

# Report card

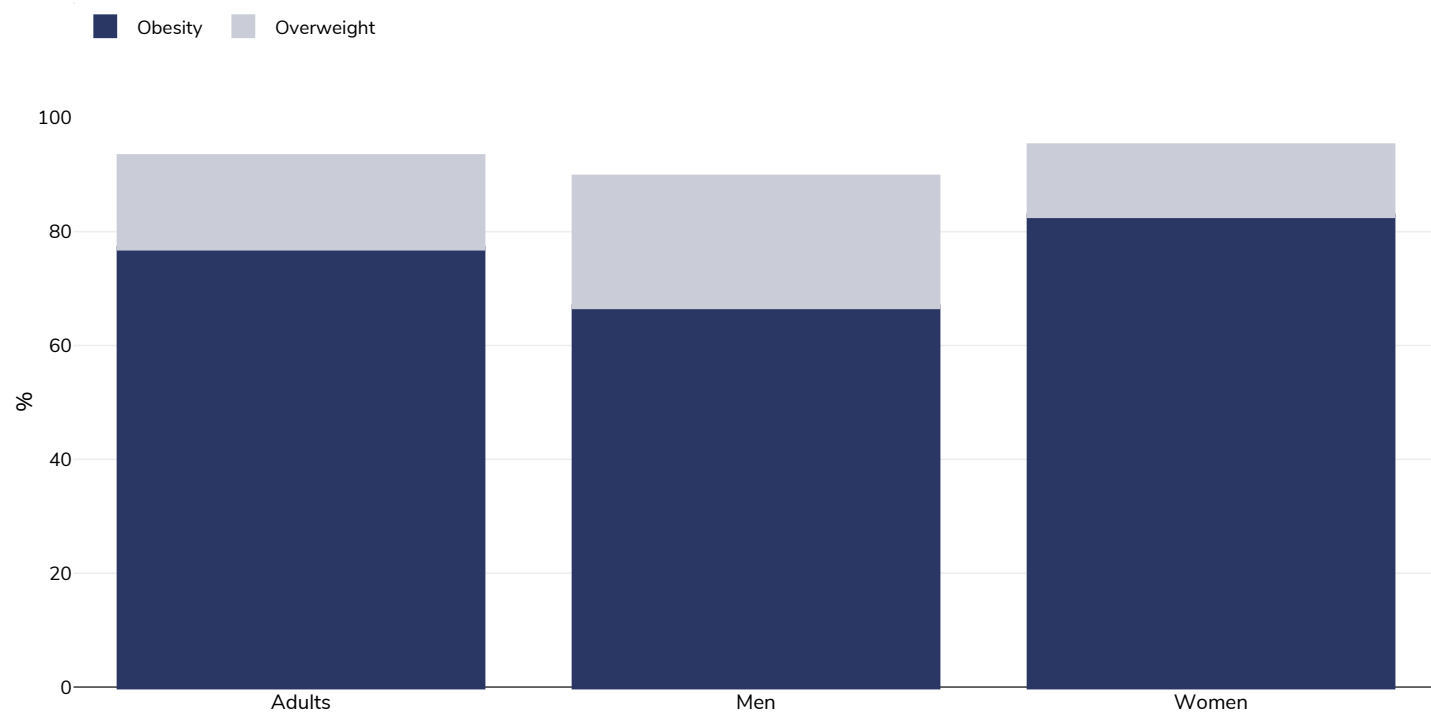
## Tonga



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## Obesity prevalence

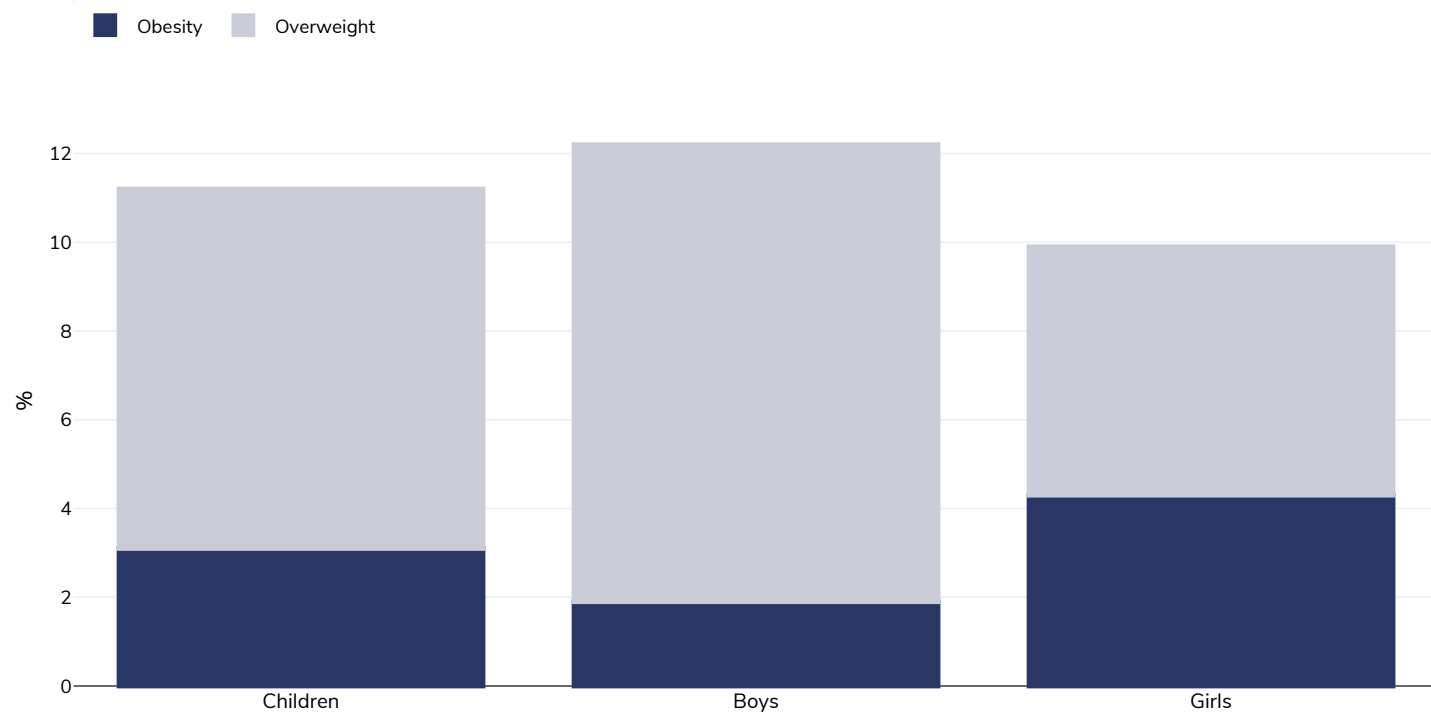
### Adults, 2017



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	18-69
Sample size:	3858
Area covered:	National
References:	Tonga STEPS Survey 2017 <a href="https://extranet.who.int/ncdsmicrodata/index.php/catalog/713">https://extranet.who.int/ncdsmicrodata/index.php/catalog/713</a> (Last accessed 13.10.20)

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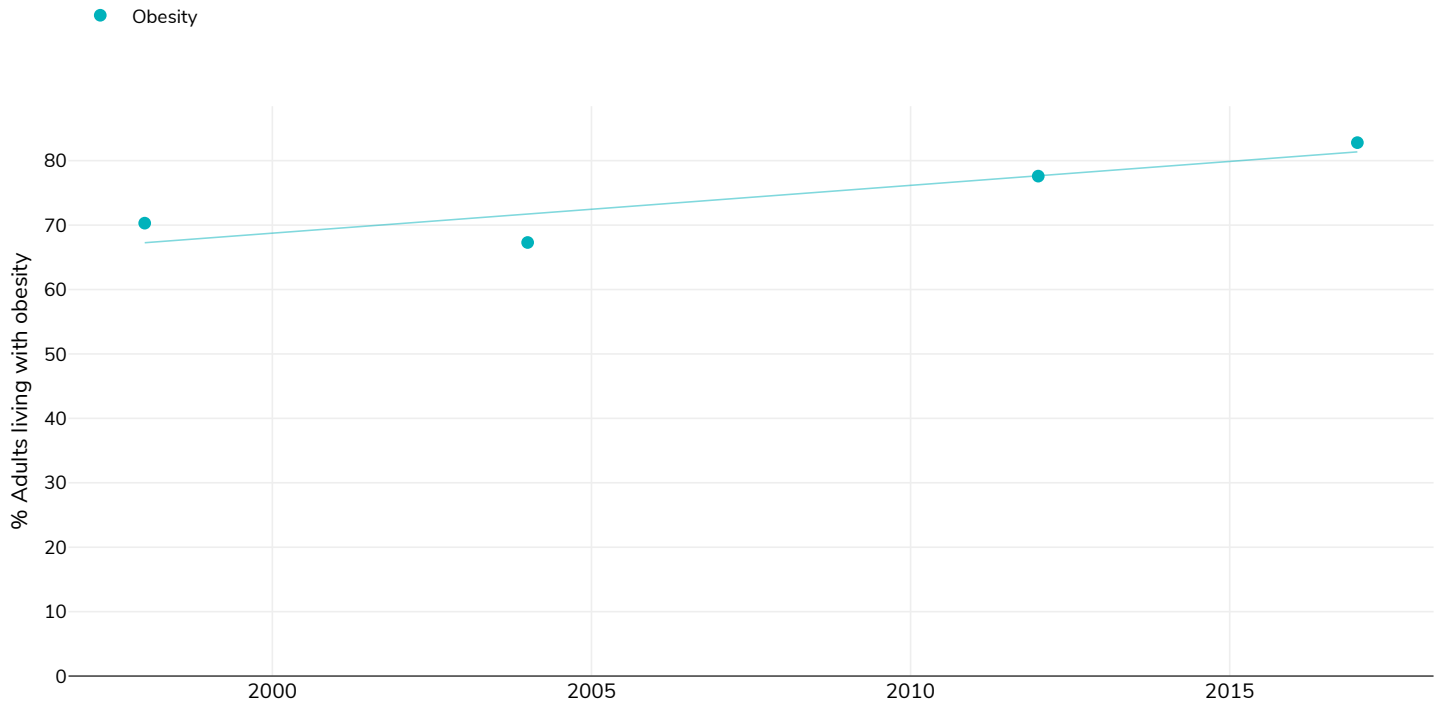
## Children, 2019



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	0-5
Sample size:	1271
Area covered:	National
References:	Tonga Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2019, Survey Findings Report. Nuku'alofa, Tonga: Tonga Statistics Department
Notes:	Infants.
Definitions:	Weight for height. Overweight = +2SD-+3SD. Obesity = >+3SD
Cutoffs:	Other

## % Adults living with obesity, 1998-2017

### Women



Survey type:

Measured

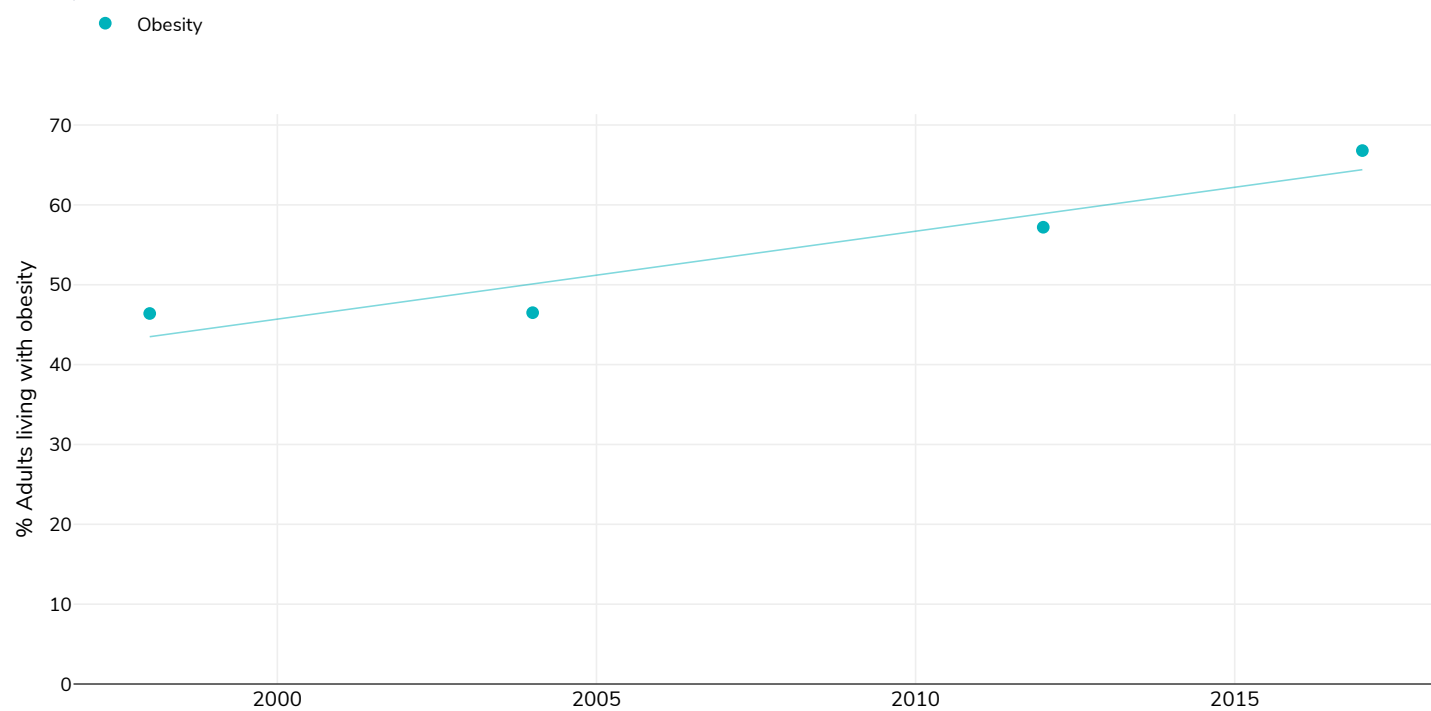
References:

For full details of references visit <https://data.worldobesity.org/>

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## Men



Survey type:

Measured

References:

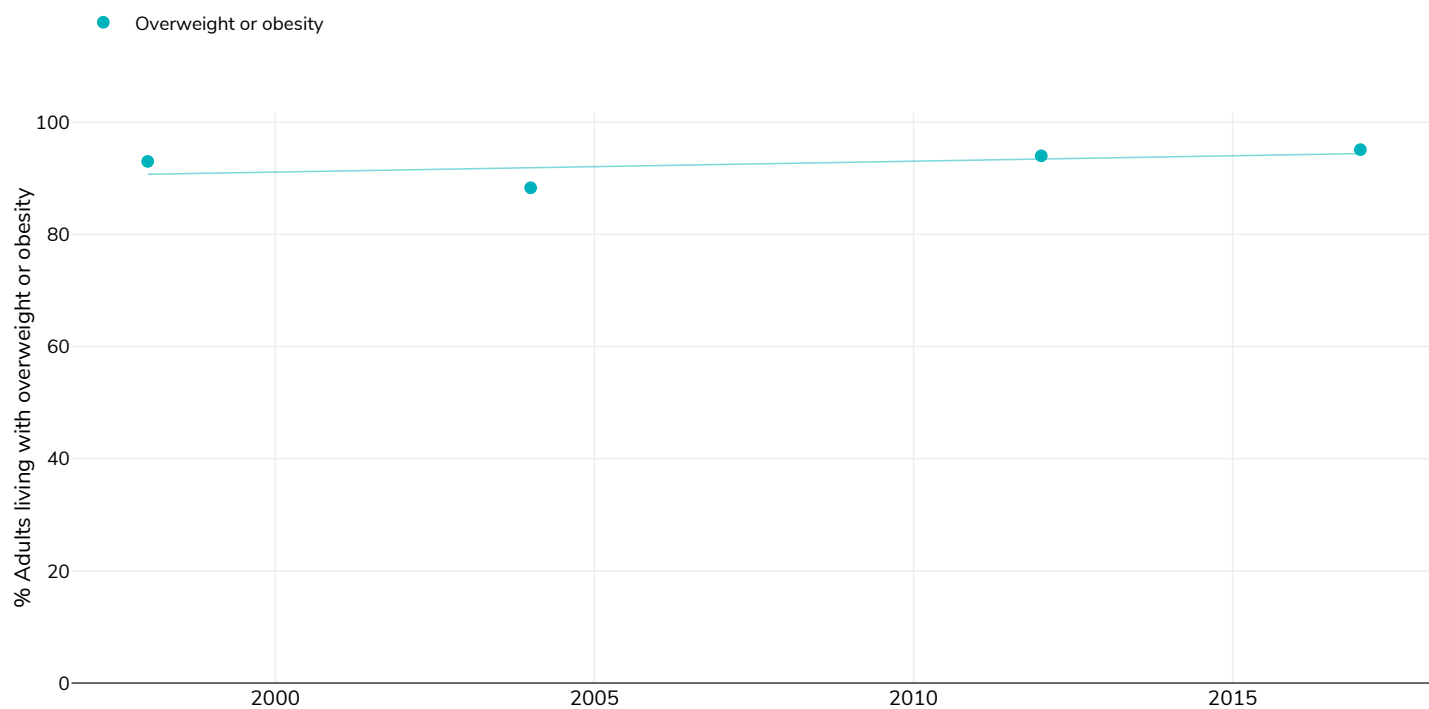
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## % Adults living with overweight or obesity, 1998-2017

### Women



Survey type:

Measured

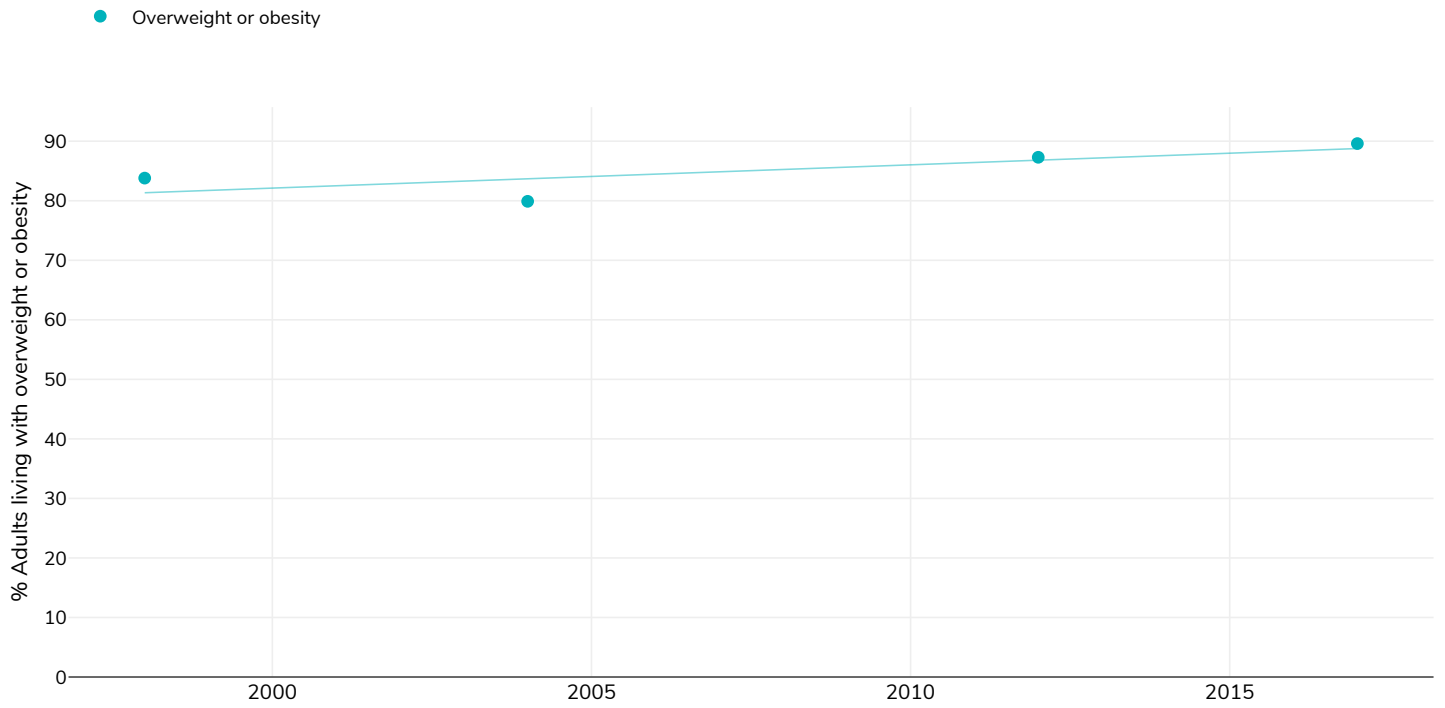
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## Men



Survey type:

Measured

References:

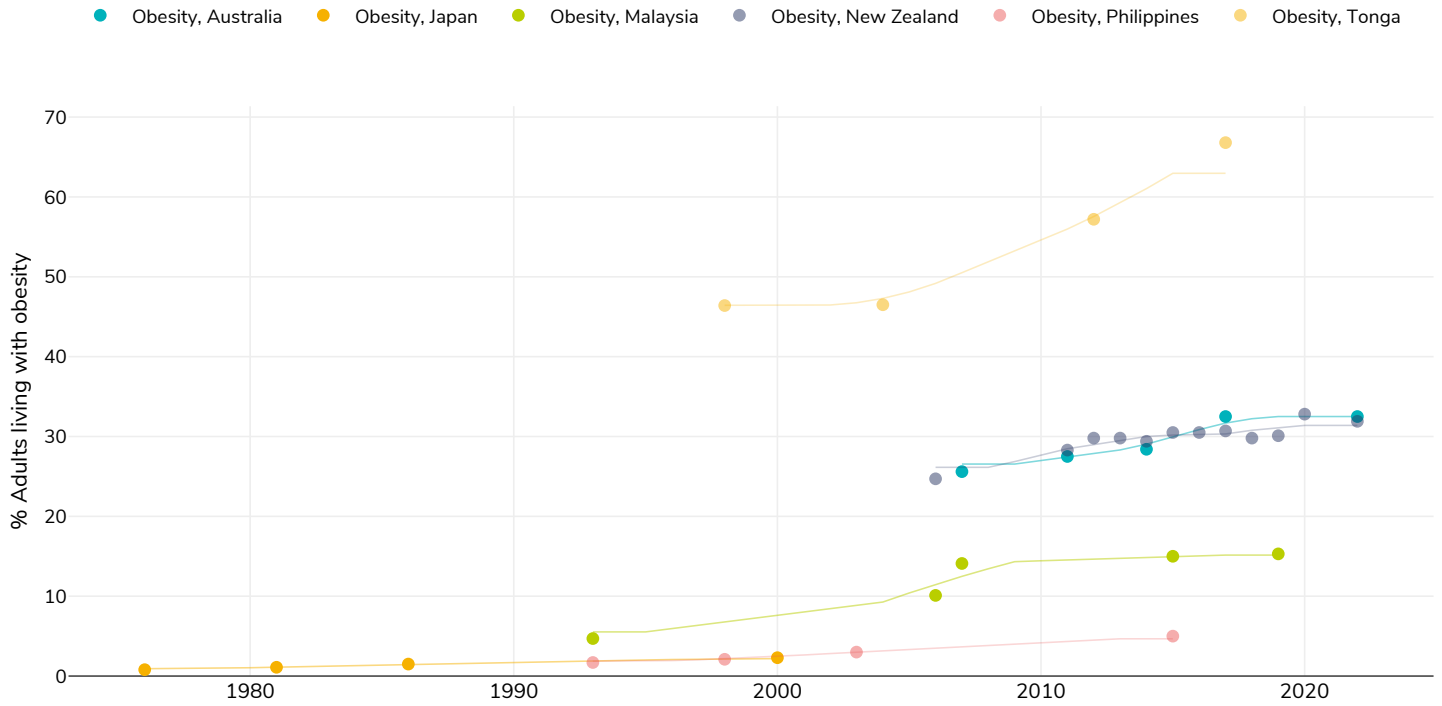
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## % Adults living with obesity, selected countries, 1976-2023

### Men



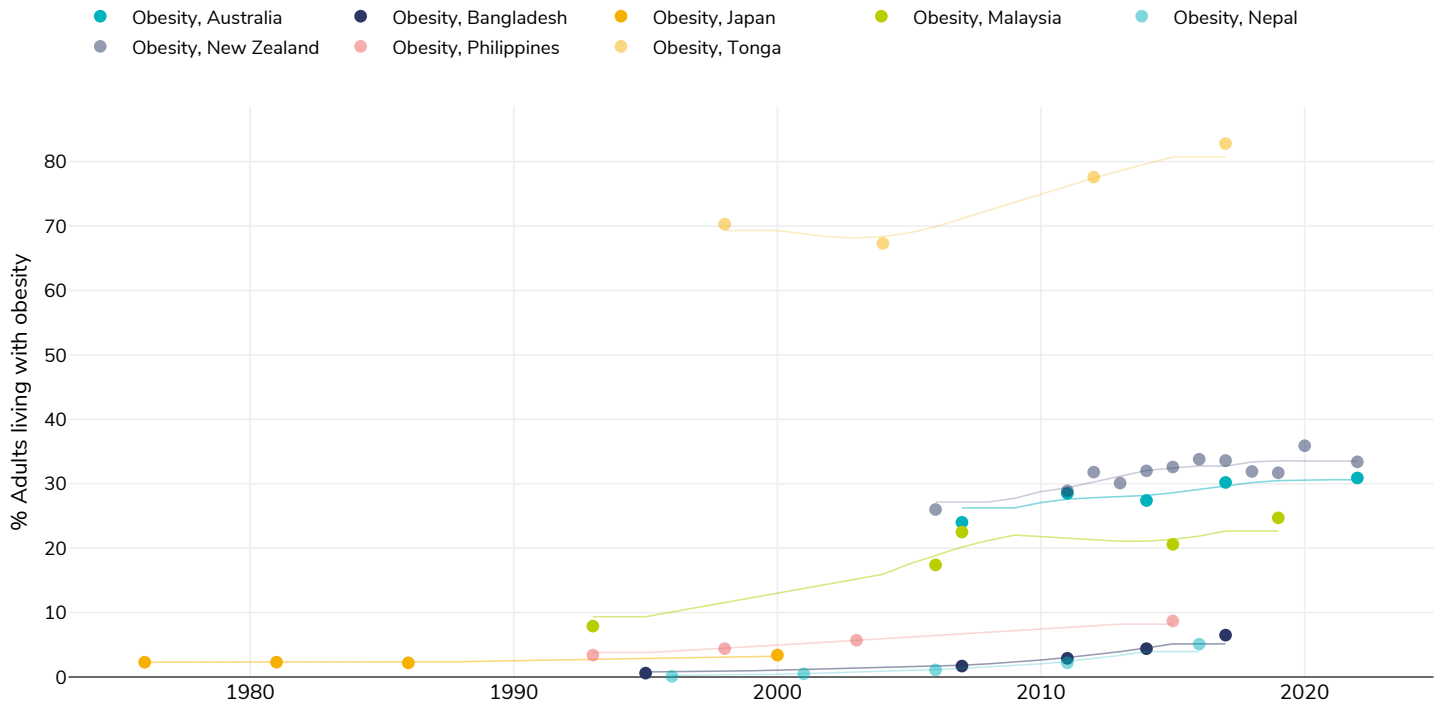
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## Women



