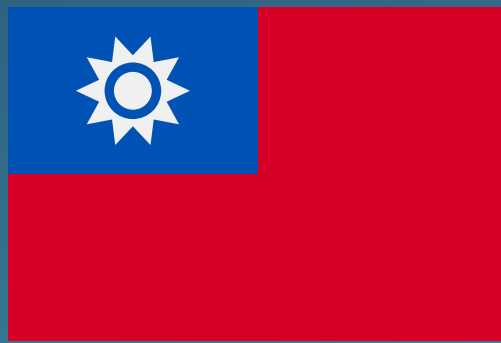




Taiwan



Country report card - adults

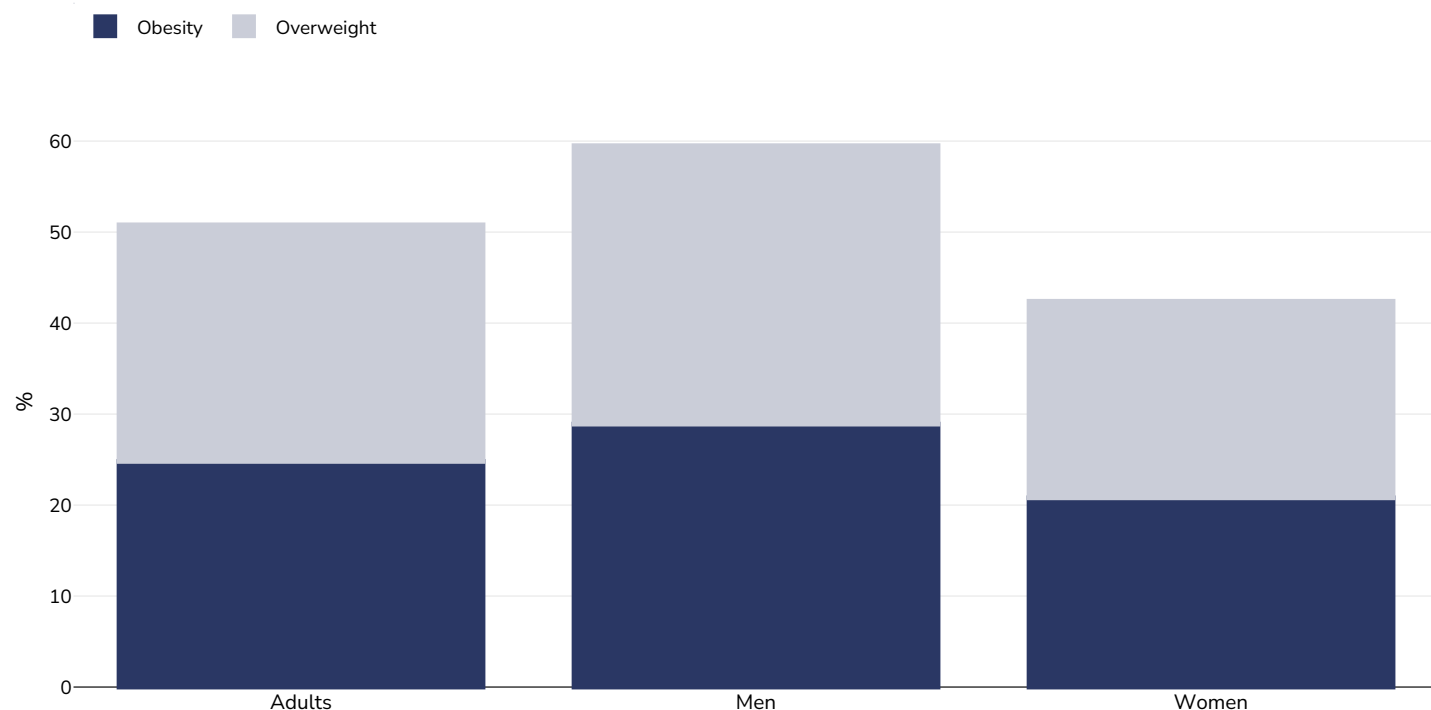
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for adults. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/taiwan-211/>.

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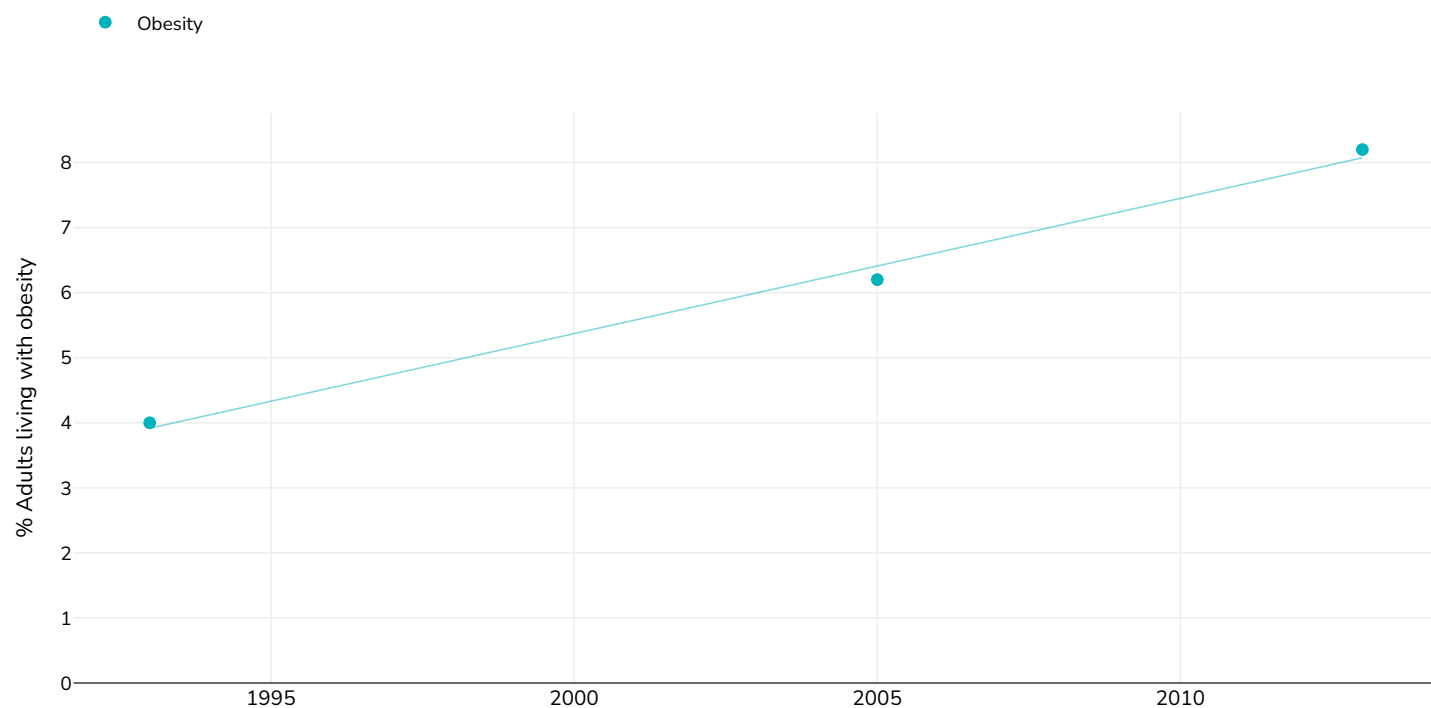
Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2018-2022



