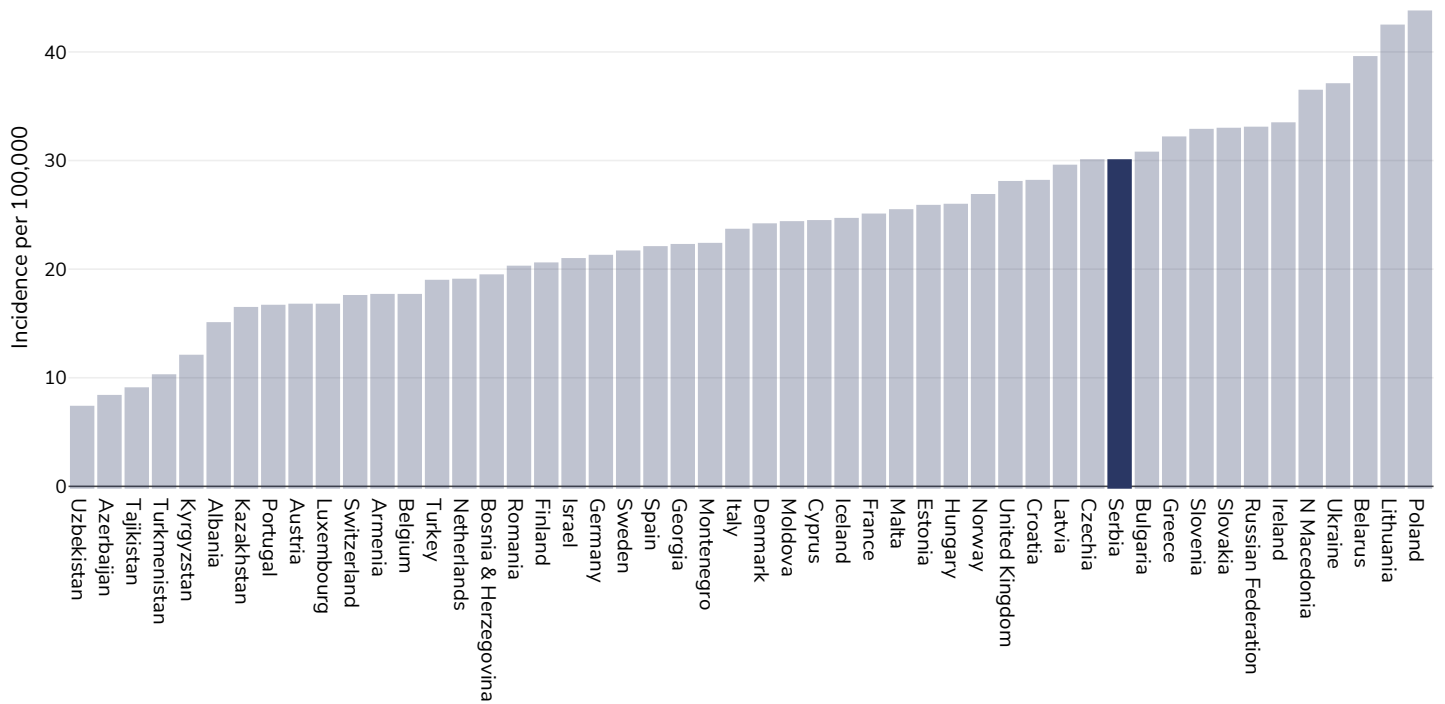
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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2020



