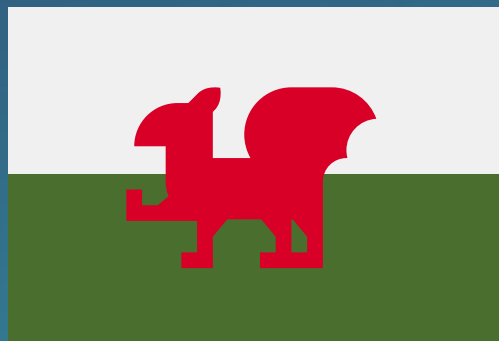




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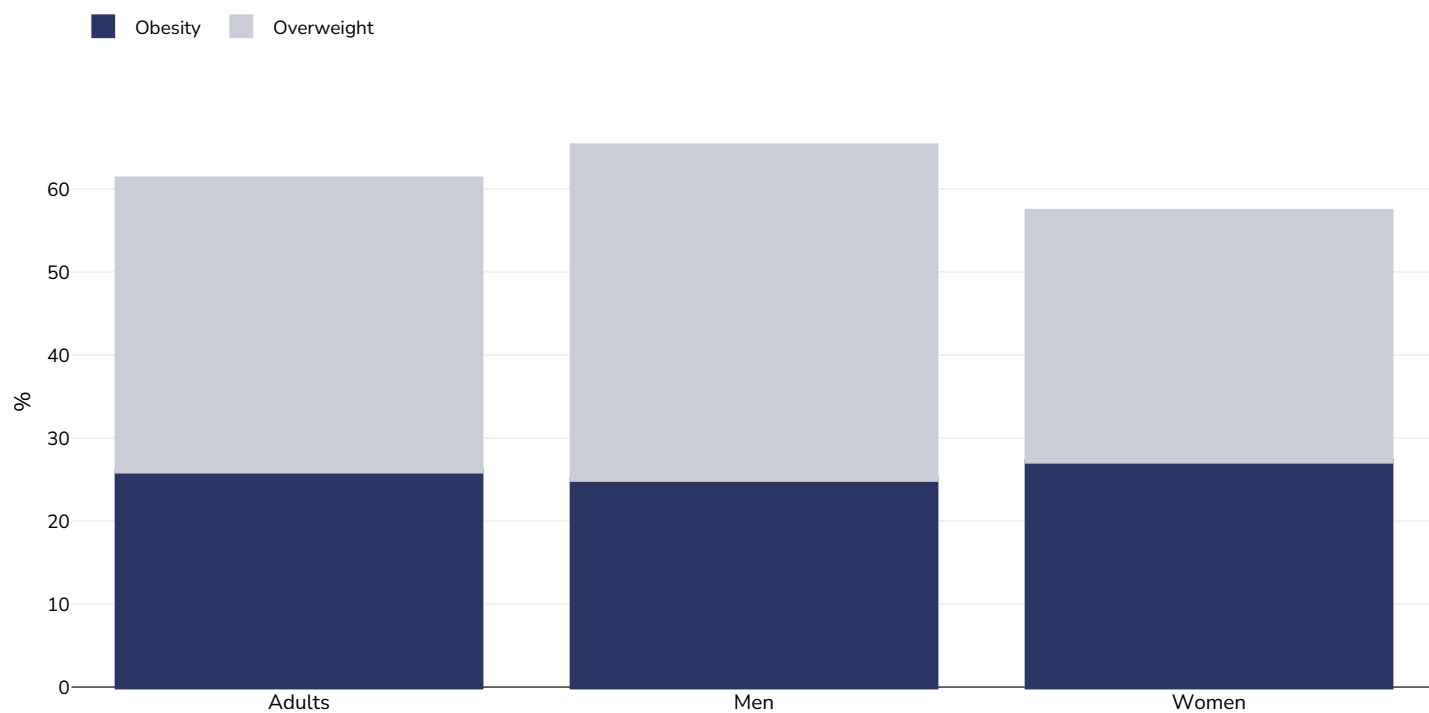
This report card contains the latest data available on the Global Obesity Observatory on overweight and obesity for adults. Where available, data on common and relevant obesity drivers and comorbidities are also presented.

