



# Ghana



## Country report card - under-5s

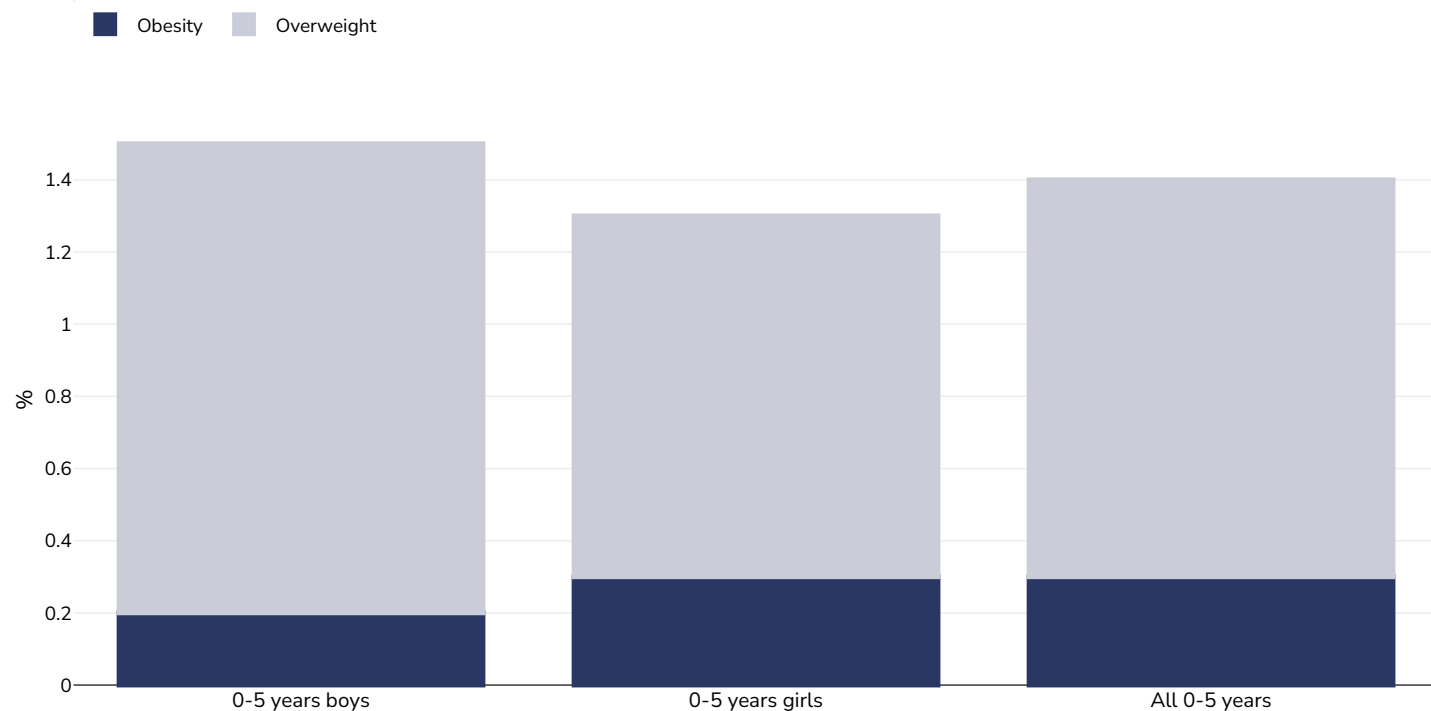
*This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children under 5. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.*