Age: 20+

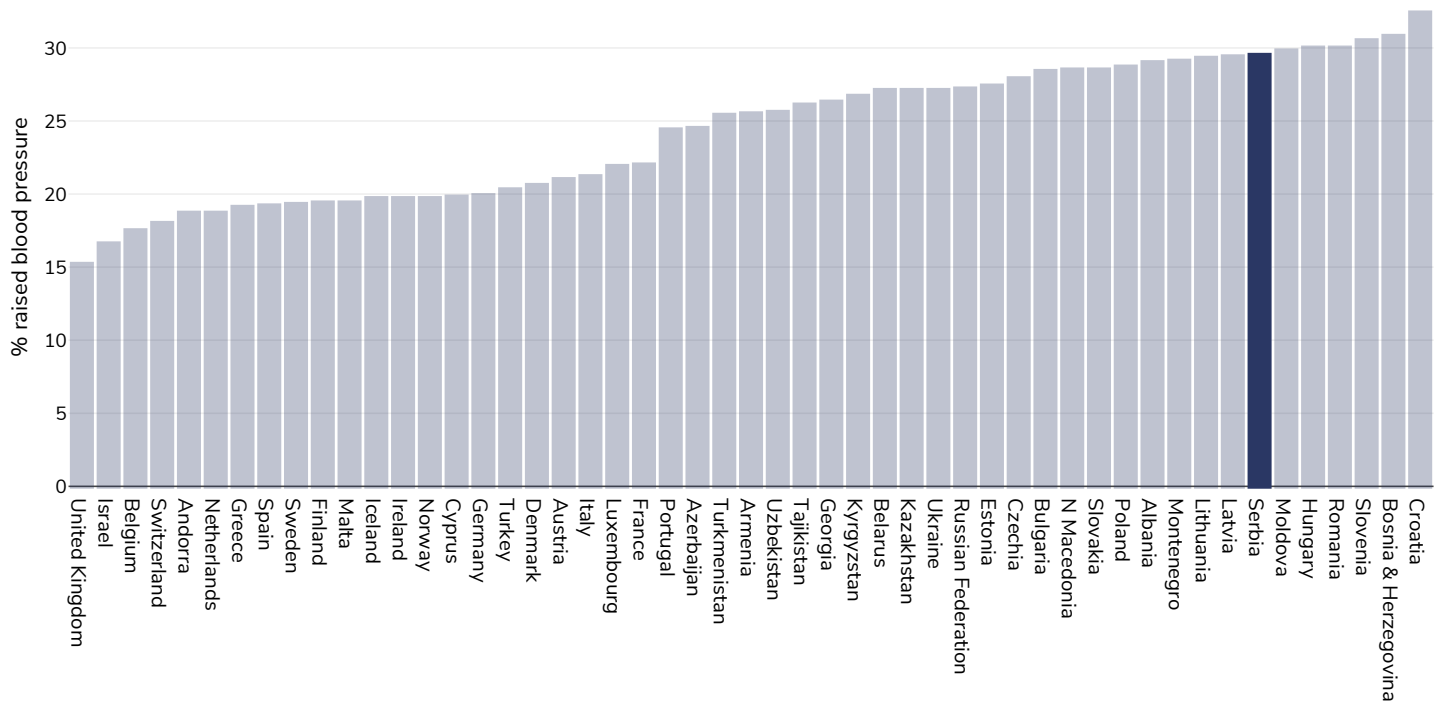
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Definitions: Age-standardized incidence rates per 100 000

Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



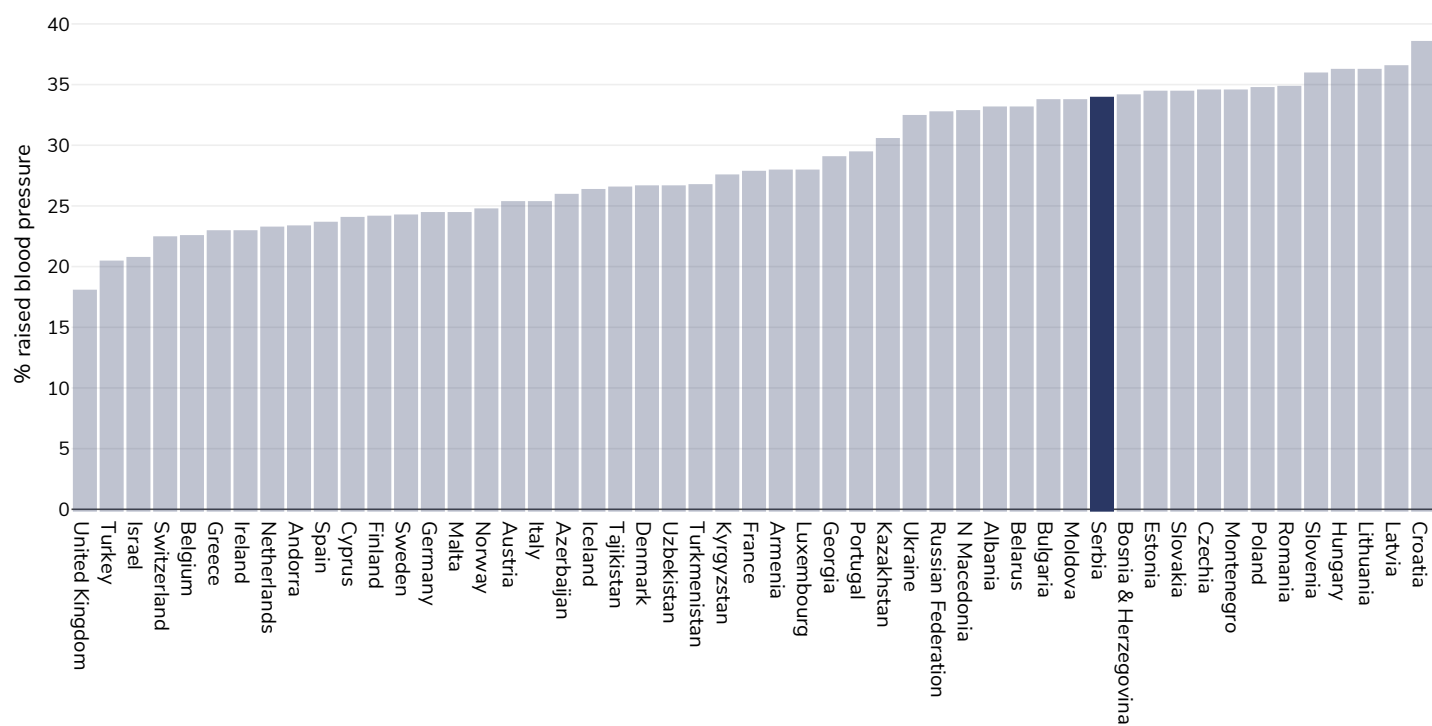
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Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,
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Definitions:

