



CAUSES OF OBESITY

Obesity is a disease, not a lifestyle choice. Causes of obesity can range from geneticⁱ and endocrineⁱⁱ conditions to environmental factorsⁱⁱⁱ such as stress, diet, increasingly sedentary working patterns and obesogenic environment^{iv}

GENES

Genes can cause certain disorders which may result in obesity. Studies have identified **more than 30 genes on 12 chromosomes**

that are associated with body mass index^v

WORK, LIFESTYLE & URBANISATION

An average European spends **over 5 hours** a day **sitting down**vi



People don't burn as many calories when working as they used to:

1960

Men 1500kcal Women 1300kcal

2010

Men 1400kcal, Women 1200kcal^{vii}

15-13% reduction



Europeans who prefer using **cars for daily commuting** and long distance travel

Europeans who use **public transport** (requiring greater activity) on a regular basis^{viii}

European population living in urban areas^{ix}:

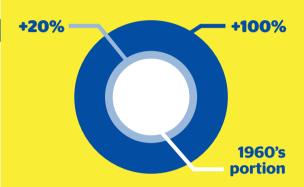




Increasing stigma towards people living with obesity^x

LARGER PORTIONS

Portion sizes of sugar-sweetened beverages, confectionary and snacks increased in size by between **20% and 100%** since 1960xi



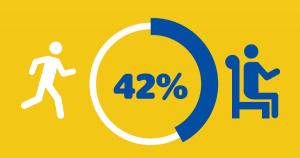
NUTRITION

Energy (kcal) imbalance. People in the EU are consuming **500kcal/day more** than 40 years ago^{xii}



LACK OF ACTIVITY

42% of people don't ever exercise in the EUxili



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