



# Suriname



## Country report card - under-5s

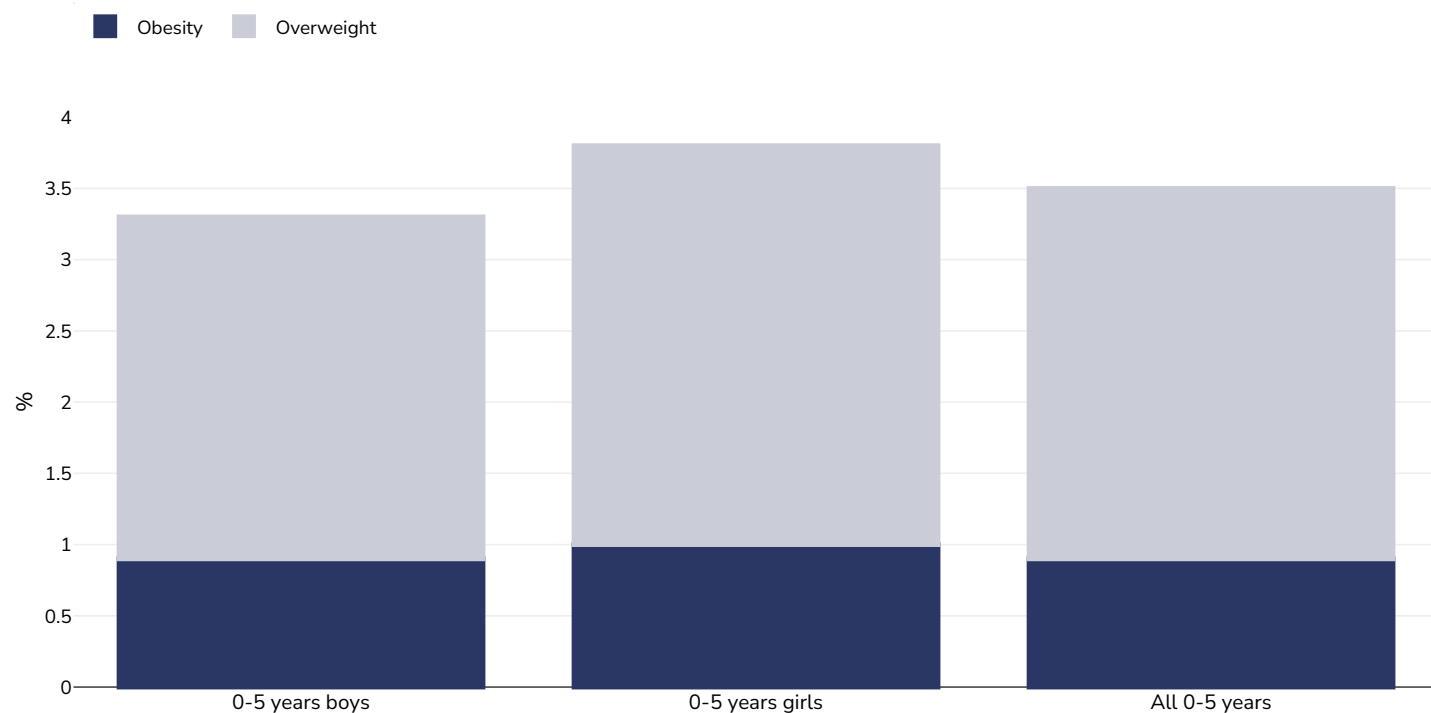
*This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for children under 5. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.*

