# The Impacts of Sugary Drinks on Ethnic or Low Income San Francisco Residents

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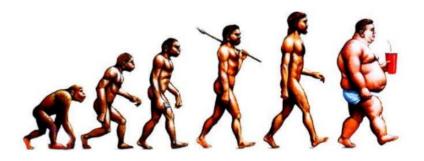
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### Overview



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UN expert urges global regulatory regime to battle artery-clogging junk foods (UN News, May 19, 2014)



#### Olivier De Schutter, UN Food Expert

"Unhealthy diets are now a greater threat to global health than tobacco. Just as the world came together to regulate the risks of tobacco, a bold framework convention on adequate diets must now be agreed. ...."

#### UN Recommendations (2012)

- Taxing unhealthy products
- Regulating foods high in saturated fats, salt and sugar
- Oracking down on junk food advertising
- Overhauling misguided agricultural subsidies that make certain ingredients cheaper than others
- Supporting local food production so that consumers have access to healthy, fresh and nutritious foods

# San Francisco leaders' strong support of campaigns to decrease sugary beverage consumption (SSB), 2008–2014

### 2007 Alameda County launches Soda Free Summer

#### • SFS in San Francisco.

- 25,000 "Drink Water!" Said the Otter books distributed to pre-k and kindergarten classes throughout SF.
- American Heart Association releases guidelines on sugar intake limits.
- CCPHA releases Bubbling Over report that scientifically links soda consumption to overweight and obesity.
- SFDPH releases nexus study examining feasibility of SSB legislation in SF.
- Organizations implementing Soda Free Policies: Boys and Girls Club, Junior Giants, Sunday Streets



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#### 2013

- Senator Monning introduces SB-622 to establish statewide soda tax and create a Children's Health Promotion fund. SB-622 is first soda tax to ever clear two committees.
- SES in San Francisco
- SUSF convenes Rethink Your Drink Workgroup
  SE Public Utilities Commission convenes Wate



- Mayor Lee and 17 other mayors urge congressional leaders to ban use of food stamps to buy SSB.
- Organizations implementing Soda Free Policies: YMCA of SF, Bayview Hunters Point Foundation, Children's Council of SF

#### 2008

 Shape Up SF (SUSF) leads

regional SFS Physical Activity Collaborative campaign through BANPAC.

- SF declares a Soda Free Summer.
- 40,000 SFS brochures distributed through SF Unified School District, summer lunch sites, worksites, clinics, and community partners throughout SF.
- · SFDPH implements food policy.
- Mayor Newsom calls for a nexus study to assess feasibility of local SSB legislation.

#### 2010

- SFS in San Francisco.
- SFDPH runs NYC's Pouring on the Pounds
  SUSF provides technical
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- Mayor Newsom signs Executive Directives on Healthy and Sustainable Foods and Healthy Vending.
- Healthy Meals Ordinance passes.
- Organizations implementing Soda Free Policies: SF Recreation and Parks, Bay Area SCORES, Kai Ming Head Start



#### 2012

- SFS in San Francisco.
- SUSF provides technical assistance to youth-serving organizations to develop and implement healthy beverage policies.
- Paper in Nature argues sugar is physically addictive and linked to diseases associated with metabolic syndrome

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SUGAR KILLS

 Mother Jones publishes exposé on sugar industry and its parallels to big tobacco.

### **2013**

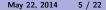
- SUSF secures \$250K to run awareness LA's sugar packs campaign.
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  SUSF funds The Bigger
- Picture to develop PSAs about sugary drinks.



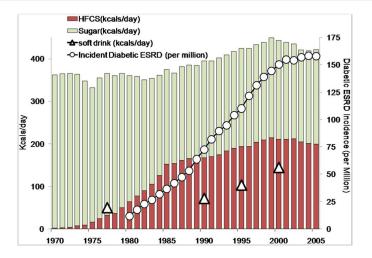
California hosts its 1st Healthy Beverage Summit

### 2014

 SUSF launches Choose Healthy Drinks Campaign in collaboration with Alameda, Sonoma, and San Mateo



# US trends in sugar and HFCS availability, soft drink consumption, and incident diabetic end-stage renal disease



Source: doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0003431.g004

# Harvard School of Public Health Fact Sheet (2012)

**The Problem**: Sugary drinks are a major contributor to metabolic dysfunction, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity

#### The Evidence: Soft drink consumption is rising and harms health.

- Sugary drink portion sizes have risen dramatically over the past 40 years, and children and adults are drinking more soft drinks than ever.
- Sugary drinks increase the risk of metabolic dysfunction, diabetes, heart disease, and obesity.
- S Cutting back on sugary drinks can help people control their weight.