*View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/ghana-77/>.*

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## Obesity prevalence

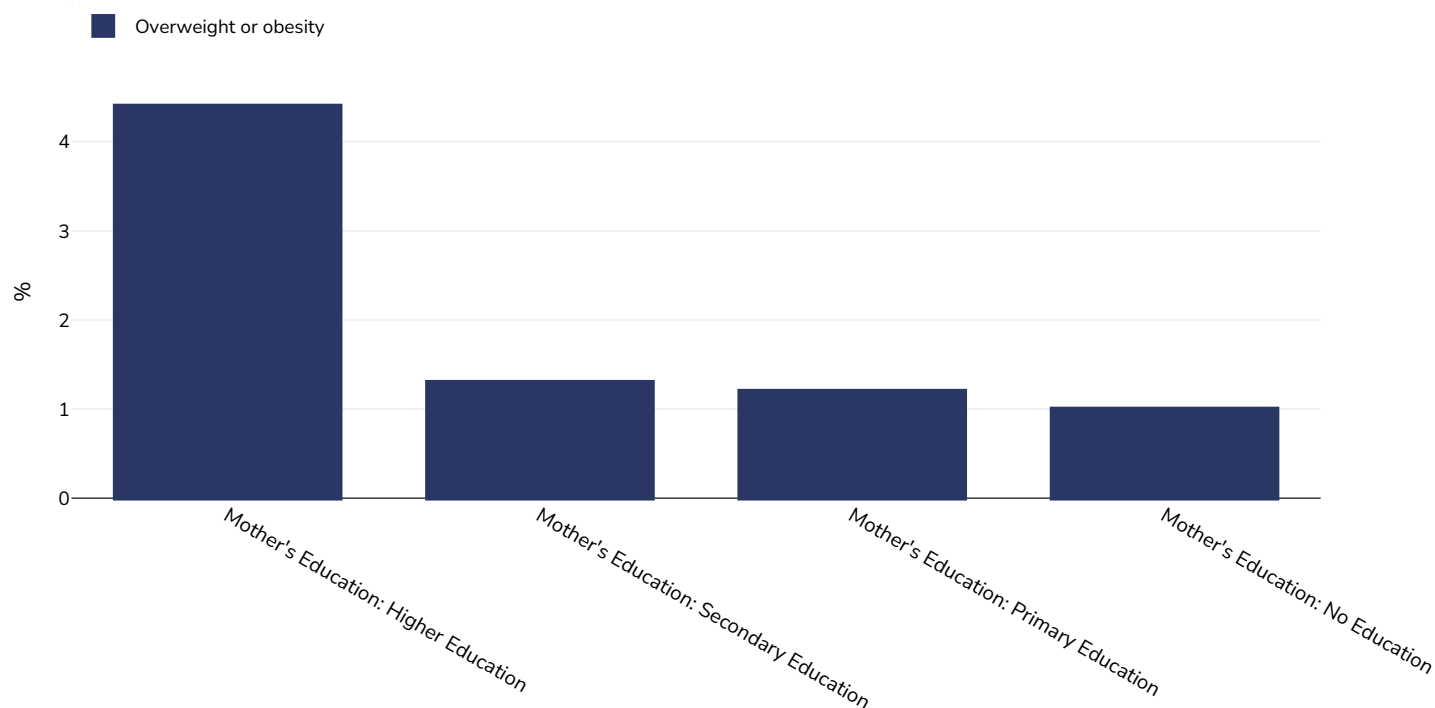
### 0-5 years, 2017-2018



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	0-5
Sample size:	8775
Area covered:	National
References:	Ghana Statistical Service, 2018. Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS2017/18), Survey Findings Report. Accra, Ghana: GSS. <a href="https://mics-surveys-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/MICS6/West%20and%20Central%20Africa/Ghana/2017-2018/Survey%20findings/Ghana%202017-18%20MICS%20Survey%20Findings%20Report_English.pdf">https://mics-surveys-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/MICS6/West%20and%20Central%20Africa/Ghana/2017-2018/Survey%20findings/Ghana%202017-18%20MICS%20Survey%20Findings%20Report_English.pdf</a> (Last accessed 22.06.21)
Notes:	Infants.
Definitions:	Weight for Height. Overweight = 2SD-3SD, Obesity =>3SD
Cutoffs:	Other