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

Men, 2015



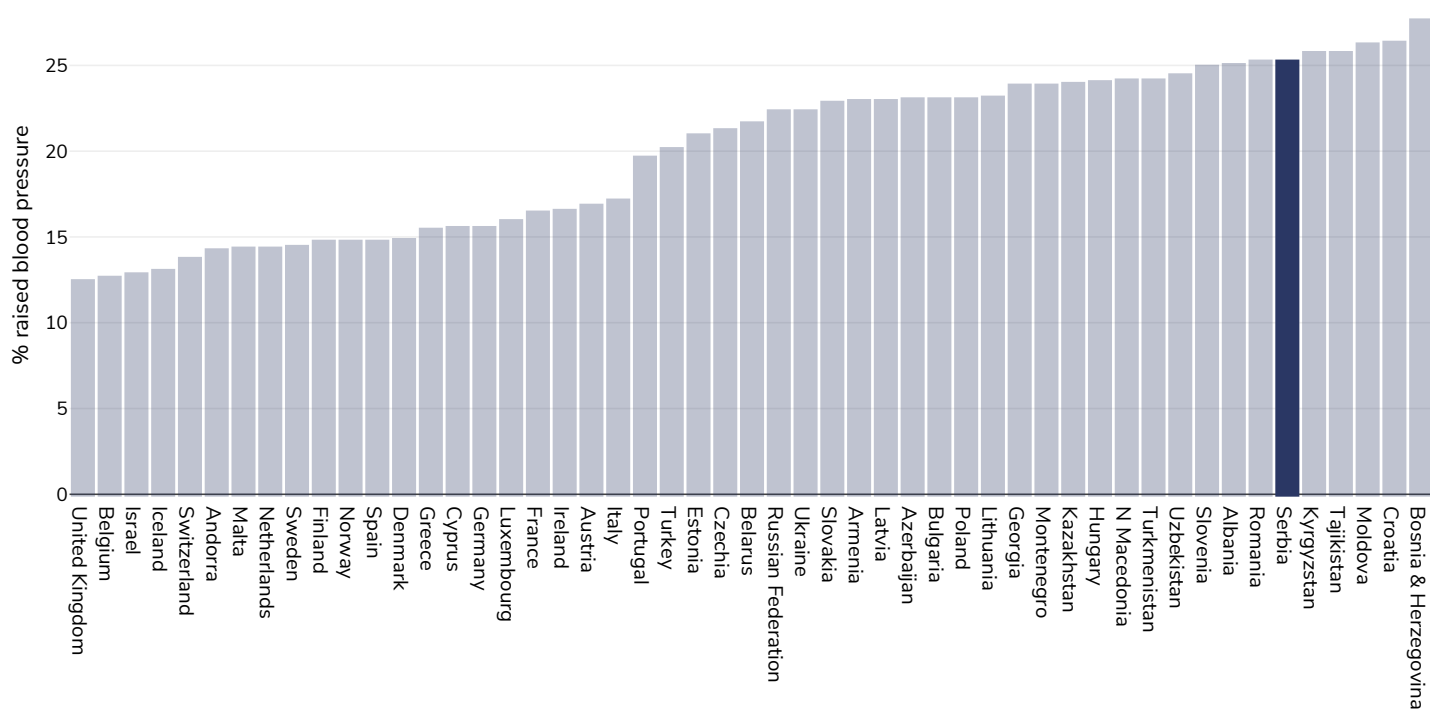
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Women, 2015



