# Supportive information (S1 Table)

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| **S1 Table Distribution of mean height of Indian according to the age group**  |
| **Gender and age groups** | **NFHS rounds** | **Mean height** | **Coefficient**  | **Robust Std. Err.** | **P-value**  |  **[95% Conf. Interval]** |
| **15-25 Years** |
| Men | NFHS-4 | 163.38 | -1.10 | 0.11 | 0.001 | -1.31 | -0.99 |
| NFHS-3 | 164.48 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Women | NFHS-4 | 151.83 | -0.12 | 0.06 | 0.051 | -0.24 | 0.00 |
| NFHS-3 | 151.95 | 0.84 | 0.08 | 0.0001 | 0.69 | 0.99 |
| NFHS-2 | 151.11 |   |   |   |   |   |
| **26-50 Years** |
| Men | NFHS-4 | 163.68 | -0.86 | 0.09 | 0.001 | -1.03 | -0.69 |
| NFHS-3 | 164.54 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Women | NFHS-4 | 151.97 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.015 | 0.02 | 0.23 |
| NFHS-3 | 151.85 | 0.55 | 0.06 | 0.001 | 0.43 | 0.67 |
| NFHS-2 | 151.30 |   |   |   |   |   |