

Table 3

Geological ages (millions of years ago), brain size (cm³), estimated male and female body weights (kg), and posterior tooth surface areas (mm²) for selected fossil hominid species

Species	Geological age (mya)	Brain size (cm ³)	Body weight		Posterior tooth surface area (mm ²)
			Male (kg)	Female (kg)	
<i>Australopithecus afarensis</i>	3.9–3.0	438	45	29	460
<i>A. africanus</i>	3.0–2.4	452	41	30	516
<i>A. boisei</i>	2.3–1.4	521	49	34	756
<i>A. robustus</i>	1.9–1.4	530	40	32	588
<i>Homo habilis (sensu strictu)</i>	1.9–1.6	612	37	32	478
<i>H. erectus</i> (early)	1.8–1.5	863	66	54	377
<i>H. erectus</i> (late)	0.5–0.3	980	60	55	390
<i>H. sapiens</i>	0.4–0.0	1350	58	49	334

All data from McHenry and Coffing (2000), except for *H. erectus*. Early *H. erectus* brain size is the average of African specimens as presented in McHenry (1994b), Indonesian specimens from Antón and Swisher (2001) and Georgian specimens from Gabunia et al. (2000, 2001). Data for late *H. erectus* are from McHenry (1994a).

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