



Georgia STEPS Survey 2016

Fact Sheet

The STEPS survey of noncommunicable disease (NCD) risk factors in Georgia was carried out from June 2016 to September 2016. Georgia carried out Step 1, Step 2 and Step 3. Socio demographic and behavioural information was collected in Step 1. Physical measurements such as height, weight and blood pressure were collected in Step 2. Biochemical measurements were collected to assess blood glucose and cholesterol levels in Step 3. The survey was a population-based survey of adults aged 18-69. A Multi-stage cluster sampling design was used to produce representative data for that age range in Georgia. A total of 5554 adults participated in the survey. The overall response rate was 75.7%. A repeat survey is planned for 2021 if funds permit.

Results for adults aged 18-69 years (incl. 95% CI) (adjust if necessary)	Both Sexes	Males	Females
Step 1 Tobacco Use			
Percentage who currently smoke tobacco	31.0% (28.9 – 33.0)	57.0% (53.6 – 60.3)	7.0% (5.8 – 8.2)
Percentage who currently smoke tobacco daily	28.0% (26.0 – 30.0)	51.5% (48.1 – 55.0)	6.2% (5.1 – 7.4)
<i>For those who smoke tobacco daily</i>			
Average age started smoking (years) among current daily smokers	18.3 -	17.8 -	22.4 -
Average age started smoking (years) among current smokers	18.4 -	17.9 -	22.6 -
Percentage of daily smokers smoking manufactured cigarettes	98.6% (97.7 – 99.5)	98.4% (97.5 – 99.4)	100.0% -
Mean number of manufactured cigarettes smoked per day (by smokers of manufactured cigarettes)	21.3 -	22.2 -	14.4 -
Step 1 Alcohol Consumption			
Percentage who are lifetime abstainers	10.4% (8.9 – 12.0)	3.9% (2.6 – 5.3)	16.4% (14.1 – 18.8)
Percentage who are past 12 month abstainers	20.1% (18.5 – 21.7)	11.4% (9.5 – 13.3)	28.1% (25.8 – 30.4)
Percentage who currently drink (drank alcohol in the past 30 days)	39.1% (36.6 – 41.5)	58.9% (55.2 – 62.5)	20.8% (18.6 – 22.9)
Percentage who engage in heavy episodic drinking (6 or more drinks on any occasion in the past 30 days)	18.3% (16.1 – 20.6)	35.3% (31.2 – 39.4)	2.6% (1.7 – 3.5)
Step 1 Diet			
Mean number of days fruit consumed in a typical week	5.3 (5.2 – 5.4)	5.1 (4.9 – 5.3)	5.4 (5.3 – 5.6)
Mean number of servings of fruit consumed on average per day	2.0 (1.9 – 2.1)	2.0 (1.8 – 2.1)	2.1 (1.9 – 2.2)
Mean number of days vegetables consumed in a typical week	6.0 (5.9 – 6.1)	5.9 (5.8 – 6.0)	6.1 (5.9 – 6.2)
Mean number of servings of vegetables consumed on average per day	2.4 (2.3 – 2.5)	2.4 (2.3 – 2.6)	2.4 (2.3 – 2.5)
Percentage who ate less than 5 servings of fruit and/or vegetables on average per day	63.0% (60.1 – 66.0)	63.8% (59.6 – 67.9)	62.4% (59.5 – 65.3)
Percentage who always or often add salt or salty sauce to their food before eating or as they are eating	26.7% (24.7 – 28.8)	33.4% (29.4 – 37.3)	20.6% (18.6 – 22.7)
Percentage who always or often eat processed foods high in salt	14.3% (12.4 – 16.2)	18.9% (15.3 – 22.5)	10.1% (8.7 – 11.5)
Step 1 Physical Activity			
Percentage with insufficient physical activity (defined as < 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity per week, or equivalent)*	17.4% (15.6 – 19.2)	16.2% (13.6 – 18.9)	18.4% (16.3 – 20.4)
Median time spent in physical activity on average per day (minutes) (presented with inter-quartile range)	137.1 (40.0 – 300.0)	158.6 (55.7 – 342.9)	173.8 (30.0 – 270.0)
Percentage not engaging in vigorous activity	82.4% (80.3 – 84.6)	72.2% (68.5 – 75.9)	91.8% (90.1 – 93.4)



