


# South African National Health And Nutrition Examination Survey (SANHANES-1)




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## Purpose

**The South African National Health And Nutrition Examination Survey (SANHANES) was established as a repeated population health survey in order to address the changing health needs in the country and provide a broader and more comprehensive platform to study the health and nutritional status of the nation on a regular basis.**



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## Objectives

To investigate the:

- Knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of South Africans with respect to non-communicable and communicable diseases.
- Nutritional status of South Africans as it relates to food security, dietary intake/behaviour including the consumption of alcohol, and body weight management.
- Behavioural (smoking, diet, physical inactivity) and social determinants of health and nutrition (demographic, socioeconomic status and geolocation) and relate these to the health and nutritional status of the SA population.
- General perceptions of health and health care services.



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## METHODS



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## Study Design

- **SANHANES-1 was a cross-sectional survey providing baseline data for repeated surveys and also for future longitudinal (prospective) analysis.**
  - **A prospective cohort approach will be able to address the relationships between medical, nutritional and behavioural/societal risk factors assessed in the first survey phase (SANHANES-1) and subsequent morbidity, mortality and changes in risk factors at the national level.**



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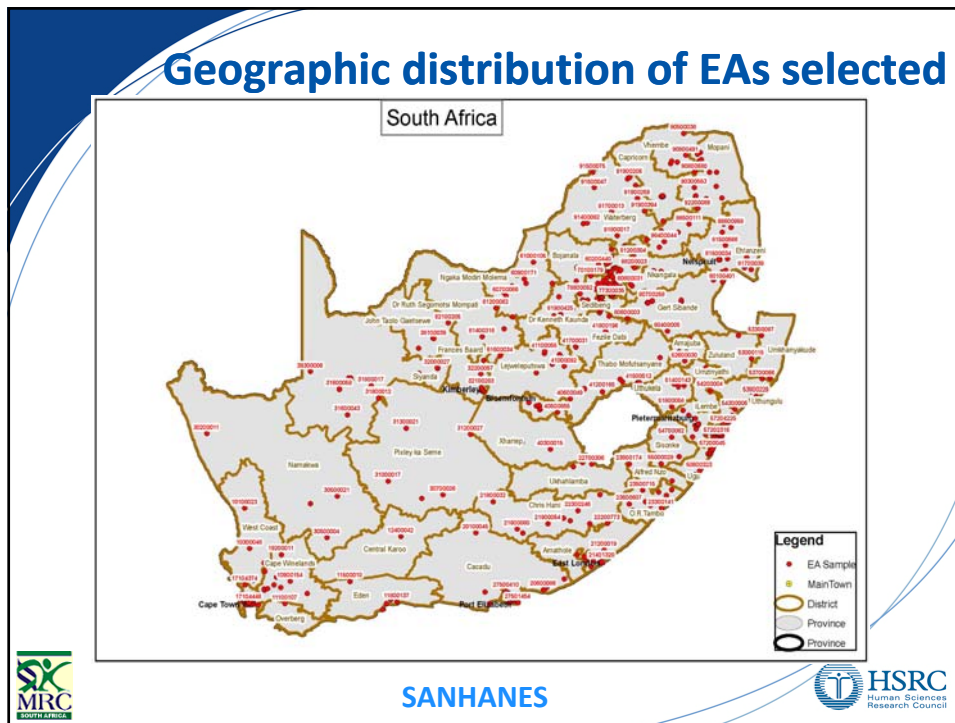
## Population and Sampling

- **Individuals of all age groups living in SA households, excluding those living in institutions**
- **Multi-stage disproportionate, stratified cluster sampling**
- **500 enumeration areas (EA)**
- **20 households per EA**
- **All persons in the household were eligible to participate**



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## Data collection

SANHANES-1 obtained data through:

- Interviews based on questionnaires administered by fieldworkers
- Clinical examination by doctors, nurses and clinic assistants (free-of-charge) in a variety of settings measuring:
  - **Physical examinations:** blood pressure, step fitness test, anthropometry
  - **Laboratory tests:** blood samples for biomarker testing (full blood count, HbA1c, cholesterol, triglycerides, C-reactive protein, cotinine, vitamin A, ferritin)

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## Data management and analyses

Questionnaire data: Children (0-14 years), adults (15 years and older) double entered and verified using Census Survey Processing System

- Clinical Examination data: custom-designed forms
- Laboratory data: blood samples for biomarker analysis using for serum lipids, ferritin [Roche Modular, Immulite 2000, BioRad D10, Abbott Architect]); High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) (HbA1c, vitamin A, cotinine)
- Analytical quality control documentation indicated that the coefficient of variation for the analyses ranged from 0.5–3.75%
- All data were analysed using SPSS and STATA
- Data were weighed and benchmarked against the 2012 mid-year population estimate



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## Laboratory tests

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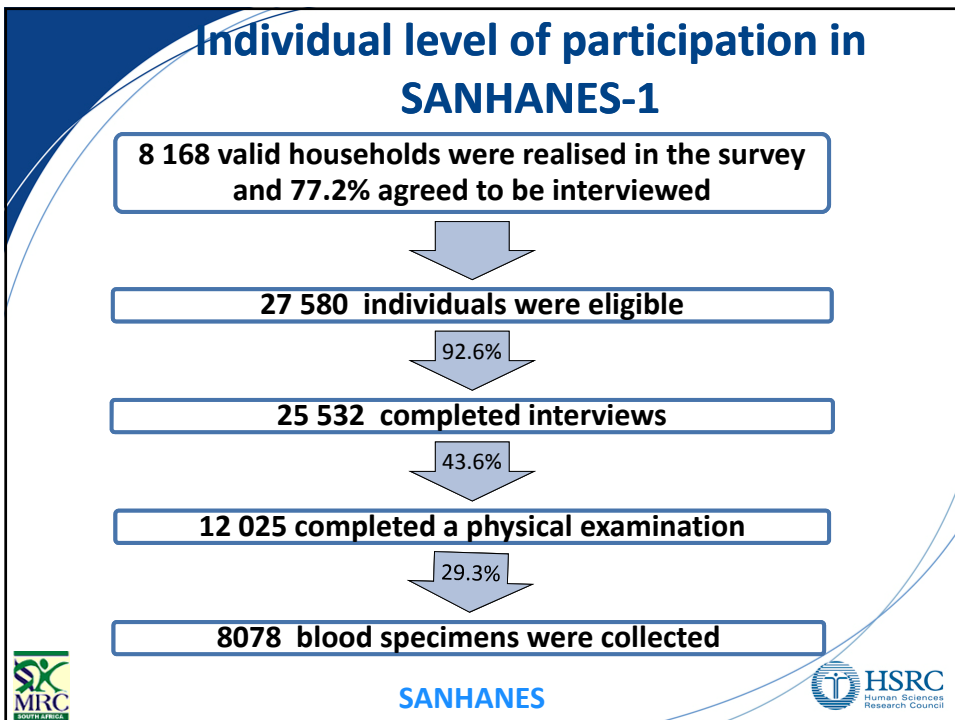
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# RESULTS



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## Representativity of the sample compared to 2012 mid-year estimates

Demographics	Weighted sample		Midyear population 2012	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Age</b>				
0–14	15 460 322	29.6	15 459 959	29.6
15–24	10 130 722	19.4	10 130 660	19.4
25–34	9 009 761	17.2	9 009 713	17.2
35–44	7 041 054	13.5	7 041 024	13.5
45–54	4 840 748	9.3	4 840 720	9.3
55–64	3 153 832	6.0	3 153 804	6.0
65+	2 639 079	5.0	2 639 066	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52 275 518</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52 274 945</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Race</b>				
African	41 624 748	79.6	41 624 670	79.6
White	4 622 376	8.8	4 622 373	8.8
Coloured	4 716 488	9.0	4 716 471	9.0
Asian/Indian	1 311 441	2.5	1 311 431	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>52 275 053</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52 274 945</b>	<b>100.0</b>



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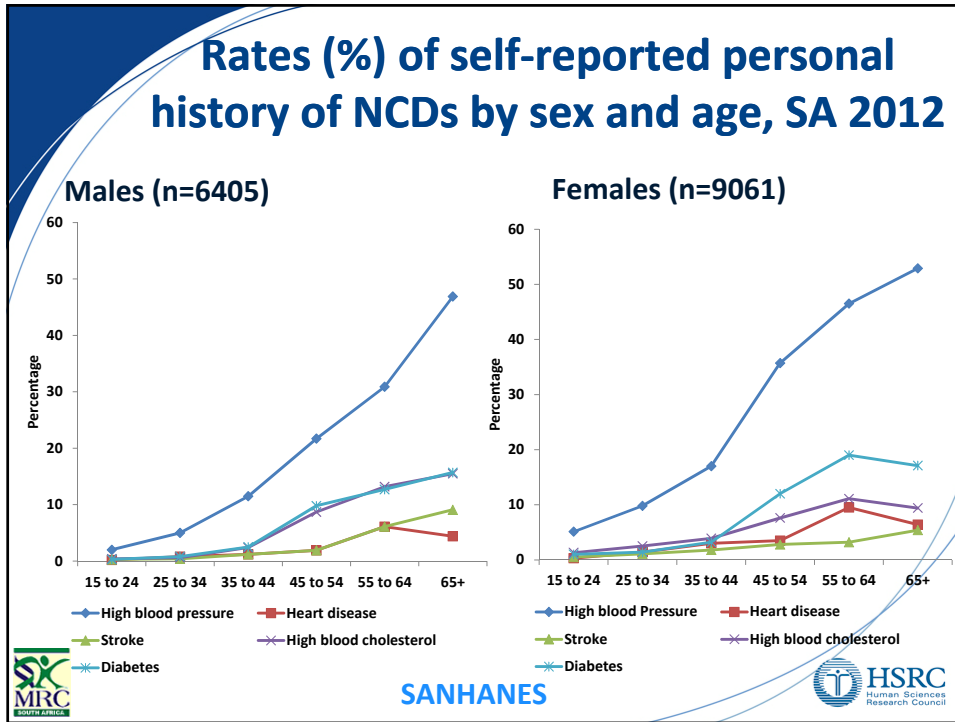


## Non-Communicable Diseases



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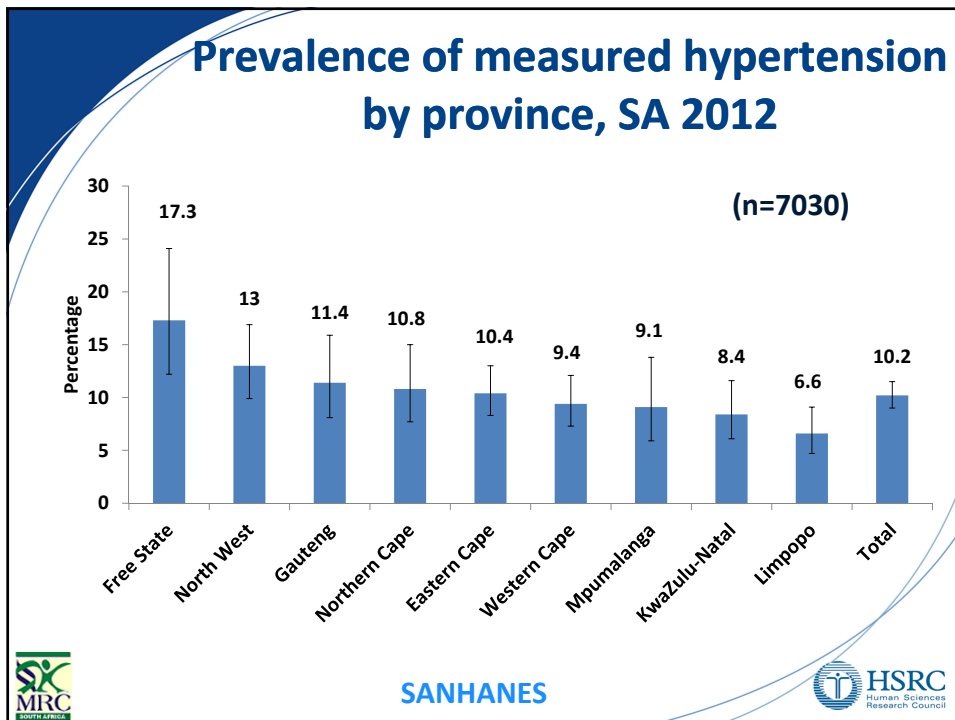
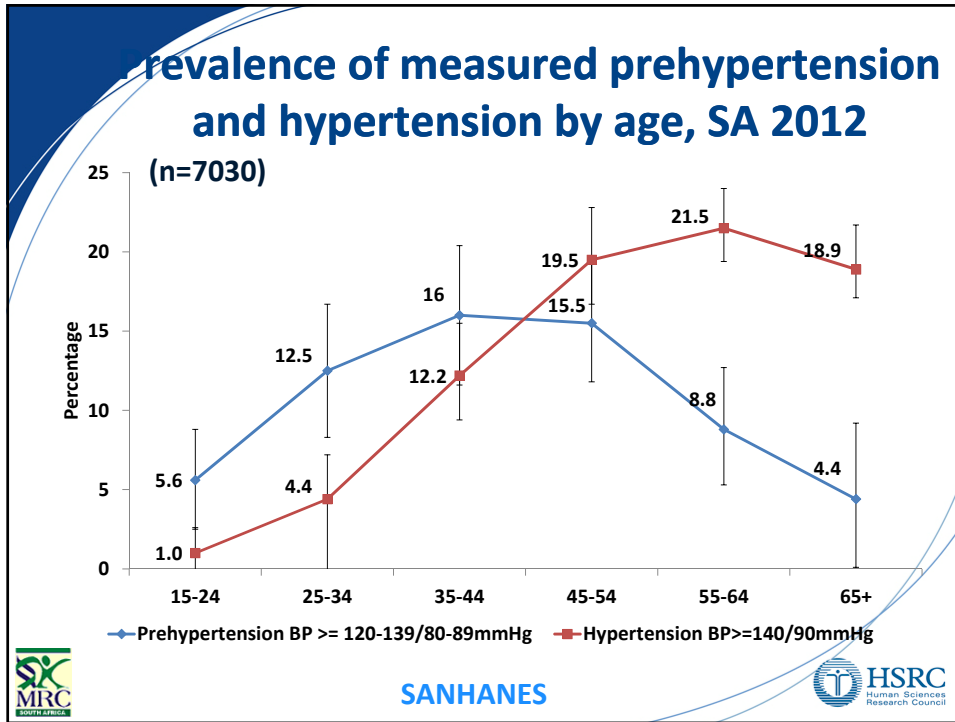







