# Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Andorra



# Monitoring and surveillance

Overweight and obesity in three age groups

#### Adults (20 years and over)

Intercountry comparable overweight and obesity estimates from 2008 (1) show that 60.5% of the adult population ( $\geq$  20 years old) in Andorra were overweight (pre-obese and obese) and 25.2% were obese. The prevalence of overweight was higher among men (67.5%) than women (53.8%). The proportion of men and women that were obese was 26.7% and 23.9%, respectively. Adulthood obesity prevalence forecasts (2010–2030) predict that in 2020, 37% of men and 27% of women will be obese. By 2030, the model predicts that 39% of men and 30% of women will be obese.<sup>1</sup>

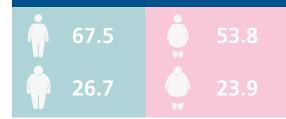


This is one of the 53 country profiles covering developments in nutrition, physical activity and obesity in the WHO European Region. The full set of individual profiles and an overview report including methodology and summary can be downloaded from the WHO Regional Office for Europe : http://www.euro.who.int/en/nutrition-country-profiles.

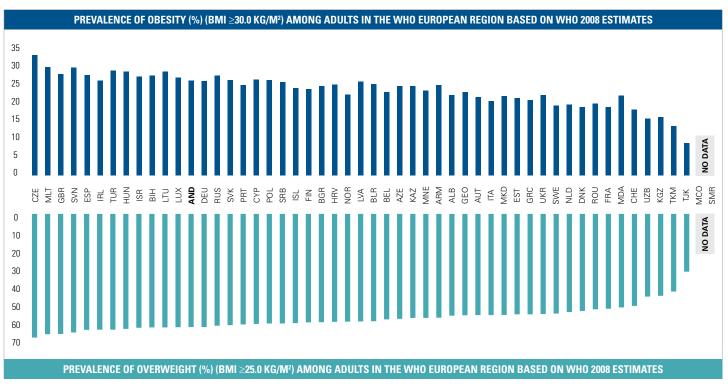
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DEMOGRAPHIC DATA	
Total population	85 000
Median age (years)	41.2
Life expectancy at birth (years) female   male	80.4   74.2
GDP per capita (US\$)	41 138.3
GDP spent on health (%)	7.5

PREVALENCE OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY (%) AMONG ANDORRAN ADULTS BASED ON WHO 2008 ESTIMATES



Source: WHO Global Health Observatory Data Repository (1).



Notes. The country codes refer to the ISO 3166-1 Alpha-3 country codes. Data ranking for obesity is intentionally the same as for the overweight data. BMI: body mass index. Source: WHO Global Health Observatory Data Repository (1).

<sup>1</sup> Report on modelling adulthood obesity across the WHO European Region, prepared by consultants (led by T. Marsh and colleagues) for the WHO Regional Office for Europe in 2013.

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#### Adolescents (10–19 years)

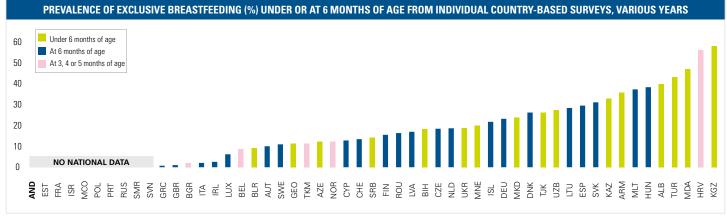
No data are available from the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) survey (2009/2010).

#### Children (0–9 years)

No prevalence figures are available for overweight and obesity in schoolchildren based on measured intercountry comparable data. Andorra is not yet participating in the WHO European Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI).

