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WAIS 5

Measure more with WAIS-5

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).

Overview

Publication date
2024

Age range
16–90:11

Qualification level
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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 FSIQ
  - 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:

1. Easily administer and score the assessment using two iPad® devices, no manuals or stimulus books required!
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

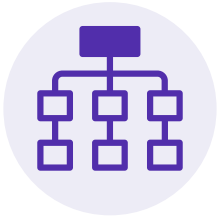
1	2	3	4	5
Verbal Comprehension	Visual Spatial	Fluid Reasoning	Working Memory	Processing Speed

Test Framework

FULL SCALE

Verbal Comprehension
Similarities
Vocabulary
Information
Comprehension

Visual Spatial
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
Symbol Span
Spatial Addition

Processing Speed
Coding
Symbol Search
Naming Speed Quantity

PRIMARY INDEX SCALES

Verbal Comprehension	Visual Spatial	Fluid Reasoning	Working Memory	Processing Speed
Similarities	Block Design	Matrix Reasoning	Digit Sequencing	Coding
Vocabulary	Visual Puzzles	Figure Weights	Running Digits	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)

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