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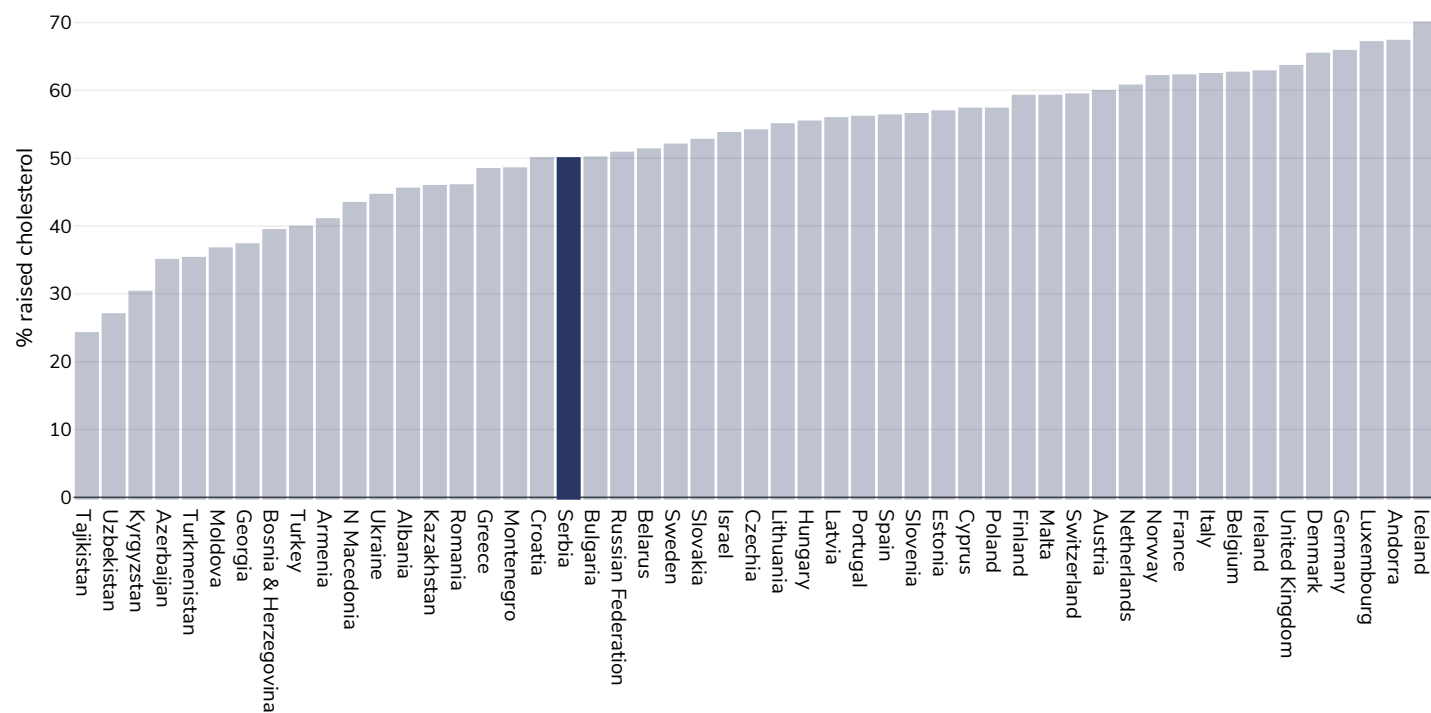
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Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