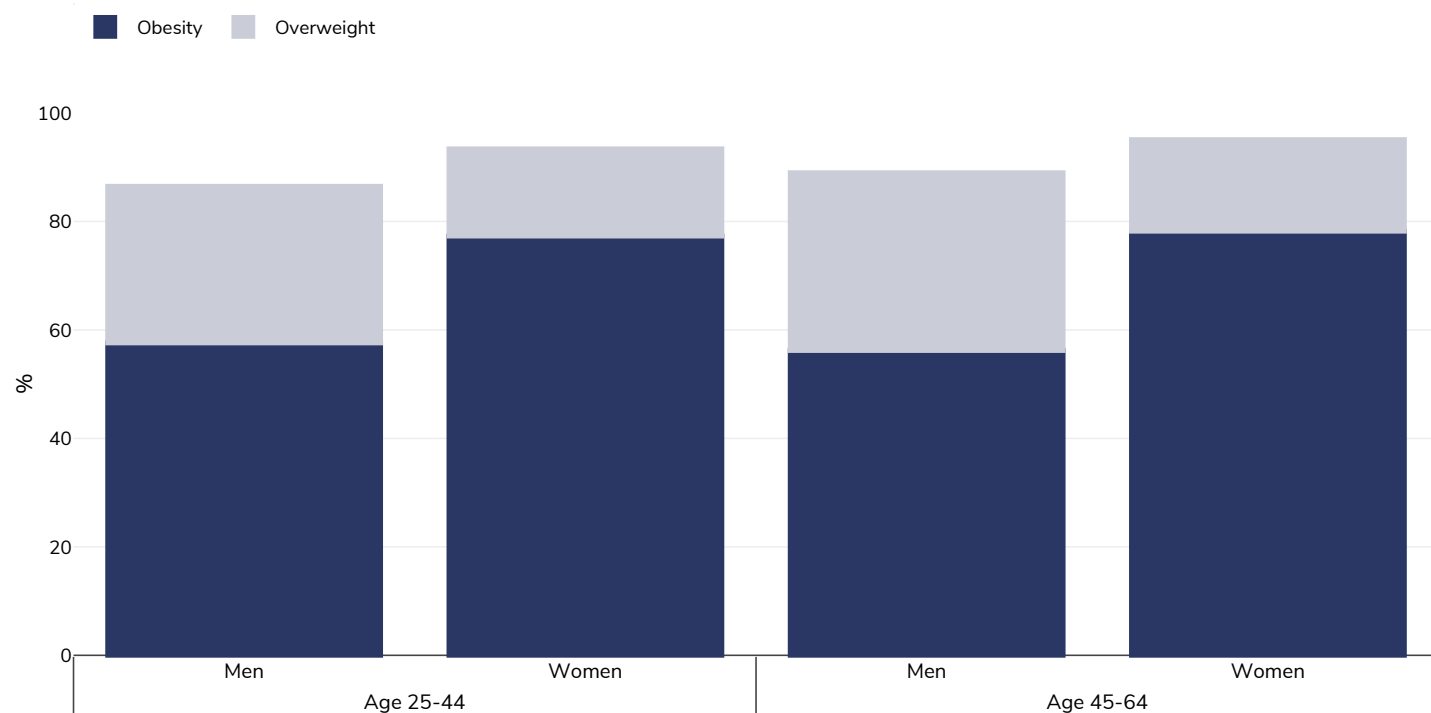
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## Overweight/obesity by age

### Adults, 2012



Survey type: Measured

Sample size: 2599

Area covered: National

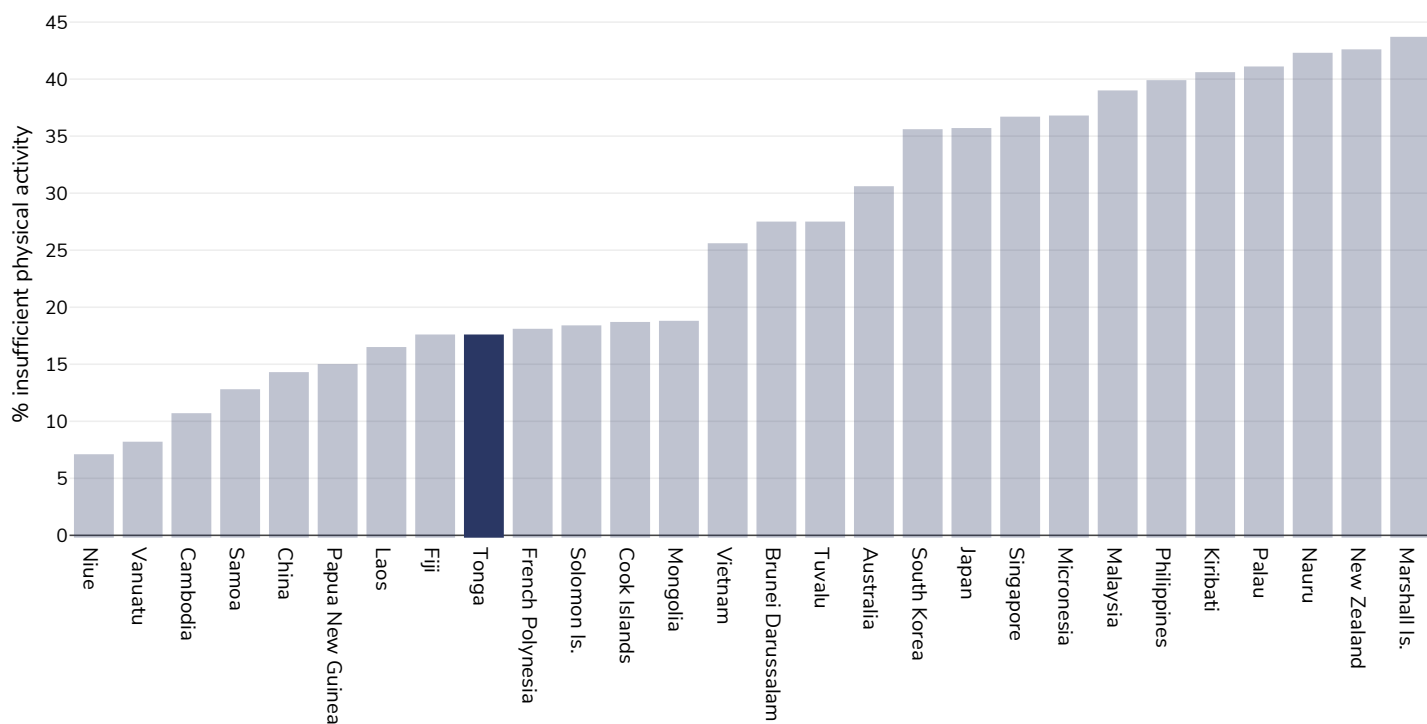
References: STEPS Survey Tonga 2012 available at [https://www.who.int/ncds/surveillance/steps/2012\\_Tonga\\_STEPSReport.pdf](https://www.who.int/ncds/surveillance/steps/2012_Tonga_STEPSReport.pdf) (last accessed 04.05.2020)

Notes: STEPS

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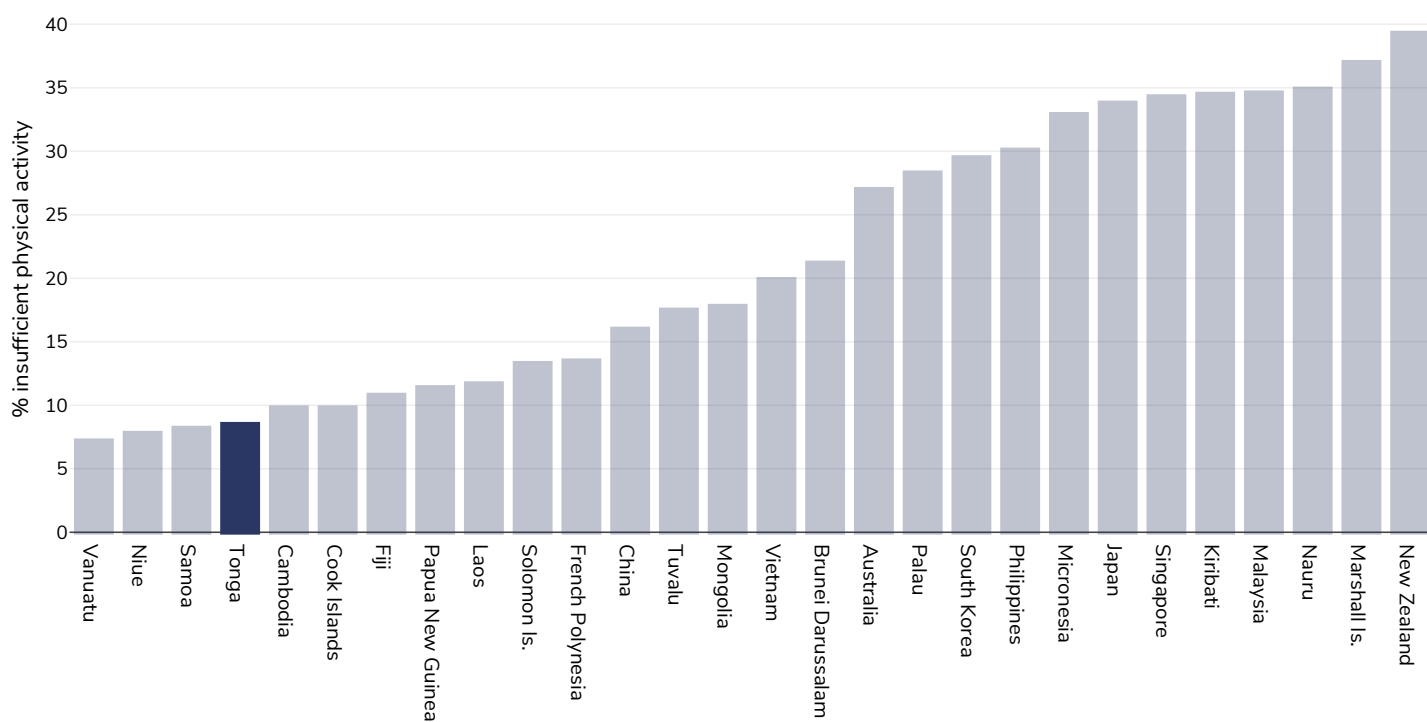
## Insufficient physical activity

### Adults, 2016



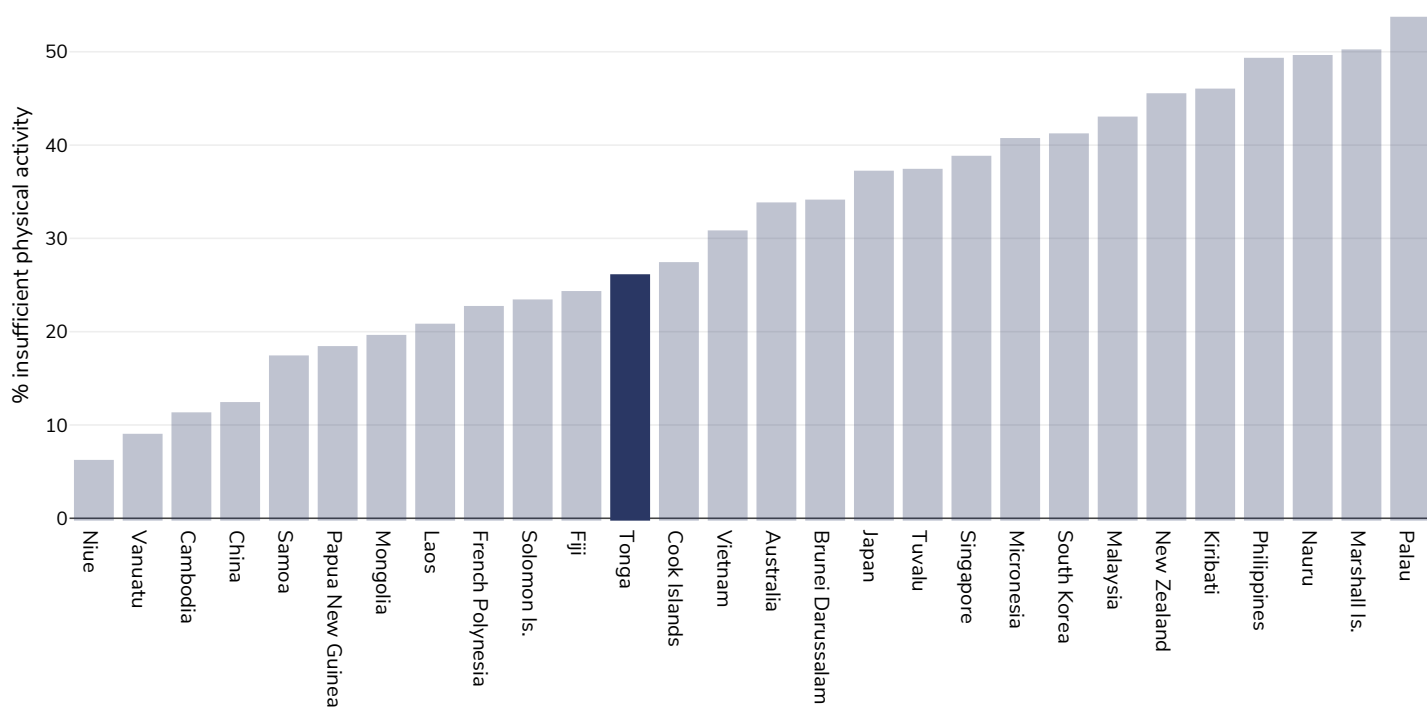
References: Guthold R, Stevens GA, Riley LM, Bull FC. Worldwide trends in insufficient physical activity from 2001 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 358 population-based surveys with 1.9 million participants. Lancet 2018 [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X\(18\)30357-7](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(18)30357-7)

## Men, 2016



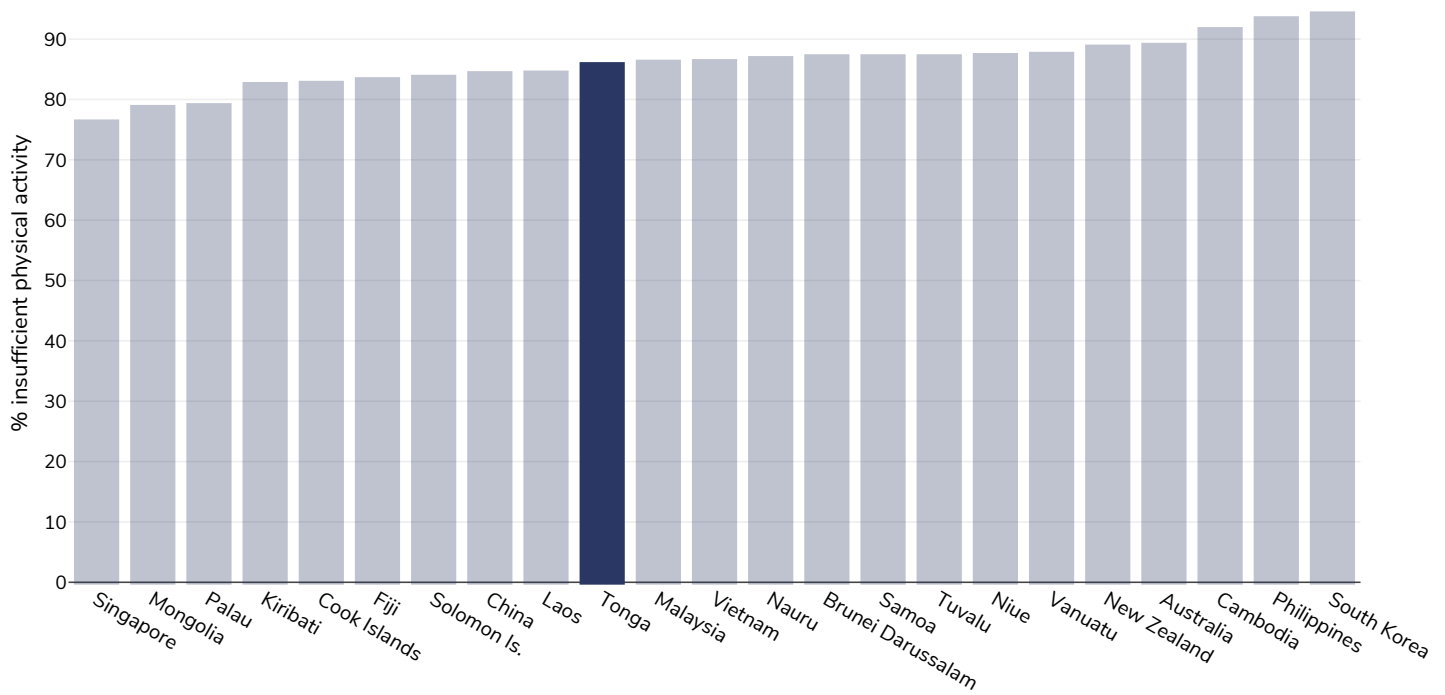
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## Children, 2016