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	18+
Sample size:	4856
Area covered:	National
References:	Statistics of Health Promotion 2022. Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C (TAIWAN), 2024. https://www.hpa.gov.tw/EngPages/Detail.aspx?nodeid=3850&pid=18598 [Accessed 01.08.25]
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Definitions:	Overweight: $24 \leq \text{BMI} < 27 \text{ kg/m}^2$; and obese: $\text{BMI} \geq 27 \text{ kg/m}^2$
Cutoffs:	Taiwanese cutoffs
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% Adults living with obesity in Taiwan 1993-2013



Survey type: Measured

References: Chang HC, Yang HC, Chang HY, et al. Morbid obesity in Taiwan: Prevalence, trends, associated social demographics, and lifestyle factors. PLoS One. 2017;12(2):e0169577. Published 2017 Feb 2. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0169577

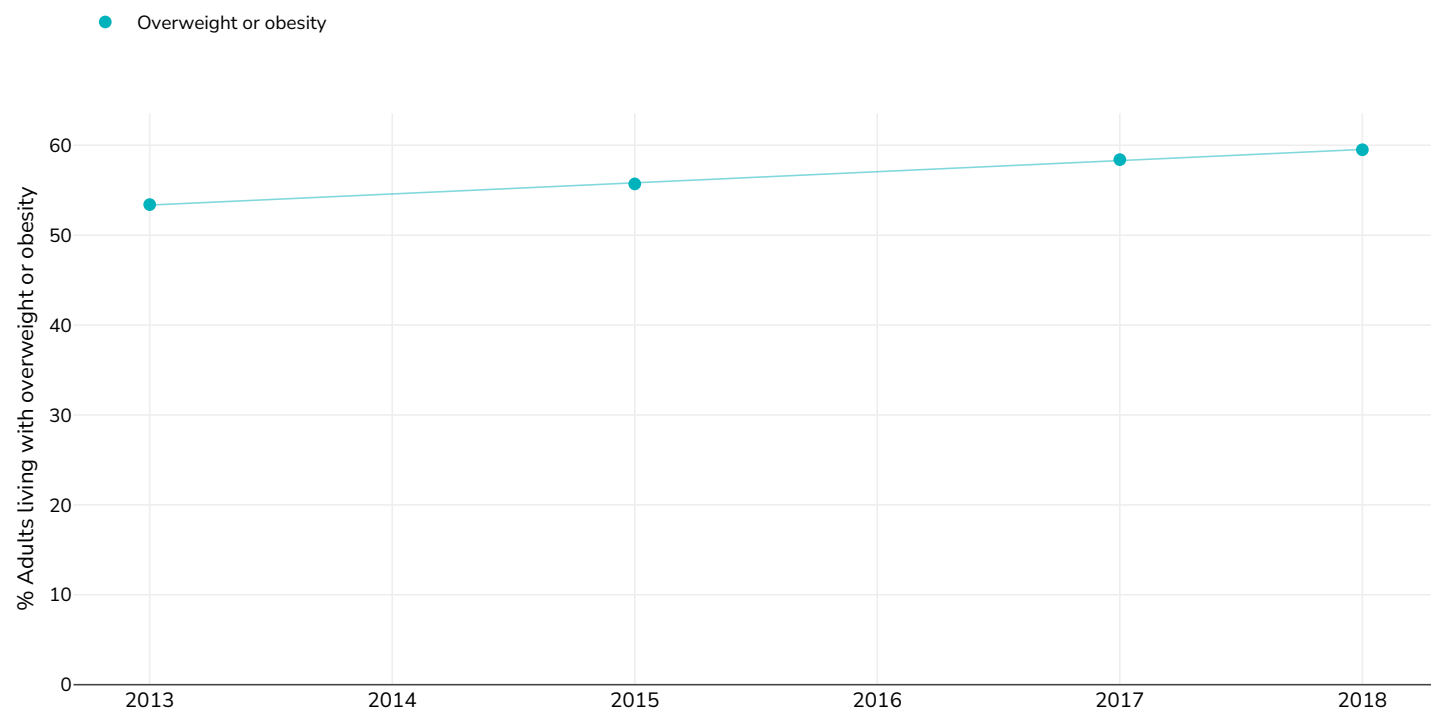
Definitions: Other Cut offs available

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% Adults living with overweight or obesity in Taiwan, 2013-2022 (Taiwanese cutoffs)

Men



Survey type:

Measured

References:

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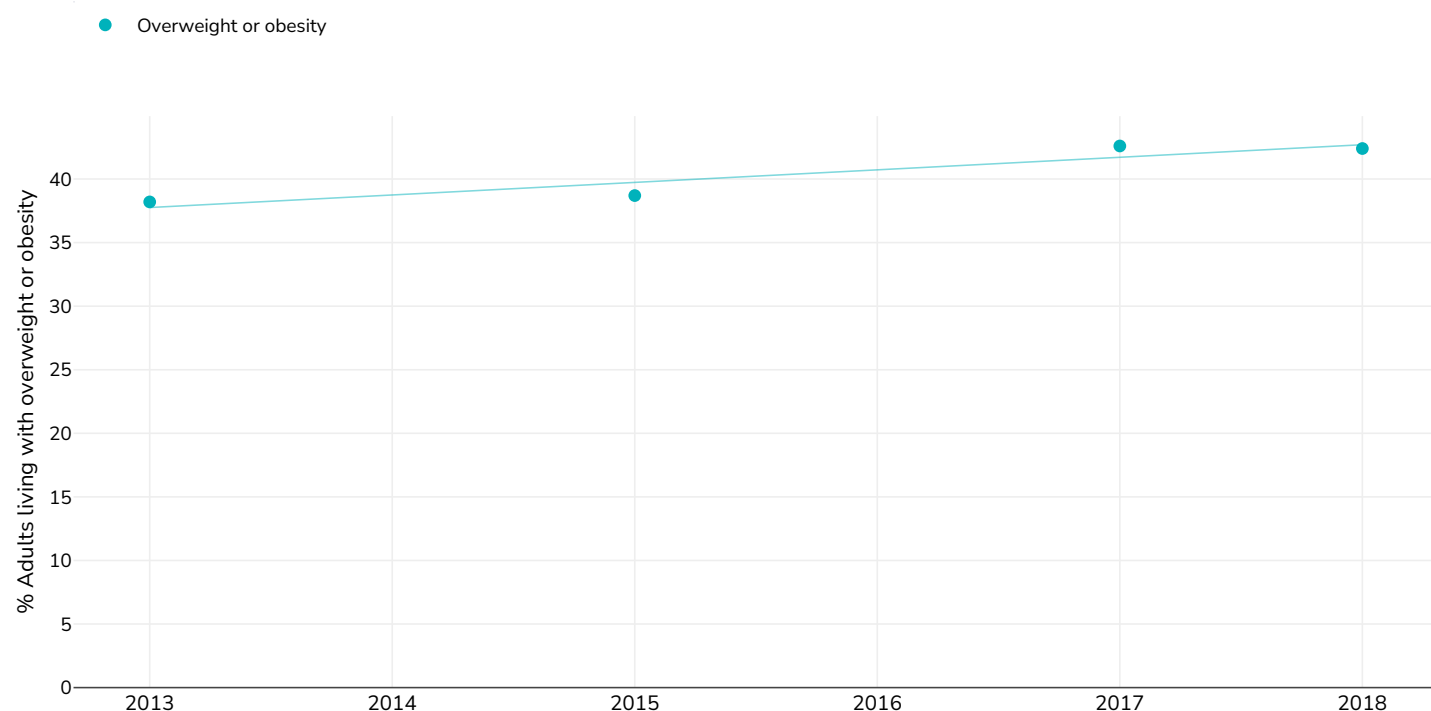
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Women



