

Body mass index (BMI) – Older Cohort

Using the cleaned heights and weight for the older cohort, the following table gives an overview of the BMI values.

Table 10 Distribution of BMI in all four surveys.

| Variable | N | Min | 1st Pctl | 5th Pctl | Mean | 95th Pctl | 99th Pctl | Max | Median |
|----------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------|
| o1bmi | 11554 | 12.42 | 16.87 | 19.12 | 25.28 | 33.33 | 38.48 | 65.04 | 24.76 |
| o2bmi | 9043 | 12.11 | 16.75 | 19.11 | 25.28 | 33.46 | 38.48 | 52.60 | 24.77 |
| o3bmi | 7500 | 12.11 | 16.39 | 18.78 | 25.35 | 33.51 | 38.42 | 53.33 | 24.80 |
| o4bmi | 6304 | 10.91 | 16.35 | 18.67 | 25.24 | 33.46 | 38.58 | 50.22 | 24.76 |

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