Survey type: Self-reported

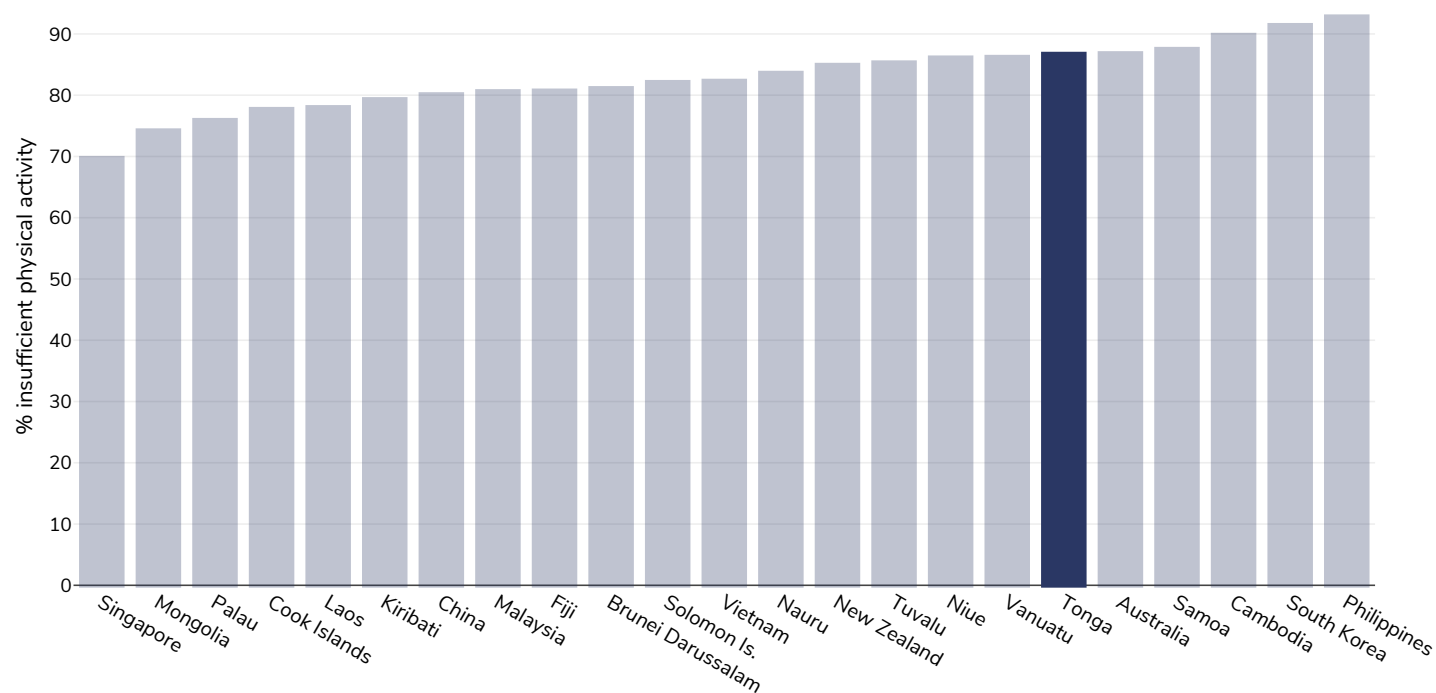
Age: 11-17

References: Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, <https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A893ADO?lang=en> (last accessed 16.03.21)

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



Survey type: Self-reported

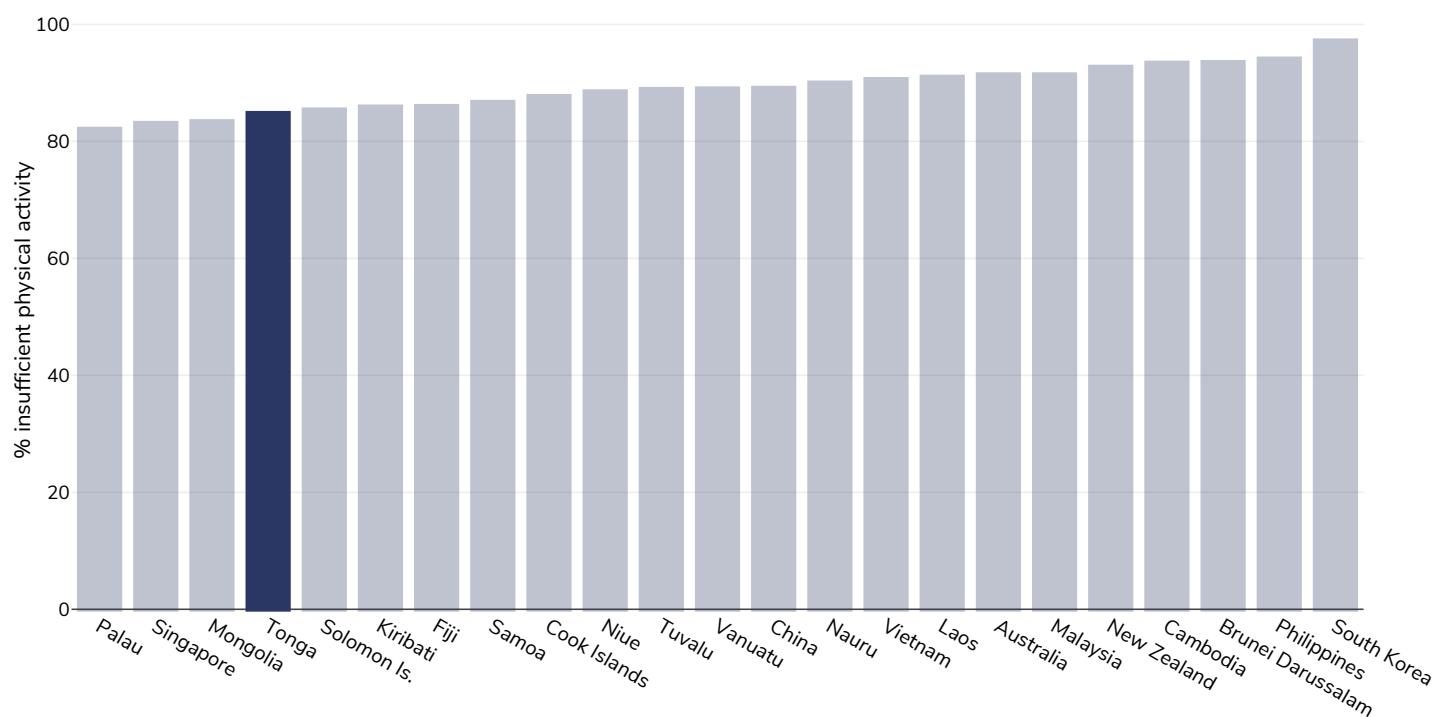
Age: 11-17

References: Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, <https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A893ADO?lang=en> (last accessed 16.03.21)

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)

## Girls, 2016



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 11-17

References: Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, <https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A893ADO?lang=en> (last accessed 16.03.21)

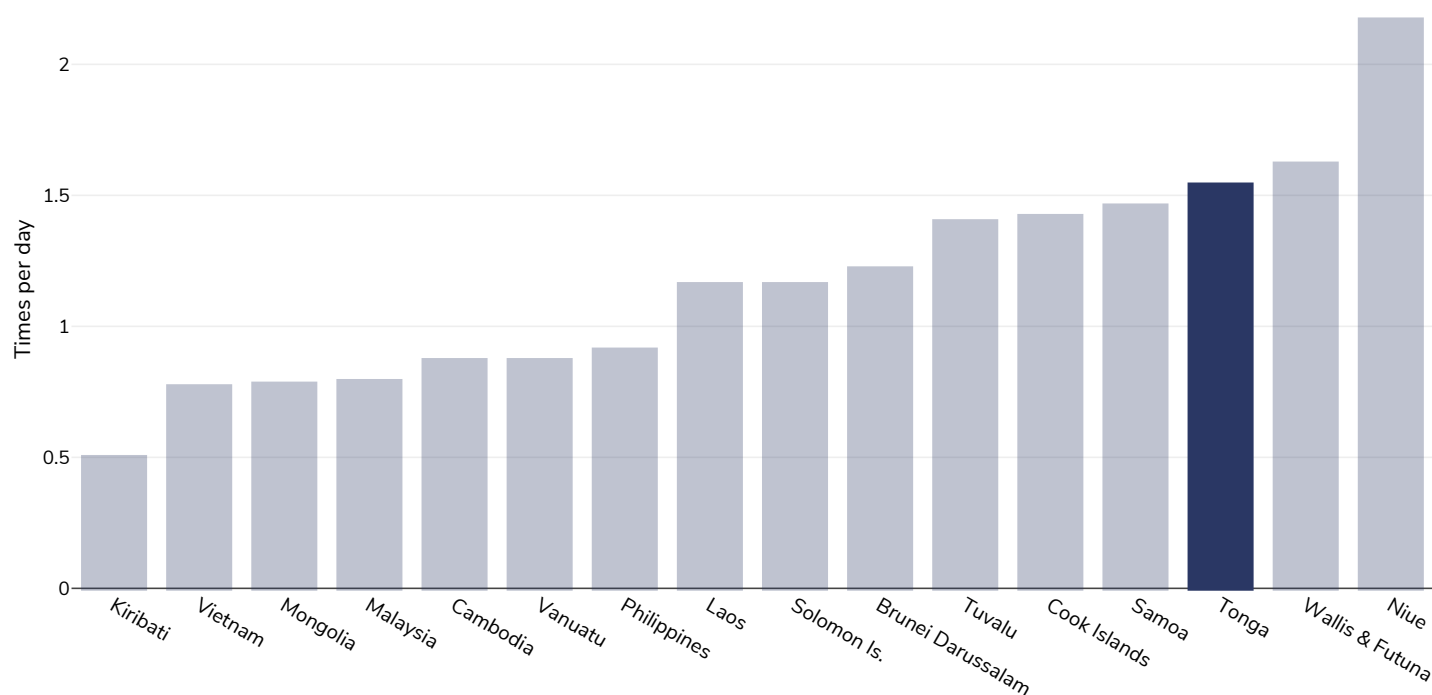
Notes: % of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.

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## Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

### Children, 2010-2015



Survey type:

Measured

Age:

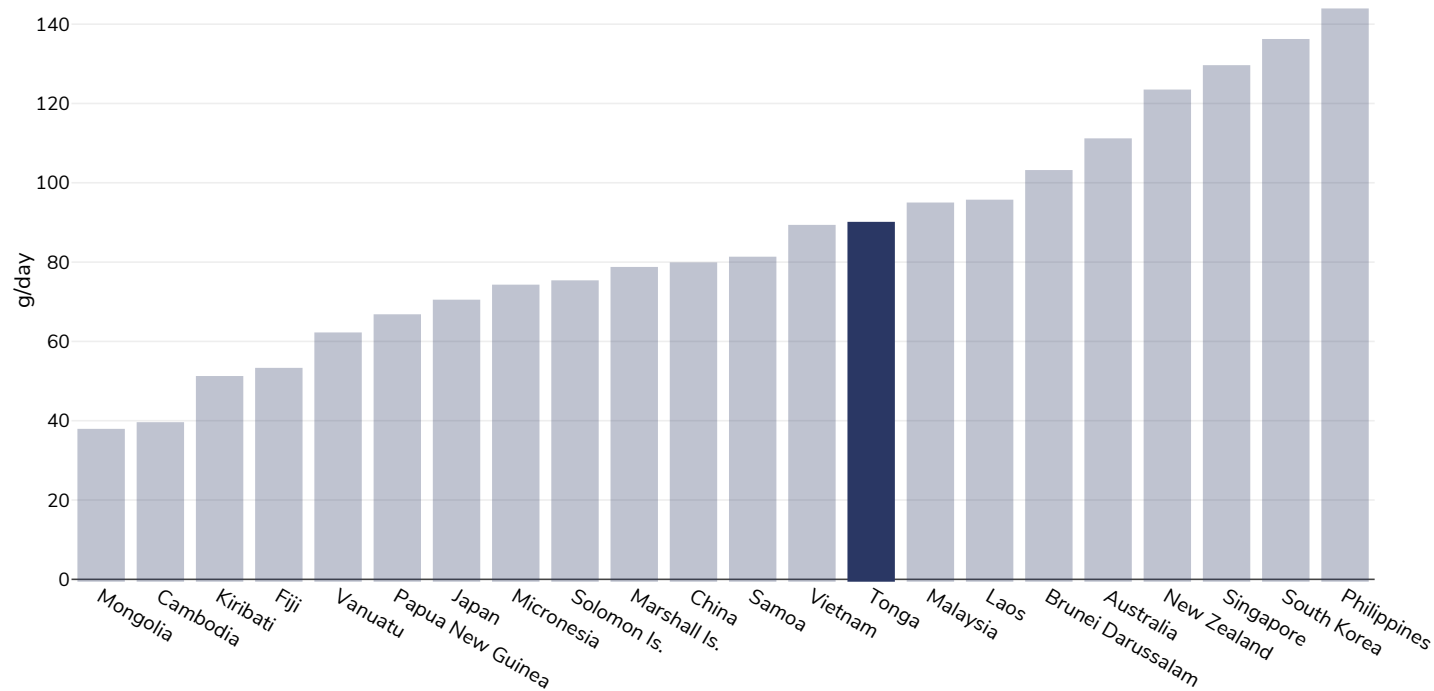
12-17

References:

Beal et al. (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287> sourced from Food Systems Dashboard <http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system>

