

# Body mass index

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Property

**METEOR identifier:** 269114

**Registration status:**

- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

**Definition:** A measure of body fat that gives an indication of nutritional status. Body mass index is the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters.

**Property group:** [Physical characteristics](#)

## Source and reference attributes

**Origin:** Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary 30th ed. Philadelphia: Saunders

## Relational attributes

**Data Element Concepts implementing this property:**

[Adult—body mass index](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016

[Child—body mass index](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

[Person—body mass index \(classification\)](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005
- [Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015