



# BMI for Asian Adults in the United States

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

HEIGHT	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
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.

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### 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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Height (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Weight (pounds): \_\_\_\_\_

Body Mass Index (BMI): \_\_\_\_\_

### What does my BMI mean?

BMI Cutoff for Asians and Asian Americans	NIH BMI Cutoff	Comments
<18.5	<18.5	Your weight is <b>below healthy range</b> . This can put you at risk for developing many health problems. Talk to your healthcare provider about your ideal body weight.
18.5-22.9	18.5-24.9	Your weight is <b>within healthy range</b> . Continue exercising and eating healthfully.
23.0-26.9	25.0-29.9	Your weight is <b>above healthy range</b> . Your risk for developing diabetes and other chronic diseases are higher. Talk to your healthcare provider about your ideal body weight and how to make healthy lifestyle changes.
≥27.0	≥30.0	Your weight is <b>further above healthy range</b> . It further increases your 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.