



Seychelles



Country report card - adults

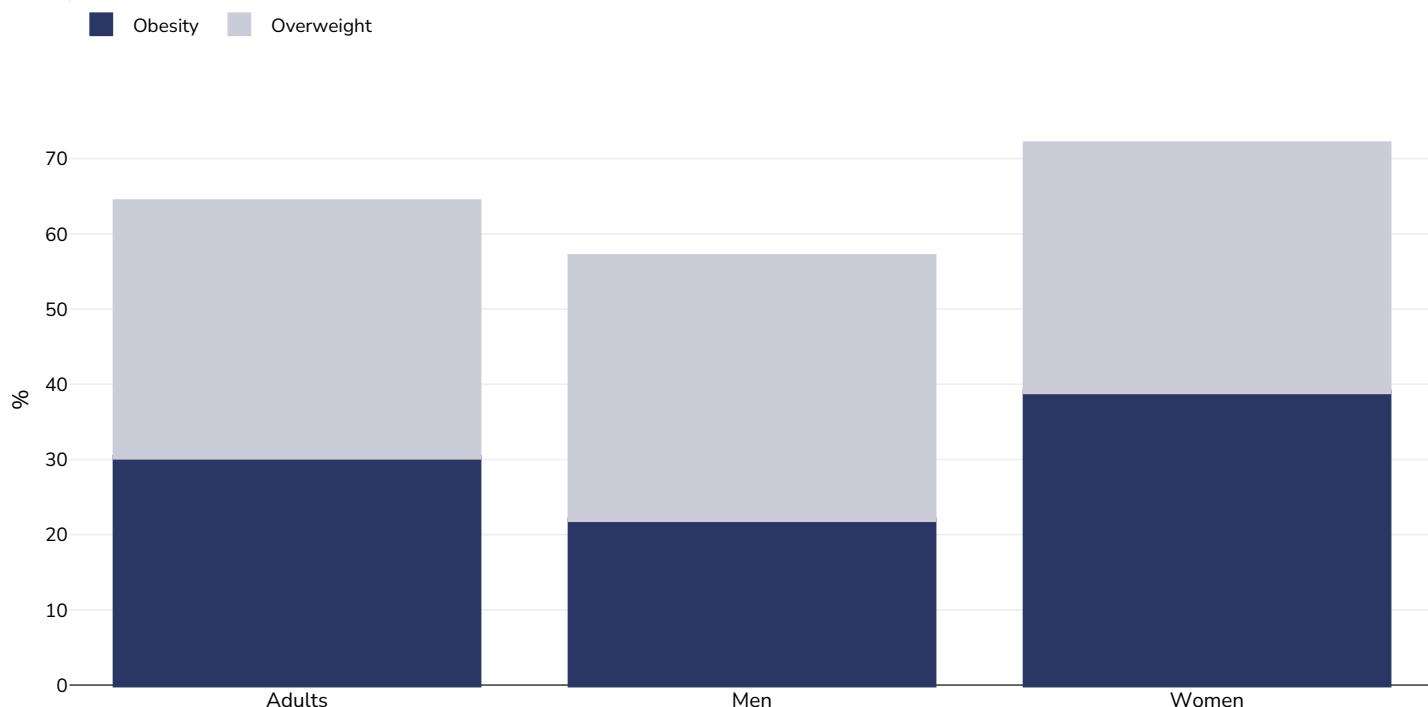
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for adults. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/seychelles-190>.

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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2013-2014

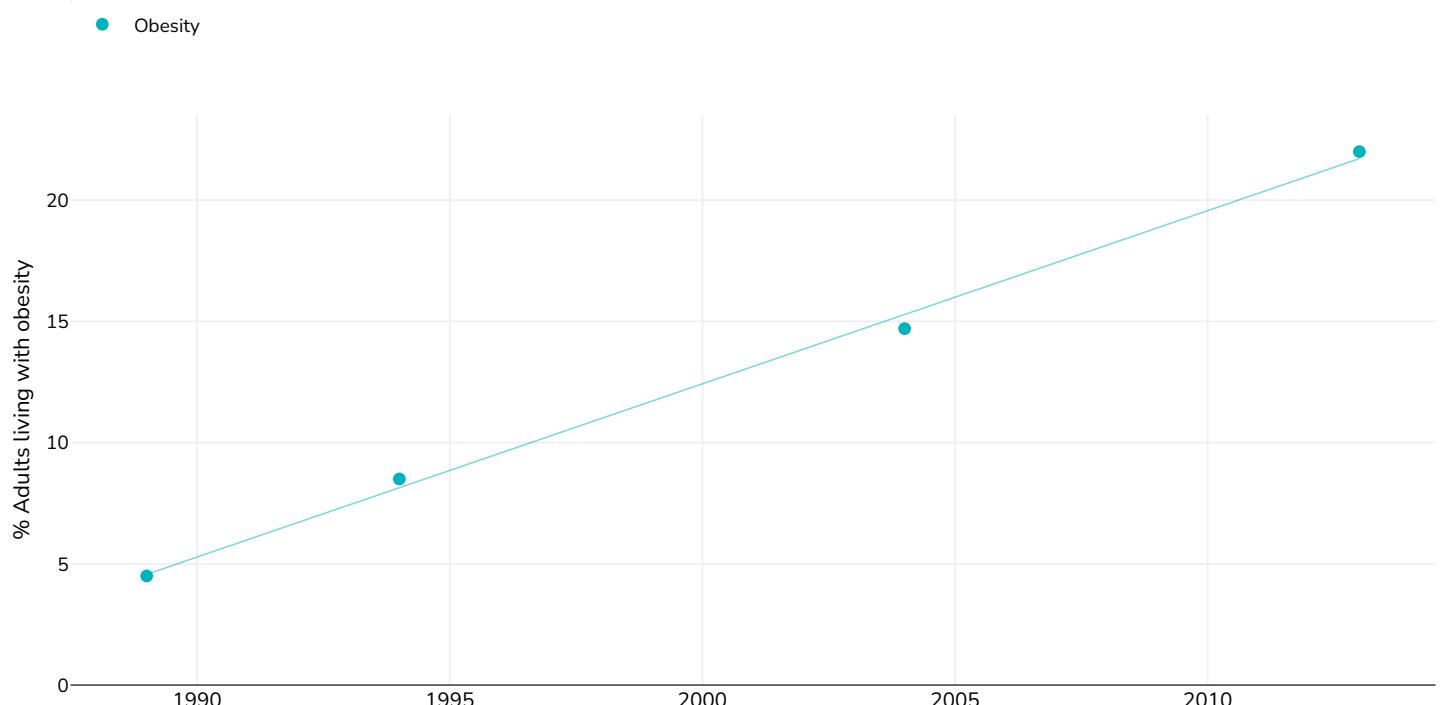


Survey type:	Measured
Age:	25-64
Sample size:	1240
Area covered:	National
References:	National Survey of Noncommunicable Diseases in Seychelles 2013-2014 (Seychelles Heart Study IV) available at https://serval.unil.ch/resource/serval:BIB_1233D41F200A.P001/REF.pdf (available at 20.10.20)

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% Adults living with obesity in the Seychelles 1989-2013

Men



Survey type:

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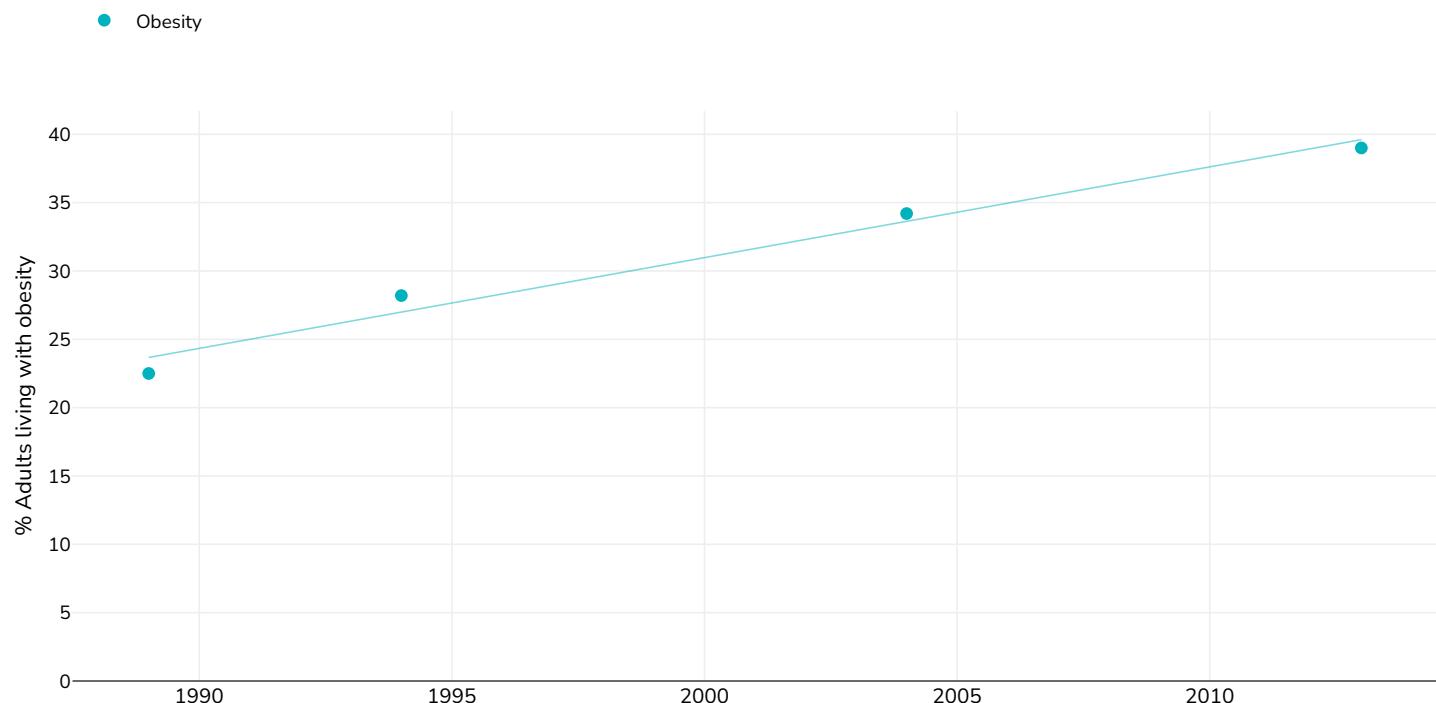
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Women



