# Association of Alternate Anthropometric Measures on All-Cause and Cardiovascular Disease-Related Mortality in U.S. Adults, 2007-2018

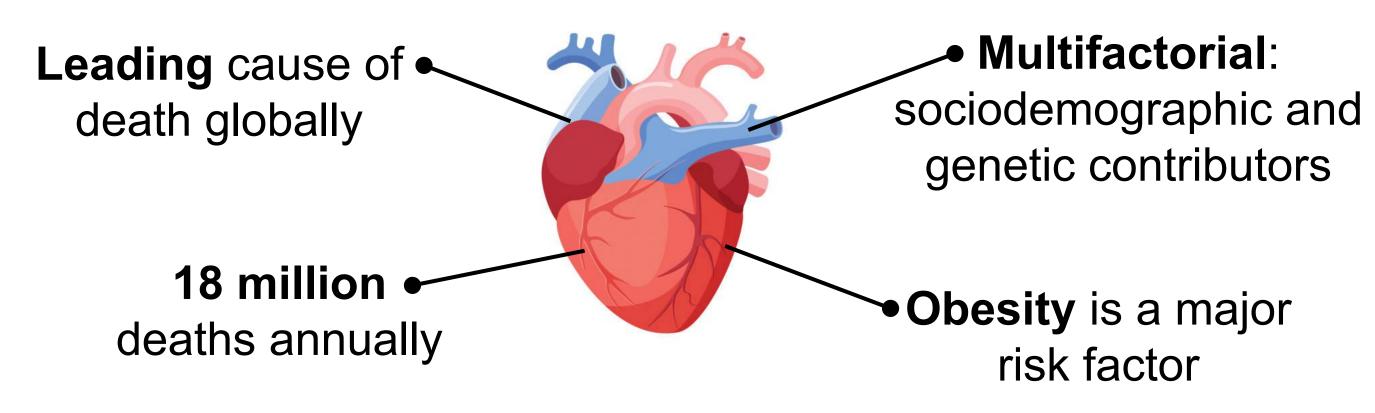
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# Introduction

## Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)



## Obesity

Excess fat distribution

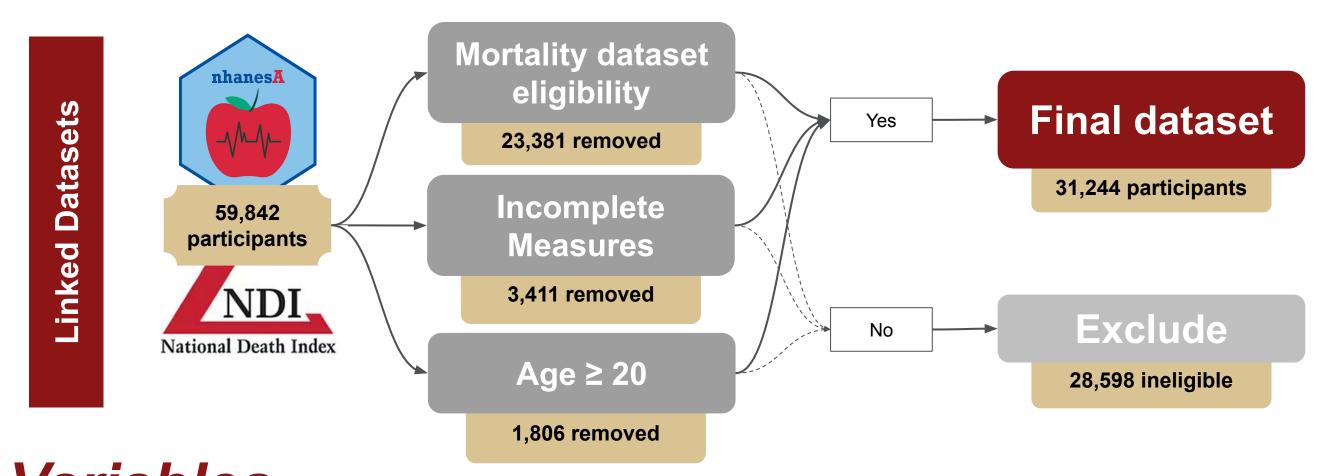
Commonly represented by Body Mass Index (BMI)