View the latest version of this report on the Global Obesity Observatory at <https://data.worldobesity.org/country/wales-241/>

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Obesity prevalence

Adults, 2022-2023



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 16+

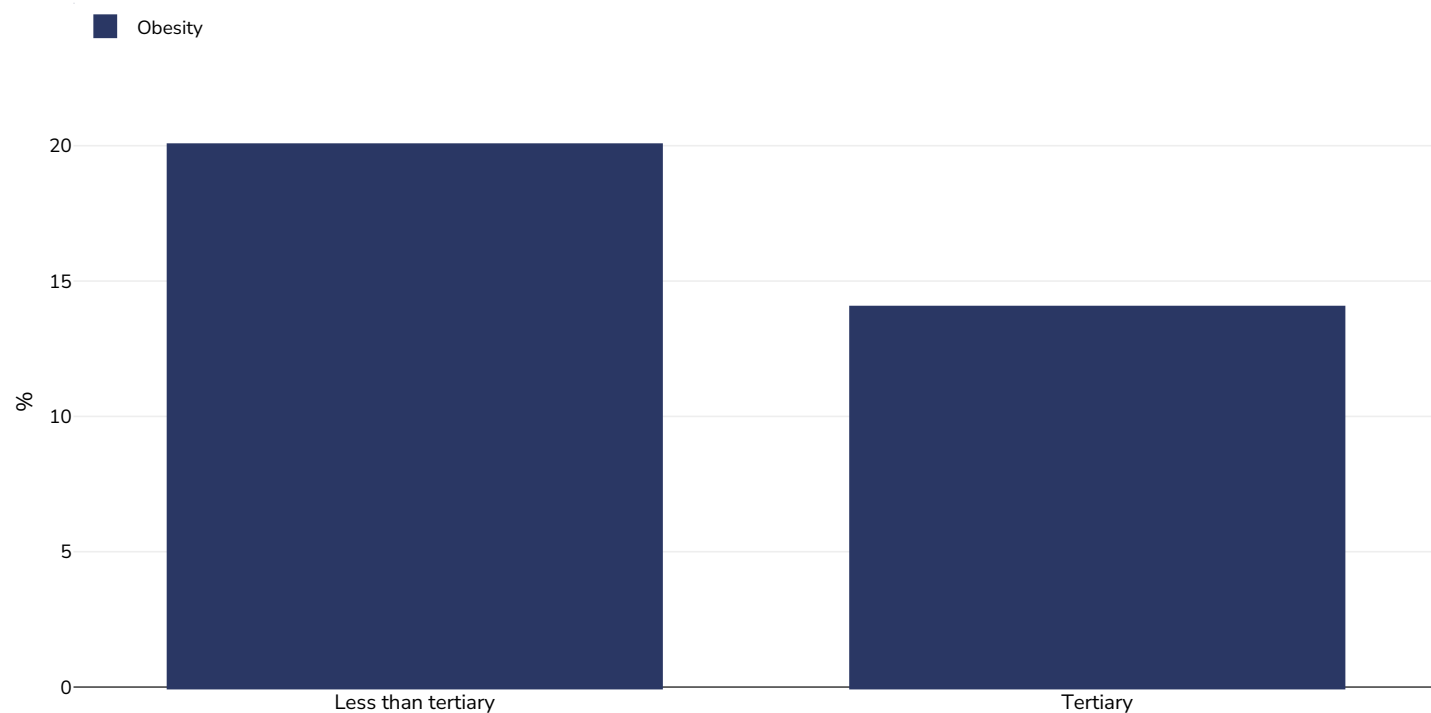
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Overweight/obesity by education

