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Standard Tables of Body Measurements for Children, Sizes 2 to 6x/7¹

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INTRODUCTION

These tables were developed from data published by the U.S. Department of Commerce. These data were based on original research conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture² in the 1930s. These tables take into consideration children's growth patterns reflected in the 1980 charts for the National Center for Health Statistics³ and the 1977 Anthropometric Study of U.S. Infants and Children conducted by the University of Michigan.⁴ All sudden shifts of proportion have been eliminated so as to reflect the gradual growth and development of the child. A limited sampling of children was measured and fitted with garments made as directed in these tables to verify the proposed body measurements.

1. Scope

1.1 These tables list body measurements of children, sizes 2 to 6x/7. Although these measurements are body measurements, they can be used as a baseline in designing apparel for children in this age range when taking into account such factors as fabric type, ease for body movement, styling, and fit.

1.2 The values stated in either acceptable metric units or other units shall be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other, without combining values in any way.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 123 Terminology Relating to Textiles⁵

D 5219 Terminology Relating to Body Dimensions for Apparel Sizing⁶

2.2 ISO Standard:

ISO 3635 Size Designation of Clothes, Definitions, and Body Measurement Procedures⁷

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions relating to body dimensions, refer to Terminology D 5219.

3.1.2 For definitions of other textile terms, used in these tables, refer to Terminology D 123.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The use of the body measurement information in Tables 1 and 2 will assist manufacturers in developing patterns and garments that are consistent with the current anthropometric characteristics of the population of interest. This practice should in turn reduce or minimize consumer confusion and dissatisfaction related to apparel sizing. (Also refer to ISO 3635 Size Designation Procedures.)

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Tape Measure*, dimensionally stable and approximately 15 mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in.) wide and accurately graduated in mm ($\frac{1}{16}$ -in.) increments.

5.2 *Scale*, standard, calibrated body weight type.

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² O'Brien, R., et al, *Body Measurement to American Boys and Girls for Garment and Pattern Construction*, Miscellaneous Publication No. 366, U.S. Department of Agriculture, July 1941.

³ Available from National Center for Health Statistics.

⁴ Snyder, L., *Anthropometry of Infants, Children, and Youth to Age 18*, University of Michigan, May 1977.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 07.01.

⁶ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 07.02.

⁷ Available from American National Standards Institute, 11 W. 42nd St., 13th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

TABLE 1 Children's 2 to 6x/7 Body Measurements, SI Units

Size	2	3	4	5	6	6X/7
Height, cm	83.8–90.2	91.4–97.8	99.1–105.4	106.7–113	114.3–118.1	119.4–123.2
Body Weight, kg	13.8–15.4	16–17.6	18.2–19.8	20.4–23.1	23.7–26.4	27–29.7
Girth Measurements, cm						
Chest Girth	50.8	53.3	55.9	58.4	61.0	62.9
Waist Girth	50.8	52.1	53.3	54.6	55.9	57.2
Hip Girth (Seat Girth)	53.3	56.0	58.4	61.0	63.5	65.4
Neck Base Girth	25.4	26.4	27.3	28.3	29.2	30.2
Armscye Circumference	21.6	23.2	24.8	26.4	27.9	29.2
Upper-Arm Girth	15.6	16.2	16.8	17.5	18.1	18.7
Elbow Girth	17.1	17.8	18.4	19.1	19.7	20.3
Wrist Girth	11.4	11.7	12.1	12.4	12.7	13.0
Thigh Girth	29.8	31.4	33.0	34.6	36.2	37.8
Knee Girth	21.3	22.2	23.2	24.1	25.1	25.7
Ankle Girth	14.0	14.9	15.9	16.8	17.8	18.7
Total Vertical Trunk Length	83.8	90.2	96.5	102.9	108.0	111.8
Total Crotch Length	39.7	42.5	45.4	48.3	51.1	52.7
Head Circumference	50.8	51.4	52.1	52.7	53.3	54.0
Vertical Measurements, cm						
Cervicale Height	71.8	78.7	85.7	92.7	98.4	101.6
Head and Neck Length	17.1	17.8	18.4	19.1	19.7	20.3
Center Back Waist Length	21.6	22.9	24.1	25.4	26.7	27.9
Center Front Waist Length	20.3	21.6	22.9	24.1	25.4	26.7
Scye Depth	11.4	12.1	12.7	13.3	14.0	14.6
Waist Height	50.8	56.5	62.2	67.9	71.1	74.3
Hip Height	41.0	45.4	50.2	54.9	57.8	60.6
Crotch Height	36.2	40.0	43.8	47.6	50.2	52.7
Knee Height	22.2	24.1	26.0	27.9	29.2	30.5
Ankle Height	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.7	6.0	6.0
Width and Length Measurements, cm						
Across-Shoulder Width	23.8	24.8	25.7	26.7	27.6	28.3
Back Width	22.5	23.5	24.4	25.4	26.4	27.0
Cross-Chest Width	21.3	22.2	23.2	24.1	25.1	25.7
Arm Length	29.5	32.4	35.2	38.1	41.0	43.8
Cervicale to Wrist	40.6	44.1	47.6	50.8	54.0	57.2
Foot Length	15.9	17.1	17.8	18.4	19.7	21.0
Foot Width	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.6	8.3	8.9

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6. Procedure

6.1 General:

6.1.1 For all vertical and most horizontal measurements, subject is to be standing erect without shoes and with feet approximately 15 cm (6 in.) apart.

6.1.2 Take measurements over regular undergarments normally worn.

6.1.3 Take measurements from the same side of the body for consistency.

6.1.4 Refer to Terminology D 5219 for the location of all points to be measured.

6.2 Body Measurements:

6.2.1 *Height*—Measure from the top of the head to the soles of the feet.

6.2.2 *Body Weight*—Weigh the nude subject.

6.2.3 *Chest Girth*—Measure horizontally around the body under the arms and across the nipples including the lower portion of the shoulder blades.

6.2.4 *Waist Girth*—Measure horizontally around the body at waist height.

6.2.5 *Hip Girth (Seat Girth)*—Measure horizontally around the body at hip height.

6.2.6 *Neck Base Girth*—Measure around the neck, touching over the cervicale at the back and the top of the collar bone at the front.

6.2.7 *Armscye Circumference*—Measure the distance from the shoulder joint through the front-break point, the armpit, the back break point, and to the starting point, with the arm down.

6.2.8 *Upper-Arm Girth*—Measure the maximum circumference of the arm midway between the elbow and shoulder joint.

6.2.9 *Elbow Girth*—Measure the circumference of the elbow while the arm is bent at 1.57 rad or 90°.

6.2.10 *Wrist Girth*—Measure the wrist circumference over the inner and outer prominence at the lower end of the forearm.

6.2.11 *Thigh Girth*—Measure the maximum circumference of the upper leg close to the crotch.

6.2.12 *Knee Girth*—Measure the knee circumference over the knee cap and parallel to the floor, with the leg straight.

6.2.13 *Ankle Girth*—Measure the circumference over the greatest prominence of the ankle.

6.2.14 *Total Vertical Trunk Length*—Measure the distance from the right shoulder line midway between the neck base and the shoulder joint, down the back through the crotch, and over the right chest to the starting point, taking care to avoid constriction at the crotch.

6.2.15 *Total Crotch Length*—Measure from the waist level at the center front through the crotch, to the waist level at the center back, taking care to avoid constriction at the crotch.

6.2.16 *Head Circumference*—Measure the maximum circumference of the head above the ears.