

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE HUMAN BODY

The elemental composition of the "standard man" of mass 70 kg is given below.

References

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Element	Amount (g)	Percent of total body mass
Oxygen	43,000	61
Carbon	16,000	23
Hydrogen	7000	10
Nitrogen	1800	2.6
Calcium	1000	1.4
Phosphorus	780	1.1
Sulfur	140	0.20
Potassium	140	0.20
Sodium	100	0.14
Chlorine	95	0.12
Magnesium	19	0.027
Silicon	18	0.026
Iron	4.2	0.006
Fluorine	2.6	0.0037
Zinc	2.3	0.0033
Rubidium	0.32	0.00046
Strontium	0.32	0.00046
Bromine	0.20	0.00029
Lead	0.12	0.00017
Copper	0.072	0.00010
Aluminum	0.061	0.00009
Cadmium	0.050	0.00007
Boron	<0.048	0.00007
Barium	0.022	0.00003
Tin	<0.017	0.00002
Manganese	0.012	0.00002
Iodine	0.013	0.00002
Nickel	0.010	0.00001
Gold	<0.010	0.00001
Molybdenum	<0.0093	0.00001
Chromium	<0.0018	0.000003
Cesium	0.0015	0.000002
Cobalt	0.0015	0.000002
Uranium	0.00009	0.0000001
Beryllium	0.000036	
Radium	$3.1 \cdot 10^{-11}$	