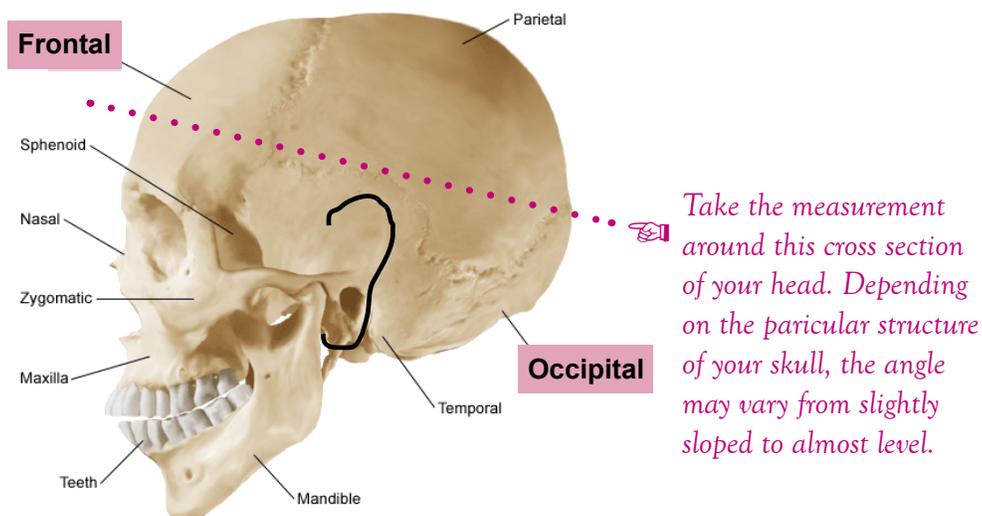


# Measuring Your Head

Understanding the bone structure of the skull will help you to properly measure your head for a hat. The bottom rim of your hat's sweatband should sit securely and comfortably a little bit above your ears, supported by the outermost protrusions of the front and back of your skull. These protrusions are the shallow ridge just above the middle of your forehead where the frontal bone begins to sharply slope down toward the brow, and the bulge at the back of the head formed by the occipital bone. When measuring your head, the tape should clear the top of your ears and traverse these two points. The red dotted line on the picture below shows the basic idea. Of course, depending upon the particular proportions of your head, the size and position of your ears, as well as any preferences regarding how you want your hat to fit, you may want to apply some adjustments to this position.



You can measure your head by yourself, but it is much easier if someone assists you. You are asked to provide the measurement in both inches and centimeters. However, do not merely convert one to the other. Taking each measurement separately and then only checking afterwards to see if they align will help to ensure a consistent and reliable reading. It never hurts to repeat the procedure two or three times.

To measure your head, wrap the tape around your head as shown, making sure the tape clears the top of your ears. Pull the tape so that it feels secure, without slack yet comfortable. Take the reading of the circumference to the nearest eighth of an inch. If you need to round off the number, it is best to round up. Then do the same with the metric side of the tape, rounding up to the nearest millimeter. Check the two numbers on each side of the tape to see if they line up. If there is a discrepancy in the alignment of more than a couple of millimeters or a sixteenth of an inch, try again. Repeat until you feel confident your measurement is correct.