

Pacific Community

Regional report card - children

This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children, including adolescents (aged 5 to 18 years). 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/region/pacific-community-9/.

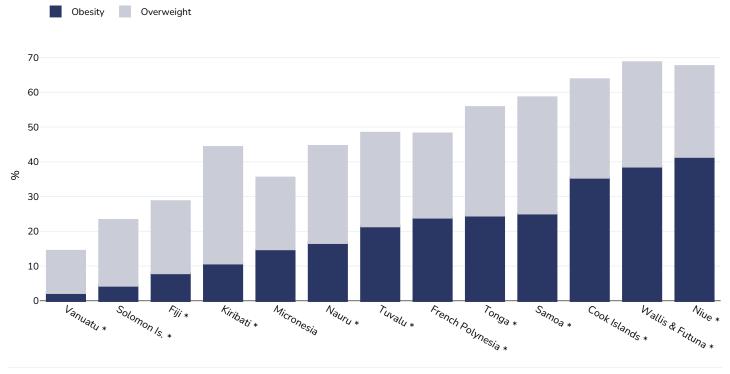


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Obesity prevalence

Children



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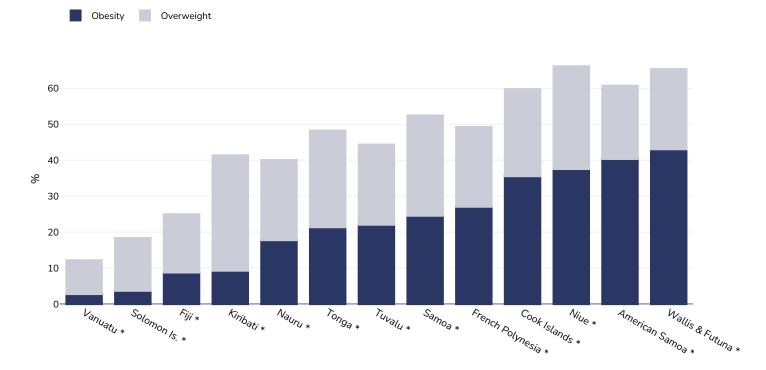
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Boys



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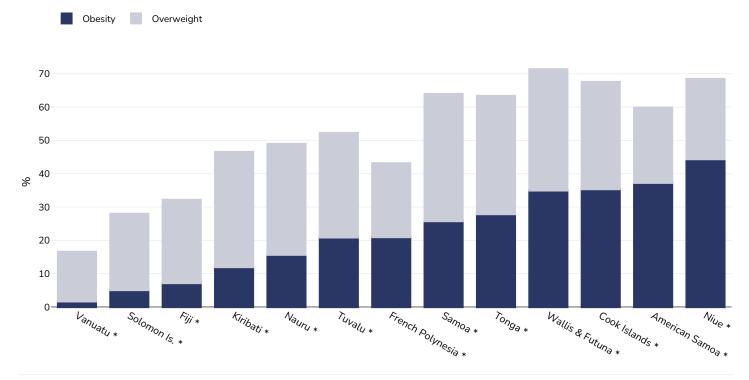
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Girls



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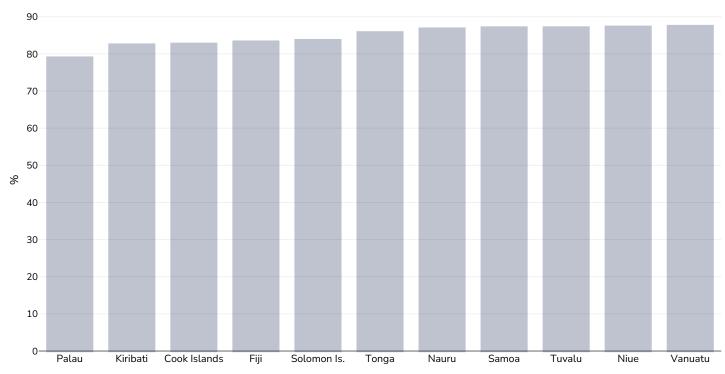
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Insufficient activity

