**Appendix 4: The Institute of medicine (US) and National Research Council (US) Committee guidelines for pregnancy weight gain1**

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| **Pre-pregnancy BMI +** | **Total weight gain (kg)** | **Rates of Weight Gain\* 2nd and 3rd Trimester (kg)** |
| **Mean (range) in kg/week** |
| Underweight (< 18.5 kg/m2) | 12.5–18 | 0.51 (0.44–0.58) |
| Normal weight (18.5–24.9 kg/m2) | 11.5-16  | 0.42 (0.35–0.50) |
| Overweight (25.0–29.9 kg/m2) | 7-11.5  | 0.28 (0.23–0.33) |
| Obese (≥ 30.0 kg/m2) | 5-9  | 0.22 (0.17–0.27) |

**Abbreviations: BMI- Body Mass Index.**

**\***Calculations assume a 0.5–2 kg weight gain in the first trimester. +Adolescents should aim for weight gains at upper end of recommendations.

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