

Hair Growth Difference

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You have reduced (70%) or excessive (30%) hair growth relative to your ancestry. Choose or roll on the following table.

IE	Reduced	Additional (Cumulative)
1	Missing 50%+ of hair on top of head	Body hair noticeably thicker than average
2	Bald head	Noticeable hair growth in unusual places
3	No hair on face & head	Thick fast-growing facial hair
4	No hair on body	Body, including face, covered in thick hair except nose, palms, & soles

Both of these are mostly cosmetic and cultural, which may result in a -(IE) penalty on certain Charisma checks, depending on the culture. The player and GM should discuss the effect in their campaign world. In extremely hot or cold environments, the saving throws as outlined in official fifth edition sources have a bonus or penalty of 1/2 per IE accordingly.

Real-world Examples

Alopecia, Telogen Effluvium, Lichen Planopilaris, Folliculitis Decalvans, Dissecting Cellulitis

Assistive Options

Hats, wigs, makeup, or shaving regimens can help conceal hair growth differences.

Magical Assistance

Magic that alters appearances can temporarily give the appearance of typical hair.