



Sierra Leone



Country report card - under-5s

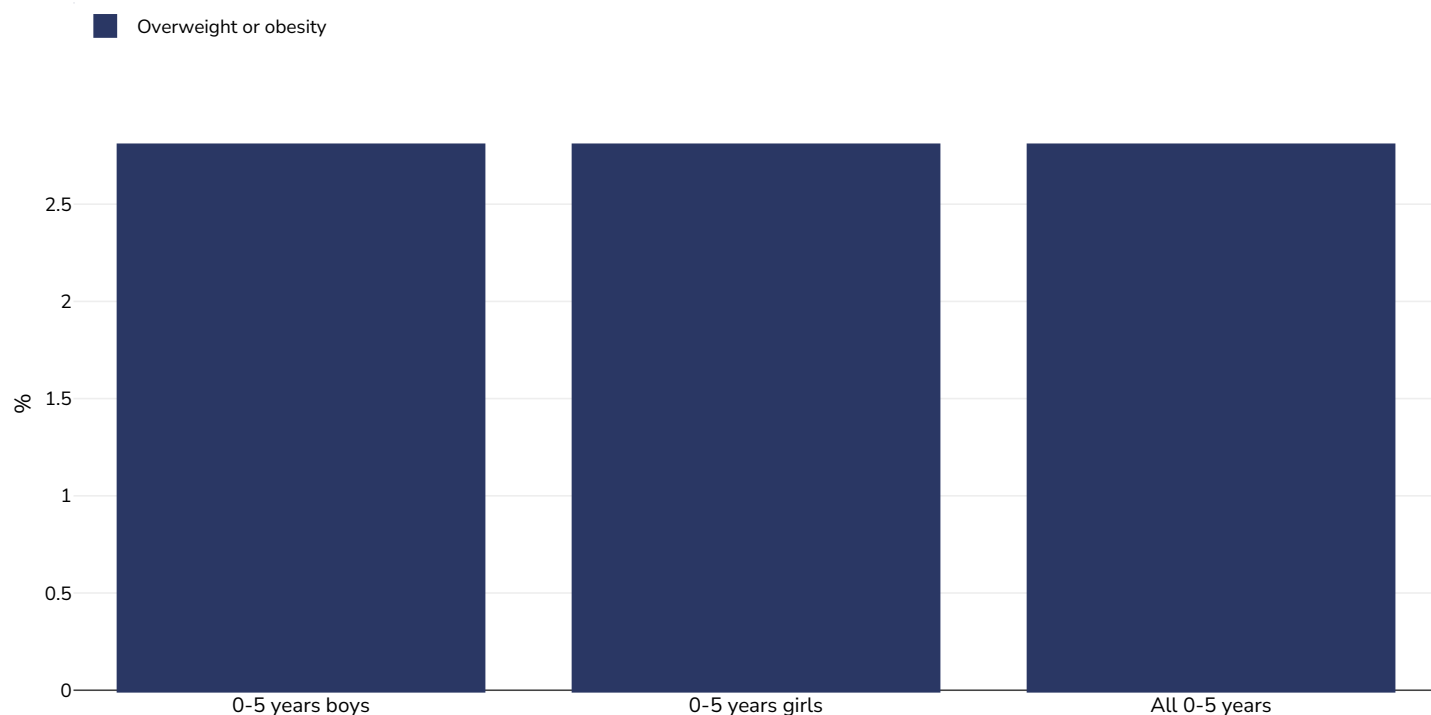
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children under 5. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/sierra-leone-191/>.

