

Anthropological Characteristics of Gagauzes from Kavarna

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Abstract.

The aim of this study is to make an anthropological characterization of an interesting small ethnic group in Bulgaria – the Gagauzes from Kavarna, based on the archives of the Section of Anthropology and Anatomy of IEMPAM-BAS. Data from individual anthropological blanks of 112 males have been processed statistically and analyzed. Based on this characterization the Gagauzes from Kavarna should have been formed as a population in the Balkans. This coincides with the results of the dermatoglyphic and genetic studies in Gagauzes outside Bulgaria.

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