Survey type: Measured

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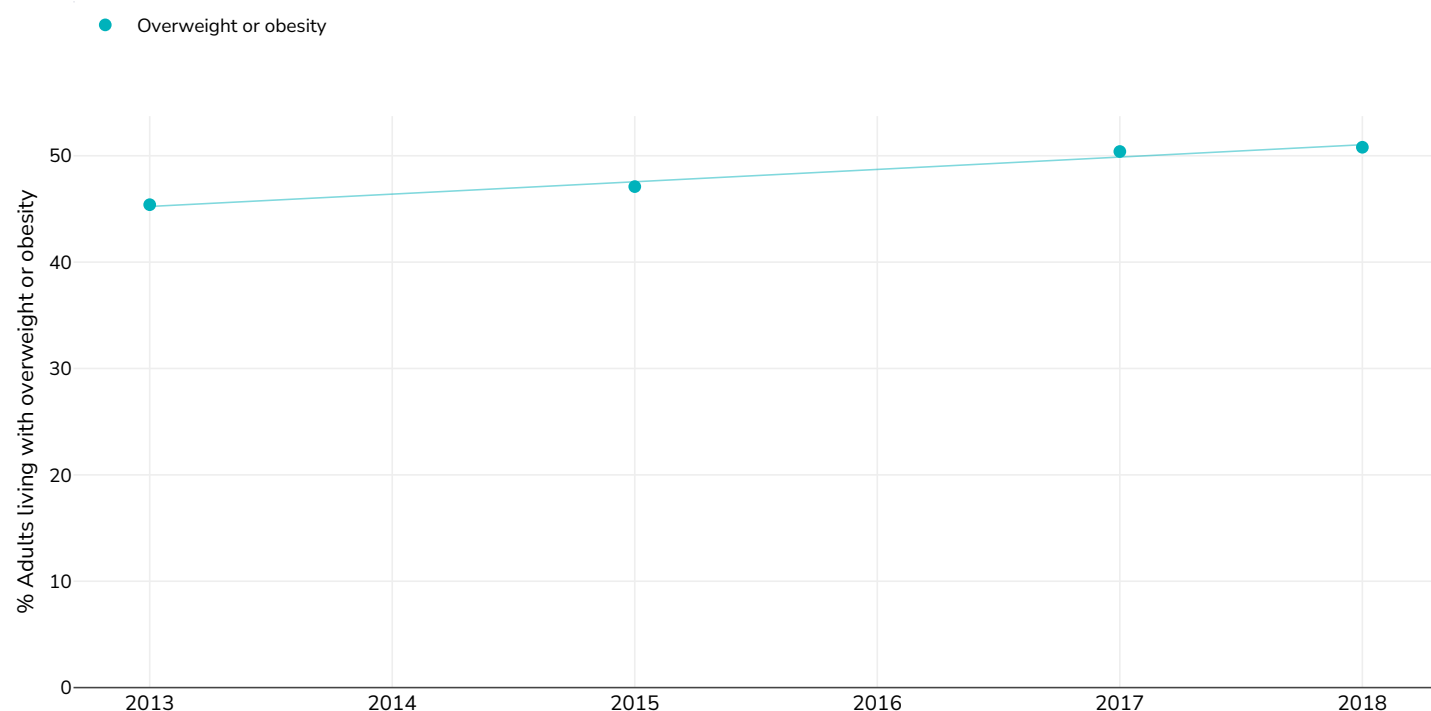
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Men and women



Survey type: Measured

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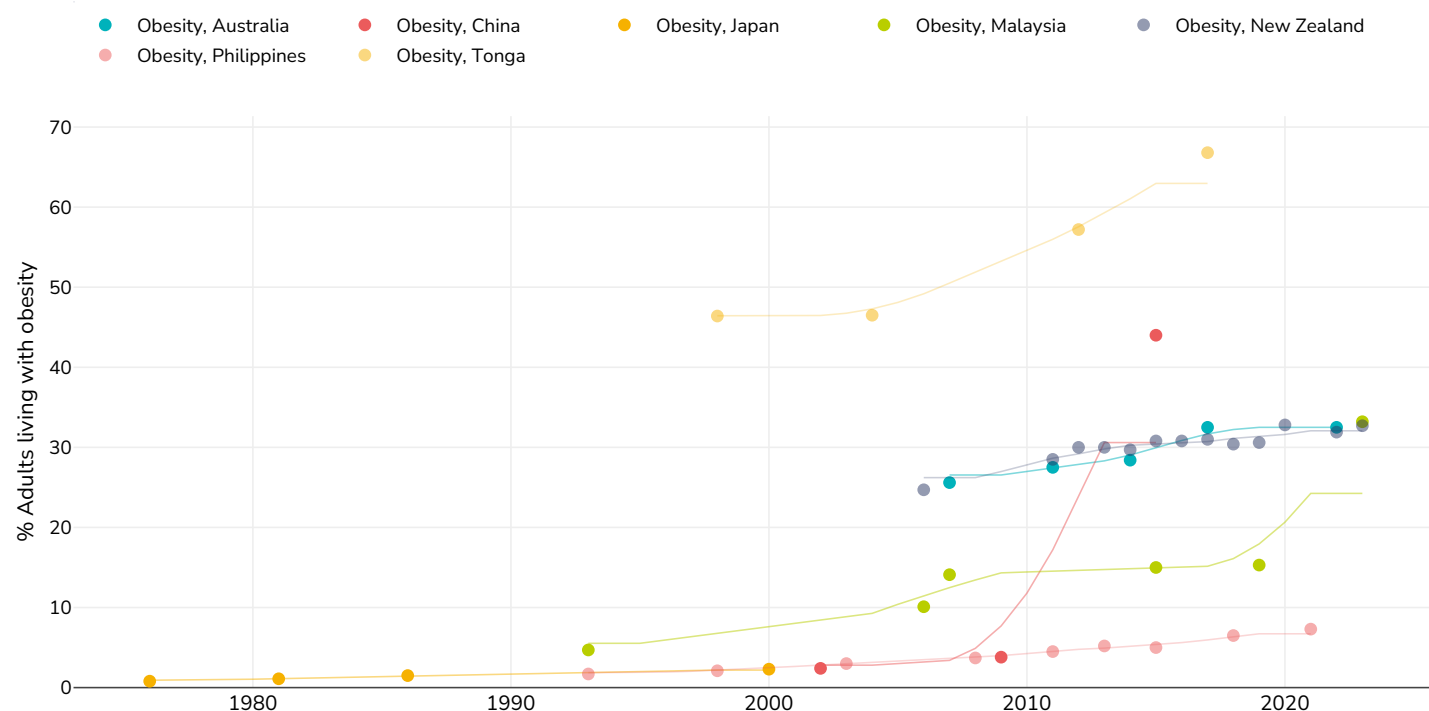
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% Adults living with obesity in selected countries in the Asia/Oceania Region 1975-2019, selected countries

