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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Property |
| METEOR identifier: | 269114 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 13/03/2015  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274658) |

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| 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269556)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [Child—body mass index](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269557)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [Person—body mass index (classification)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269558)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [Indigenous](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 13/03/2015 |