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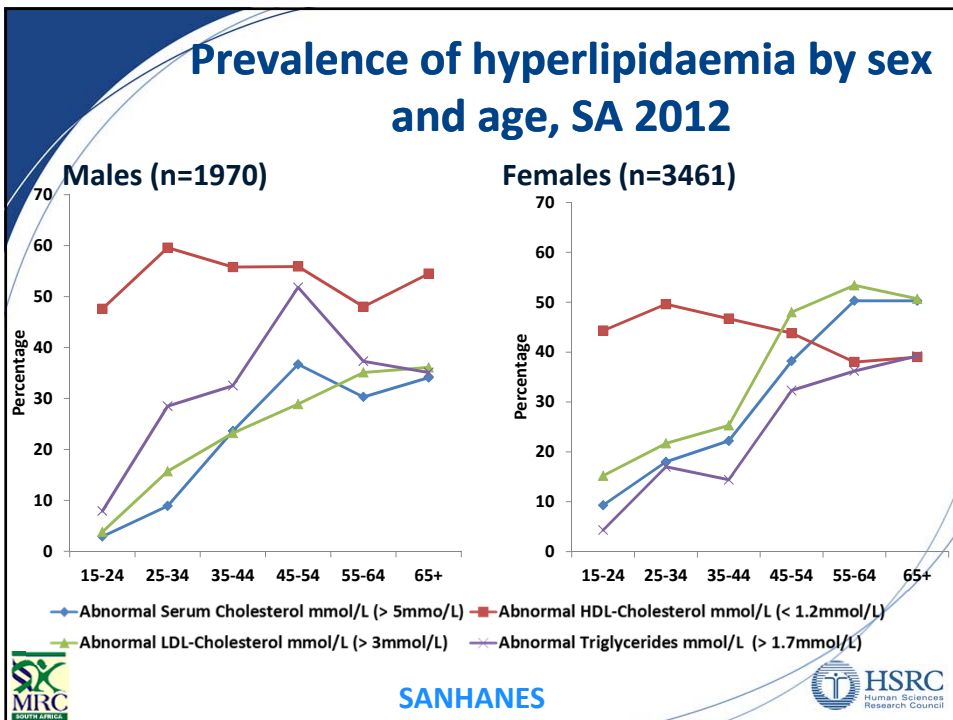
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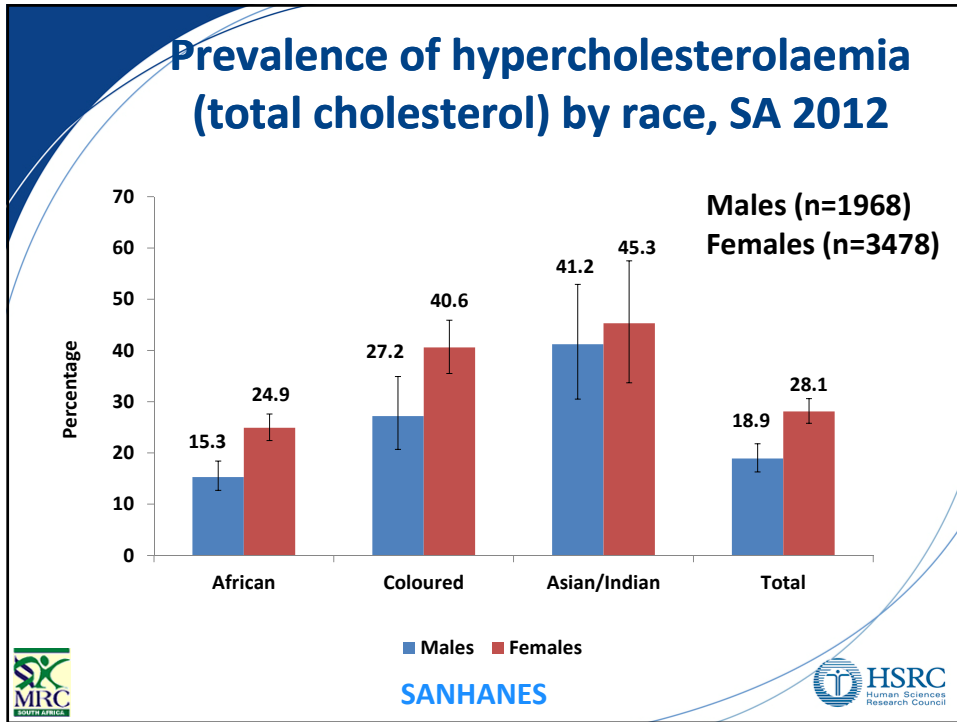




# Clinical Examination: Hyperlipidaemia



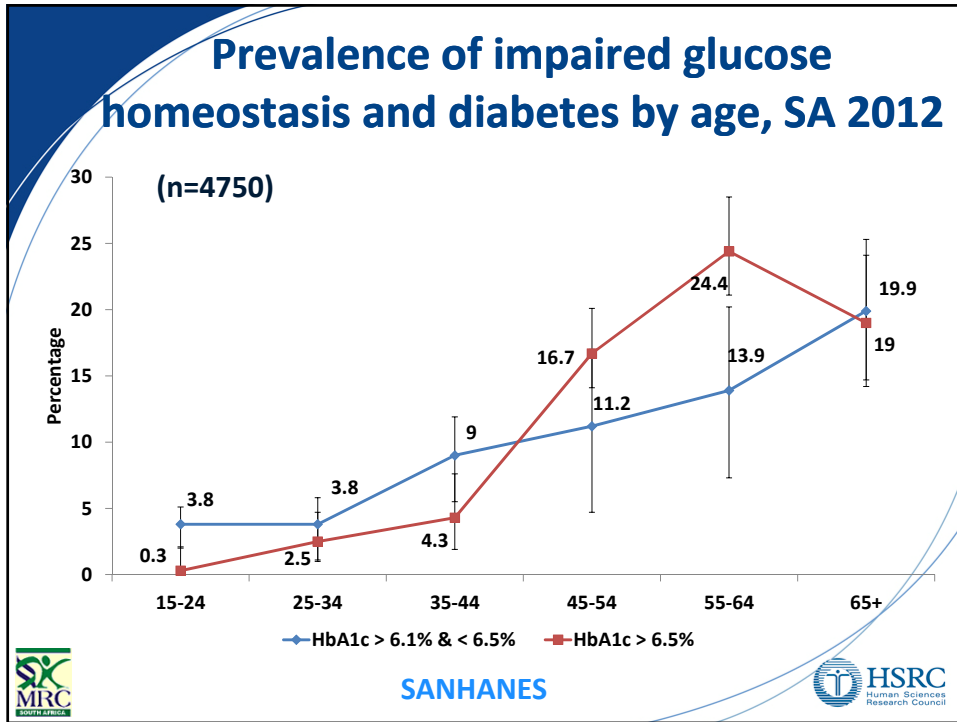


## Clinical Examination: Diabetes (blood sugar)

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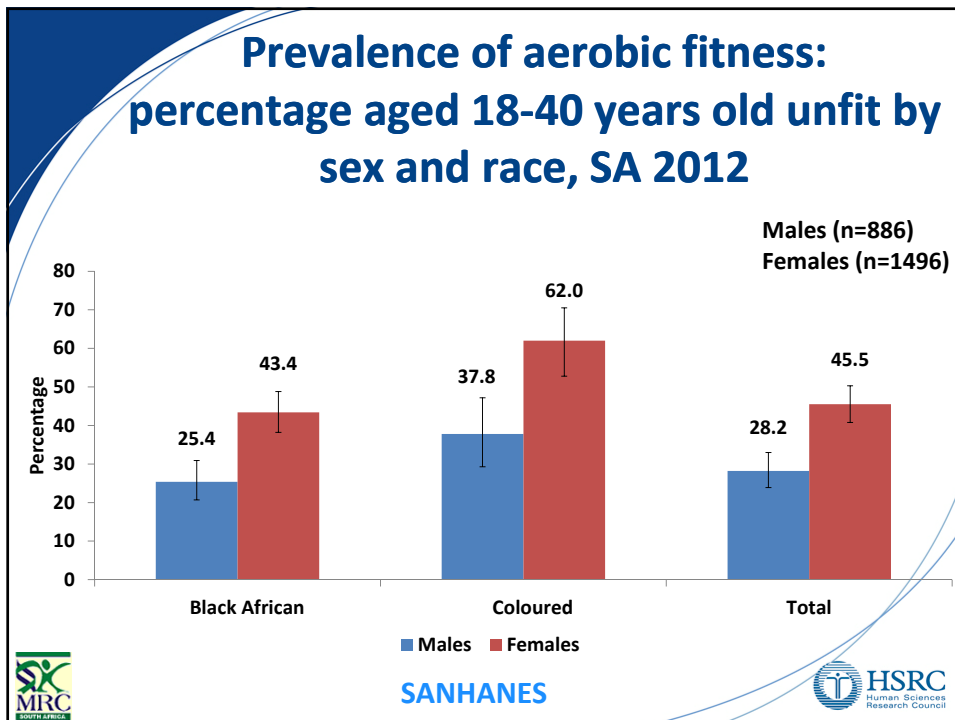
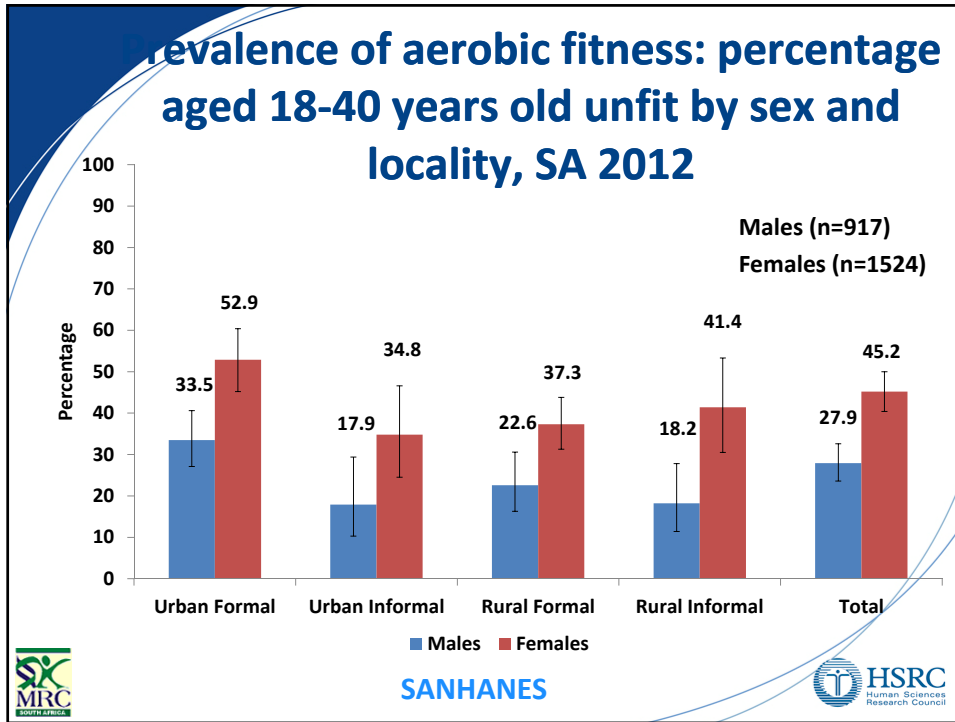
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# Physical activity

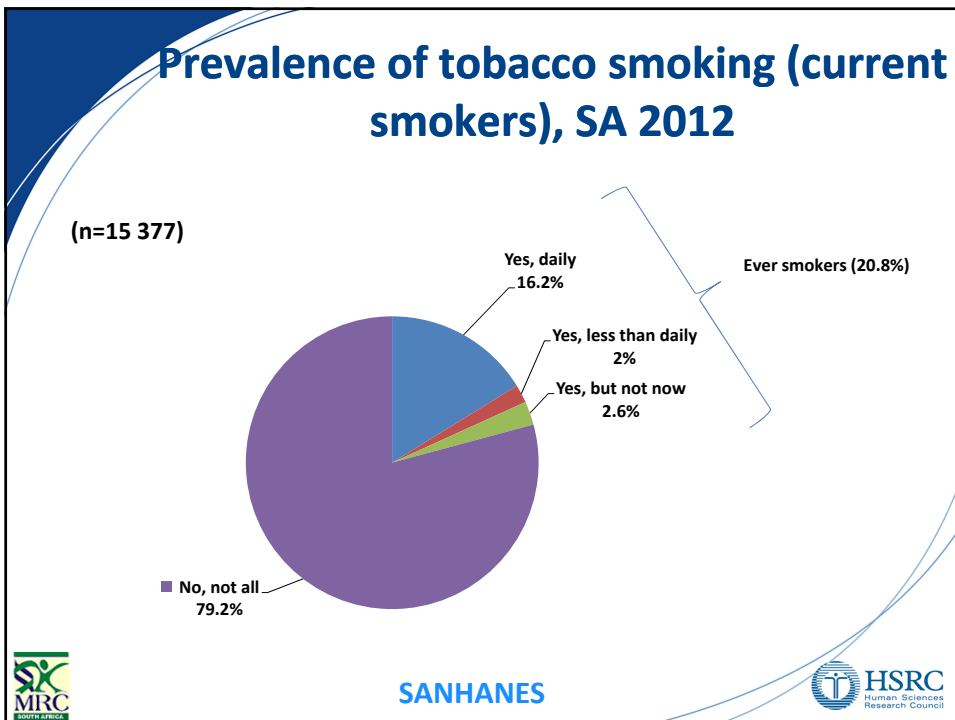
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# Tobacco Use



