



Lebanon



Country report card - under-5s

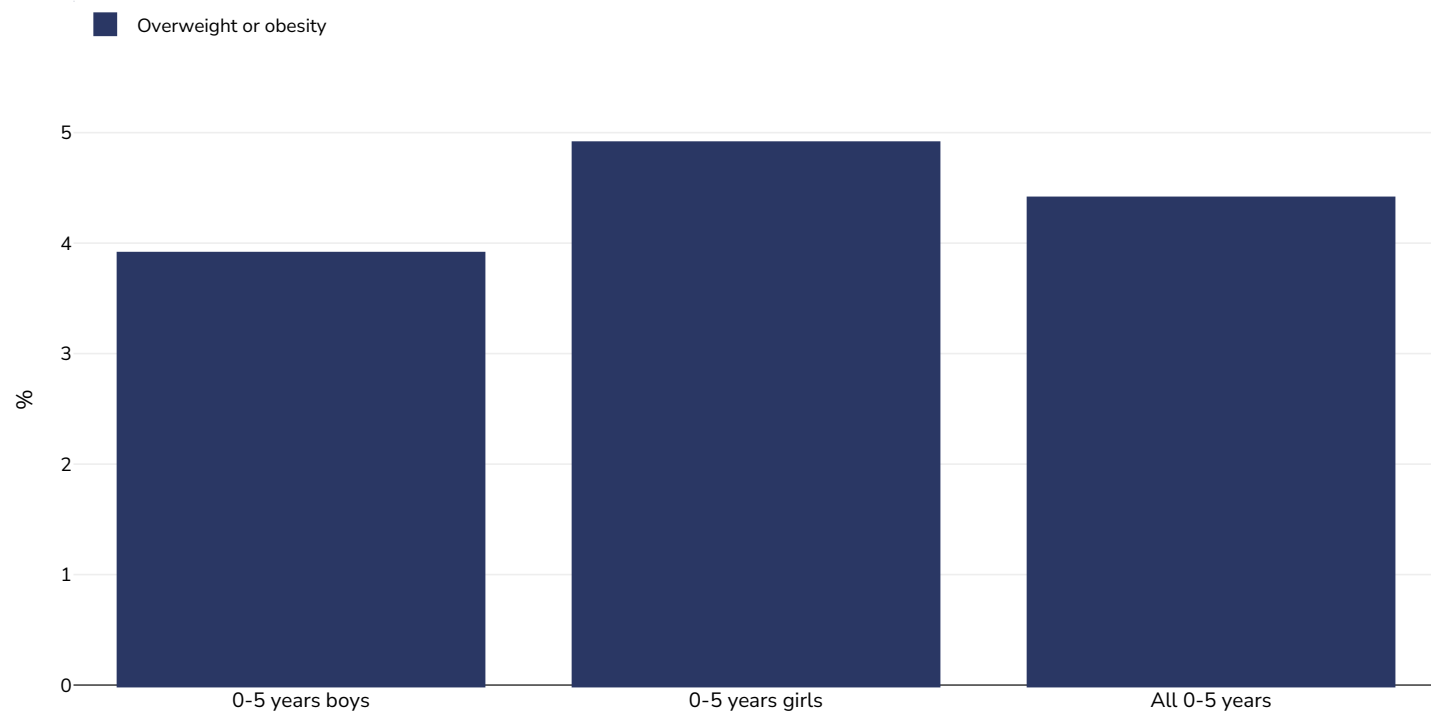
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children under 5. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/lebanon-119/>.

