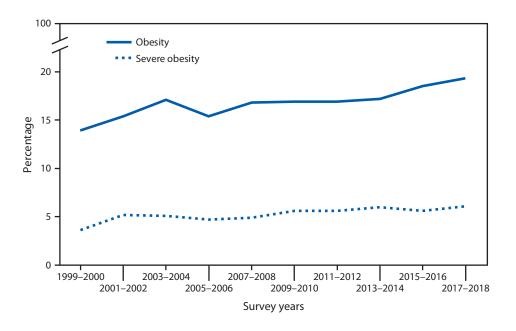
## FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS

## Prevalence of Obesity\* and Severe Obesity† Among Persons Aged 2–19 Years — National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999–2000 through 2017–2018



<sup>\*</sup> Body mass index (BMI) is calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared. Obesity was defined as BMI ≥95th percentile for age and sex on CDC growth charts (https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/cdc\_charts.htm).

From 1999–2000 to 2017–2018, the prevalence of obesity among persons aged 2–19 years increased from 13.9% to 19.3%, and the prevalence of severe obesity increased from 3.6% to 6.1%.

**Source:** National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999–2000 to 2017–2018. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Severe obesity was defined as BMI ≥120% of the 95th percentile for age and sex on CDC growth charts (https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/cdc\_charts.htm).