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Sodium Levels in Packaged Foods Sold in 14 Latin American and Caribbean Countries: A Food Label Analysis

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Abstract: Population-wide sodium reduction is a cost-effective approach to address the adverse health effects associated with excess sodium consumption. Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries consume excess dietary sodium. Packaged foods are a major contributor to sodium intake and a target for sodium reduction interventions. This study examined sodium levels in 12 categories of packaged foods sold in 14 LAC ($n = 16,357$). Mean sodium levels and percentiles were examined. Sodium levels were compared to regional sodium reduction targets. In this baseline analysis, 82% of foods met the regional target and 47% met the lower target. The greatest proportion of products meeting the regional target were uncooked pasta and noodles (98%), flavored cookies/crackers (97%), seasonings for sides/main dishes (96%), mayonnaise (94%), and cured/preserved meats (91%). A large proportion of foods met the lower target among uncooked pasta and noodles (88%), cooked pasta and noodles (88%), and meat/fish seasonings (88%). The highest median sodium levels were among condiments (7778 mg/100 g), processed meats (870 mg/100 g), mayonnaise (755 mg/100 g), bread products (458 mg/100 g), cheese (643 mg/100 g), and snack foods (625 mg/100 g). These baseline data suggest that sodium reduction targets may need to be more stringent to enable effective lowering of sodium intake.

Keywords: sodium; sodium reduction; sodium targets; food supply; food policy; public health; global health

1. Introduction

Hypertension prevention and control in Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries is a priority action area for the World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease and stroke. The current goal is to reduce hypertension prevalence to 35% by 2019 [1]. Hypertension is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease (CVD) and accounts for nearly 1 in 5 deaths in LAC, with prevalence rates in many countries exceeding one-third of adults [2]. These rates are among the highest in the world.

Excess dietary sodium (salt) is a significant causal risk factor in the development of hypertension and is associated with cardiovascular and stroke morbidity and mortality [3–5]. To reduce the health burden associated with excess sodium intake, the WHO set a global target of reducing dietary

salt intake by 30% by 2025 [6]. Worldwide, most developed countries consume excess sodium compared to the WHO's recommended intake of 2000 mg sodium (5 g salt) per day [7]. Sodium intake in LAC is also high. For example, estimated sodium intake is 4407 mg (11.2 g salt)/day in Argentina [8,9], 4700 mg/day (12g salt/day) in Brazil [10], 4600 mg/day (11.5 g salt/day) in Costa Rica [11], and 7970 mg/day (19.9 g salt/day) in Colombia [12]. In Argentina, 65% to 70% of dietary sodium is derived from processed foods, with 25% from bread [13]. In Brazil, French bread (artisanal), soups, dairy and meat products are responsible for over 90% of sodium from processed foods [14], although more sodium comes from added salt and condiments. Over time, Costa Rica has seen a significant 15% increase in sodium intake, which is largely attributed to the higher intake of condiments and other processed foods [11]. In Costa Rica, income level was inversely related to sodium availability [11]. Data from Columbia show that 96 single food items contributed 72% of total dietary sodium in Colombians' diet, with the most dietary sodium coming from bakery products (30.5%) [15]. Similar data and trends in sodium intake are found throughout the LAC region.

To facilitate the reduction and monitoring of sodium levels in foods produced and sold in LAC, regional sodium reduction targets were set for 12 categories (18 subcategories) of packaged foods that were commonly sold and consumed in LAC in 2015 [16]. These targets were adopted by the Salt Smart Consortium—a group of government, industry, and non-governmental organization stakeholders—in January 2015. The targets included a regional target (maximum) level and a lower target level, which were set at sodium reduction target levels similar to other jurisdictions. To date, there have been no studies examining sodium levels across LAC [16]. The purpose of this study was to conduct a cross-sectional examination of sodium levels in packaged foods sold in 14 LAC countries and determine the proportion of these foods that meet or exceed the 2015 established sodium reduction targets. This data will serve as critical baseline information that will be used for longitudinal monitoring of sodium levels in the food supply in LAC countries.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Study Design, Participants, and Data Collection

This cross-sectional survey was conducted between July 2015 and February 2016 in 14 participating countries: Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Participating country research teams led by the presidents of the national branches of the Latin American Network of Food Composition Data Systems (LATINFOODS), who have expertise and experience in food composition, were trained to collect data on and develop a database of foods pertaining to the 12 food categories that comprise the regional sodium reduction targets. Data were collected according to a protocol that was established and approved by the PAHO/WHO Technical Advisory Group on Cardiovascular Diseases Prevention through Population-Wide Dietary Salt Reduction. Data on packaged foods was acquired by systematically capturing information on foods sold in grocery stores. The nutrition facts table data were recorded and photos of each food package were taken and stored. Grocery stores that had the greatest market share in each country were selected. Each country was required to collect a minimum number of samples for each food category: breads ($n \geq 100$), soups ($n \geq 80$), mayonnaise ($n \geq 30$), cookies and biscuits ($n \geq 150$), cakes ($n \geq 150$), meat (i.e., sausages, cured meats, breaded meat) ($n \geq 200$), breakfast cereals ($n \geq 100$), dairy ($n \geq 150$), butter and dairy spreads ($n \geq 50$), snacks ($n \geq 200$), pasta ($n \geq 50$), and seasonings ($n \geq 100$).

Data captured from each food packaged included the following: product name, number of servings per package, serving size, levels of nutrients on the nutrition facts table or equivalent (sodium, calories, sugar, etc.) per serving or per 100 g or both, as well as the presence of front of package information such as logos and claims. Where foods required nutrition information to be presented "as consumed," the LATINFOODS database was used to create recipes (<http://inta.cl/latinfoods/default>). Specifically, recipes were required for the wet and dry soups and noodles in broth. This was a

necessary step to ensure like-foods sold in different forms could be compared within the same food category (i.e., a soup fully prepared could be compared with a soup sold as a condensed product) when presented in a standardized format (mg/100 g). Once all data was entered, quality assurance measures were implemented. This included duplicate review and entry of food categories to ensure accurate classification, as well as ranking foods from highest to lowest sodium values (mg/serving and mg/100 g) to identify errors in typography, classification, or in recipes.

2.2. Analysis of Sodium Levels

Foods were classified into the food group categories established by the regional sodium reduction targets, which include major subcategories and minor subcategories [16]. The sodium content in foods was obtained from the nutrition facts table (mg/serving) and was converted to standardized units (mg/100 g). Means and standard deviations were calculated, as well as the 10th, 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles and minimum and maximum levels. Standardized units (mg/100 g) were used to determine the proportion of products that met or exceeded the regional sodium target levels: the regional target level and the lower target level. Cheese was excluded from this analysis ($n = 1911$) since this food category does not have a sodium reduction target level. Continuous variables are presented as the mean \pm standard deviation. Categorical variables are presented as frequency (percent).

3. Results

3.1. Mean Sodium Levels

This analysis included 16,357 foods across 12 major food categories and from 14 countries (Table S1). Overall, the highest median sodium levels per 100 g were among condiments (7778 mg/100 g, range: 0 to 51,670 mg/100 g), processed meats (870 mg/100 g, range: 389 to 7000 mg/100 g), mayonnaise (755 mg/100 g, range 470 to 4000 mg/100 g), bread products (458 mg/100 g, range: 190 to 4444 mg/100 g), cheese (643 mg/100 g, range: 274 to 14,740 mg/100 g), and snack foods (625 mg/100 g, range 211 to 42,860 mg/100 g) (Table 1). This data varied from country to country (Tables S2 and S3). Overall, there was substantive variability in sodium levels observed within certain food categories: condiments (0 to 51,670 mg/100 g), snack foods (0 to 42,860 mg/100 g), and cheeses (0 to 14,740 mg/100 g).

Table 1. Overall levels of sodium in packaged foods by food category.

	<i>n</i>	Average Sodium mg/serving	Average Sodium mg/100 g	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100 g)					
		Min	10th	25th	50th	75th	Max		
Wet and dry soups	1024	163 \pm 160	402 \pm 469	0	115	240	332	440	5900
Processed meats	2071	496 \pm 414	928 \pm 569	0	389	650	870	1091	7000
Bread products	1271	208 \pm 148	465 \pm 284	0	190	350	458	543	4444
Mayonnaise	337	111 \pm 80	751 \pm 295	0	470	571	755	893	4000
Cookies and biscuits	2169	113 \pm 94	391 \pm 296	0	111	199	315	500	3433
Cakes	1443	191 \pm 129	383 \pm 251	0	120	210	328	520	2743
Breakfast cereals	1457	110 \pm 94	334 \pm 280	0	11	113	327	486	3400
Cheese	1911	196 \pm 172	739 \pm 715	0	274	450	643	867	14,740
Butter	507	87 \pm 151	592 \pm 559	0	41	354	600	750	7636
Snack foods	2235	208 \pm 303	724 \pm 1041	0	211	400	625	905	42,860
Pasta	849	433 \pm 500	493 \pm 630	0	0	10	284	830	7000
Condiments	1083	684 \pm 2113	10,791 \pm 10,377	0	260	1176	7778	19,018	51,670

Data presented as mean \pm standard deviation.

On examination of median levels across countries, high between-country variation was observed within food categories: condiments (434 mg/100 g in Cuba to 19,600 mg/100 g in Paraguay), pasta (2 mg/100 g in Cuba to 1651 mg/100 g in Brazil), butter (120 mg/100 g in Argentina to 786 mg/100 g in Peru), cheese (482 mg/100 g in Chile to 1146 mg/100 g in Ecuador), cookies and biscuits (183 mg/100 g in Chile to 677 mg/100 g in Peru), cakes (183 mg/100 g in Chile to 677 mg/100 g in Peru), mayonnaise

(531 mg/100 g in Cuba to 975 mg/100 g in Brazil), and soups (94 mg/100 g in Cuba to 533 mg/100 g in Ecuador). However, a low to moderate level of between-country variation in sodium levels was observed for other food categories such as bread (410 mg/100 g in Barbados to 528 mg/100 g in Cuba), snack foods (458 mg/100 g in Chile to 764 mg/100 g in Brazil), processed meats (720 mg/100 g in Panama to 1035 mg/100 g in Brazil), and breakfast cereals (125 mg/100 g in Paraguay to 475 mg/100 g in Jamaica).

3.2. Proportion of Foods Meeting the Sodium Targets

Overall, across all countries and food categories, 82% of packaged foods met the regional target level and 47% met the lower target level. The greatest proportion of products meeting the regional target level was among uncooked noodles and pasta (98%), flavored cookies and crackers (97%), seasonings for sides and main dishes (96%), mayonnaise (94%), and cured and preserved meats (91%) (Table 2). The lowest proportion of foods meeting the regional targets were wet and dry soups (59%), bouillon cubes and powders (62%), cakes (64%), and breaded meat and poultry (65%). A few food categories had a large proportion of products meeting the lower target level: pasta and noodles, uncooked (88%), pasta and noodles, cooked (88%), and meat and fish seasonings (88%). However, several food categories had fewer products meeting the lower target: meats and sausages (25%), cakes (25%), breaded meat and poultry (28%), bread (34%), bouillon cubes and powders (37%), butter (37%), mayonnaise (38%), and snack foods (39%).