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Obesity prevalence

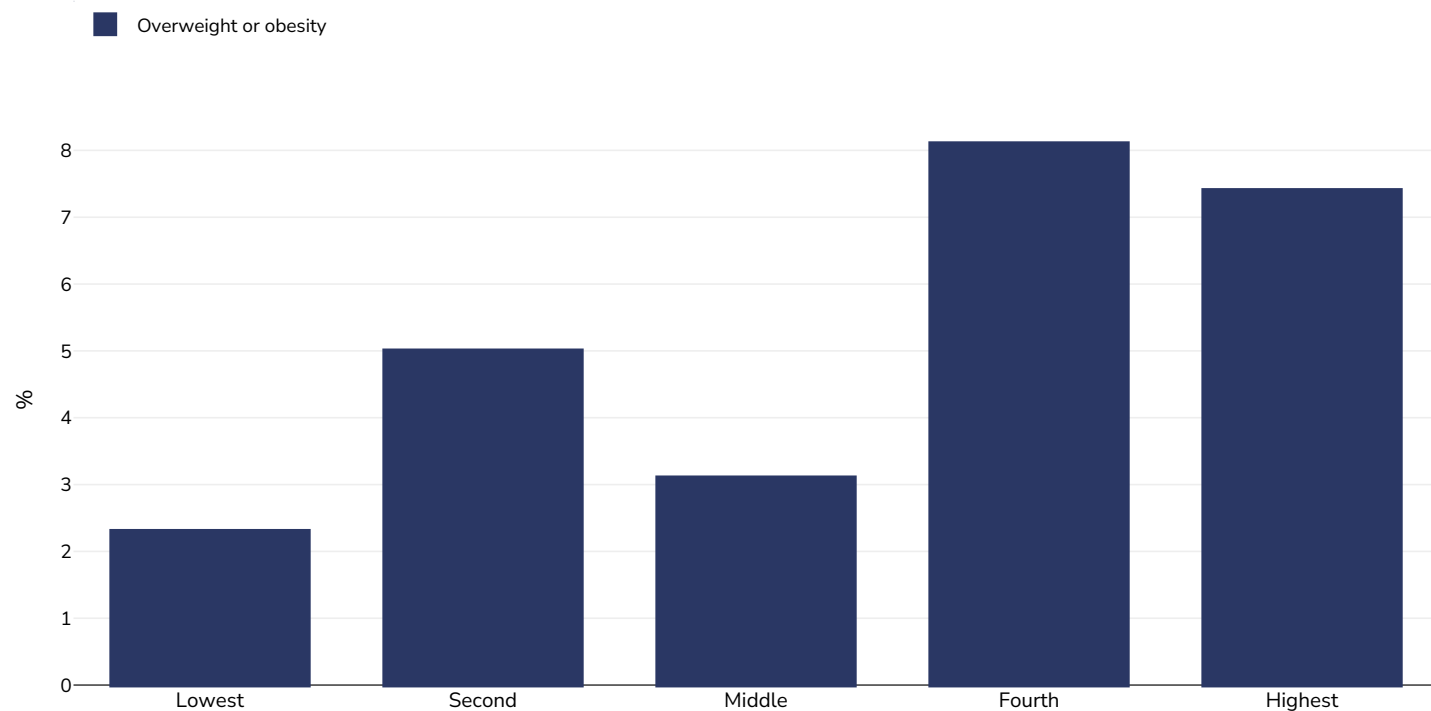
0-5 years, 2023



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	0-5
Area covered:	National
References:	Lebanese Integrated Micronutrient and Anthropometry Survey 2023
Notes:	UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Joint Child Malnutrition Estimates Expanded Database: Overweight estimates: National and Disaggregated, July 2025, New York. Weighted sample size. For more information, please consult https://data.unicef.org/resources/jme/ .
Definitions:	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.
Cutoffs:	=>+2SD

Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

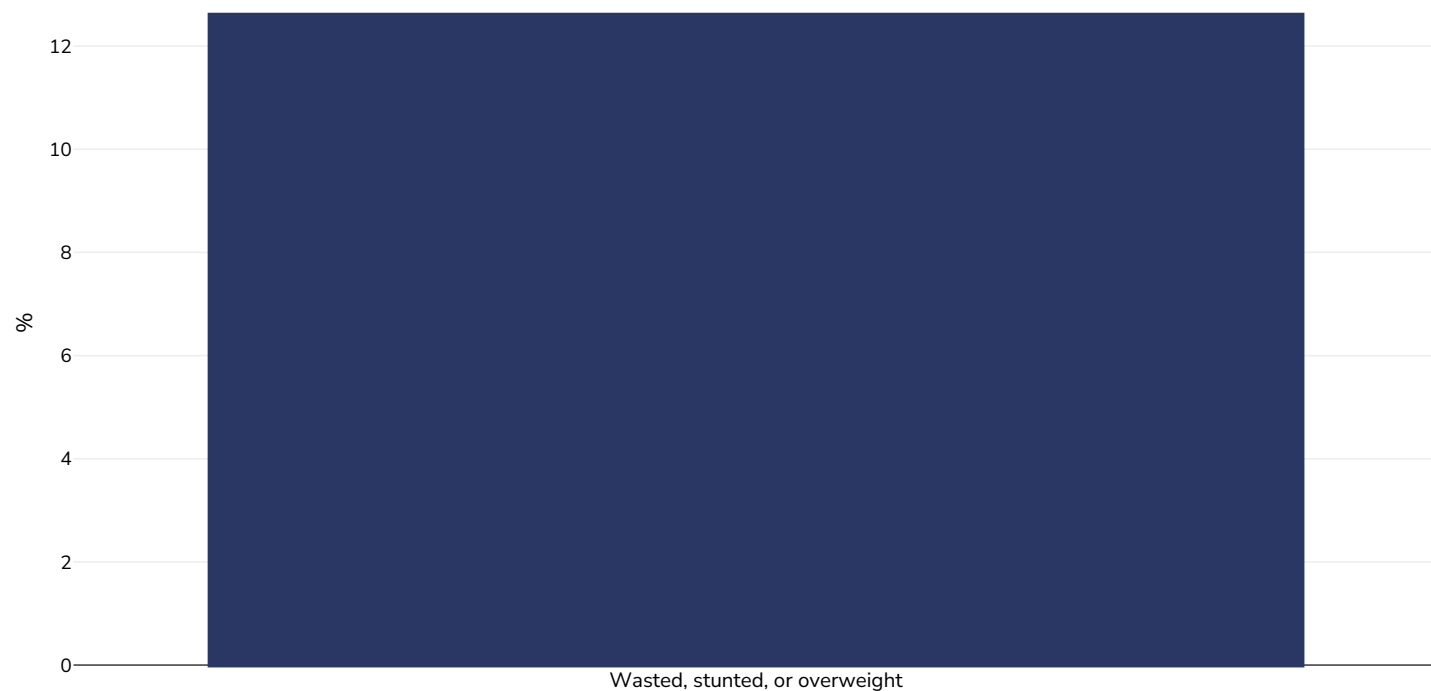
0-5 years, 2023



Survey type:	Measured
Sample size:	1899
Area covered:	National
References:	Ministry of Public Health, UNICEF-Lebanon, American University of Beirut, Mercy USA, World Food Programme, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and GroundWork. Integrated Micronutrient, Anthropometry and Child Development Survey 2023. Beirut, Lebanon; 2024.
Definitions:	Overweight is a weight-for-height z-score greater than +2.0 but less than or equal to +3.0. Obesity is defined as a weight-for-height z-score greater than +3.0.
Cutoffs:	WHO

