

STUDIUL UNOR FACTORI CE DETERMINĂ VARIABILITATEA CREȘTERII ȘI DEZVOLTĂRII ADOLESCENȚILOR DIN ORAȘUL CHIȘINĂU (REPUBLICA MOLDOVA)

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THE STUDY OF SOME FACTORS THAT DETERMINES THE VARIABILITY OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADOLESCENTS FROM CHIȘINĂU (REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA). The many studies regarding the importance of the socio-economic factors for the growth and development of the teenagers motivated us to focus our interest on some of these factors, the most important and discriminator ones, we think. These are *the professional training of the parents* and *the dimensions of the family*, factors that interfere together with many others in the retarding or precocity of the growth and development processes. We studied the batch of adolescents from Chișinău from these perspectives in order to highlight the social anthropometric differences in the 10–16 years fragment, period in which puberty installs at children (critical period in their evolution). The study material that represent the base of the present paper was gathered between 1999–2004 in some schools and high schools from Chișinău and sums up 1525 subjects with the age between 10 and 16 years out of which 697 boys and 828 girls.

The socio-professional status of the parents and the dimensions of the family are factors that exercise their influence on the evolution of the average stature and weight value at the adolescents from Chișinău. The weight represents a variable that is more sensible at the medium factors than the stature, especially with boys (these are more sensible to environmental factors than the girls). The degree of education of the parents and the number of siblings influence the girls' sexual maturation.

The determinant factors in the evolution, with the age, of the growth and development of the children and adolescents are mostly related with the education sphere within the family. This is the reason for the necessity of approaching these processes from the point of view of the socio-professional training of parents and the size of the family a child grows in.