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Obesity prevalence

0-5 years, 2021



Age: 0-5

Sample size: 9382

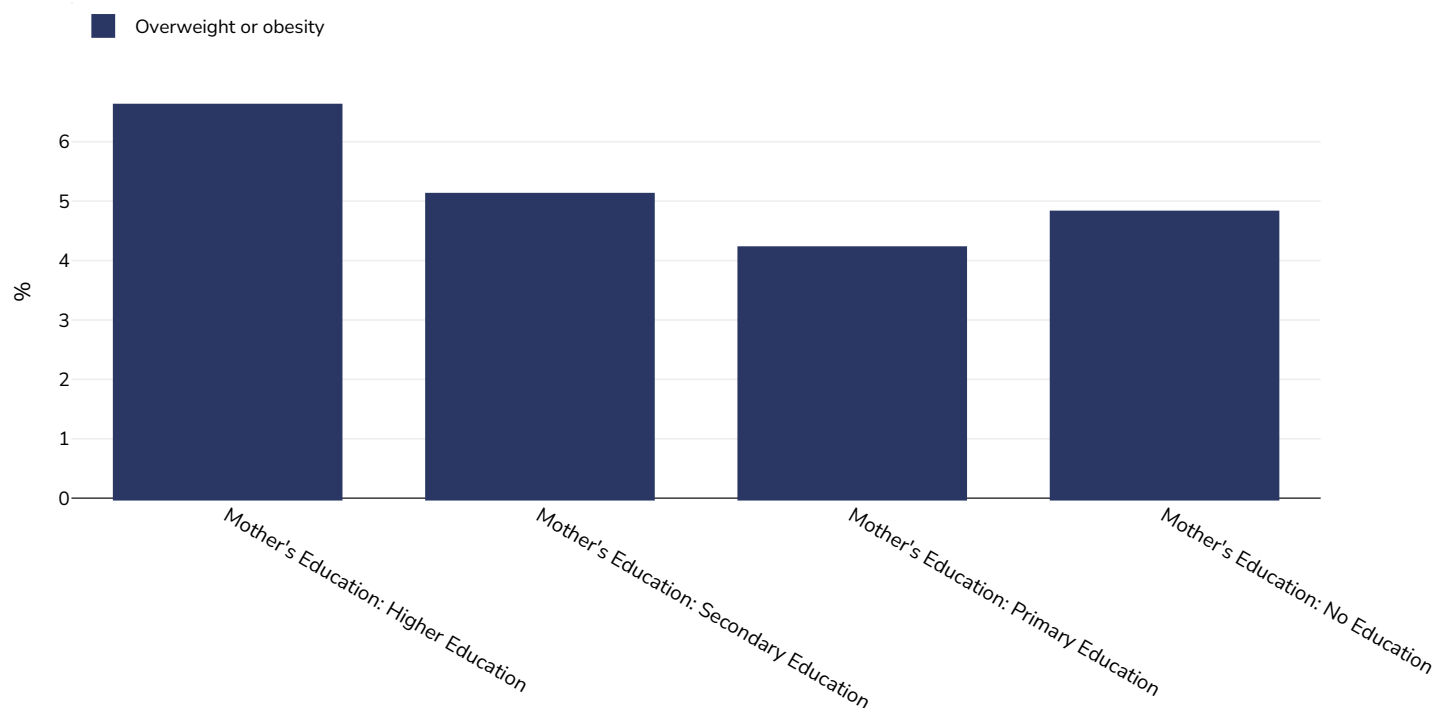
References: SMART: Sierra Leone 2021 National Nutrition Survey