Children, 2016



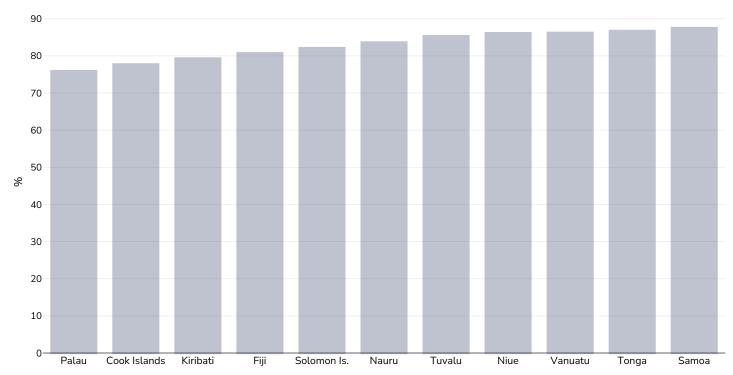
Survey type:	Self-reported
Age:	11-17
References:	Global Health Observatory data repository, World Health Organisation, https://apps.who.int/gho/data/node.main.A893ADO?lang=en (last accessed 16.03.21)
Notes:	% of school going adolescents not meeting WHO recommendations on Physical Activity for Health, i.e. doing less than 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily.
Definitions:	% Adolescents insufficiently active (age standardised estimate)

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Boys, 2016

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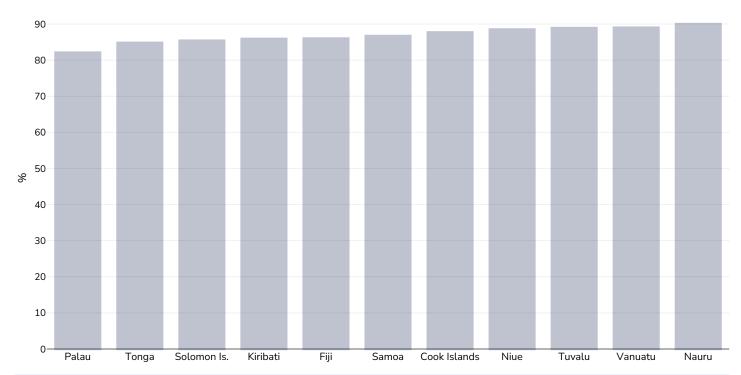
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Girls, 2016

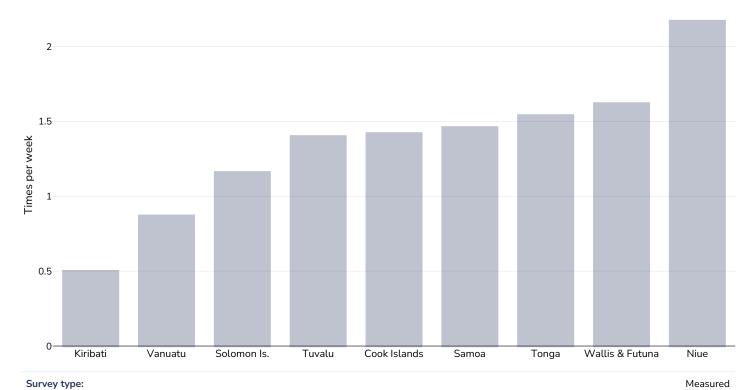


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Average daily frequency of carbonated soft drink consumption

Children, 2010-2015



Age: 12-17

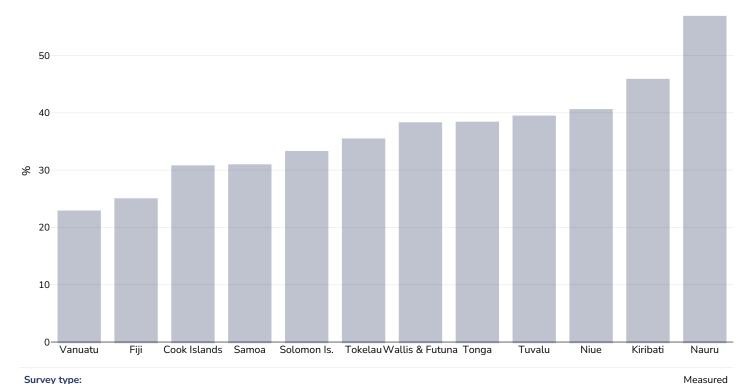
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Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption

