

**Table 2 Prevalence of underweight, normal weight, overweight and obesity based on body mass index by sex and ethnicity in 12–14-year-old students**

Ethnicity	Underweight		Normal weight		Overweight		Obesity		P-value <sup>a</sup>								
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females									
Arab	11	4.6	4	1.6	168	70.0	155	62.0	26	10.8	47	18.8	35	14.5	44	17.6	0.01
Kurdish	12	5.4	8	3.1	153	69.2	174	67.2	34	15.4	56	21.6	22	10.0	21	8.1	0.20
Sistani & Baluchi	59	25.7	34	13.3	154	67.0	181	70.7	11	4.8	32	12.5	6	2.6	9	3.5	< 0.001
Turkish	6	2.7	9	3.7	140	62.2	178	73.3	49	21.8	43	17.7	30	13.3	13	5.3	0.009
Turkman	14	5.5	7	2.8	188	74.0	177	71.1	25	9.8	47	18.9	27	10.6	18	7.2	0.01
Total	102	8.7	62	4.9	803	68.6	865	68.8	145	12.4	225	17.9	120	10.3	105	8.4	< 0.001

Data are presented as number and percentage.

<sup>a</sup> Pearson chi-squared test comparing sex and body mass index category in each ethnic group