## Overweight/obesity by education

0-5 years, 2017-2018



Sample size: 8775

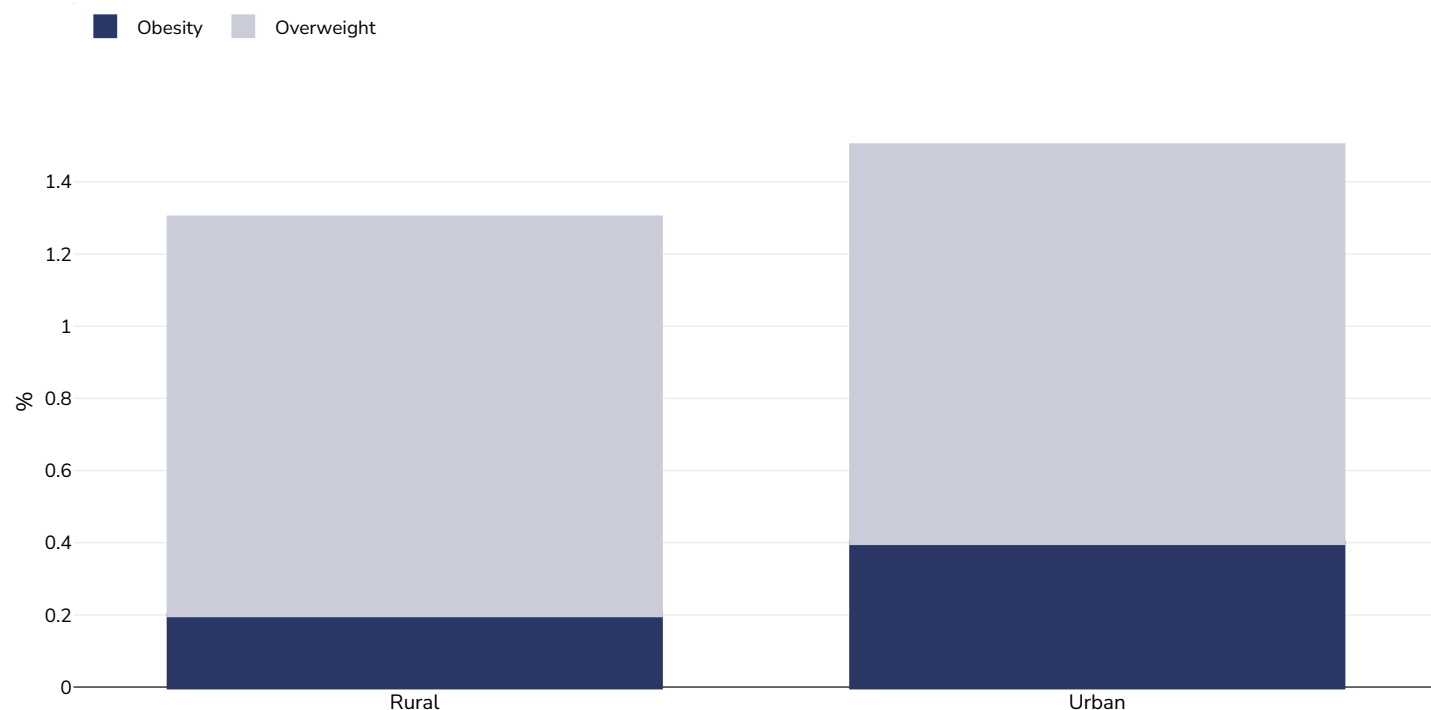
References: MICS: Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS2017/18), Survey Findings Report. Accra, Ghana: GSS

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.