## Estimated per capita fruit intake

### Adults, 2017



Survey type: Measured

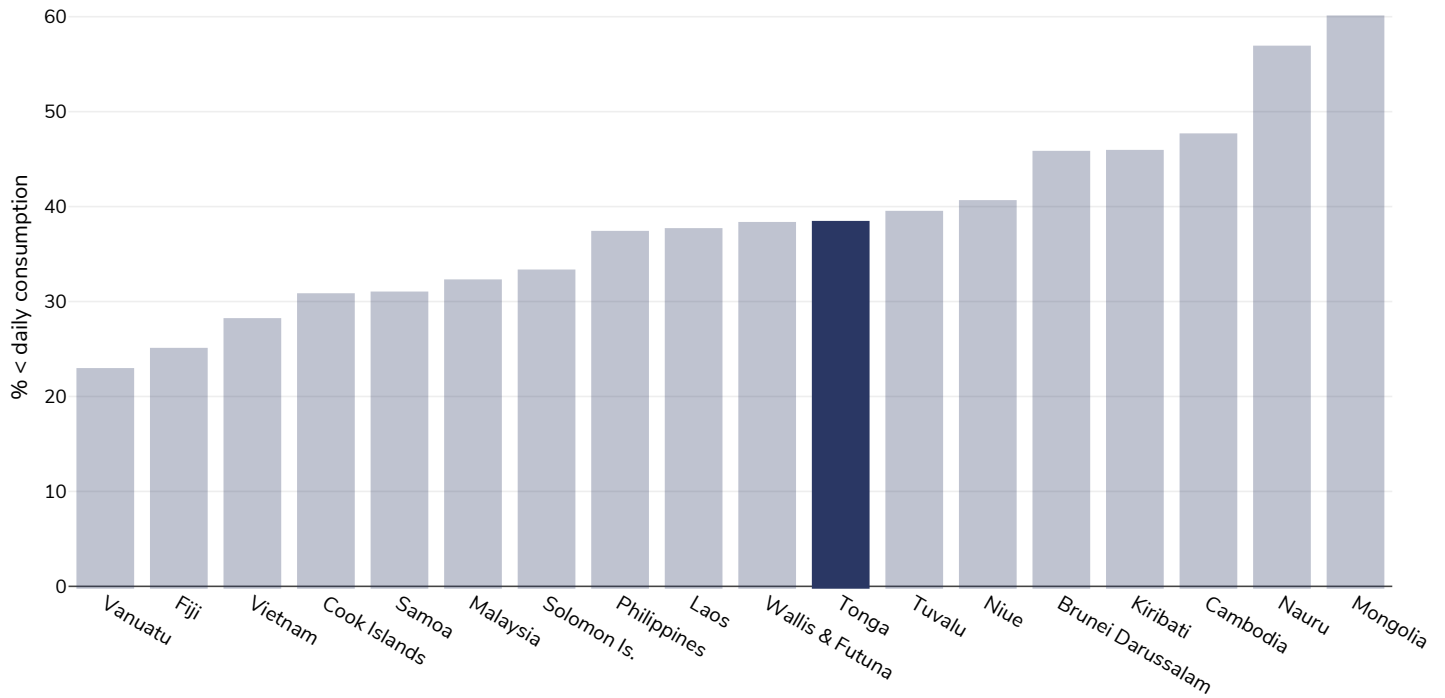
Age: 25+

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

Definitions: Estimated per-capita fruit intake (g/day)

## Prevalence of less than daily fruit consumption

### Children, 2010-2015



Survey type: Measured

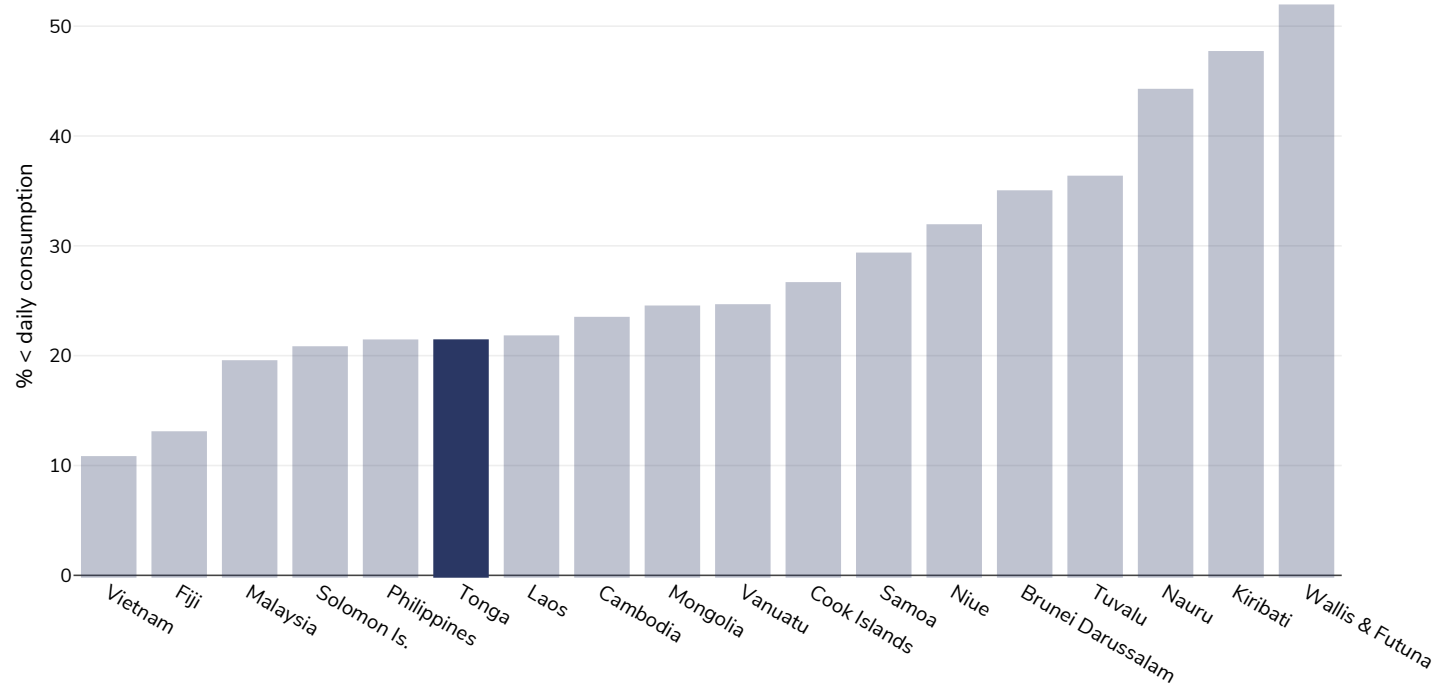
Age: 12-17

References: Global School-based Student Health Surveys. Beal et al (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287>. Sourced from Food Systems Dashboard <http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system>

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

## Prevalence of less than daily vegetable consumption

### Children, 2010-2015



Survey type: Measured

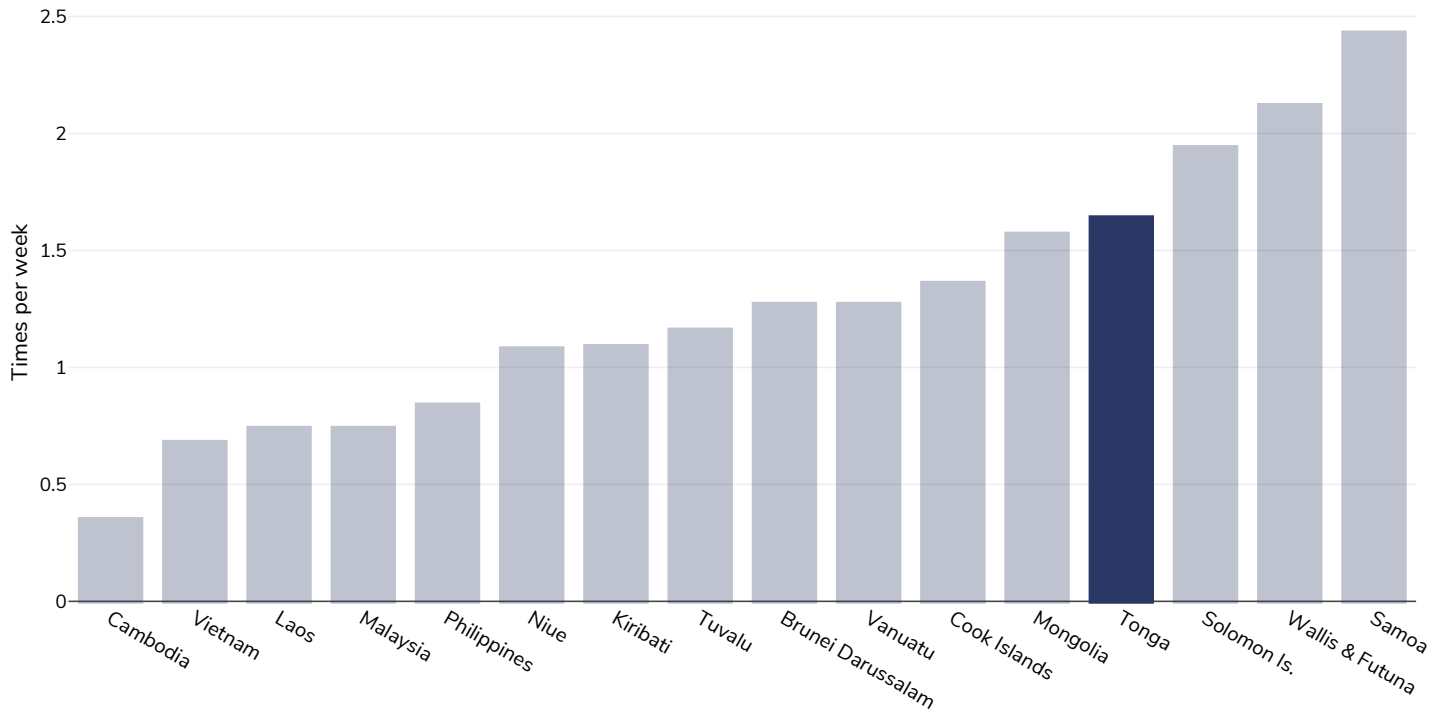
Age: 12-17

References: Beal et al. (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287> sourced from Food Systems Dashboard <http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system>

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

## Average weekly frequency of fast food consumption

### Children, 2010-2015

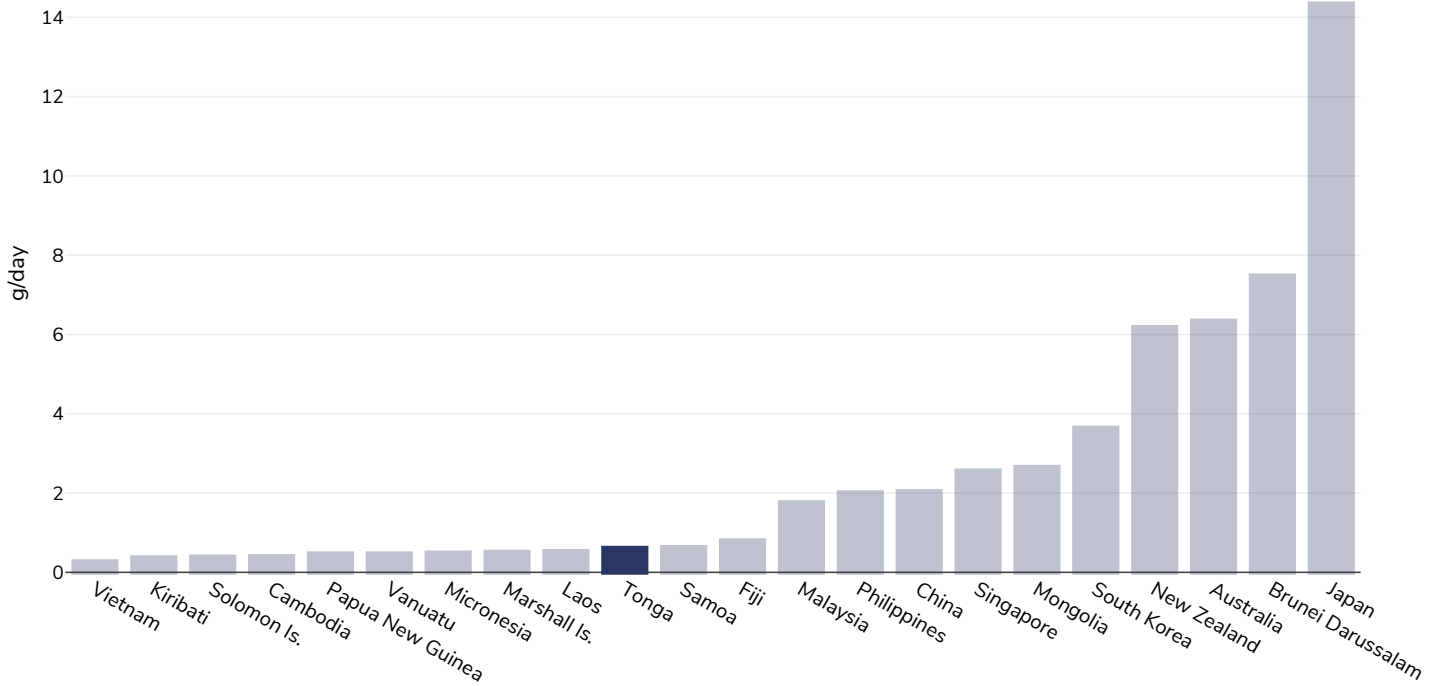


Age: 12-17

References: Beal et al. (2019). Global Patterns of Adolescent Fruit, Vegetable, Carbonated Soft Drink, and Fast-food consumption: A meta-analysis of global school-based student health surveys. Food and Nutrition Bulletin. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0379572119848287> sourced from Food Systems Dashboard <http://www.foodsystemsdashboard.org/food-system>

