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Regional 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.

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Obesity prevalence

Adults





Notes:

Different methodologies have been used to collect this data and so it is not strictly comparable.

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Men





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Women





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Children







Boys





Girls











0-5 years







0-5 years boys





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0-5 years girls



Insufficient activity

Boys, 1986-2023





Girls, 1986-2023

90								
80								
70								
60								
° ⁵⁰								
40								
40								
30								
20								
10								
0	Age 11	Age 13	Age 15					
Area covered	:		French speaking					
References:	status and body image 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4	RakiÄ? JG, Hamrik Z, Dzielska A, Felder-Puig R, Oja L, Bakalár P et al. A focus on adolescent physical activity, eating behaviours, weight status and body image in Europe, central Asia and Canada. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children international report from the 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (2023), Data browser (findings from the 2021/22 international HBSC survey): <u>https://data-browser.hbsc.org</u> .						
Notes:	60 minutes. The question v	Young people were asked to report the number of days over the past week during which they were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes. The question was introduced by text defining moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) as any activity that increases the heart rate and makes the person get out of breath some of the time, with examples provided. Findings presented on the Observatory show the proportions who report less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily.						
Definitions:			% reporting less than 60 minutes of MVPA daily					



Men, 2022





Women, 2022





Children, 2016-2022

	80					
%	80					
	70					
	60					
	50					
	40 30					
	20					
	10					
	0		United Kingdom			
A	rea covered:			National		
R	eferences:	RakiÄ? JG, Hamrik Z, Dzielska A, Felder-Puig R, Oja L, Bakalár P et al. A focus on adolescent physical activity, eating behaviours, weight status and body image in Europe, central Asia and Canada. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children international report from the 2021/2022 survey. Volume 4. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2024. Licence: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO. Health Behaviour in School-aged Children study (2023), Data browser (findings from the 2021/22 international HBSC survey): <u>https://data-browser.hbsc.org</u> .				
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Boys, 2016-2022





Girls, 2016-2022





Sugar consumption





Estimated per-capita sugar sweetened beverages intake

Adults, 2016



References:

Source: Euromonitor International



Prevalence of at least daily carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2014-2022





Boys, 2014-2022

Age 11 Age 13 Age 15





Girls, 2014-2022





Confectionery consumption





Sweet/savoury snack consumption





Estimated per-capita fruit intake





Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption

Children, 2014

Age 12-17 Age 15



Definitions:

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



Prevalence of less-than-daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2014





Estimated per-capita processed meat intake





Estimated per-capita whole grains intake





Mental health - depression disorders





Men, 2021





Women, 2021





Children, 2021





Boys, 2021



Girls, 2021







Mental health - anxiety disorders










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Children, 2021



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)

Boys, 2021

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Girls, 2021





Oesophageal cancer









Breast cancer

Women, 2022

Age 20 Age 20+



Definitions:

Incidence per 100,000



Colorectal cancer









Pancreatic cancer

Men, 2022



Definitions:

Incidence per 100,000







Gallbladder cancer









Kidney cancer









Cancer of the uterus

Women, 2022



accessed [16.07.24]

Definitions:

Incidence per 100,000



Raised blood pressure

Adults, 2015











Raised cholesterol

Adults, 2008



Definitions:

Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, http://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A885

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









Raised fasting blood glucose

Men, 2014



Definitions:

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







Diabetes prevalence

Adults, 2024



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