Table 2. Summary of the proportion of foods meeting the regional sodium reduction targets by food category.

	n	% Meeting Regional Target n (%)	% Exceeding Regional Target n (%)	% Meeting Lower Target n (%)
Overall	14,446	11,868 (82)	2578 (18)	6819 (47)
Wet and dry soups	817	485 (59)	332 (41)	353 (43)
Noodles in broth	207	169 (82)	38 (18)	114 (55)
Meats and sausages	1535	1329 (87)	206 (13)	378 (25)
Cured and preserved meats	320	290 (91)	30 (9)	213 (67)
Breaded meat and poultry	216	141 (65)	75 (35)	60 (28)
Bread products	1271	1053 (83)	218 (17)	434 (34)
Mayonnaise	337	317 (94)	20 (6)	128 (38)
Cookies and sweet cookies	1560	1406 (90)	154 (10)	750 (48)
Flavored cookies and crackers	609	591 (97)	18 (3)	362 (59)
Cakes	1443	919 (64)	524 (36)	356 (25)
Breakfast cereals	1457	1326 (91)	131 (9)	1114 (76)
Butter	507	428 (84)	79 (16)	186 (37)
Snacks	2235	1674 (75)	561 (25)	865 (39)
Pasta and noodles, uncooked	696	681 (98)	15 (2)	609 (88)
Pasta and noodles, as consumed	153	140 (92)	13 (8)	134 (88)
Seasonings for side and main dishes	390	375 (96)	15 (4)	286 (73)
Meat and fish seasonings	435	385 (89)	50 (11)	381 (86)
Bouillon cubes and powders	258	159 (62)	99 (38)	96 (37)

Data presented as n (%). Wet and dry soups, noodles and broth and bouillon cubes and powders are all presented "as consumed."

All countries had more than three-quarters of products meeting the target levels (Table 3). Two countries had >90% of food products meeting the regional targets, which included Chile (92%) and Cuba (90%). Countries with the lowest proportion of products meeting the regional targets were Brazil (77%), Costa Rica (77%), Guatemala (78%) and Trinidad and Tobago (79%). For five countries, more than half of food products contained sodium levels below the lower target: Cuba (59%), Peru (56%), Chile (55%), Paraguay (55%), and Ecuador (51%).

Table 3. Summary of the proportion of products meeting or exceeding the regional sodium reduction targets by country.

	<i>n</i>	% Meeting Regional Target <i>n</i> (%)	% Exceeding Regional Target <i>n</i> (%)	% Meeting Lower Target <i>n</i> (%)
Overall	14,382	11,868 (82)	2578 (18)	6819 (47)
Argentina	1125	940 (84)	185 (16)	508 (45)
Barbados	1201	979 (82)	220 (18)	496 (41)
Brazil	1224	944 (77)	280 (23)	483 (39)
Chile	1178	1087 (92)	91 (8)	652 (55)
Costa Rica	1086	834 (77)	252 (23)	460 (43)
Cuba	209	188 (90)	21(10)	124 (59)
Ecuador	1177	976 (83)	201 (17)	604 (51)
Guatemala	944	734 (78)	207 (22)	430 (46)
Jamaica	907	731 (81)	176 (19)	399 (44)
Mexico	1267	1043 (82)	224 (18)	588 (46)
Panama	1339	1089 (81)	250 (19)	607 (45)
Paraguay	871	756 (87)	115 (13)	482 (55)
Peru	777	668 (86)	109 (14)	434 (56)
Trinidad and Tobago	1141	899 (79)	242 (21%)	542 (48)

Data presented as *n* (%).

On examination of country-level data within individual food categories, some food categories had significant variation between countries in relation to the proportion of products that met the regional targets, while others did not (Table S4). For example, significant between-country variation was observed among breaded meat and poultry (range: 17% to 100%), noodles in broth (range: 25% to 100%), cakes (range: 31% to 100%), wet and dry soups (range: 18% to 81%), and bouillon cubes and powders (range: 33% to 93%). In contrast, a lower level of between-country variability was observed among pasta and noodles, uncooked (range: 94% to 100%), flavored cookies and crackers (range: 88% to 100%), mayonnaise (range: 86% to 100%), and breakfast cereals (range: 82% to 99%). Within-country variations were also observed in the proportion of foods meeting the sodium targets across food categories (Table S5).

4. Discussion

This is the first known comprehensive assessment of sodium levels in packaged foods sold in LAC countries. Although there was significant between-country variation in the mean sodium content of packaged foods across food categories, in 2015 an overwhelming proportion of packaged foods (83%) at baseline were already meeting the regional targets and approximately half of the foods met the lower target. Importantly, these are baseline data that will be used for longitudinal assessments of sodium in the food supply. These data may also be used to inform the revision of targets and timelines for sodium reduction in the region.

While sodium added through table salt or seasonings remains a significant source of dietary sodium in some LAC countries, the consumption of packaged and prepared foods is increasing [11,17]. This places significant importance on food supply interventions aimed at limiting or reducing the amount of sodium added to packaged and prepared foods; emphasizing the need for sodium reduction targets. The harmonized regional sodium targets were adopted by members of the PAHO-led Salt Smart Consortium in January 2015 [16]. The Consortium included a group of health, governmental, non-governmental, industry, and academic stakeholders from countries in the Americas. The intention of the harmonized targets was to provide a guideline for countries who do not yet have targets or timelines in place and to ensure regional food manufacturers have consistent reformulation goals, all for the benefit of reducing the population's sodium intake. The harmonized targets were developed considering existing targets and timelines set in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, and the United

Kingdom. The maximum level (mg/100 g), or upper limit, set by these countries was used to establish the regional target level. Where the regional target (maximum) level has been met, food manufacturers are encouraged to reformulate to the lower target level. The lower target level is an agreed upon level that is reflective of the average target levels in the reference countries; albeit, many of the regional lower target levels set slightly higher.

These data have similarities and differences compared to other baseline sodium assessments, which has important implications for the re-evaluation of sodium targets and timelines for the region. For example, in a baseline assessment of Canadian packaged foods, 25% of foods exceeded the maximum level [18,19], whereas 27% of foods in the current study exceeded the comparable regional target (maximum) level. However, baseline data in Canada showed that only 29% of foods met the sodium target goal level (Phase 3 level), while in the current analysis almost half (47%) of foods met the comparable lower target (goal) level. In this study, several key food categories, contributing a high proportion of dietary sodium (e.g., bread, meats and sausages, breaded meat and poultry), had fewer than one-third of products meet the lower target level. However, several food categories had more than half of food products already meeting the lower target including noodles in broth, cured and preserved meats, flavored cookies and crackers, breakfast cereals, pasta (cooked and uncooked), and meat/fish seasonings.

Given that the population's sodium intake far exceeds recommendations in LAC, the data in this study point to the need for more stringent lower target levels to effectively achieve population-wide sodium reduction goals. In their report published in January 2015, the PAHO-led Salt Smart Consortium indicated a re-assessment of the targets every two years, in 2016 and 2018 and again in 2020. This is consistent with the approach taken by the United Kingdom [20]. To date, no known re-assessment of the targets has occurred. These data provide critical information that can be used in the evaluation and re-assessment of the sodium targets and timelines. In one published paper, the authors recommended that the maximum sodium target (i.e., regional level target) be based on the 70th percentile of products in a food category [21]. In Canada's initial set of targets, which used sales-weighted averages for sodium in food categories, sodium reduction target levels were set at the 25th to 30th percentile while the maximum level was set at the 75th percentile [22].

At the time of data collection, there was regional between-country variance in regulatory approaches to reducing the sodium content of prepared and packaged food. Countries such as Brazil, Costa Rica, and Chile were working with the food industry to voluntarily reduce sodium levels in packaged foods. Countries such as Argentina and Paraguay have a mixed approach, with voluntary limits for many food categories and regulated limits on the sodium content of key foods such as bread products [23]. Longitudinal data on the sodium content of foods will allow for the analysis and comparisons of different regulatory approaches on changes to the sodium content of foods, on population sodium intake and on subsequent health outcomes. Such an analysis is needed since by 2017 more than 20 countries in the LAC region had national sodium reduction strategies with 12/20 countries having national level programs to address the sodium content of foods [24]. Additionally, many of these low- and middle-income countries have a high burden of hypertension and cardiovascular diseases; thus, a profound health and economic impact would be expected from implementing effective strategies that lower population sodium intake.

It is important to discuss limitations of this study. Not every country collected the required sample size for each food category. However, data were systematically collected, and the smaller sample sizes reflect product availability in the market. Data in this study were also not sales-weighted. Sales-weighted averages would be considered ideal in assessing the relative contribution a product contributes to sodium levels based on market sales. However, such data is expensive, making it inaccessible, and is not available in all of the countries included in this study. The adopted harmonized targets also do not use sales-weighted averages; thus the analyses in this study are most appropriate. Finally, this analysis relied on nutrition information on the nutrition facts table. Regulations on the presence and variance of data on the nutrition facts table information vary across countries. In some

countries, regulations permit up to 20% variance on values reported on the label, compared to the actual sodium content of foods. While the majority of foods have been found to comply with these regulatory requirements, a small proportion of foods may not [25]. This should be considered when interpreting the findings. Importantly, however, this data has been used in other research studies to monitor change over time and is currently the only data available to conduct surveillance activities.

5. Conclusions

In summary, these data provide a baseline assessment of sodium levels in packaged foods sold in LAC. A relatively high proportion of foods in the baseline analysis was already meeting the regional target levels, suggesting that targets in some food categories need to be made more stringent to enable effective lowering of population sodium intake. With longitudinal updating of this data, as part of a grant funding from the International Development Research Centre and PAHO, progress on sodium reformulation and subsequent reduction in population sodium intake and improved health outcomes can be tracked over time.

Supplementary Materials: The following are available online at <http://www.mdpi.com/2072-6643/11/2/369/s1>, Table S1: Number of packaged foods by food category and by country. Table S2: Detailed assessment of sodium levels in packaged foods by food category. Table S3: Detailed assessment sodium levels in packaged foods by country. Table S4: Detailed assessment of the proportion of foods meeting the regional sodium reduction targets by food category. Table S5: Detailed assessment of the proportion of foods meeting the regional sodium targets by country.

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Table S1. Number of packaged foods by Food Category and by Country

	Soup	Meat	Bread	Mayonnaise	Cookies and Biscuits	Cakes	Breakfast Cereals	Cheese	Butter	Snacks	Pasta	Condiments	Total
Argentina	79	212	123	18	165	127	88	150	23	123	96	71	1275
Brazil	80	200	101	33	150	154	100	158	50	198	51	107	1382
Chile	81	219	106	30	152	157	109	150	50	132	57	85	1328
Costa Rica	84	101	83	34	170	117	115	138	43	206	48	85	1224
Cuba	17	34	24	6	29	8	23	32	1	14	30	23	241
Ecuador	60	221	106	26	184	135	100	136	32	187	50	76	1313
Guatemala	79	60	68	29	147	96	100	164	68	181	66	50	1108
Jamaica	90	100	72	11	171	75	114	144	30	147	31	66	1051
Mexico	80	214	112	37	172	121	104	157	46	211	46	124	1424
Panama	71	187	137	25	199	129	190	170	51	207	64	79	1509
Paraguay	31	129	76	18	148	35	98	110	17	159	120	40	981
Peru	94	49	68	20	129	33	91	73	18	116	73	86	850
Trinidad and Tobago	98	179	95	20	193	127	112	177	28	152	60	77	1318
Barbados	80	166	100	30	160	129	113	152	50	202	57	114	1353
Total	1024	2071	1271	337	2169	1443	1457	1911	507	2235	849	1083	16357

Table S2. Detailed assessment of sodium levels in packaged foods by Food Category