Children, 2010-2015



Survey type:

Age: 12-17

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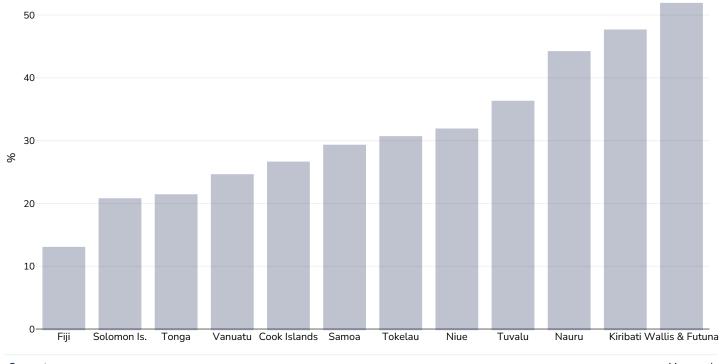
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Prevalence of less-than-daily fruit consumption (% less-than-daily fruit consumption)



Prevalence of less-than-daily vegetable consumption

Children, 2010-2015



Survey type: Measured

Age: 12-17

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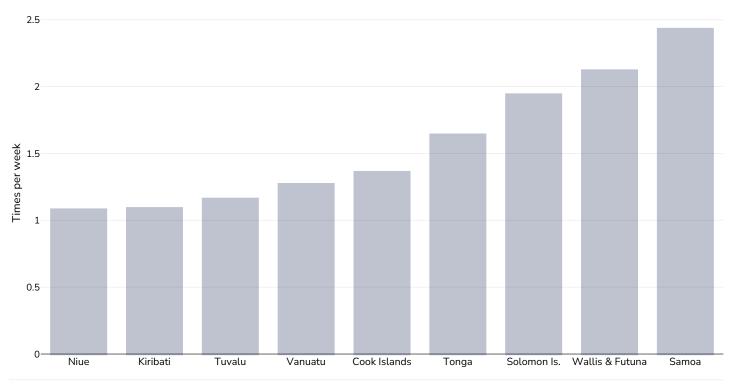
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Average weekly frequency of fast food consumption

Children, 2010-2015



Age: 12-17

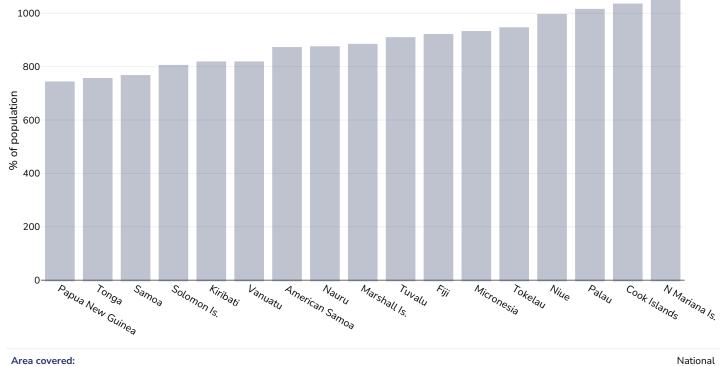
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Mental health - depression disorders

Children, 2021



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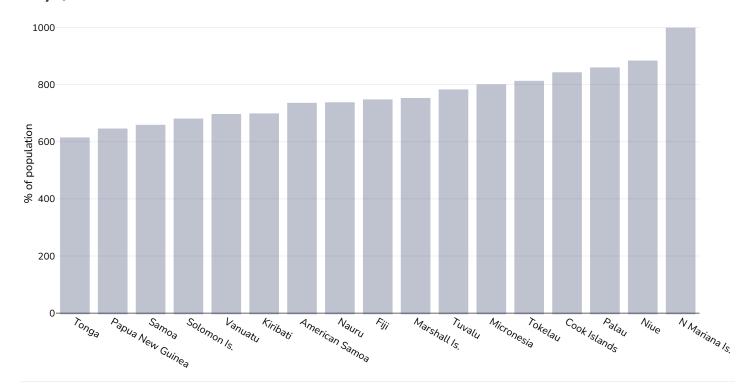
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Definitions:

Number living with depressive disorder per 100,000 population (Under 20 years of age)



Boys, 2021



Area covered: National

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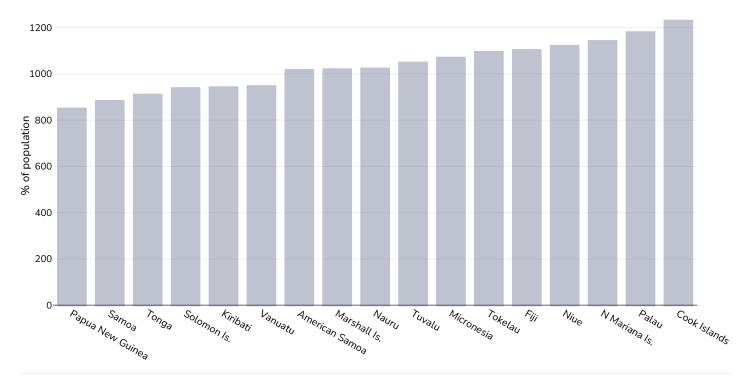
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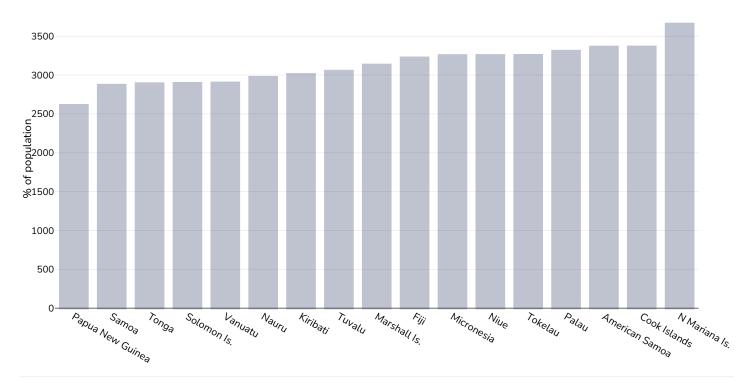
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Mental health - anxiety disorders

Children, 2021

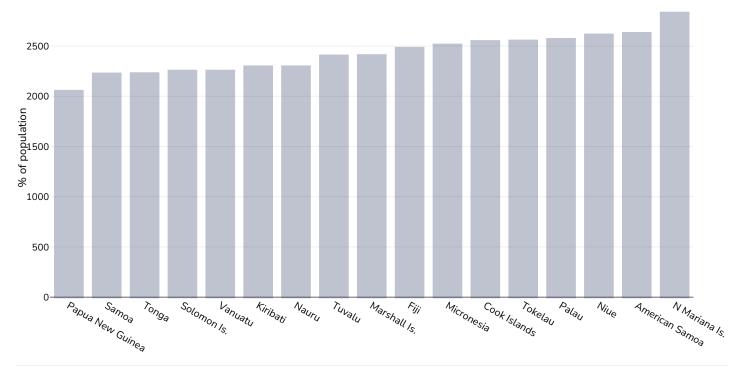


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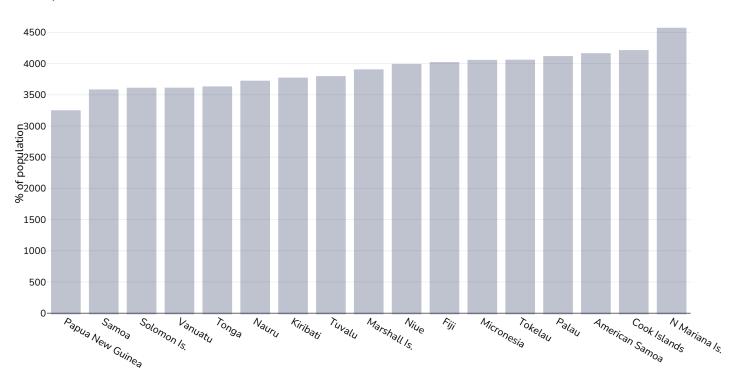
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