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, 2019



Sample size: 4824

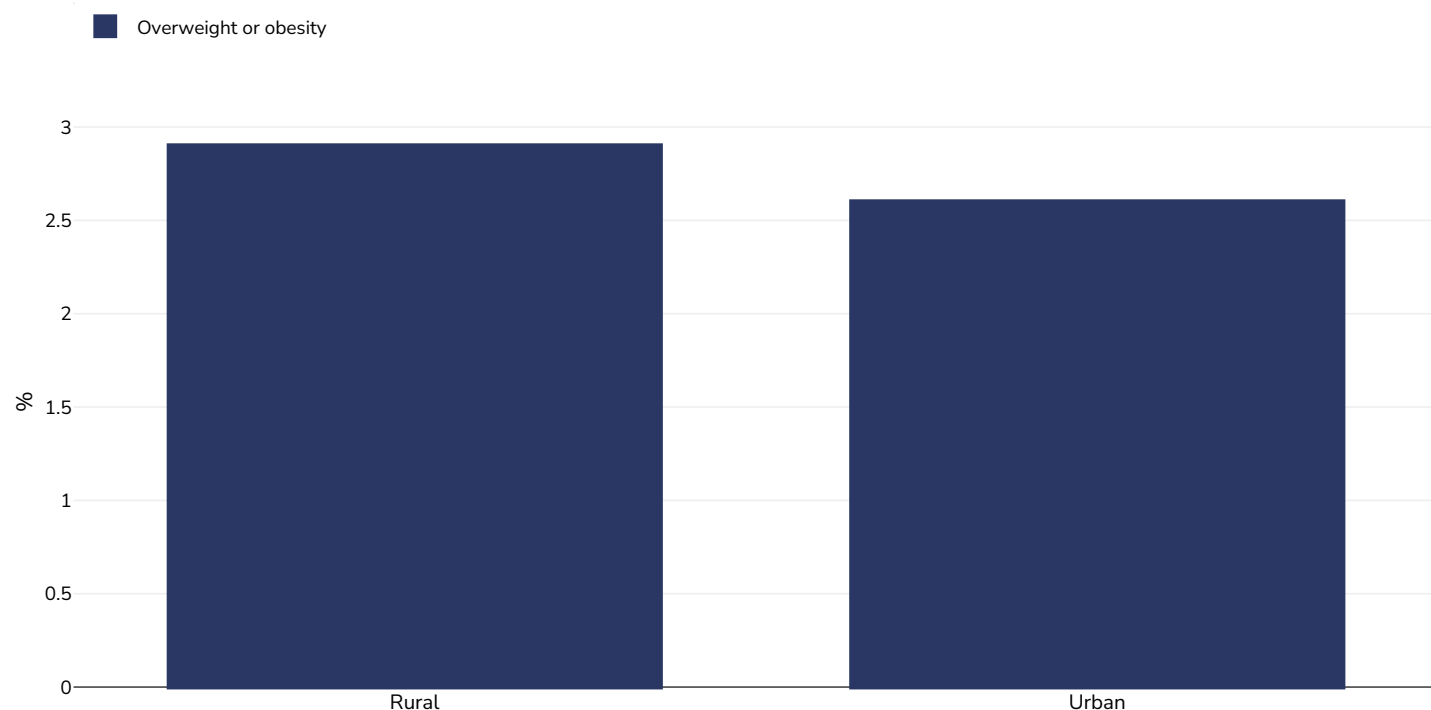
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Overweight/obesity by region

0-5 years, 2021



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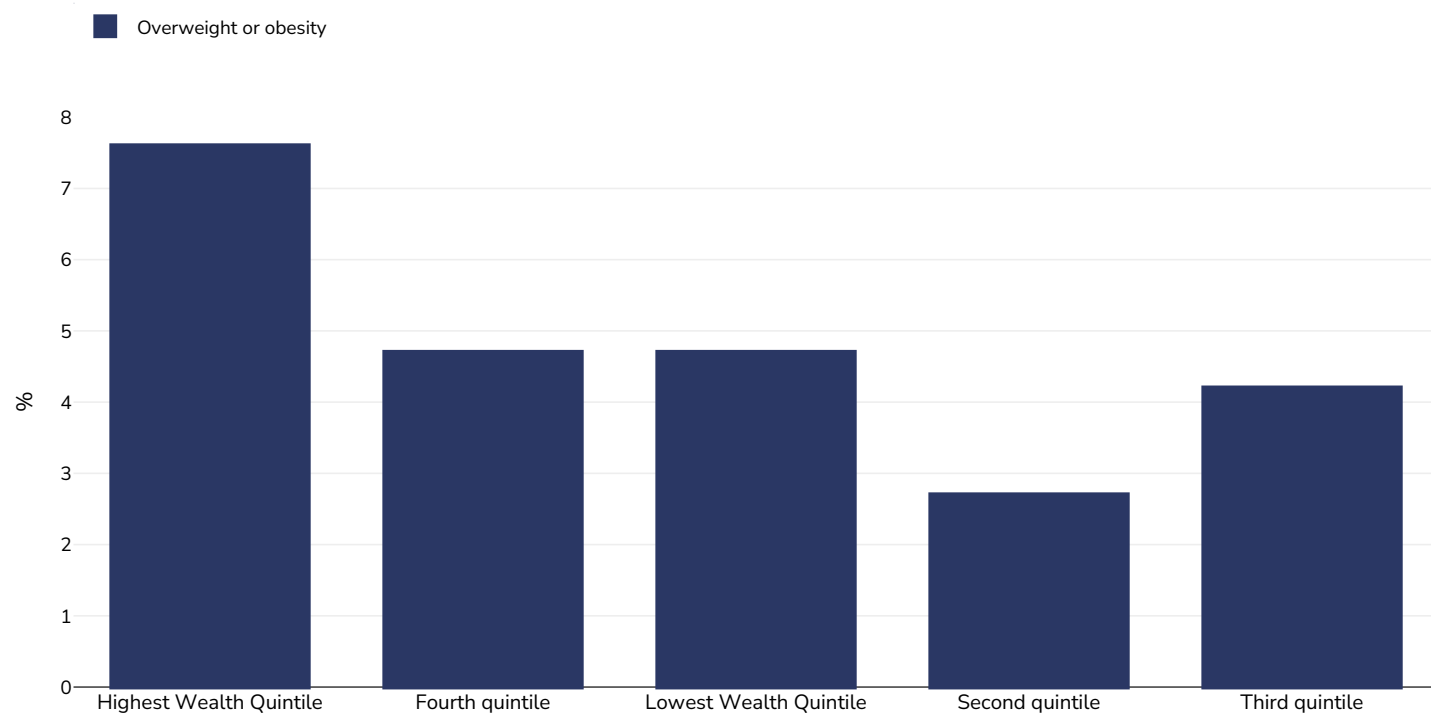
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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

