

Cross-sectional Growth of Seven Cephalofacial Dimensions in the Urban Bengali Boys, Calcutta

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ABSTRACT The paper deals with cross-sectional growth of seven cephalofacial traits, namely head length (n=772), head breadth (n=772), head circumference (n=775), morphological facial height (n=771) and nose breadth (n=770) of the Bengali boys from 7.0 to 16.0 years. Besides head breadth, other six dimensions show marked increment of population means during the years of adolescence (particularly between 12.0 to 13.0 years). The growth trend of the dimensions confirm well with the cephalofacial pattern. The findings can usefully be utilized as the base-line reference cephalofacial data for the Bengali population.