	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Soups	1024	163 ± 160	402 ± 469	0	115	240	332	440	5900
Argentina	79	204 ± 341	884 ± 1417	2	25	247	327	964	5900
Brazil	80	110 ± 86	310 ± 203	1	71	119	309	421	794
Chile	81	101 ± 85	244 ± 125	35	71	154	205	366	439
Costa Rica	84	178 ± 144	417 ± 206	17	170	276	370	640	737
Cuba	17	35 ± 36	150 ± 139	15	30	86	94	124	460
Ecuador	60	184 ± 169	548 ± 260	3	274	387	533	760	1368
Guatemala	79	240 ± 195	422 ± 157	90	264	314	370	538	754
Jamaica	90	190 ± 122	420 ± 407	0	181	251	329	421	3467
Mexico	80	129 ± 111	268 ± 230	12	19	35	193	412	796
Panama	71	137 ± 112	341 ± 109	54	195	293	317	391	607
Paraguay	31	95 ± 91	333 ± 143	205	230	257	295	306	766
Peru	94	164 ± 110	339 ± 114	18	245	280	330	382	885
Trinidad and Tobago	98	203 ± 130	403 ± 176	43	189	281	372	527	771
Barbados	80	162 ± 128	355 ± 204	13	165	238	285	429	1053
Meat	2071	496 ± 414	928 ± 569	0	389	650	870	1091	7000
Argentina	212	468 ± 271	979 ± 559	30	457	700	850	1088	3500
Brazil	200	575 ± 240	1044 ± 388	274	617	812	1035	1226	3070
Chile	219	409 ± 255	995 ± 435	70	475	759	929	1144	2630
Costa Rica	101	605 ± 567	926 ± 611	31	406	511	827	1127	4200
Cuba	34	1086 ± 837	773 ± 478	95	116	428	780	908	1960
Ecuador	221	468 ± 288	992 ± 584	55	564	745	982	1120	6600
Guatemala	60	739 ± 1519	1067 ± 1003	0	1	700	940	1214	4500

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Jamaica	100	499 ± 250	788 ± 310	47	400	632	810	982	1760
Mexico	214	627 ± 464	969 ± 528	114	450	691	900	1068	4545
Panama	187	453 ± 233	770 ± 688	12	140	420	720	905	5730
Paraguay	129	347 ± 214	793 ± 450	0	339	542	725	990	3000
Peru	49	315 ± 325	748 ± 1129	0	0	72	560	959	7000
Trinidad and Tobago	179	497 ± 443	868 ± 584	54	408	447	804	1035	4955
Barbados	166	428 ± 157	961 ± 429	0	560	713	855	1110	2320
Bread	1271	208 ± 148	465 ± 284	0	190	350	458	543	4444
Argentina	123	208 ± 146	452 ± 255	0	81	279	480	609	1200
Brazil	101	198 ± 51	417 ± 128	168	270	326	414	484	847
Chile	106	227 ± 89	428 ± 140	7	272	365	413	491	984
Costa Rica	83	232 ± 251	435 ± 314	0	0	215	473	591	1240
Cuba	24	312 ± 137	542 ± 76	381	473	479	528	601	696
Ecuador	106	192 ± 136	421 ± 200	0	123	329	427	520	1023
Guatemala	68	201 ± 159	519 ± 702	0	38	281	457	540	4444
Jamaica	72	257 ± 160	465 ± 137	0	298	415	481	516	969
Mexico	112	167 ± 122	603 ± 448	0	317	376	475	728	4000
Panama	137	178 ± 98	531 ± 221	10	320	440	500	610	1270
Paraguay	76	165 ± 78	398 ± 199	0	86	299	439	536	913
Peru	68	286 ± 281	503 ± 249	1	222	404	486	590	1300
Trinidad and Tobago	95	226 ± 138	421 ± 171	0	202	350	450	510	1000
Barbados	100	211 ± 106	403 ± 134	0	227	343	410	461	740
Mayonnaise	337	111 ± 80	751 ± 295	0	470	570.67	754.55	892.86	4000
Argentina	18	107 ± 26	856 ± 145	558	622	786	903	948	1067

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Brazil	33	107 ± 24	881 ± 208	375	545	792	975	1025	1100
Chile	30	96 ± 25	759 ± 187	400	547	627	769	921	1031
Costa Rica	34	114 ± 26	754 ± 162	373	493	617	833	867	933
Cuba	6	80 ± 33	525 ± 140	354	374	413	531	633	696
Ecuador	26	106 ± 142	559 ± 206	11	393	438	539	643	1133
Guatemala	29	101 ± 37	702 ± 272	36	469	533	733	867	1250
Jamaica	11	84 ± 27	571 ± 165	333	393	393	633	706	767
Mexico	37	176 ± 182	763 ± 186	505	551	600	733	867	505
Panama	25	105 ± 25	745 ± 213	370	490	627	770	870	1400
Paraguay	18	109 ± 16	915 ± 120	610	741	883	942	988	1075
Peru	20	107 ± 58	789 ± 388	96	344	598	733	1000	2000
Trinidad and Tobago	20	88 ± 43	594 ± 298	0	303	400	647	713	1400
Barbados	30	105 ± 30	826 ± 626	500	518	600	670	800	4000
Cookies and Biscuits	2169	113 ± 94	391 ± 296	0	111	199	315	500	3433
Argentina	165	116 ± 113	377 ± 374	0	75	133	288	553	3433
Brazil	150	108 ± 72	356 ± 227	63	173	208	294	417	1443
Chile	152	80 ± 63	265 ± 198	6	95	130	228	331	1367
Costa Rica	170	122 ± 108	437 ± 343	0	139	215	318	560	1929
Cuba	29	42 ± 41	230 ± 173	16	43	43	197	306	700
Ecuador	184	87 ± 78	309 ± 256	0	33	120	250	437	1250
Guatemala	147	123 ± 129	457 ± 421	0	100	188	336	611	2400
Jamaica	171	142 ± 86	460 ± 241	86	197	299	400	606	1300
Mexico	172	100 ± 86	357 ± 288	0	57	165	283	448	1433
Panama	199	131 ± 86	479 ± 304	0	140	235	390	695	1640

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Paraguay	148	88 ± 64	319 ± 211	0	134	199	266	374	1197
Peru	129	149 ± 99	432 ± 280	0	165	239	340	620	1643
Trinidad and Tobago	193	111 ± 109	393 ± 274	0	170	230	340	470	2270
Barbados	160	130 ± 82	451 ± 270	10	178	278	380	603	1670
Cakes	1443	191 ± 129	383 ± 251	0	120	210	328	520	2743
Argentina	127	146 ± 91	323 ± 204	3	81	214	260	435	820
Brazil	154	133 ± 53	324 ± 153	55	144	200	315	443	860
Chile	157	149 ± 110	231 ± 180	21	73	113	183	313	1460
Costa Rica	117	180 ± 114	385 ± 244	22	132	195	297	572	971
Cuba	8	65 ± 31	225 ± 84	75	132	198	214	303	320
Ecuador	135	192 ± 230	331 ± 333	0	50	148	258	430	2743
Guatemala	96	212 ± 115	470 ± 273	22	165	253	402	701	1483
Jamaica	75	302 ± 93	540 ± 224	125	267	330	595	721	947
Mexico	121	171 ± 132	369 ± 232	0	143	238	324	438	1371
Panama	129	222 ± 121	405 ± 235	0	124	270	380	530	1130
Paraguay	35	198 ± 92	472 ± 176	120	200	368	496	577	765
Peru	33	172 ± 134	425 ± 301	0	104	200	677	104	1465
Trinidad and Tobago	127	240 ± 102	433 ± 255	80	190	260	330	660	1580
Barbados	129	235 ± 96	505 ± 258	40	200	300	420	720	1250
Breakfast Cereals	1457	110 ± 94	334 ± 280	0	11	113	327	486	3400
Argentina	88	95 ± 76	318 ± 253	0	46	113	277	518	1100
Brazil	100	73 ± 66	224 ± 217	0	18	76	166	327	1500
Chile	109	69 ± 57	213 ± 175	1	7	50	188	324	642

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Costa Rica	115	140 ± 63	433 ± 185	44	240	315	400	550	1067
Cuba	23	175 ± 178	602 ± 708	0	150	297	450	568	2760
Ecuador	100	84 ± 149	283 ± 498	0	0	19	200	384	3400
Guatemala	100	133 ± 56	412 ± 188	0	183	300	433	533	800
Jamaica	114	168 ± 93	456 ± 223	0	141	335	457	575	1179
Mexico	104	103 ± 65	323 ± 204	0	27	99	356	467	1073
Panama	190	118 ± 69	344 ± 201	0	10	220	355	493	810
Paraguay	98	60 ± 63	201 ± 210	0	12	69	125	269	977
Peru	91	72 ± 91	251 ± 276	0	2	7	229	378	1395
Trinidad and Tobago	112	147 ± 130	406 ± 245	0	85	265	388	534	1280
Barbados	113	122 ± 97	356 ± 316	0	10	70	370	510	1680
Cheese	1911	196 ± 172	739 ± 715	0	274	450	643	867	14740
Argentina	150	194 ± 108	679 ± 731	27	236	467	583	803	8800
Brazil	158	200 ± 116	664 ± 400	50	327	400	562	830	3000
Chile	150	144 ± 82	603 ± 396	42	261	340	482	795	2230
Costa Rica	138	282 ± 412	842 ± 845	0	300	500	627	960	6800
Cuba	32	162 ± 14	838 ± 439	39	339	405	900	1122	1930
Ecuador	136	178 ± 100	627 ± 349	17	208	417	567	808	1900
Guatemala	164	225 ± 236	1089 ± 1840	20	312	530	670	1089	14740
Jamaica	144	181 ± 106	738 ± 385	36	289	536	643	1012	2000
Mexico	157	210 ± 168	608 ± 325	35	247	400	600	718	1789
Panama	170	217 ± 163	752 ± 415	40	266	560	680	890	2360
Paraguay	110	209 ± 108	718 ± 347	0	373	503	687	833	1900
Peru	73	163 ± 117	686 ± 535	3	36	360	679	900	3038
Trinidad and Tobago	177	168 ± 90	772 ± 388	0	302	600	1146	964	2000

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Barbados	152	177 ± 84	743 ± 335	110	321	600	680	900	1640
Butter	507	87 ± 151	592 ± 559	0	41	354	600	750	7636
Argentina	23	21 ± 23	199 ± 228	0	20	45	120	230	720
Brazil	50	71 ± 27	710 ± 267	170	396	563	705	853	1750
Chile	50	39 ± 18	545 ± 221	9	280	415	571	617	1171
Costa Rica	43	125 ± 302	553 ± 362	0	86	368	600	679	2000
Cuba	1	36 ± 0	511 ± 0	511	511	511	511	511	511
Ecuador	32	103 ± 186	732 ± 1330	0	0	27	500	946	7636
Guatemala	68	84 ± 66	672 ± 681	0	14	428	705	785	4200
Jamaica	30	79 ± 42	595 ± 251	0	348	525	625	714	1000
Mexico	46	30 ± 72	297 ± 259	0	10	159	200	495	1020
Panama	51	84 ± 37	594 ± 258	0	0	595	640	750	930
Paraguay	17	48 ± 34	484 ± 339	96	132	200	470	670	1110
Peru	18	141 ± 179	1079 ± 1238	20	120	413	786	1173	5000
Trinidad and Tobago	28	281 ± 366	781 ± 400	0	459	573	714	841	1733
Barbados	50	82 ± 53	564 ± 286	0	200	473	620	710	1790
Snacks	2235	208 ± 303	724 ± 1041	0	211	400	625	905	42860
Argentina	123	223 ± 272	863 ± 1043	0	174	423	608	900	8000
Brazil	198	196 ± 122	812 ± 484	20	347	517	764	1010	3516
Chile	132	117 ± 71	443 ± 271	0	12	267	458	623	1300
Costa Rica	206	195 ± 157	765 ± 579	0	216	395	643	956	5013
Cuba	14	229 ± 83	622 ± 179	330	365	544	675	699	1023
Ecuador	187	185 ± 162	591 ± 483	0	117	271	467	786	3214
Guatemala	181	282 ± 880	774 ± 701	0	178	410	689	964	7000