0-5 years, 2019



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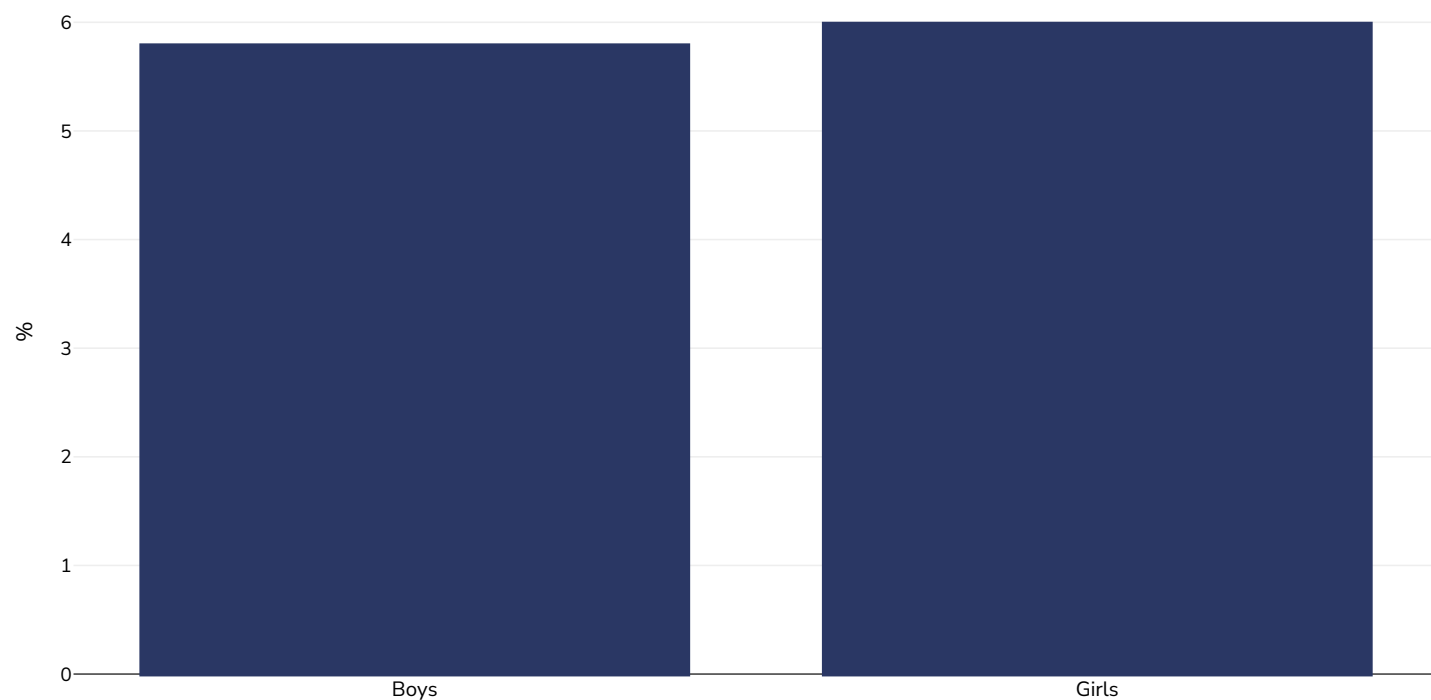
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Double burden of underweight & overweight