Men

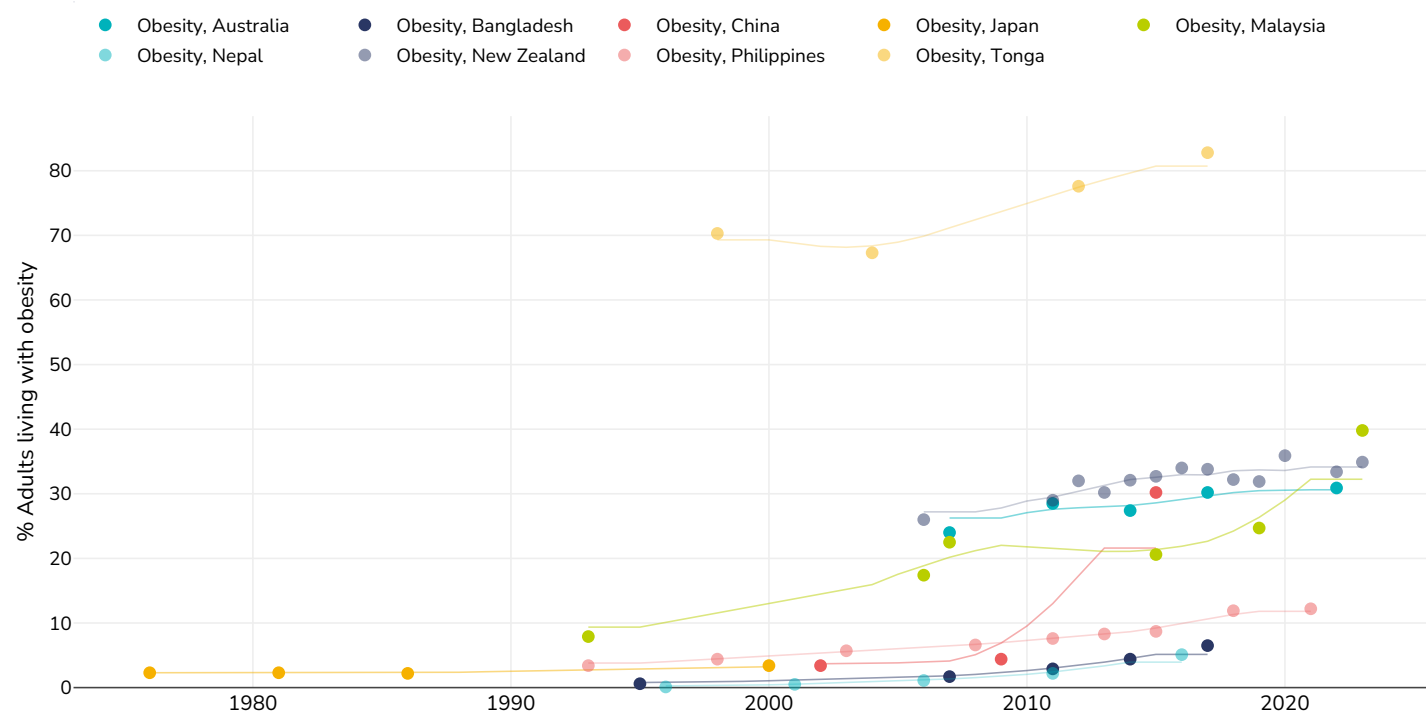


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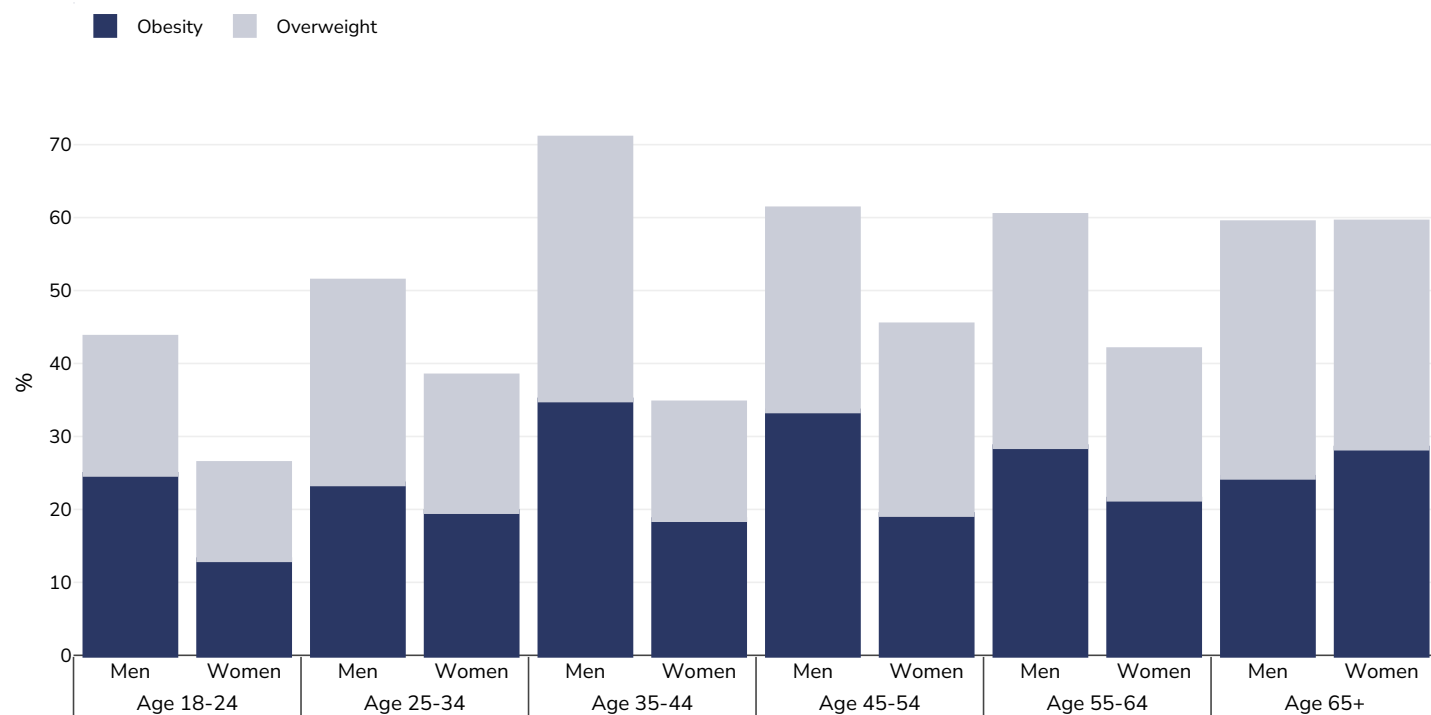
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Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2018-2022