Definitions: =>+2SD

## Overweight/obesity by region

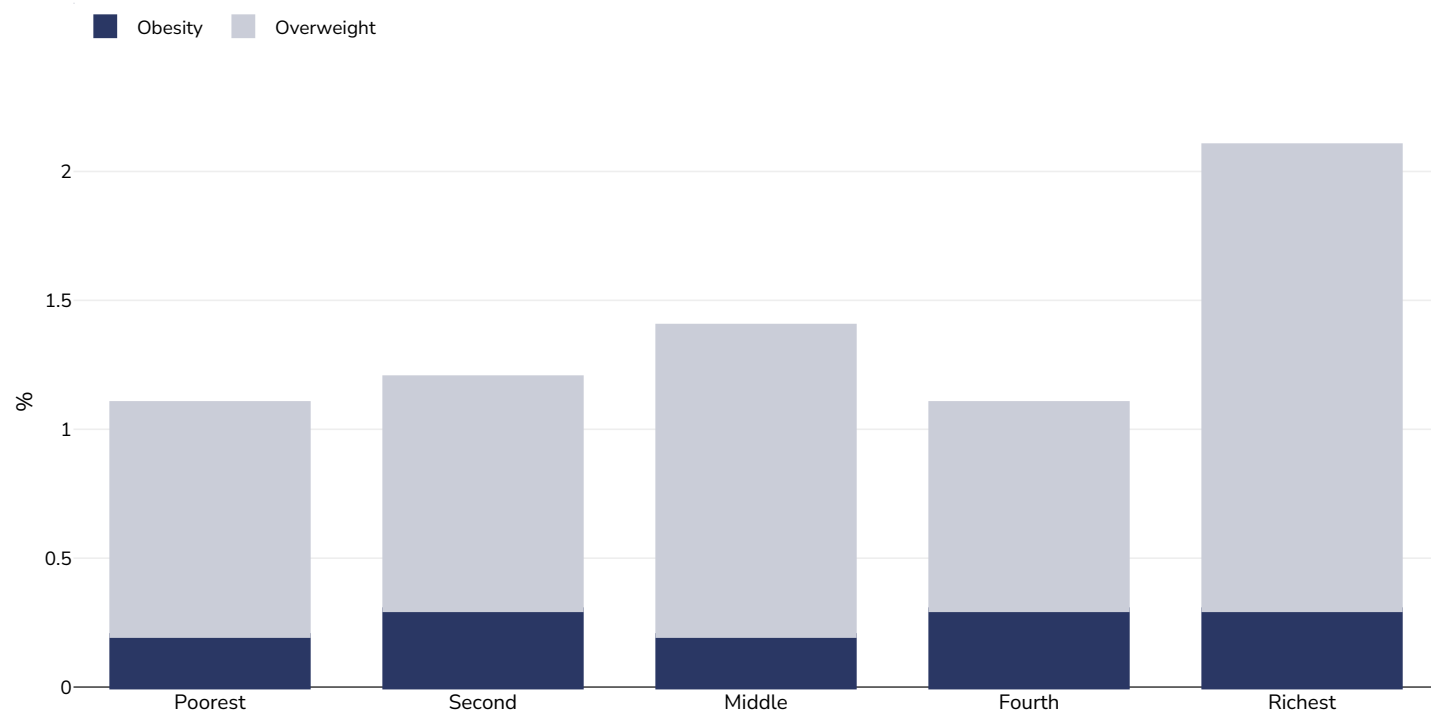
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Cutoffs:	Other

## Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

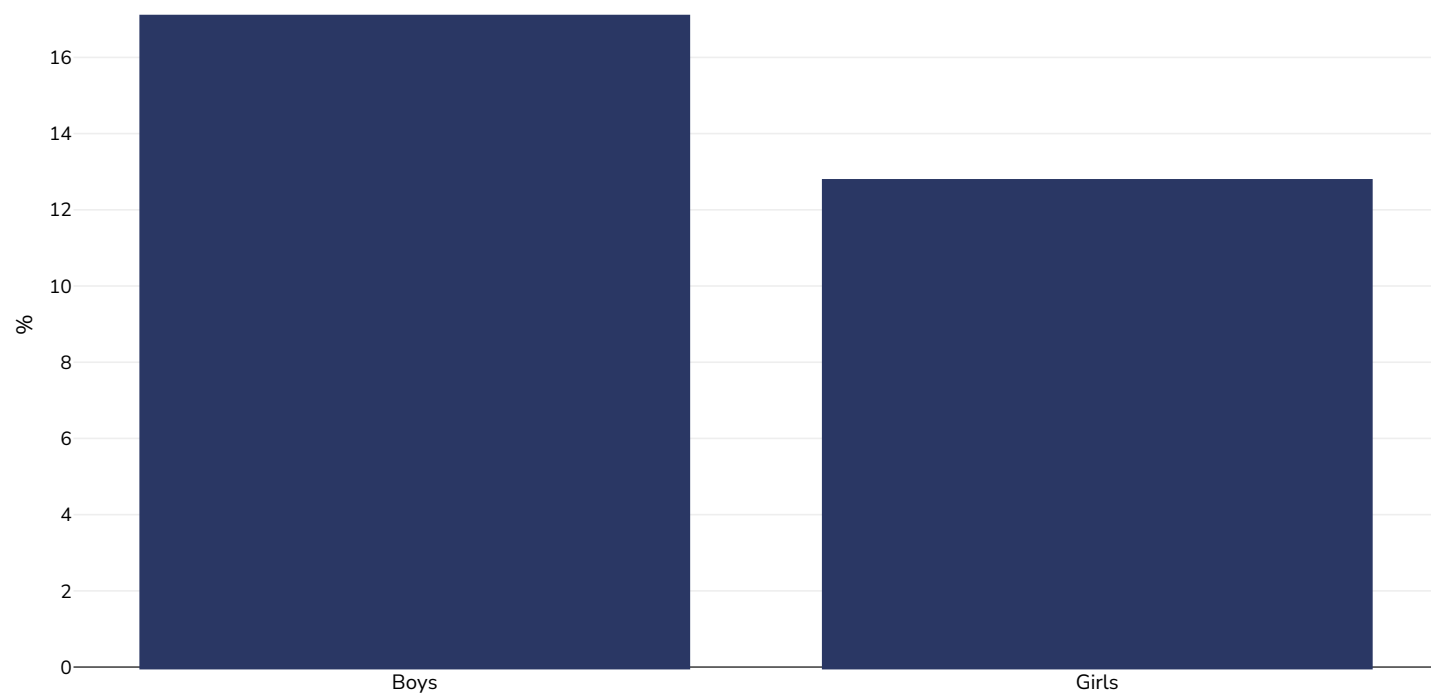
0-5 years, 2017-2018



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## Double burden of underweight & overweight

0-5 years, 2017-2018



Survey type: Measured

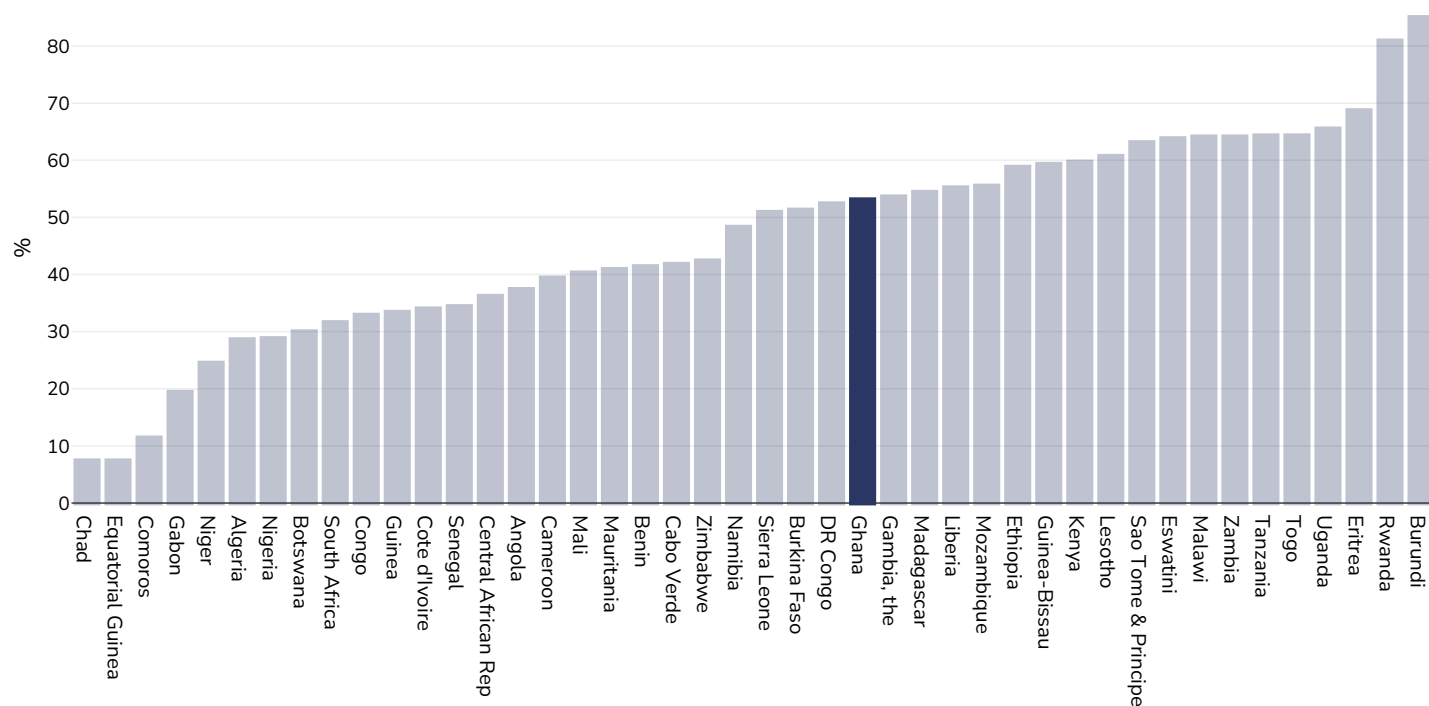
Age: 0-5

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



**References:**

Ghana Demographic and Health Survey 2022: Key Indicators Report

**Notes:**

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

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