0-5 years, 2021-2021



Survey type: Measured

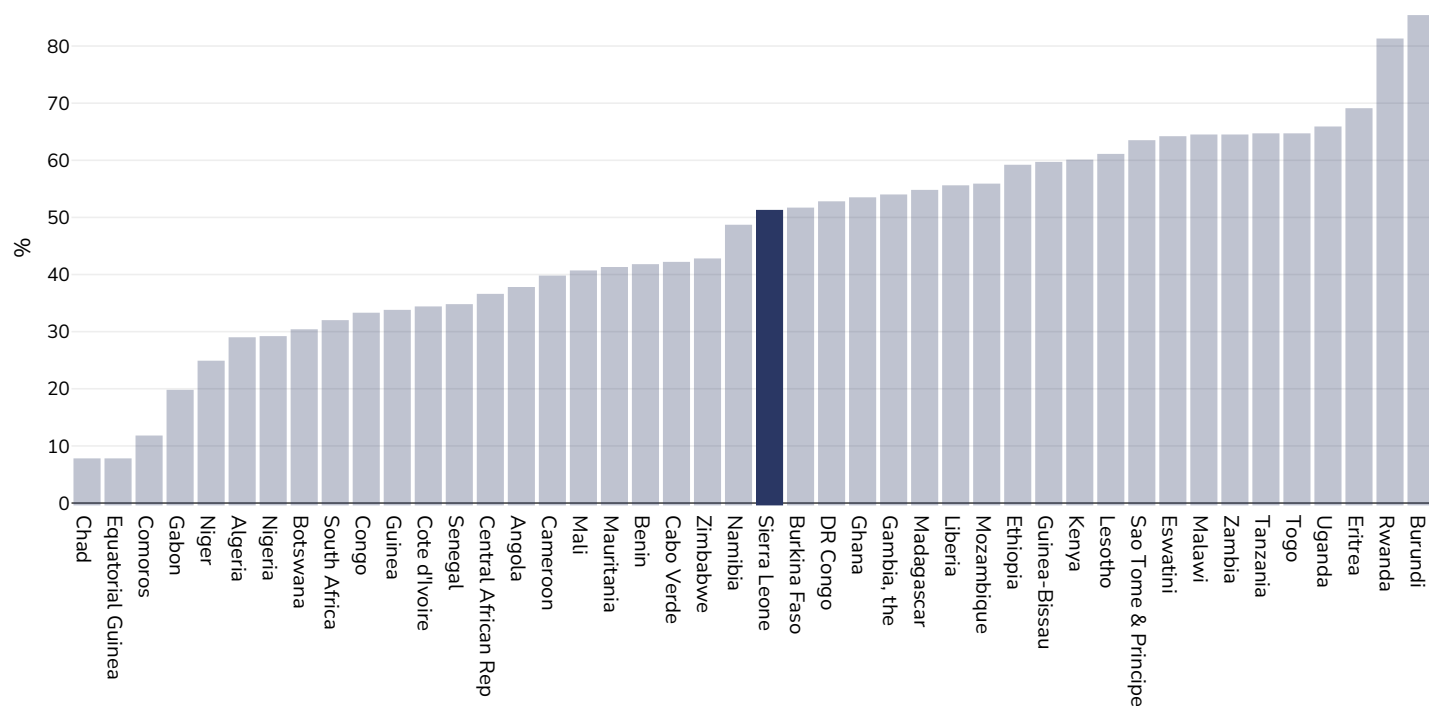
Age: 0-5

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



References:

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Notes:

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

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