Men, 2005



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 16+

Sample size: 291494

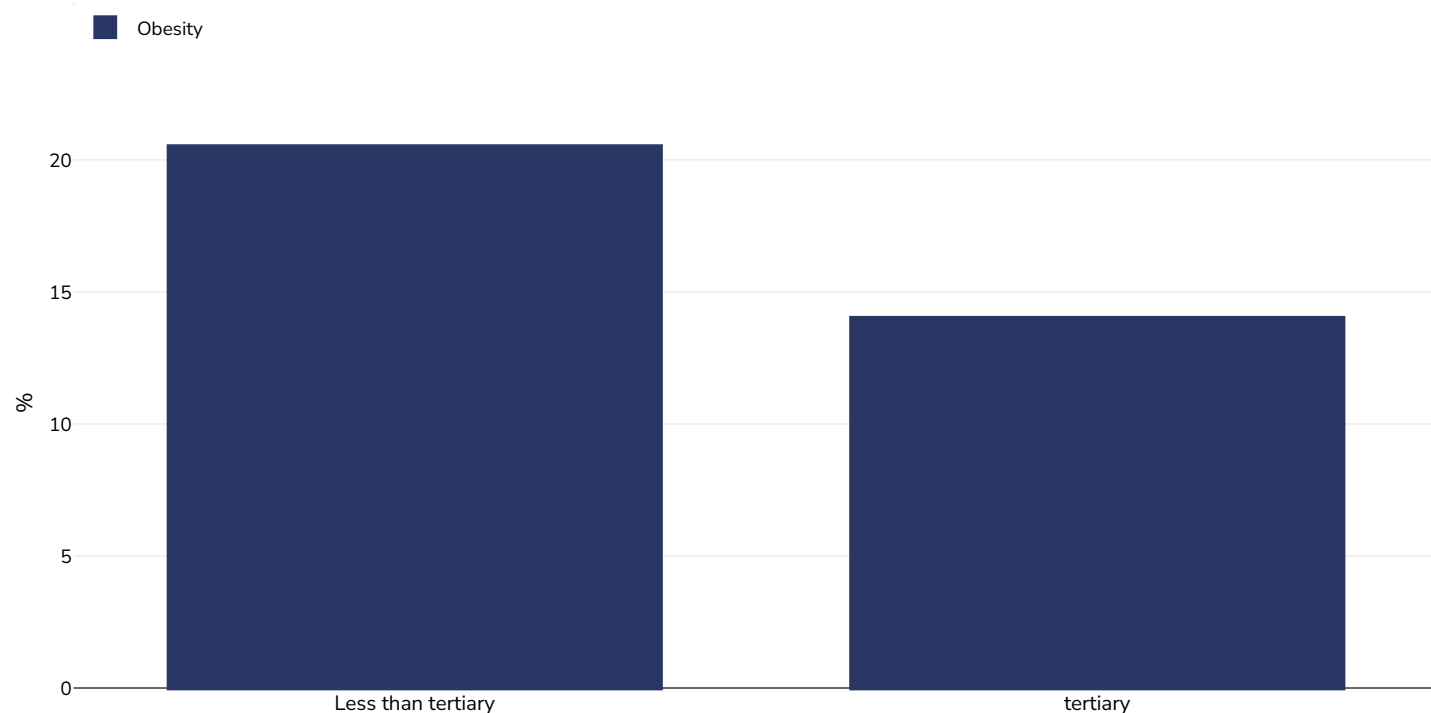
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Women, 2005



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 16+

Sample size: 291494

Area covered: National

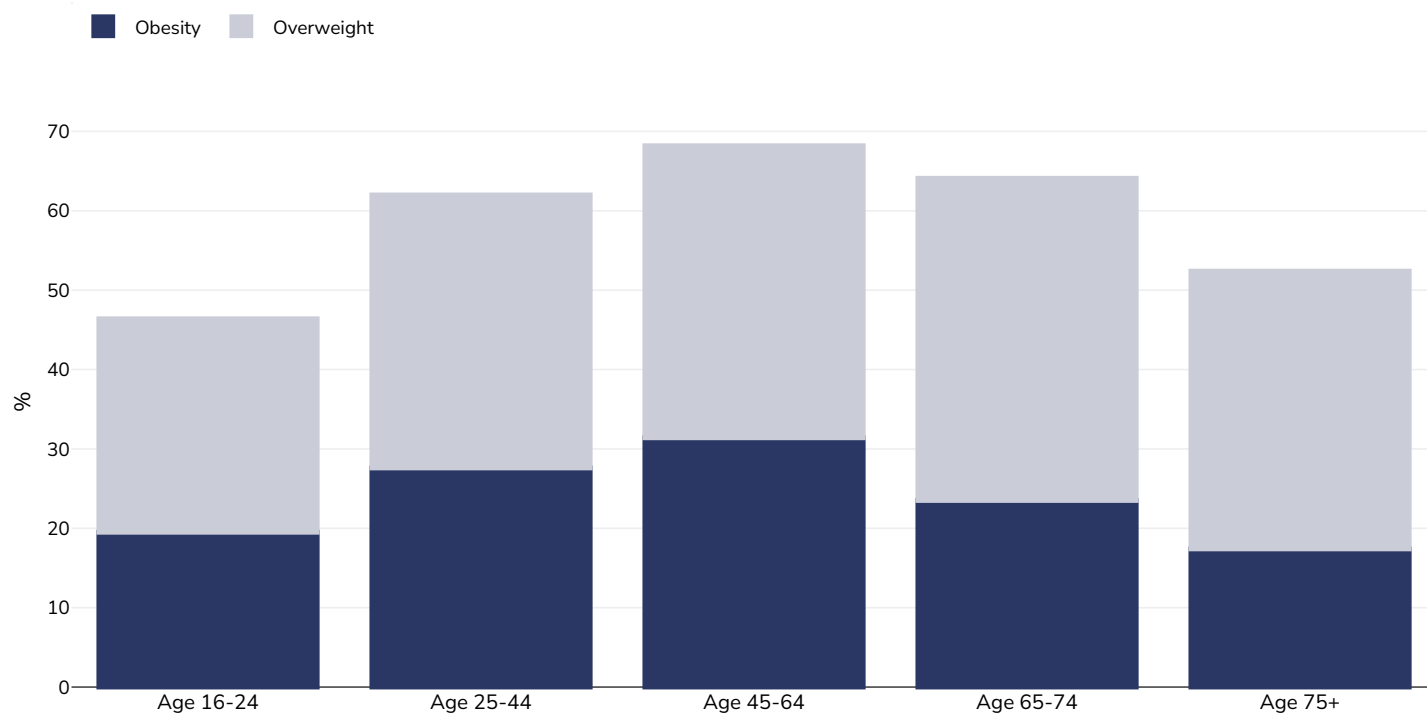
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Overweight/obesity by age