*View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/suriname-204/>.*

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## Obesity prevalence

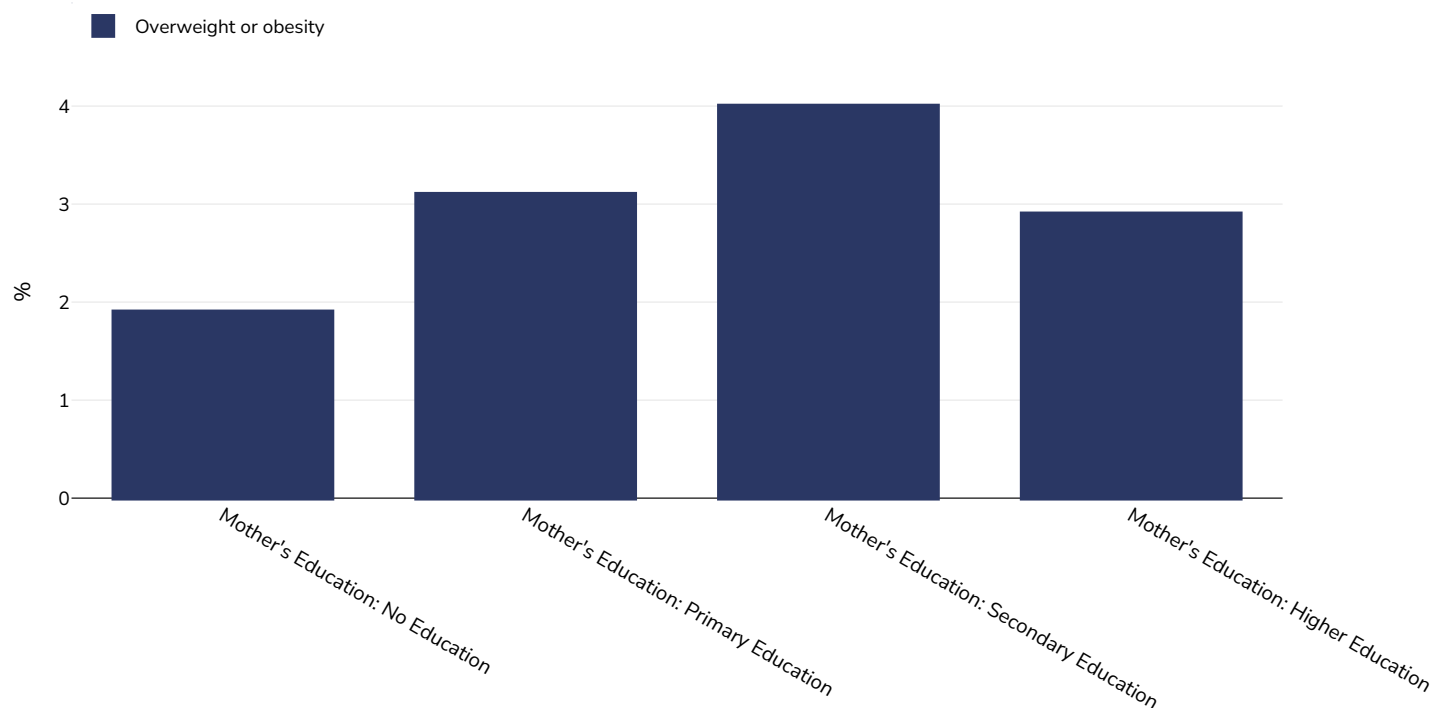
### 0-5 years, 2018



Survey type:	Measured
Age:	0-5
Sample size:	3249
Area covered:	National
References:	Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Housing 2019. Suriname Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2018, Survey Findings Report. Paramaribo, Suriname: Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Housing.
Notes:	Infants.
Definitions:	Weight for height. Overweight = Between +2SD and 3SD. Obesity = >+3SD
Cutoffs:	Other

