



Cameroon



Country report card - under-5s

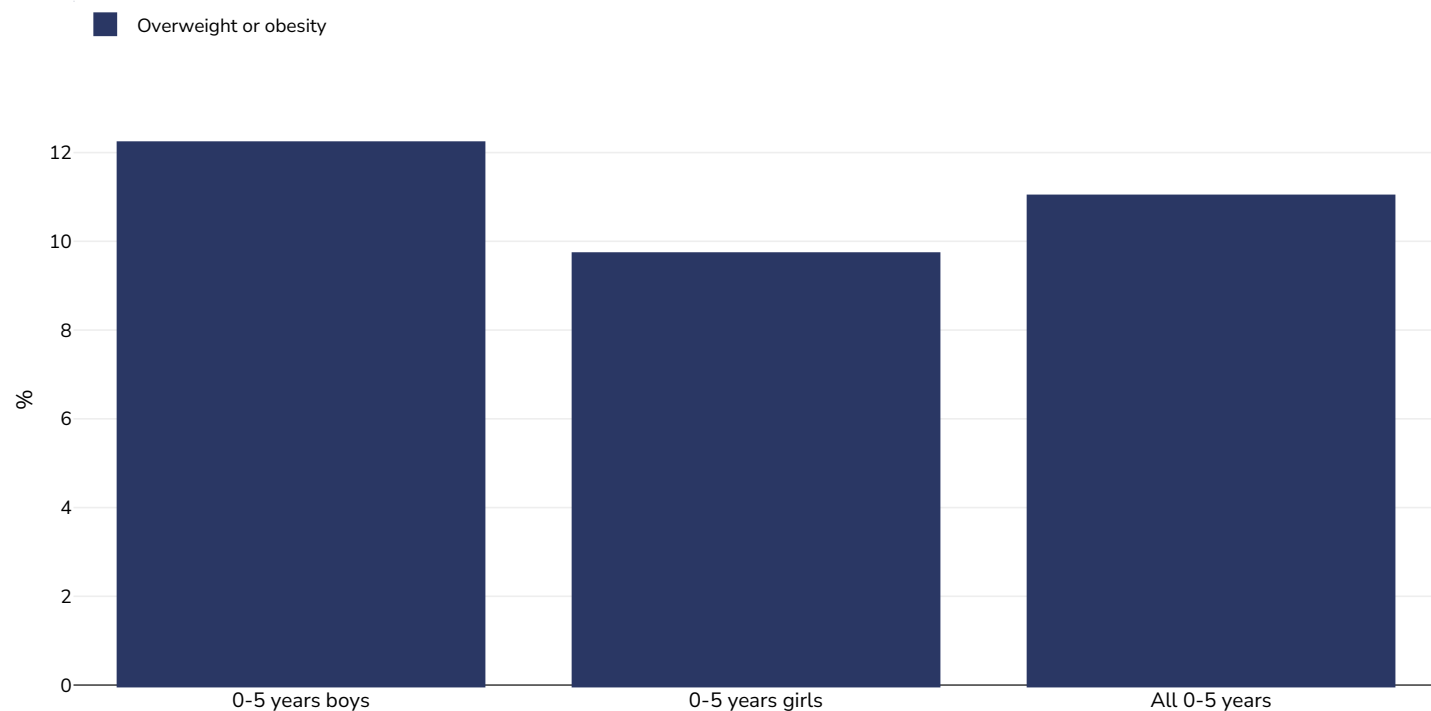
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children under 5. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/cameroon-35/>.