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Step 1 Cervical Cancer Screening			
Percentage of women aged 30-49 years who have ever had a screening test for cervical cancer			23.9% (20.6 - 27.3)
Step 2 Physical Measurements			
Mean body mass index - BMI (kg/m ²)	28.1 (27.8 - 28.4)	27.9 (27.5 - 28.3)	28.3 (28.0 - 28.6)
Percentage who are overweight (BMI ≥ 25 kg/m ²)	64.6% (62.3 - 67.0)	65.5% (61.4 - 69.7)	63.8% (61.4 - 66.3)
Percentage who are obese (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m ²)	33.2% (31.3 - 35.2)	30.2% (26.9 - 33.6)	36.0% (33.7 - 38.2)
Average waist circumference (cm)		95.7 (94.3 - 97.2)	89.6 (88.7 - 90.5)
Mean systolic blood pressure - SBP (mmHg), including those currently on medication for raised BP	129.4 (128.4 - 130.4)	132.6 (131.3 - 134.0)	126.5 (125.4 - 127.6)
Mean diastolic blood pressure - DBP (mmHg), including those currently on medication for raised BP	82.2 (81.6 - 82.8)	83.0 (82.1 - 84.0)	81.4 (80.7 - 82.1)
Percentage with raised BP (SBP ≥ 140 and/or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg or currently on medication for raised BP)	37.7% (35.5 - 40.0)	38.6% (35.1 - 42.2)	36.9% (34.7 - 39.1)
Percentage with raised BP (SBP ≥ 140 and/or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg) who are not currently on medication for raised BP	55.4% (52.1 - 58.8)	64.2% (59.3 - 69.0)	47.2% (43.4 - 50.9)
Step 3 Biochemical Measurement			
Mean fasting blood glucose, including those currently on medication for raised blood glucose [choose accordingly: mmol/L or mg/dl]	4.4% (4.3 - 4.5)	4.4% (4.3 - 4.5)	4.4% (4.3 - 4.5)
Percentage with impaired fasting glycaemia as defined below • plasma venous value ≥6.1 mmol/L and <7.0 mmol/L	2.0% (1.4 - 2.5)	2.0% (1.0 - 3.0)	1.9% (1.4 - 2.4)
Percentage with raised fasting blood glucose as defined below or currently on medication for raised blood glucose • plasma venous value ≥ 7.0 mmol/L	4.5% (3.7 - 5.3)	4.7% (3.5 - 6.0)	4.3% (3.4 - 5.2)
Mean total blood cholesterol, including those currently on medication for raised cholesterol [mmol/L]	4.3 (4.3 - 4.4)	4.1 (4.0 - 4.3)	4.5 (4.4 - 4.6)
Percentage with raised total cholesterol (≥ 5.0 mmol/L or currently on medication for raised cholesterol)	27.7% (25.5 - 29.9)	21.9% (18.6 - 25.2)	33.0% (30.4 - 35.6)
Mean intake of salt per day (in grams)	8.5 (8.3 - 8.6)	9.7 (9.4 - 9.9)	7.4 -
Cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk			
Percentage aged 40-69 years with a 10-year CVD risk ≥ 30%, or with existing CVD**	28.8% (25.9 - 31.7)	30.8% (25.9-35.7)	27.1% (24.3 - 29.9)
Summary of combined risk factors			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> current daily smokers less than 5 servings of fruits & vegetables per day insufficient physical activity overweight (BMI ≥ 25 kg/m²) raised BP (SBP ≥ 140 and/or DBP ≥ 90 mmHg or currently on medication for raised BP) 			
Percentage with none of the above risk factors	7.6% (6.0 - 9.2)	5.7% (3.4 - 8.0)	9.3% (7.7 - 11.0)
Percentage with three or more of the above risk factors, aged 18 to 44 years	25.2% (22.1 - 28.3)	37.9% (32.5 - 43.3)	12.5% (10.2 - 14.8)
Percentage with three or more of the above risk factors, aged 45 to 69 years	48.6% (45.7 - 51.5)	55.1% (50.4 - 59.8)	43.4% (40.2 - 46.5)
Percentage with three or more of the above risk factors, aged 18 to 69 years	36.1% (33.8 - 38.4)	45.4% (41.7 - 49.2)	27.6% (25.5 - 29.8)

** A 10-year CVD risk of ≥30% is defined according to age, sex, blood pressure, smoking status (current smokers OR those who quit smoking less than 1 year before the assessment), total cholesterol, and diabetes (previously diagnosed OR a fasting plasma glucose concentration >7.0 mmol/L).

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