Adults, 2022-2023



Survey type: Self-reported

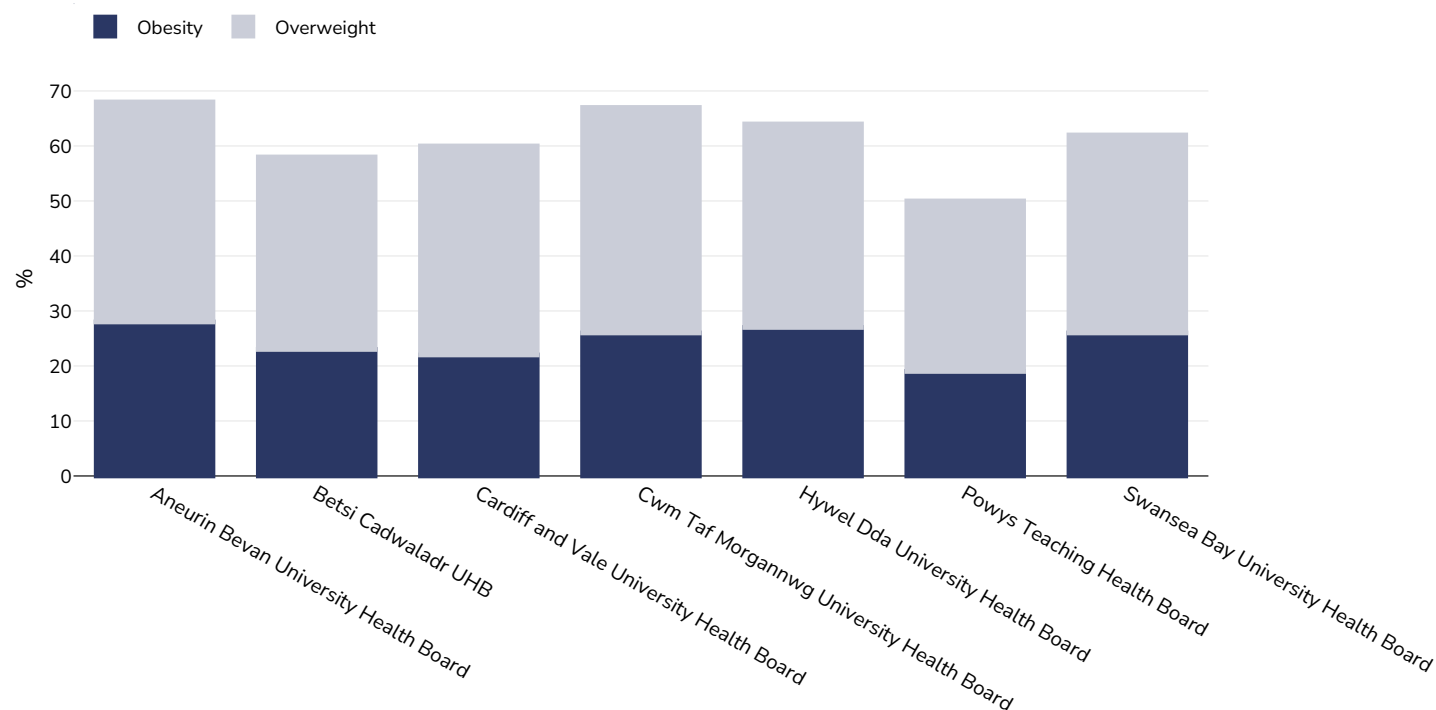
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Overweight/obesity by region

