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Skinfold Thickness of the Meitei Boys of Manipur

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ABSTRACT Six skinfold measurements such as triceps, anterior thigh, medial calf, subscapular, suprailiac and umbilical were taken from 969 Meitei boys of 12 to 18 years of age. Four hundred and eighty-eight (488) of the boys belong to affluent families and 481 to non-affluent families. The affluent boys possess thicker skinfolds than their non-affluent counterparts in all the measurements and age groups. Peak adolescent growth spurt could not be seen for separate skinfolds in both boys' categories. But, when sum of six skinfolds was considered, peak growth spurt could be noted during 12 to 13 years.