Madagascar

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/madagascar-127/.

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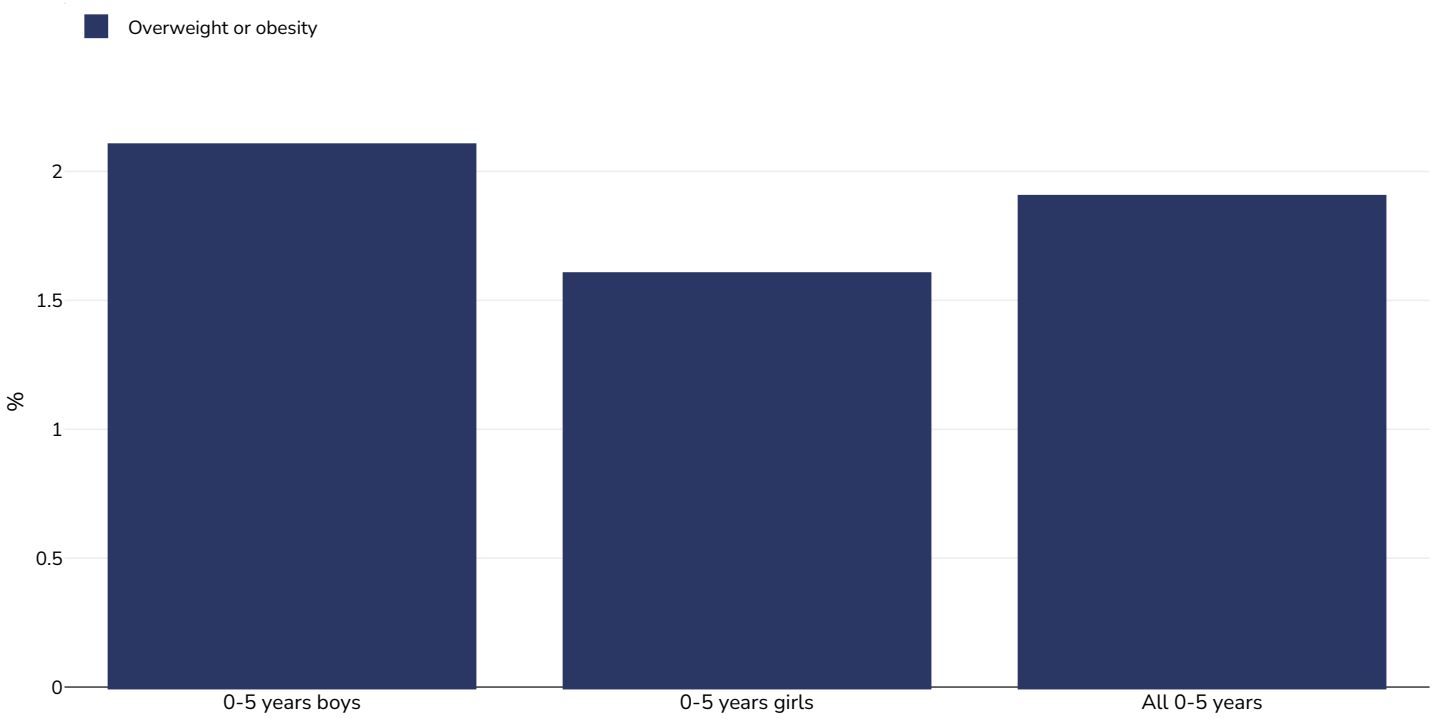
Obesity prevalence