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### Mean age of tobacco initiation, smoking duration and number of cigarettes smoked per day (current smokers) , SA 2012

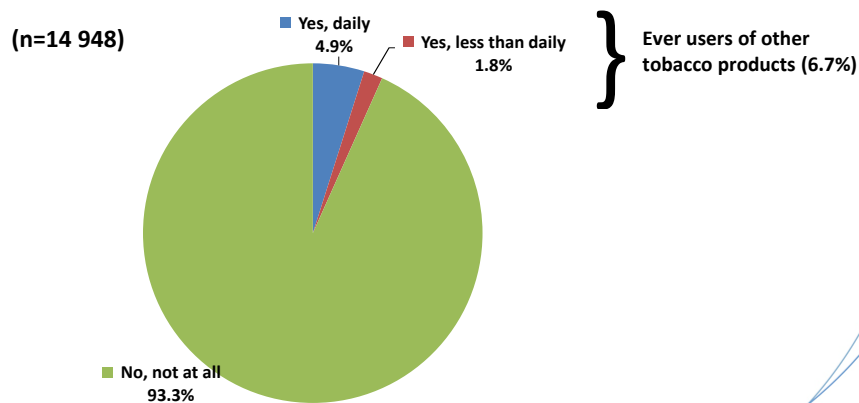
	Age of initiation of tobacco smoking (years)	Duration of smoking (years)	Mean number of cigarettes smoked per day
<b>Males</b>	17.9	17.5	8
<b>Females</b>	16.4	19.4	10
<b>Total</b>	17.4	17.9	8.5



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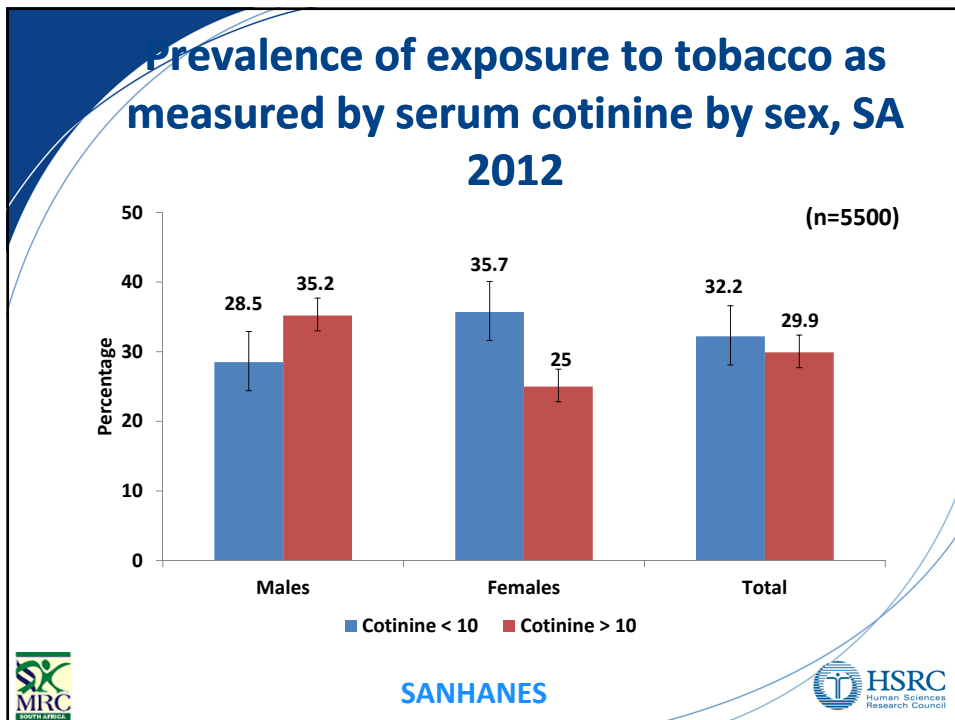
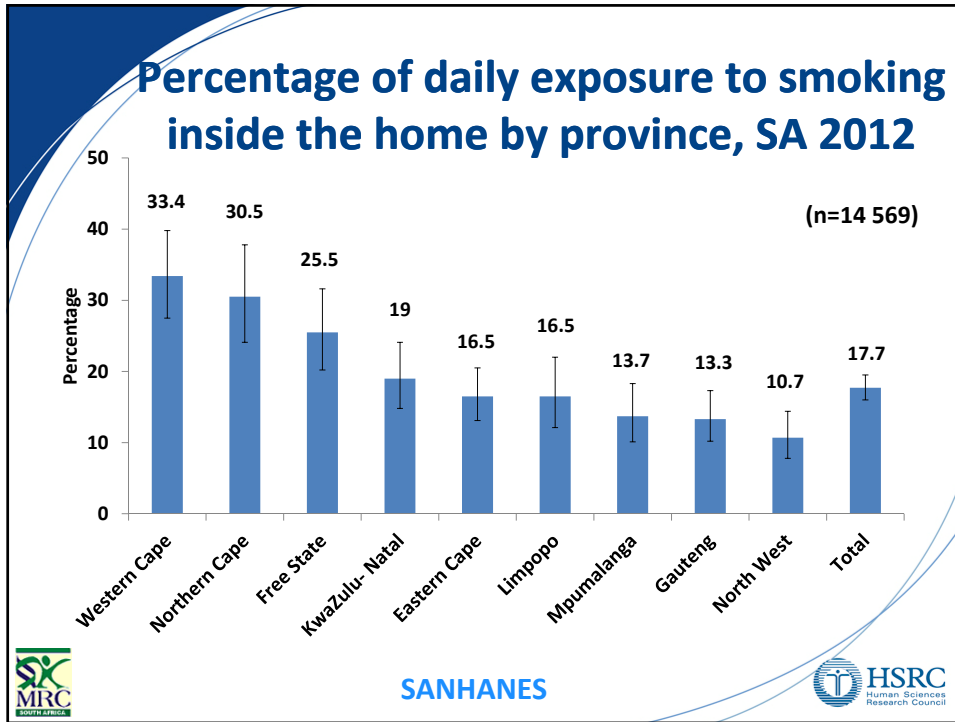


### Prevalence of the use of other tobacco products (current smokers), SA 2012

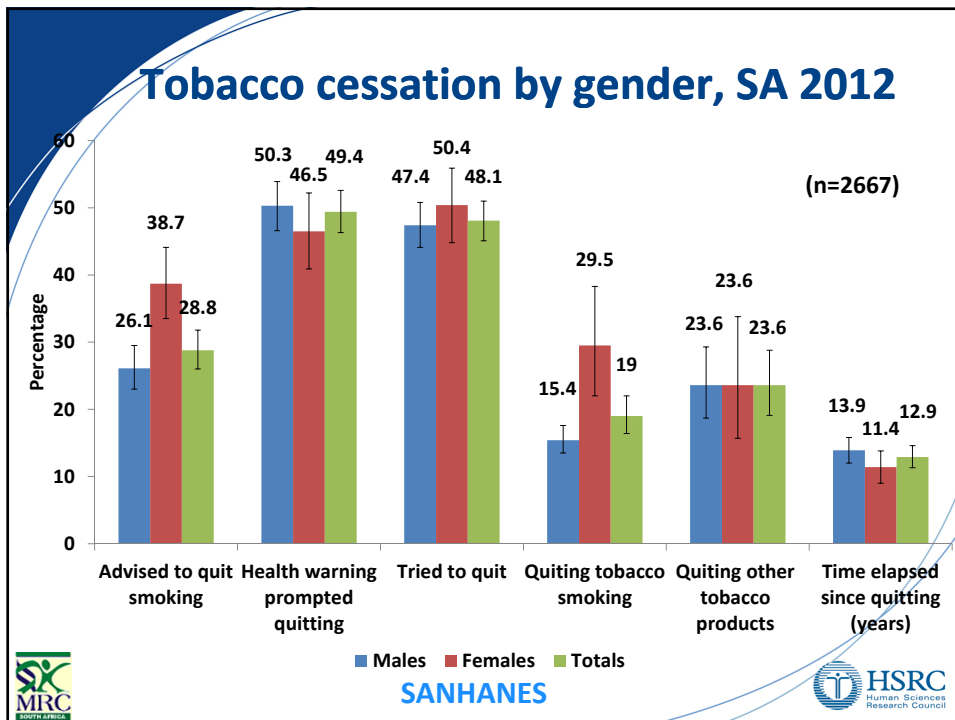
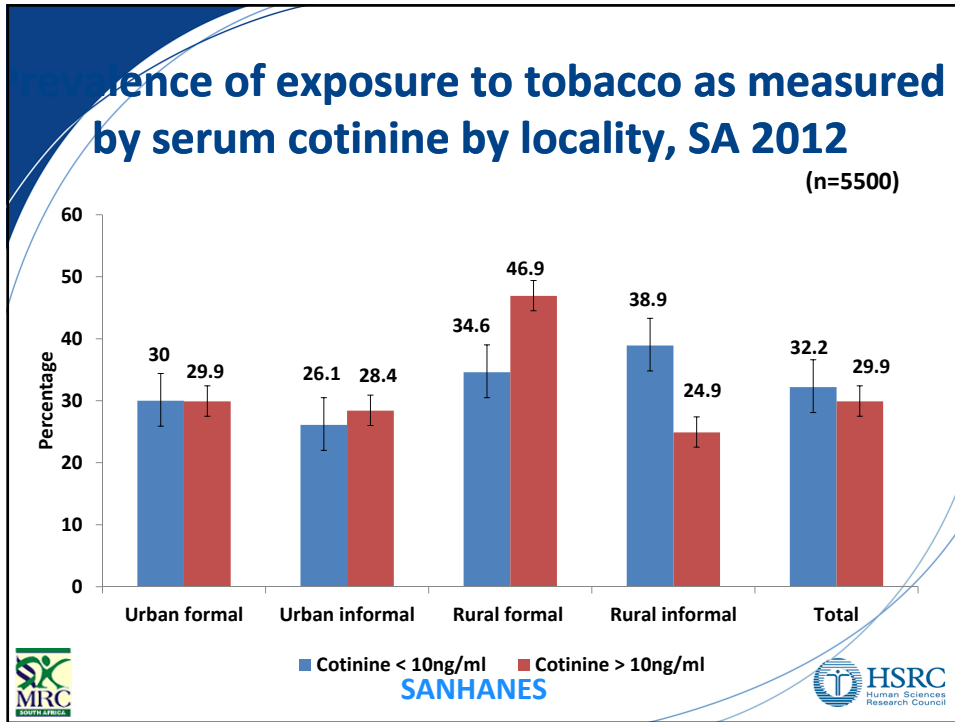


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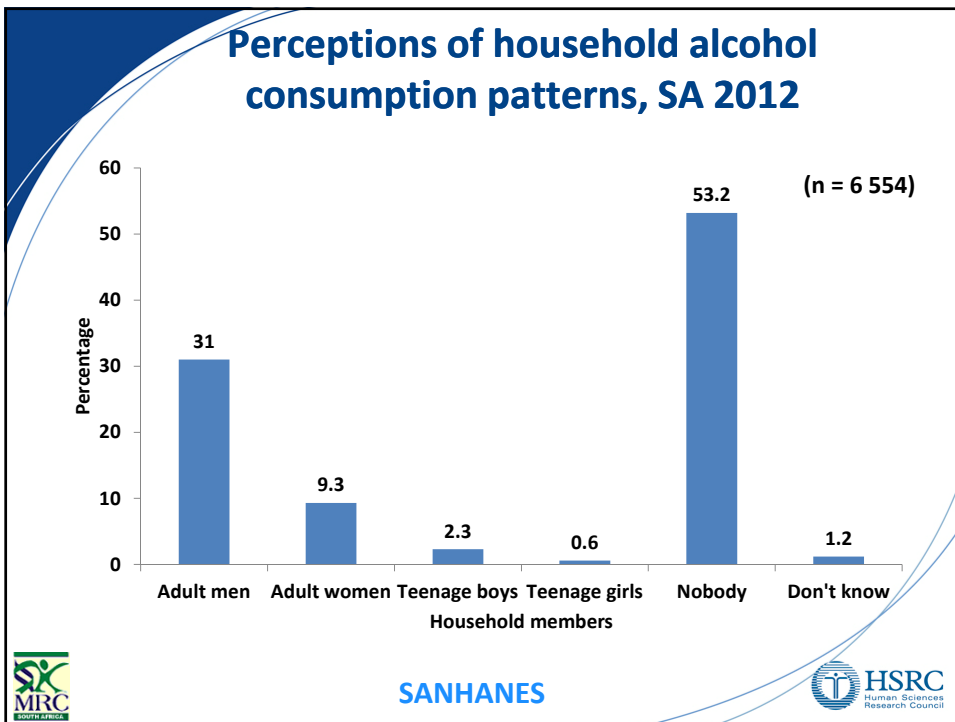



