

Table 49 Waist circumference in centimeters for females 20 years and over-number of examined persons, mean, standard error of the mean, and selected percentiles, by race-ethnicity and age : United States, 1988-1994

Race-ethnicity and age	Number of examined persons	Mean	Standard error of the mean	Selected percentile								
				5th	10th	15th	25th	50th	75th	85th	90th	95th
All race/ethnicity groups ¹												
20 years and over	8,061	88.6	0.34	68.0	70.6	72.8	76.6	86.5	98.5	105.1	109.3	116.5
20-29 years	1,616	80.5	0.51	65.6	67.2	69.0	70.9	76.6	87.1	94.0	99.4	107.0
30-39 years	1,702	86.4	0.59	67.1	69.1	71.5	74.8	83.5	94.6	103.6	108.9	116.3
40-49 years	1,295	89.7	0.66	69.6	72.6	75.1	78.2	86.6	98.8	105.6	109.6	116.7
50-59 years	962	94.4	0.75	72.6	76.7	79.1	83.6	92.6	104.3	109.8	113.6	121.4
60-69 years	1,074	94.5	0.67	72.8	76.1	79.5	84.9	94.0	102.8	109.3	112.1	119.1
70-79 years	852	93.6	0.73	73.9	76.4	79.5	83.5	93.0	102.3	106.5	109.8	118.1
80 years and over	560	91.7	0.73	73.6	77.1	80.6	84.3	91.1	100.0	103.6	105.6	109.0
Non-Hispanic white												
20 years and over	3,395	88.0	0.42	67.8	70.3	72.3	76.1	85.7	98.0	104.7	108.7	115.5
20-29 years	440	79.4	0.76	65.6	67.1	68.7	70.5	75.2	85.1	92.5	98.7	106.9
30-39 years	558	84.8	0.79	66.8	68.5	70.2	74.1	81.8	91.6	101.9	107.1	114.5
40-49 years	457	88.4	0.85	69.5	72.1	73.8	77.7	85.1	96.9	105.0	108.6	116.0
50-59 years	469	94.0	0.86	72.6	76.4	78.5	82.5	92.0	104.1	109.8	113.1	120.7
60-69 years	466	94.0	0.79	72.1	75.7	78.7	84.3	93.6	101.9	108.2	111.8	119.0
70-79 years	564	93.3	0.70	74.0	76.4	79.2	83.3	92.2	102.1	106.1	108.8	116.8
80 years and over	441	91.8	0.63	74.0	78.1	81.1	85.0	91.1	99.8	103.2	105.5	108.2
Non-Hispanic black												
20 years and over	2,296	92.8	0.47	69.5	72.7	75.1	80.2	91.1	103.1	110.3	115.5	122.6
20-29 years	547	84.6	0.71	65.7	68.9	70.2	73.9	81.9	93.7	99.3	103.1	112.2
30-39 years	593	91.4	0.80	69.8	72.4	74.5	79.9	88.2	101.7	109.7	114.9	123.4
40-49 years	424	96.7	0.98	72.5	76.2	79.1	85.0	94.4	106.2	115.2	119.2	125.8
50-59 years	257	99.3	1.12	73.5	79.1	84.3	89.5	98.5	108.6	115.0	118.9	126.8
60-69 years	261	100.6	1.09	78.8	83.3	86.5	89.6	100.0	110.0	114.0	118.9	129.0
70-79 years	151	97.9	1.29	*	80.5	85.0	88.6	96.7	107.2	112.8	117.1	*
80 years and over	63	91.2	1.95	*	*	*	82.7	90.6	102.1	*	*	*
Mexican American												
20 years and over	2,019	91.1	0.52	69.8	73.1	75.6	80.5	90.2	100.0	105.2	110.0	115.9
20-29 years	555	84.7	0.70	67.1	69.5	71.1	74.2	83.5	92.6	97.4	102.5	110.0
30-39 years	479	90.6	0.82	70.4	73.4	75.6	80.1	89.9	99.2	104.6	110.2	116.3
40-49 years	347	95.8	0.85	77.4	80.7	83.0	86.9	95.5	103.1	107.8	112.5	117.6
50-59 years	185	96.3	1.13	*	79.3	83.3	88.2	96.8	104.3	108.0	109.8	*
60-69 years	299	99.2	1.00	78.5	82.8	85.3	88.8	97.6	108.2	113.1	117.4	124.6
70-79 years	110	96.7	1.57	*	*	82.1	88.6	96.5	105.9	111.4	*	*
80 years and over	44	90.3	2.02	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

* Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision.
¹ Includes all other race-ethnicity groups not listed separately.
 NOTE: Pregnant women are excluded.