Survey type: Measured

Sample size: 4856

Area covered: National

References: Statistics of Health Promotion 2022. Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C (TAIWAN), 2024.
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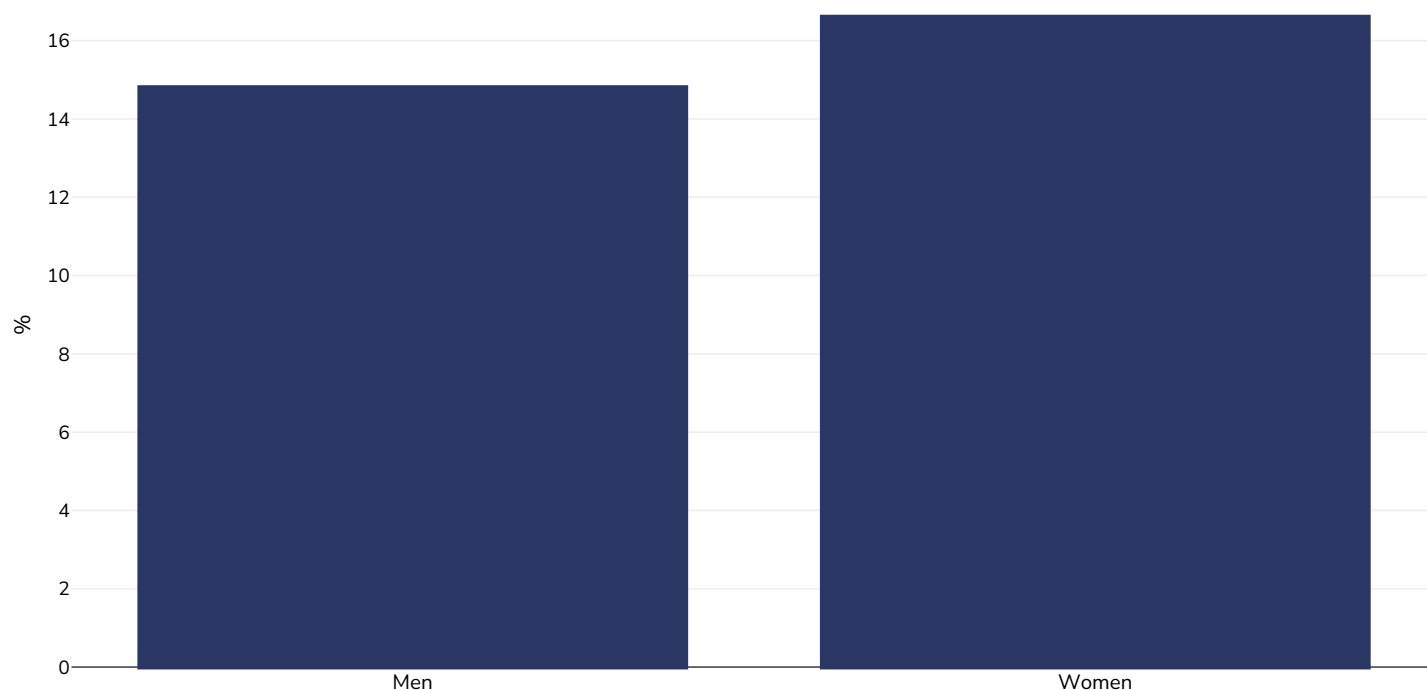
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Cutoffs: Taiwanese cutoffs

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Double burden of underweight & overweight

Adults, 2022



Survey type: Measured

Age: 20+

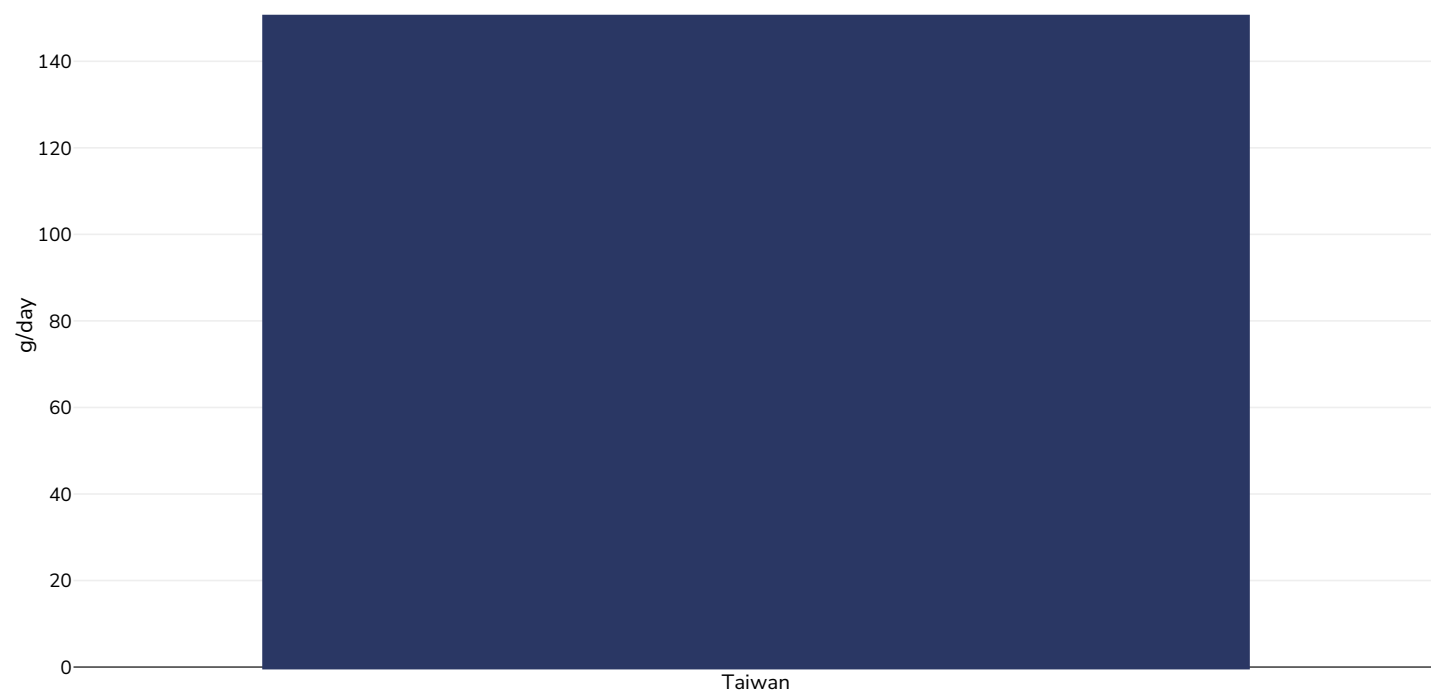
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Notes: Age Standardised estimates

Definitions: Combined prevalence of BMI<18.5 kg/m² and BMI≥30 kg/m² (double burden of underweight and obesity)

