



Initial data of 276,783 Arkansas public school students indicates that 38 percent of the state’s Caucasian students are either overweight or at risk of being overweight. Among African-American students, the number is slightly higher with 43 percent either overweight or at risk. The Hispanic population had the highest number of overweight or at-risk students with 47 percent.

Race	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic
Overweight	39,182 (20.9%)	15,281 (25.1%)	3,121 (27.4%)
At Risk	32,646 (17.4%)	10,927 (18.0%)	2,345 (20.6%)
Normal	112,253 (59.9%)	33,825 (55.6%)	5,802 (51.0%)
Underweight	3,269 (1.7%)	836 (1.4%)	112 (1.0%)
Total	187,350	60,869	11,380

Females	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic
Overweight	18.3	27.1	23.2
At Risk	17.8	18.7	21.5

Males	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic
Overweight	23.2	23.1	31.4
At Risk	17.0	17.2	20.0