Student Weight Status Category Report: 2008-2009
New York State (Exclusive of New York City)

Weight Status Category* of Students: 2008-2009 School Year (See Note)

Note: The percentage of students within a weight status category reflects data reported to the Student Weight Status Category Reporting System during the first year of mandatory reporting, the 2008-09 school year. Due to the limitations listed below, these data should not be considered to represent all school aged-children in New York State (exclusive of New York City).

- Only half of the school districts in New York State are required to report each year.

- The federal regulations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) limit data reporting if numbers of students in any particular weight status category are fewer than five. This limitation prevented many small districts and some schools from reporting data.

- Parents/guardians may request that their child’s weight status be excluded from reporting.

- Children without weight status information recorded on health certificates/appraisals or whose parents did not return a health appraisal are not represented in the percentages.

*Based on sex-specific Body Mass Index-for-age percentile.