

**Prevalence of Obesity and Severe Obesity Among Persons Aged 2–19 Years — United States, 1999–2000 through 2021–2023**

Survey Years	Sample Size	Obesity		Severe Obesity	
		Percentage (95% CI)	SE	Percentage (95% CI)	SE
1999–2000	4039	13.9 (12.1, 15.9)	0.86	3.6 (2.6, 5.0)	0.55
2001–2002	4261	15.4 (13.4, 17.5)	0.94	5.2 (4.1, 6.4)	0.52
2003–2004	3961	17.1 (14.5, 20.0)	1.26	5.1 (3.8, 6.6)	0.62
2005–2006	4207	15.4 (12.6, 18.6)	1.35	4.7 (3.4, 6.3)	0.64
2007–2008	3249	16.8 (14.2, 19.8)	1.29	4.9 (3.7, 6.5)	0.64
2009–2010	3408	16.9 (15.4, 18.4)	0.71	5.6 (4.3, 7.1)	0.63
2011–2012	3355	16.9 (14.8, 19.2)	1.01	5.6 (4.2, 7.3)	0.71
2013–2014	3523	17.2 (14.9, 19.6)	1.09	6.0 (4.8, 7.3)	0.57
2015–2016	3340	18.5 (15.8, 21.3)	1.26	5.6 (4.0, 7.6)	0.81
2017– March 2020	4749	19.7 (17.9, 21.6)	0.88	6.7 (5.5, 8.1)	0.60
August 2021– August 2023	2492	21.1 (18.7, 23.6)	1.13	7.0 (5.8, 8.4)	0.60

NOTES: Obesity was defined as body mass index (BMI)  $\geq$ 95th percentile for age and sex on CDC growth charts ([https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/cdc\\_charts.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/cdc_charts.htm)). BMI is calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared. Severe obesity was defined as BMI  $\geq$ 120% of the 95th percentile for age and sex on CDC growth charts.

After National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey operations were suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, field operations resumed from August 2021 until August 2023.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999–2000 through August 2021–August 2023. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/index.htm>