BMI can vary inaccurately by race, gender, and adiposity differences

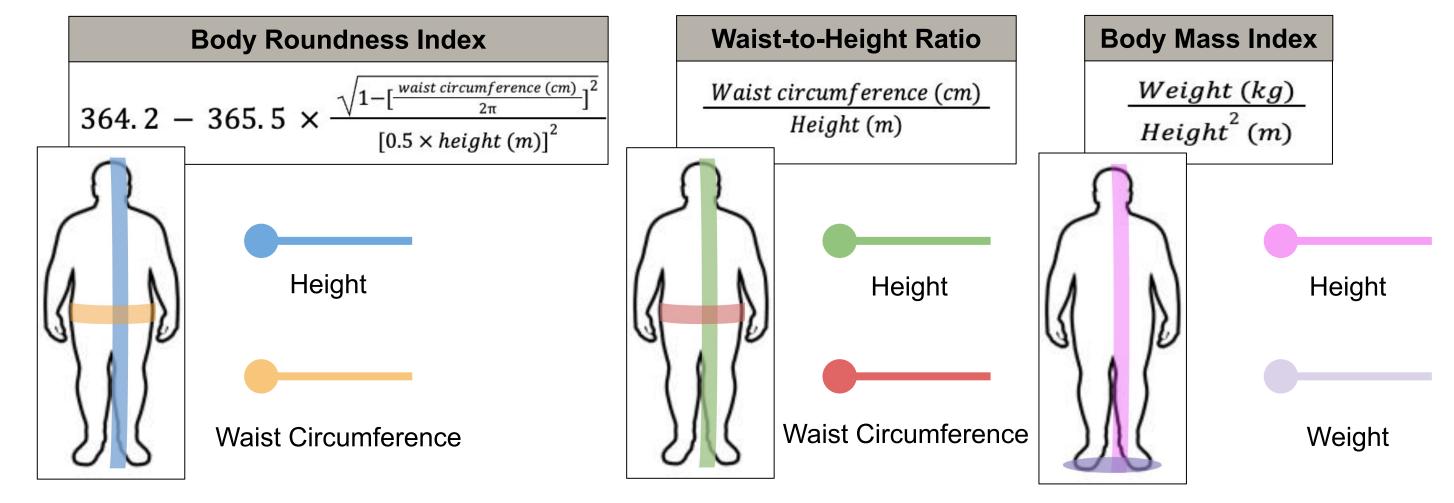
Proposed alternatives: Body Roundness Index (BRI) and Waist-to-Height Ratio (WHtR)

