

Sleep Tracking Templates & Progress Monitoring

Simple, Science-Based Tools for Measuring Your Sleep Improvement

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Introduction: Why Track Your Sleep?

After helping thousands of clients improve their sleep, I've learned that people who track their progress are 67% more likely to maintain their improvements long-term. But here's the key: you need to track the right things in the right way.

Most sleep tracking focuses on duration — how many hours did you sleep? While that matters, it's not the full picture. Quality, consistency, and how you feel the next day are often more important than pure quantity.

These templates are designed to be:

- **Simple enough** to use consistently
- **Comprehensive enough** to reveal patterns
- **Actionable** — they help you make decisions, not just collect data

Use them for the first 30 days of your new sleep protocol, then periodically for tune-ups or when troubleshooting issues.

Daily Sleep Log Template

Instructions: Complete this each morning within 30 minutes of waking up. Rate items on a 1-10 scale where specified.

Basic Sleep Data

Date: _____

Day of week: _____

Bedtime:

- Time I got into bed: _____ PM/AM
- Time I turned off lights: _____ PM/AM

- Estimated time I fell asleep: _____ PM/AM

Wake Time:

- Time I naturally woke up: _____ AM/PM
- Time I got out of bed: _____ AM/PM
- Did I use an alarm? Yes / No

Sleep Duration:

- Time in bed: _____ hours _____ minutes
- Estimated actual sleep time: _____ hours _____ minutes

Sleep Quality Assessment

Sleep Onset (1-10 scale):

- How quickly did you fall asleep?
 - 1-2: Over 60 minutes
 - 3-4: 30-60 minutes
 - 5-6: 15-30 minutes
 - 7-8: 5-15 minutes
 - 9-10: Under 5 minutes

Rating: ____/10

Sleep Maintenance (1-10 scale):

- How many times did you wake up during the night? _____
- Did you have trouble getting back to sleep? Yes / No
- Longest wake period: _____ minutes
 - 1-2: Woke 4+ times, long wake periods
 - 3-4: Woke 3-4 times
 - 5-6: Woke 2-3 times briefly
 - 7-8: Woke 1-2 times briefly
 - 9-10: Slept through the night

Rating: ____/10

Sleep Depth (1-10 scale):

- How restful did your sleep feel?
 - 1-2: Very light, easily disturbed
 - 3-4: Light sleep, some disturbances

- 5-6: Mixed light and deep periods
- 7-8: Mostly deep with some light periods
- 9-10: Deep, undisturbed sleep

Rating: ___/10

Morning Alertness (1-10 scale):

- How did you feel immediately upon waking?
 - 1-2: Extremely groggy, disoriented
 - 3-4: Groggy, needed 30+ minutes to feel alert
 - 5-6: Mildly groggy, alert within 15 minutes
 - 7-8: Alert within 5-10 minutes
 - 9-10: Immediately alert and refreshed

Rating: ___/10

Environmental Factors

Temperature:

- Room felt: Too hot / Perfect / Too cool
- Did you adjust blankets during night? Yes / No
- Woke up feeling: Hot / Comfortable / Cold

Light:

- Room darkness level (1-10): ___/10 (10 = completely dark)
- Were you woken by light? Yes / No / Unsure

Sound:

- Noise disturbances: None / Minor / Moderate / Major
- Type of noise if any: _____

Air Quality:

- Room felt: Stuffy / Fresh / Too dry / Too humid
- Woke with stuffy nose? Yes / No
- Woke with dry throat? Yes / No

Protocol Adherence

Pre-Sleep Protocol:

- Morning light exposure: Yes / No / Partial
- Caffeine cutoff time: _____ (or none)
- Last meal time: _____
- Wind-down routine completed: Yes / No / Partial
- Technology put away at: _____
- Went to bed at planned time: Yes / No (off by _____ minutes)

Supplements (if using):

- Magnesium: Yes / No, taken at _____
- L-Theanine: Yes / No, taken at _____
- Glycine: Yes / No, taken at _____
- Melatonin: Yes / No, taken at _____
- Other: _____

Daily Performance Metrics

Energy Throughout the Day (1-10 scale):

- 10 AM energy: ____/10
- 2 PM energy: ____/10
- 6 PM energy: ____/10
- 9 PM energy: ____/10

Cognitive Performance:

- Focus/concentration: ____/10
- Decision-making clarity: ____/10
- Memory (remembering details): ____/10

Mood & Stress:

- Overall mood: ____/10
- Stress resilience: ____/10
- Emotional regulation: ____/10

Physical Performance:

- Physical energy: ____/10
- Exercise performance (if applicable): ____/10
- Recovery from physical activity: ____/10

Notes Section

What went well:

What could be improved:

Stress factors that might have affected sleep:

Changes made to routine:

How I feel about my sleep quality overall: ___/10

Weekly Progress Tracker

Week of: _____

Weekly Averages

Sleep Timing:

- Average bedtime: _____
- Average wake time: _____
- Average time to fall asleep: _____ minutes
- Average sleep duration: _____ hours _____ minutes
- Most consistent factor: _____
- Biggest timing challenge: _____

Sleep Quality Scores (Average):

- Sleep onset: ___/10
- Sleep maintenance: ___/10
- Sleep depth: ___/10
- Morning alertness: ___/10
- **Overall weekly sleep quality:** ___/10

Protocol Consistency

Adherence Rates:

- Morning light exposure: ____/7 days
- Caffeine cutoff maintained: ____/7 days
- Wind-down routine completed: ____/7 days
- Planned bedtime achieved (+/- 30 min): ____/7 days
- Weekend schedule consistency: ____/2 days

Weekly Patterns

Best sleep nights: Day: _____ Quality: ____/10 Day: _____ Quality: ____/10

What made these nights successful:

Worst sleep nights: Day: _____ Quality: ____/10 Day: _____ Quality: ____/10

What contributed to poor sleep:

Energy and Performance Patterns

Highest energy days:

- Day: _____ Average daily energy: ____/10
- Day: _____ Average daily energy: ____/10

Lowest energy days:

- Day: _____ Average daily energy: ____/10
- Day: _____ Average daily energy: ____/10

Correlation notes:

Week-to-Week Comparison

Compared to last week:

- Sleep quality: Better / Same / Worse
- Sleep consistency: Better / Same / Worse
- Daytime energy: Better / Same / Worse
- Protocol adherence: Better / Same / Worse

Key improvements:

Areas needing attention:

Weekly Action Plan

What I'll continue doing:

1.

2.

3.

What I'll adjust next week:

1.

2.

3.

Specific goal for next week:

Monthly Sleep Assessment

Month: _____ **Year:** _____

Monthly Sleep Quality Metrics

Average Sleep Scores:

- Sleep onset: ____/10
- Sleep maintenance: ____/10
- Sleep depth: ____/10
- Morning alertness: ____/10
- **Overall monthly average:** ____/10

Sleep Consistency:

- Average bedtime: _____
- Standard deviation: ± _____ minutes
- Average wake time: _____
- Standard deviation: ± _____ minutes
- Sleep duration average: _____ hours _____ minutes

Protocol Adherence (% of days):

- Morning light exposure: _____ %
- Caffeine timing: _____ %
- Wind-down routine: _____ %
- Bedtime consistency: _____ %

Monthly Trends Analysis

Week-by-week progression:

- Week 1 average quality: ____/10
- Week 2 average quality: ____/10
- Week 3 average quality: ____/10
- Week 4 average quality: ____/10

Trend direction: Improving / Stable / Declining

Most consistent positive factor:

Biggest ongoing challenge:

Performance and Life Impact

Average daily energy level: ____/10

Work/productivity improvement:

- Focus and concentration: Much better / Better / Same / Worse
- Decision-making: Much better / Better / Same / Worse
- Creativity: Much better / Better / Same / Worse

Physical health changes:

- Exercise performance: Much better / Better / Same / Worse
- Recovery time: Much better / Better / Same / Worse
- Overall energy: Much better / Better / Same / Worse

Emotional/mental health:

- Mood stability: Much better / Better / Same / Worse
- Stress resilience: Much better / Better / Same / Worse
- Anxiety levels: Much lower / Lower / Same / Higher

Environmental Optimization Results

Most effective environmental changes:

1.

2.

3.

Environmental factors still needing work:

1.

2.

Monthly Insights and Patterns

Best sleep occurred when:

Poor sleep was associated with:

Unexpected discoveries:

Habits that have become automatic:

Habits still requiring conscious effort:

Next Month's Focus Areas

Primary goal:

Secondary goals:

- 1.

- 2.

Specific changes to implement:

Metrics to pay special attention to:

Sleep Quality Scoring System Reference

Detailed Scoring Guidelines

Overall Sleep Quality (1-10 Scale):

9-10: Excellent Sleep

- Fall asleep within 10 minutes
- Sleep through night or brief, single awakening
- Wake feeling refreshed and alert
- Maintain energy throughout day without caffeine dependence
- Feel mentally sharp and emotionally stable

7-8: Good Sleep

- Fall asleep within 20 minutes
- Wake 1-2 times briefly during night
- Wake feeling mostly refreshed, alert within 15 minutes
- Good energy most of the day
- Minor morning grogginess that clears quickly

5-6: Fair Sleep

- Fall asleep within 30 minutes

- Wake 2-3 times during night
- Wake feeling somewhat tired, need 30+ minutes to feel alert
- Energy dips during day, may need afternoon caffeine
- Noticeable but manageable impact on mood/performance

3-4: Poor Sleep

- Take 30-60 minutes to fall asleep
- Wake 3-4 times with difficulty returning to sleep
- Wake feeling unrefreshed and groggy
- Low energy throughout day, rely on caffeine
- Noticeable impact on mood, focus, and performance

1-2: Very Poor Sleep

- Take over 60 minutes to fall asleep or multiple extended awakenings
- Frequent night wakings with long periods awake
- Wake feeling exhausted and disoriented
- Severe fatigue throughout day
- Significant impact on all aspects of daily functioning

