

Table 23. Percentage of adults who are obese (by BMI*), California, 1991-1999

By Gender, Age Group, and Race/Ethnicity

Variable	California										U.S. Median 1999
	1991		1993		1995		1997		1999		
	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	
Total	10.5	(9.3 - 11.7)	13.2	(11.8 - 14.6)	15.1	(13.1 - 17.1)	16	(14.6 - 17.4)	18.7	(17.3 - 20.0)	19.7
Gender	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A				N/A
Male									17.8	(15.7 - 19.8)	
Female									19.7	(17.8 - 21.6)	
Age	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
18-24											
25-34											
35-44											
45-54											
55-64											
65+											
Race/Ethnicity	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
White											
African Am.											
Hispanic											
Other											

* The measure of obesity is based on body mass index (BMI) which is calculated from the reported height and weight of the individual.

Note: Obesity is defined as respondents 18 and older who report that their Body Mass Index is 30.0 or more. BMI is defined as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared.

N/A = Data not Available.

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), www.cdc.gov/nccphp/brfss.