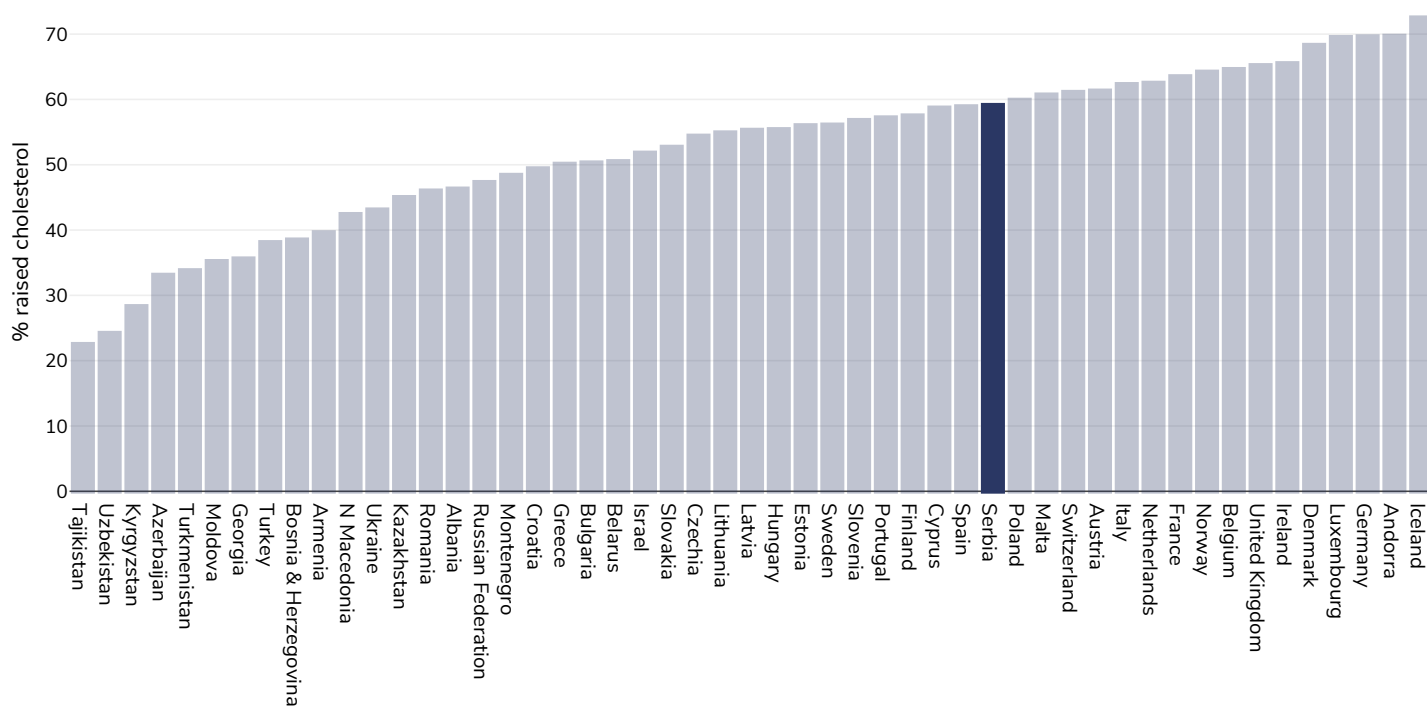
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Definitions:

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

Men, 2008



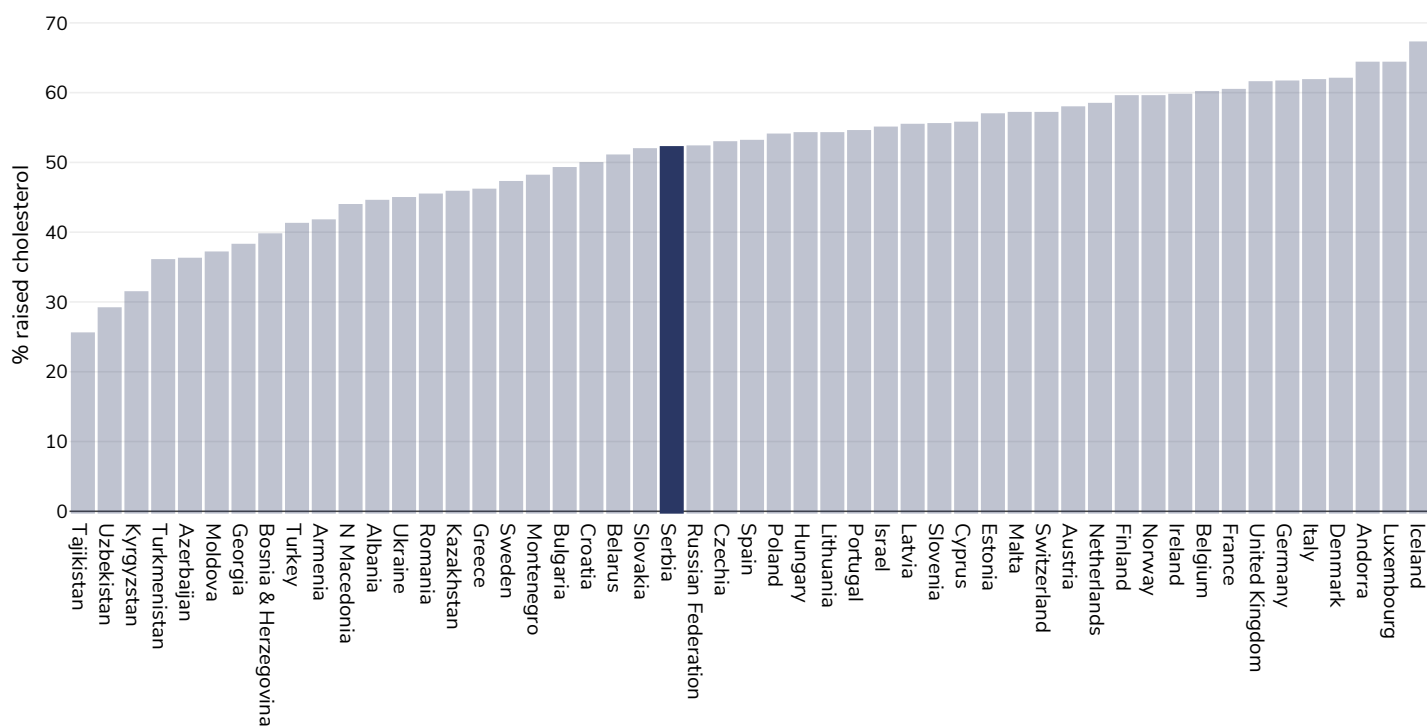
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Definitions:

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Women, 2008



References:

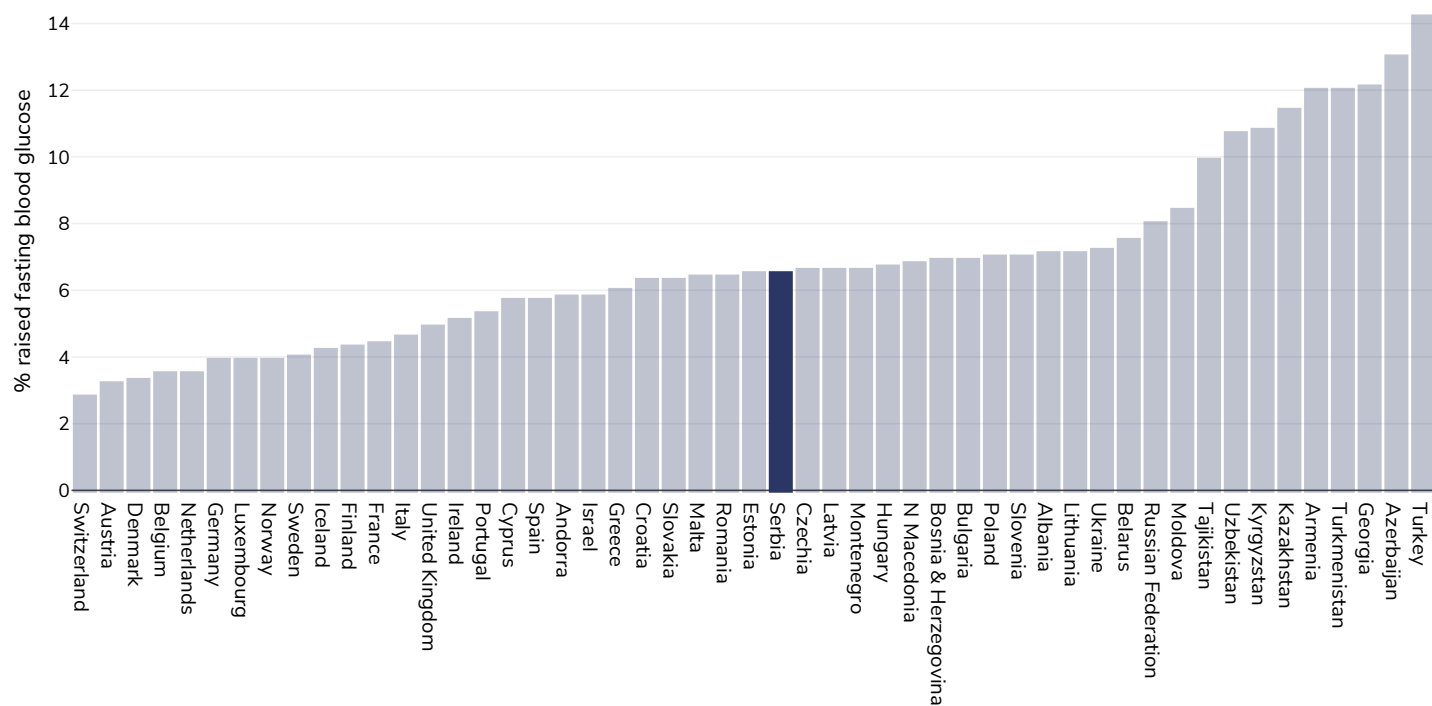
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Definitions:

