

VERTEBRAL COLUMN BREAKDOWN

Region	Count	Characteristics & Functions
Cervical	C1 - C7	Supports the head; holds the atlas (C1) and axis (C2). High mobility.
Thoracic	T1 - T12	Articulates with ribs; protects heart and lungs. Limited flexibility.
Lumbar	L1 - L5	Largest bodies; supports the majority of body weight. Lower back.
Sacrum	5 (Fused)	Triangular bone connecting spine to hip bones (SI joints).
Coccyx	4 (Fused)	The terminal "tailbone" segment; site for muscle attachment.

CLINICAL NOTES / OBSERVATIONS

Reference Chart: Anatomy Study Series