## Overweight/obesity by education

0-5 years, 2018



Sample size: 3248

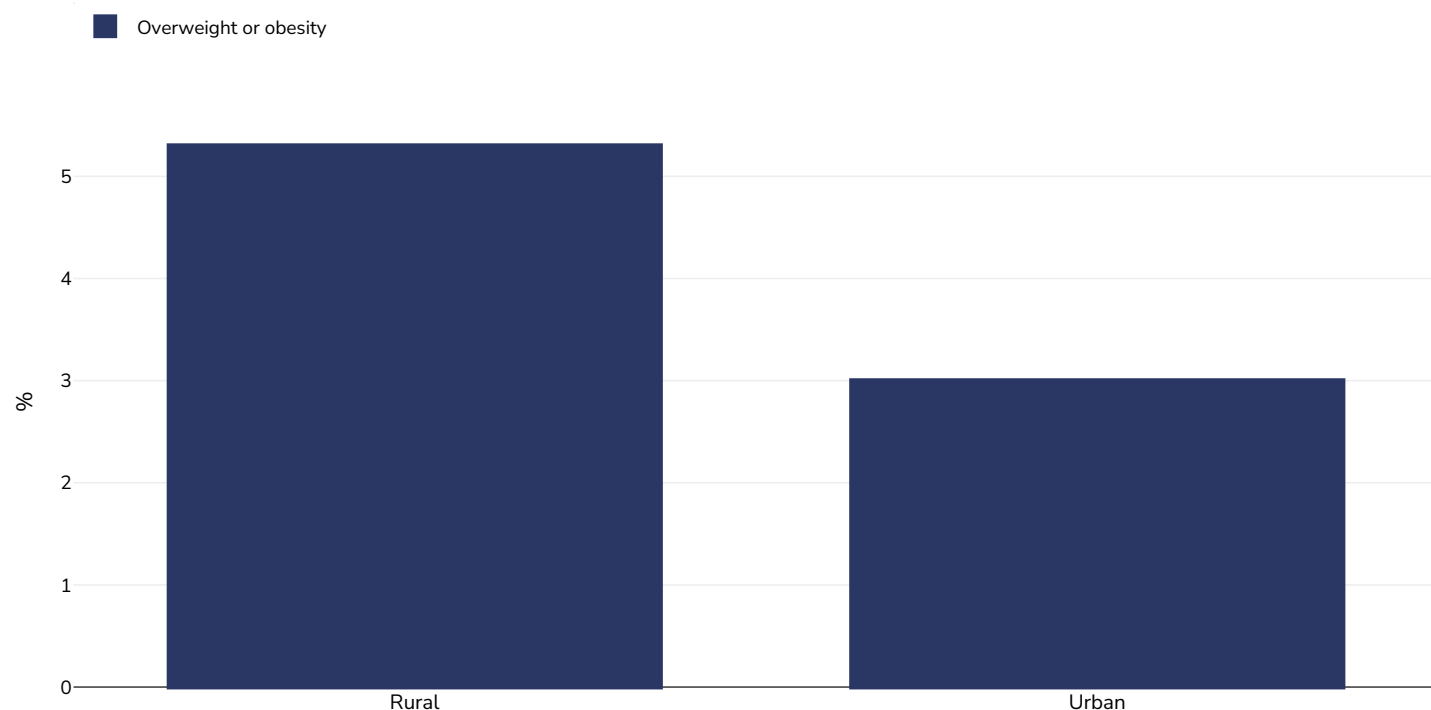
References: MICS: Suriname Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2018, Survey Findings Report. Paramaribo, Suriname: Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Housing

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

0-5 years, 2018



**Sample size:** 3248

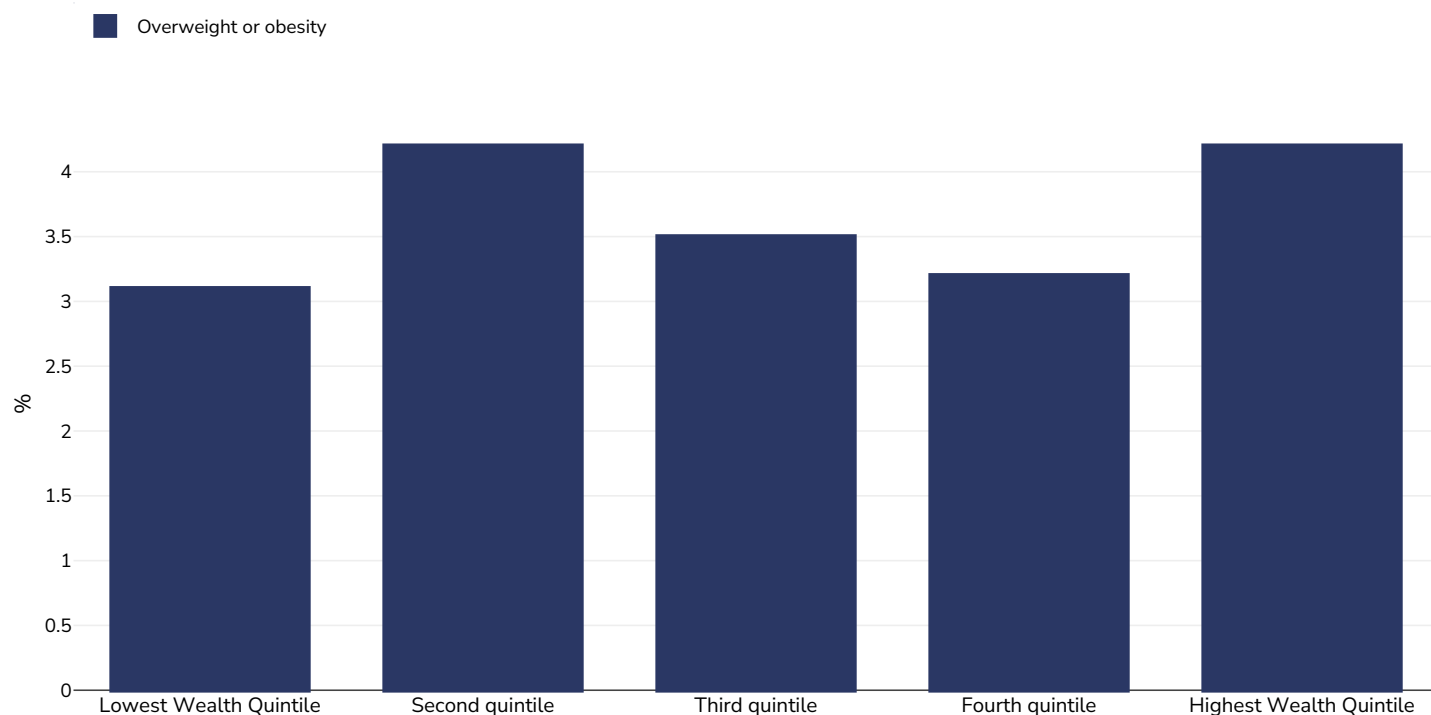
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## Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

