

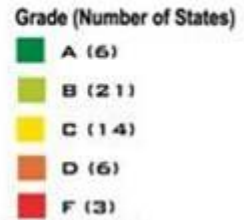


States rated on tackling obesity

State's number represents **Overweight Prevalence Ranking** (West Virginia ranks first with the highest overweight prevalence. Utah ranks 50th with the lowest prevalence).

STATE EFFORTS TO CONTROL CHILDHOOD OVERWEIGHT PREVALENCE

- A** CA, IL, OK, PA, SC, TN
- B** AR, CO, CT, FL, HI, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MO, NC, NH, NJ, NY, RI, TX, VT, WV
- C** AL, AK, AZ, DE, GA, IN, MI, MS, NE, NM, OH, OR, VA, WA
- D** ID, MN, MT, ND, SD, WI
- F** NV, UT, WY

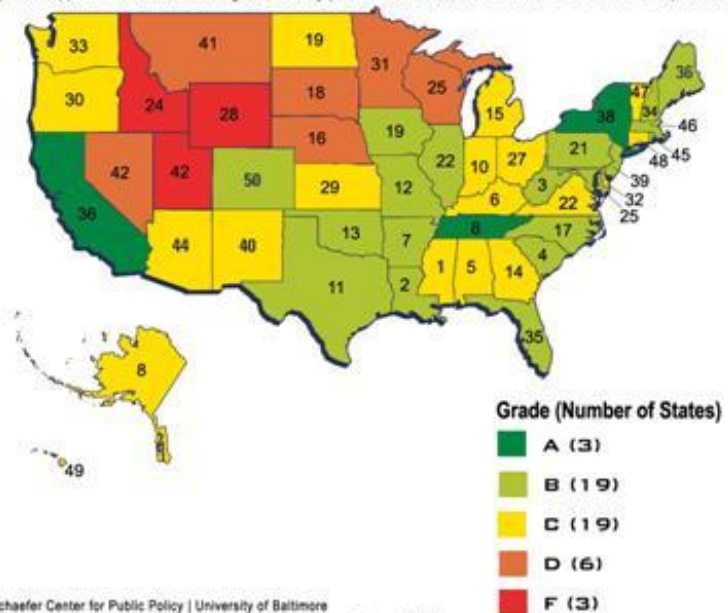


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 (The rankings of childhood overweight prevalence are derived from Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (2005); National Survey of Children's Health)

State's number represents Obesity Prevalence Ranking (Mississippi ranks first with the highest obesity prevalence. Colorado ranks 50th with the lowest prevalence).

STATE EFFORTS TO CONTROL OBESITY

- A** CA, NY, TN
- B** AR, CO, FL, IL, IA, LA, ME, MD, MA, MO, NH, NJ, NC, OK, PA, RI, SC, TX, WV
- C** AL, AK, AZ, CT, DE, GA, HI, IN, KS, KY, MI, MS, NM, ND, OH, OR, VT, VA, WA
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Obesity prevalence rankings derived from Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

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States are increasingly taking the initiative to address obesity through legislation and public policy. The University of Baltimore's annual Obesity Report Card for 2006 for the first time gave six states ó California, Illinois, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee ó an "A" for their work in addressing childhood obesity. Twenty-one states earned a B, 15 got a C, five received a D, and three ó Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming ó got a failing grade of F for doing nothing.

University researchers based their grades on eight types of legislation: nutrition standards; vending machine usage; body mass index (BMI) measured in school; recess and physical education; obesity programs and education; obesity research; obesity treatment in health insurance; and obesity commissions. "We're seeing more of these laws coming out of the states, and some of them are quite effective," said Zoltan Acs, co-founder of the University's Obesity Initiative. "A federal solution would be much more difficult. Every state has a different mix of populations, a different outlook on diet and nutrition, and so a one-size-fits-all approach would not be feasible," he added. For more details, see: <http://www.ubalt.edu/experts/obesity/>.

Montana Food and Nutrition Policies: Legislative Initiatives

Important food and nutrition policies are being considered by the 2007 legislature. Policy and legislative issues include: 1) Promoting Worksite Breastfeeding through Worksite

Policies: please call Mary Pittaway at 406- 523-4837 or pittawaym@ho.missoula.mt.us for more information and action plans; 2) Improved Access to Healthy School Meals: Please call Minkie Medora (406) 549-3413 or minkie.medora@gmail.com for more information and action plans.

- Link to status of **SB 89 Providing for breast feeding in the workplace:**
[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07/law0210W\\$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_DFT_NO5=LC0042&Z_ACTION=Find](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07/law0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_DFT_NO5=LC0042&Z_ACTION=Find)
- Link to status of **HB 479 Improve access to healthy school meals :**
[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07/LAW0203W\\$BSRV.ActionQuery?P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=&P_BILL_NO=&P_BILL_DFT_NO=LC1183&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SBJ_DESCR=&P_SBJT_SBJ_CD=&P_LST_NM1=&P_ENTY_ID_SEQ=](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07/LAW0203W$BSRV.ActionQuery?P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=&P_BILL_NO=&P_BILL_DFT_NO=LC1183&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SBJ_DESCR=&P_SBJT_SBJ_CD=&P_LST_NM1=&P_ENTY_ID_SEQ=)

Community Events

Walk and Roll for Meals on Wheels Saturday March 17th . Please see attached posters for more details