

**Table 5 Prevalence of obesity (body mass index  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) in the host countries and Eastern Mediterranean Region and detection rates in the present study of Palestine refugees**

Country/population	Males %	Females %	Source
<b><i>Jordan</i></b>			
Host country	10.3	16.2	2002 national survey, age > 18 yrs
Palestine refugees <sup>a</sup>	32.7	53.7	UNRWA 2007
<b><i>Lebanon</i></b>			
Host country	14.3	18.8	1997 national survey, age > 20 yrs
Palestine refugees <sup>a</sup>	22.4	38.7	UNRWA 2007
<b><i>Gaza Strip and West Bank</i></b>			
Host country	30.0	50.0	2003 survey, Birzeit University
Gaza: Palestine refugees <sup>a</sup>	34.1	41.6	UNRWA 2007
West Bank: Palestine refugees <sup>a</sup>	28.7	52.6	UNRWA 2007
<b><i>Syrian Arab Republic</i></b>			
Host country (subnational)	28.8	46.4	2006 Aleppo survey, age 18–65 yrs
Palestine refugees <sup>a</sup>	25.0	42.7	UNRWA 2007
<b><i>Israel</i></b>	19.8	25.4	2001 national survey, age 25–64 yrs
<b><i>Eastern Mediterranean Region</i></b>	30–60	35–75	Musaiger AO [10]

UNRWA = United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

<sup>a</sup>Data refer only to the Palestinian refugees screened for noncommunicable diseases at UNRWA health centres.