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Jamaica	147	210 ± 144	671 ± 436	11	217	384	607	913	3393
Mexico	211	269 ± 267	812 ± 518	0	324	500	714	975	3166
Panama	207	214 ± 151	735 ± 464	0	262	410	670	1000	3230
Paraguay	159	184 ± 113	670 ± 425	0	34	400	610	944	2333
Peru	116	162 ± 117	584 ± 399	0	182	377	537	700	3000
Trinidad and Tobago	152	213 ± 135	676 ± 357	0	250	428	635	933	1710
Barbados	202	211 ± 228	907 ± 2997	0	252	430	635	910	42860
Pasta	849	433 ± 500	493 ± 630	0	0	10	284	830	7000
Argentina	96	264 ± 360	296 ± 412	0	6	10	14	682	1572
Brazil	51	1309 ± 262	1531 ± 344	244	1070	1363	1651	1765	1942
Chile	57	155 ± 309	236 ± 474	2	2	2	10	25	1742
Costa Rica	48	597 ± 596	840 ± 640	0	0	469	810	1045	2800
Cuba	30	4 ± 3	4 ± 4	0	2	2	2	5	20
Ecuador	50	326 ± 610	403 ± 658	0	2	14	265	532	3295
Guatemala	66	132 ± 297	169 ± 354	0	0	0	12	125	1400
Jamaica	31	608 ± 219	724 ± 382	234	300	308	777	950	1861
Mexico	46	696 ± 346	669 ± 401	25	273	332	505	929	1500
Panama	64	533 ± 734	357 ± 694	0	0	0	220	350	3700
Paraguay	120	497 ± 422	545 ± 513	0	513	513	513	513	2035
Peru	73	96 ± 465	218 ± 843	0	0	0	5	129	7000
Trinidad and Tobago	60	279 ± 320	250 ± 407	0	0	0	10	323	2140
Barbados	57	656 ± 182	954 ± 431	0	346	830	1000	1070	2230
Condiments	1083	716 ± 2230	11271 ± 10448	0	220	1300	8889	19576	40000

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Argentina	71	555 ± 372	12977 ± 9391	0	900	2670	13410	19831	33810
Brazil	107	961 ± 403	20184 ± 8218	1852	8616	15797	18700	26256	38000
Chile	85	389 ± 320	9220 ± 8041	9	577	2317	8602	12313	33100
Costa Rica	85	512 ± 415	12213 ± 9936	0	7	3389	10000	19800	33000
Cuba	23	521 ± 580	4528 ± 7502	0	123	227	434	6620	24000
Ecuador	76	247 ± 305	5542 ± 8397	0	0	188	1460	6060	39300
Guatemala	50	459 ± 277	6179 ± 7525	0	400	818	2200	9200	25500
Jamaica	66	242 ± 158	12068 ± 9245	0	2188	5314	8889	17725	36000
Mexico	124	1229 ± 2911	13645 ± 9553	0	730	5675	13803	20632	38000
Panama	79	1029 ± 3450	3630 ± 5187	0	416	645	920	5415	25400
Paraguay	40	842 ± 591	20509 ± 9173	5600	8976	15350	19600	20995	38000
Peru	86	456 ± 637	9302 ± 10747	0	20	766	3311	20288	32670
Trinidad and Tobago	77	1256 ± 5795	9895 ± 13647	0	16	31	2600	14286	40000
Barbados	114	417 ± 325	6710 ± 8785	0	493	933	2945	8668	51670

Data presented as mean ± standard deviation.

Table S3. Detailed assessment sodium levels in packaged foods by Country

	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium (mg/100g)	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
				Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Argentina	1275								
Soup	79	204 ± 341	884 ± 1417	2	25	247	327	964	5900
Meat	212	468 ± 271	979 ± 559	30	457	700	850	1088	3500
Bread	123	208 ± 146	452 ± 255	0	81	279	480	609	1200
Mayonnaise	18	107 ± 26	856 ± 145	558	622	786	903	948	1067
Cookies and Biscuits	165	116 ± 113	377 ± 374	0	75	133	288	553	3433
Cakes	127	146 ± 91	323 ± 204	3	81	214	260	435	820
Breakfast Cereals	88	95 ± 76	318 ± 253	0	46	113	277	518	1100
Cheese	150	194 ± 108	679 ± 731	27	236	467	583	803	8800
Butter	23	21 ± 23	199 ± 228	0	20	45	120	230	720
Snacks	123	223 ± 272	863 ± 1043	0	174	423	608	900	8000
Pasta	96	264 ± 360	296 ± 412	0	6	10	14	682	1572
Condiments	71	555 ± 372	12977 ± 9391	0	900	2670	13410	19831	33810
Brazil	1382								
Soup	80	110 ± 86	310 ± 203	1	71	119	309	421	794
Meat	200	575 ± 240	1044 ± 388	274	617	812	1035	1226	3070
Bread	101	198 ± 51	417 ± 128	168	270	326	414	484	847
Mayonnaise	33	107 ± 24	881 ± 208	375	545	792	975	1025	1100
Cookies and Biscuits	150	108 ± 72	356 ± 227	63	173	208	294	417	1443
Cakes	154	133 ± 53	324 ± 153	55	144	200	315	443	860
Breakfast Cereals	100	73 ± 66	224 ± 217	0	18	76	166	327	1500

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Cheese	158	200 ± 116	664 ± 400	50	327	400	562	830	3000
Butter	50	71 ± 27	710 ± 267	170	396	563	705	853	1750
Snacks	198	196 ± 122	812 ± 484	20	347	517	764	1010	3516
Pasta	51	1309 ± 262	1531 ± 344	244	1070	1363	1651	1765	1942
Condiments	107	961 ± 403	20184 ± 8218	1852	8616	15797	18700	26256	38000
Chile	1328								
Soup	81	101 ± 85	244 ± 125	35	71	154	205	366	439
Meat	219	409 ± 255	995 ± 435	70	475	759	929	1144	2630
Bread	106	227 ± 89	428 ± 140	7	272	365	413	491	984
Mayonnaise	30	96 ± 25	759 ± 187	400	547	627	769	921	1031
Cookies and Biscuits	152	80 ± 63	265 ± 198	6	95	130	228	331	1367
Cakes	157	149 ± 110	231 ± 180	21	73	113	183	313	1460
Breakfast Cereals	109	69 ± 57	213 ± 175	1	7	50	188	324	642
Cheese	150	144 ± 82	603 ± 396	42	261	340	482	795	2230
Butter	50	39 ± 18	545 ± 221	9	280	415	571	617	1171
Snacks	132	117 ± 71	443 ± 271	0	12	267	458	623	1300
Pasta	57	155 ± 309	236 ± 474	2	2	2	10	25	1742
Condiments	85	389 ± 320	9220 ± 8041	9	577	2317	8602	12313	33100
Costa Rica	1224								
Soup	84	178 ± 144	417 ± 206	17	170	276	370	640	737
Meat	101	605 ± 567	926 ± 611	31	406	511	827	1127	4200
Bread	83	232 ± 251	435 ± 314	0	0	215	473	591	1240
Mayonnaise	34	114 ± 26	754 ± 162	373	493	617	833	867	933
Cookies and Biscuits	170	122 ± 108	437 ± 343	0	139	215	318	560	1929

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Cakes	117	180 ± 114	385 ± 244	22	132	195	297	572	971
Breakfast Cereals	115	140 ± 63	433 ± 185	44	240	315	400	550	1067
Cheese	138	282 ± 412	842 ± 845	0	300	500	627	960	6800
Butter	43	125 ± 302	553 ± 362	0	86	368	600	679	2000
Snacks	206	195 ± 157	765 ± 579	0	216	395	643	956	5013
Pasta	48	597 ± 596	840 ± 640	0	0	469	810	1045	2800
Condiments	85	512 ± 415	12213 ± 9936	0	7	3389	10000	19800	33000
Cuba	241								
Soup	17	35 ± 36	150 ± 139	15	30	86	94	124	460
Meat	34	1086 ± 837	773 ± 478	95	116	428	780	908	1960
Bread	24	312 ± 137	542 ± 76	381	473	479	528	601	696
Mayonnaise	6	80 ± 33	525 ± 140	354	374	413	531	633	696
Cookies and Biscuits	29	42 ± 41	230 ± 173	16	43	43	197	306	700
Cakes	8	65 ± 31	225 ± 84	75	132	198	214	303	320
Breakfast Cereals	23	175 ± 178	602 ± 708	0	150	297	450	568	2760
Cheese	32	162 ± 14	838 ± 439	39	339	405	900	1122	1930
Butter	1	36 ± 0	511 ± 0	511	511	511	511	511	511
Snacks	14	229 ± 83	622 ± 179	330	365	544	675	699	1023
Pasta	30	4 ± 3	4 ± 4	0	2	2	2	5	20
Condiments	23	521 ± 580	5709 ± 8323	0	140	249	511	10015	24000
Ecuador	1313								
Soup	60	184 ± 169	548 ± 260	3	274	387	533	760	1368
Meat	221	468 ± 288	992 ± 584	55	564	745	982	1120	6600
Bread	106	192 ± 136	421 ± 200	0	123	329	427	520	1023

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Mayonnaise	26	106 ± 142	559 ± 206	11	393	438	539	643	1133
Cookies and Biscuits	184	87 ± 78	309 ± 256	0	33	120	250	437	1250
Cakes	135	192 ± 230	331 ± 333	0	50	148	258	430	2743
Breakfast Cereals	100	84 ± 149	283 ± 498	0	0	19	200	384	3400
Cheese	136	178 ± 100	627 ± 349	17	208	417	567	808	1900
Butter	32	103 ± 186	732 ± 1330	0	0	27	500	946	7636
Snacks	187	185 ± 162	591 ± 483	0	117	271	467	786	3214
Pasta	50	326 ± 610	403 ± 658	0	2	14	265	532	3295
Condiments	76	247 ± 305	5542 ± 8397	0	0	188	1460	6060	39300
Guatemala	1108								
Soup	79	240 ± 195	422 ± 157	90	264	314	370	538	754
Meat	60	739 ± 1519	1067 ± 1003	0	1	700	940	1214	4500
Bread	68	201 ± 159	519 ± 702	0	38	281	457	540	4444
Mayonnaise	29	101 ± 37	702 ± 272	36	469	533	733	867	1250
Cookies and Biscuits	147	123 ± 129	457 ± 421	0	100	188	336	611	2400
Cakes	96	212 ± 115	470 ± 273	22	165	253	402	701	1483
Breakfast Cereals	100	133 ± 56	412 ± 188	0	183	300	433	533	800
Cheese	164	225 ± 236	1089 ± 1840	20	312	530	670	1089	14740
Butter	68	84 ± 66	672 ± 681	0	14	428	705	785	4200
Snacks	181	282 ± 880	774 ± 701	0	178	410	689	964	7000
Pasta	66	132 ± 297	169 ± 354	0	0	0	12	125	1400
Condiments	50	459 ± 277	6179 ± 7525	0	400	818	2200	9200	25500
Jamaica	1051								
Soup	90	190 ± 122	420 ± 407	0	181	251	329	421	3467