## Estimated per-capita processed meat intake

Adults, 2017



Survey type: Measured

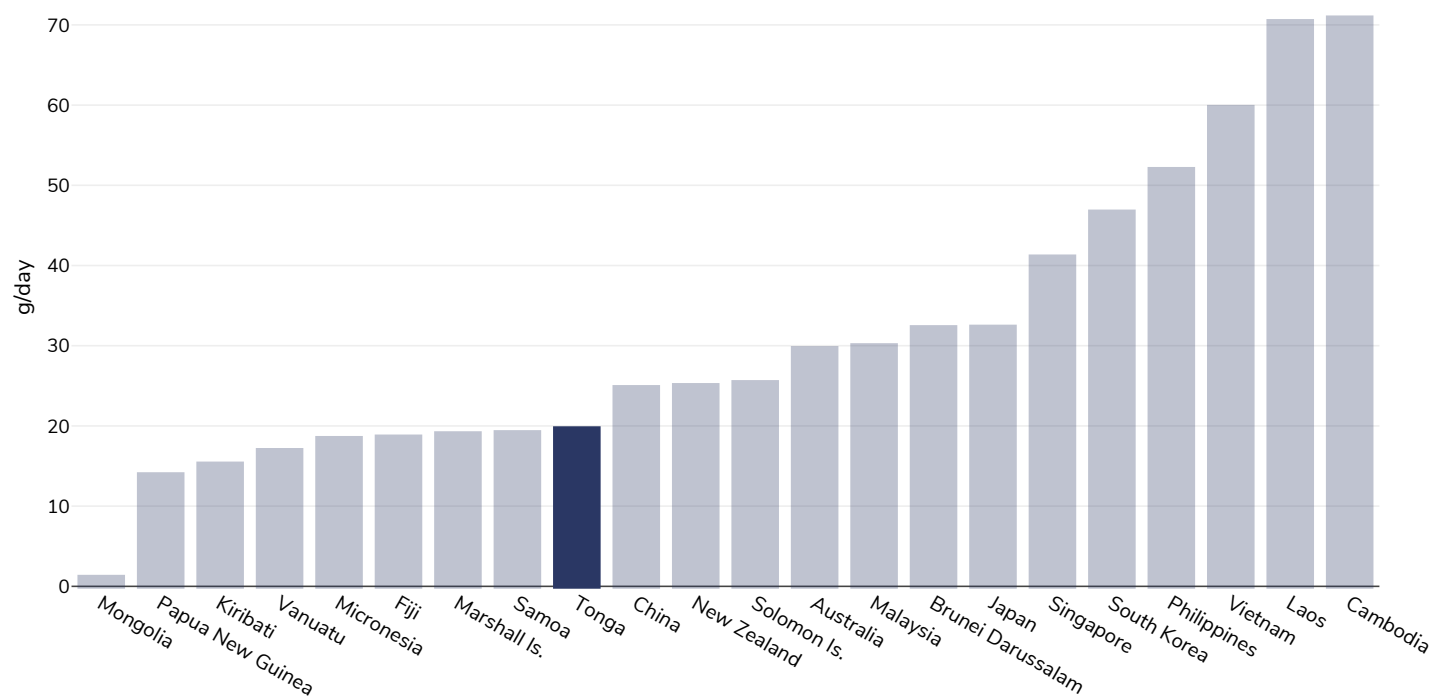
Age: 25+

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

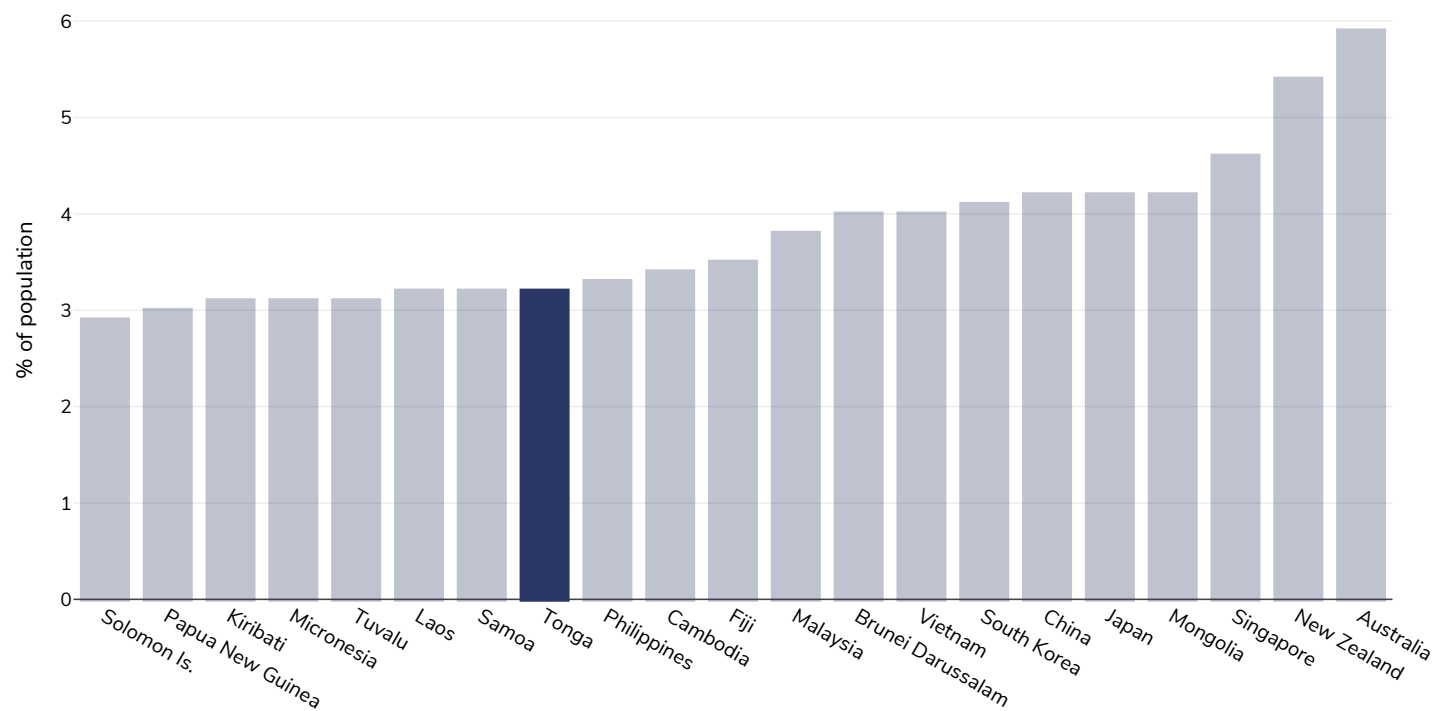
Age: 25+

References: 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, 2015



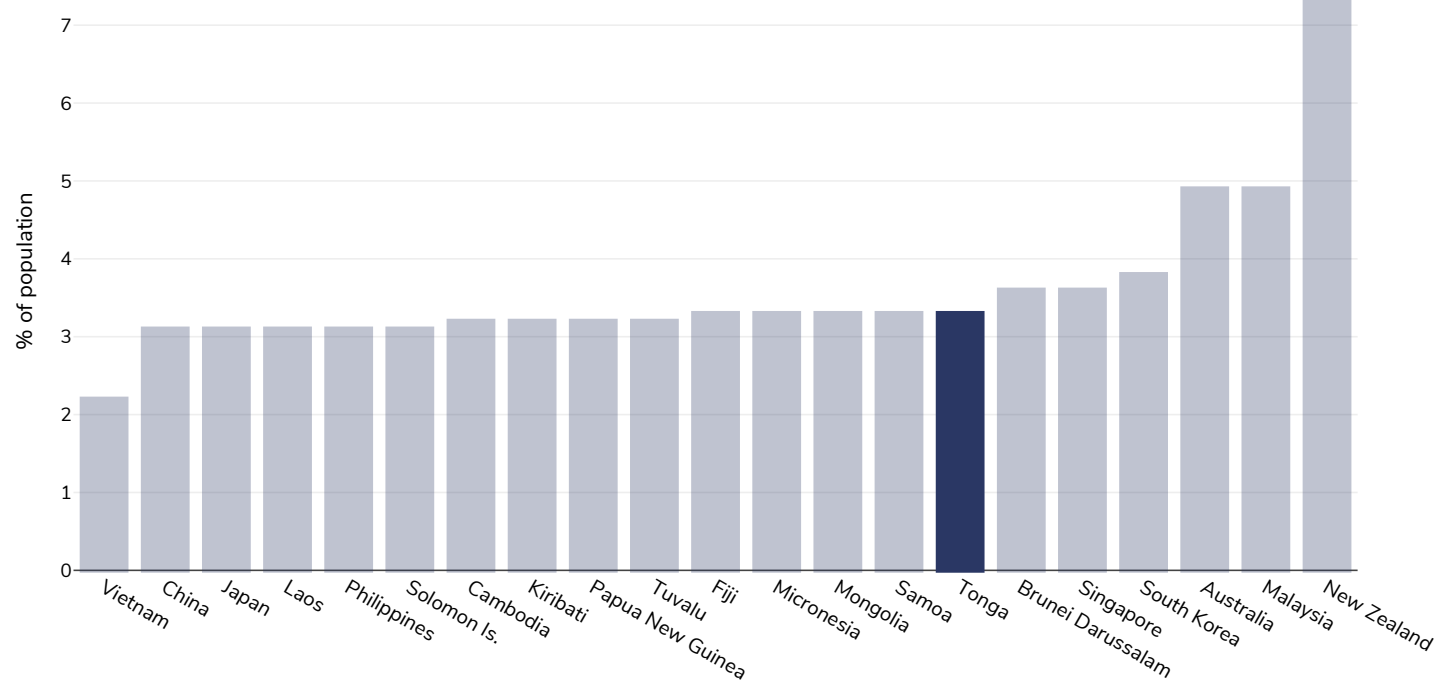
References: Prevalence data from Global Burden of Disease study 2015 (<http://ghdx.healthdata.org>) published in: Depression and Other Common Mental Disorders: Global Health Estimates. Geneva:World Health Organization; 2017. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO.

Definitions: % of population with depression disorders



## Mental health - anxiety disorders

### Adults, 2015

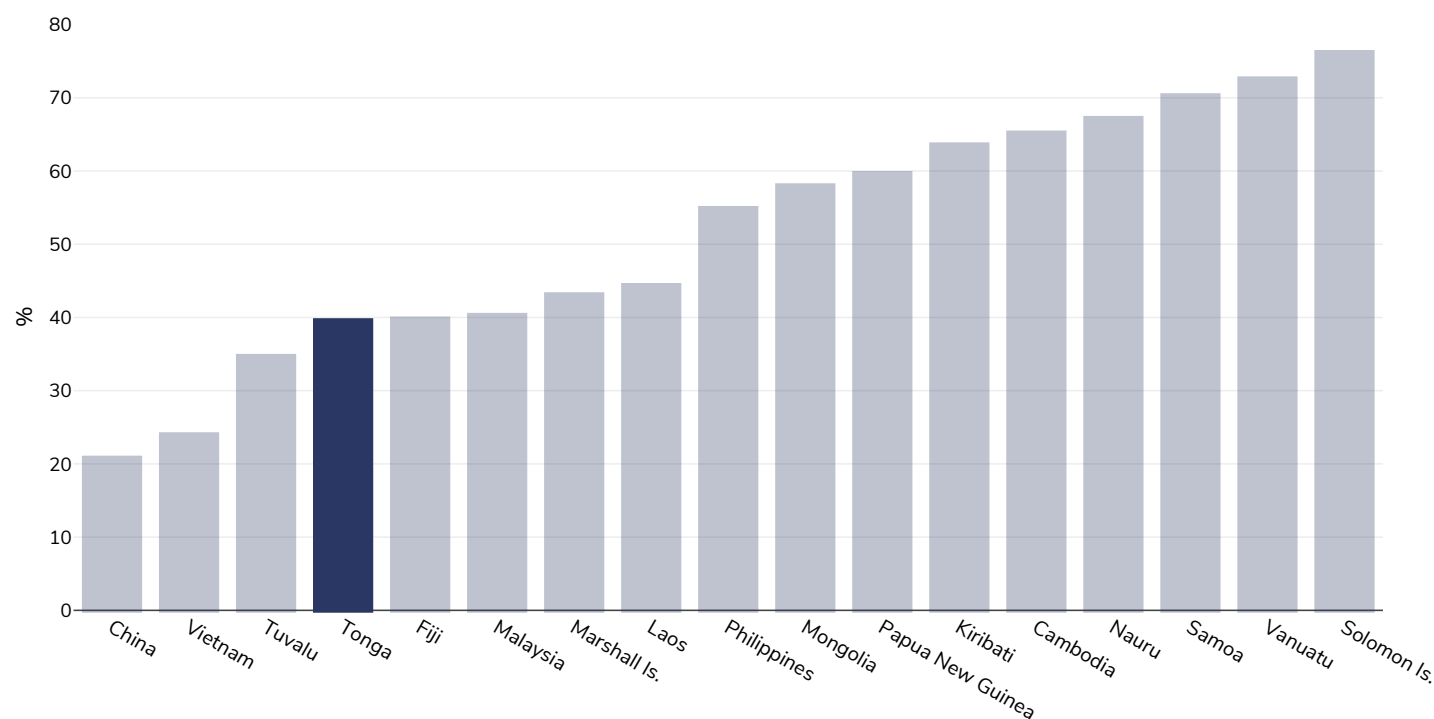


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Definitions: % of population with anxiety disorders

## % Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

### Children, 2004-2020



Area covered:

National

References:

Tonga Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2019, Survey Findings Report. Nuku'alofa, Tonga: Tonga Statistics Department

Notes:

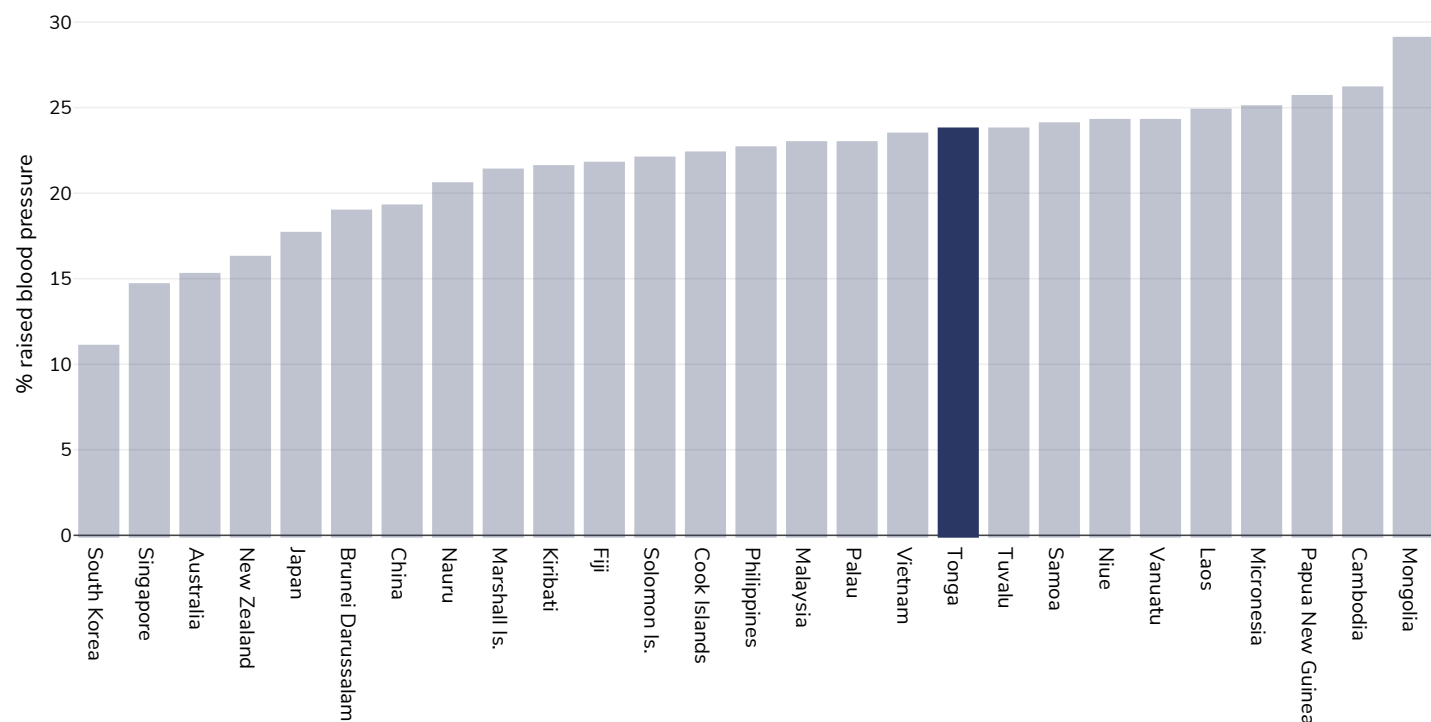
See UNICEF website for further survey information. Available at : <https://data.unicef.org/resources/dataset/infant-young-child-feeding/> (last accessed 28.9.21) Citation: United Nations Children's Fund, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2021). Global UNICEF Global Databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding: Exclusive breastfeeding, New York, September 2021.