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Obesity prevalence

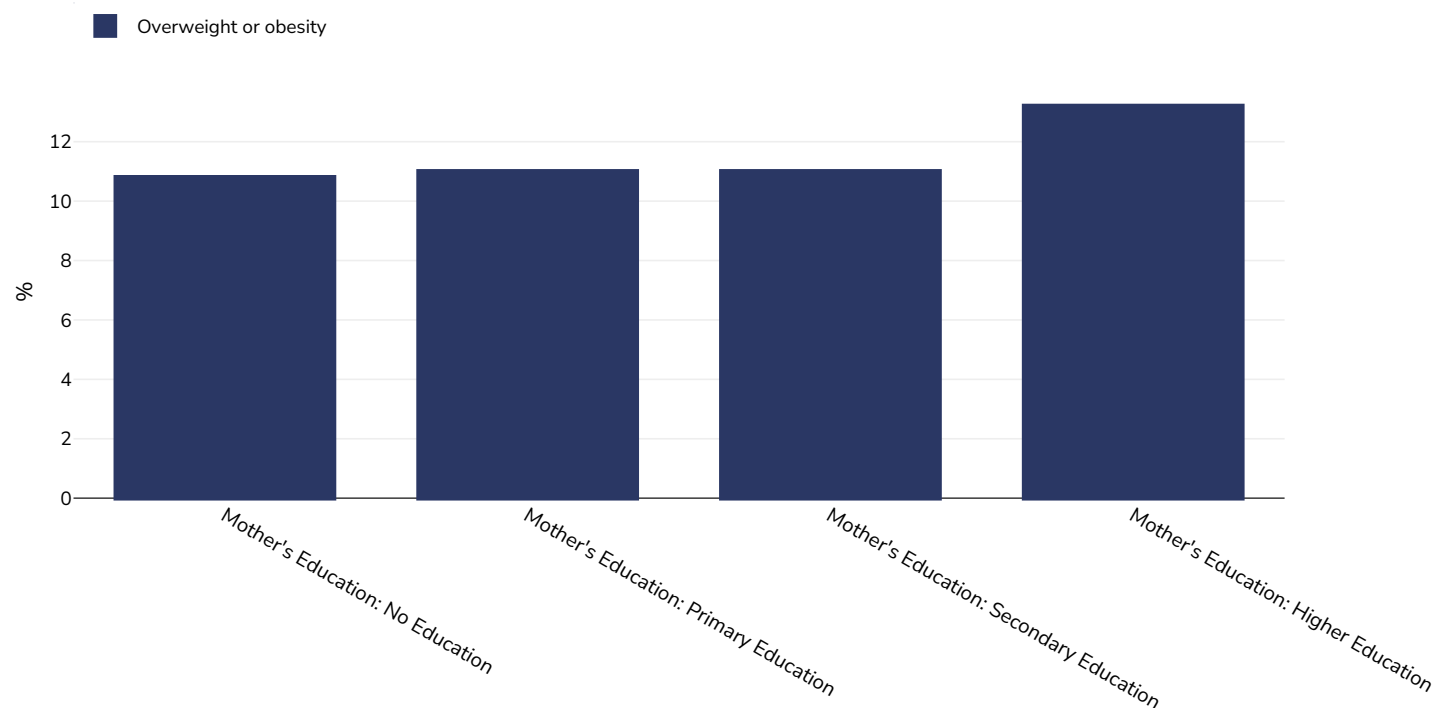
0-5 years, 2018-2019



Age:	0-5
Sample size:	5268
References:	DHS: Enquête Démographique et de Santé du Cameroun 2018. Yaoundé, Cameroun et Rockville, Maryland, USA : INS et ICF. 2020
Notes:	UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Overweight (Survey Estimates), May 2023, New York. For more information about the methodology, please consult https://data.unicef.org/resources/jme-2023-country-consultations/ Percentage of children under 5 years of age falling above 2 standard deviations (moderate and severe) from the median weight-for-height of the reference population.
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Overweight/obesity by education