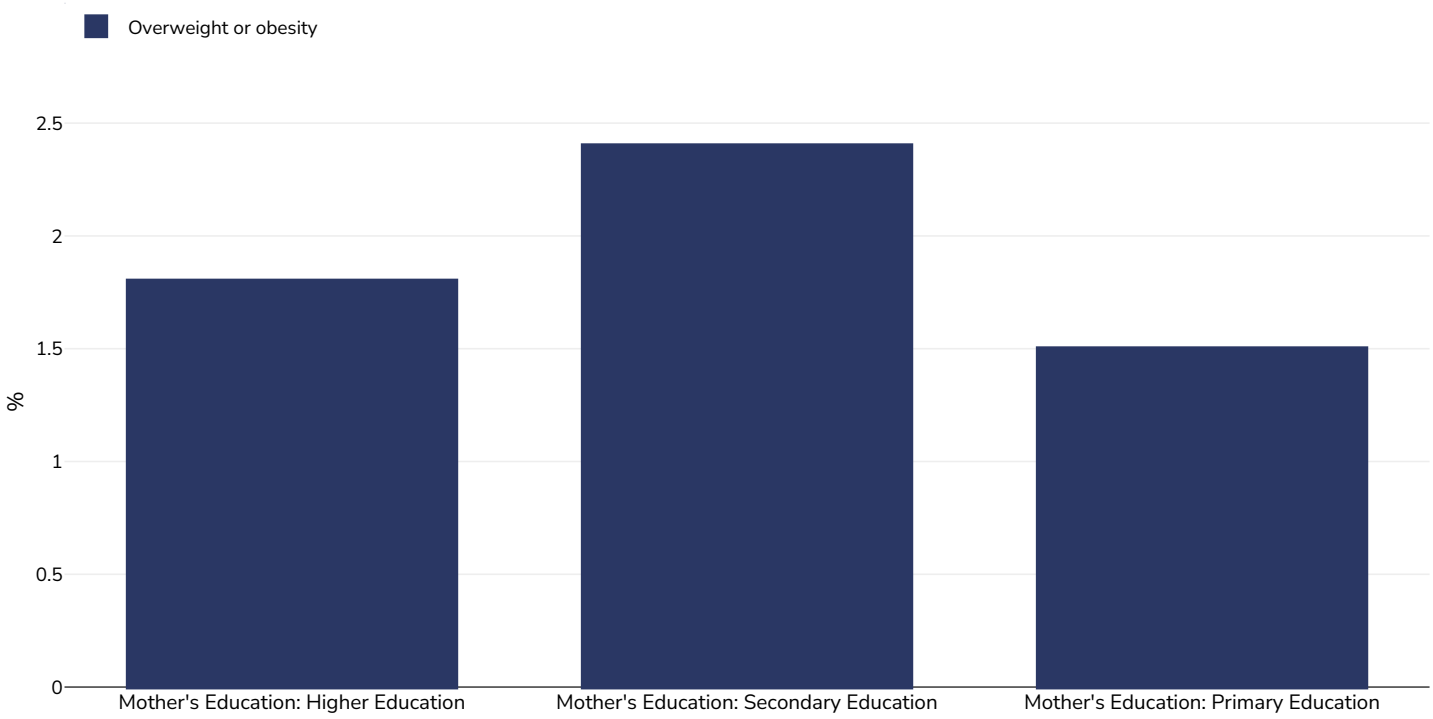
0-5 years, 2021



Age:	0-5
Sample size:	6394
References:	DHS: Enquête Démographique et de Santé à Madagascar, 2021 : Indicateurs Clés. Antananarivo, Madagascar et Rockville, Maryland, USA : INSTAT et ICF.
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 education

0-5 years, 2021



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Overweight/obesity by region