Survey type:

Measured

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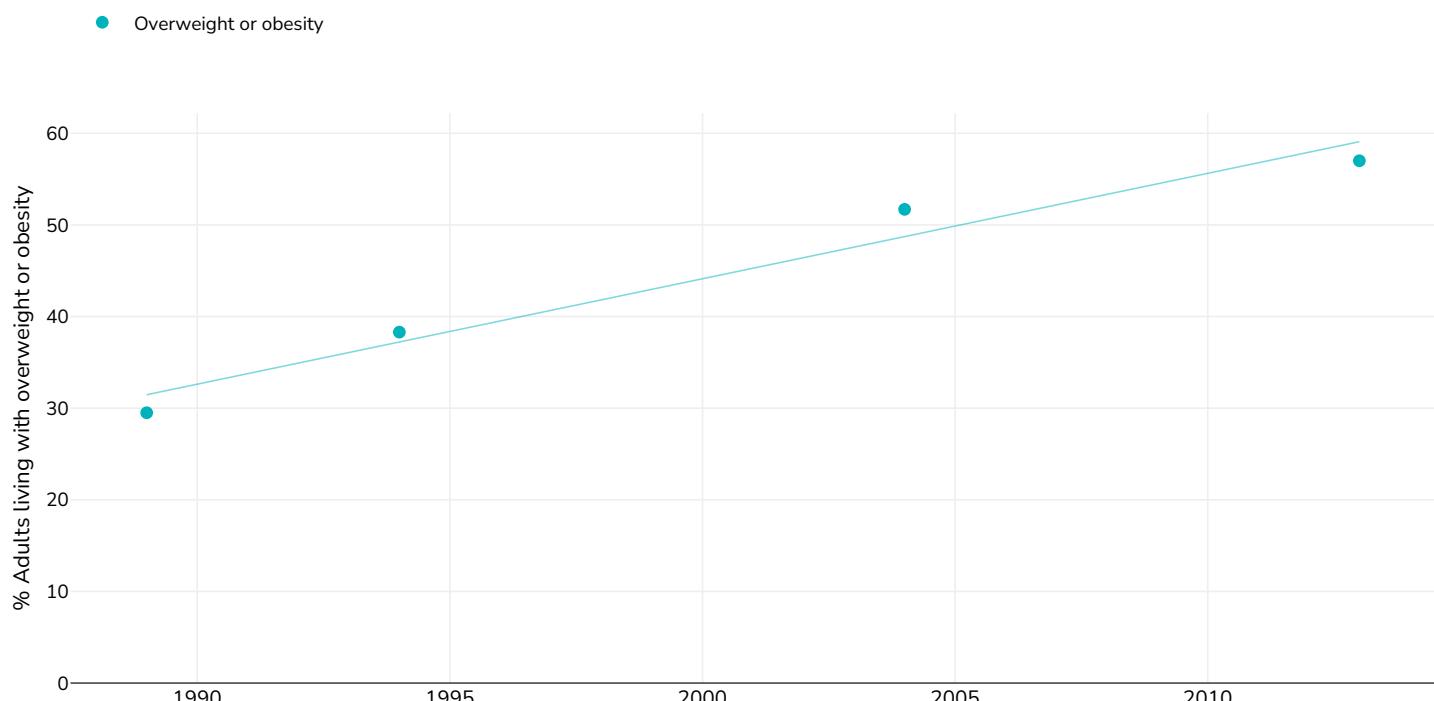
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% Adults living with overweight or obesity in the Seychelles 1989-2013

Men



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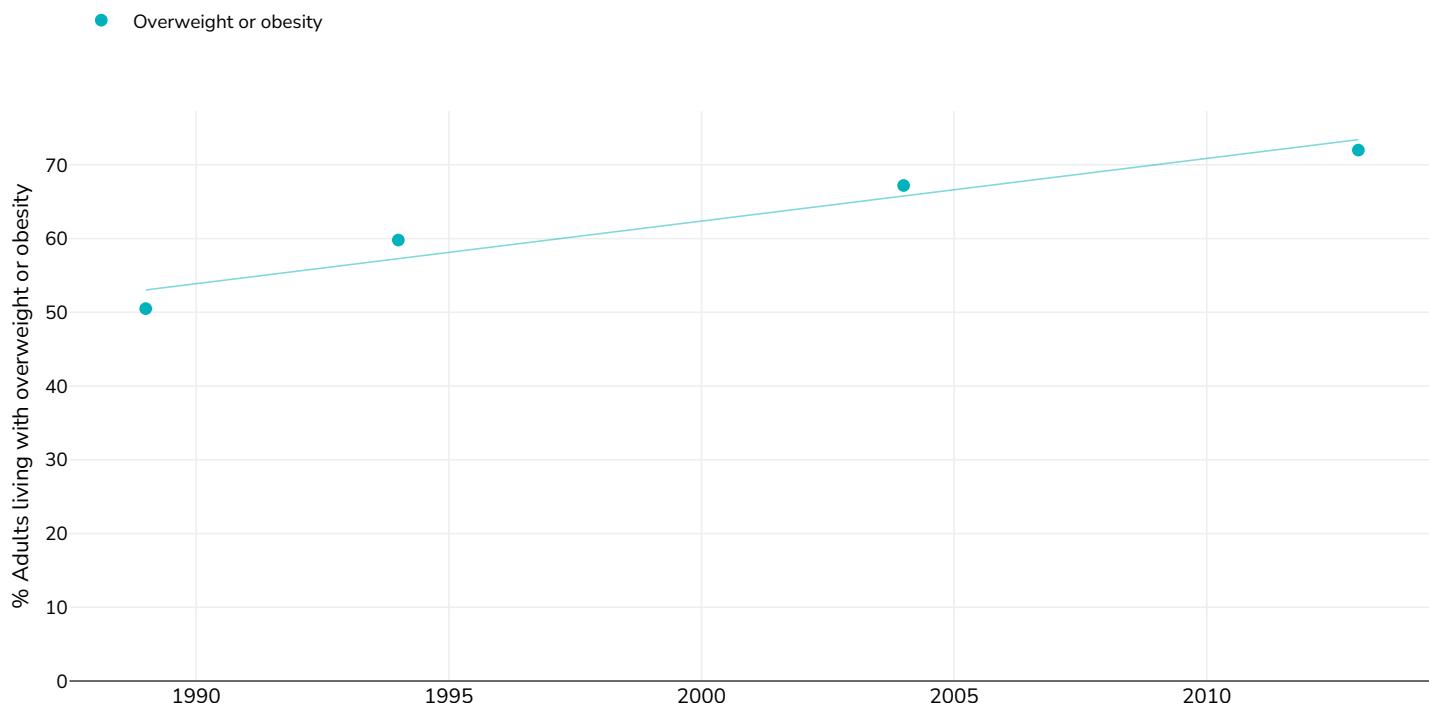
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Women



Survey type:

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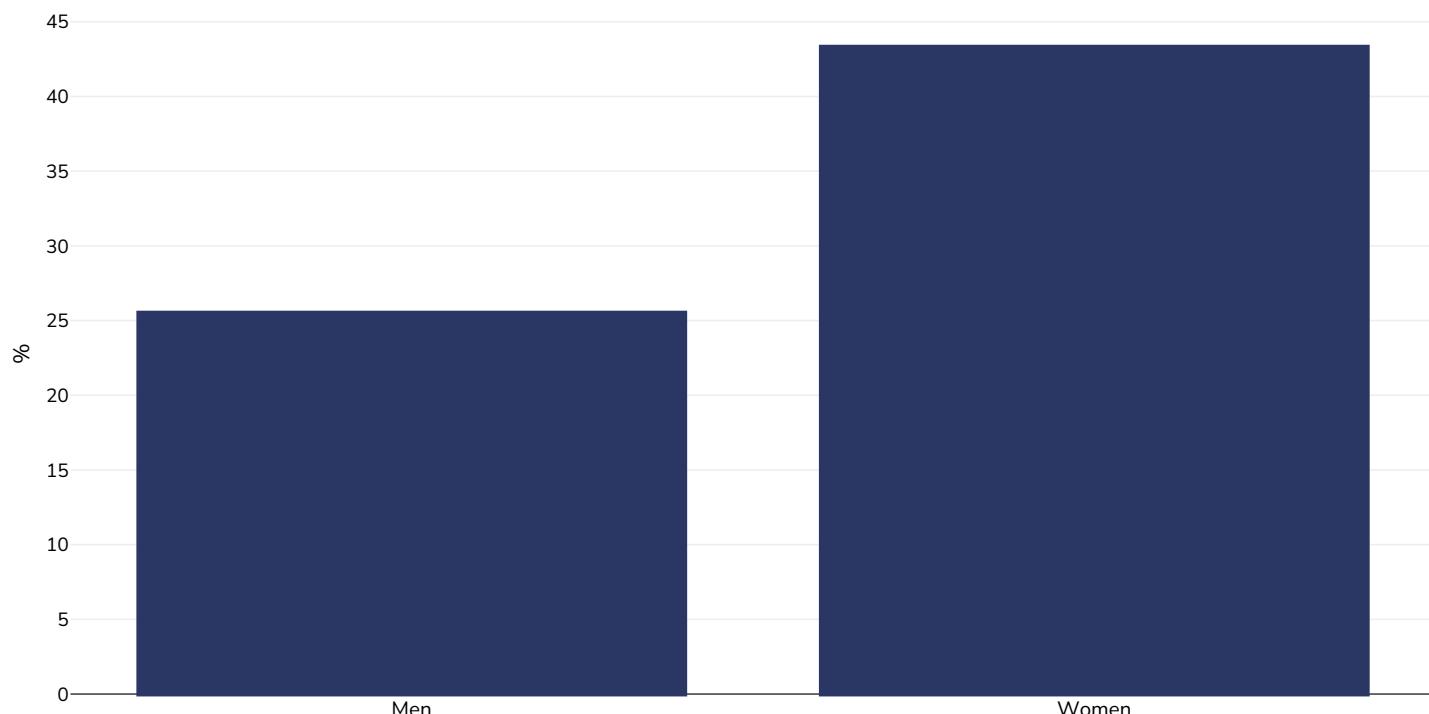
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Double burden of underweight & overweight