Estimated per capita fruit intake

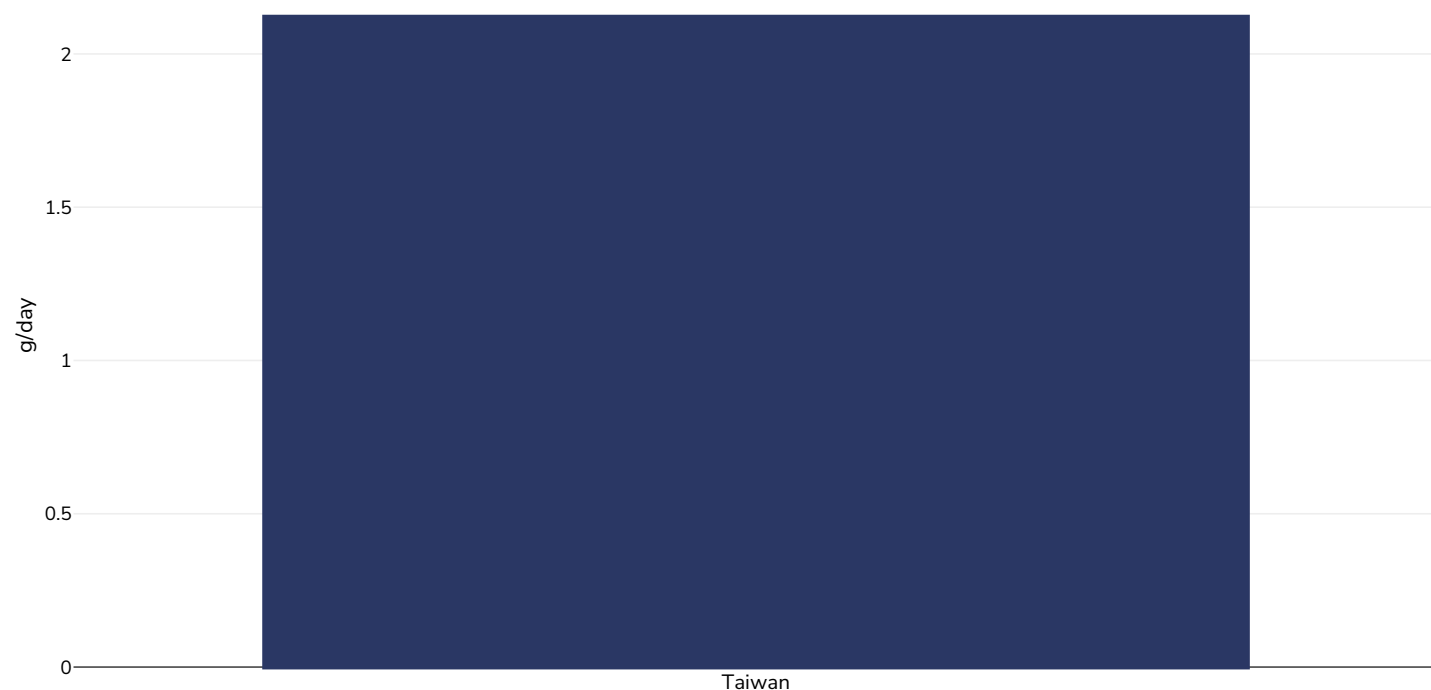
Adults, 2017



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
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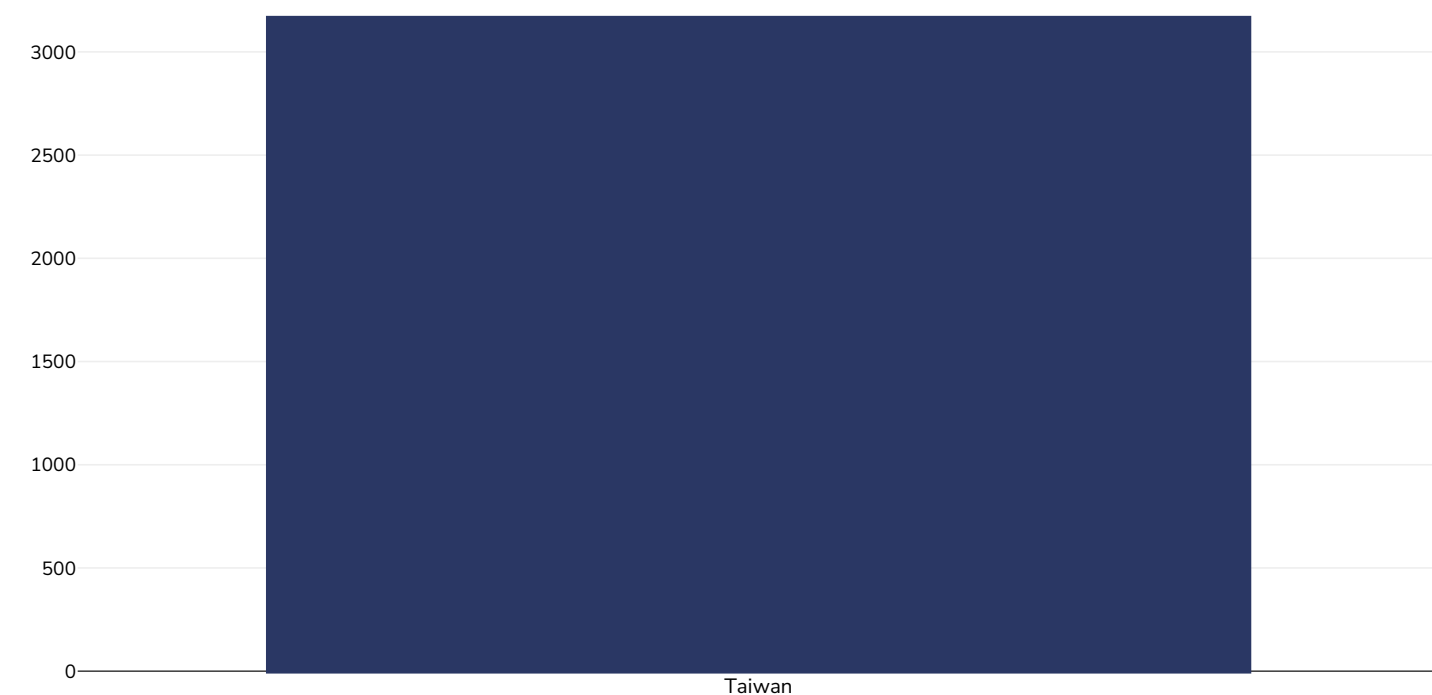
Mental health - depression disorders

Adults, 2021



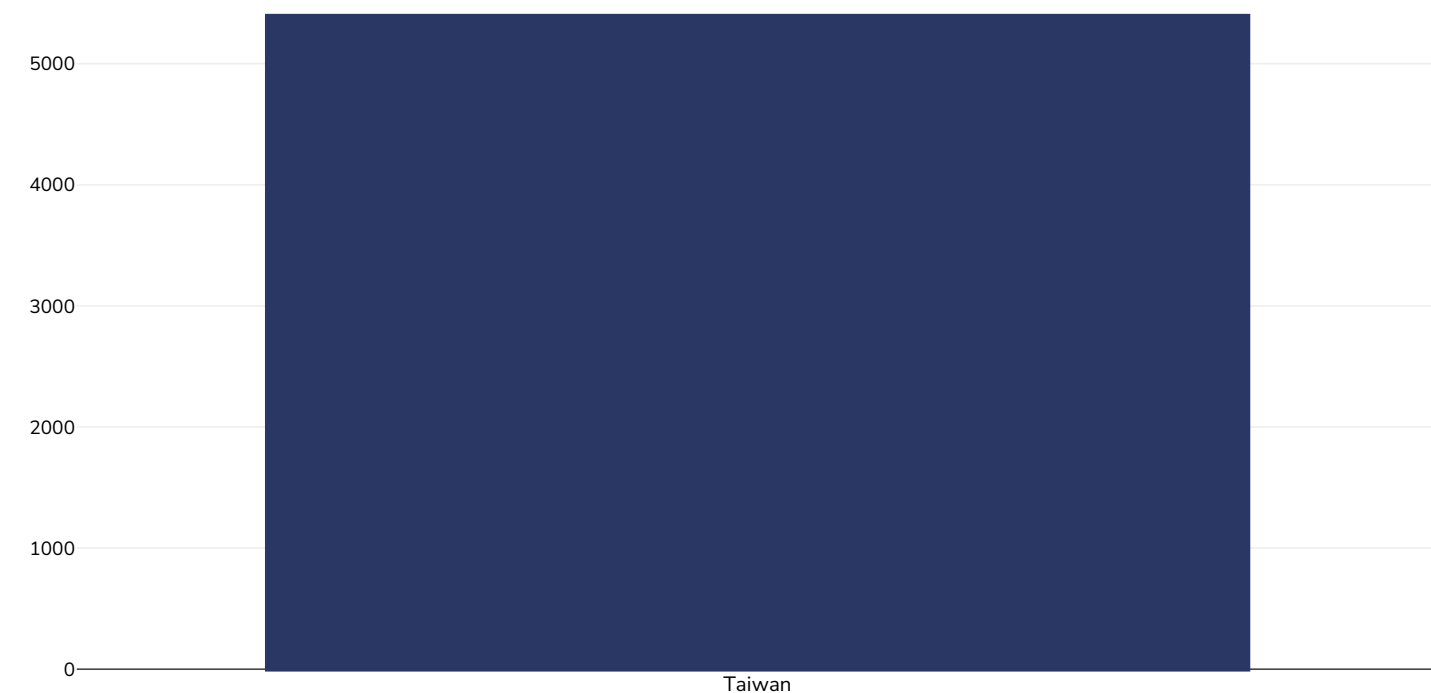
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Definitions:	Number living with depression per 100,000 population (adults 20+ years)