**There's more**: Black/African Americans, Latinos, and Asians have higher risk profiles.

Higher sugary drink consumption and disease in Blacks and Latinos, higher risk of diabetes for Asian at lower body weights.

# Sugary drinks impact our health ("calorie is not a calorie")

#### Liquid calories not counted

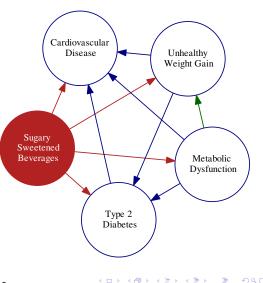
- Not full after sugary drink
- Not eating less later

#### Glycemic metabolic effects

- ↑ glucose/insulin spikes

#### Fructose liver metabolism

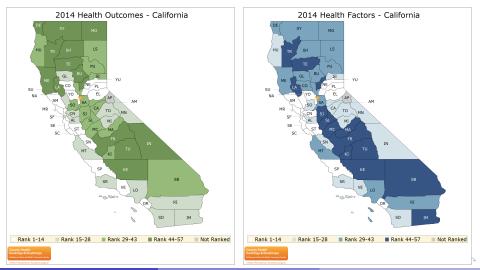
- Insulin resistance
- Metabolic syndrome



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# How does San Francisco compare to CA Counties?

Health outcomes (no. 22) vs. Health factors (no. 5), County Health Rankings, 2014



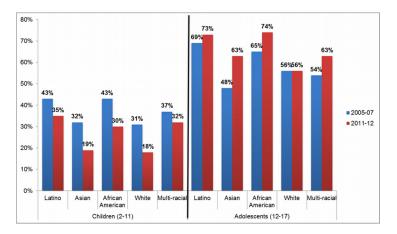
# San Francisco Population by Race/Ethnicity, 1990–2010

Figure 1: San Francisco Population by Race and Latino Ethnicity, 1990 - 2010						
Race/ethnicity	1990	2000	2010	Change	% Change	% 2010 Pop.
American Indian and Alaska Native	3,354	3,458	4,071	717	21.4%	0.5%
Asian	207,901	239,565	266,398	58,497	28.1%	33.1%
Black/African American	78,931	60,515	50,768	-28,163	-35.7%	6.3%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	3,099	3,844	3,365	266	8.6%	0.4%
White	388,341	385,731	417,913	29,572	7.6%	51.9%
Other <sup>1</sup>	42,333	83,620	62,720	20,387	48.2%	7.8%
Total	723,959	776,773	805,235	81,276	11.2%	100.0%
Latino (subset of races above) <sup>3</sup>	94,377	102,078	121,744	27,367	29.0%	15.1%

Source: Calculated by the Budget and Legislative Analyst from U.S. Census Bureau, Census 1990, 2000, 2010 data provided by the San Francisco Planning Department

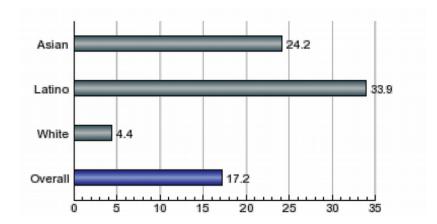
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# Percent of children and adolescents drinking at least one sugary drink per day in 2005–2007 and 2011–2012



Source: Bubbling Over: California Adolescents Drinking More Soda and Other Sugar-Sweetened Beverages. UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and California Center for Public Health

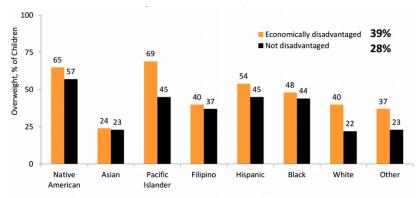
# SF Children and adolescents who consumed 2 or more glasses of soda or sugary drink yesterday by Ethnicity



#### Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2009

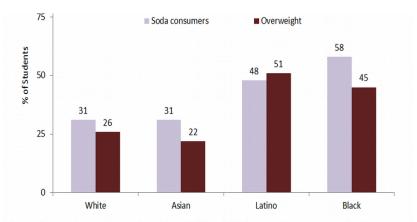
# Prevalence of overweight in SFUSD 5th, 7th, and 9th graders by socioeconomic status, 2011-2012

Lower income children are 60% more likely to be overweight than higher income children



Data source: CDE Fitnessgram, 2011-2012 for 9,749 students ages 10-18y. Data analyzed by SFDPH MCAH Epidemiology Overweight: BMI percentiles from measured weight and height ≥ 85%

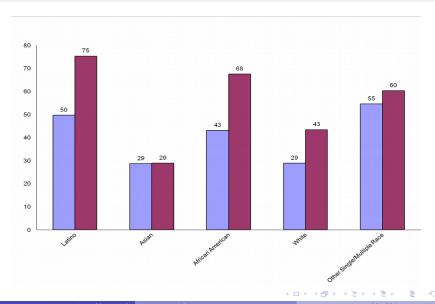
### Soda consumers are overweight, San Francisco 9th graders



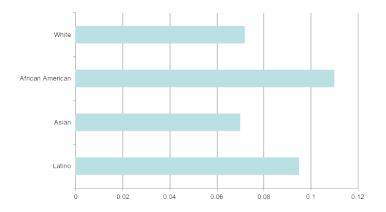
Data sources: The proportion of sode consumers was estimated from the California Healthy KidsSurvey, 2010-2011. Students were asked "Yesterday, how many times didyou drink a can, bottle, or glass of soda or pop, such as Coke, Pepi, or Sprite?". Soda consumers reported drinking soda on eor more timesysterday. California Department of Education Fitnessgem Data, 2010-2011, were used to estimate the prevalence of overweight, defined as measured BMI percentie? SS Stabade on COC growth unces: Data analyzed by SPTOHINGXH Egidemiology, Sept. 2013.

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### Soda consumers are overweight, San Francisco Adults

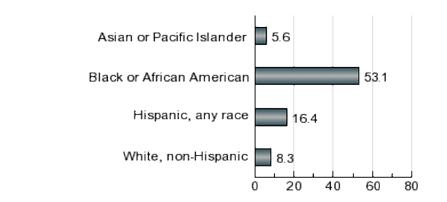


# California adults ever diagnosed with diabetes, by ethnicity



Source: California Health Interview Survey, 2011-2012

# Adult hospitalization rate due to diabetes by ethnicity, San Francisco 2010–2012



Age-adjusted hospitalizations/10,000 population

# Use **Sugar MADNESS** to remember the *cause* (sugar), the *diagnosis* (MAD), and the *treatment* (NESS)

### Diagnosis



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#### Treatment



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# Nutrition is key to better metabolic health

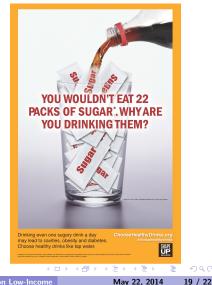
Avoid added sugars (i.e., fructose)

- Sodas
- Fruit juices
- Sports drinks
- Energy drinks
- Chocolate milk, etc.

#### Add back real (unprocessed) food

Fiber, omega-3 fatty acids, and micronutrients

Hu FB. Resolved: There is sufficient scientific evidence that decreasing sugar-sweetened beverage consumption will reduce the prevalence of obesity and obesity-related diseases. Obes Rev. 2013;14(8):606-19.



# Environments—make healthy choices easy everywhere

#### Current state

- Fast food available 24/7
- Soda vending machines
- Targeted advertising (see billboard)
- Processed foods with added sugar and removed fiber

#### Future state

- Water instead of sugary drinks
- Portion sizes reduced
- Fresh food affordable and available
- Healthy food policies and systems



# Thank you! Any questions?



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### Resources

- Choose Healthy Drinks http://www.choosehealthydrinks.org/
- Shape UP San Francisco http://shapeupsfcoalition.org/
- The Skinny on Obesity—UCTV Prime http://www.uctv.tv/skinny-on-obesity/
- Robert H. Lustig. *Fat Chance: Beating the Odds Against Sugar, Processed Food, Obesity, and Disease.* Plume Publishing 2012
- HBO's The Weight of the Nation http://theweightofthenation.hbo.com/
- CDC. Overweight and Obesity: http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/