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Meat	100	499 ± 250	788 ± 310	47	400	632	810	982	1760
Bread	72	257 ± 160	465 ± 137	0	298	415	481	516	969
Mayonnaise	11	84 ± 27	571 ± 165	333	393	393	633	706	767
Cookies and Biscuits	171	142 ± 86	460 ± 241	86	197	299	400	606	1300
Cakes	75	302 ± 93	540 ± 224	125	267	330	595	721	947
Breakfast Cereals	114	168 ± 93	456 ± 223	0	141	335	457	575	1179
Cheese	144	181 ± 106	738 ± 385	36	289	536	643	1012	2000
Butter	30	79 ± 42	595 ± 251	0	348	525	625	714	1000
Snacks	147	210 ± 144	671 ± 436	11	217	384	607	913	3393
Pasta	31	608 ± 219	724 ± 382	234	300	308	777	950	1861
Condiments	66	242 ± 158	12068 ± 9245	0	2188	5314	8889	17725	36000
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Mexico	1424								
Soup	80	129 ± 111	268 ± 230	12	19	35	193	412	796
Meat	214	627 ± 464	969 ± 528	114	450	691	900	1068	4545
Bread	112	167 ± 122	603 ± 448	0	317	376	475	728	4000
Mayonnaise	37	176 ± 182	763 ± 186	505	551	600	733	867	505
Cookies and Biscuits	172	100 ± 86	357 ± 288	0	57	165	283	448	1433
Cakes	121	171 ± 132	369 ± 232	0	143	238	324	438	1371
Breakfast Cereals	104	103 ± 65	323 ± 204	0	27	99	356	467	1073
Cheese	157	210 ± 168	608 ± 325	35	247	400	600	718	1789
Butter	46	30 ± 72	297 ± 259	0	10	159	200	495	1020
Snacks	211	269 ± 267	812 ± 518	0	324	500	714	975	3166
Pasta	46	696 ± 346	669 ± 401	25	273	332	505	929	1500
Condiments	124	1229 ± 2911	13645 ± 9553	0	730	5675	13803	20632	38000
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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Panama	1509								
Soup	71	137 ± 112	341 ± 109	54	195	293	317	391	607
Meat	187	453 ± 233	770 ± 688	12	140	420	720	905	5730
Bread	137	178 ± 98	531 ± 221	10	320	440	500	610	1270
Mayonnaise	25	105 ± 25	745 ± 213	370	490	627	770	870	1400
Cookies and Biscuits	199	131 ± 86	479 ± 304	0	140	235	390	695	1640
Cakes	129	222 ± 121	405 ± 235	0	124	270	380	530	1130
Breakfast Cereals	190	118 ± 69	344 ± 201	0	10	220	355	493	810
Cheese	170	217 ± 163	752 ± 415	40	266	560	680	890	2360
Butter	51	84 ± 37	594 ± 258	0	0	595	640	750	930
Snacks	207	214 ± 151	735 ± 464	0	262	410	670	1000	3230
Pasta	64	533 ± 734	357 ± 694	0	0	0	220	350	3700
Condiments	79	1029 ± 3450	3630 ± 5187	0	416	645	920	5415	25400
Paraguay	981								
Soup	31	95 ± 91	333 ± 143	205	230	257	295	306	766
Meat	129	347 ± 214	793 ± 450	0	339	542	725	990	3000
Bread	76	165 ± 78	398 ± 199	0	86	299	439	536	913
Mayonnaise	18	109 ± 16	915 ± 120	610	741	883	942	988	1075
Cookies and Biscuits	148	88 ± 64	319 ± 211	0	134	199	266	374	1197
Cakes	35	198 ± 92	472 ± 176	120	200	368	496	577	765
Breakfast Cereals	98	60 ± 63	201 ± 210	0	12	69	125	269	977
Cheese	110	209 ± 108	718 ± 347	0	373	503	687	833	1900
Butter	17	48 ± 34	484 ± 339	96	132	200	470	670	1110
Snacks	159	184 ± 113	670 ± 425	0	34	400	610	944	2333

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Pasta	120	497 ± 422	545 ± 513	0	513	513	513	513	2035
Condiments	40	842 ± 591	20509 ± 9173	5600	8976	15350	19600	20995	38000
Peru	850								
Soup	94	164 ± 110	339 ± 114	18	245	280	330	382	885
Meat	49	315 ± 325	748 ± 1129	0	0	72	560	959	7000
Bread	68	286 ± 281	503 ± 249	1	222	404	486	590	1300
Mayonnaise	20	107 ± 58	789 ± 388	96	344	598	733	1000	2000
Cookies and Biscuits	129	149 ± 99	432 ± 280	0	165	239	340	620	1643
Cakes	33	172 ± 134	425 ± 301	0	104	200	677	104	1465
Breakfast Cereals	91	72 ± 91	251 ± 276	0	2	7	229	378	1395
Cheese	73	163 ± 117	686 ± 535	3	36	360	679	900	3038
Butter	18	141 ± 179	1079 ± 1238	20	120	413	786	1173	5000
Snacks	116	162 ± 117	584 ± 399	0	182	377	537	700	3000
Pasta	73	96 ± 465	218 ± 843	0	0	0	5	129	7000
Condiments	86	456 ± 637	9302 ± 10747	0	20	766	3311	20288	32670
Trinidad and Tobago	1318								
Soup	98	203 ± 130	403 ± 176	43	189	281	372	527	771
Meat	179	497 ± 443	868 ± 584	54	408	447	804	1035	4955
Bread	95	226 ± 138	421 ± 171	0	202	350	450	510	1000
Mayonnaise	20	88 ± 43	594 ± 298	0	303	400	647	713	1400
Cookies and Biscuits	193	111 ± 109	393 ± 274	0	170	230	340	470	2270
Cakes	127	240 ± 102	433 ± 255	80	190	260	330	660	1580

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	n	Average Sodium (mg/serving)	Average Sodium	Sodium Percentiles (mg/100g)					
			(mg/100g)	Min	10 th	25 th	50 th	75 th	Max
Breakfast Cereals	112	147 ± 130	406 ± 245	0	85	265	388	534	1280
Cheese	177	168 ± 90	772 ± 388	0	302	600	1146	964	2000
Butter	28	281 ± 366	781 ± 400	0	459	573	714	841	1733
Snacks	152	213 ± 135	676 ± 357	0	250	428	635	933	1710
Pasta	60	279 ± 320	250 ± 407	0	0	0	10	323	2140
Condiments	77	1256 ± 5795	9895 ± 13647	0	16	31	2600	14286	40000
Barbados	1353								
Soup	80	162 ± 128	355 ± 204	13	165	238	285	429	1053
Meat	166	428 ± 157	961 ± 429	0	560	713	855	1110	2320
Bread	100	211 ± 106	403 ± 134	0	227	343	410	461	740
Mayonnaise	30	105 ± 30	826 ± 626	500	518	600	670	800	4000
Cookies and Biscuits	160	130 ± 82	451 ± 270	10	178	278	380	603	1670
Cakes	129	235 ± 96	505 ± 258	40	200	300	420	720	1250
Breakfast Cereals	113	122 ± 97	356 ± 316	0	10	70	370	510	1680
Cheese	152	177 ± 84	743 ± 335	110	321	600	680	900	1640
Butter	50	82 ± 53	564 ± 286	0	200	473	620	710	1790
Snacks	202	211 ± 228	907 ± 2997	0	252	430	635	910	42860
Pasta	57	656 ± 182	954 ± 431	0	346	830	1000	1070	2230
Condiments	114	417 ± 325	6710 ± 8785	0	493	933	2945	8668	51670

Data presented as mean ± standard deviation.

Table S4. Detailed assessment of the proportion of foods meeting the Regional Sodium Reduction Targets by Food Category

	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Wet and Dry Soups	817		485 (59%)	332 (41%)		353 (43%)
Argentina	79	360	51 (65%)	28 (35%)	306	30 (38%)
Brazil	73	360	49 (67%)	24 (33%)	306	38 (52%)
Chile	69	360	47 (68%)	22 (32%)	306	44 (64%)
Costa Rica	71	360	34 (48%)	37 (52%)	306	23 (32%)
Cuba	16	360	13 (81%)	3 (19%)	306	12 (75%)
Ecuador	56	360	10 (18%)	46 (82%)	306	8 (14%)
Guatemala	49	360	26 (53%)	23 (47%)	306	12 (24%)
Jamaica	58	360	33 (57%)	25 (43%)	306	26 (45%)
Mexico	80	360	54 (68%)	26 (32%)	306	42 (53%)
Panama	44	360	28 (64%)	16 (36%)	306	16 (36%)
Paraguay	28	360	22 (79%)	6 (21%)	306	19 (68%)
Peru	39	360	29 (74%)	10 (26%)	306	15 (38%)
Trinidad and Tobago	75	360	35 (47%)	40 (53%)	306	24 (32%)
Barbados	80	360	54 (68%)	26 (33%)	306	44 (55%)
Noodles in Broth-as consumed	207		169 (82%)	38 (18%)		114 (55%)
Argentina	0	430	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	360	0 (0%)
Brazil	7	430	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	360	4 (57%)
Chile	12	430	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	360	11 (92%)
Costa Rica	13	430	8 (62%)	5 (38%)	360	5 (38%)
Cuba	1	430	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	360	1 (100%)
Ecuador	4	430	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	360	1 (25%)
Guatemala	30	430	15 (50%)	15 (50%)	360	8 (27%)
Jamaica	32	430	32 (100%)	0 (100%)	360	21 (70%)
Mexico	0	430	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	360	0 (0%)

	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Panama	27	430	24 (89%)	3 (11%)	360	20 (74%)
Paraguay	3	430	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	360	3 (100%)
Peru	55	430	50 (91%)	5 (9%)	360	30 (55%)
Trinidad and Tobago	23	430	16 (70%)	7 (30%)	360	10 (43%)
Barbados	0	430	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	360	0 (0%)
Meats and Cooked, raw and processed Sausages	1535		1329 (87%)	206 (13%)		378 (25%)
Argentina	162	1210	143 (88%)	19 (12%)	690	20 (12%)
Brazil	162	1210	120 (74%)	42 (26%)	690	20 (12%)
Chile	164	1210	146 (89%)	18 (11%)	690	25 (15%)
Costa Rica	60	1210	42 (70%)	18 (30%)	690	19 (32%)
Cuba	26	1210	22 (85%)	4 (15%)	690	10 (38%)
Ecuador	193	1210	167 (87%)	26 (13%)	690	31 (16%)
Guatemala	38	1210	31 (82%)	7 (18%)	690	6 (16%)
Jamaica	68	1210	60 (88%)	8 (12%)	690	21 (31%)
Mexico	148	1210	138 (93%)	10 (7%)	690	38 (26%)
Panama	174	1210	155 (89%)	19 (11%)	690	74 (43%)
Paraguay	109	1210	101 (93%)	8 (7%)	690	50 (46%)
Peru	47	1210	42 (89%)	5 (11%)	690	27 (57%)
Trinidad and Tobago	45	1210	44 (98%)	1 (2%)	690	15 (33%)
Barbados	139	1210	118 (85%)	21 (15%)	690	22 (16%)
Cured dry meats and meats preserved at room temperature	320		290 (91%)	30 (9%)		213 (67%)
Argentina	28	1900	20 (72%)	8 (28%)	1350	10 (36%)
Brazil	13	1900	10 (77%)	3 (23%)	1350	4 (31%)