Men, 2021



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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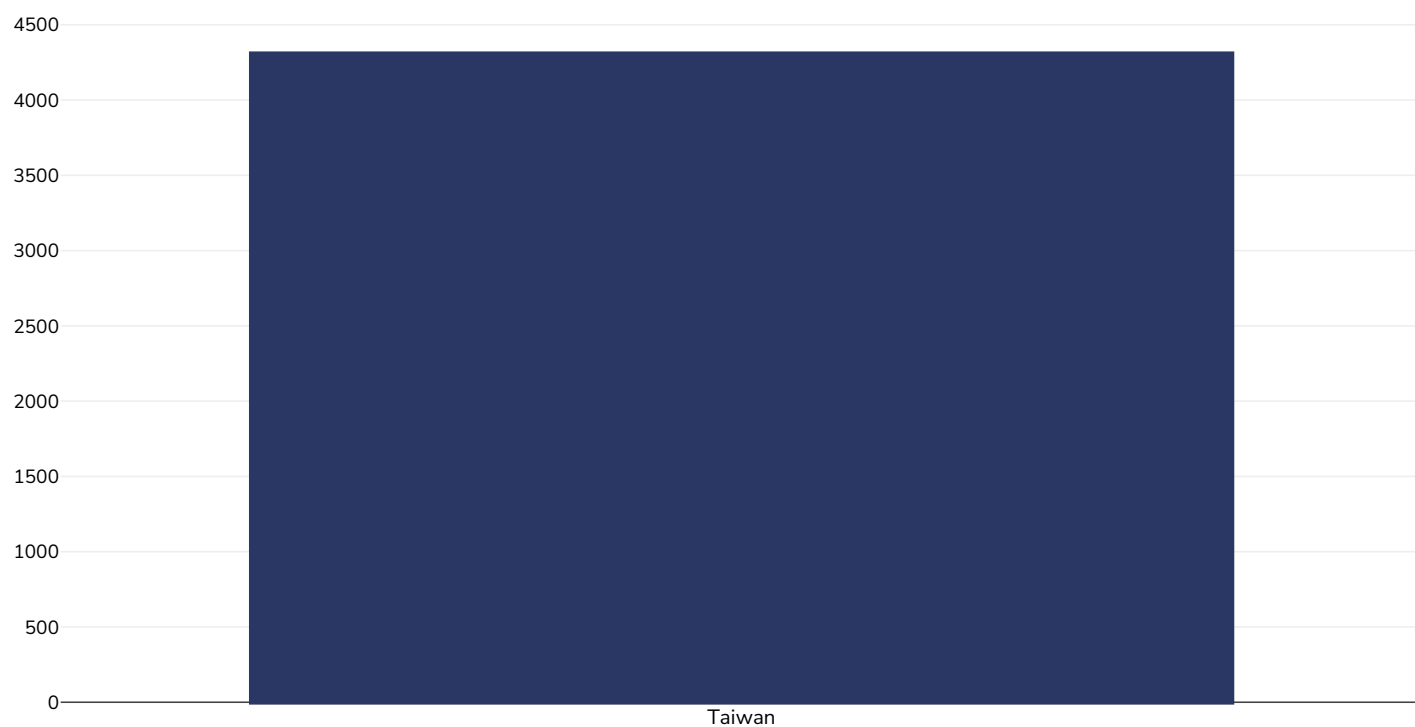
Women, 2021



Age:	20+
Area covered:	National
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Mental health - anxiety disorders

Adults, 2021

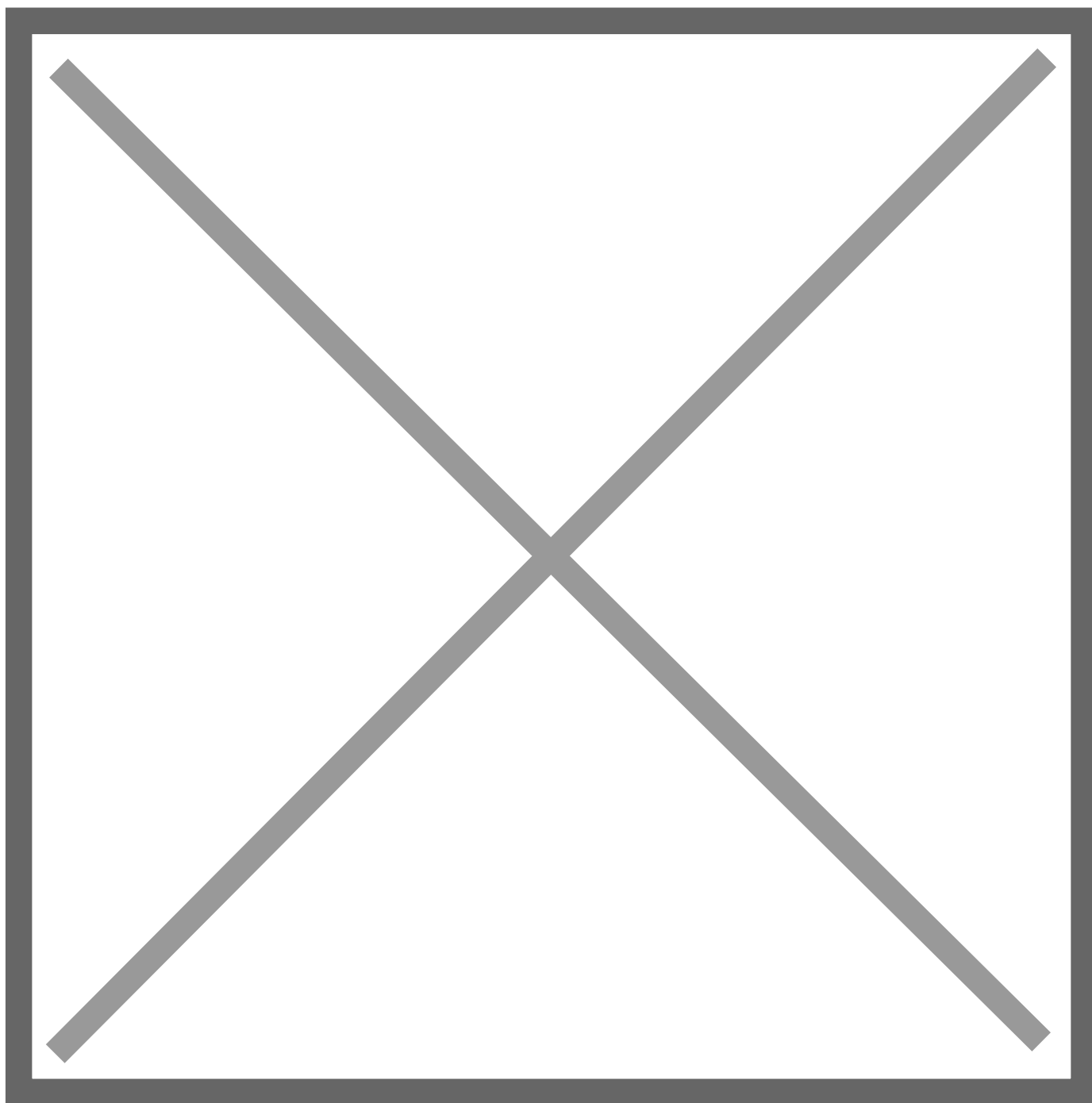


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Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Men, 2021

