

Table 1 Demographic and anthropometric characteristics of the study sample of Jordanian public and private schoolchildren

Variable	Public schoolchildren (<i>n</i> = 386)	Private schoolchildren (<i>n</i> = 349)	<i>P</i> -value ^a
Male:female ratio (%)	52.9:47.1	52.1:47.9	0.882
Age (years) [mean (SE)]	16.6 (0.95)	15.8 (0.86)	0.001
Body weight (kg) [mean (SE)]	59.1 (0.77)	62.5 (0.69)	0.038
Height (cm) [mean (SE)]	166 (0.5)	166 (0.4)	0.515
BMI [mean (SE)]	21.4 (0.22)	22.5 (0.21)	0.003
Waist circumference (cm) [mean (SE)]	77.5 (0.61)	79.3 (0.53)	0.258
Waist/height ratio (%) [mean (SE)]	46.8 (0.003)	47.7 (0.003)	0.160
Overweight or obese (%)	16.7	26.0	0.002
Overweight (%)	10.2	18.4	0.005
Obese (%)	6.5	7.6	0.005

^a*t*-test for independent samples; chi-squared test for proportions.

BMI = body mass index; WC = waist circumference; SE = standard error.