



# Non-communicable diseases survey in Davao Region—alcoholic beverage drinking, smoking, diet, and exercise profiles

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The Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) survey in Davao Region conducted by the Department of Health-Davao Center for Health Development (DOH-DCHD), with technical support from the DOH-Epidemiology Bureau and World Health Organization—Philippines, was a descriptive study done to determine the prevalence of NCD risk factors among adults from October 2018 to February 2019. A total of 5,312 participants from 6 cities and 43 municipalities in Region XI (at least 100 participants per city or municipality) were interviewed for this study. The mean age of the participants was 45.4  $\pm$  12.6 years, and the sex distribution was 62.6% (3,323/5,312) women and 37.4% (1,989/5,312) men.<sup>1</sup>

This infographic shows the alcoholic beverage drinking, smoking, diet, and exercise profiles of the participants of the survey. The results show that 935/5,312 of adult participants in Davao Region currently smoke tobacco products. A total of 37 (0.7%) participants use electronic cigarettes. Davao City has the highest proportion of participants who use electronic cigarettes (3.8%). Two out of 5 adults consumed alcoholic beverage within 12 months prior to interview, and out of those two, one engaged in heavy episodic drinking (had 6 or more standard drinks on at least one occasion) within 30 days prior to interview. With regard to diet, the average days the participants consume fruits per week is 3 days, with 812/5,312 of the participants eating fruits everyday. The average days participants consume vegetables per week is 6 days, with 3,621/5,312 participants eating vegetables everyday. On average, the participants consume 2 bowls (or around 300 g) of fruits, and 2 bowls (or around 300 g) of vegetables per day. The proportion of participants with insufficient physical activity based on the levels of physical activity for adults recommended by the World Health Organization<sup>2</sup> is 62.5% (3,320/5,312). Among the participants aged 18-65 years old, 2,819 has work that does not involve moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity. There are 2,629/5,312 participants who are classified as overweight/obese (BMI of  $\geq$  25).

Given the high prevalence of adults with NCD risk factors across the globe, and the considerable incidence of global mortality due to NCD,<sup>3-5</sup> there is a need to identify strategies and approaches that effectively deliver shared gains for all sectors involved. Behavioral risk factors are common across all sectors and can be addressed by interventions both for individuals and for entire populations. Disease prevention efforts must be scaled-up alongside taking concrete steps towards universal health care. Cost-effective strategies, such as intensified awareness campaigns and proactive governance, should be focused on geographic areas where risk factors are more prevalent. Investing in increased access to early detection, diagnosis and treatment services is also critical, in order to prevent early death and disability from NCDs.

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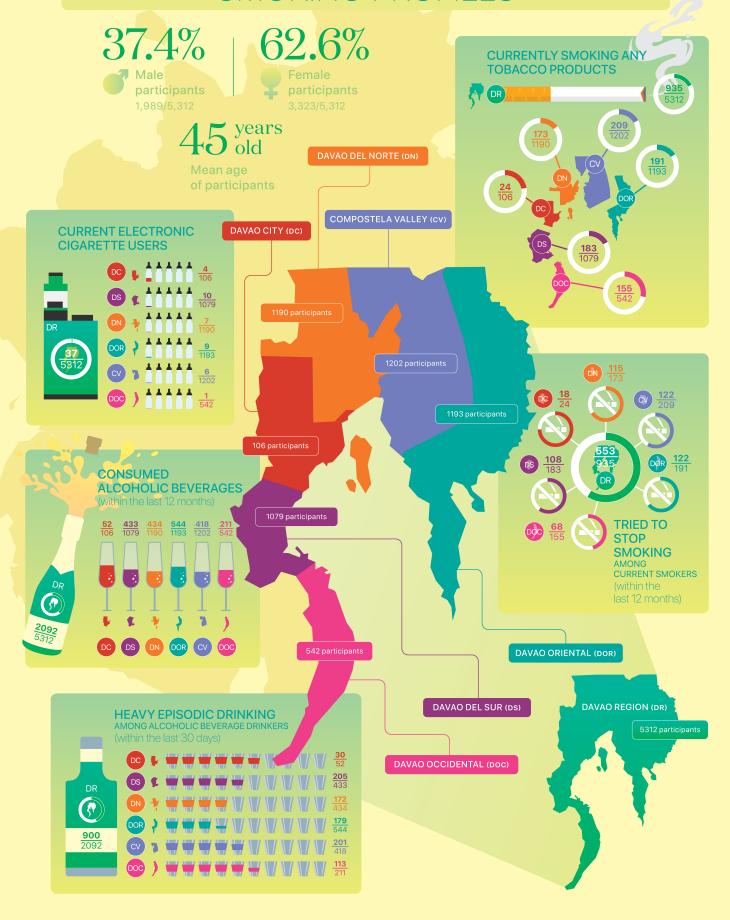
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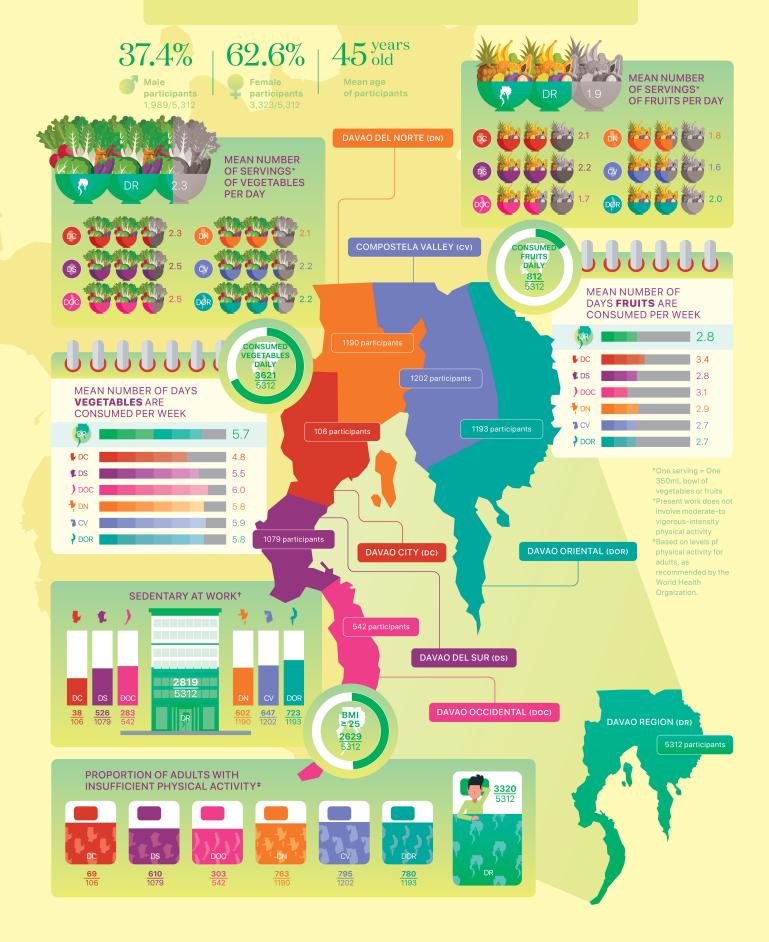


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### DIET AND EXERCISE PROFILES





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None declared

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