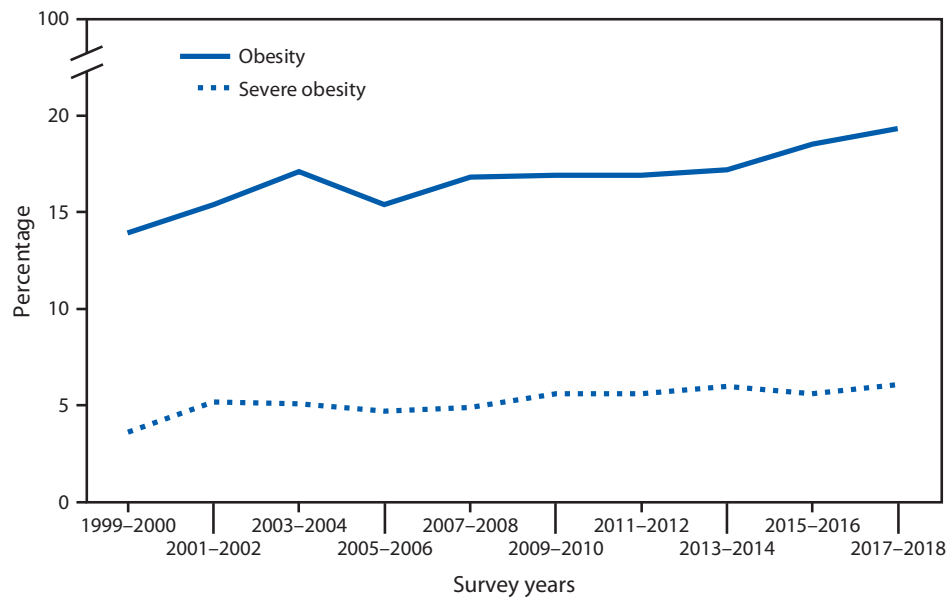


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Prevalence of Obesity* and Severe Obesity† Among Persons Aged 2–19 Years — National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999–2000 through 2017–2018



* Body mass index (BMI) is calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared. Obesity was defined as BMI \geq 95th percentile for age and sex on CDC growth charts (https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/cdc_charts.htm).

† Severe obesity was defined as BMI \geq 120% of the 95th 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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