0-5 years, 2018



**Sample size:** 3248

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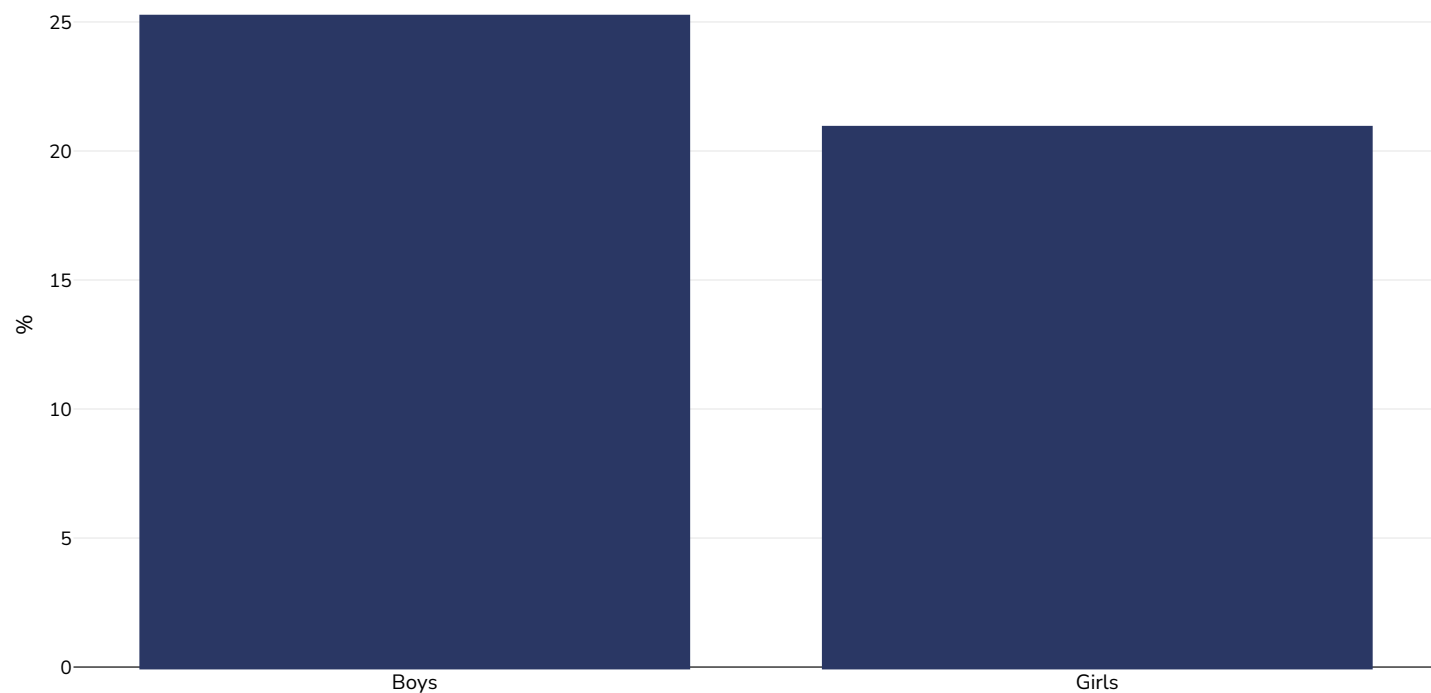
**Definitions:** =>+2SD