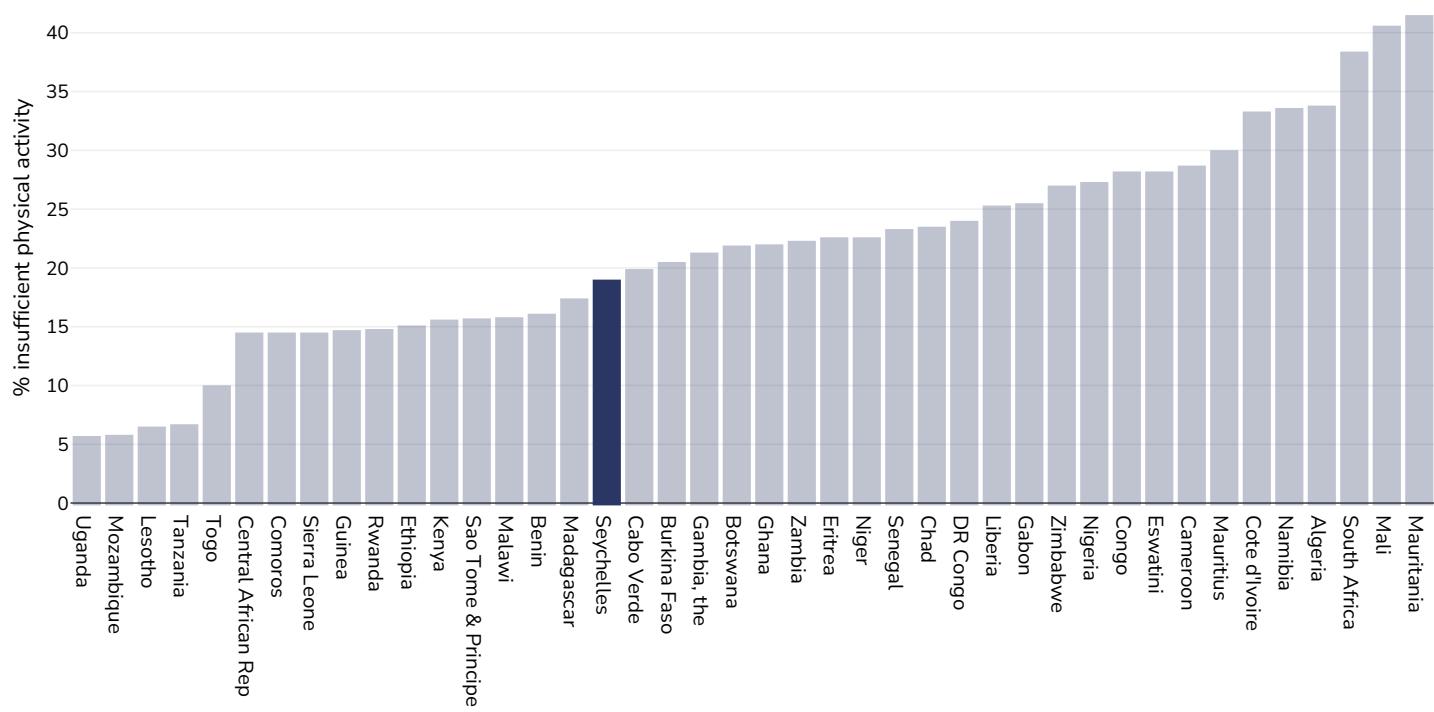
Adults, 2022



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)

Insufficient physical activity

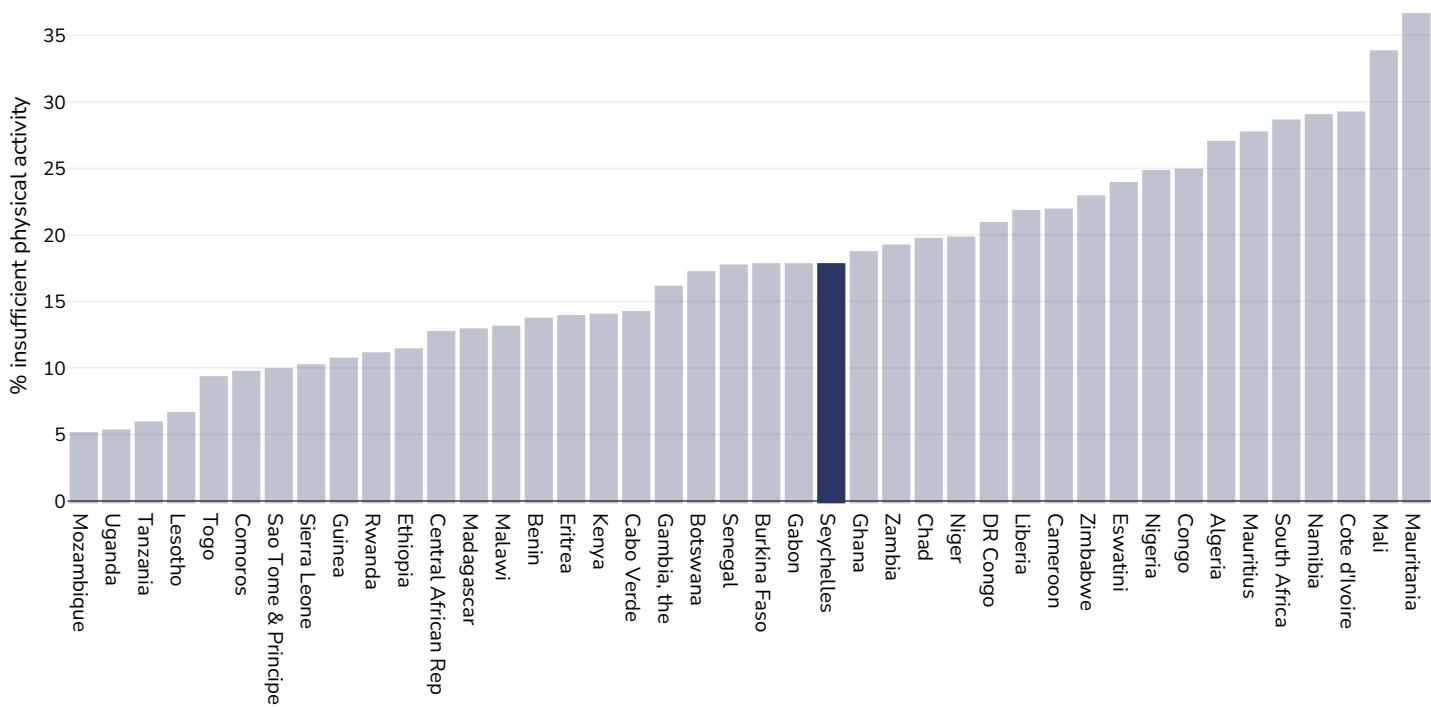
Adults, 2016



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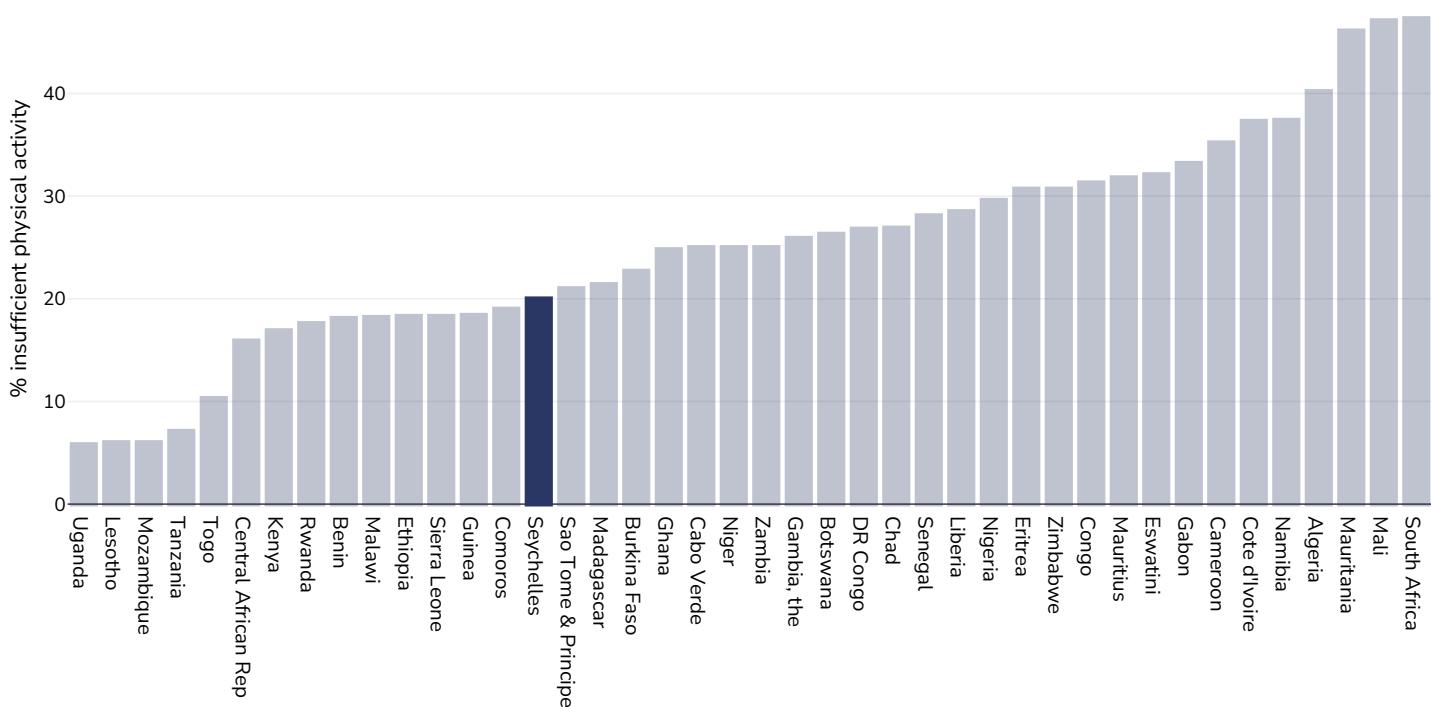
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Men, 2016



