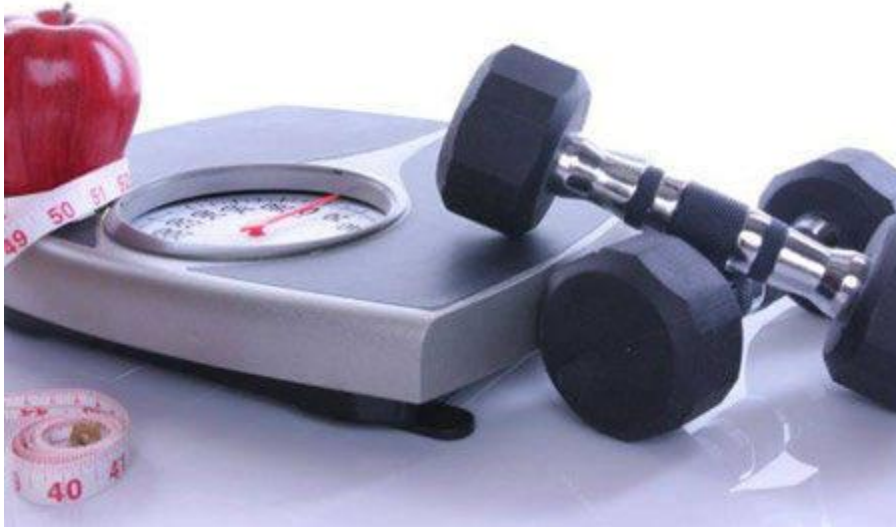


Weight jibes raise obesity risk

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Weight discrimination may drive people to become fatter instead of motivating them to slim down, research has shown.

Angelina Sutin and Antonio Terracciano from the Florida State University College of Medicine compared the height and weight of over 6000 participants, measured in 2006 and 2010.

They found that participants who experienced weight discrimination earlier were 2.5 times more likely to become obese by the follow-up assessment in 2010. Obese participants who perceived weight discrimination in 2006 were more likely to remain obese at the later time than those who had not experienced such discrimination.