

Size and Shape Changes During Adolescence Among Bhil Boys of Rajasthan

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ABSTRACT Size and shape are important factors in the study of human growth. Growth differentiation and gradients enable the body dimensions to arrive at the final size and shape. These size and shape change are accounted for with the help of 23 body dimensions and 15 indices among 900 Bhil boys of Rajasthan spread over nine age-groups, the initial being 11+ years and the adult being 19+ years. The results of the study indicate that relative changes in growth of various body measurements reveal greater changes occurring in volume (weight) first, followed by breadths, girths and linear dimensions. The head and facial measurements register the least changes.