In a study conducted at The NIH Clinical Center, scientists found that eating habits and body fat are related to differences in brain chemistry. The study also tied eating in response to food cues to the brain's habit-forming region in obese adults.

SOURCE: NIH, Sep 9, 2014
Read more: http://1.usa.gov/1tI6ZhD

OBESITY PREVALENCE MAPS

Obesity prevalence in 2013 varies across states and regions
CDC released the 2013 state of obesity using new Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data. The self-reported prevalence of obesity in adults ranges from a low of 21.3% in Colorado to a high of 35.1% in both Mississippi and West Virginia.

Click for interactive maps:  
http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/prevalence-maps.html

**AMERICA'S RACIAL DIVIDE, CHARTED**

Health disparities between people of different races are thought to arise from a number of factors, including poverty; health-insurance rates; housing stock; access to grocery stores and parks; and discrimination in how people of different races are treated by medical professionals.

More blacks than whites had no usual source of health care as recently as 2011-2012. It remains to be seen how the health law now being put into place might change that equation.

The law is likely to help large numbers of blacks, but many living in states that have chosen not to expand Medicaid will remain without coverage.

**SOURCE:** The New York Times  http://goo.gl/FAYXfe

**NEW SECTION**
The Mid-South TCC recognizes that our region becomes stronger and healthier when communities and universities work together to build mutually beneficial partnerships. In all of our work, we emphasize academic-community partnerships that are collaborative, participatory, and empowering.

Through these partnerships, academic investigators benefit from enhanced community participation in related research studies, greater community buy-in to the research agenda of the Mid-south TCC, and clearer routes of dissemination and intervention sustainability.

The communities will benefit by participating in a dialogue with the Mid-South TCC about the research agenda, as well as from the dissemination of evidence-based obesity and chronic disease interventions and enhanced access to state-of-the-art research.

This new section will highlight the work of the Mid-South TCC partner organizations as well as provide tools and resources to help leverage their mission.

Contact: Community Engagement Core

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Contact: Dissemination Core

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