



BMI. There was only a significant difference for height with regard to the household income and residence status.

Birth ranking, mother's education and employment had no significant association with recent height, weight and BMI ($P>0.05$). There was a significant difference for weight and BMI regarding to health care availability.

Discussion and Conclusions: Based on the results and lack of severe malnutrition in 6 year-old children it seems that the growth status in preschool children in Ardabil is acceptable although it is not the same as world's standards.

Prenatal condition seems to affect child's future growth directly, and economic status affects the long term growth.

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