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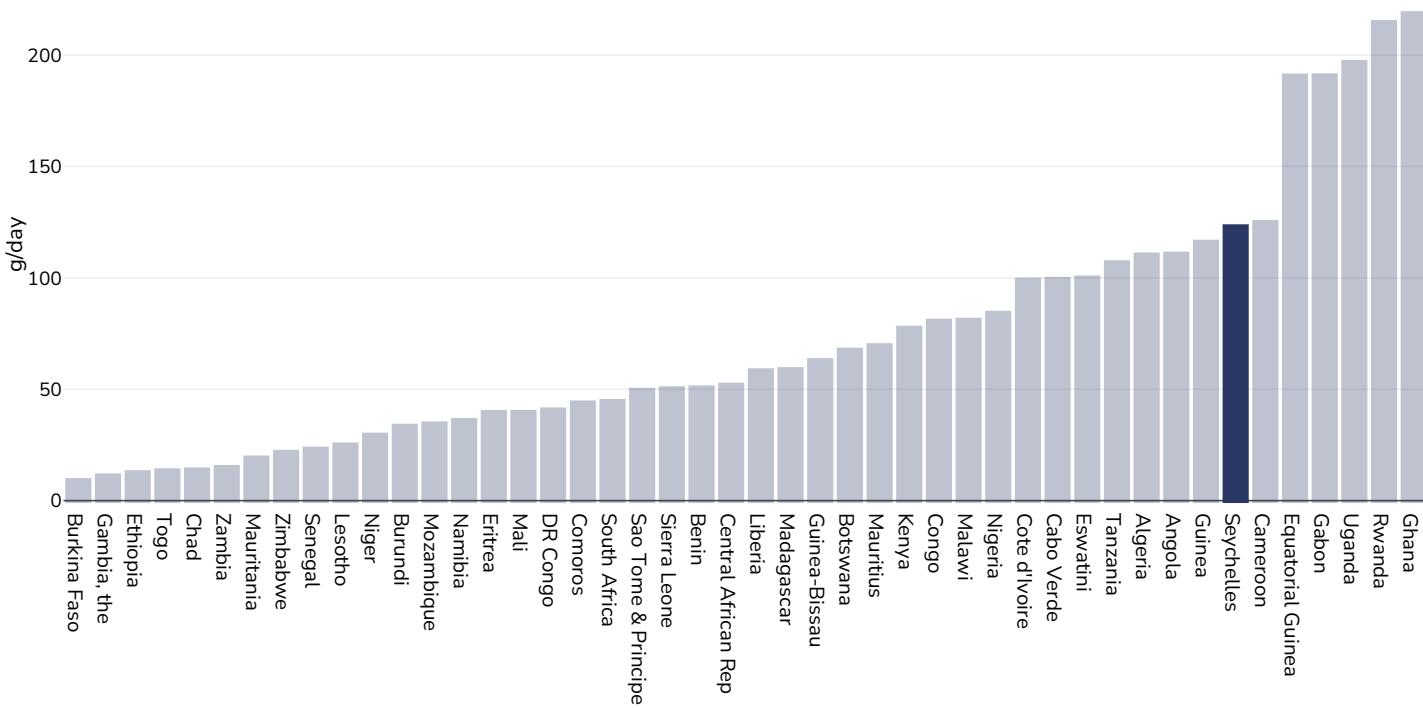
Women, 2016



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Estimated per capita fruit intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

References:

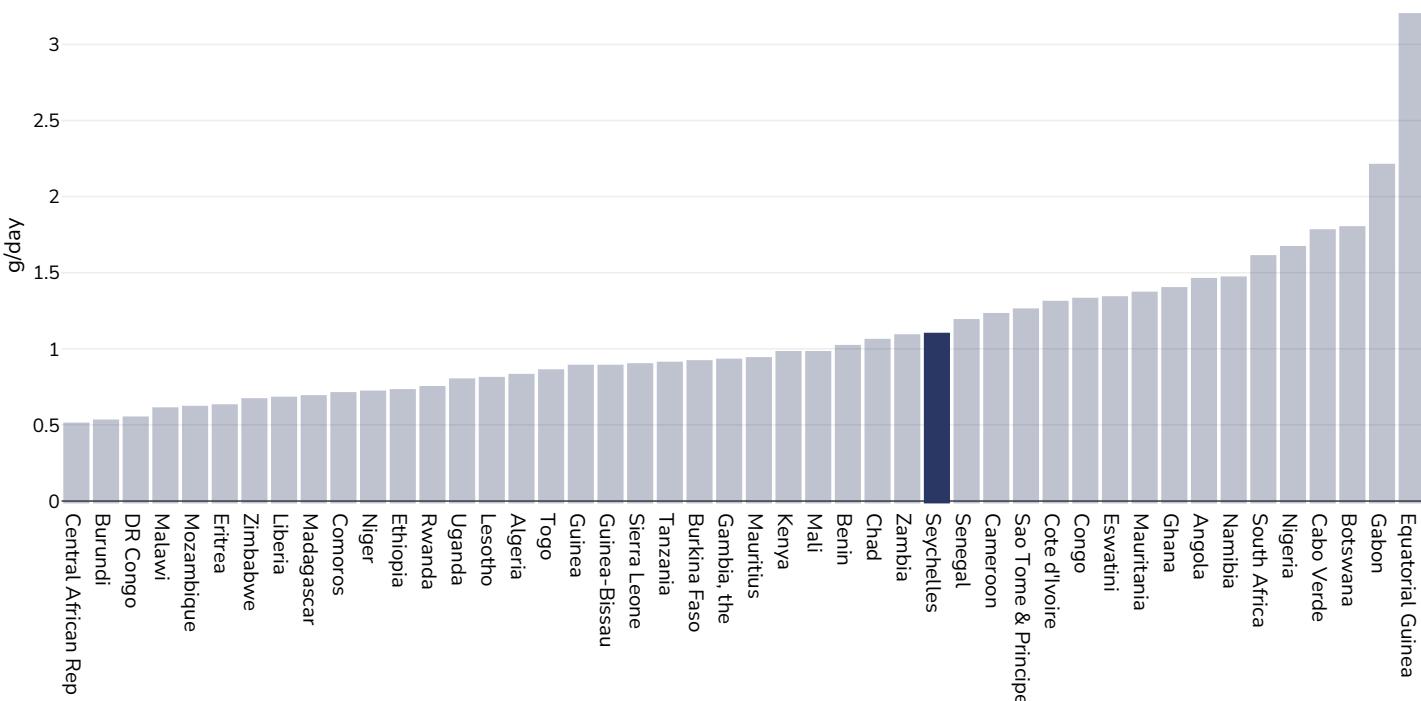
Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation <http://ghdx.healthdata.org/>

Definitions:

Estimated per-capita fruit intake (g/day)

Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

References:

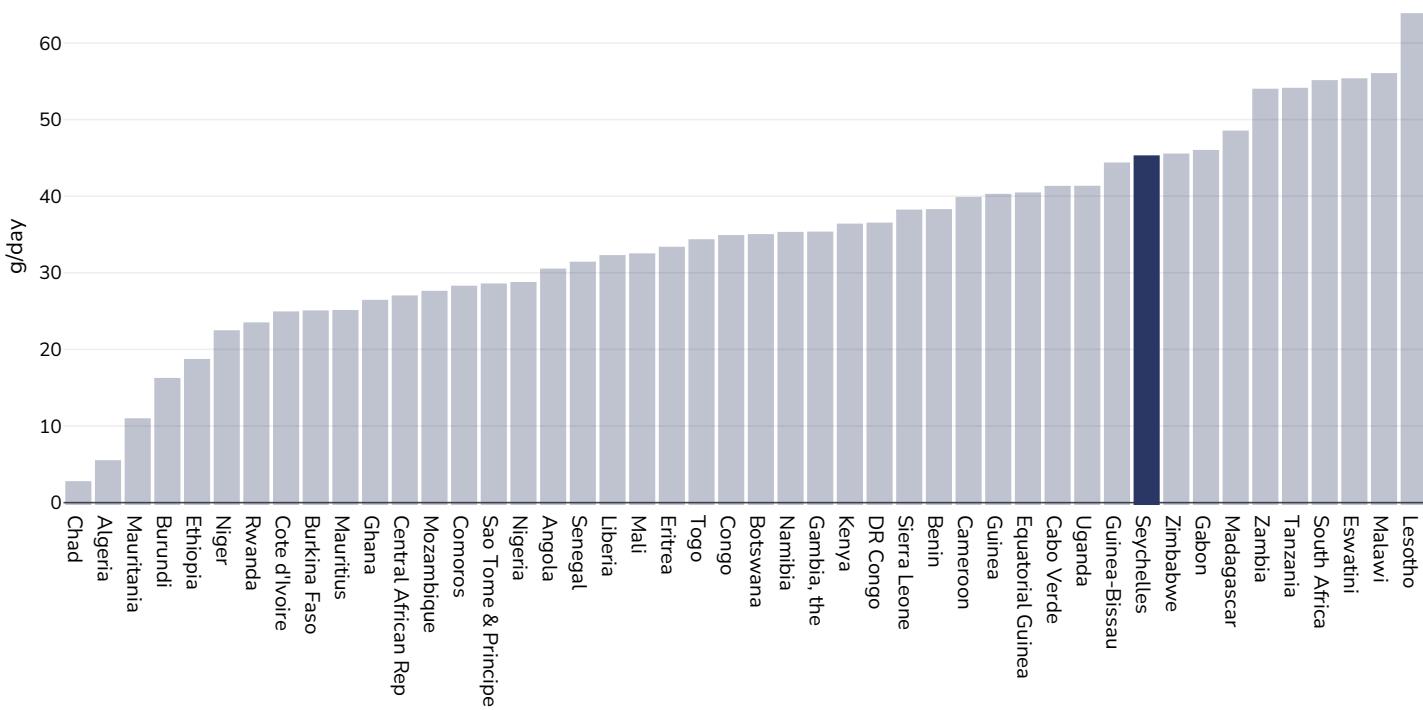
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Definitions:

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

Estimated per capita whole grains intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