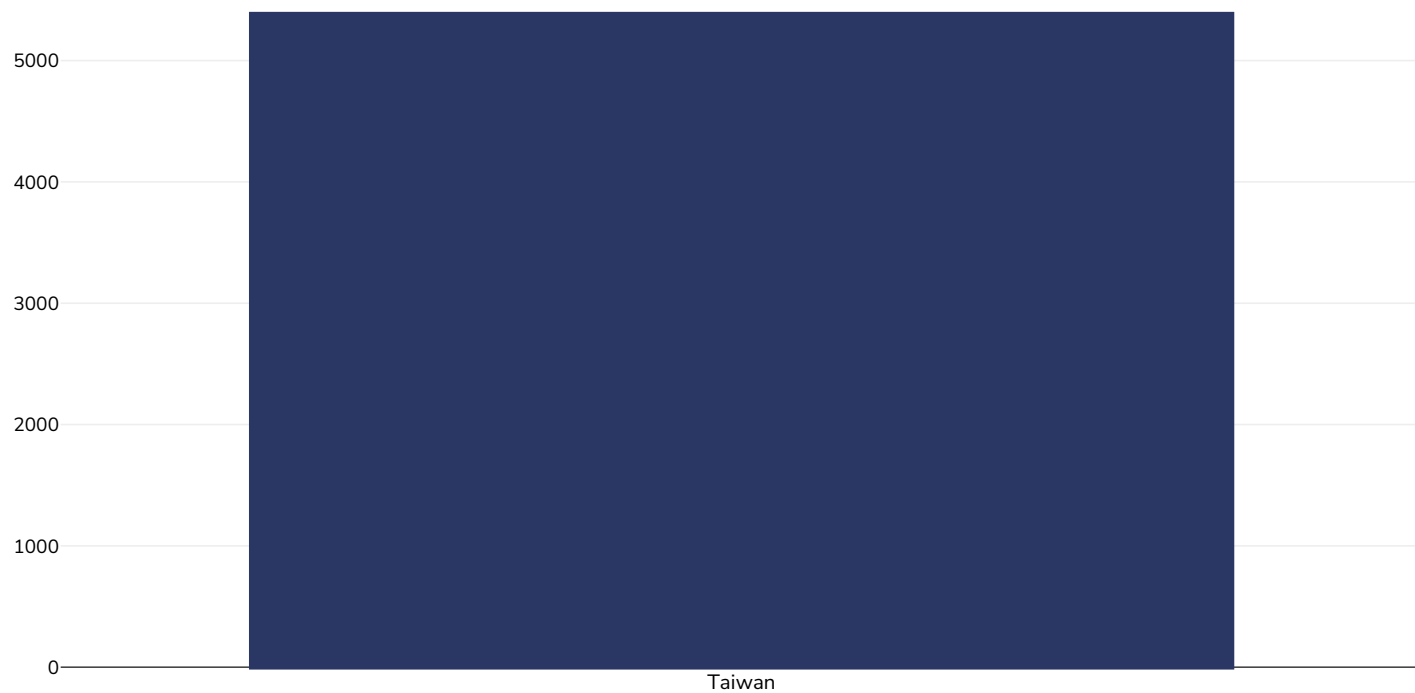


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Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Women, 2021



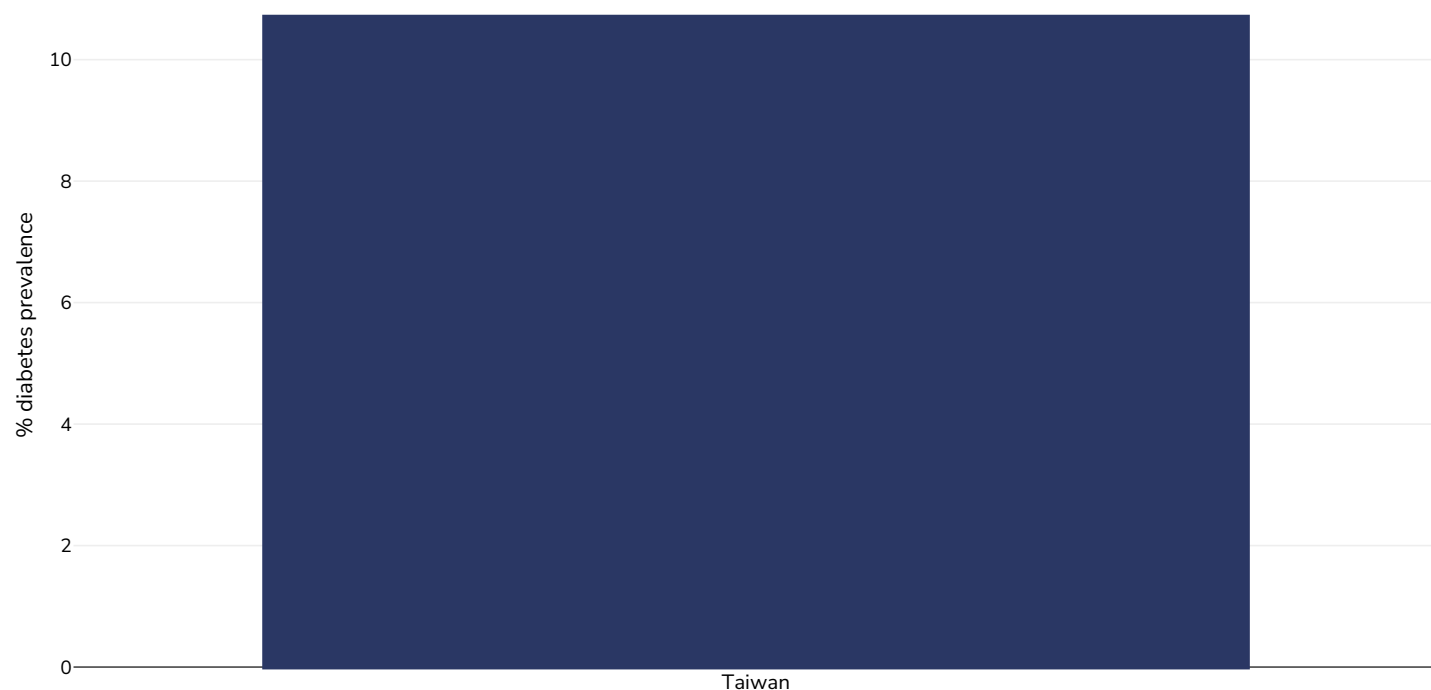
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Definitions: Number living with anxiety per 100,000 population

Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



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