# Methods

## Eligibility Flowchart



## Variables



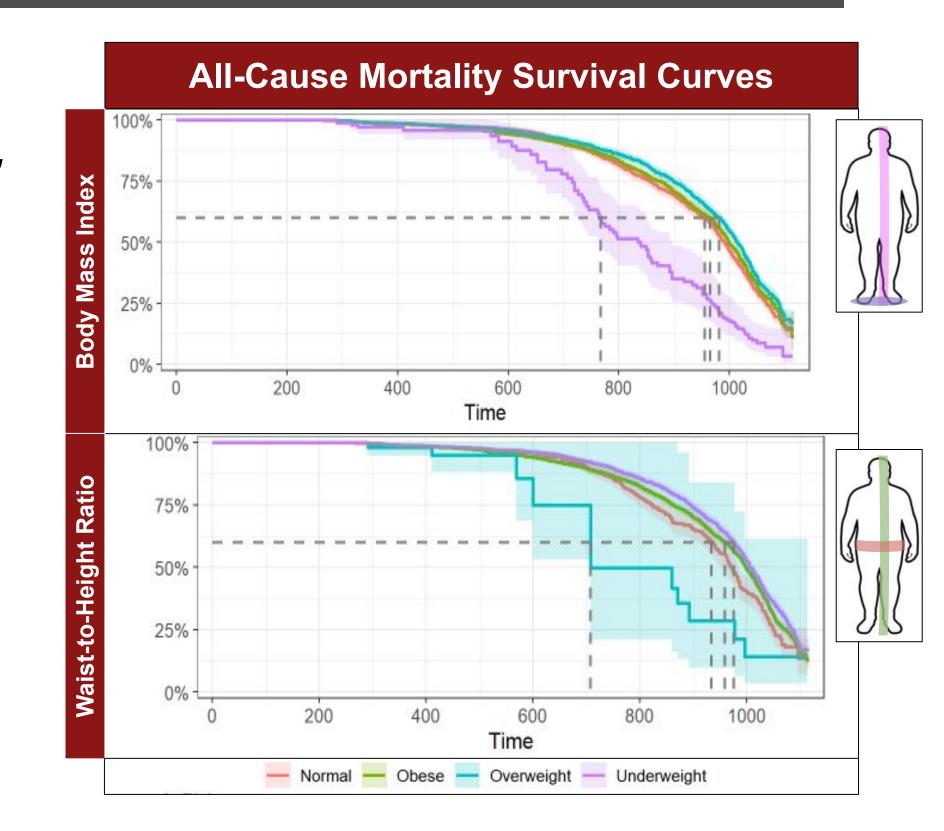
Covariates: Sex, Age, Race, Nativity, Educational Level, Poverty-to-Income Ratio

**Outcomes** All-cause and CVD-related mortality

## Results

#### Among 31,244 eligible adults,

- 16,012 (51.5%) female
- Mean (SD) age 47.2 (16.8)
- Population weights:
- 66.1% Non-Hispanic White
- 14.6% Hispanic
- 11.2% Non-Hispanic Black
- 8.1% Other race



		BRI	WHtR	BMI
Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	All-Cause Mortality	1.06 (1.03 - 1.09)	3.39 (1.79 - 6.40)	1.01 (0.99 - 1.02)
	CVD-Related Mortality	1.12 (1.06 - 1.17)	12.84 (3.50 - 47.1)	1.03 (1.01 - 1.05)

Waist-to-Height Ratio is associated with greater risk of all cause and CVD mortality than Body Mass index

# Racial Disparity Findings: Obesity and Mortality

- Non-Hispanic Black Females
  - Highest proportion of obesity when measured with BMI (55.0%).
  - Highest proportion of high risk BRI (35.0%).
  - Highest proportion of high risk according to WHtR (56.8%).
- Non-Hispanic White males
  - Highest rate of all-cause mortality (8.1%).
  - Highest rate of CVD related mortality (2.4%).

# Conclusions

## Anthropometric Measures

- WHtR had the strongest association with all-cause and CVD-related mortality
- BRI and BMI both had inferior associative ability,
   with BMI as the least accurate

## Racial Disparities

- Non-Hispanic Black females highest proportion of obesity across all measures
- Non-Hispanic White males highest rate of mortality for both all-cause and CVD-related.

These findings highlight the need for alternative body composition measures and associating with cardiovascular disease mortality risk.

# **Future Directions**

- Exploring predictive ability of alternative anthropometric measures for prevalence rates in other CVD conditions.
- Investigating the **high obesity rate** in *Non-Hispanic* Black females through varying biological and sociodemographic explanatory variables.

### Limitations

- Waist circumference (WC), a body shape index (ABSI), or Waist-to-Hip ratio (WHR) not included in survival analysis due to small sample size issues as most participants lacked a hip circumference measurement.
- Unable to obtain "Other" race disaggregation.

# Abstract & References