0-5 years, 2018-2019



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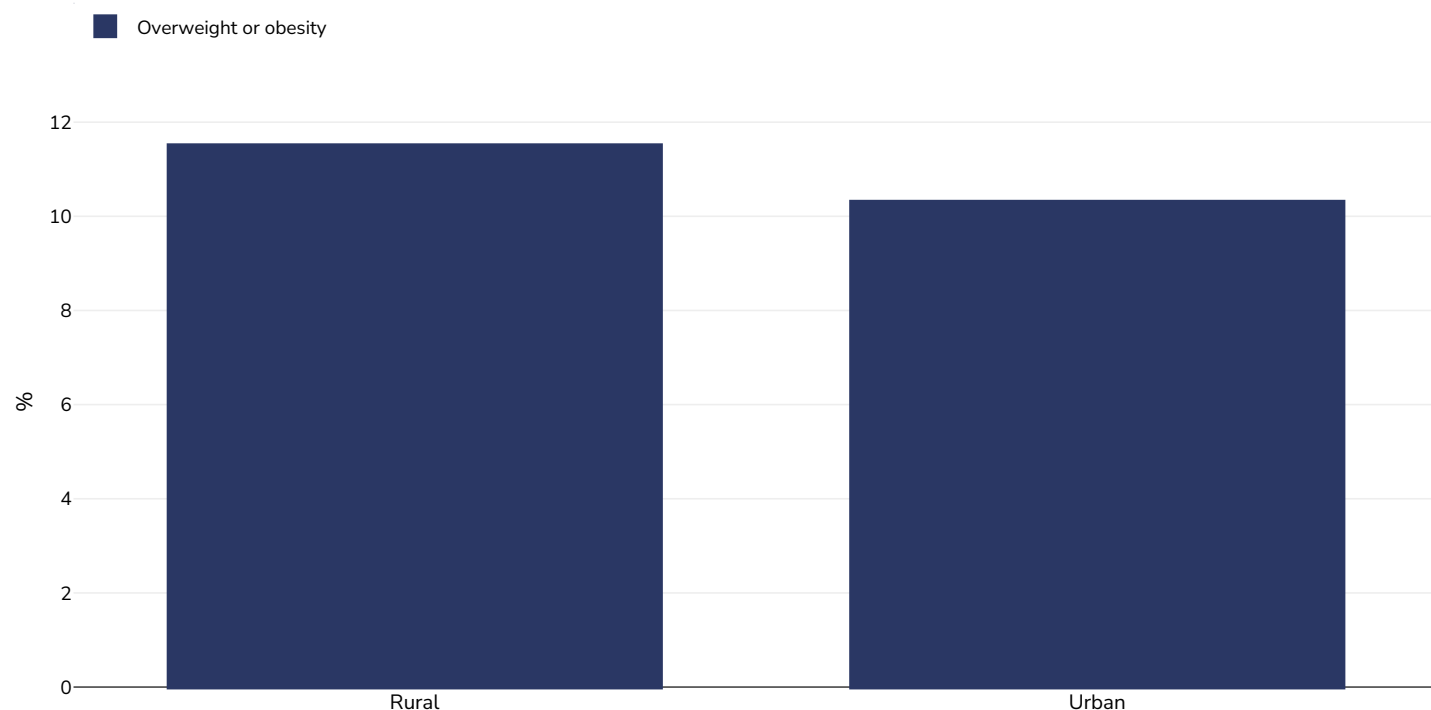
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Overweight/obesity by region

0-5 years, 2018-2019



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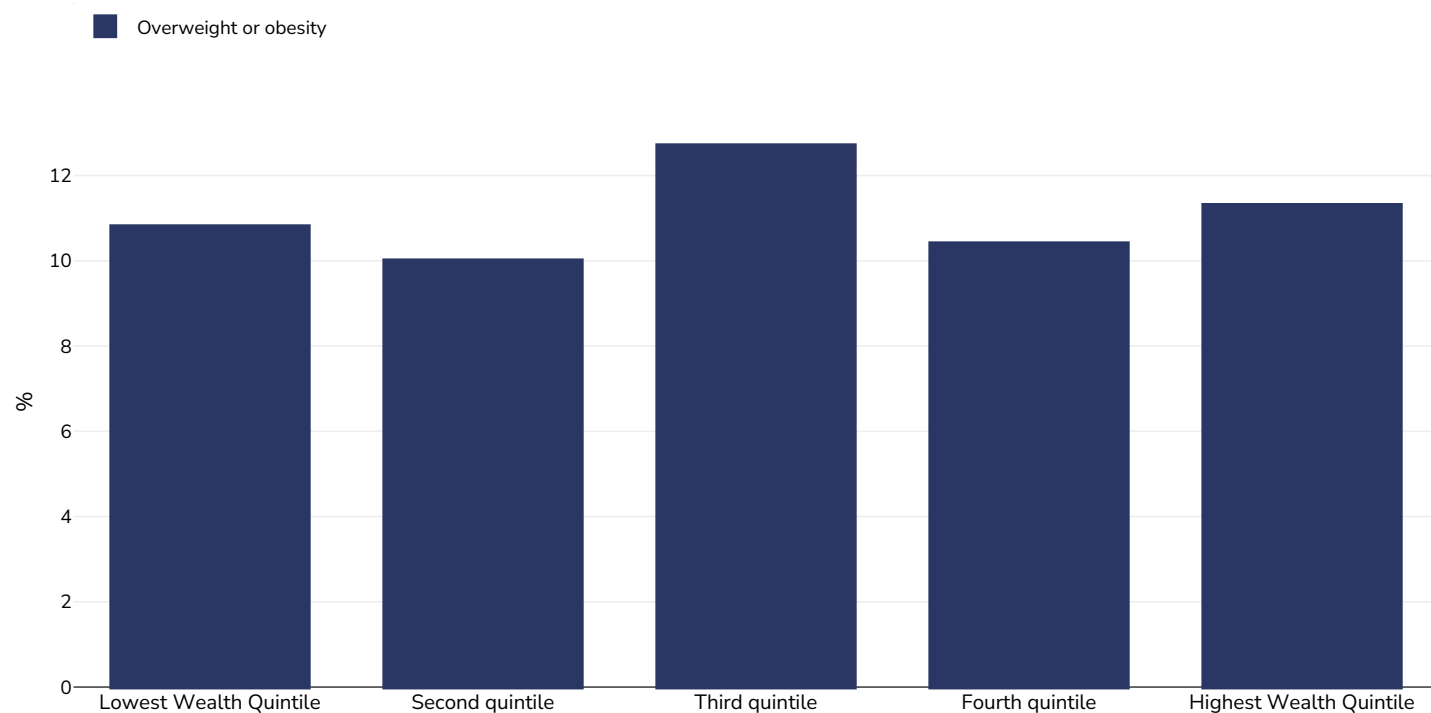
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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