Double burden of underweight & overweight

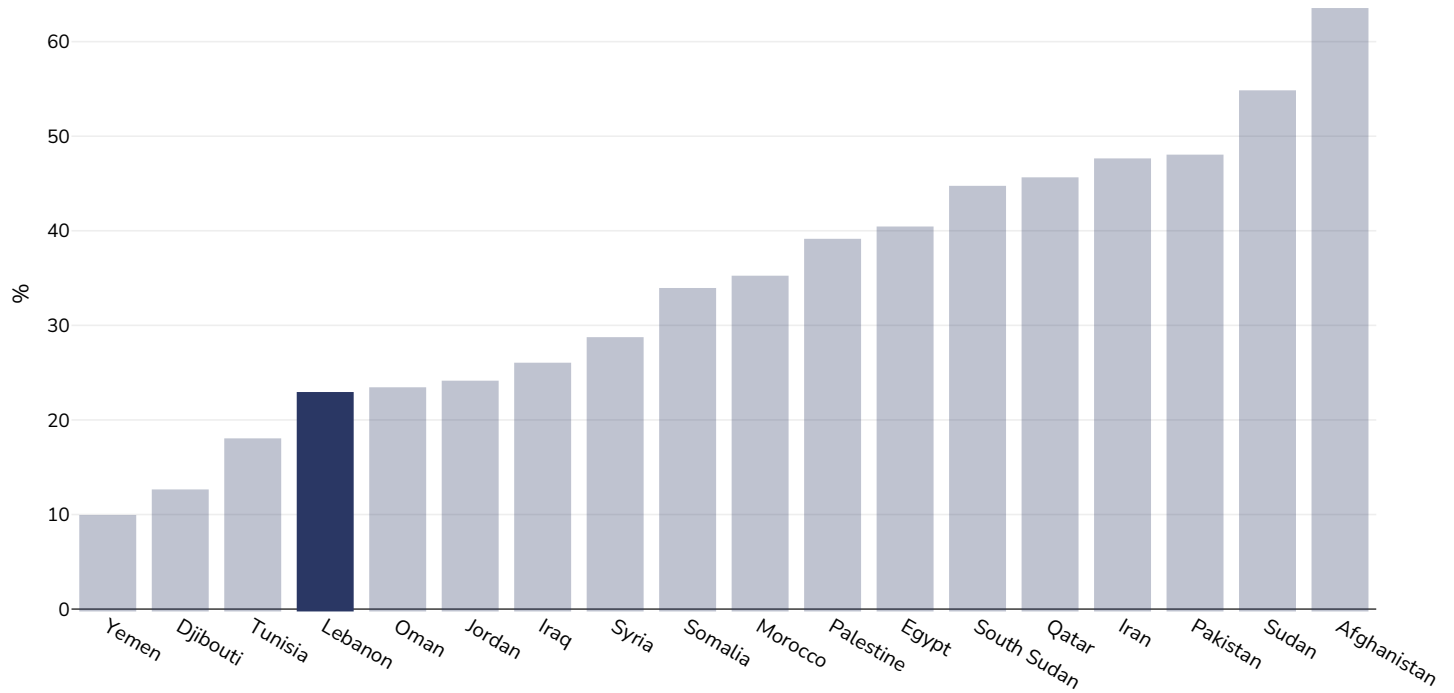
0-5 years, 2021



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	0-5
References:	United Nations Children's Fund, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2025). Global UNICEF Global Databases: Overlapping Stunting, Wasting and Overweight (Survey Estimates), 2025, New York. For more information, visit: https://data.unicef.org/topic/nutrition/malnutrition/ [Accessed 06.08.25]
Notes:	Lebanon National Nutrition SMART Survey
Definitions:	Combined percentage of children under 5 years of age who are either wasted, stunted, or overweight (falling below -2 standard deviations from the median weight-for-height, falling below -2 standard deviations from the median height for age, or falling at or above +2 standard deviations from the median weight-for-height of the reference population)
Cutoffs:	WHZ <-2, HAZ <-2 and WHZ >+2

% Infants exclusively breastfed 0-5 months

0-5 years, 2010-2023



Area covered: National

References: Lebanese Integrated Micronutrient and Anthropometry Survey 2023

Notes: Full details available at source: United Nations Children’s Fund, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2025). Global UNICEF Global Databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding: Exclusive breastfeeding, New York, November 2025.

Definitions: Infants 0-5 months of age who received only breast milk during the previous day. The definition allows for medicines, vitamins and oral re-hydration solution to have been given. These infants would not have received water-based liquids, milk based-liquids or food.

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