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Subject: Re: About BMI of Mother

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 11 Jun 2024 19:58:39 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

You do not say what survey you are using, but usually the mother's BMI is v445 and it is included on the child's record. You do not need to do any merging. For children, the usual anthropometry measures are hw70, hw71, and hw72, from which the HAZ, WAZ, and WHZ are constructed. You can construct the BMI as weight divided by the square of height, rescaled with a factor that is a power of 10, but I would recommend using the Z scores. There have been several postings on the forum about how to get the HAZ (and a binary indicator of stunting) from hw70, etc.

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