25+

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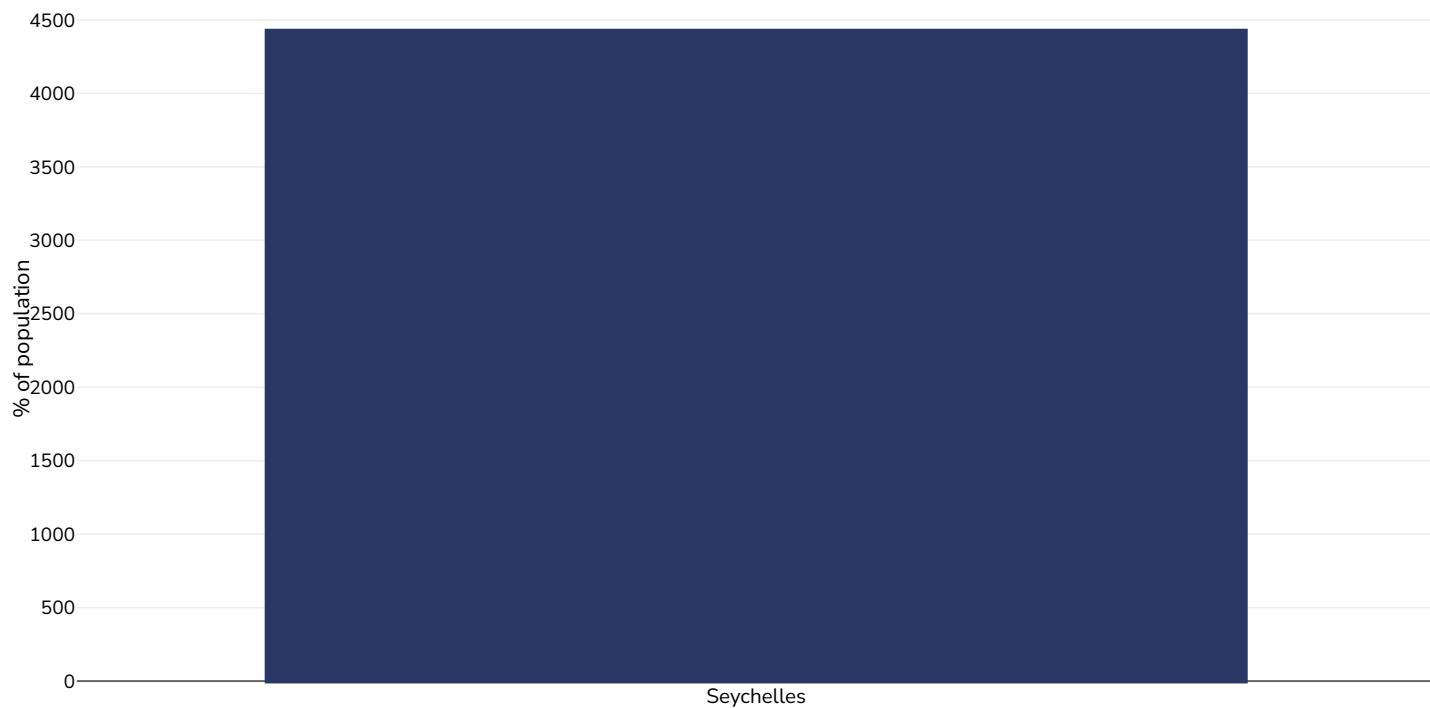
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Definitions:

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

Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2021



Age: 20+

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 depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Men, 2021


Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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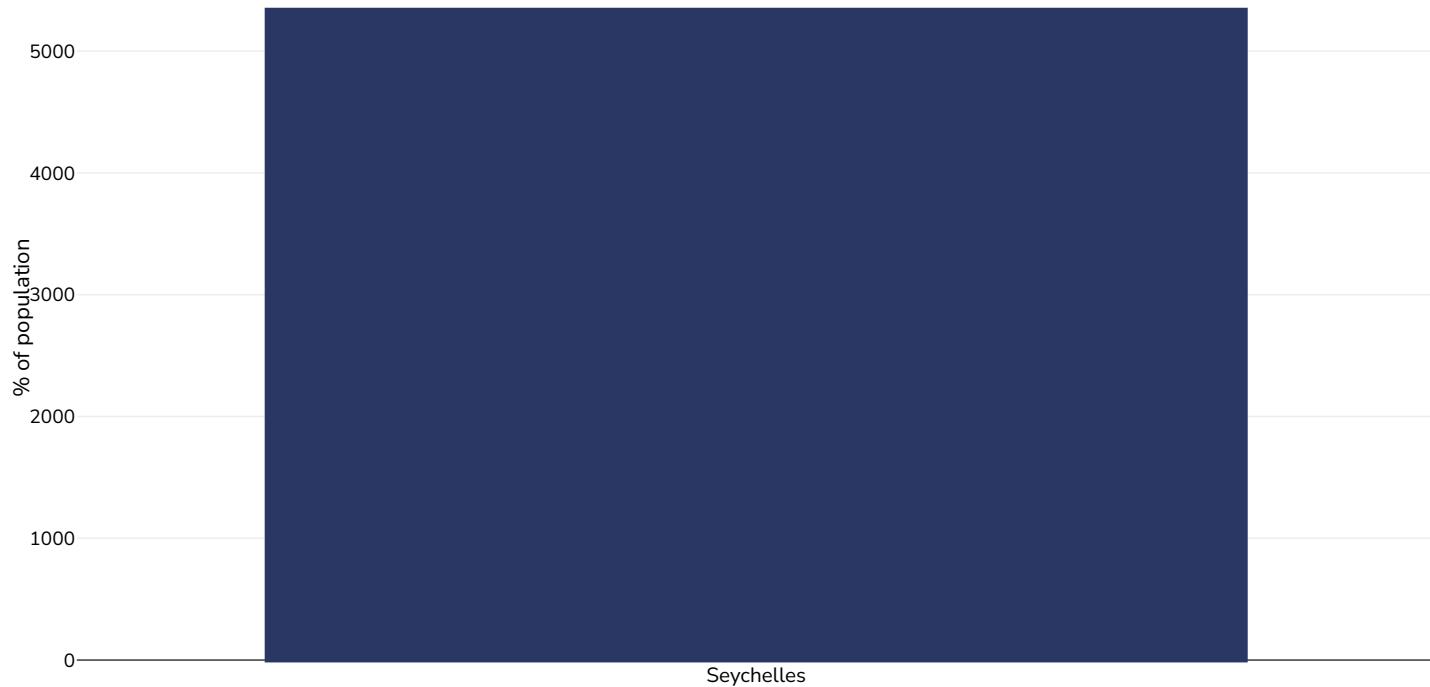
Women, 2021



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Area covered:	National
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Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2021



Age:

20+

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Definitions:

Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Men, 2021



Age:

20+

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Definitions:

Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Women, 2021

**Age:**

20+

References:

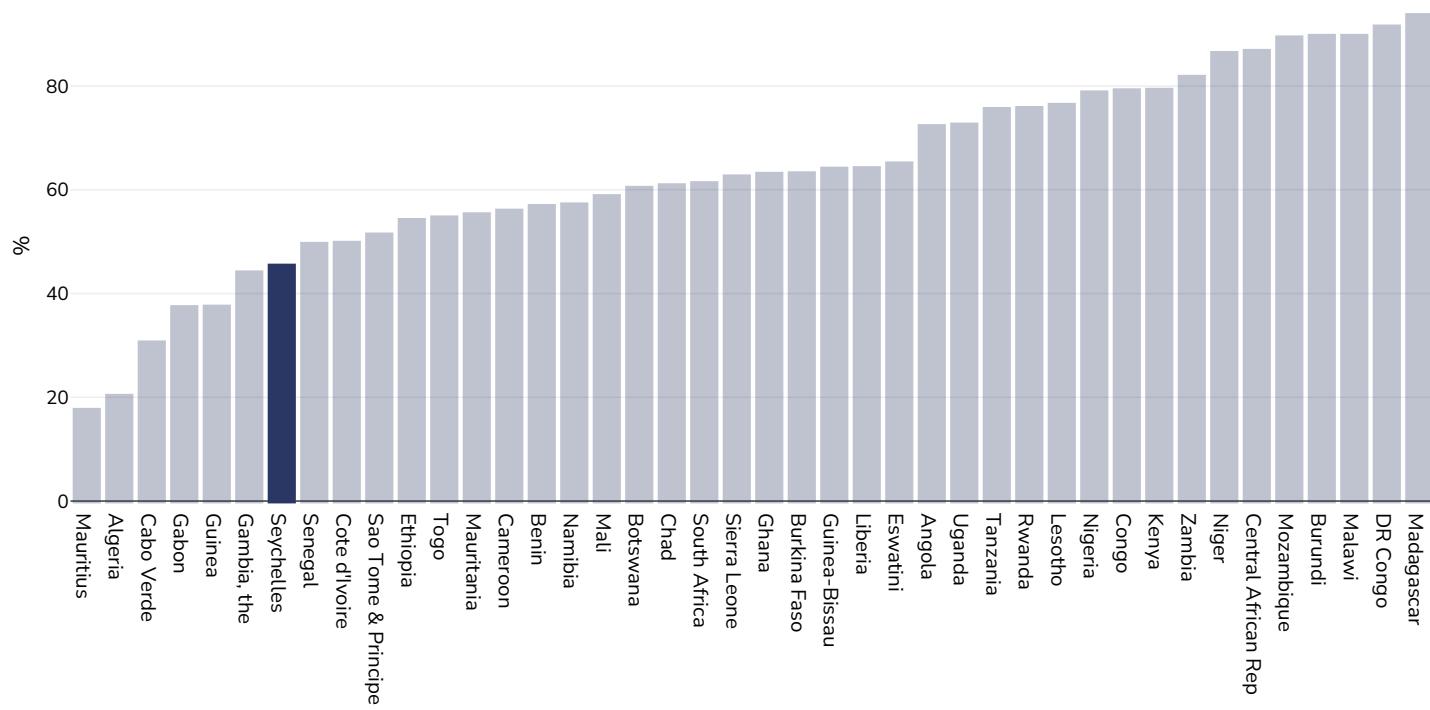
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Definitions:

Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Percent of population who cannot afford a healthy diet

Adults, 2022



Area covered:

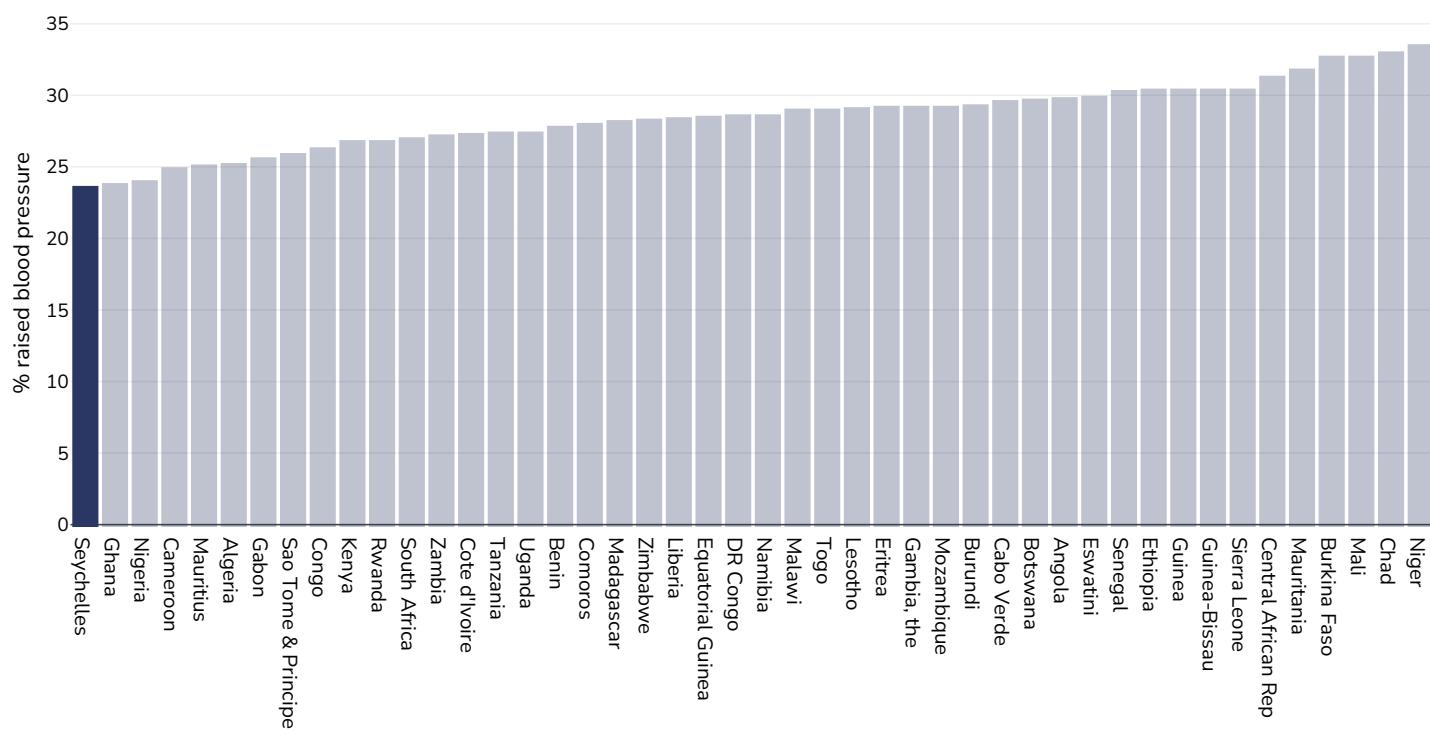
National

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The Food Systems Dashboard. The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), The Columbia Climate School, and Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. 2024. Geneva, Switzerland. <https://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org>. DOI: https://doi.org/10.36072/db_.

Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015



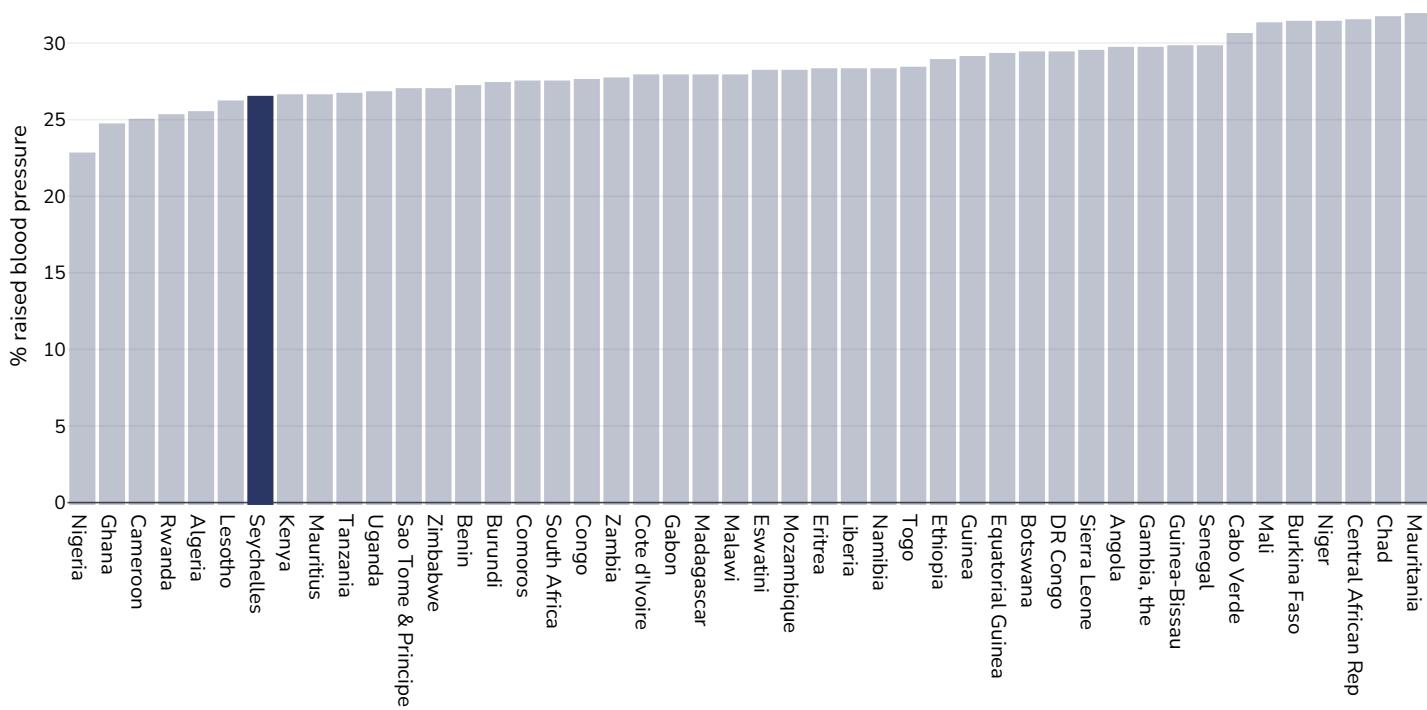
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Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, <http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A875?lang=en>

Definitions:

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

Men, 2015



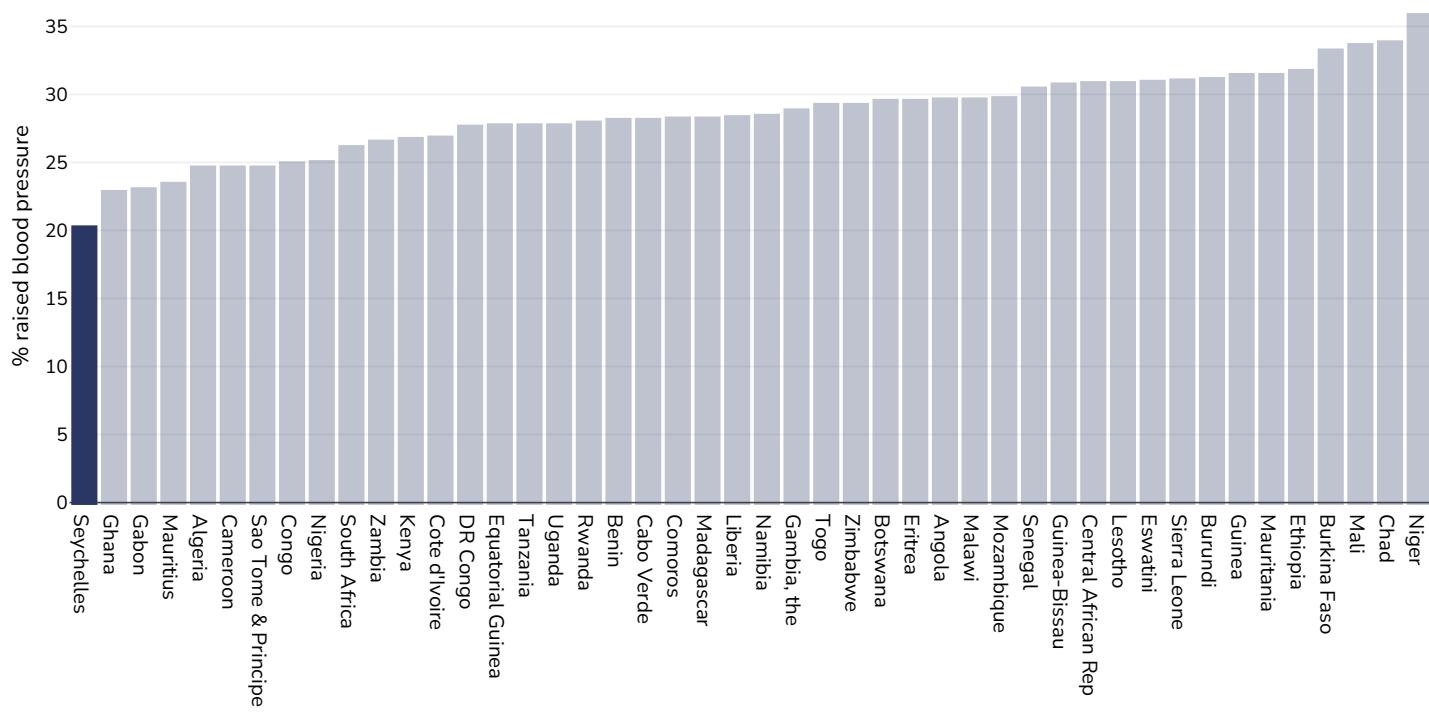
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Women, 2015