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Chile	37	1900	34 (92%)	3 (8%)	1350	10 (27%)
Costa Rica	0	1900	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1350	0 (0%)
Cuba	4	1900	3 (75%)	1 (25%)	1350	2 (50%)
Ecuador	11	1900	9 (82%)	2 (18%)	1350	6 (55%)
Guatemala	16	1900	14 (88%)	2 (13%)	1350	13 (81%)
Jamaica	31	1900	31 (100%)	0 (0%)	1350	30 (97%)
Mexico	49	1900	41 (84%)	8 (16%)	1350	28 (57%)
Panama	0	1900	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1350	0 (0%)
Paraguay	12	1900	12 (100%)	0(0%)	1350	8 (67%)
Peru	1	1900	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	1350	1 (100%)
Trinidad and Tobago	108	1900	105 (97%)	3 (3%)	1350	100 (93)
Barbados	10	1900	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	1350	1 (1%)
Breaded meat and poultry	216		141 (65%)	75 (35%)		60 (28%)
Argentina	22	735	22 (100%)	0 (0%)	470	6 (27%)
Brazil	25	735	9 (36%)	16 (64%)	470	2 (8%)
Chile	18	735	16 (89%)	2 (11%)	470	10 (56%)
Costa Rica	41	735	17 (41%)	24(59%)	470	4 (10%)
Cuba	4	735	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	470	4 (100%)
Ecuador	17	735	10 (59%)	7 (41%)	470	3 (18)
Guatemala	6	735	1 (17%)	5 (83%)	470	0 (0%)
Jamaica	18	735	16 (89%)	2 (11%)	470	10 (55%)
Mexico	17	735	13 (76%)	4 (24%)	470	8 (47%)
Panama	13	735	10 (77%)	3 (23%)	470	6 (46%)
Paraguay	8	735	4 (50%)	4 (50%)	470	2 (25%)
Peru	1	735	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	470	0 (0%)
Trinidad and Tobago	26	735	17 (65%)	9 (35%)	470	10 (38%)
Barbados	17	735	16 (94%)	1 (6%)	470	4 (24%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Bread	1271		1053 (83%)	218 (17%)		434 (34%)
Argentina	123	600	91 (74%)	32 (26%)	400	41 (33%)
Brazil	101	600	93 (93%)	8 (8%)	400	47 (47%)
Chile	106	600	99 (93%)	7 (7%)	400	48 (45%)
Costa Rica	83	600	62 (75%)	21 (25%)	400	30 (36%)
Cuba	24	600	17 (71%)	7 (29%)	400	1 (4%)
Ecuador	106	600	97 (92%)	9 (8%)	400	38 (36%)
Guatemala	68	600	57 (84%)	11 (16%)	400	28 (41%)
Jamaica	72	600	66 (92%)	6 (8%)	400	14 (19%)
Mexico	112	600	76 (69%)	36 (31%)	400	37 (33%)
Panama	137	600	99 (72%)	38 (28%)	400	31 (23%)
Paraguay	76	600	67 (88%)	9 (12%)	400	34 (45%)
Peru	68	600	53 (78%)	15 (22%)	400	16 (24%)
Trinidad and Tobago	95	600	87 (92%)	8 (8%)	400	36 (38%)
Barbados	100	600	89 (89%)	11 (11%)	400	33 (33%)
Mayonnaise	337		317 (94%)	20 (6%)		128 (38%)
Argentina	18	1050	17 (95%)	1 (6%)	670	3 (17%)
Brazil	33	1050	29 (88%)	4 (12%)	670	5 (15%)
Chile	30	1050	30 (100%)	0 (0%)	670	12 (40%)
Costa Rica	34	1050	34 (100%)	0 (0%)	670	9 (26%)
Cuba	6	1050	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	670	5 (83%)
Ecuador	26	1050	25 (96%)	1 (4%)	670	20 (77%)
Guatemala	29	1050	25 (86%)	4 (14%)	670	14 (48%)
Jamaica	11	1050	11 (100%)	0 (0%)	670	7 (64%)
Mexico	37	1050	35 (95%)	2 (5%)	670	14 (38%)
Panama	25	1050	24 (96%)	1 (4%)	670	8 (32%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Paraguay	18	1050	17 (94%)	1 (6%)	670	1 (6%)
Peru	20	1050	18 (90%)	2 (10%)	670	8 (40%)
Trinidad and Tobago	20	1050	19 (95%)	1 (5%)	670	12 (60%)
Barbados	30	1050	27 (90%)	3 (10%)	670	10 (33%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	1560		1406 (90%)	154 (10%)		750 (48%)
Argentina	98	485	94 (96%)	4 (4%)	265	54 (55%)
Brazil	110	485	110 (100%)	0 (0%)	265	67 (61%)
Chile	106	485	106 (100%)	0 (0%)	265	64 (60%)
Costa Rica	127	485	118 (93%)	9 (7%)	265	62 (49%)
Cuba	21	485	21 (100%)	0 (0%)	265	13 (62%)
Ecuador	146	485	133 (91%)	13 (9%)	265	97 (66%)
Guatemala	111	485	94 (85%)	17 (15%)	265	55(50%)
Jamaica	115	485	103 (90%)	12 (10%)	265	30 (26%)
Mexico	93	485	85 (91%)	8 (9%)	265	53 (57%)
Panama	128	485	106 (83%)	22 (17%)	265	55 (43%)
Paraguay	116	485	114 (98%)	2 (2%)	265	66 (57%)
Peru	91	485	82 (90%)	9 (10%)	265	40 (44%)
Trinidad and Tobago	190	485	145 (76%)	45 (24%)	265	57 (30%)
Barbados	108	485	95 (88%)	13 (12%)	265	37 (34%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	609		591 (97%)	18 (3%)		362 (59%)
Argentina	67	1340	66 (98%)	1 (2%)	700	45 (67%)
Brazil	40	1340	38 (95%)	2 (5%)	700	33 (83%)
Chile	46	1340	45 (98%)	1 (2%)	700	37 (80%)
Costa Rica	43	1340	38 (88%)	5 (12%)	700	14 (33%)
Cuba	8	1340	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	7 (88%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Ecuador	38	1340	38 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	26 (64%)
Guatemala	36	1340	32 (89%)	4 (11%)	700	18 (50%)
Jamaica	56	1340	56 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	27 (48%)
Mexico	79	1340	77 (97%)	2 (3%)	700	58 (73%)
Panama	71	1340	70 (99%)	1 (1%)	700	28 (39%)
Paraguay	32	1340	32 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	21 (66%)
Peru	38	1340	37 (97%)	1 (3%)	700	20 (53%)
Trinidad and Tobago	3	1340	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	2 (67%)
Barbados	52	1340	51 (98%)	1 (2%)	700	26 (50%)
Cakes	1443		919 (64%)	524 (36%)		356 (25%)
Argentina	127	400	89 (70%)	38 (30%)	205	31 (24%)
Brazil	154	400	104 (68%)	50 (32%)	205	43 (28%)
Chile	157	400	141 (90%)	16 (10%)	205	86 (55%)
Costa Rica	117	400	78 (66%)	39 (33%)	205	32 (27%)
Cuba	8	400	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	205	2 (25%)
Ecuador	135	400	95 (70%)	40 (30%)	205	54 (40%)
Guatemala	96	400	48 (50%)	48 (50%)	205	18 (19%)
Jamaica	75	400	27 (36%)	48 (64%)	205	4 (5%)
Mexico	121	400	84 (69%)	37 (31%)	205	22 (18%)
Panama	129	400	74 (61%)	55 (43%)	205	20 (16%)
Paraguay	35	400	11 (31%)	24 (69%)	205	5 (14%)
Peru	33	400	19 (58%)	14 (42%)	205	9 (27%)
Trinidad and Tobago	127	400	79 (62%)	48 (38%)	205	15 (12%)
Barbados	129	400	62 (48%)	67 (52%)	205	15 (12%)
Breakfast Cereals	1457		1326 (91%)	131 (9%)		1114 (76%)
Argentina	88	630	76 (87%)	12 (14)%	500	63 (72%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Brazil	100	630	94 (94%)	6 (6%)	500	92 (92%)
Chile	109	630	108 (99%)	1 (1%)	500	101 (93%)
Costa Rica	115	630	99 (86%)	16 (14%)	500	78 (68%)
Cuba	23	630	19 (83%)	4 (17%)	500	14 (61%)
Ecuador	100	630	93 (93%)	7 (7%)	500	87 (87%)
Guatemala	100	630	89 (89%)	11 (11%)	500	63 (63%)
Jamaica	114	630	94 (82%)	20 (18%)	500	72 (63%)
Mexico	104	630	101 (97%)	3 (3%)	500	82 (79%)
Panama	190	630	179 (94%)	11 (6%)	500	143 (75%)
Paraguay	98	630	93 (95%)	5 (5%)	500	86 (88%)
Peru	91	630	82 (90%)	9 (10%)	500	75 (82%)
Trinidad and Tobago	112	630	97 (87%)	15 (13%)	500	78 (70%)
Barbados	113	630	102 (90%)	11 (10%)	500	80 (71%)
Butter	507		428 (84%)	79 (16%)		186 (37%)
Argentina	23	800	23 (100%)	0 (0%)	500	19 (83%)
Brazil	50	800	36 (72%)	14 (28%)	500	11 (22%)
Chile	50	800	47 (94%)	3 (6%)	500	17 (34%)
Costa Rica	43	800	35 (81%)	8 (19%)	500	17 (40%)
Cuba	1	800	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	500	0 (0%)
Ecuador	32	800	22 (69%)	10 (31%)	500	15 (47%)
Guatemala	68	800	58 (85%)	10 (15%)	500	21 (31%)
Jamaica	30	800	26 (87%)	4 (13%)	500	6 (20%)
Mexico	46	800	44 (96%)	2 (4%)	500	34 (74%)
Panama	51	800	45 (88%)	6 (12%)	500	10 (20%)
Paraguay	17	800	14 (82%)	3 (18%)	500	9 (53%)
Peru	18	800	10 (56%)	8 (44%)	500	6 (33%)
Trinidad and Tobago	28	800	20 (71%)	8 (29%)	500	6 (21%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Barbados	50	800	47 (94%)	3 (6%)	500	15 (30%)
Snacks	2235		1674 (75%)	561 (25%)		865 (39%)
Argentina	123	900	93 (76%)	30 (25%)	530	45 (37%)
Brazil	198	900	130 (66%)	68 (34%)	530	54 (27%)
Chile	132	900	126 (95%)	6 (5%)	530	85 (64%)
Costa Rica	206	900	149 (72%)	57 (28%)	530	77 (37%)
Cuba	14	900	13 (93%)	1 (7%)	530	4 (29%)
Ecuador	187	900	157 (84%)	30 (16%)	530	102 (55%)
Guatemala	181	900	131 (72%)	50 (28%)	530	68 (38%)
Jamaica	147	900	108 (73%)	39 (27%)	530	62 (42%)
Mexico	211	900	150 (71%)	61 (29%)	530	57 (27%)
Panama	207	900	139 (67%)	68 (33%)	530	74 (38%)
Paraguay	159	900	115 (72%)	44 (28%)	530	60 (38%)
Peru	116	900	102 (88%)	14 (12%)	530	55 (47%)
Trinidad and Tobago	152	900	111 (73%)	41 (27%)	530	58 (38%)
Barbados	202	900	150 (74%)	52 (26%)	530	64 (32%)
Pasta and Noodles -dry, uncooked	696		681 (98%)	15 (2%)		609 (88%)
Argentina	96	1921	96 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	93 (97%)
Brazil	50	1921	49 (98%)	1 (2%)	1333	12 (24%)
Chile	7	1921	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	4 (57%)
Costa Rica	48	1921	45 (94%)	3 (6%)	1333	41 (85%)
Cuba	30	1921	30 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	30 (100%)
Ecuador	50	1921	47 (94%)	3 (6%)	1333	47 (94%)
Guatemala	66	1921	66 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	63 (96%)
Jamaica	19	1921	19 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	18 (95%)
Mexico	24	1921	24 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	20 (83%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Panama	18	1921	15 (83%)	3 (17%)	1333	14 (78%)
Paraguay	7	1921	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	4 (57%)
Peru	73	1921	72 (99%)	1 (1%)	1333	72 (97%)
Trinidad and Tobago	46	1921	45 (98%)	1 (2%)	1333	44 (96%)
Barbados	49	1921	47 (96%)	2 (4%)	1333	42 (86%)
Pasta and Noodles-as consumed	153		140 (92%)	13 (8%)		134 (88%)
Argentina	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Brazil	1	640	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	440	1 (100%)
Chile	50	640	46 (92%)	4(8%)	440	45 (90%)
Costa Rica	0	640	0(0%)	0(0%)	440	0 (0%)
Cuba	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Ecuador	0	640	0(0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Guatemala	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Jamaica	12	640	7 (58%)	5 (42%)	440	7(58%)
Mexico	22	640	21 (95%)	1(5%)	440	20 (91%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	46	640	43 (93%)	3 (7%)	440	40 (87%)
Paraguay	0	640	0(0%)	0(0%)	440	0(0%)
Peru	0	640	0(0%)	0(0%)	440	0(0%)
Trinidad and Tobago	14	640	14 (100%)	0(0%)	440	13 (93%)
Barbados	8	640	8 (100%)	0(0%)	440	8 (100%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	390		375 (96%)	15 (4%)		286 (73%)
Argentina	22	33100	22 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	18 (82%)
Brazil	2	33100	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	0 (0%)
Chile	63	33100	63 (100%)	0(0%)	9100	45 (71%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Costa Rica	44	33100	44(100%)	0(0%)	9100	24 (55%)
Cuba	12	33100	12(100%)	0(0%)	9100	11 (92%)
Ecuador	8	33100	8(100%)	0(0%)	9100	8(100%)
Guatemala	6	33100	6(100%)	0(0%)	9100	5 (83%)
Jamaica	13	33100	13(100%)	0(0%)	9100	12 (92%)
Mexico	31	33100	31(100%)	0(0%)	9100	16 (52%)
Panama	41	33100	41(100%)	0(0%)	9100	41(100%)
Paraguay	28	33100	24(86%)	4 (14%)	9100	5 (18%)
Peru	51	33100	51(100%)	0(0%)	9100	44 (86%)
Trinidad and Tobago	51	33100	40 (78%)	11 (22%)	9100	40 (78%)
Barbados	18	33100	18 (100%)	0(0%)	9100	17 (94%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	435		385 (89%)	50 (11%)		381 (88%)
Argentina	26	23000	23 (0%)	3 (12%)	21775	23 (89%)
Brazil	48	23000	29 (60%)	19 (40%)	21775	27 (57%)
Chile	2	23000	2(100%)	0 (0%)	21775	2(100%)
Costa Rica	15	23000	15(100%)	0(0%)	21775	15(100%)
Cuba	4	23000	4(100%)	0(0%)	21775	4(100%)
Ecuador	54	23000	51 (94%)	3(6%)	21775	51 (94%)
Guatemala	34	23000	34 (100%)	0(0%)	21775	34 (100%)
Jamaica	46	23000	38 (83%)	8 (17%)	21775	37 (80%)
Mexico	61	23000	51 (84%)	10 (16%)	21775	50 (82%)
Panama	38	23000	37 (97%)	1 (3%)	21775	37 (97%)
Paraguay	6	23000	3 (50%)	3 (50%)	21775	3(50%)
Peru	11	23000	11(100%)	0(0%)	21775	11(100%)
Trinidad and Tobago	20	23000	19 (95%)	1 (5%)	21775	19 (95%)
Barbados	70	23000	68 (97%)	2 (3%)	21775	68 (97%)

