



A guide to WAIS-5 ancillary index scores

Changes in the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale®, Fifth Edition (WAIS®-5) structure include **new and separate visual spatial and fluid reasoning index scores, new verbal reasoning, motor-reduced processing speed, expanded fluid reasoning, and working memory index scores, among many others.**

New Ancillary Index scales available in WAIS-5:

- Verbal (Expanded Crystallized)
- Verbal Reasoning
- Expanded Visual Spatial
- Expanded Fluid
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Expanded Working Memory
- Visual Working Memory
- Auditory Working Memory-Registration
- Auditory Working Memory-Manipulation
- Expanded Processing Speed
- Motor-Reduced Processing Speed
- Nonverbal
- Nonmotor
- Cognitive Proficiency

Need to take a closer look?

Each of the five cognitive domains features an **expanded index score**, which can be useful if a closer evaluation of one or more domains is needed (e.g., to provide more information about performance if there is an unusual discrepancy between two subtests of a primary index) or if a particular application requires it (e.g., learning disability determination in some U.S. states, admission to programs or organizations for intellectually gifted individuals).

Achieve greater interpretive clarity

The **separation of visual spatial and fluid reasoning index scores** results in greater interpretive clarity. The **addition of visual working memory** enhances the scale’s clinical utility due to domain-specific clinical sensitivity of working memory abilities. Four of the **new ancillary index scores** that sample from multiple cognitive domains can be useful for examinees with special circumstances (e.g., extreme expressive language impairment or decline, extreme motor impairment or decline) or for certain applications (e.g., comparisons with measures of another construct, such as memory or achievement).

Ancillary Index Scores

Verbal (Expanded Crystallized) Similarities Vocabulary Information Comprehension	Expanded Visual Spatial Block Design Visual Puzzles Symbol Span Spatial Addition	Expanded Fluid Matrix Reasoning Figure Weights Arithmetic Set Relations	Expanded Working Memory Digit Sequencing Running Digits Digits Backward Symbol Span Spatial Addition Letter-Number Sequencing	Expanded Processing Speed Coding Symbol Search Naming Speed Quantity	General Ability Similarities Vocabulary Block Design Matrix Reasoning Figure Weights
Verbal Reasoning Similarities Comprehension Set Relations		Quantitative Reasoning Figure Weights Arithmetic	Visual Working Memory Symbol Span Spatial Addition	Motor-Reduced Processing Speed Symbol Search Naming Speed Quantity	Cognitive Proficiency Digit Sequencing Running Digits Coding Symbol Search
			Auditory Working Memory-Registration Digits Forward Running Digits	Nonmotor Similarities Vocabulary Visual Puzzles Matrix Reasoning Figure Weights Digit Sequencing Naming Speed Quantity	Nonverbal Block Design Visual Puzzles Matrix Reasoning Figure Weights Symbol Span Coding
			Auditory Working Memory-Manipulation Digit Sequencing Digits Backward Letter-Number Sequencing		

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