



Vertebrae take their names from the regions of the vertebral column that they occupy. There are thirty-three vertebrae in the human vertebral column—

seven [cervical vertebrae](#),

twelve [thoracic vertebrae](#),

five [lumbar vertebrae](#),

five fused [sacral vertebrae](#) forming the [sacrum](#)

three to five [coccygeal vertebrae](#), forming the [coccyx](#).

In **Latin** they are:

1. Vertebra cervicalis prima, secunda, tertia, quarta, quinta, septima
2. Vertebra thoracica prima, secunda, tertia, quarta, quinta, septima, octava, nona, decima, undecima, duodecima
3. Vertebra lumbalis prima, secunda, tertia, quarta, quinta
4. Vertebra sacralis prima, secunda, tertia, quarta, quinta
5. Vertebra coccygea prima, secunda, tertia, (quarta, quinta)