**Studies since 2005 on South African primary schoolchildren suggest lower anaemia prevalence in some regions**

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Abstract

The study assessed the reported prevalence of anaemia and iron deficiency IN South African primary schoolchildren IN RELATION TO THE FINDINGS  the National Food Consumption Survey (NFCS-FB) of 2005. Four studies were identified from,  KwaZulu-Natal, North-West, Western Cape and Northern Cape. A lower anaemia prevalence than the ONE REPORTED IN THE NFCS-FB of 2005 WAS FOUND, suggesting possible improvement in anaemia prevalence, in these regions. A national survey for confirmation and regular anaemia surveillance were recommended.

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