	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Bouillon Cubes and Powders, as consumed	258		159 (62%)	99 (38%)		96 (37%)
Argentina	23	20500	14 (62%)	9 (39%)	18000	7 (31%)
Brazil	57	20500	34 (60%)	23 (40%)	18000	23 (41%)
Chile	20	20500	12 (60%)	8 (40%)	18000	6 (30%)
Costa Rica	26	20500	16 (62%)	10 (38%)	18000	10(38%)
Cuba	7	20500	6 (86%)	1 (14%)	18000	4 (57%)
Ecuador	14	20500	13 (93%)	1 (7%)	18000	10 (71%)
Guatemala	10	20500	7(70%)	3 (30%)	18000	4 (10%)
Jamaica	7	20500	6 (86%)	1 (14%)	18000	4(57%)
Mexico	32	20500	18 (56%)	14 (44%)	18000	9 (28%)
Panama	0	20500	0(0%)	0(0%)	18000	0(0%)
Paraguay	6	20500	5 (83%)	1(17%)	18000	1 (17%)
Peru	24	20500	8 (33%)	16 (67%)	18000	5(21%)
Trinidad and Tobago	6	20500	3 (50%)	3 (50%)	18000	3 (50%)
Barbados	26	20500	17 (65%)	9 (34%)	18000	10 (38%)

Data presented as n (%).

Table S5. Detailed assessment of the proportion of foods meeting the Regional Sodium Targets by Country

	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Argentina	1125		940 (84%)	185 (16%)		508 (45%)
Wet and Dry Soups	79	360	51 (65%)	28 (35%)	306	30 (38%)
Noodles in Broth	0	430	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	360	0 (0%)
Meats and Sausages	162	1210	143 (88%)	19 (12%)	690	20 (12%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	28	1900	20 (72%)	8 (28%)	1350	10 (36%)
Breaded meat and poultry	22	735	22 (100%)	0 (0%)	470	6 (27%)
Bread	123	600	91 (74%)	32 (26%)	400	41 (33%)
Mayonnaise	18	1050	17 (95%)	1 (6%)	670	3 (17%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	98	485	94 (96%)	4 (4%)	265	54 (55%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	67	1340	66 (98%)	1 (2%)	700	45 (67%)
Cakes	127	400	89 (70%)	38 (30%)	205	31 (24%)
Breakfast Cereals	88	630	76 (87%)	12 (14%)	500	63 (72%)
Butter	23	800	23 (100%)	0 (0%)	500	19 (83%)
Snacks	123	900	93 (76%)	30 (25%)	530	45 (37%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	96	1921	96 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	93 (97%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	22	33100	22 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	18 (82%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	26	23000	23 (0%)	3 (12%)	21775	23 (89%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	23	20500	14 (62%)	9 (39%)	18000	7 (31%)
Brazil	1224		944 (77%)	280 (23%)		483 (39%)
Wet and Dry Soups	73	360	49 (67%)	24 (33%)	306	38 (52%)
Noodles in Broth	7	430	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	360	4 (57%)
Meats and Sausages	162	1210	120 (74%)	42 (26%)	690	20 (12%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	13	1900	10 (77%)	3 (23%)	1350	4 (31%)
Breaded meat and poultry	25	735	9 (36%)	16 (64%)	470	2 (8%)
Bread	101	600	93 (93%)	8 (8%)	400	47 (47%)
Mayonnaise	33	1050	29 (88%)	4 (12%)	670	5 (15%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	110	485	110 (100%)	0 (0%)	265	67 (61%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	40	1340	38 (95%)	2 (5%)	700	33 (83%)

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Cakes	154	400	104 (68%)	50 (32%)	205	43 (28%)
Breakfast Cereals	100	630	94 (94%)	6 (6%)	500	92 (92%)
Butter	50	800	36 (72%)	14 (28%)	500	11 (22%)
Snacks	198	900	130 (66%)	68 (34%)	530	54 (27%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	50	1921	49 (98%)	1 (2%)	1333	12 (24%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	1	640	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	440	1 (100%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	2	33100	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	0 (0%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	48	23000	29 (60%)	19 (40%)	21775	27 (57%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	57	20500	34 (60%)	23 (40%)	18000	23 (41%)
Chile	1178		1087 (92%)	91 (8%)		652 (55%)
Wet and Dry Soups	69	360	47 (68%)	22 (32%)	306	44 (64%)
Noodles in Broth	12	430	12(100%)	0 (0%)	360	11 (92%)
Meats and Sausages	164	1210	146 (89%)	18 (11%)	690	25 (15%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	37	1900	34 (92%)	3 (8%)	1350	10 (27%)
Breaded meat and poultry	18	735	16 (89%)	2 (11%)	470	10 (56%)
Bread	106	600	99 (93%)	7 (7%)	400	48 (46%)
Mayonnaise	30	1050	30 (100%)	0 (0%)	670	12 (40%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	106	485	106 (100%)	0 (0%)	265	64 (61%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	46	1340	45 (98%)	1 (2%)	700	37 (81%)
Cakes	157	400	141 (90%)	16 (10%)	205	86 (55%)
Breakfast Cereals	109	630	108 (99%)	1 (1%)	500	101 (93%)
Butter	50	800	47 (94%)	3 (6%)	500	17 (34%)
Snacks	132	900	126 (95%)	6 (5%)	530	85 (65%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	7	1921	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	4 (57%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	50	640	46 (92%)	4 (8%)	440	45 (90%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	63	33100	63 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	45 (72%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	2	23000	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	21775	2 (100%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	20	20500	12 (60%)	8 (40%)	18000	6 (30%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Costa Rica	1086		834 (77%)	252 (23%)		460(43%)
Wet and Dry Soups	71	360	34 (48%)	37 (52%)	306	23 (32%)
Noodles in Broth	13	430	8 (61%)	5 (39%)	360	5 (39%)
Meats and Sausages	60	1210	42 (70%)	18 (30%)	690	19 (32%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	0	1900	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1350	0 (0%)
Breaded meat and poultry	41	735	17 (41%)	24 (59%)	470	4 (10%)
Bread	83	600	62 (75%)	21 (25%)	400	30 (36%)
Mayonnaise	34	1050	34 (100%)	0 (0%)	670	9 (27%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	127	485	118 (93%)	9 (7%)	265	62 (49%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	43	1340	38 (88%)	5 (12%)	700	14 (32%)
Cakes	117	400	78 (67%)	39 (33%)	205	32 (28%)
Breakfast Cereals	115	630	99 (86%)	16 (14%)	500	78 (68%)
Butter	43	800	35 (81%)	8 (19%)	500	17 (40%)
Snacks	206	900	149 (72%)	57 (28%)	530	77 (38%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	48	1921	45 (94%)	3 (6%)	1333	41 (85%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	44	33100	44 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	24 (56%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	15	23000	15 (100%)	0 (0%)	21775	15 (100%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	26	20500	16 (62%)	10 (38%)	18000	10 (39%)
Cuba	209		188 (90%)	21(10%)		124 (59%)
Wet and Dry Soups	16	360	13 (81%)	3 (19%)	306	12 (75%)
Noodles in Broth	1	430	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	360	1 (100%)
Meats and Sausages	26	1210	22 (85%)	4 (15%)	690	10 (39%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	4	1900	3 (75%)	1 (25%)	1350	2 (50%)
Breaded meat and poultry	4	735	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	470	4 (100%)
Bread	24	600	17 (71%)	7 (29%)	400	1 (4%)
Mayonnaise	6	1050	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	670	5 (84%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	21	485	21 (100%)	0 (0%)	265	13 (62%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	8	1340	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	7 (88%)
Cakes	8	400	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	205	2 (25%)
Breakfast Cereals	23	630	19 (83%)	4 (17%)	500	14 (61%)

	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Butter	1	800	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	500	0 (0%)
Snacks	14	900	13 (93%)	1 (7%)	530	4 (29%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	30	1921	30 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	30 (100%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	12	33100	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	11 (92%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	4	23000	4(100%)	0 (0%)	21775	4 (100%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	7	20500	6 (86%)	1 (14%)	18000	4 (57%)
Ecuador	1177		976 (83%)	201 (17%)		604 (51%)
Wet and Dry Soups	56	360	10 (18%)	46 (82%)	306	8 (14%)
Noodles in Broth	4	430	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	360	1 (25%)
Meats and Sausages	193	1210	167 (87%)	26 (13%)	690	31 (16%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	11	1900	9 (82%)	2 (18%)	1350	6 (55%)
Breaded meat and poultry	17	735	10 (59%)	7 (41%)	470	3 (18%)
Bread	106	600	97 (92%)	9 (9%)	400	38 (36%)
Mayonnaise	26	1050	25 (96%)	1 (4%)	670	20 (77%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	146	485	133 (92%)	13 (9%)	265	97 (67%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	38	1340	38 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	26 (69%)
Cakes	135	400	95 (70%)	40 (30%)	205	54 (40%)
Breakfast Cereals	100	630	93 (93%)	7 (7%)	500	87 (87%)
Butter	32	800	22 (69%)	10 (31%)	500	15 (47%)
Snacks	187	900	157 (84%)	30 (16%)	530	102 (55%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	50	1921	47 (94%)	3 (6%)	1333	47 (94%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	8	33100	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	8 (100%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	54	23000	51 (94%)	3 (6%)	21775	51 (95%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	14	20500	13 (93%)	1 (7%)	18000	10 (72%)
Guatemala	944		734 (78%)	207 (22%)		430 (46%)
Wet and Dry Soups	49	360	26 (53%)	23 (47%)	306	12 (25%)
Noodles in Broth	30	430	15 (50%)	15 (50%)	360	8 (27%)

