

Country	Ref. no.	Year of publication	Sample size	Region	Age group ^a		
					Preschool	Childhood	Adolescence
Bahrain	[21]	2003	506	Different provinces	-	+	+
Islamic Republic of Iran	[22]	2007	21 111	Different provinces	-	+	+
Islamic Republic of Iran	[23]	2002	4 315	Sistan, Guilan	+	-	-
Islamic Republic of Iran	[24]	2004	2 321	Tehran	-	+	+
Islamic Republic of Iran	[25]	2006	6 565	Tehran	+	+	+
Jordan	[26]	2003	5 223	Different provinces	-	+	+
Kuwait	[27]	2004	14 659	Different provinces	-	+	+
Kuwait	[28]	1998	7 419	Different provinces	+	-	-
Kuwait	[29]	2000	8 957	Different provinces	-	+	-
Lebanon	[30]	2006	12 299	Different provinces	-	+	+
Lebanon	[31]	2003	2 104	Different provinces	+	+	+
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	[32]	2002	1 614	Al Jabel Al Garby, Tripoli	+	-	-
Oman	[33]	2004	550	Muscat	-	+	+
Pakistan	[34]	2001	1 050	Karachi	+	+	+
Qatar	[35]	2006	3 923	Different provinces	-	-	+
Qatar	[36]	2004	8 231	Different provinces	+	-	-
Saudi Arabia	[37]	2002	12 701	Different provinces	+	+	+
Saudi Arabia	[38]	1996	9 061	Different provinces	-	+	+
United Arab Emirates	[39]	2006	4 381	Different provinces	+	+	+
United Arab Emirates	[40]	2005	16 391	Different provinces	+	+	+

^aStudies did not use a uniform scheme for selecting the age groups under study, current categories are used as a basis for comparison, however, numbers indicate the exact the study sample age in each category.