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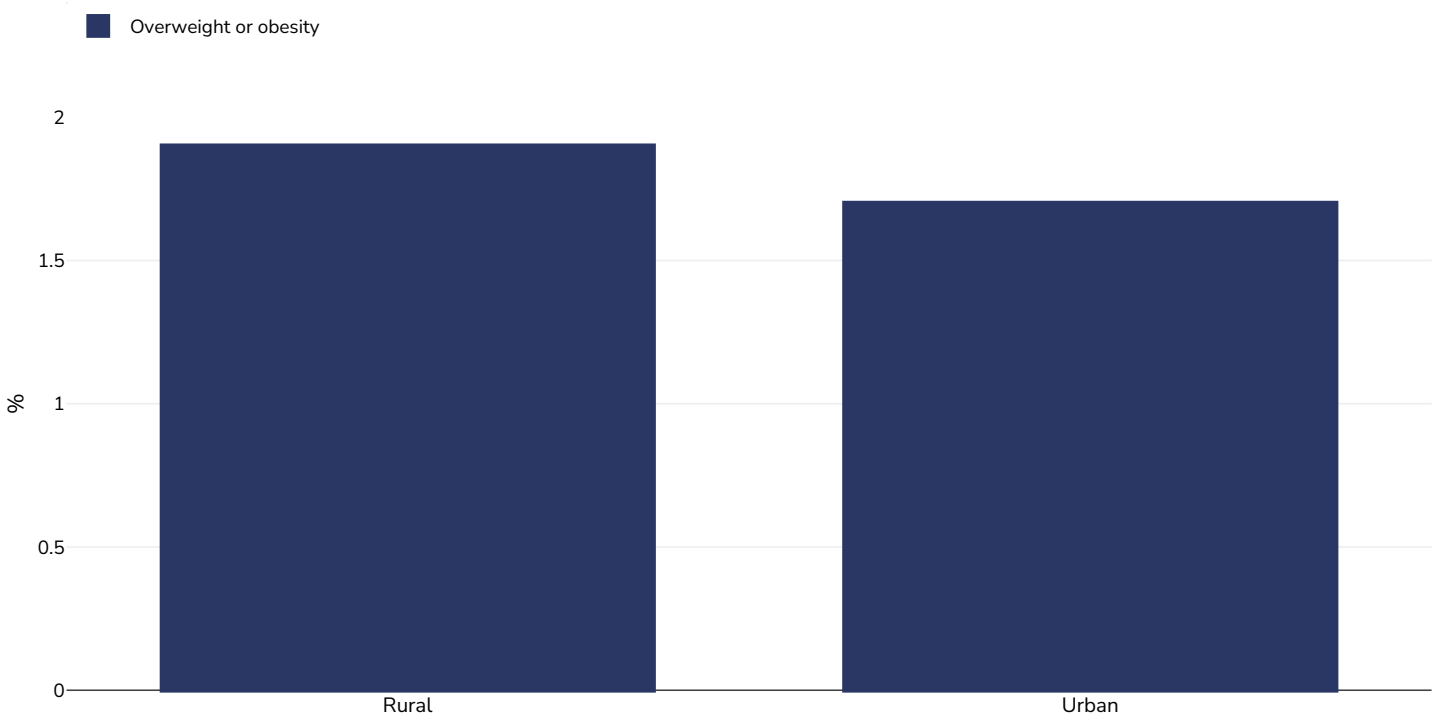

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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

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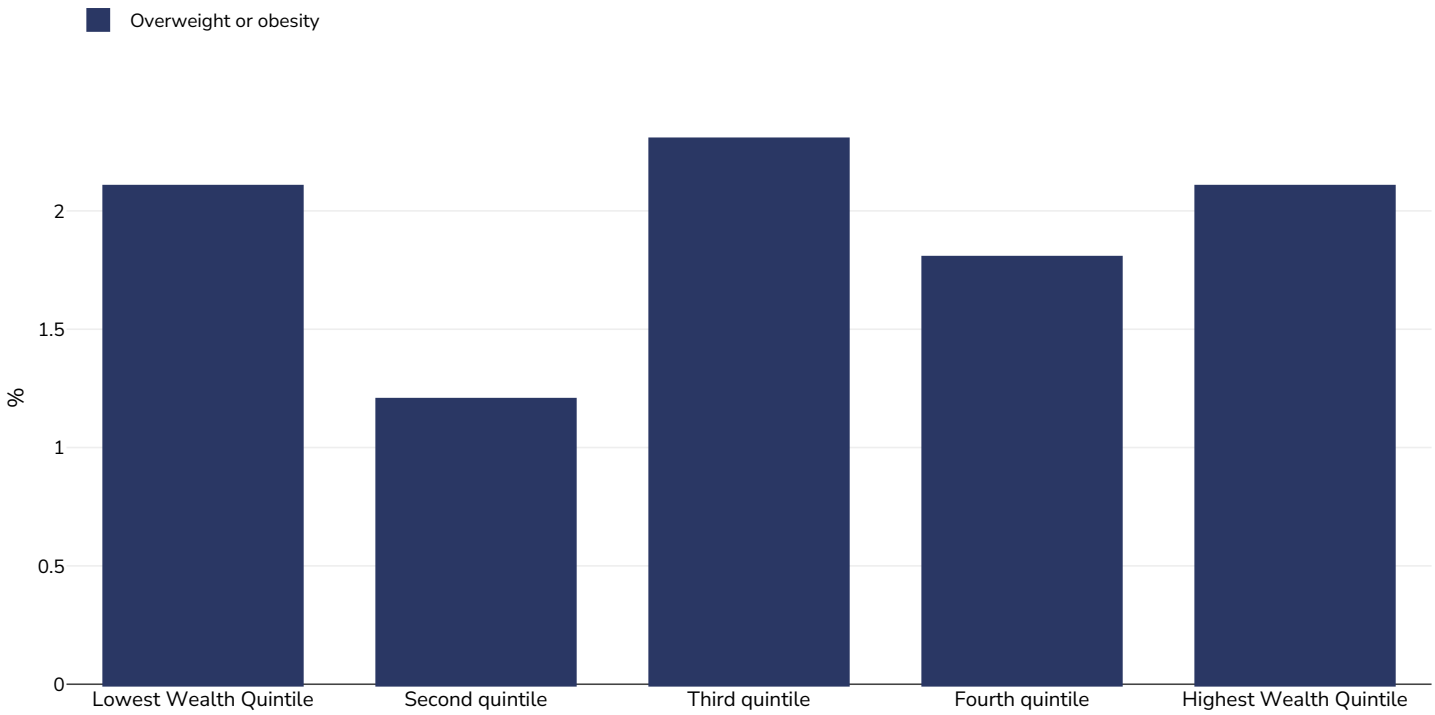