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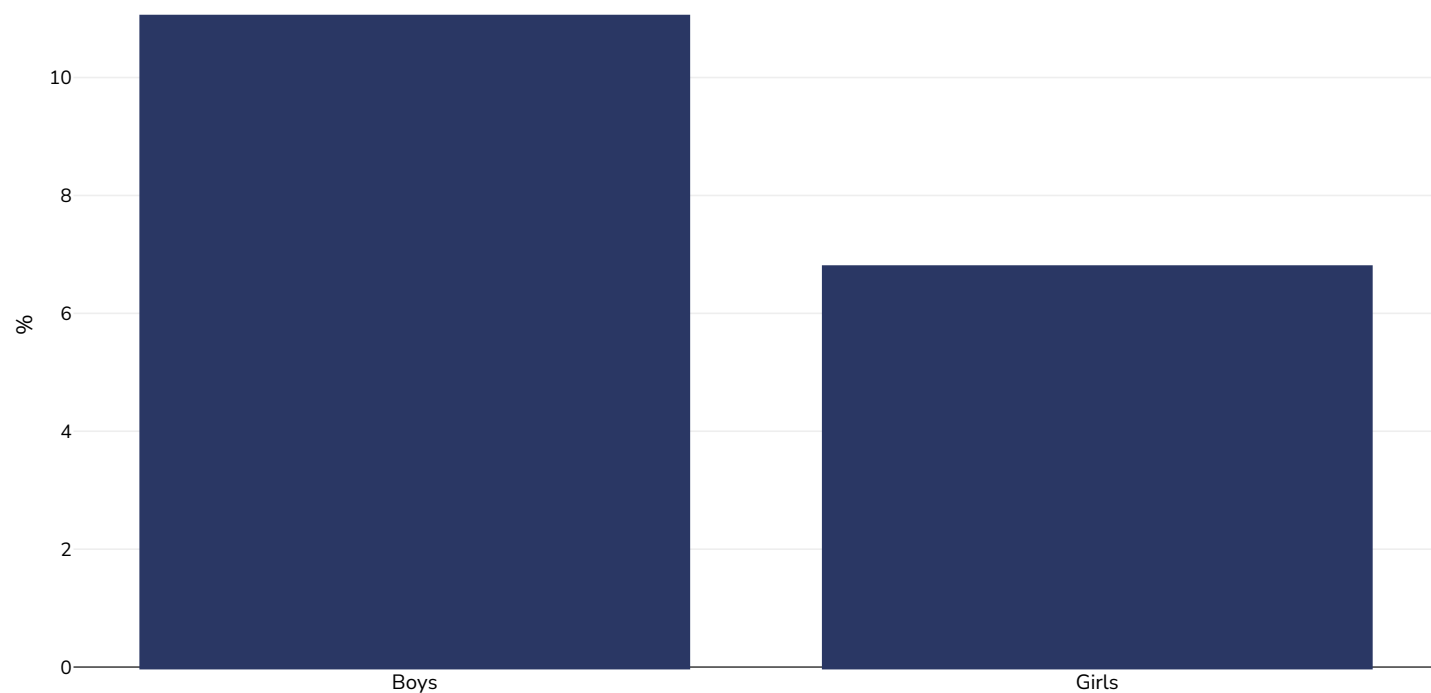
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Double burden of underweight & overweight

