

How Big Were Dinosaurs?

Rounded representative adult length estimates, not fixed limits or exact measurements of every individual.

DINOSAUR	LENGTH SCALE	READ THE ESTIMATE
Diplodocus		24 m Long-bodied sauropod
Brachiosaurus		22 m Tall browsing sauropod
Spinosaurus		14 m Estimate remains debated
Tyrannosaurus rex		12 m Typical adult near 12 m
Triceratops		9 m Large horned dinosaur
Stegosaurus		9 m Large adults near 9 m
Ankylosaurus		8 m Broad armoured body
Velociraptor		2 m About the length of a large turkey-sized predator plus tail

Scale check: one full bar equals 24 metres. Body length is not the same as standing height or mass. Missing bones, cartilage, growth stage and body-volume models all affect published estimates.

SOURCES

Values are rounded teaching estimates cross-checked against Extinct Atlas Wiki evidence guides and the Natural History Museum Dino Directory. For assignments, ask students to cite a specimen or study rather than treating this poster as a primary measurement source.