

Table 1308. Percentage of the Adult Population Considered to be Obese: 2004

[Obesity rates are defined as the percentage of the population with a Body Mass Index (BMI) over 30 kg/m². The BMI is a single number that evaluates an individual's weight status in relation to height (weight/height², with weight in kilograms and height in meters). For Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, figures are based on health examinations, rather than self-reported information. Obesity estimates derived from health examinations are generally higher and more reliable than those coming from self-reports because they preclude any misreporting of people's height and weight. However, health examinations are only conducted regularly in a few countries. For more information on methods by country, see <<http://www.irdes.fr/EspaceAnglais/home.htm>>]

Country	2004	Country	2004	Country	2004
United States	¹ 30.6	France	9.5	Luxembourg	18.7
Australia	² 21.7	Germany	⁴ 12.9	Mexico	³ 24.2
Austria	² 9.1	Greece	⁴ 21.9	New Zealand	⁴ 20.9
Belgium	12.7	Hungary	⁴ 18.8	Norway	¹ 8.3
Canada	22.4	Ireland	¹ 13.0	Spain	⁴ 13.1
Czech Republic	¹ 14.8	Italy	⁴ 9.0	Sweden	9.8
Denmark	³ 9.5	Japan	⁴ 3.2	Switzerland	¹ 7.7
Finland	14.0	Korea, South	⁵ 3.2	United Kingdom	23.0

¹ 2002 data. ² 1999 data. ³ 2000 data. ⁴ 2003 data. ⁵ 2001 data.

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