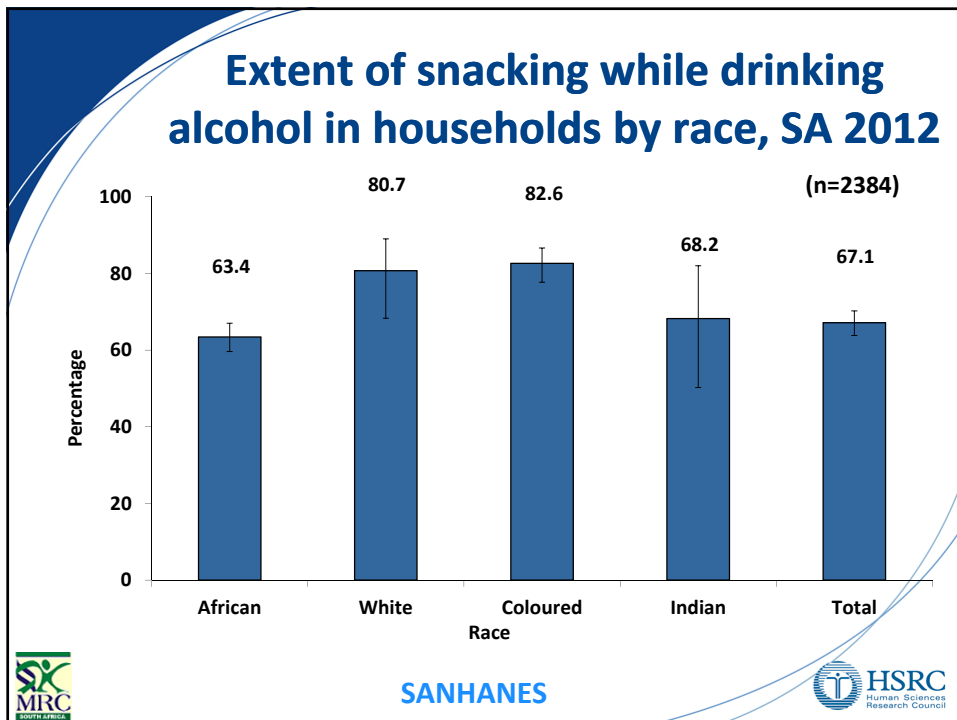
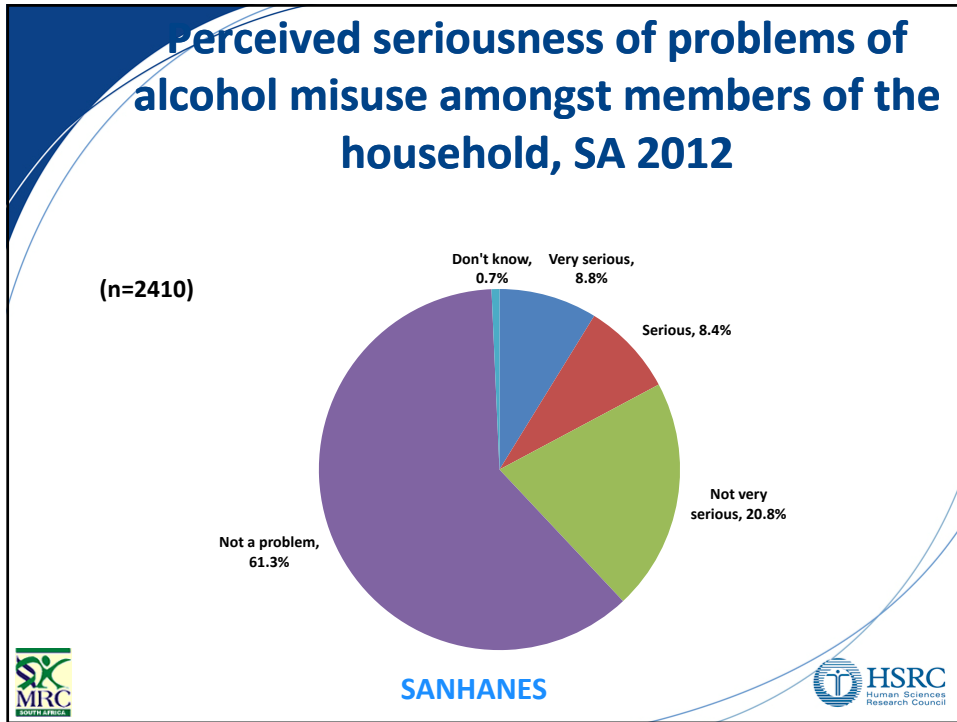


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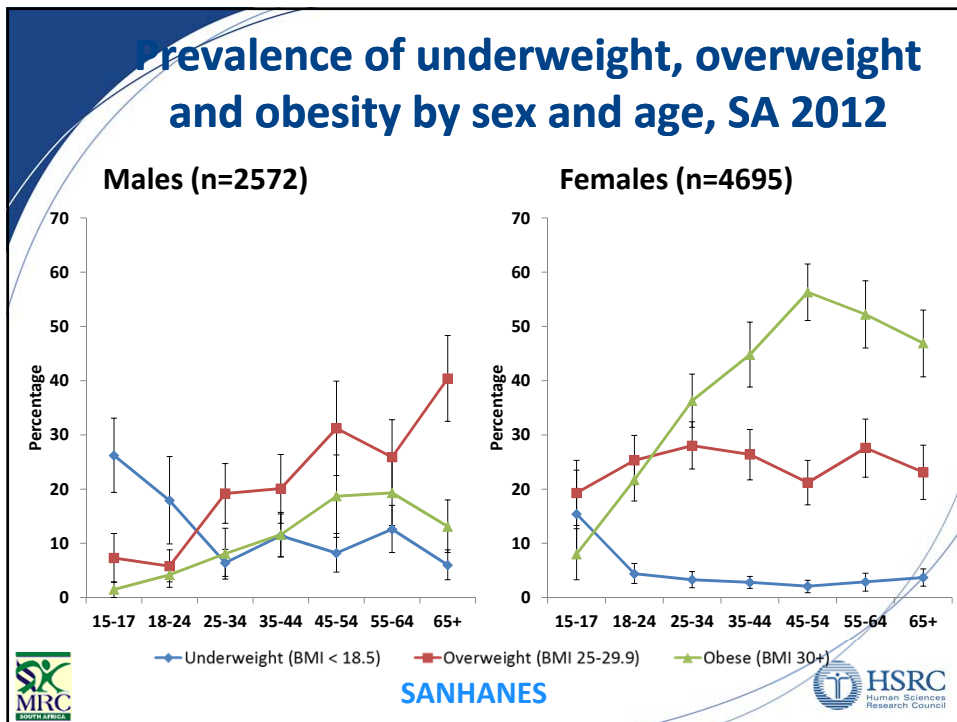
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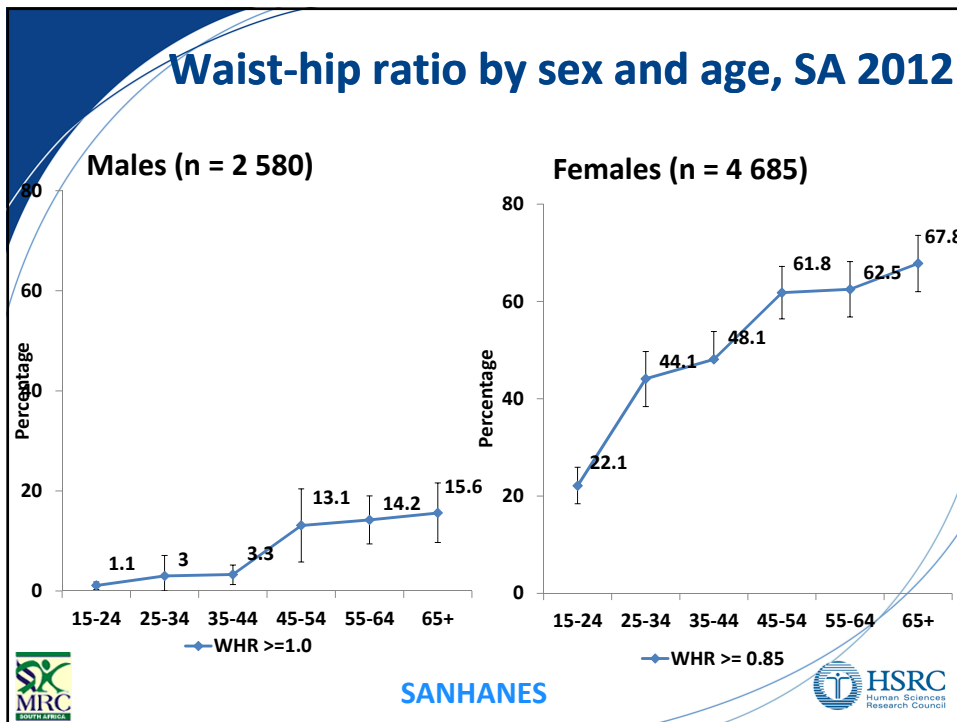
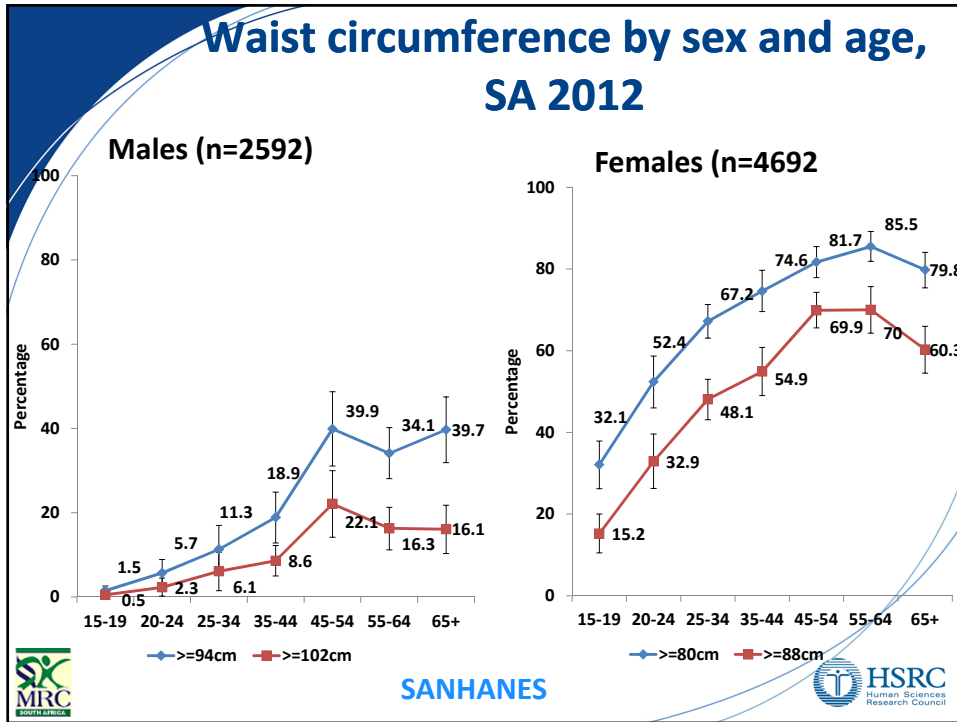




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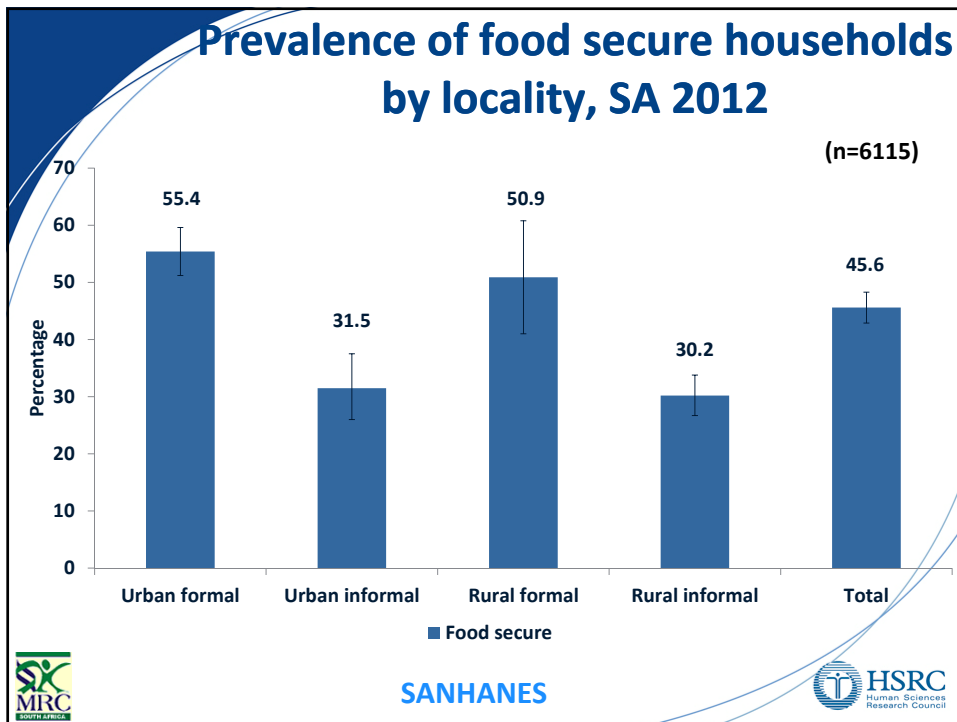


