

## Examine the Data: Overweight Youth in the United States

Gender Breakdown	Year 1971 - 1974 Percent of Overweight Youth	Year 1999 - 2000 Percent of Overweight Youth	Percent Difference
<b>MALES</b>			
Ages 6 - 11	4.0%	16.0%	
Ages 12 - 19	6.1%	15.5%	
<b>FEMALES</b>			
Ages 6 - 11	3.6%	14.5%	
Ages 12 - 19	6.2%	15.5%	

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (1982–84), and National Health Examination Survey (1963–65 and 1966–70).

Directions: Using the chart above, complete the following questions.

1. Calculate the percent difference from year 1971 - 74 to 1999 - 2000 and enter the data in the provided column.
2. Make inferences as to why in the United States there has been an increase in the percentage of overweight youth over the last 20 years. Brainstorm your ideas below.


3. After brainstorming your list, select the one factor you think has been the primary cause for an increase in overweight youth. Write a short essay on the back explaining your rationale.

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