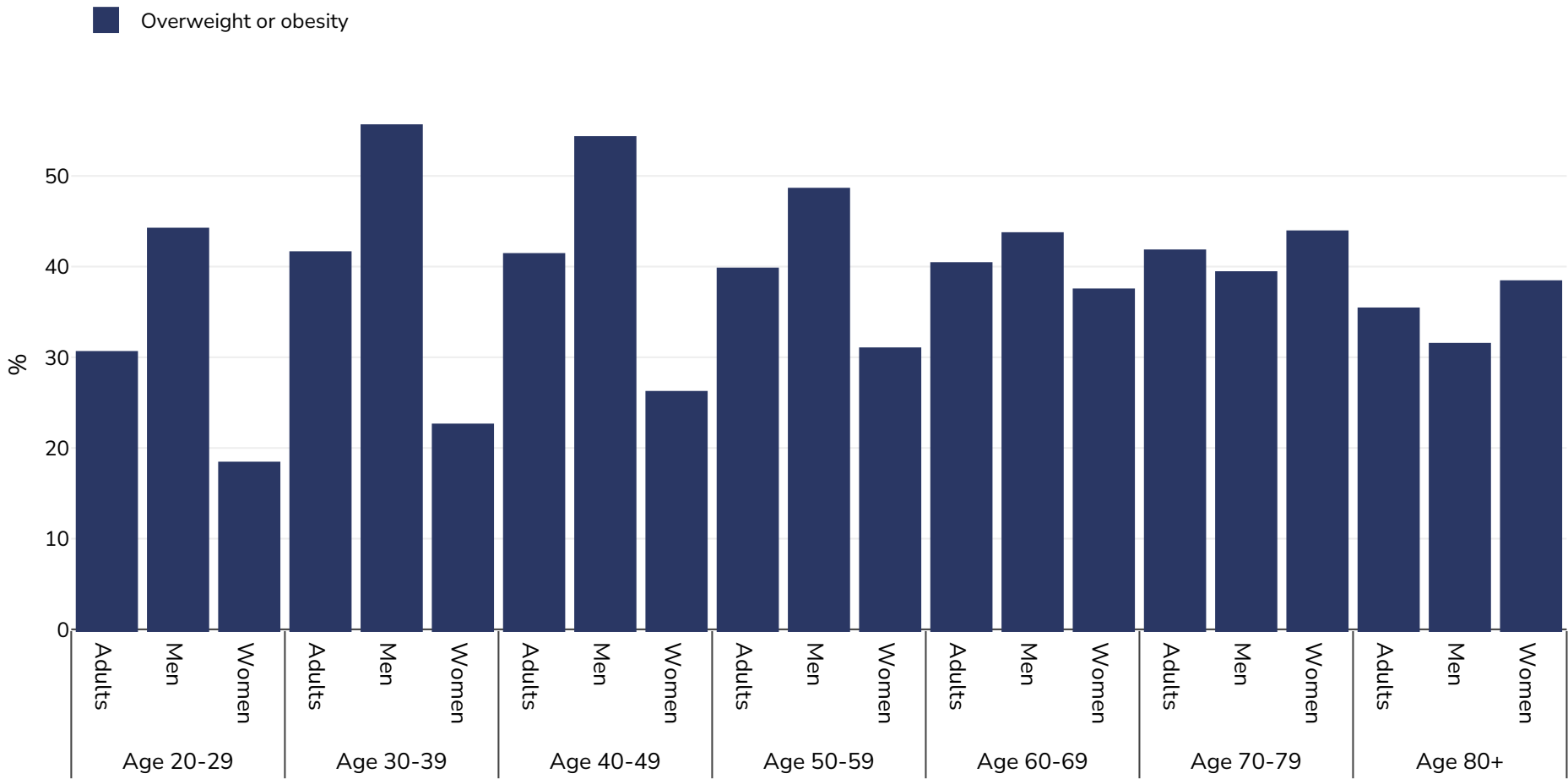


# South Korea: Overweight/obesity by age



Adults, 2021



Survey type:	Measured
Area covered:	National
References:	Jeong, S.M., Jung, J.H., Yang, Y.S., Kim, W., Cho, I.Y., Lee, Y.B., Park, K.Y., Nam, G.E. and Han, K., 2024. 2023 Obesity Fact Sheet: Prevalence of Obesity and Abdominal Obesity in Adults, Adolescents, and Children in Korea from 2012 to 2021. Journal of Obesity & Metabolic Syndrome, 33(1), p.27.
Notes:	Data from the Korean National Health Insurance Service health checkup database (covers 97% of the population). The missing 3% are Koreans in the lowest income bracket. The prevalence of obesity was standardised by age and sex based on the 2010 population and housing census.
Definitions:	WHO Asian cutoffs shown for BMI greater than or equal to 25kg/m² to allow comparison with non-Asian cutoffs. Data for overweight and obesity separately using WHO Asian cutoffs is not available in the paper.
Cutoffs:	WHO Asia

Unless otherwise noted, overweight refers to a BMI between 25kg and 29.9kg/m², obesity refers to a BMI greater than 30kg/m².