## Prevalence of Obesity* and Severe Obesity ${ }^{\dagger}$ Among Persons Aged 2-19 Years - National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999-2000 through 2017-2018



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

From 1999-2000 to 2017-2018, the prevalence of obesity among persons aged 2-19 years increased from $13.9 \%$ to $19.3 \%$, and the prevalence of severe obesity increased from 3.6\% to 6.1\%.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999-2000 to 2017-2018. https://www.cdc. gov/nchs/nhanes.htm.
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