## Overweight/obesity by ethnicity

*Ethnic groups are as defined by publication of origin and are not as defined by WOF. In some instances ethnicity is conflated with nationality and/or race.*

## Double burden of underweight & overweight

0-5 years, 2018-2018



Survey type: Measured

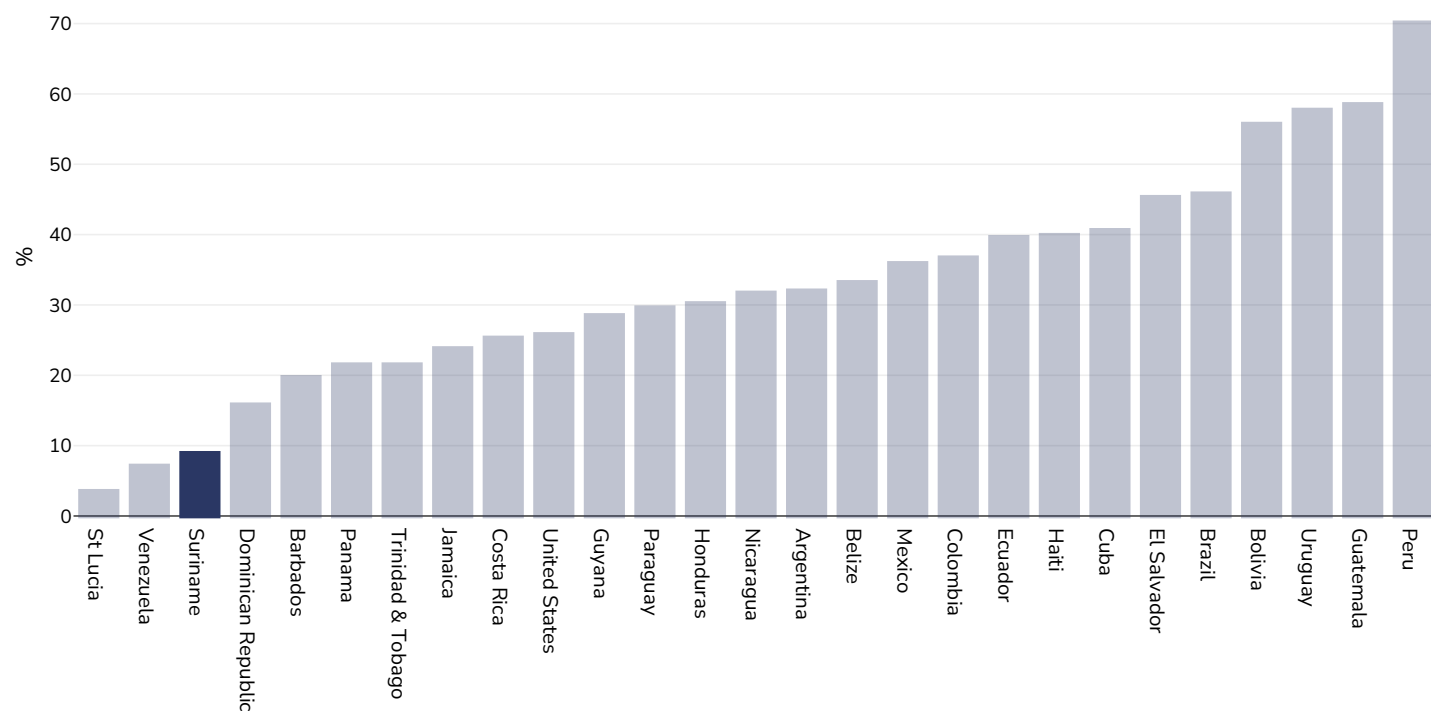
Age: 0-5

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, 1998-2023



**References:** Suriname Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2018, Survey Findings Report. Paramaribo, Suriname: Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Housing

**Notes:** Full details are available. Original citation United Nations Children's Fund, Division of Data, Analysis, Planning and Monitoring (2023). Global UNICEF Global Databases: Infant and Young Child Feeding: Exclusive breastfeeding, New York, October 2023.

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