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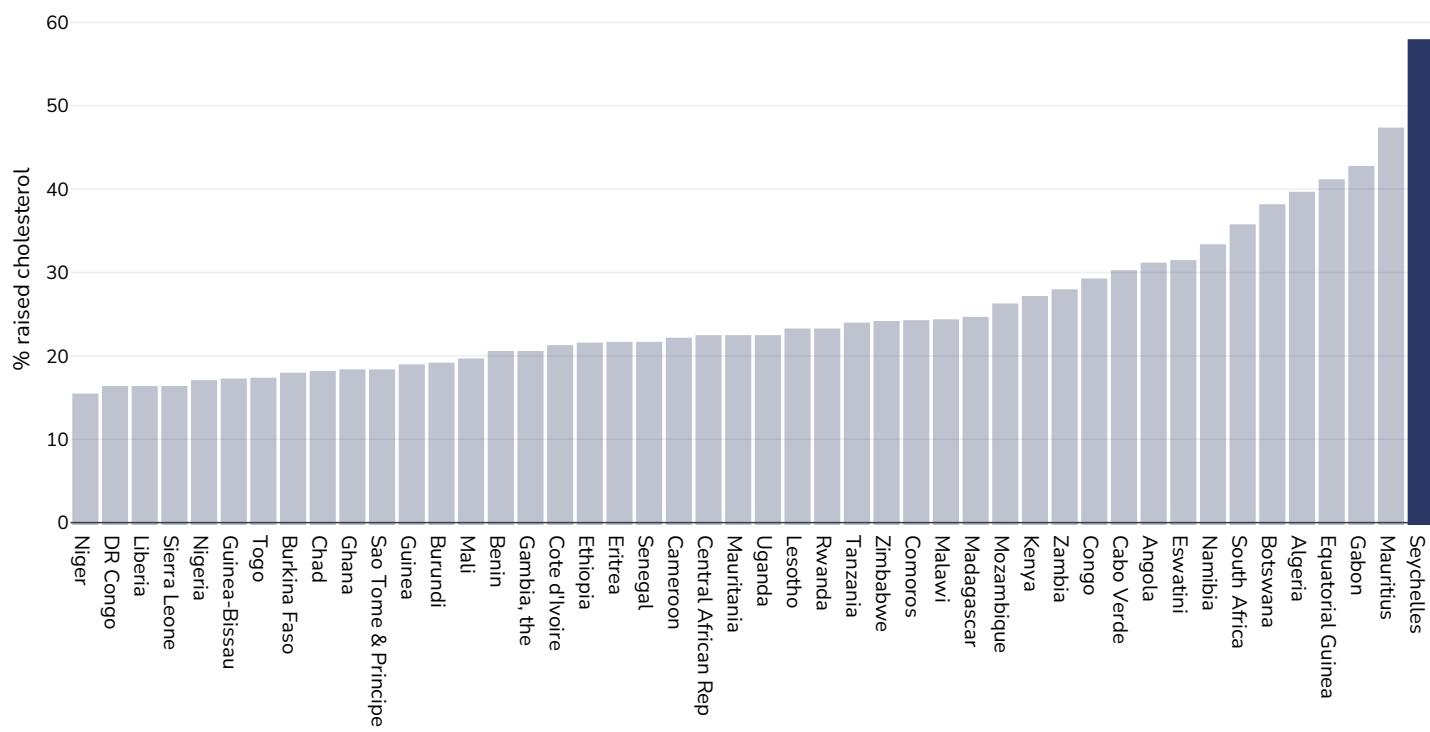
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Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



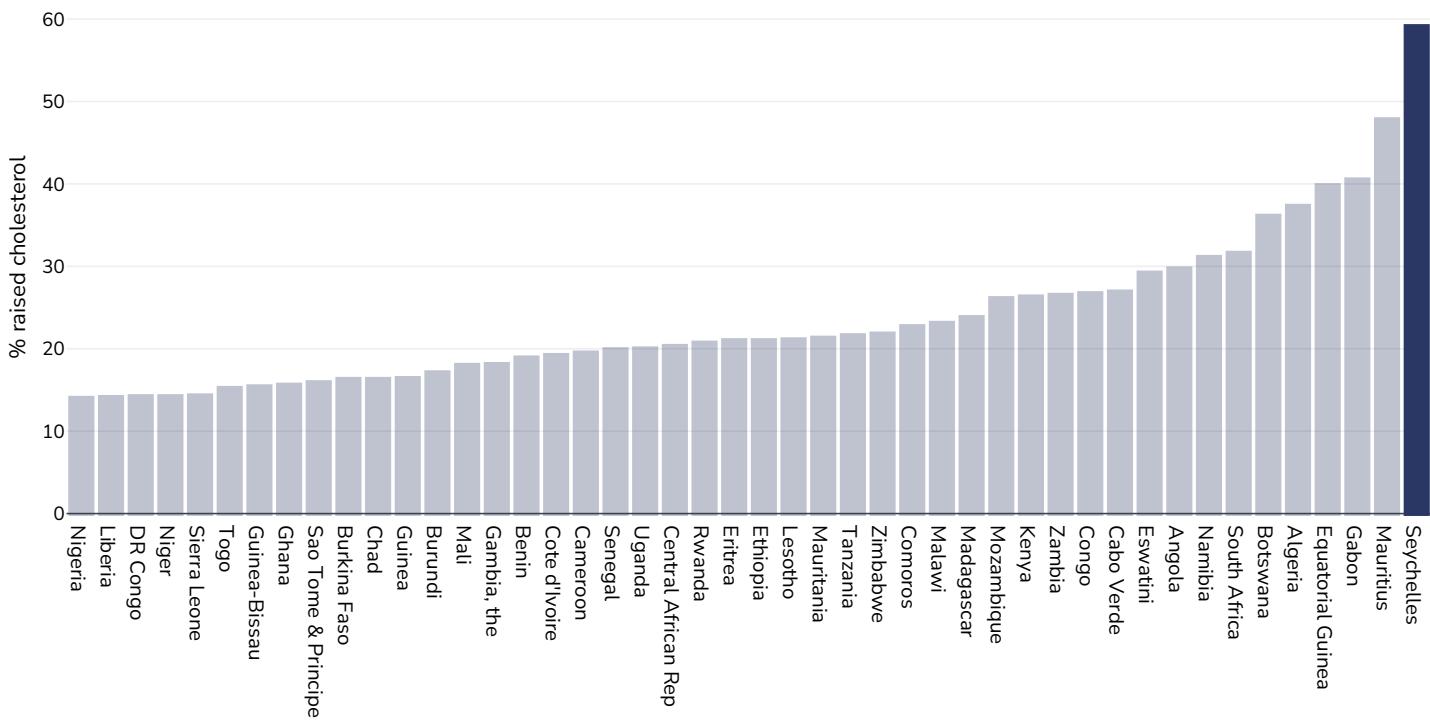
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Definitions:

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

Men, 2008



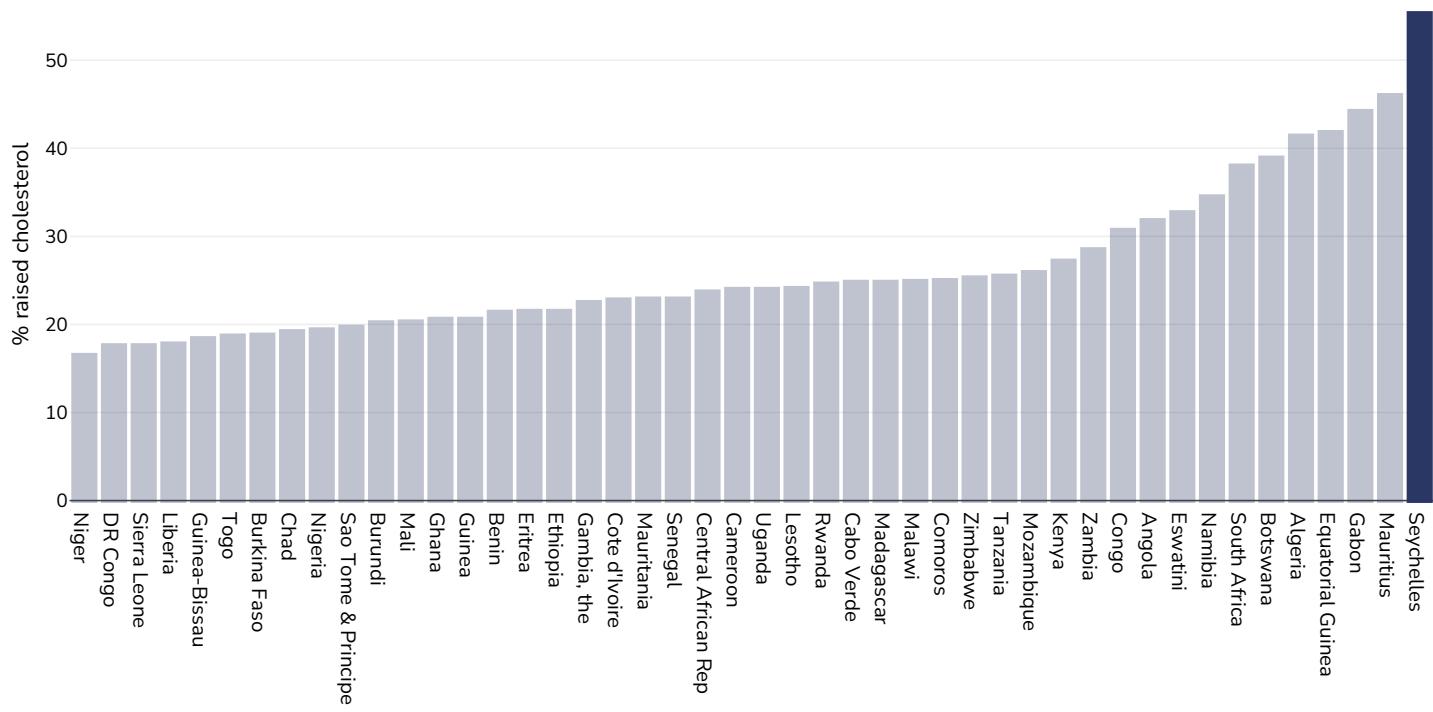
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Women, 2008