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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



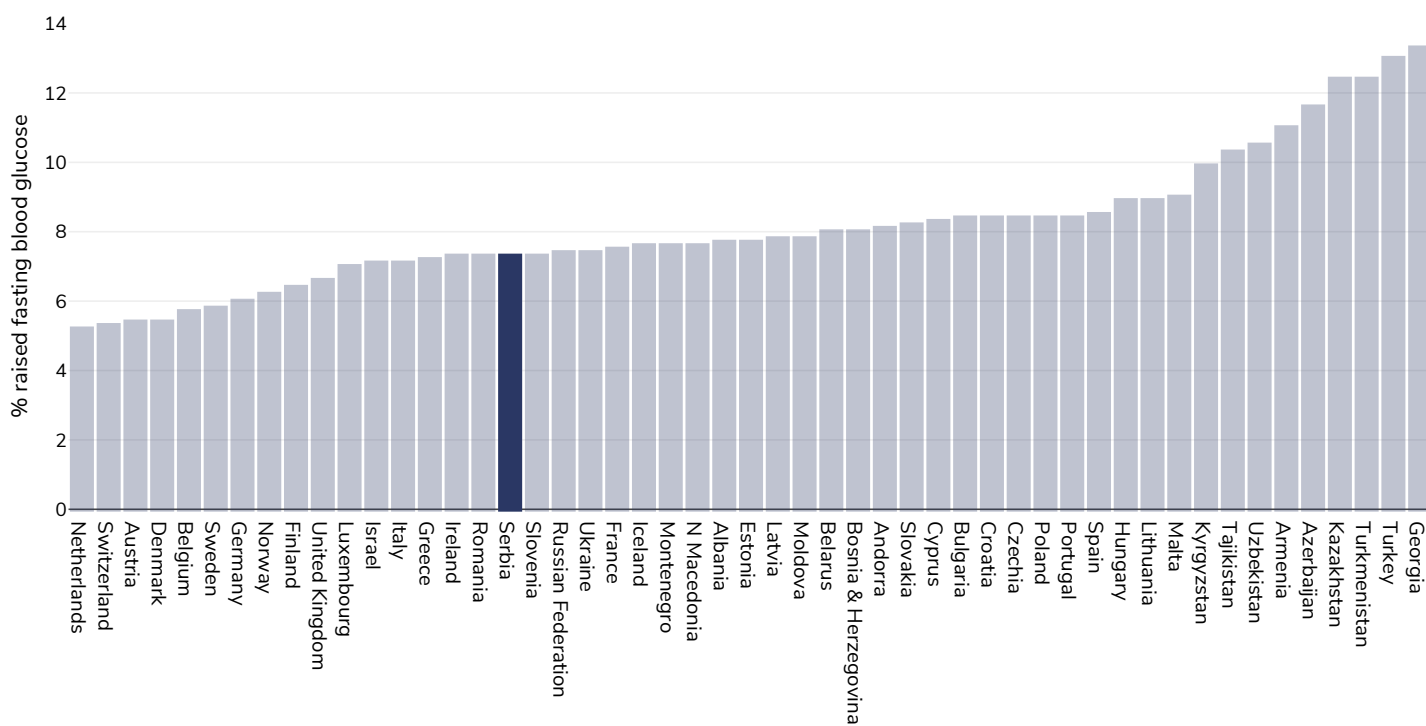
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Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,
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Definitions:

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

Women, 2014



References:

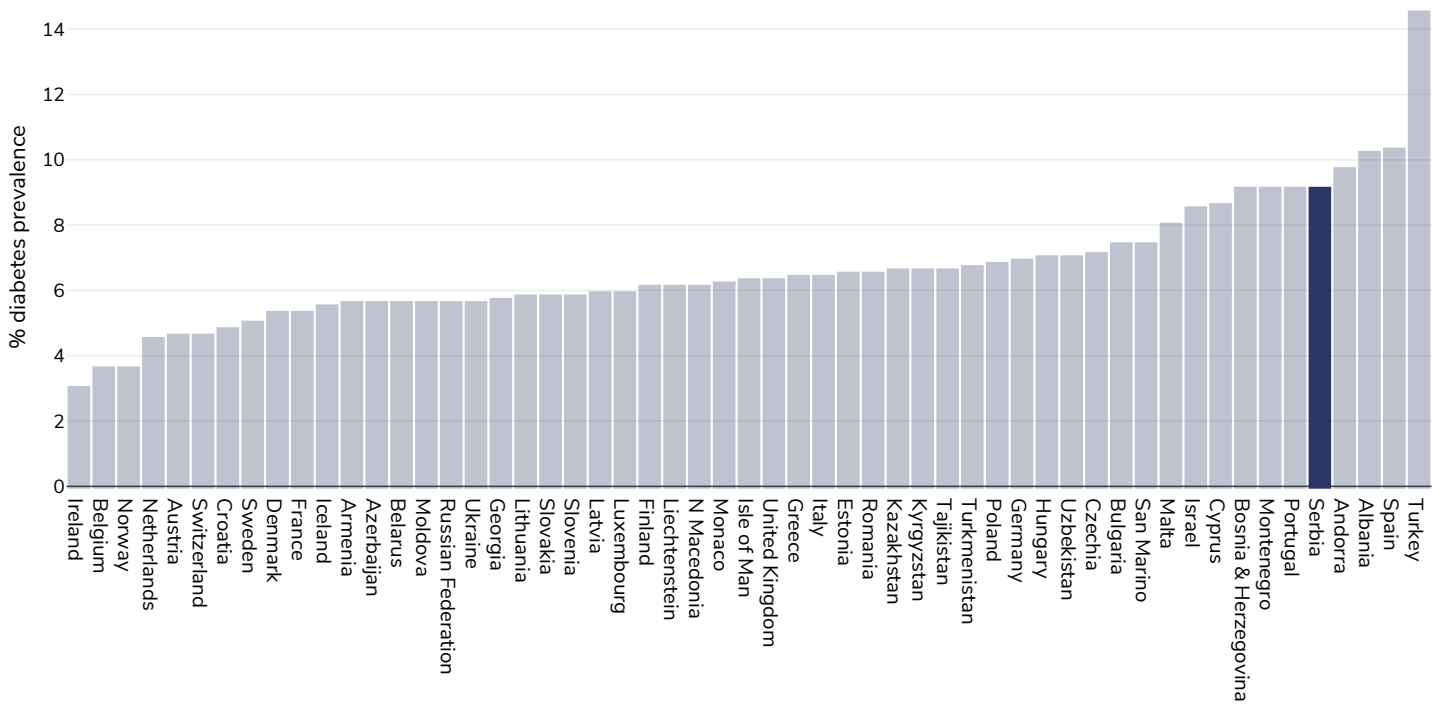
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Definitions:

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

Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2021



Age: 20-79

Area covered: National

References: Reproduced with kind permission International Diabetes Federation. IDF Diabetes Atlas, 10th edn. Brussels, Belgium:International Diabetes Federation, 2021. <http://www.diabetesatlas.org>

Definitions: Age-adjusted comparative prevalence of diabetes, %

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?	
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?	✗
Tax on unhealthy drinks?	✗
Are there fiscal policies on healthy products?	✗
Subsidy on fruits?	✗
Subsidy on vegetables?	✗
Subsidy on other healthy products?	✗
Mandatory limit or ban of trans fat (all settings)?	✗
Mandatory limit of trans fats in place (all settings)?	✗
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?	✓
Mandatory restriction on broadcast media?	✓
Mandatory restriction on non-broadcast media?	✗
Voluntary policies/marketing restrictions on the promotion of unhealthy food/drinks to children?	✗
Are there mandatory standards for food in schools?	✗
Are there any mandatory nutrient limits in any manufactured food products?	✗
Nutrition standards for public sector procurement?	✗



Political will and support

National obesity strategy or nutrition and physical activity national strategy?	✗
National obesity strategy?	✗
National childhood obesity strategy?	✗
Comprehensive nutrition strategy?	✗
Comprehensive physical activity strategy?	✓
Evidence-based dietary guidelines and/or RDAs?	✗
National target(s) on reducing obesity?	✗
Guidelines/policy on obesity treatment?	✗
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)?	✗
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Key

Present
 Present (voluntary)
 Incoming
 Absent
 Unknown

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