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Meats and Sausages	38	1210	31 (82%)	7 (18%)	690	6 (16%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	16	1900	14 (87%)	2 (13%)	1350	13 (81%)
Breaded meat and poultry	6	735	1 (17%)	5 (83%)	470	0 (0%)
Bread	68	600	57 (84%)	11 (16%)	400	28 (41%)
Mayonnaise	29	1050	25 (86%)	4 (14%)	670	14 (48%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	111	485	94 (85%)	17 (15%)	265	55 (50%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	36	1340	32 (89%)	4 (11%)	700	18 (50%)
Cakes	96	400	48 (50%)	48 (50%)	205	18 (19%)
Breakfast Cereals	100	630	89 (89%)	11 (11%)	500	63 (63%)
Butter	68	800	58 (86%)	10 (15%)	500	21 (31%)
Snacks	181	900	131 (73%)	50 (28%)	530	68 (38%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	66	1921	66 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	63 (96%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	6	33100	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	5 (84%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	34	23000	34 (100%)	0 (0%)	21775	34 (100%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	10	20500	7 (70%)	3 (30%)	18000	4 (40%)
Jamaica	907		731 (81%)	176 (19%)		399 (44%)
Wet and Dry Soups	58	360	33 (57%)	25 (43%)	306	26 (45%)
Noodles in Broth	32	430	32 (100%)	0 (0%)	360	21 (66%)
Meats and Sausages	68	1210	60 (88%)	8 (12%)	690	21 (31%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	31	1900	31 (100%)	0 (0%)	1350	30 (97%)
Breaded meat and poultry	1	735	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	470	1 (100%)
Bread	72	600	66 (92%)	6 (8%)	400	14 (20%)
Mayonnaise	11	1050	11 (100%)	0 (0%)	670	7 (64%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	115	485	103 (90%)	12 (10%)	265	30 (26%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	56	1340	56 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	27 (48%)
Cakes	75	400	27 (36%)	48 (64%)	205	4 (6%)
Breakfast Cereals	114	630	94 (82%)	20 (18%)	500	72 (63%)
Butter	30	800	26 (87%)	4 (13%)	500	6 (20%)
Snacks	147	900	108 (74%)	39 (27%)	530	62 (42%)

	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	19	1921	19 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	18 (95%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	12	640	7 (58%)	5 (42%)	440	7 (58%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	13	33100	13 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	12 (93%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	46	23000	38 (83%)	8 (18%)	21775	37 (81%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	7	20500	6 (86%)	1 (14%)	18000	4 (57%)
Mexico	1267		1043 (82%)	224 (18%)		588 (46%)
Wet and Dry Soups	80	360	54 (68%)	26 (32%)	306	42 (53%)
Noodles in Broth	0	430	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	360	0 (0%)
Meats and Sausages	148	1210	138 (93%)	10 (7%)	690	38 (26%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	49	1900	41 (84%)	8 (16%)	1350	28 (57%)
Breaded meat and poultry	17	735	13 (76%)	4 (24%)	470	8 (47%)
Bread	112	600	76 (68%)	36 (32%)	400	37 (33%)
Mayonnaise	37	1050	35 (95%)	2 (5%)	670	14 (38%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	93	485	85 (91%)	8 (9%)	265	53 (57%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	79	1340	77 (97%)	2 (3%)	700	58 (74%)
Cakes	121	400	84 (69%)	37 (31%)	205	22 (18%)
Breakfast Cereals	104	630	101 (97%)	3 (3%)	500	82 (79%)
Butter	46	800	44 (96%)	2 (4%)	500	34 (74%)
Snacks	211	900	150 (71%)	61 (29%)	530	57 (27%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	24	1921	24 (100%)	0 (0%)	1333	20 (83%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	22	640	21 (96%)	1 (5%)	440	20 (91%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	31	33100	31 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	16 (52%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	61	23000	51 (84%)	10 (16%)	21775	50 (82%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	32	20500	18 (56%)	14 (44%)	18000	9 (28%)
Panama	1339		1089 (81%)	250 (19%)		607 (45%)
Wet and Dry Soups	44	360	28 (64%)	16 (36%)	306	16 (36%)
Noodles in Broth	27	430	24 (89%)	3 (11%)	360	20 (74%)
Meats and Sausages	174	1210	155 (89%)	19 (11%)	690	74 (43%)

	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Cured and Preserved Meats	0	1900	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1350	0 (0%)
Breaded meat and poultry	13	735	10 (77%)	3 (23%)	470	6 (46%)
Bread	137	600	99 (72%)	38 (28%)	400	31 (23%)
Mayonnaise	25	1050	24 (96%)	1 (4%)	670	8 (32%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	128	485	106 (83%)	22 (17%)	265	55 (43%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	71	1340	70 (99%)	1 (1%)	700	28 (40%)
Cakes	129	400	74 (57%)	55 (43%)	205	20 (16%)
Breakfast Cereals	190	630	179 (94%)	11 (6%)	500	143 (75%)
Butter	51	800	45 (88%)	6 (12%)	500	10 (20%)
Snacks	207	900	139 (67%)	68 (33%)	530	74 (36%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	18	1921	15 (83%)	3 (17%)	1333	14 (78%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	46	640	43 (93%)	3 (7%)	440	40 (87%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	41	33100	41 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	41 (100%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	38	23000	37 (97%)	1 (3%)	21775	37 (98%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	0	20500	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	18000	0 (0%)
Paraguay	871		756 (87%)	115 (13%)		482 (55%)
Wet and Dry Soups	28	360	22 (79%)	6 (21%)	306	19 (68%)
Noodles in Broth	3	430	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	360	3 (100%)
Meats and Sausages	109	1210	101 (93%)	8 (7%)	690	50 (46%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	12	1900	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	1350	8 (67%)
Breaded meat and poultry	8	735	4 (50%)	4 (50%)	470	2 (25%)
Bread	76	600	67 (88%)	9 (12%)	400	34 (45%)
Mayonnaise	18	1050	17 (94%)	1 (6%)	670	1 (6%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	116	485	114 (98%)	2 (2%)	265	66 (57%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	32	1340	32 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	21 (66%)
Cakes	35	400	11 (31%)	24 (69%)	205	5 (15%)
Breakfast Cereals	98	630	93 (95%)	5 (5%)	500	86 (88%)
Butter	17	800	14 (82%)	3 (18%)	500	9 (53%)
Snacks	159	900	115 (72%)	44 (28%)	530	60 (38%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	120	1921	119 (99%)	1 (1%)	1333	109 (91%)

	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	28	33100	24 (86%)	4 (14%)	9100	5 (18%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	6	23000	3 (50%)	3 (50%)	21775	3 (50%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	6	20500	5 (83%)	1 (17%)	18000	1 (17%)
Peru	777		668 (86%)	109 (14%)		434 (56%)
Wet and Dry Soups	39	360	29 (74%)	10 (26%)	306	15 (39%)
Noodles in Broth	55	430	50 (91%)	5 (9%)	360	30 (55%)
Meats and Sausages	47	1210	42 (89%)	5 (11%)	690	27 (58%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	1	1900	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	1350	1 (100%)
Breaded meat and poultry	1	735	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	470	0 (0%)
Bread	68	600	53 (78%)	15 (22%)	400	16 (24%)
Mayonnaise	20	1050	18 (90%)	2 (10%)	670	8 (40%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	91	485	82 (90%)	9 (10%)	265	40 (44%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	38	1340	37 (97%)	1 (3%)	700	20 (53%)
Cakes	33	400	19 (57%)	14 (43%)	205	9 (27%)
Breakfast Cereals	91	630	82 (90%)	9 (10%)	500	75 (83%)
Butter	18	800	10 (56%)	8 (44%)	500	6 (34%)
Snacks	116	900	102 (88%)	14 (12%)	530	55 (48%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	73	1921	72 (99%)	1 (1%)	1333	72 (99%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	0	640	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	440	0 (0%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	51	33100	51 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	44 (87%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	11	23000	11 (100%)	0 (0%)	21775	11 (100%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	24	20500	8 (33%)	16 (67%)	18000	5 (21%)
Trinidad and Tobago	1141		899 (79%)	242 (21%)		542 (48%)
Wet and Dry Soups	75	360	35 (47%)	40 (53%)	306	24 (32%)
Noodles in Broth	23	430	16 (70%)	7 (30%)	360	10 (44%)
Meats and Sausages	45	1210	44 (98%)	1 (2%)	690	15 (34%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	108	1900	105 (97%)	3 (3%)	1350	100 (93%)
Breaded meat and poultry	26	735	17 (65%)	9 (35%)	470	10 (39%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Bread	95	600	87 (92%)	8 (8%)	400	36 (38%)
Mayonnaise	20	1050	19 (95%)	1 (5%)	670	12 (60%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	190	485	145 (76%)	45 (24%)	265	57 (30%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	3	1340	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	700	2 (67%)
Cakes	127	400	79 (62%)	48 (38%)	205	15 (12%)
Breakfast Cereals	112	630	97 (87%)	15 (13%)	500	78 (70%)
Butter	28	800	20 (71%)	8 (29%)	500	6 (22%)
Snacks	152	900	111 (73%)	41 (27%)	530	58 (38%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	46	1921	45 (98%)	1 (2%)	1333	44 (96%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	14	640	14 (100%)	0 (0%)	440	13 (93%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	51	33100	40 (78%)	11 (22%)	9100	40 (79%)
Meat and Fish Seasonings	20	23000	19 (95%)	1 (5%)	21775	19 (95%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	6	20500	3 (50%)	3 (50%)	18000	3 (50%)
Barbados	1201		979 (82%)	220 (18%)		496 (41%)
Wet and Dry Soups	80	360	54 (68%)	26 (33%)	306	44 (55%)
Noodles in Broth	0	430	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	360	0 (0%)
Meats and Sausages	139	1210	118 (85%)	21 (15%)	690	22 (16%)
Cured and Preserved Meats	10	1900	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	1350	1 (10%)
Breaded meat and poultry	17	735	16 (94%)	1 (6%)	470	4 (24%)
Bread	100	600	89 (89%)	11 (11%)	400	33 (33%)
Mayonnaise	30	1050	27 (90%)	3 (10%)	670	10 (34%)
Cookies and Sweet Cookies	108	485	95 (88%)	13 (12%)	265	37 (35%)
Flavored Cookies and Crackers	52	1340	51 (98%)	1 (2%)	700	26 (50%)
Cakes	129	400	62 (48%)	67 (52%)	205	15 (12%)
Breakfast Cereals	113	630	102 (90%)	11 (10%)	500	80 (71%)
Butter	50	800	47 (94%)	3 (6%)	500	15 (30%)
Snacks	202	900	150 (74%)	52 (26%)	530	64 (32%)
Pasta and Noodles, uncooked	49	1921	47 (96%)	2 (4%)	1333	42 (86%)
Pasta and Noodles, as consumed	8	640	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	440	8 (100%)
Seasonings for Side and Main Dishes	18	33100	18 (100%)	0 (0%)	9100	17 (95%)

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	n	Regional Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Regional Target	% Exceeding Regional Target	Lower Target (mg Na/100 g)	% Meeting Lower Target
Meat and Fish Seasonings	70	23000	68 (97%)	2 (3%)	21775	68 (97%)
Bouillon Cubes and Powders	26	20500	17 (65%)	9 (35%)	18000	10 (39%)

Data presented as n (%).