

# Obesity is Growing Worldwide: Americans Are Overweight, The World's Fattest People

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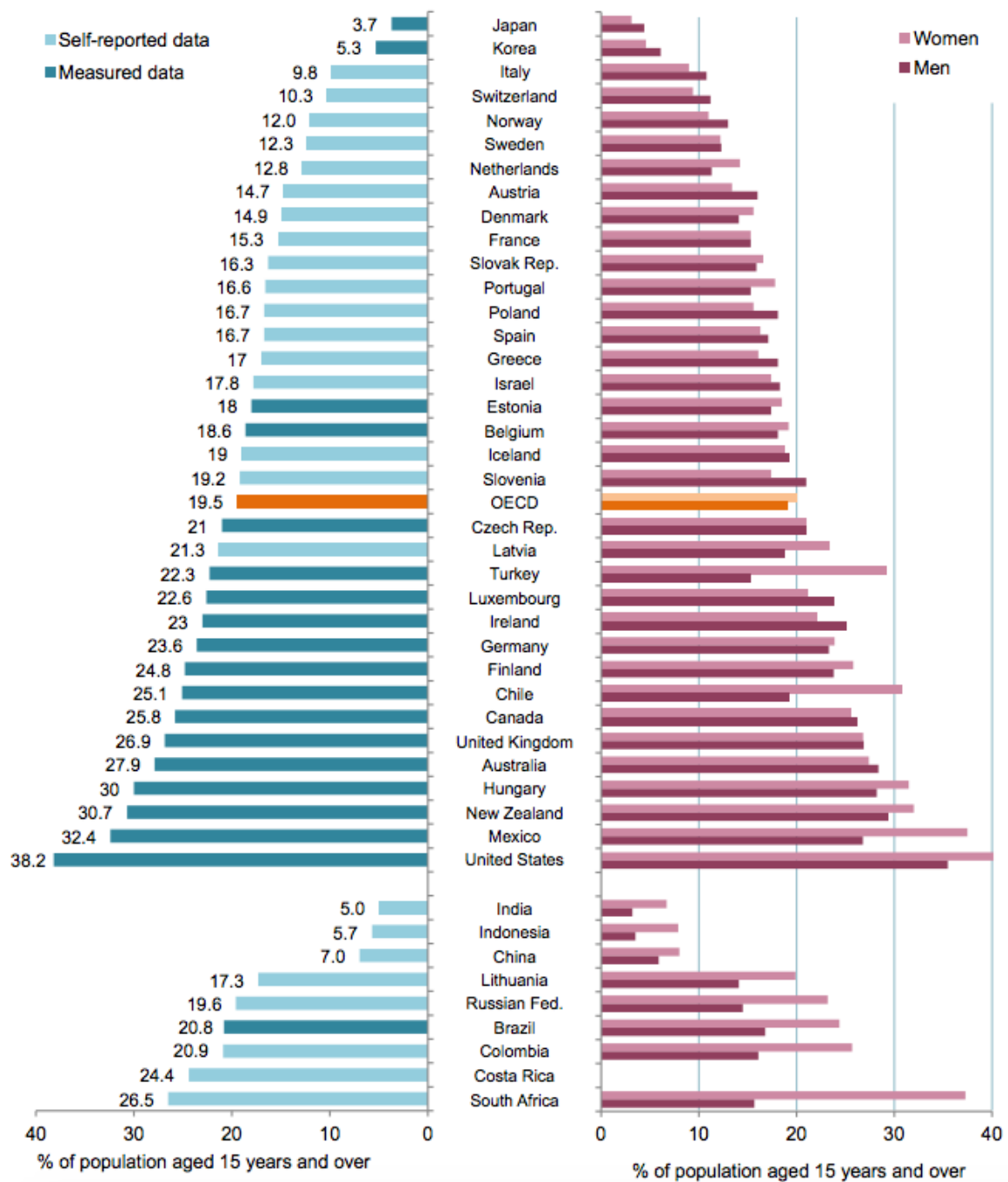
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*Obesity is one case that is growing more rapidly worldwide. According to the OECD Health Statistics 2017, the United States has the largest percentage of obesity cases among population aged 15 years and above, led by women.*

Figure 1: Obesity among adults, 2015 or nearest year



Source: OECD (2017), OECD Health Statistics 2017 (Forthcoming in June 2017).

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