Adults, 2021-2022



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 16+

Area covered: National

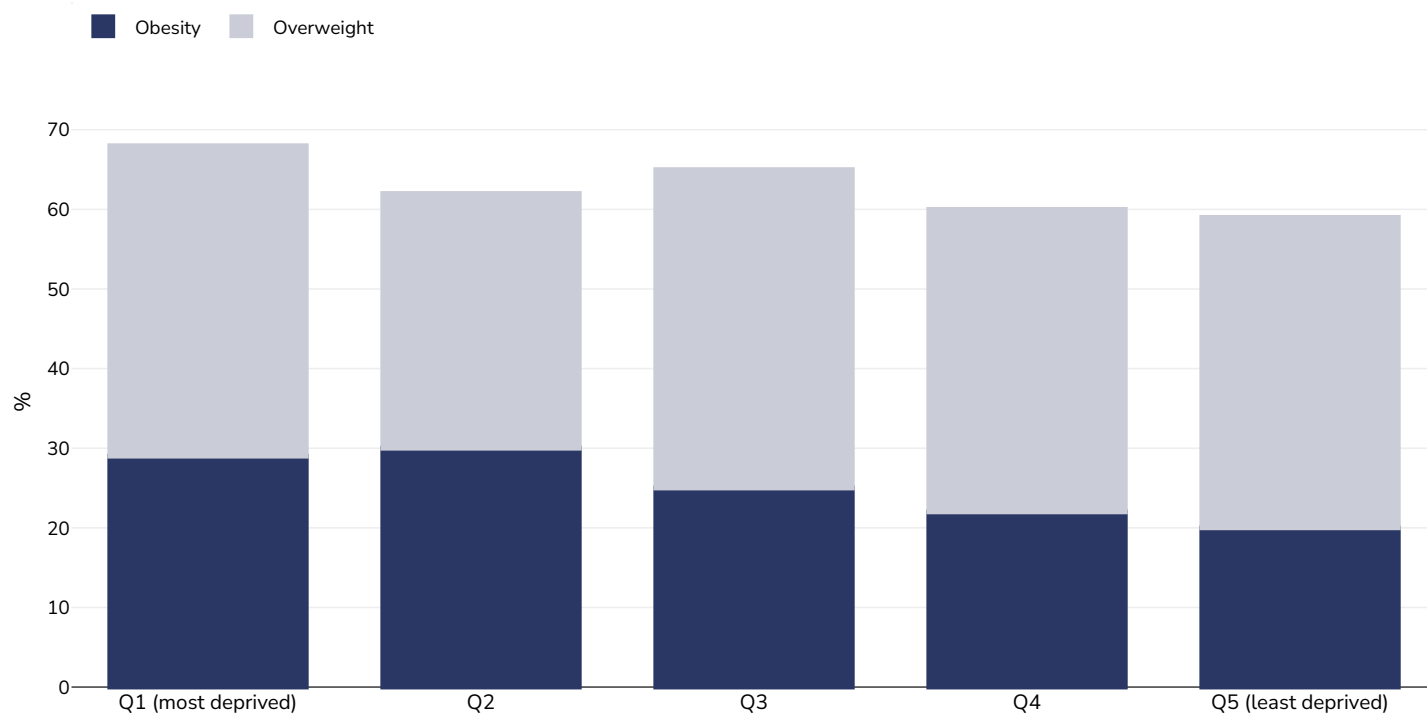
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Overweight/obesity by socio-economic group

Adults, 2021-2022



Survey type: Self-reported

Age: 16+

Area covered: National

References: Welsh Health Survey, available at <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/National-Survey-for-Wales/Population-Health/Adult-Lifestyles/adultlifestyles-by-year-from202021> (last accessed 25.04.23)

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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.

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