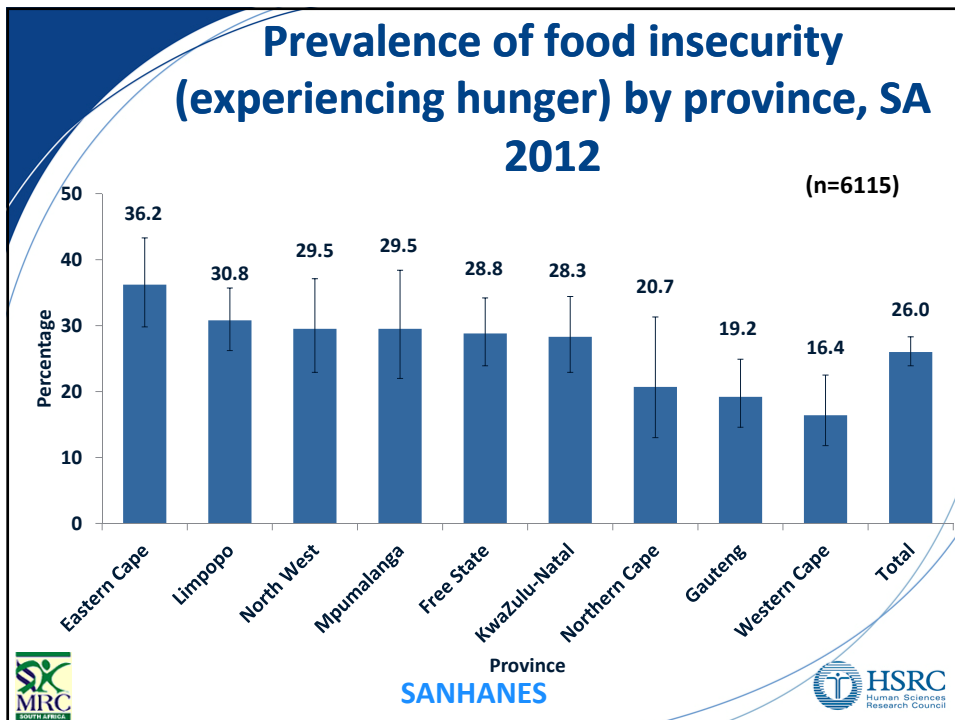
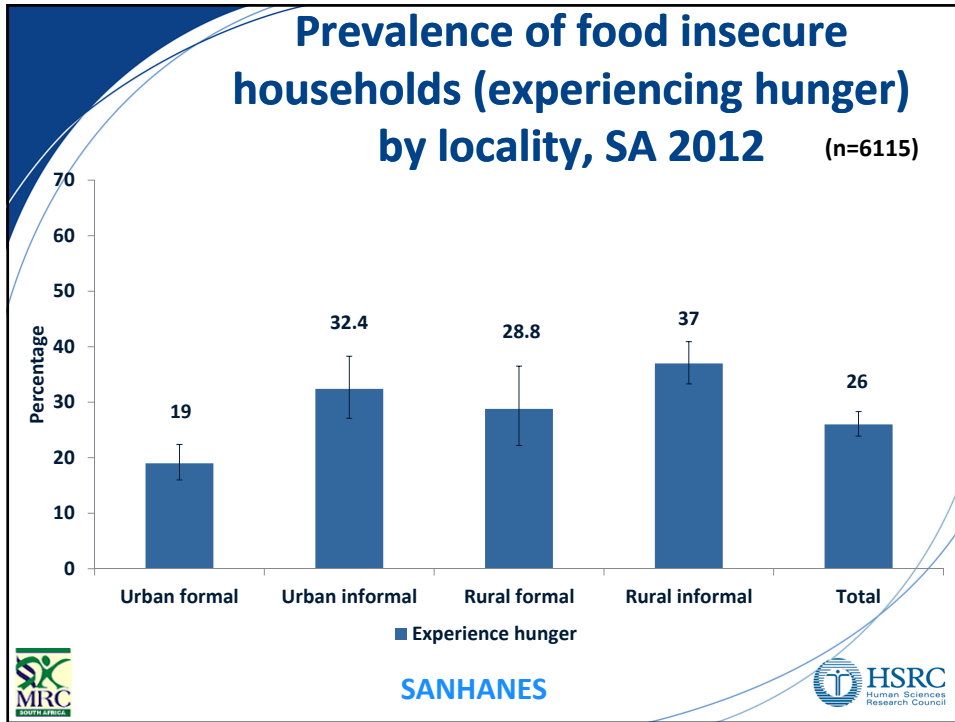


# Food security



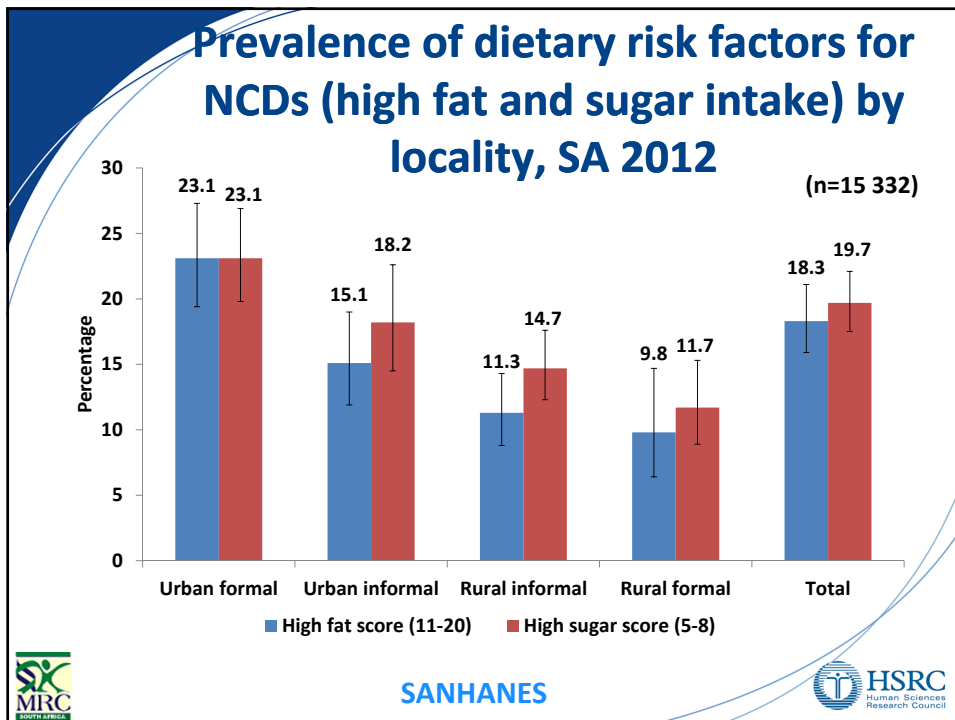
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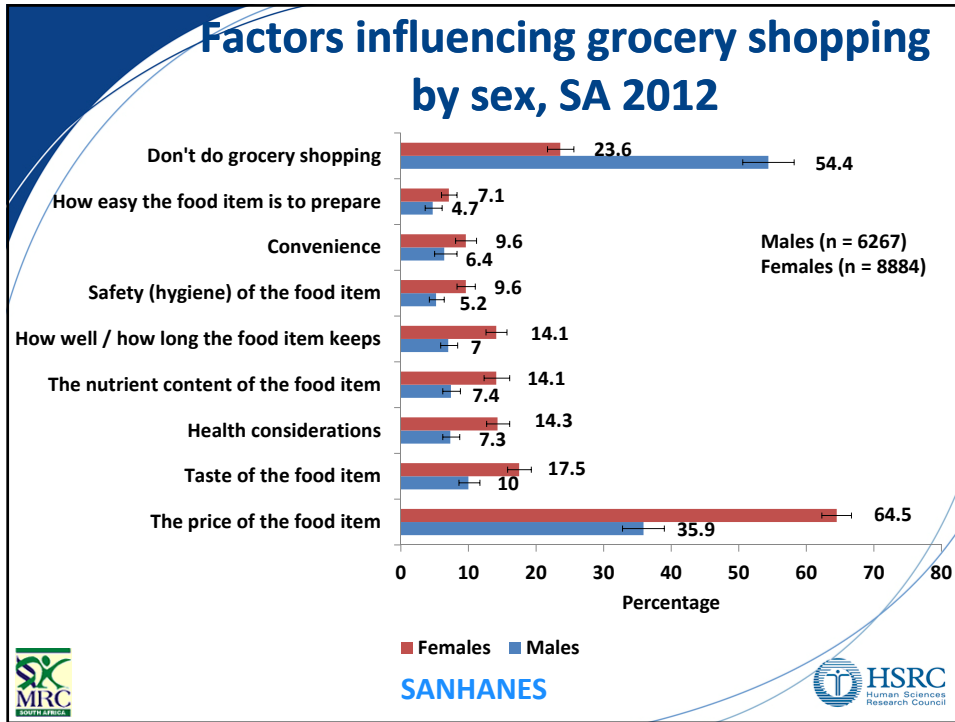


### Trends in Food Security status: SA 1999-2012

Variable	NFCS 1999 (n = 2735)	NFCS 2005 (n = 2413)	SASAS 2008 (n = 1150)	SANHANES- 1, 2012 (n = 6306)
	%	%	%	%
Food Secure	25	19.8	48	45.6
At risk of hunger	23	27.9	25	28.3
Experiencing hunger	52.3	52	25.9	26.0





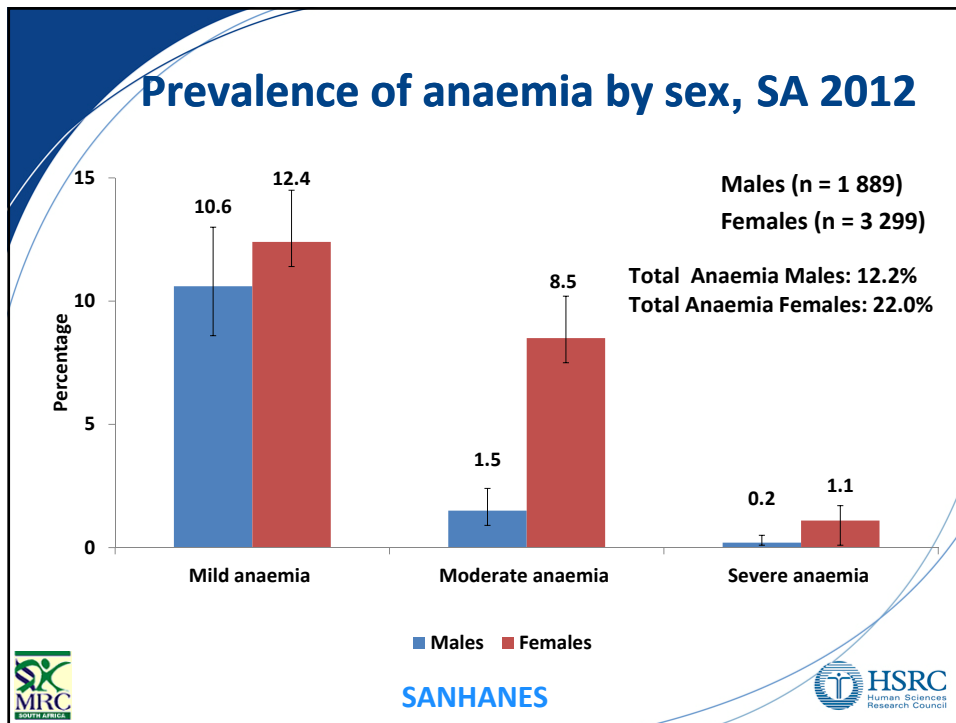


# Nutritional status of adults

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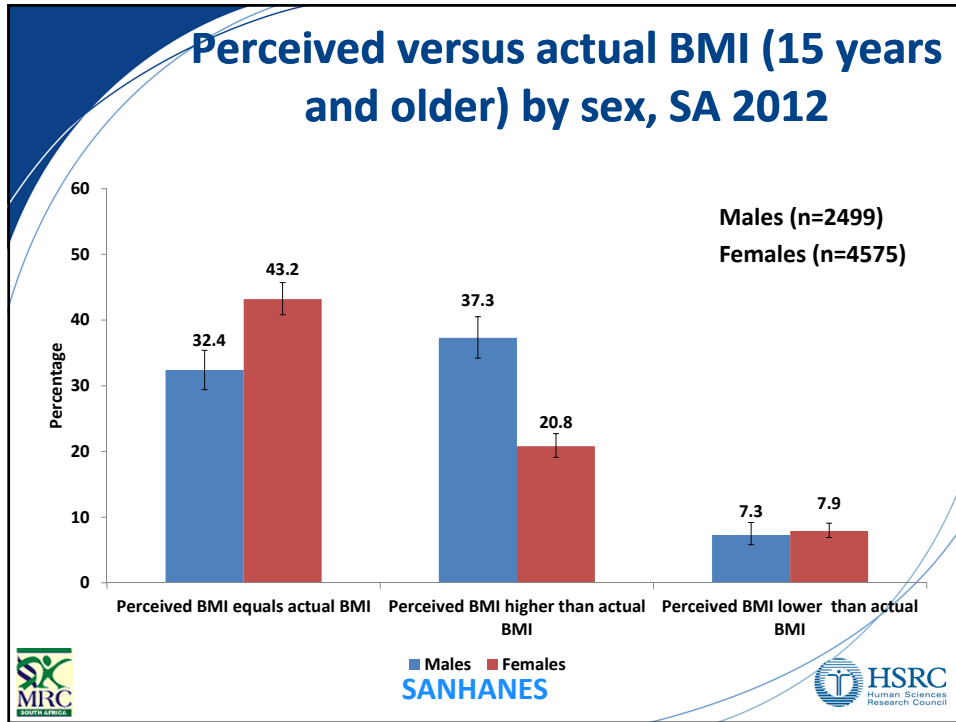
### Trends in anaemia and iron status: women of reproductive age (16-35 years), SA 2005 - 2012

VARIABLE	NFCS-2005	SANHANES-1
Anaemia (Hb < 12 g/dL)	29.4%	23.1%
Iron depletion (Hb ≥ 12 g/dL and Ferritin < 15 ng/mL)	7.7%	5.9%
Iron deficiency anaemia (Hb <12 g/dL and Ferritin < 15 ng/mL)	10.5%	9.7%

