



BMI for Asian and Asian American Adults

Body mass index (BMI) is a ratio of your weight to height. It estimates the total body fat and assesses the risks for diseases related to increased body fat. The risk of developing many diseases increases with a higher BMI. Asians and Asian Americans may have increased health risks at a lower BMI. Therefore, BMI cutoff points on this chart are lower than those defined by National Institutes of Health (NIH).

WEIGHT

		90lb	95lb	100lb	105lb	110lb	115lb	120lb	125lb	130lb	135lb	140lb	145lb	150lb	155lb	160lb	165lb	170lb	175lb	180lb	185lb	190lb	195lb	200lb	205lb	210lb	215lb	220lb
lb		90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	155	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	195	200	205	210	215	220
kg		40.9	43.2	45.5	47.7	50.0	52.3	54.5	56.8	59.1	61.4	63.6	65.9	68.2	70.5	72.7	75.0	77.3	79.5	81.8	84.1	86.4	88.6	90.9	93.2	95.5	97.7	100
HEIGHT	4'10" (147cm)	18.8	19.9	20.9	22.0	23.0	24.1	25.1	26.2	27.2	28.3	29.3	30.4	31.4	32.5	33.5	34.6	35.6	36.7	37.7	38.7	39.8	40.8	41.9	42.9	44.0	45.0	46.1
	4'11" (150cm)	18.2	19.2	20.2	21.3	22.3	23.3	24.3	25.3	26.3	27.3	28.3	29.3	30.4	31.4	32.4	33.4	34.4	35.4	36.4	37.4	38.5	39.5	40.5	41.5	42.5	43.5	44.5
	5'0" (152cm)	17.6	18.6	19.6	20.5	21.5	22.5	23.5	24.5	25.4	26.4	27.4	28.4	29.4	30.3	31.3	32.3	33.3	34.2	35.2	36.2	37.2	38.2	39.1	40.1	41.1	42.1	43.1
	5'1" (155cm)	17.0	18.0	18.9	19.9	20.8	21.8	22.7	23.7	24.6	25.6	26.5	27.5	28.4	29.3	30.3	31.2	32.2	33.1	34.1	35.0	36.0	36.9	37.9	38.8	39.8	40.7	41.7
	5'2" (157cm)	16.5	17.4	18.3	19.2	20.2	21.1	22.0	22.9	23.8	24.7	25.7	26.6	27.5	28.4	29.3	30.2	31.2	32.1	33.0	33.9	34.8	35.7	36.7	37.6	38.5	39.4	40.3
	5'3" (160cm)	16.0	16.9	17.8	18.6	19.5	20.4	21.3	22.2	23.1	24.0	24.9	25.7	26.6	27.5	28.4	29.3	30.2	31.1	32.0	32.8	33.7	34.6	35.5	36.4	37.3	38.2	39.1
	5'4" (163cm)	15.5	16.3	17.2	18.1	18.9	19.8	20.6	21.5	22.4	23.2	24.1	24.9	25.8	26.7	27.5	28.4	29.2	30.1	31.0	31.8	32.7	33.5	34.4	35.3	36.1	37.0	37.8
	5'5" (165cm)	15.0	15.8	16.7	17.5	18.3	19.2	20.0	20.8	21.7	22.5	23.3	24.2	25.0	25.8	26.7	27.5	28.3	29.2	30.0	30.8	31.7	32.5	33.4	34.2	35.0	35.9	36.7
	5'6" (168cm)	14.6	15.4	16.2	17.0	17.8	18.6	19.4	20.2	21.0	21.8	22.6	23.5	24.3	25.1	25.9	26.7	27.5	28.3	29.1	29.9	30.7	31.5	32.3	33.2	34.0	34.8	35.6
	5'7" (170cm)	14.1	14.9	15.7	16.5	17.3	18.0	18.8	19.6	20.4	21.2	22.0	22.8	23.5	24.3	25.1	25.9	26.7	27.5	28.3	29.0	29.8	30.6	31.4	32.2	33.0	33.7	34.5
	5'8" (173cm)	13.7	14.5	15.2	16.0	16.8	17.5	18.3	19.0	19.8	20.6	21.3	22.1	22.9	23.6	24.4	25.1	25.9	26.7	27.4	28.2	28.9	29.7	30.5	31.2	32.0	32.8	33.5
	5'9" (175cm)	13.3	14.1	14.8	15.5	16.3	17.0	17.8	18.5	19.2	20.0	20.7	21.5	22.2	22.9	23.7	24.4	25.2	25.9	26.6	27.4	28.1	28.9	29.6	30.3	31.1	31.8	32.6
	5'10" (178cm)	12.9	13.7	14.4	15.1	15.8	16.5	17.3	18.0	18.7	19.4	20.1	20.8	21.6	22.3	23.0	23.7	24.4	25.2	25.9	26.6	27.3	28.0	28.8	29.5	30.2	30.9	31.6
	5'11" (180cm)	12.6	13.3	14.0	14.7	15.4	16.1	16.8	17.5	18.2	18.9	19.6	20.3	21.0	21.7	22.4	23.1	23.8	24.5	25.2	25.9	26.6	27.3	28.0	28.7	29.4	30.0	30.7
	6'0" (183cm)	12.2	12.9	13.6	14.3	14.9	15.6	16.3	17.0	17.7	18.3	19.0	19.7	20.4	21.1	21.7	22.4	23.1	23.8	24.5	25.1	25.8	26.5	27.2	27.9	28.5	29.2	29.9
	6'1" (185cm)	11.9	12.6	13.2	13.9	14.5	15.2	15.9	16.5	17.2	17.8	18.5	19.2	19.8	20.5	21.2	21.8	22.5	23.1	23.8	24.5	25.1	25.8	26.4	27.1	27.8	28.4	29.1
	6'2" (188cm)	11.6	12.2	12.9	13.5	14.2	14.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	17.4	18.0	18.7	19.3	19.9	20.6	21.2	21.9	22.5	23.2	23.8	24.4	25.1	25.7	26.4	27.0	27.7	28.3

*Note: BMI may not apply to athletes who tend to have large muscle mass, elderly people, pregnant women and children.

What is my BMI?

You can use the chart above to find out your BMI:

1. Look down the left column to find your height
2. Look across the row to find your weight
3. The number that intersects is your BMI

What does my BMI mean?

BMI Cutoff for Asians and Asian Americans	Weight Status	NIH BMI Cutoff	Comments
<18.5	Underweight	<18.5	Being underweight can put you at risk for developing many health problems. Talk to your healthcare provider about your ideal body weight.
18.5-22.9	Healthy weight range	18.5-24.9	Your weight is within healthy range. Continue exercising and eating healthfully.
23.0-26.9	Overweight	25.0-29.9	Being overweight can put you at risk for developing many chronic diseases. Talk to your healthcare provider about your ideal body weight and how to make healthy lifestyle changes.
≥27.0	Obese	≥30.0	Obesity increases the risk for developing many chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, and decreases overall quality of life. Talk to your healthcare provider about your ideal body weight and how to make healthy lifestyle changes.