# Exclusive breastfeeding until 6 months of age

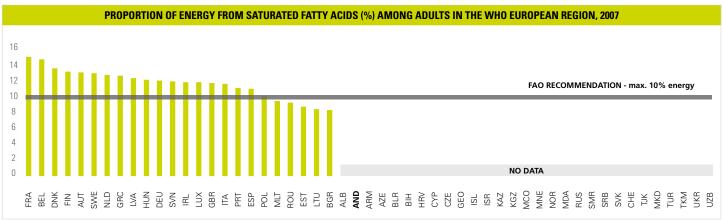
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#### Saturated fat intake

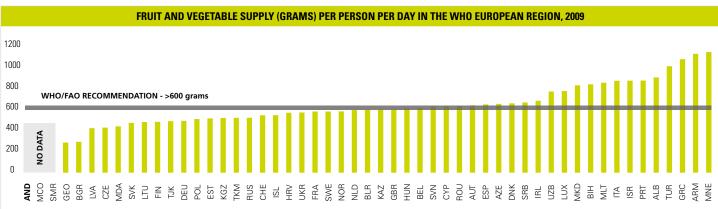
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# Fruit and vegetable supply

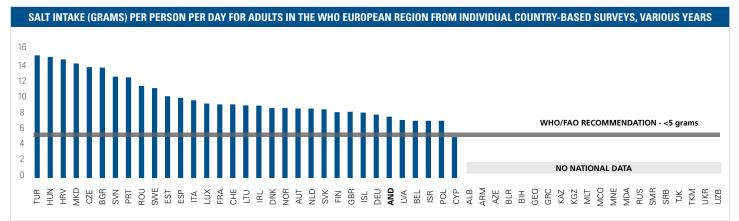
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#### Salt intake

Data from 2004 show that salt intake in the Andorran population was 7.5 grams per person per day (3).



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#### **lodine status**

No data are available.

#### **Physical inactivity**

No WHO Global Health Observatory Data Repository estimates are available from 2008. However, national data from 2004–2005 show that 25.7% of the population aged 12–75 years were insufficiently active (men 23.2% and women 28.2%) (4). It should be taken into account that this figure does not allow for comparability across countries.

# **Policies and actions**

The table below displays (a) monitoring and evaluation methods of salt intake in Andorra; (b) the stakeholder approach toward salt reduction; and (c) the population approach in terms of labelling and consumer awareness initiatives (3).

#### Salt reduction initiatives

Monitoring & evaluation		Stakeholder approach			Population approach						
				Labelling	ng Consumer awareness initi		iatives				
Industry self-reporting				Specific		Brochure	TV	Coffuero	Education	Conference	Reporting
Salt content in food		Industry involvement	Food reformulation	food		Print	Radio	Software	Schools		
Salt intake	xxx			category					Health		
Consumer awareness									care facilities		
Behavioural change									laonitioo		
Urinary salt excretion (24 hrs)						xxx	xxx			xxx	

*Note.* **XXX** fully implemented. *Source:* WHO Regional Office for Europe (3).

#### Trans fatty acids (TFA) policies

Legislation	Type of legislation	Measure			

#### **Price policies** (food taxation and subsidies)

Taxes	School fruit schemes

 $\it Source:$  WHO Regional Office for Europe grey literature from 2012 on TFA and health, TFA policy and food industry approaches.

*Source:* WHO Regional Office for Europe grey literature from 2012 on diet and the use of fiscal policy in the control and prevention of noncommunicable diseases.

#### Marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverages to children (5)

No action has yet been taken regarding a reduction in the marketing of food and beverages to children.

## Physical activity (PA), national policy documents and action plans

Sport	Sport Target groups Health		Educ	ation	Transportation		
Existence of national "sport for all" policy and/or national "sport for all" implementation programme	Existence of specific scheme or programme for community interventions to promote PA in the elderly	Counselling on PA as part of primary health care activities	Mandatory physical education in primary and secondary schools	Inclusion of PA in general teaching training	National or subnational schemes promoting active travel to school	Existence of an incentive scheme for companies or employees to promote active travel to work	
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<sup>a</sup> Clearly stated in a policy document, partially implemented or enforced. <sup>b</sup>Clearly stated in a policy document, entirely implemented and enforced. Source: country reporting template on Andorra from 2009 developed in the context of a WHO/EC project on monitoring progress on improving nutrition and PA and preventing obesity in the European Union (EU).

## Leadership, partnerships and professional networks on health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA)

Existence of national coordination mechanism on HEPA promotion	Leading institution	Participating bodies

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### PA recommendations, goals and surveillance

Existence of national recommendation on HEPA	Target groups adressed by national HEPA policy	PA included in the national health monitoring system

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