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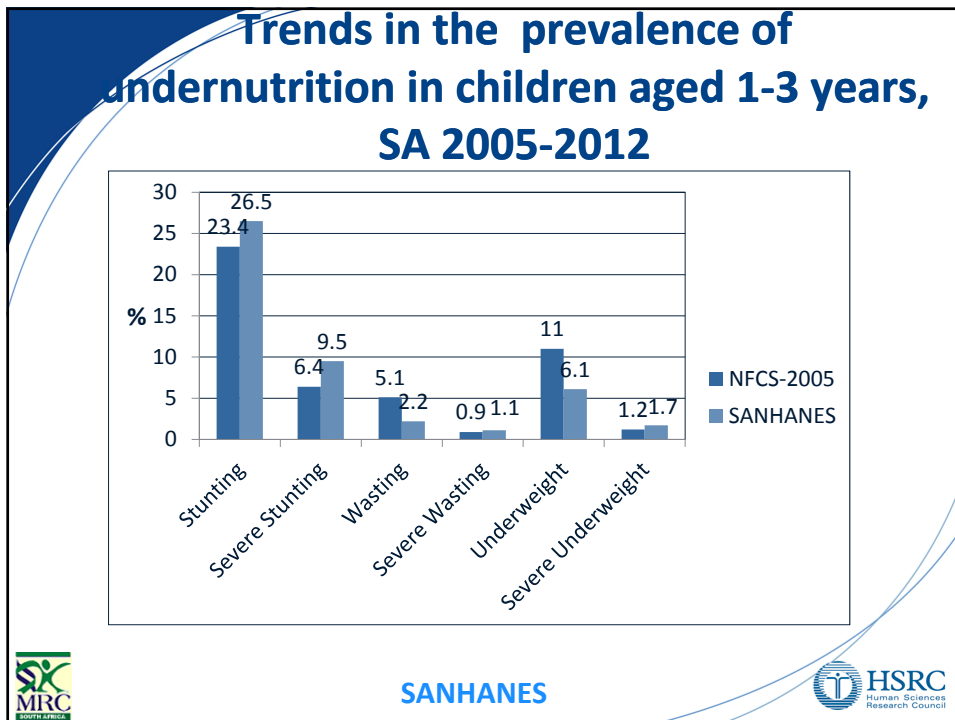
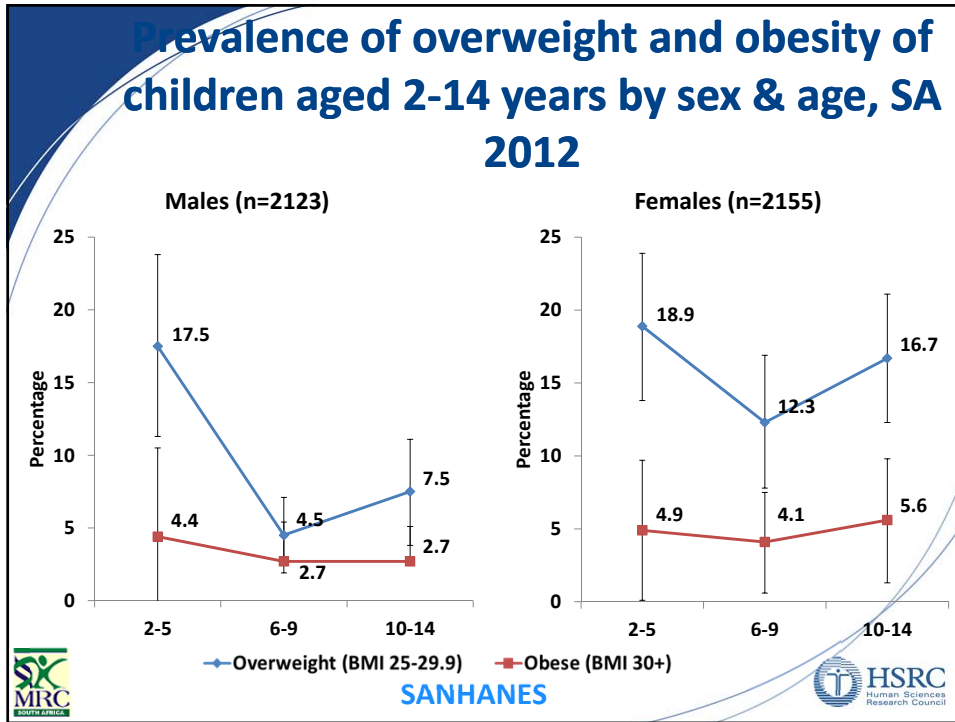
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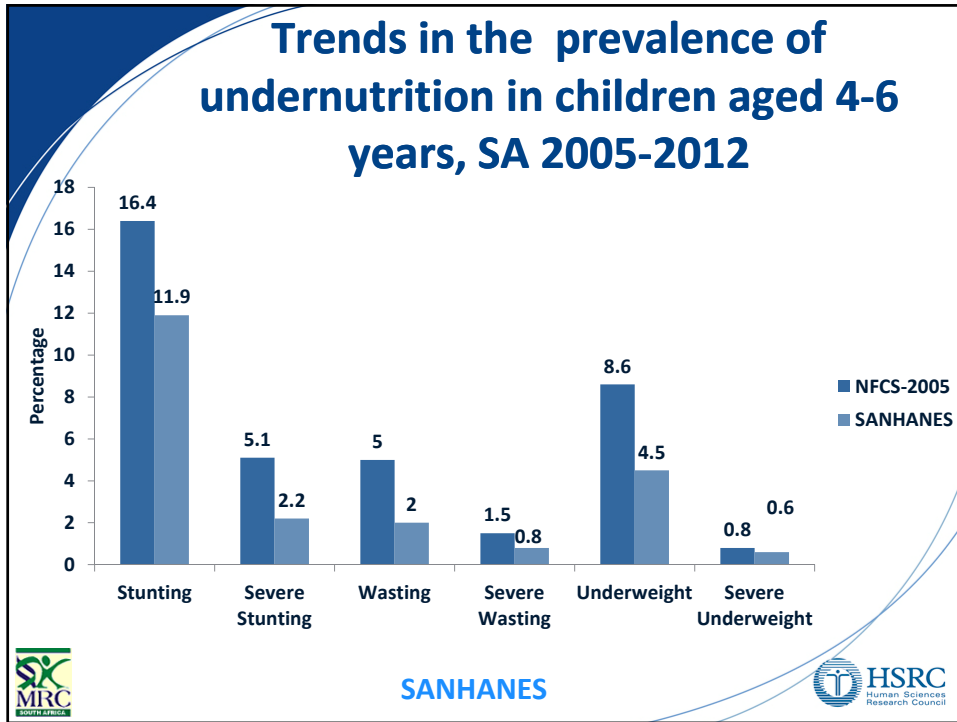
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# Anthropometry (children)

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# Child Health and Nutrition Status


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## Trends in vitamin A status in children under five years of age, SA 1994-2012

VARIABLE	SAVACG	NFCS-2005	SANHANES-1
Mean Vitamin A	0.84 $\mu\text{mol/L}$	0.62 $\mu\text{mol/L}$	0.75 $\mu\text{mol/L}$
Vitamin A deficiency (serum retinol < 0.70 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )	33.3%	63.6%	43.6%



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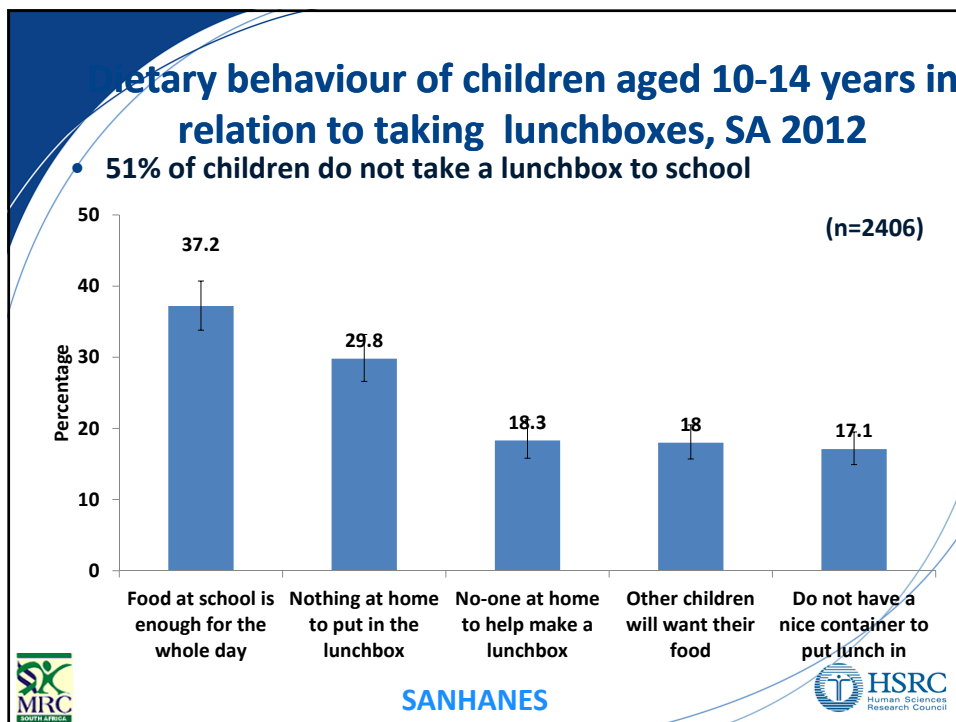
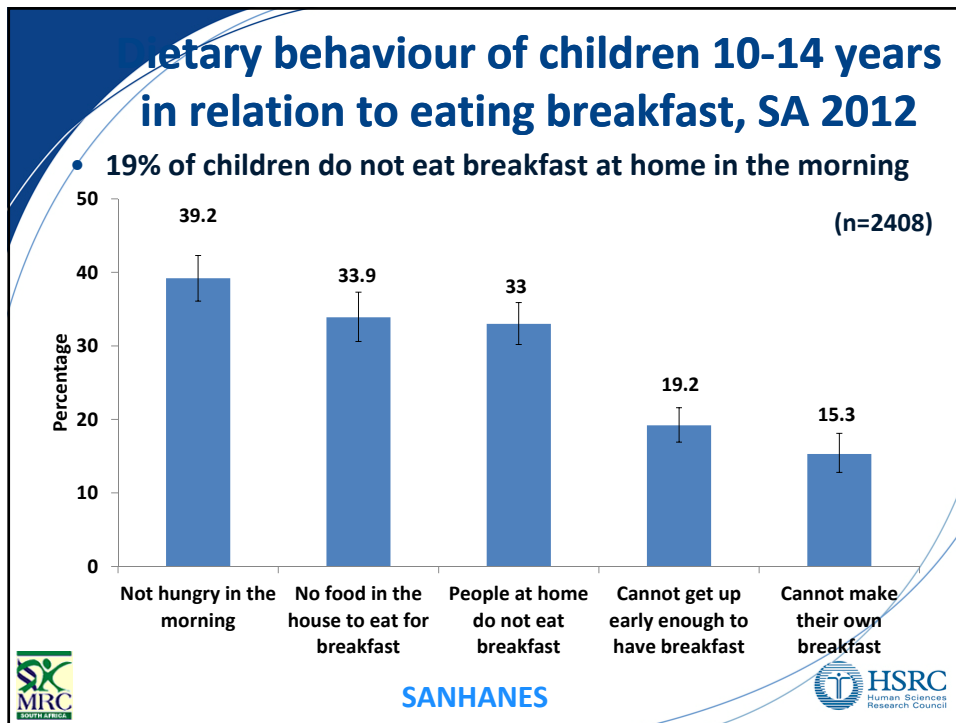
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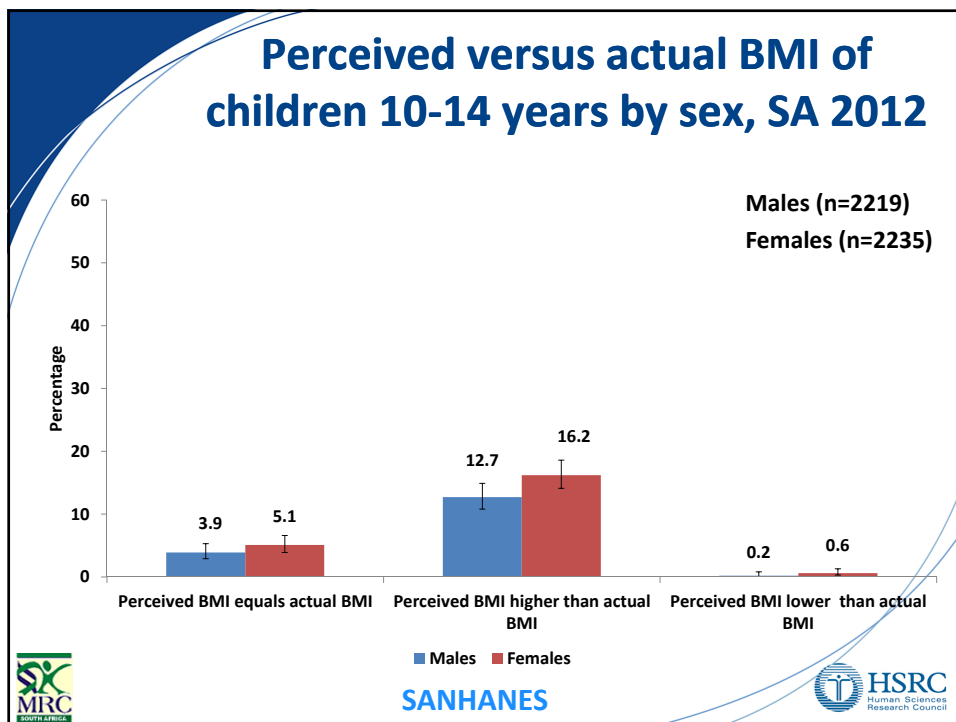
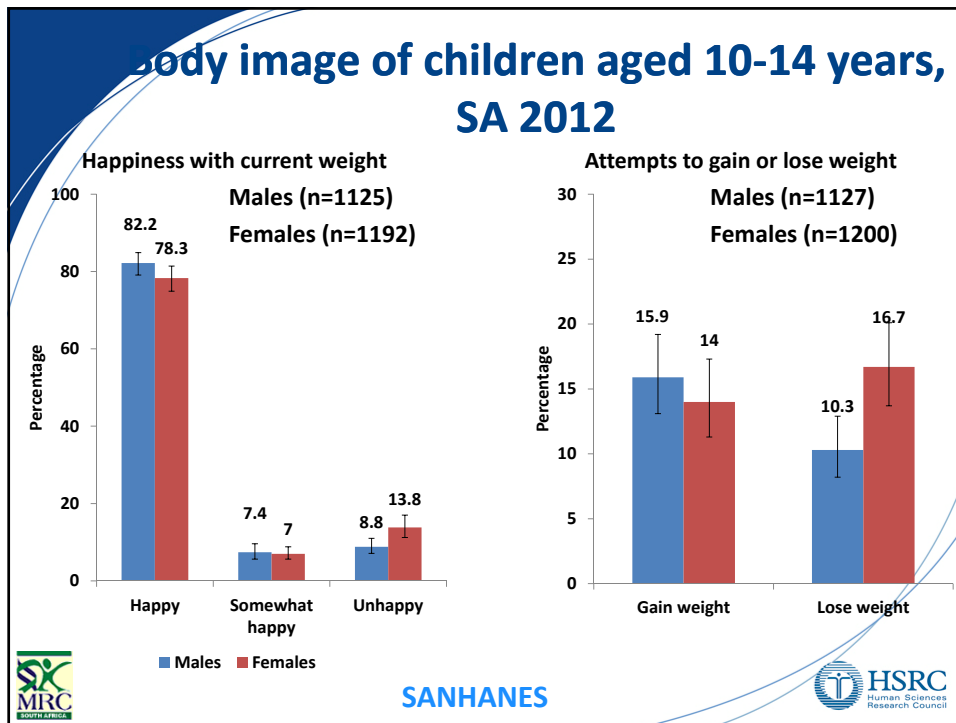
VARIABLE	SAVACG	NFCS-2005	SANHANES-1
Anaemia (Hb < 11 g/dL)	21.4%	28.9%	10.7%
Iron depletion (Hb $\geq$ 11 g/dL and Ferritin < 12 ng/mL)	4.8%	7.8%	8.1%
Iron deficiency anaemia (Hb < 11 g/dL and Ferritin < 12 ng/mL)	5.0%	11.3%	1.9%