0-5 years, 2018-2019



Survey type: Measured

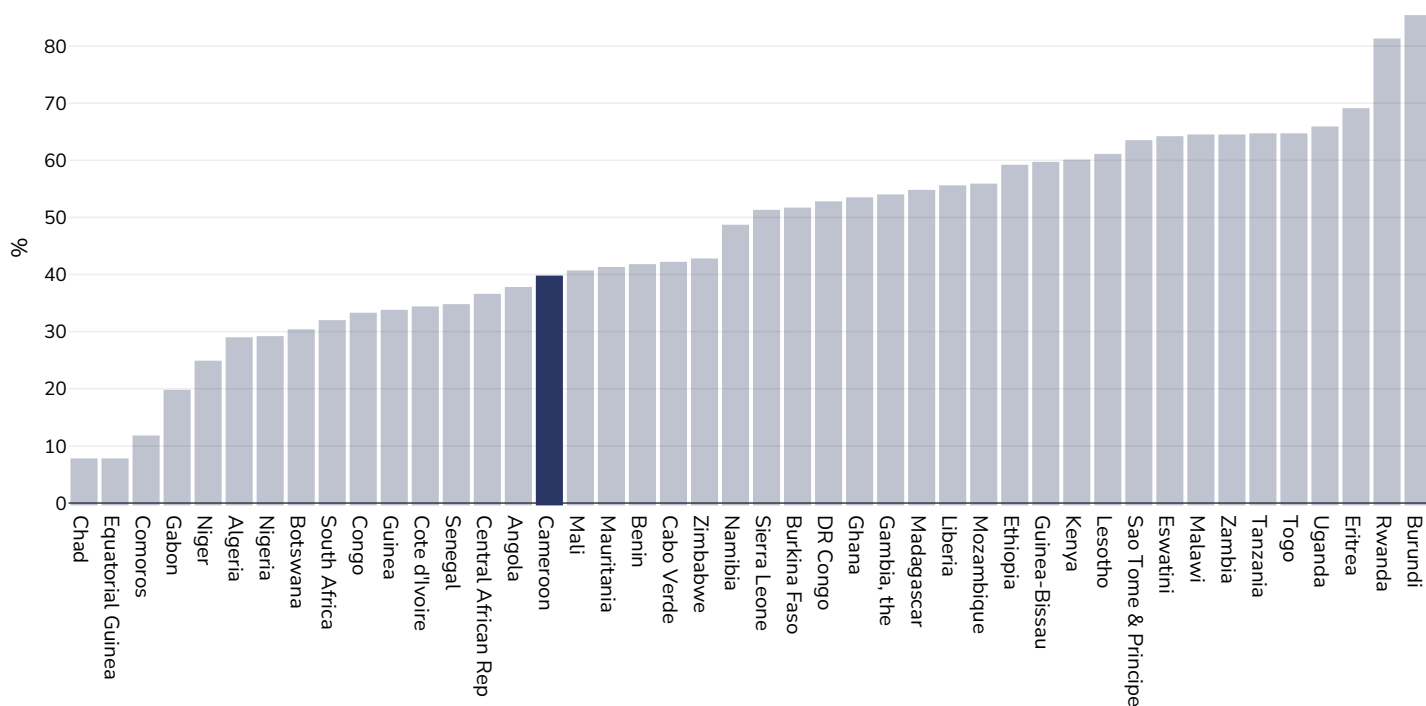
Age: 0-5

References: UNICEF data available at <https://data.unicef.org/topic/nutrition/malnutrition/> (last accessed 12.03.25)

Notes: Children under 5 falling below -2 standard deviations from the median height for age and falling at or above +2 standard deviations from the median weight-for-height of the reference population

% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

0-5 years, 2010-2024



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Global UNICEF Global Databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding: Exclusive breastfeeding, New York, October 2023.

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