References:

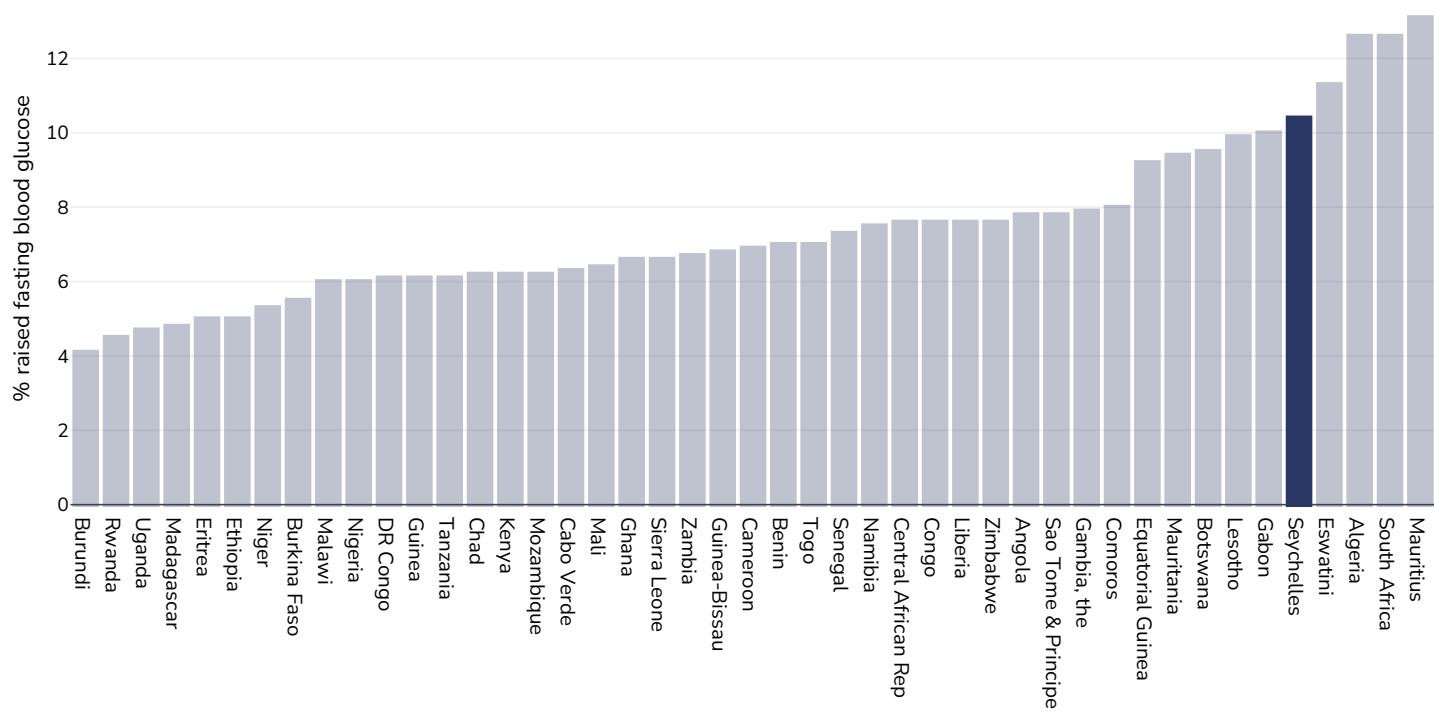
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Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



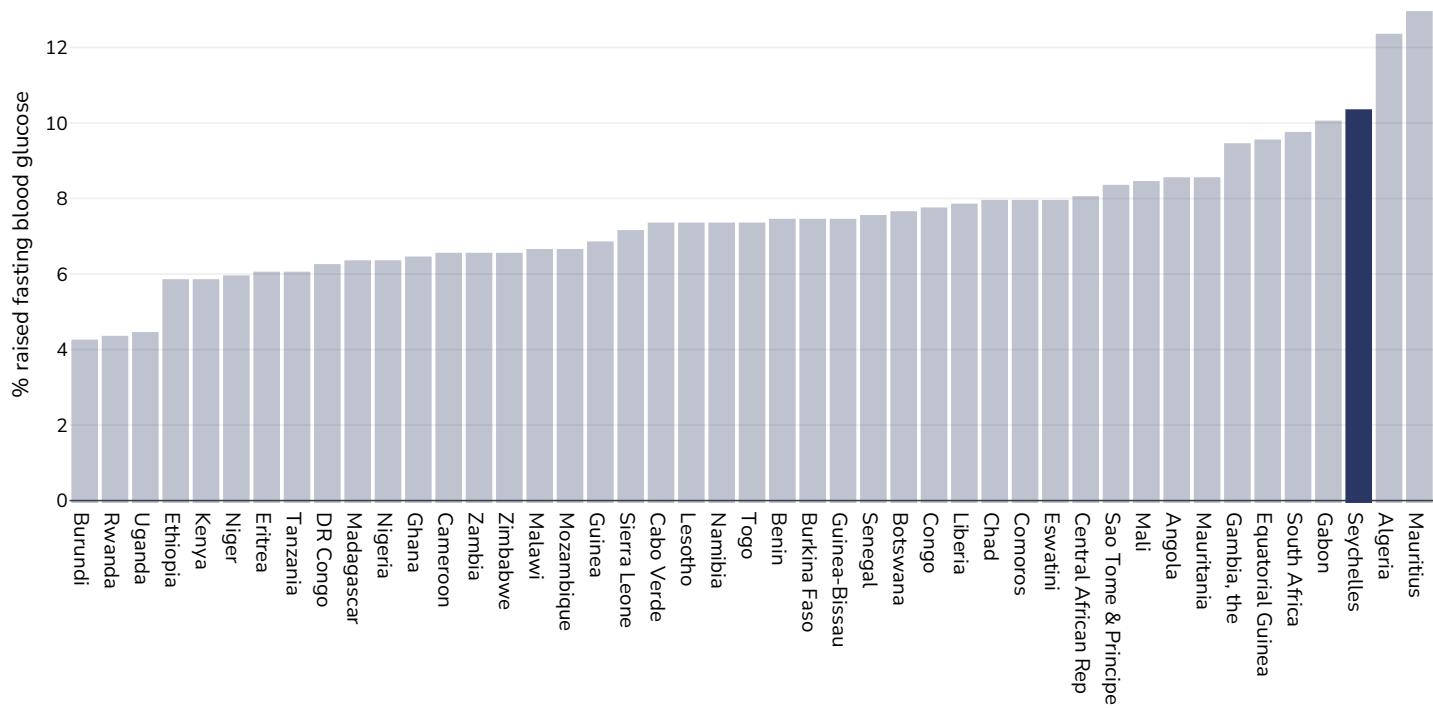
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Definitions:

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

Women, 2014



References:

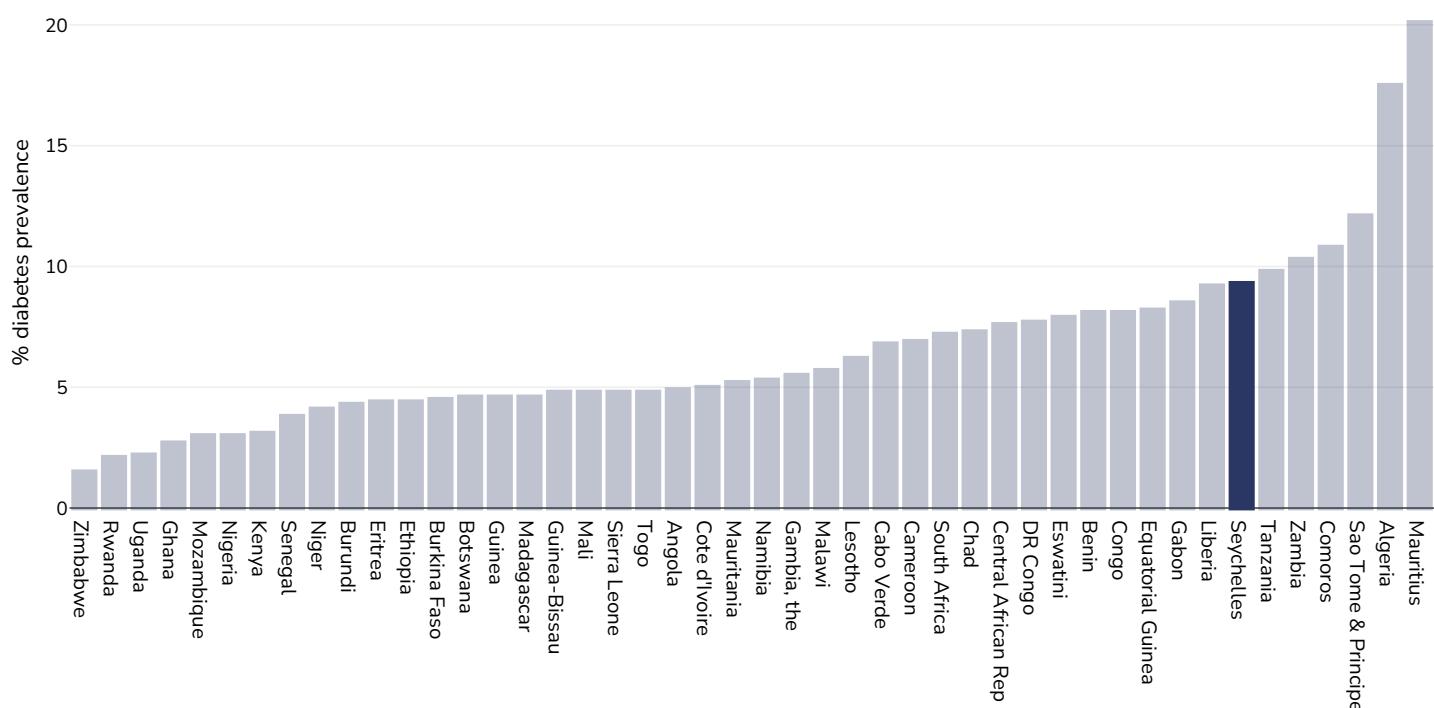
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Definitions:

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Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



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