

Over the last 60+ years, the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale® (WAIS®) has become the most widely used measure of intelligence in adults and older adolescents ages 16 through 90:11. Consisting of a primary battery of 10 subtests that are used to appraise intellect and five cognitive domains — verbal comprehension, visual spatial, fluid reasoning, working memory, and processing speed — the WAIS is the most reliable and comprehensive intelligence measure available.

Drawing on advanced psychometric research and our customers' invaluable feedback, the WAIS®-5 features updated norms that reflect today's diverse population, expanded clinical utility, shorter administration time, and an improved user experience. To ensure precision when comparing cognitive ability and memory, the WAIS-5 is conormed with the Wechsler Memory Scale®, Fifth Edition (WMS®-5), coming in 2025.

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Overview

Publication date: 2024

Age range: 16–90:11

Qualification level: C

Completion time: 45

minutes for the 7-subtest

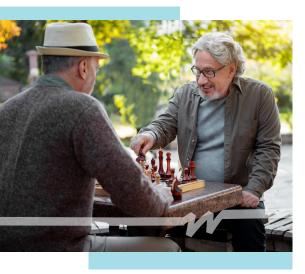
FSIQ; 60 minutes for the 10

primary index subtests

Administration: Paper or

Q-interactive®

Scoring options: Paper or Q-global® or Q-interactive



Benefits

New norms

Normative samples were collected in 2023–2024 from a sample that reflects recent societal shifts and trends and matches the most current census on five key demographic variables.

Expanded clinical utility

- Broader construct coverage of working memory, fluid reasoning, and processing speed
 - Working memory: auditory, visual, spatial, capacity, and focus of attention
 - Fluid reasoning: verbal, visual, inductive, quantitative, and logical
 - Processing speed: verbal and visual
- New expanded index scores for increased interpretive clarity
 - Insight on discrepancies between two subtests in a primary index score
- Nonverbal Index, Nonmotor Index, and Motor Reduced Processing Speed Index scores
 - Offers improved interpretive clarity and measures of ability not confounded by expressive language or motor problems

Shorter administration time

- Comprehensive results in a shorter amount of time
 - 45 minutes for the FSIO
 - Around 60 minutes for 10 primary index subtests
 - New later start points for those suspected of giftedness

Improved user experience

- Simpler administration and scoring directions
- Available on both Q-interactive and Q-global
- Digital usability improvements, including a new Q-interactive app

Digital options

Benefits of Q-interactive include:

- Easily administer and score the assessment using two iPad® devices, no manuals or stimulus books requred!
- 2. Automated scoring: saves time and reduces errors, including automated verbatim response scoring.
- **3.** A fully digital version of Spatial Addition is included (no grid or chips required).
- 4. Digital manuals available.
- **5.** Starter kits, which include paper response booklets for Coding and Symbol Search, will be available to existing and new customers this fall.



Benefits of Q-global include:

- Administer on paper and enter raw scores to quickly receive a detailed and accurate score report.
- Digital manuals and stimulus books are available for ease of access, telepractice administration, and a compact, convenient administration solution.
- Options are available for pay per use or annual subscriptions.

Structure of WAIS-5

Five clinically, theoretically, and psychometrically driven factors



Test Framework



Full Scale



Verbal Comprehension Similarities Vocabulary

Information Comprehension



Visual Spatial Ability Block Design

Visual Puzzles

Fluid Reasoning Matrix Reasoning

Figure Weights
Arithmetic
Set Relations



Working Memory Digit Sequencing

Running Digits Digits Forward Digits Backward

Letter-Number Sequencing



Processing Speed

Coding

Symbol Search Naming Speed Quantity

Primary Index Scales

Verbal Comprehension Similarities

Vocabulary

Visual Spatial Ability

Block Design Visual Puzzles Fluid Reasoning Matrix Reasoning Figure Weights Working Memory Digit Sequencing Running Digits Processing Speed Coding Symbol Search

Ancillary Index Scales

Expanded Index Scores

Verbal Expanded Crystalized Index (VECI)

Expanded Visual Spatial Index (EVSI)

Expanded Fluid Index (EFI) Expanded Working Memory Index (EWMI)

Expanded Processing Speed Index (EPSI)

Domain-Specific Index Scores

Verbal Reasoning Index (VRI) Quantitative Reasoning Index (QRI) Visual Working Memory Index (VWMI)

Auditory Working Memory Index-Registration (AWMI-R)

Auditory Working Memory Index-Manipulation (AWMI-M) Motor-Reduced Processing Speed

Index (MRPSI)

Summary Index Scores

Nonverbal Index (NVI) Nonmotor Index (NMI) General Ability Index (GAI) Cognitive Proficiency Index (CPI)

For more information about WAIS-5, visit **PearsonAssessments.com/WAIS5**

