

Table 2 Age distribution of the sample according to linear growth deficit categories

Age (years)	-2 SD		Height -1 to -2 SD		Normal		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
7	27	7.7	91	25.9	233	66.4	351	100.0 (6.6) ^a
8	87	14.6	212	35.5	298	49.9	597	100.0 (11.3) ^a
9	172	18.0	378	39.7	403	42.3	953	100.0 (18.0) ^a
10	196	19.9	322	32.6	468	47.5	986	100.0 (18.7) ^a
11	226	19.6	401	34.7	528	45.7	1155	100.0 (21.9) ^a
12	279	22.4	424	34.1	541	43.5	1244	100.0 (23.5) ^a
Total	987	18.7	1828	34.6	2471	46.7	5286	100.0

^aPercentage by row.

$\chi^2 = 92.4$; $P < 0.001$.