Definitions:

% exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

## Raised blood pressure

### Adults, 2015



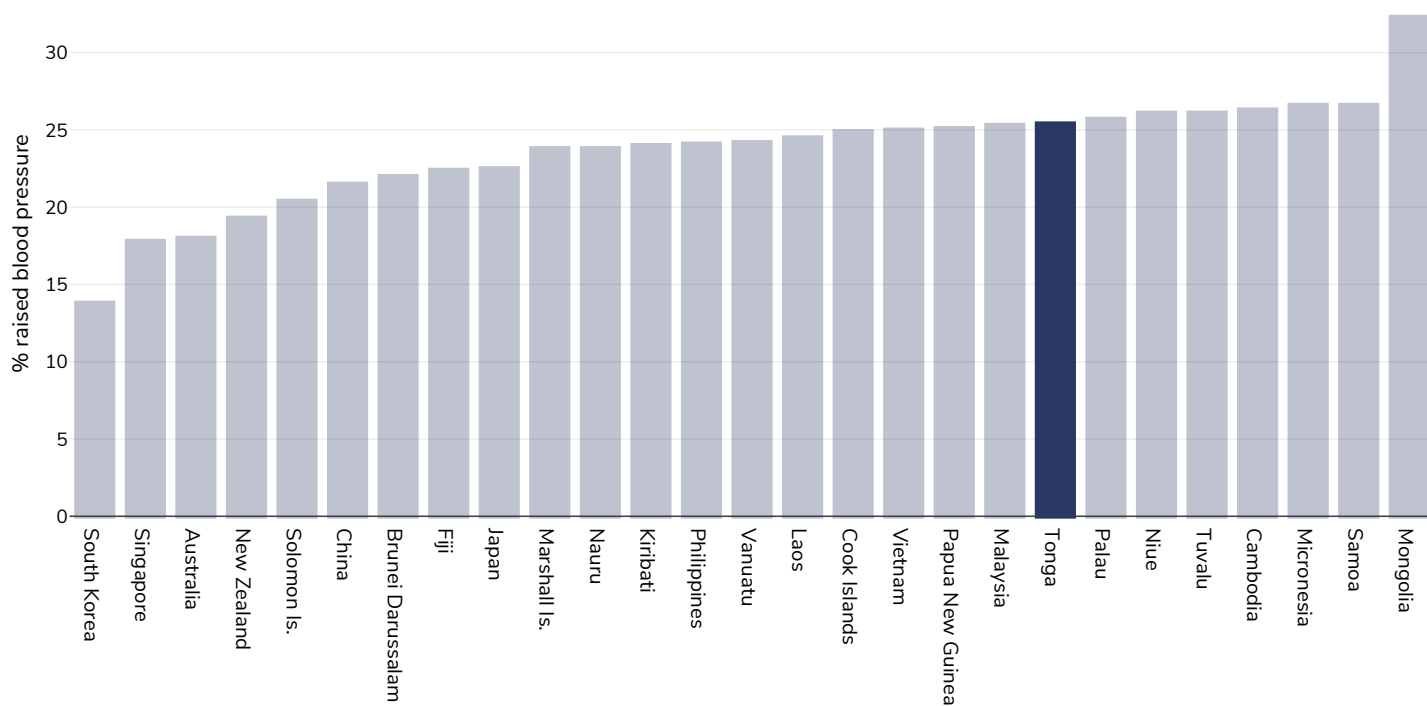
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Definitions:

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

## Men, 2015



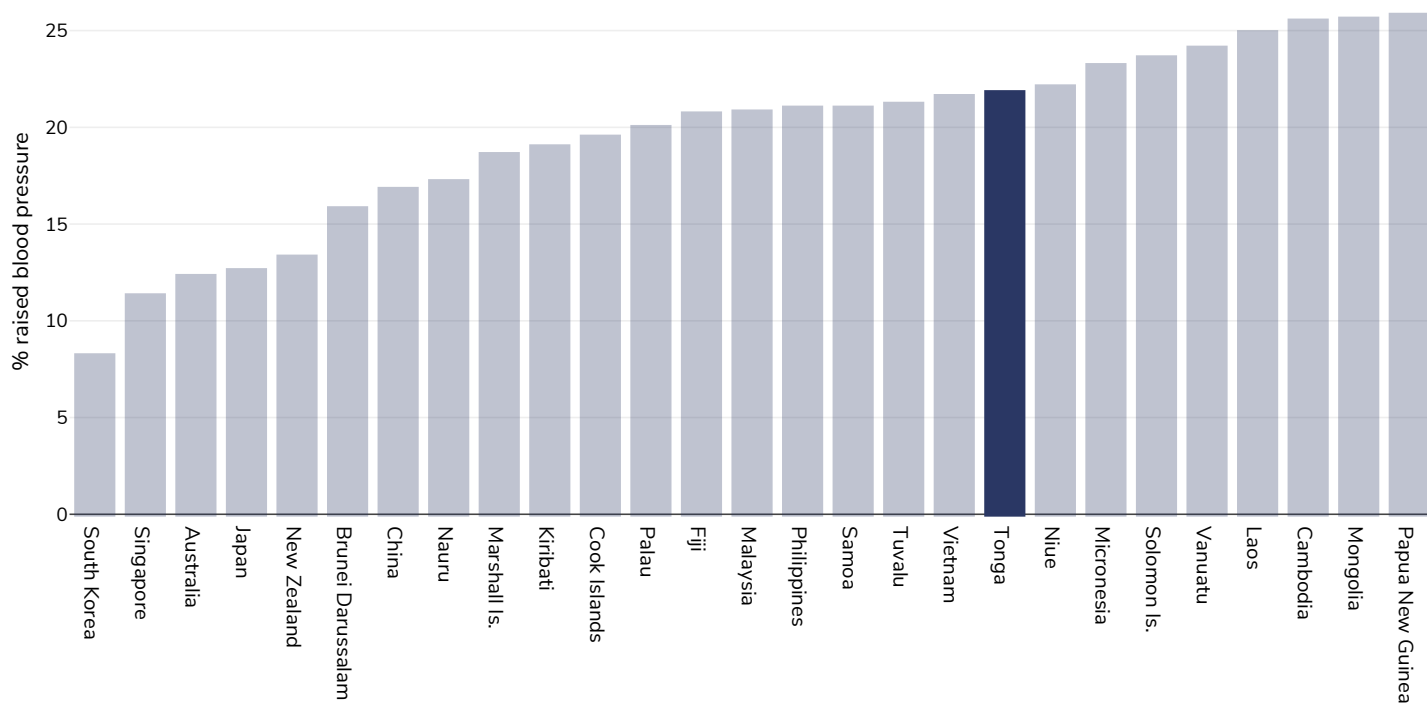
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Definitions:

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

## Women, 2015



References:

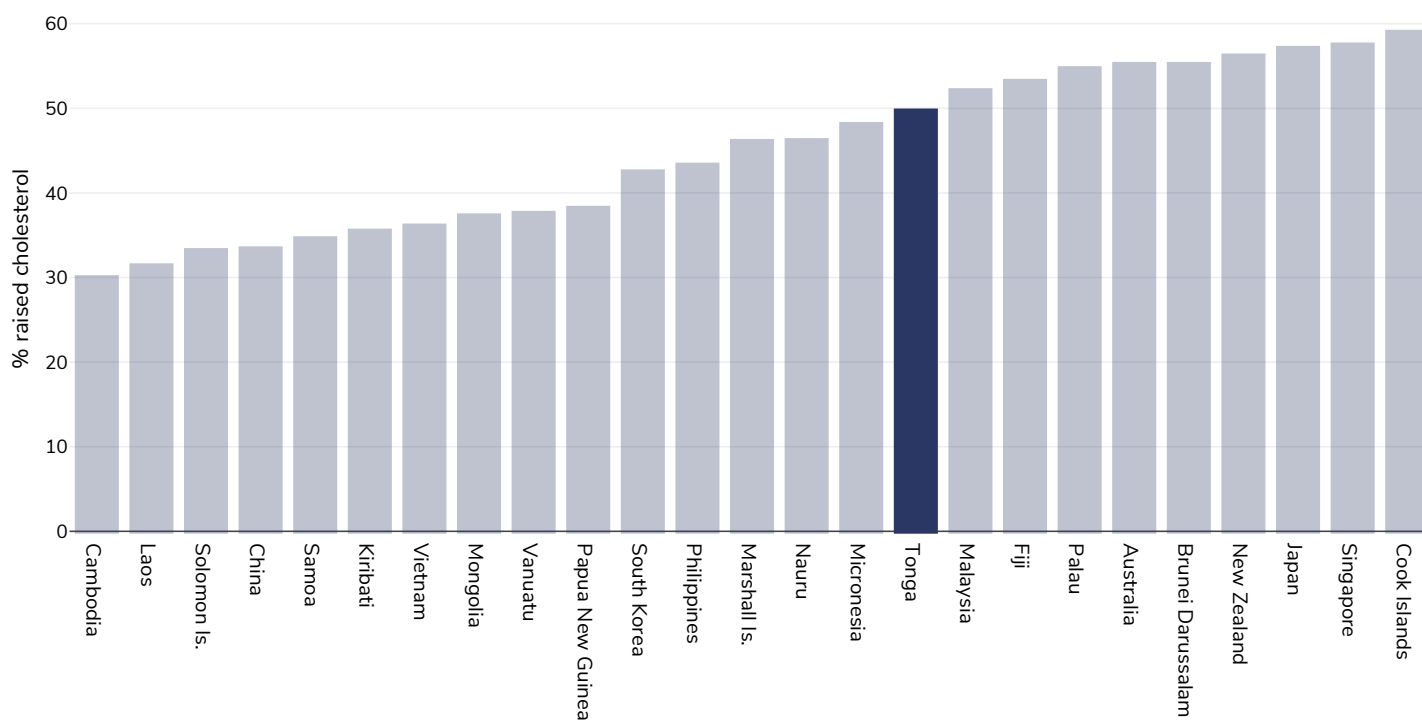
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Definitions:

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

## Raised cholesterol

### Adults, 2008



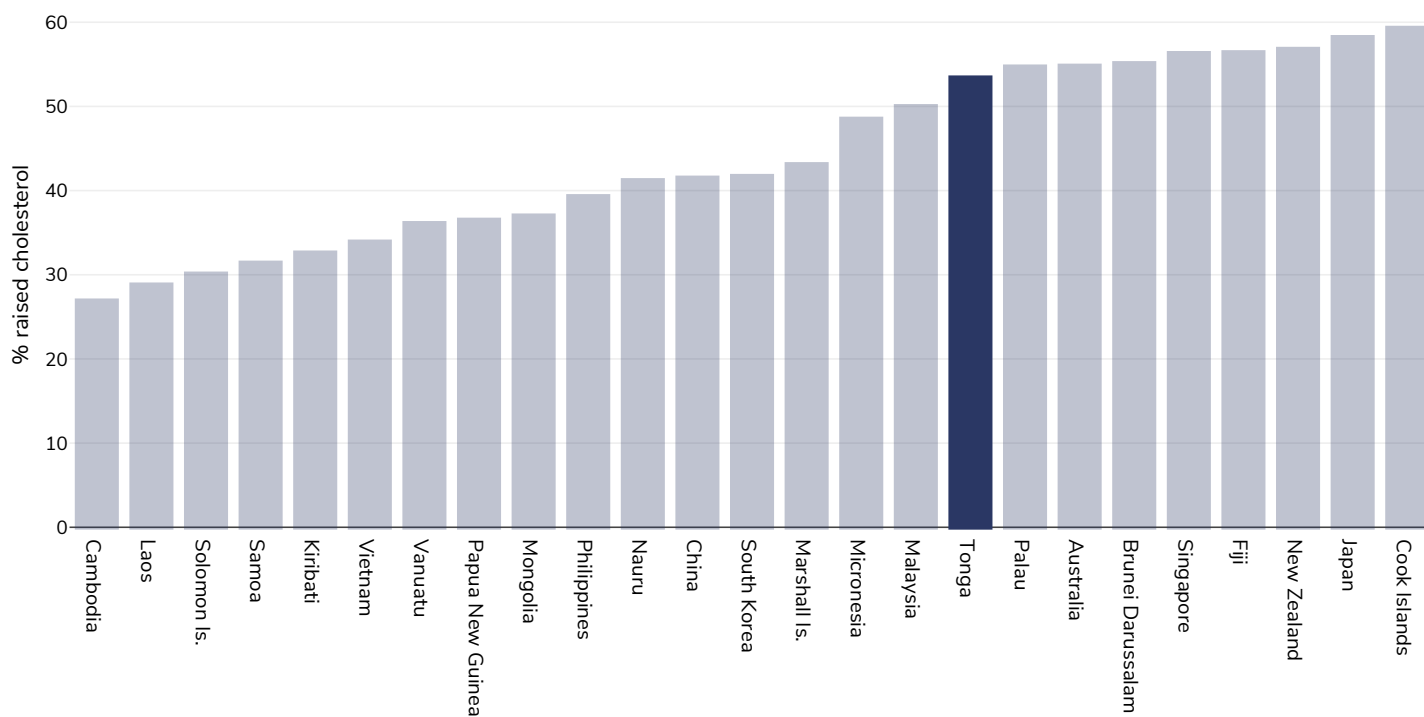
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Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,  
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Definitions:

% Raised total cholesterol ( $\geq 5.0$  mmol/L) (age-standardized estimate).