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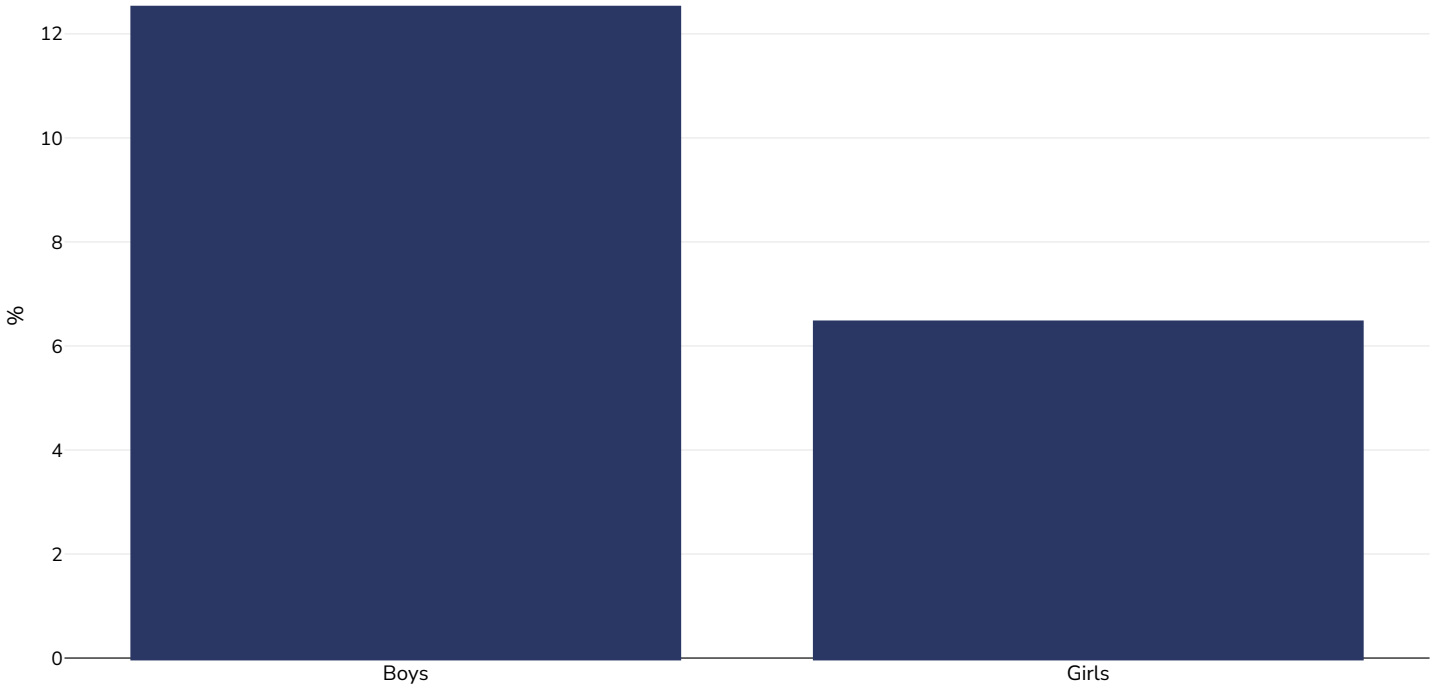
Double burden of underweight & overweight

