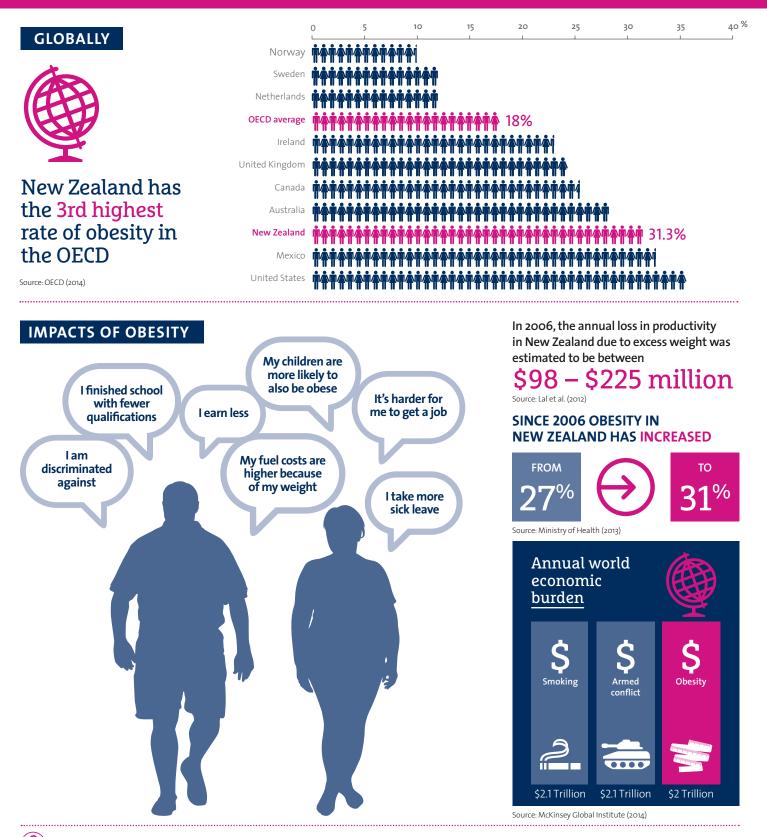
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The wider economic and social costs of obesity:

A discussion of the non-health impacts of obesity in New Zealand



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BMI INDEX OF OBESITY

BMI: ©25 ©3

This applies to all ethnicities, both sexes and all ages of adults

CLASSIFICATION	BMI SCORE (kg/m²)	RISK OF CO-MORBIDITY (multiple diseases)
Overweight	25.00-29.99	Increased risk
Obese:	≥ 30.00	High risk
Obese (class I)	30.00-34.99	Moderate risk
Obese (class II)	35.00-39.99	Severe risk
Obese (class III)	≥ 40.00	Very severe risk

Source: Ministry of Health (2013); World Health Organisation (2014)

The prevalence of obesity in New Zealand has increased over time. Current rates are 3 times those in 1977

Prevalence of obesity in the adult population aged 15 years and over; Total by sex

1977

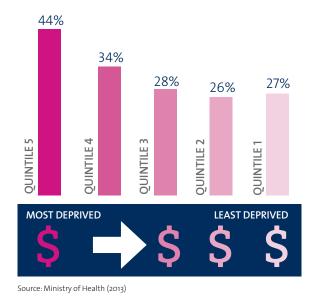
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Source: Ministry of Health (2004, 2013)

Adults and children living in deprived areas are more likely to be obese

Prevalence of adult obesity in New Zealand by deprivation quintile

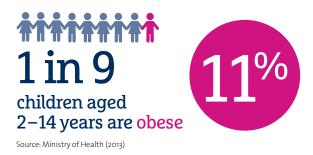
2012/13; Neighbourhood deprivation (NZDep2006 quintile); Non adjusted for age, sex and ethnicity

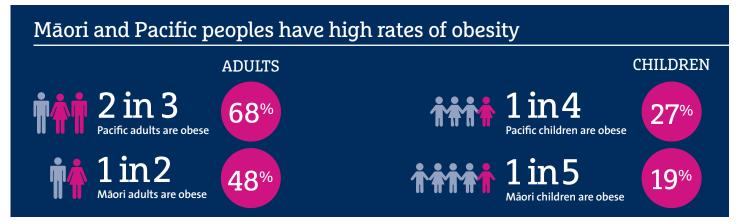




Children living in the most deprived areas are 4 times as likely to be obese

Source: Ministry of Health (2013)





30%

26%

Source: Ministry of Health (2013)

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