## Men, 2008



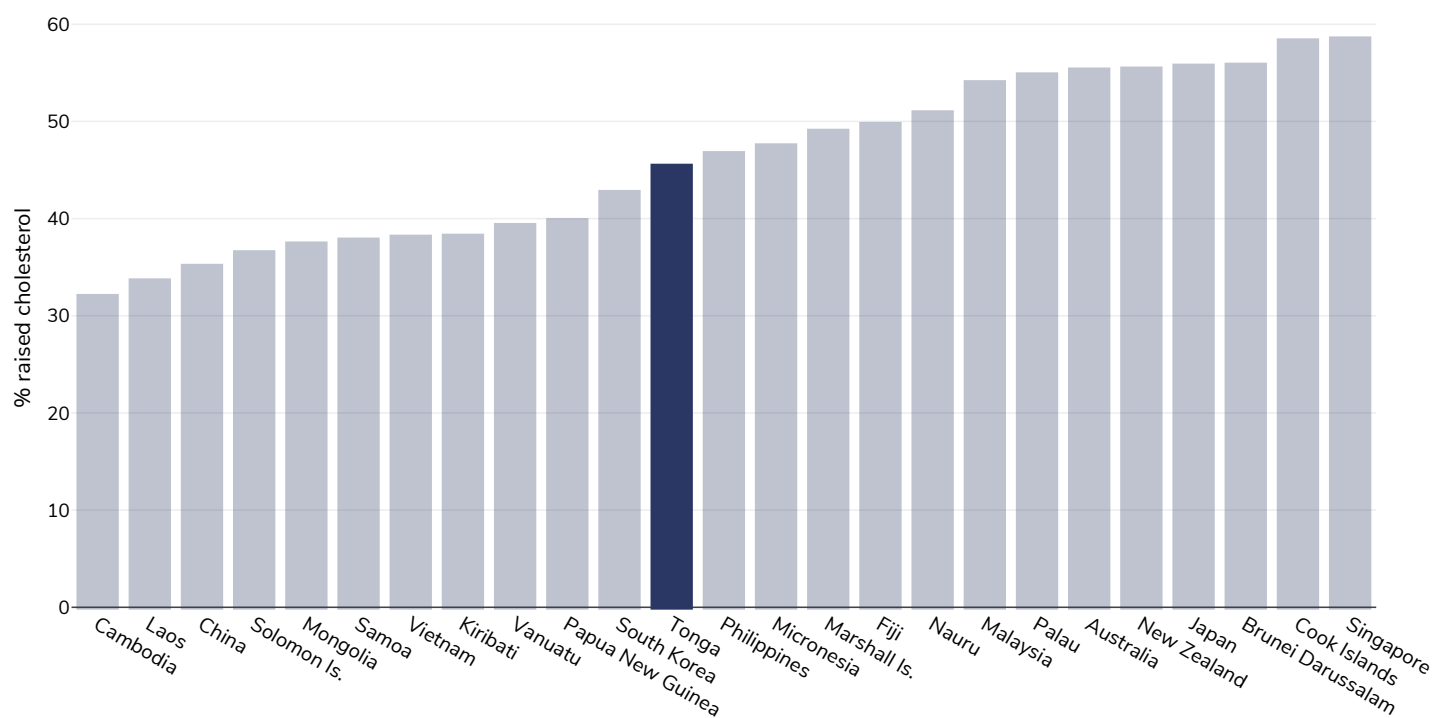
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Definitions:

% Raised total cholesterol ( $\geq 5.0$  mmol/L) (age-standardized estimate).

## Women, 2008



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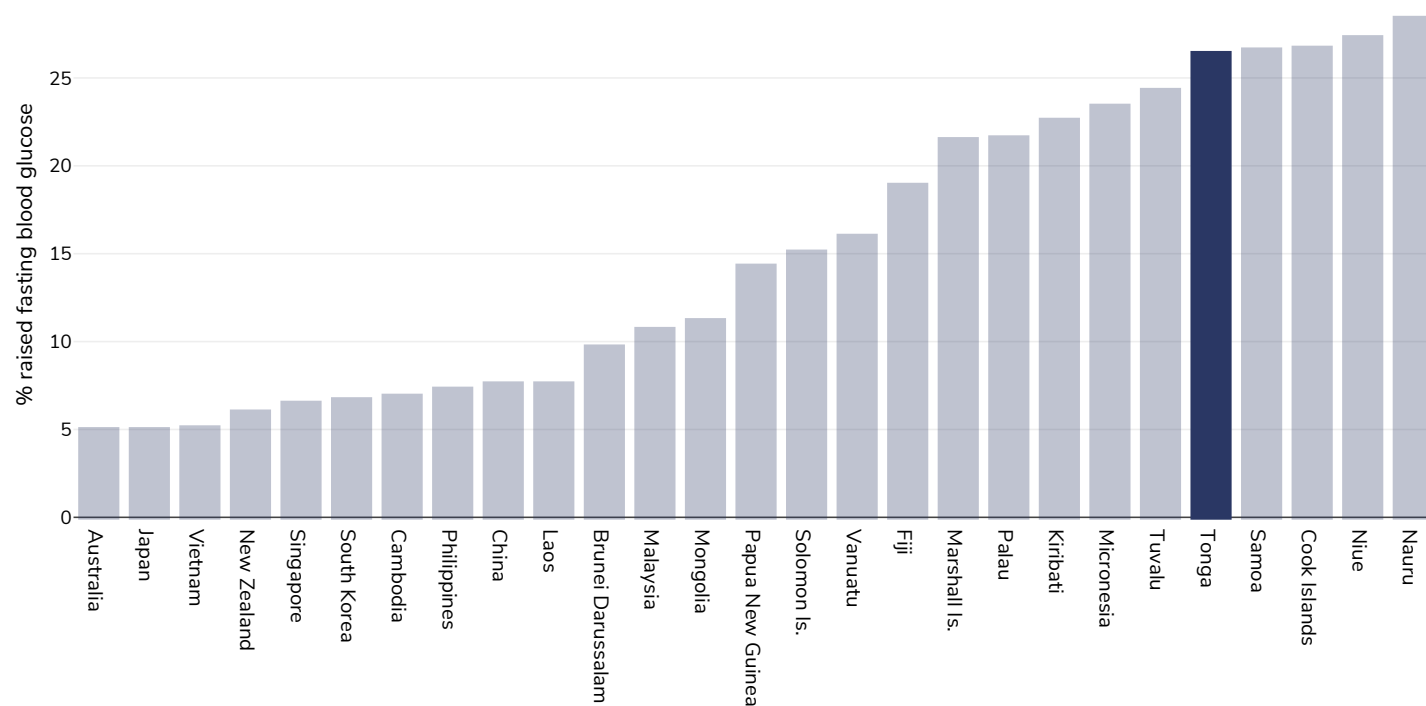
Definitions:

% Raised total cholesterol ( $\geq 5.0$  mmol/L) (age-standardized estimate).



## Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



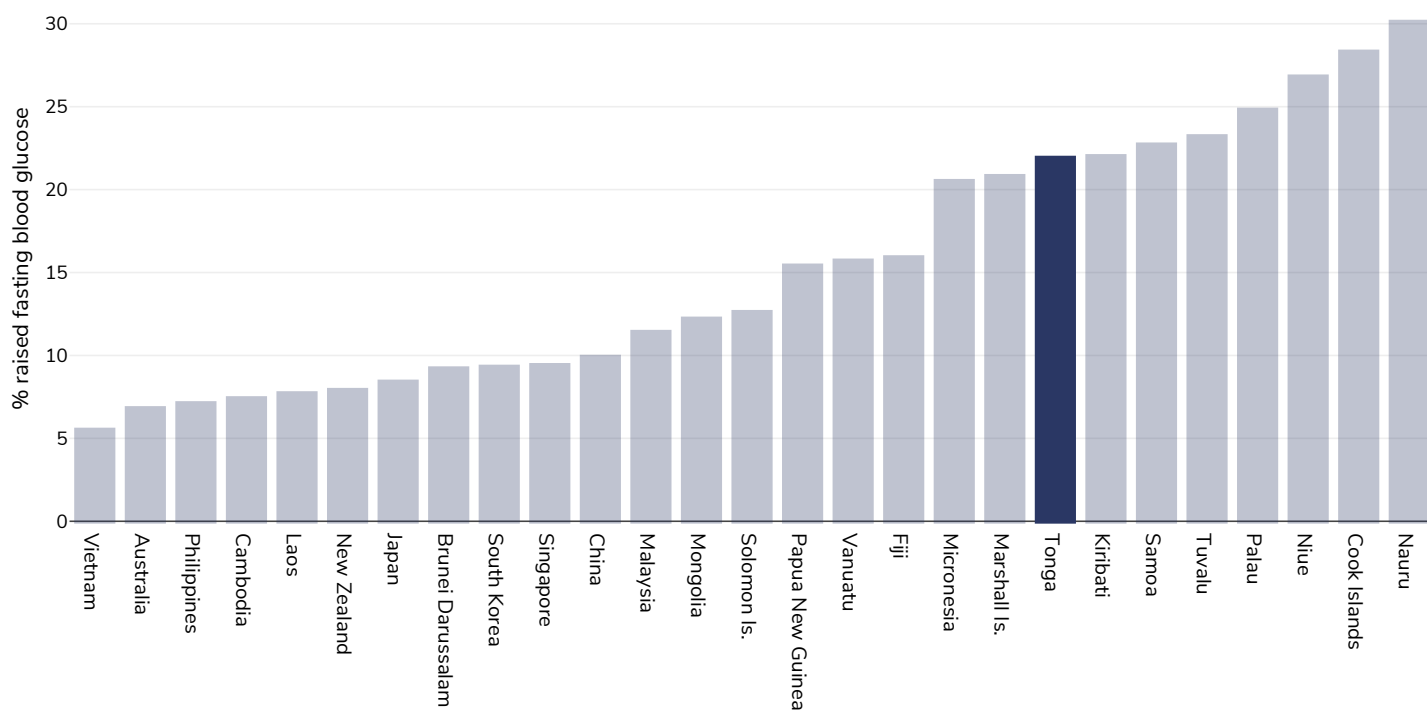
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Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation,  
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Definitions:

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

## Women, 2014



References:

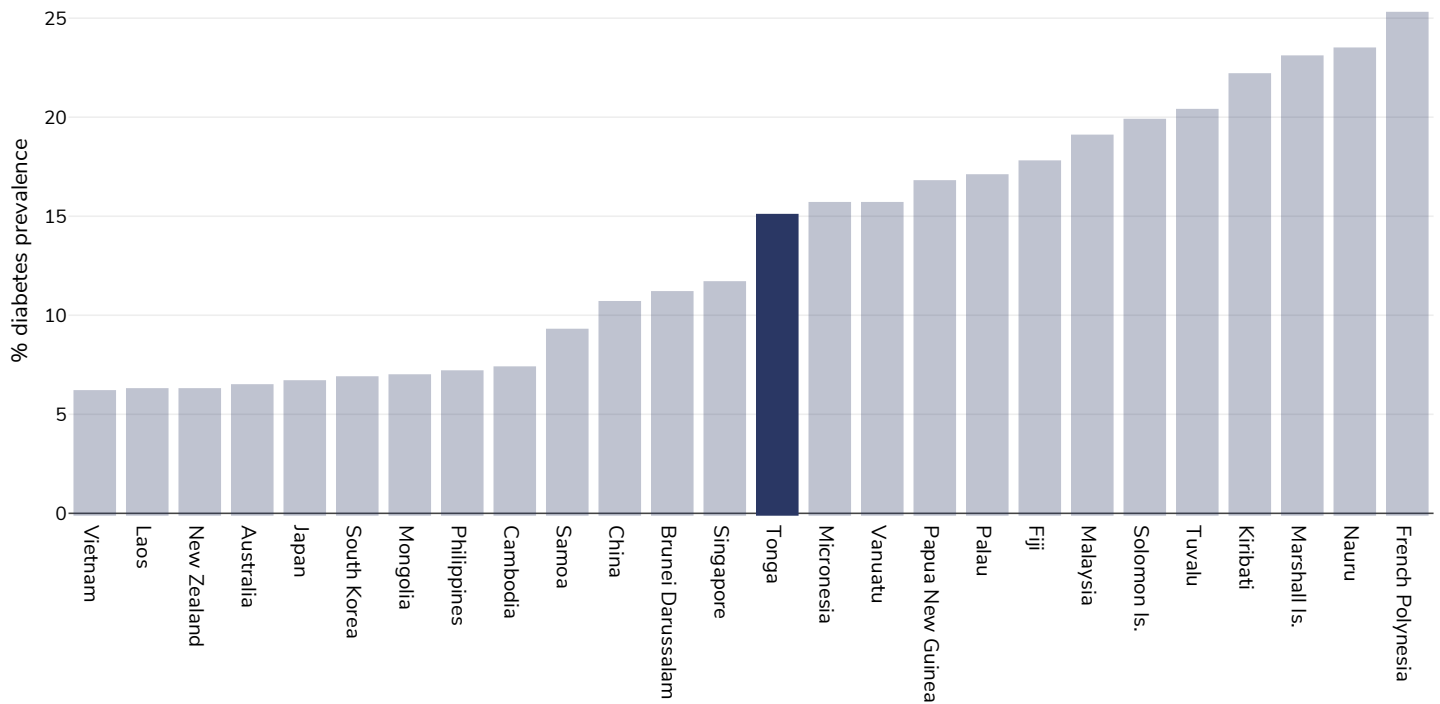
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Definitions:

Age Standardised % raised fasting blood glucose ( $\geq 7.0$  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?	X
Front-of-package labelling?	X
Back-of-pack nutrition declaration?	X
Color coding?	X
Warning label?	X



## Regulation and marketing

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



## Political will and support

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



## Monitoring and surveillance

<b>Monitoring of the prevalence and incidence for the main obesity-related NCDs and risk factors?</b>	<b>✓</b>
Within 5 years?	✓



## Governance and resource

<b>Multi-sectoral national co-ordination mechanism for obesity or nutrition (including obesity)?</b>	<b>✓</b>
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### Key

Present    
 Present (voluntary)    
 Incoming    
 Absent    
 Unknown

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