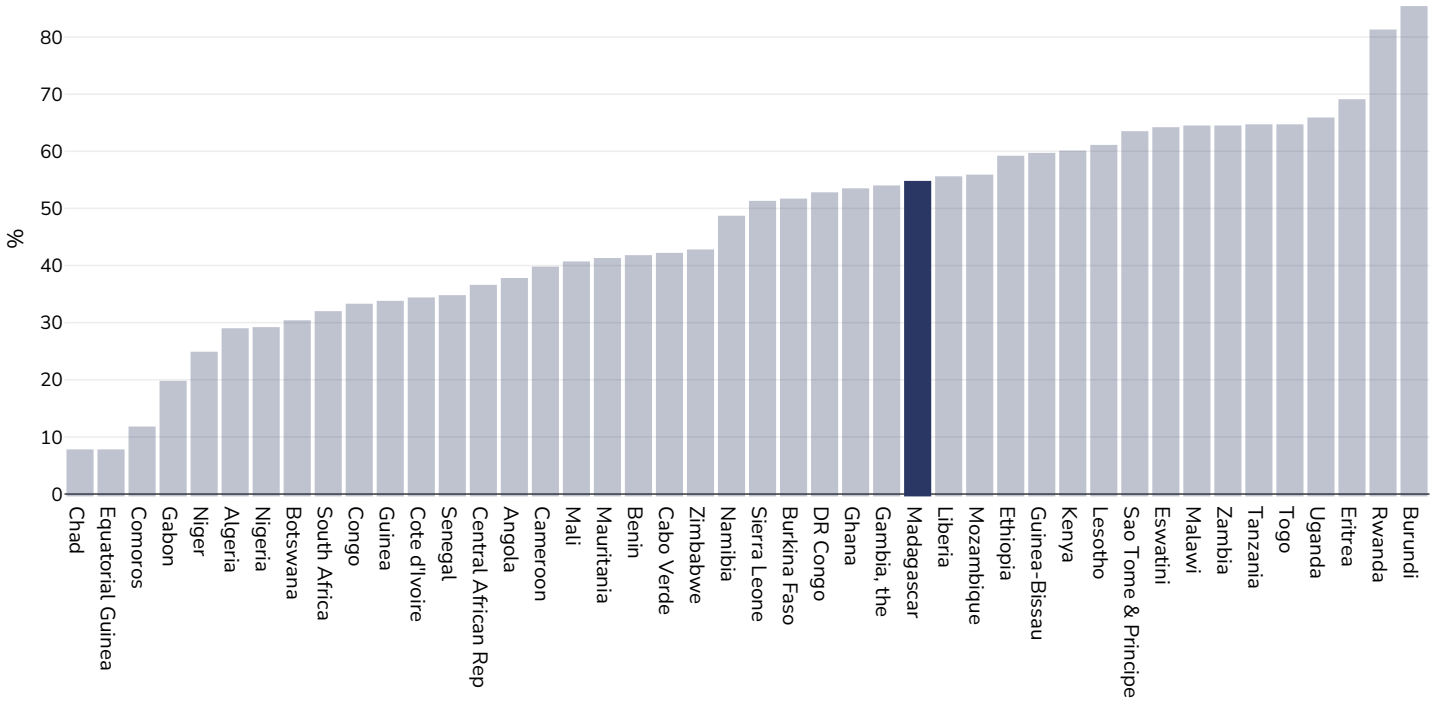
0-5 years, 2021-2021



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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