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Child Obesity

The number of U.S. children having obesity surgery has tripled in recent years, surging at a pace that could mean more than 1,000 such operations each year, new research suggests.

Further, an additional Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Study also indicates that childhood obesity is making it increasingly difficult for U.S. parents to squeeze their kids into car safety seats. At least 182,000 of the nation's 3.83 million three-year-olds may be riding in ill-fitting restraints or in none at all. Excluding the three-year-old children and additional 100,000 overweight children under the age of six may be riding in unsafe seats as well.

Obesity has doubled for U.S. children ages two to five and tripled for kids ages six to eleven in the past thirty years according to a 2000 study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.