

Table 7. Body mass index (kilograms divided by height in meters squared) for persons 2-19 years-number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by sex and age : United States, 1988-1994

Sex and age	Number of examined persons	Mean	Standard error of the mean	Selected percentile								
				5th	10th	15th	25th	50th	75th	85th	90th	95th
Male												
2 years	588	16.5	0.09	14.7	15.0	15.3	15.6	16.3	17.2	17.7	18.1	18.6
3 years	512	16.1	0.16	14.1	14.4	14.7	15.1	15.9	16.7	17.2	17.7	18.5
4 years	547	15.9	0.10	13.9	14.4	14.6	15.0	15.8	16.5	17.1	17.3	18.0
5 years	495	15.9	0.13	13.7	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.5	16.4	17.1	17.3	18.5
6 years	282	16.3	0.26	*	14.1	14.3	14.8	15.7	16.4	17.8	19.9	*
7 years	269	16.5	0.24	*	14.4	14.7	15.1	15.8	17.3	18.5	19.0	*
8 years	266	17.3	0.34	*	14.5	14.9	15.3	16.3	18.6	19.9	22.1	*
9 years	279	18.0	0.33	*	15.0	15.2	15.7	17.0	19.8	21.5	22.9	*
10 years	297	18.4	0.30	*	15.2	15.5	16.0	17.7	20.2	22.0	22.8	*
11 years	280	19.4	0.40	*	15.7	16.0	16.4	18.3	21.0	23.3	24.8	*
12 years	203	20.1	0.44	*	*	16.7	17.9	19.0	21.8	23.0	*	*
13 years	187	20.5	0.49	*	*	16.9	18.0	19.5	22.5	24.8	*	*
14 years	188	22.3	0.84	*	*	17.7	18.8	20.8	23.6	24.6	*	*
15 years	187	22.3	0.56	*	*	18.7	19.5	20.9	24.3	25.4	*	*
16 years	194	22.3	0.56	*	*	19.0	19.4	21.2	23.4	26.3	*	*
17 years	196	23.4	0.53	*	*	19.8	20.5	21.8	25.2	28.5	*	*
18 years	176	22.6	0.56	*	*	19.2	19.4	21.8	24.6	26.8	*	*
19 years	168	23.7	0.53	*	*	20.4	20.8	22.7	25.1	27.3	*	*
Female												
2 years	562	16.4	0.13	14.4	14.9	15.1	15.6	16.2	17.2	17.7	17.9	18.7
3 years	582	15.9	0.14	13.7	14.2	14.5	14.9	15.8	16.6	17.2	17.6	18.4
4 years	533	16.0	0.21	*	14.1	14.4	14.8	15.7	16.6	17.2	18.2	*
5 years	554	15.9	0.17	*	13.9	14.1	14.6	15.4	16.8	17.6	18.9	*
6 years	272	16.1	0.32	*	*	14.1	14.7	15.3	16.7	18.1	*	*
7 years	274	16.9	0.35	*	*	14.3	14.7	15.8	18.5	20.0	*	*
8 years	247	17.3	0.42	*	*	14.7	15.2	16.6	18.4	20.2	*	*
9 years	280	18.2	0.47	*	14.5	14.8	15.6	16.6	19.6	21.8	24.2	*
10 years	258	18.4	0.46	*	*	14.9	15.5	17.3	20.1	22.3	*	*
11 years	275	19.4	0.45	*	*	15.8	16.5	18.5	21.5	23.7	*	*
12 years	236	20.2	0.57	*	*	16.0	16.9	19.4	22.0	24.2	*	*
13 years	220	21.8	0.63	*	*	17.3	18.5	20.5	23.8	27.5	*	*
14 years	218	22.4	0.59	*	*	18.4	19.4	21.1	24.5	26.2	*	*
15 years	191	21.9	0.53	*	*	18.4	19.1	21.0	23.3	26.2	*	*
16 years	208	23.0	0.72	*	*	19.7	20.1	21.2	24.8	26.9	*	*
17 years	201	23.3	0.66	*	*	19.3	20.2	22.2	25.2	27.2	*	*
18 years	175	22.9	0.74	*	*	*	19.3	21.8	24.5	*	*	*
19 years	177	23.7	0.89	*	*	*	19.9	22.4	25.3	*	*	*

* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.
NOTE: Pregnant women are excluded.