

Considering the series as a whole, we may describe the population of the North Pacific coast as of average size, ranging, when considered in groups, from 1,611 to 1,699 mm., with short heads and rather wide faces and large chins. Their skin is of light color, and, if protected from sunlight, can hardly be distinguished from that of European brunettes. The hair is of a very dark brown, straight or slightly wavy. The eye almost always has a well-developed plica interna; the eyebrows are wide; the ears coarse, with small lobes.

A study of the distribution of the single observations in each group of the series shows that the groups may be considered as homogeneous, so that we are justified in forming the averages given in the above table.

Although the series are rather small, a number of conclusions may safely be drawn from them. Wherever the series of males and females shows analogous variations these can hardly be due to accident, but it is fair to assume that similar figures would result from a larger series.

Considering the observation on stature, we are struck by the tallness of the Columbians and the small size of the tribes of Harrison lake. A comparison of the series of males and females proves that these averages are trustworthy. When we express the stature of the women in per cents. of that of the men, we obtain the following results:

Southern Oregon.	Central Oregon.	Northern Oregon.	Washington.	Harrison Lake.	Bilqula.
94.3	94.8	93.6	94.2	94.5	94.5

These figures agree very well with each other, and with those expressing the same relation among other races.

It appears that the stature increases as we approach Columbia river from the north and from the south. It is of interest to note that the greater size of the natives of this region has been remarked upon by a number of writers.* We find in this region Sahaptin tribes, who descended from the interior to the coast; the Molalla, part of whom live far inland, and the Chitook, whose territory extends far up Columbia river, so that an intrusion of a taller race coming from the east and settling here becomes very likely. The proportions of the body and of the head of the Columbians present no very marked divergence from those of the neighboring tribes.

* Bancroft, Native Races, Vol. I, p. 254.