PREVALENCE OF SELF-REPORTED OBESITY AMONG U.S. ADULTS BY STATE AND TERRITORY, BRFSS, 2021

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
*Sample size <50, the relative standard error (dividing the standard error by the prevalence) ≥30%, or no data in a specific year.

PREVALENCE OF OBESITY AMONG US ADULTS

2017-2018

IN MEN VS. WOMEN

MEN 43%
WOMEN 41.9%

BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

49.6% NON-HISPANIC BLACK
49.2% AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE
44.8% HISPANIC
42.4% NON-HISPANIC WHITE
17.4% ASIAN

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**OBESITY AMONG US CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS AGED 2-19**

*2017-2020*

**AMONG US CHILDREN**

19.7%

**BY RACE AND ETHNICITY**

- HISPANIC: 26.2%
- NON-HISPANIC BLACK: 24.8%
- NON-HISPANIC WHITE: 16.6%
- NON-HISPANIC ASIAN: 9.0%

**PREVALENCE OF OBESITY IMPACTS NATIONAL SECURITY**

JUST OVER 1 IN 3 YOUNG ADULTS IS TOO HEAVY TO SERVE IN THE MILITARY.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPENDS ABOUT **$1.5 BILLION** ANNUALLY IN OBESITY RELATED HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

**PREVALENCE OF OBESITY IMPACTS MEDICAL CARE COSTS**

ANNUAL OBESITY-RELATED MEDICAL CARE COSTS IN THE UNITED STATES, IN 2019 DOLLARS, WERE ESTIMATED TO BE NEARLY **$173 BILLION**


OBESITY IN CHILDREN AND ADULTS INCREASES THE RISK FOR THE FOLLOWING HEALTH CONDITIONS:

- High blood pressure and high cholesterol, which are risk factors for heart disease.
- Type 2 diabetes.
- Breathing problems, such as asthma and sleep apnea.
- Joint problems such as osteoarthritis and musculoskeletal discomfort.
- Gallstones and gallbladder disease.

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