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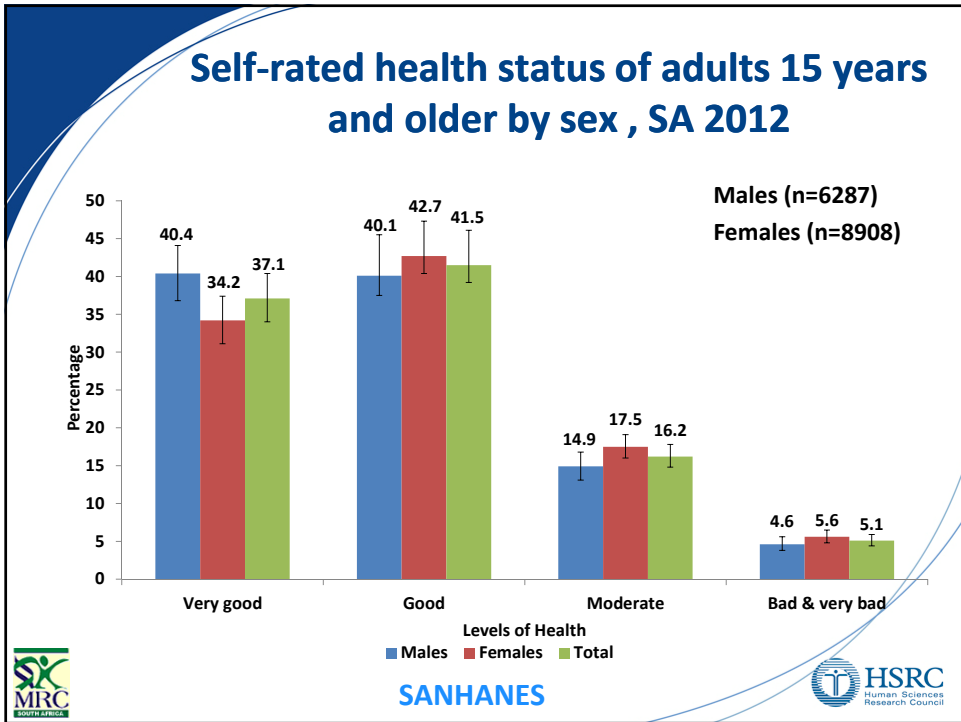


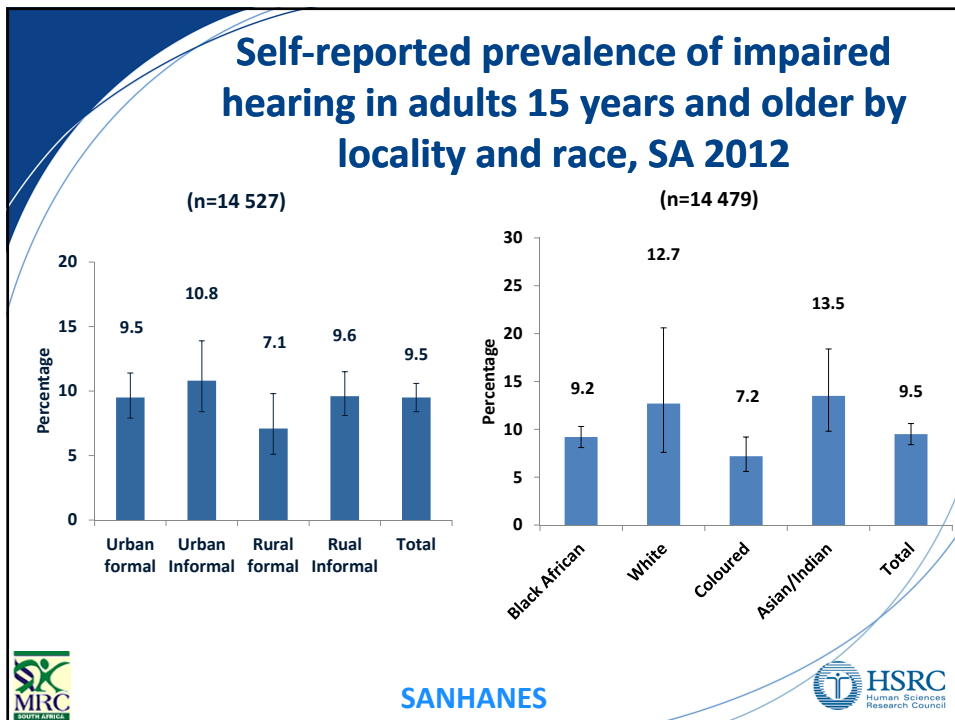
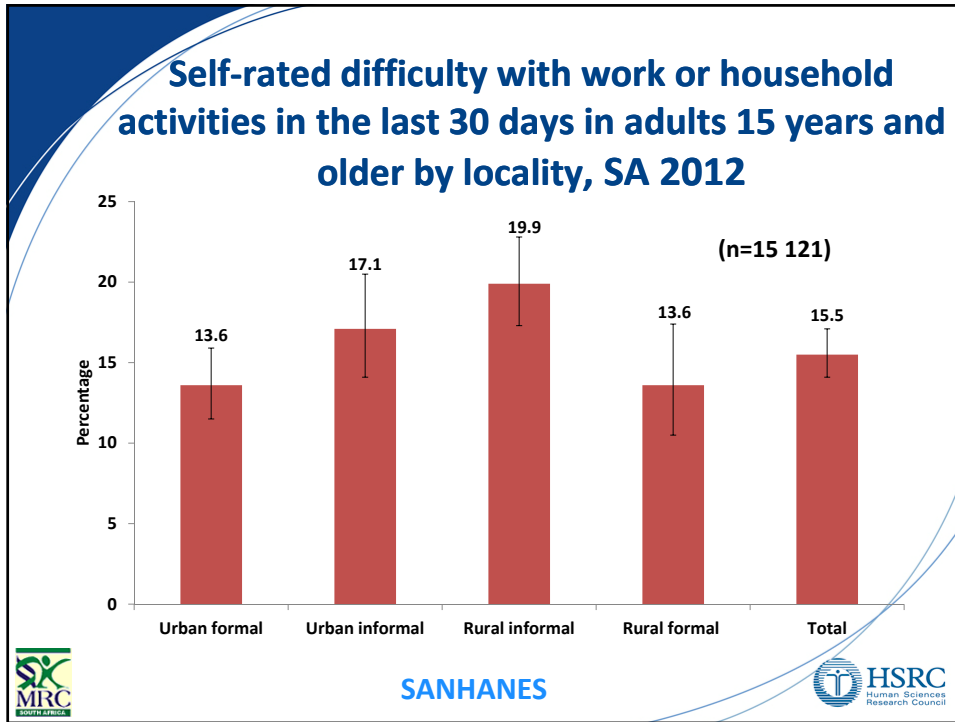


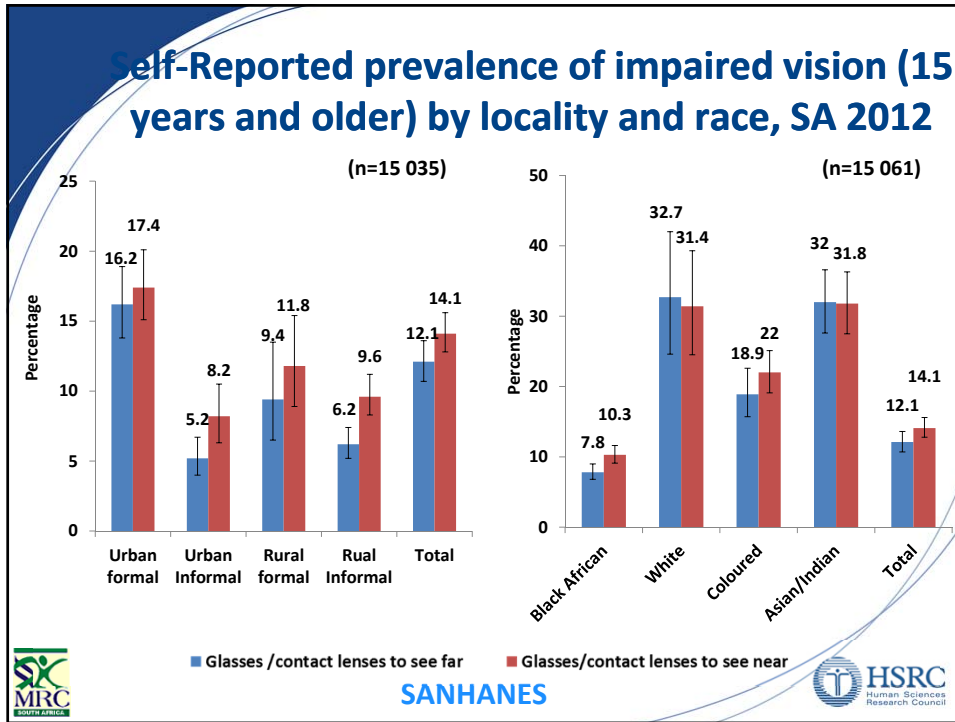




# General Health Perception: Physical health

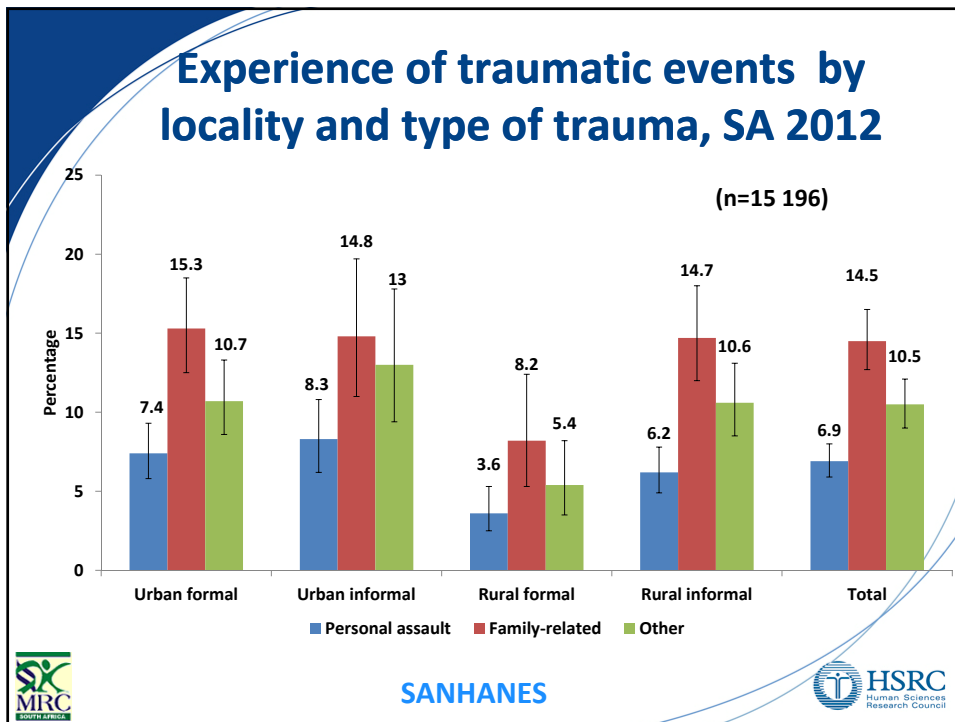
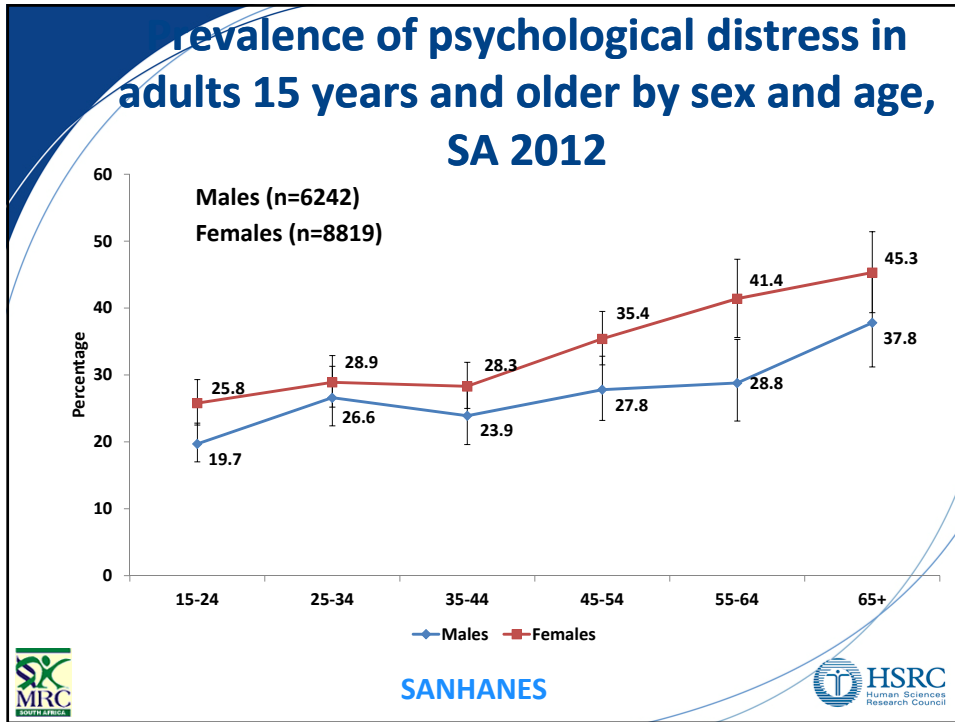


