

**Table 8. Body mass index (kilograms divided by height in meters squared) for males 20 years and over-number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by race-ethnicity and age : United States, 1988-1994**

Race-ethnicity and age	Number of examined persons	Mean	Standard error of the mean	Selected percentile								
				5th	10th	15th	25th	50th	75th	85th	90th	95th
All race/ethnicity groups <sup>1</sup>												
20 years and over .....	7,941	26.6	0.11	20.3	21.3	22.1	23.4	25.9	29.0	30.9	32.4	35.1
20-29 years .....	1,630	25.2	0.17	19.4	20.3	20.9	22.0	24.3	27.4	29.3	30.8	33.6
30-39 years .....	1,481	26.5	0.18	20.5	21.6	22.2	23.5	25.8	28.4	30.6	32.1	35.5
40-49 years .....	1,226	27.3	0.22	21.2	22.2	22.7	24.1	26.4	29.6	32.0	33.4	36.2
50-59 years .....	855	27.8	0.23	21.4	22.6	23.5	24.7	27.2	30.7	32.1	33.5	35.8
60-69 years .....	1,175	27.3	0.18	20.6	21.9	23.1	24.4	27.1	30.0	31.7	32.8	34.2
70-79 years .....	875	26.7	0.21	20.4	21.5	22.3	23.8	26.1	29.3	30.7	31.7	34.9
80 years and over .....	699	25.0	0.22	18.5	19.8	21.1	22.4	25.0	27.1	28.7	29.5	31.7
Non-Hispanic white												
20 years and over .....	3,286	26.7	0.15	20.4	21.5	22.3	23.6	25.9	29.0	30.9	32.4	35.1
20-29 years .....	393	25.0	0.27	19.4	20.4	20.9	21.9	24.2	27.0	29.1	30.6	33.6
30-39 years .....	454	26.6	0.25	20.7	21.6	22.5	23.6	26.0	28.4	30.6	32.1	35.1
40-49 years .....	428	27.4	0.28	21.5	22.4	22.7	24.2	26.4	29.5	32.0	33.3	36.5
50-59 years .....	418	27.9	0.25	21.6	22.6	23.6	24.7	27.1	30.8	32.3	33.7	36.7
60-69 years .....	510	27.5	0.21	20.7	21.9	23.3	24.7	27.3	30.0	31.7	32.7	33.9
70-79 years .....	524	26.8	0.20	20.6	21.7	22.6	24.0	26.2	29.3	30.7	32.0	35.0
80 years and over .....	559	25.0	0.18	18.6	19.9	21.1	22.7	25.1	27.1	28.7	29.5	31.7
Non-Hispanic black												
20 years and over .....	2,113	26.5	0.16	19.5	20.6	21.5	22.9	25.8	29.1	31.2	33.1	36.2
20-29 years .....	488	26.2	0.28	19.7	20.6	21.3	22.4	25.0	28.8	30.9	33.0	37.0
30-39 years .....	497	26.4	0.27	19.4	20.5	21.5	22.7	25.4	28.8	31.2	33.3	36.7
40-49 years .....	370	26.9	0.27	19.7	21.0	22.0	23.7	26.4	29.7	31.5	33.4	35.3
50-59 years .....	217	27.4	0.42	19.3	20.6	21.8	23.9	27.1	29.7	31.5	33.5	38.3
60-69 years .....	295	26.7	0.31	18.5	20.4	22.0	23.2	26.4	30.0	31.8	33.1	35.2
70-79 years .....	187	25.9	0.38	*	20.0	20.9	22.4	25.4	28.8	31.1	31.5	*
80 years and over .....	59	24.9	0.78	*	*	*	21.5	24.7	27.7	*	*	*
Mexican American												
20 years and over .....	2,256	26.8	0.15	20.5	21.7	22.4	23.8	26.4	29.3	31.1	32.7	34.8
20-29 years .....	674	25.5	0.20	20.1	20.8	21.6	22.6	24.9	27.7	29.6	30.5	33.1
30-39 years .....	474	27.0	0.25	20.6	21.8	22.8	24.3	26.7	28.9	30.6	32.1	35.3
40-49 years .....	381	28.5	0.28	22.6	23.9	24.3	25.3	27.8	31.5	33.3	34.2	36.3
50-59 years .....	178	28.8	0.41	*	23.6	24.1	25.7	28.5	31.1	33.5	34.1	*
60-69 years .....	337	27.6	0.27	21.7	22.7	23.3	24.7	27.4	30.1	32.2	32.9	34.1
70-79 years .....	149	26.5	0.40	*	20.9	22.9	23.8	26.6	29.4	30.3	31.9	*
80 years and over .....	63	25.0	0.51	*	*	*	23.9	25.2	26.5	*	*	*

\* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.  
<sup>1</sup> Includes all other race-ethnicity groups not listed separately.