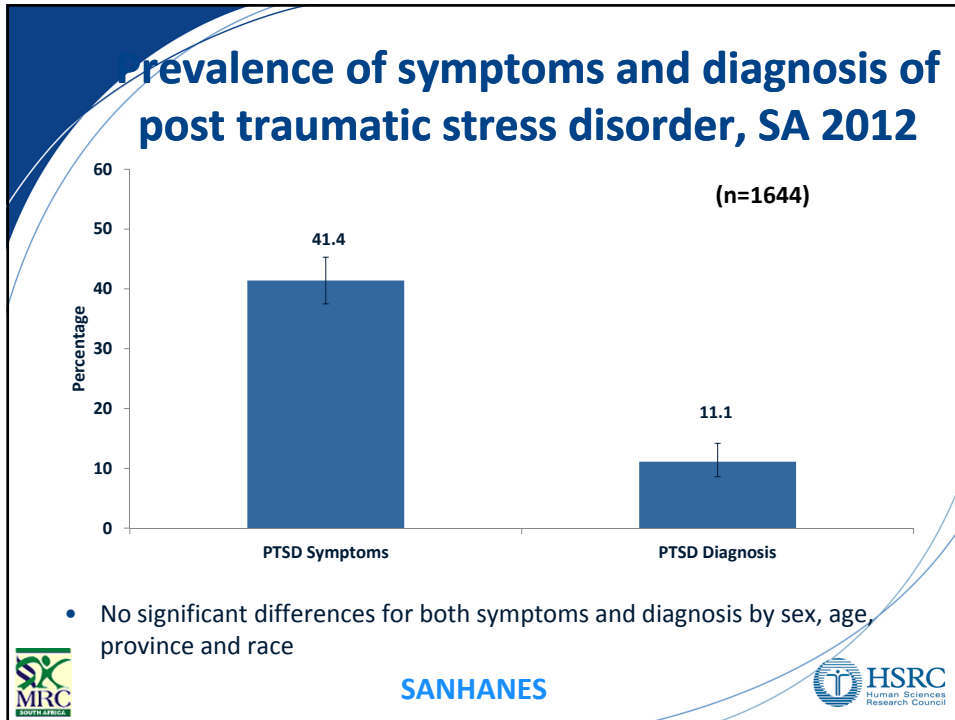




# General Health Perception: Mental Health

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# Quality of Health Care Services

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## Satisfaction at outpatient health care facilities, SA 2012

Factor	Public		Private	
	Very good and good	Very bad and bad	Very good and good	Very bad and bad
Treated respectfully	80.4%	6.4%	95.5%	0.6%
Clarity of explanations	80.9%	5.6%	95.1%	1.1%
Involvement in decision making	77.6%	6.9%	92.6%	2.1%
Privacy	83.7%	4.8%	95.4%	1.2%
Choice of health care provider	79.5%	5.5%	92.4%	0.5%
Cleanliness	85.2%	3.7%	95.2%	0.2%
Availability of medication	77.6%	9.4%	96.0%	0.5%
Availability of tests	76.2%	8.1%	95.9%	0.4%
Waiting times	59.5%	24.4%	87.7%	4.5%



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## Satisfaction at in-patient health care facilities, SA 2012

Factor	Public		Private	
	Very good and good	Very bad and bad	Very good and good	Very bad and bad
Treated respectfully	84.9%	4.6%	97.6%	0.7%
Clarity of explanations	85.0%	6.4%	96.8%	1.6%
Involvement in decision making	81.5%	9.0%	94.4%	2.8%
Privacy	81.6%	5.6%	97.4%	0.6%
Choice of health care provider	82.9%	4.2%	96.9%	1.6%
Cleanliness	84.9%	3.4%	97.9%	1.4%
Availability of medication	85.0%	3.9%	97.3%	0.5%
Availability of tests	84.5%	5.2%	98.8%	0.1%
Waiting times	72.4%	13.4%	93.0%	3.1%



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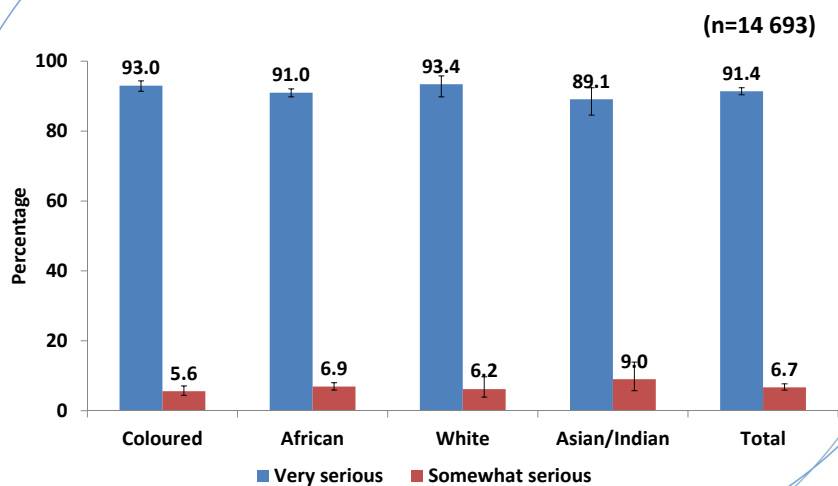
# Tuberculosis: Social Determinants



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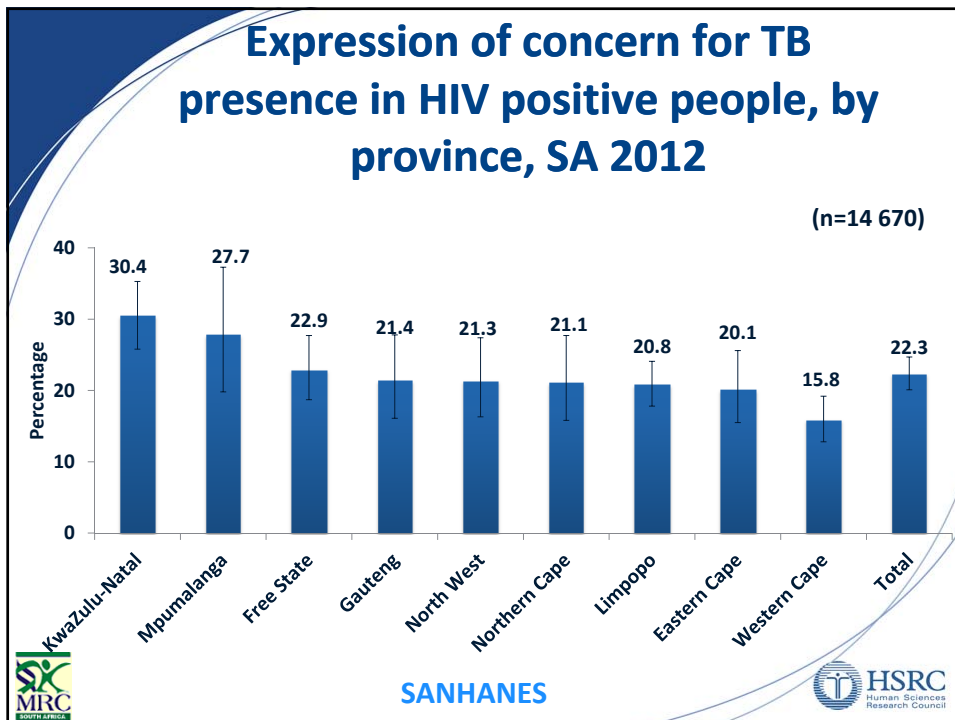
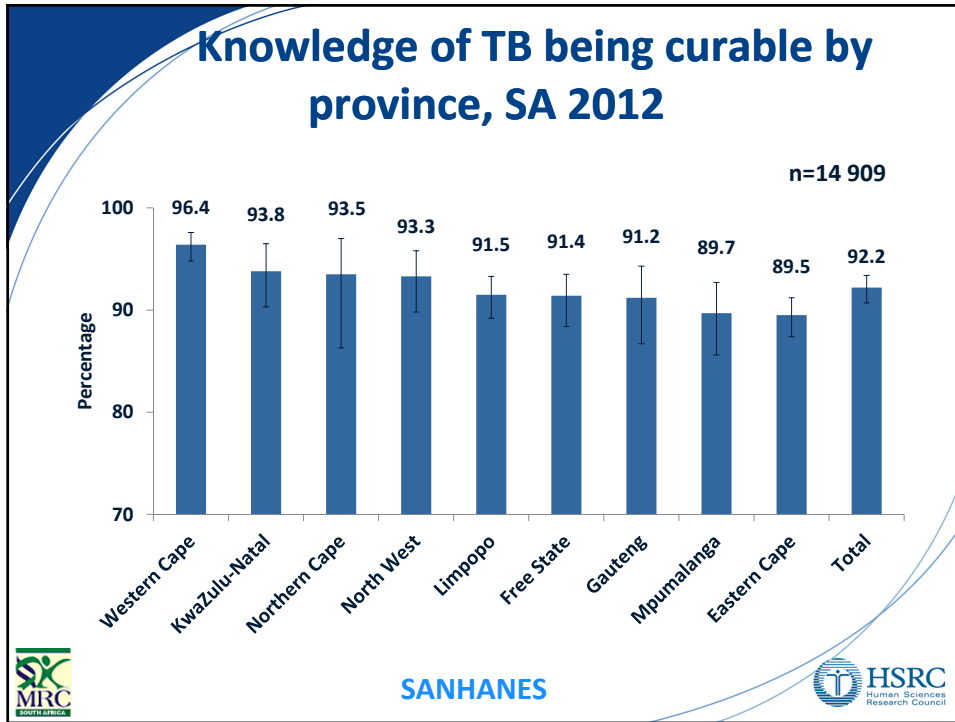


## Perception of seriousness of TB by race, SA 2012

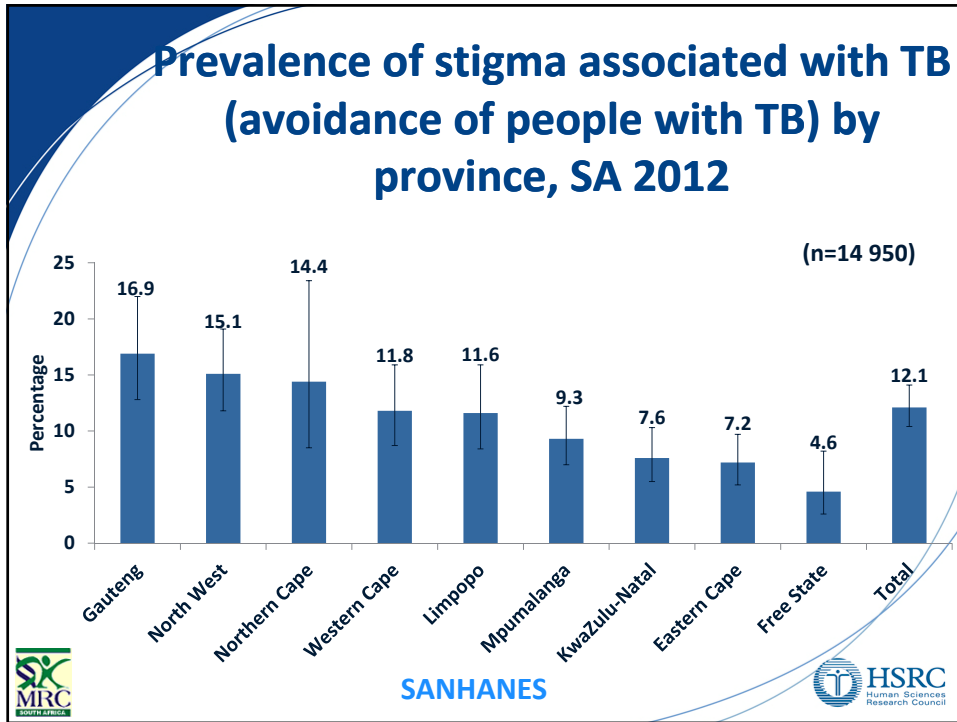


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## Summary

The successfully completed SANHANES-1:

- Is representative of the population
- Provides baseline values and informs policy in a number of health and nutrition domains
- Provides evidence on the impact of current interventions, and
- Creates the basis on which the population's health and nutritional status can be monitored longitudinally



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## Overall Summary

- South Africa indeed has a huge burden of disease that is fuelled by a multiplicity of risk factors requiring multi-sectoral action and healthy public policies
- The underlying socio-economic, cultural, behavioural and environmental determinants of health are significant
- Self-reported levels of morbidity are high



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