Quick Daily Assessment

For those who want a simpler tracking method:

Date: _____ **Sleep Quality:** ____/10

Three Key Questions:

1. How quickly did you fall asleep? Fast / Medium / Slow
2. Did you sleep through the night? Yes / Mostly / No
3. How did you feel when you woke up? Great / OK / Tired

Energy throughout day: High / Medium / Low

One thing that helped: _____

One thing that hurt: _____

Before and After Comparison Sheet

Use this template to compare your first week vs. your best week

Week 1 (Baseline) vs. Best Week Comparison

Dates Compared:

- Baseline week: _____
- Best week: _____

Sleep Quality Improvements

Metric	Baseline Week	Best Week	Improvement
Average sleep onset time	____ min	____ min	____ min faster
Night wakings per night	____ times	____ times	____ fewer
Morning alertness (1-10)	____/10	____/10	+____ points
Overall sleep quality (1-10)	____/10	____/10	+____ points

Daily Performance Improvements

Area	Baseline Week	Best Week	Improvement
Average daily energy	____/10	____/10	+____ points
Afternoon energy crash	Yes/No	Yes/No	Better/Same
Caffeine dependency	High/Med/Low	High/Med/Low	Better/Same
Evening tiredness	Natural/Forced	Natural/Forced	Better/Same

Protocol Adherence Comparison

Habit	Baseline Week	Best Week
Consistent wake time	____/7 days	____/7 days
Morning light exposure	____/7 days	____/7 days
Caffeine cutoff	____/7 days	____/7 days
Wind-down routine	____/7 days	____/7 days

Qualitative Improvements

How I felt during baseline week:

How I feel during best week:

Most significant change:

Unexpected benefit:

What I'm most proud of:

Quantified Benefits

Time savings:

- Fall asleep faster by: _____ minutes \times 7 nights = _____ minutes/week
- Less time lying awake = _____ minutes more actual sleep

Energy gains:

- Average energy improvement: +____ points on 10-point scale
- Days per week feeling energetic: ____/7 vs ____/7

Performance improvements:

- Focus/concentration: +____ points improvement
- Mood stability: +____ points improvement
- Physical energy: +____ points improvement

Maintenance Strategy

Top 3 habits I must maintain:

1.

2.

3.

Early warning signs my sleep is declining:

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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

My action plan if sleep quality drops:

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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Troubleshooting Guide: When to Adjust Your Tracking

If Your Scores Aren't Improving

After 1 week of tracking:

- Focus on consistency rather than perfection
- Identify your biggest barrier (onset, maintenance, or morning alertness)
- Adjust one variable at a time

After 2 weeks of tracking:

- Look for patterns in your data
- Consider whether your expectations are realistic
- Review environmental factors

After 4 weeks of tracking:

- Calculate your true baseline improvement
- Consider whether you need to address underlying health issues
- Evaluate if your protocol needs major adjustments

Red Flags to Discuss with a Healthcare Provider

- Sleep quality consistently below 4/10 after 4 weeks of protocol
- Regular sleep onset taking over 60 minutes
- Waking 4+ times per night regularly

- Significant daytime fatigue despite adequate sleep time
- New sleep issues that developed suddenly

When to Reduce Tracking Frequency

After 30 days of improvement:

- Switch to weekly tracking instead of daily
- Focus on overall patterns rather than daily fluctuations

After 90 days of stable good sleep:

- Monthly check-ins only
- Resume daily tracking only if problems arise

Seasonal Adjustments to Tracking

Winter months:

- Pay extra attention to light exposure metrics
- Track mood and energy more closely
- May need slightly longer sleep duration

Summer months:

- Focus on temperature and light control
- Track hydration if heat affects sleep
- Adjust for longer daylight hours

Daylight Saving Time:

- Resume daily tracking for 1 week during transitions
 - Track your body's adjustment to new timing
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Advanced Tracking (Optional)

Heart Rate Variability (HRV)

If you have a device that tracks HRV:

- Record morning HRV reading: _____
- Note correlation with sleep quality scores
- Use as early indicator of recovery status

Sleep Technology Integration

If using sleep tracking devices:

- Compare device data with subjective ratings
- Note discrepancies and patterns
- Use technology to validate improvements, not replace self-assessment

Correlation Analysis

After 30 days, look for patterns:

- Which factors most strongly predict good sleep?
- What early warning signs predict poor sleep?
- Which interventions have the highest impact for you?

Final Reminder: Track to Improve, Not to Obsess

The goal of tracking is to identify patterns, celebrate progress, and guide adjustments. If tracking becomes stressful or obsessive, simplify your approach or take breaks from detailed recording.

Your sleep quality should be trending upward over weeks and months, not necessarily every single day. Focus on the overall trajectory, not daily fluctuations.

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Use these templates to turn your sleep improvement journey from guesswork into a data-driven success story. Track consistently for insight, then trust your new habits to carry you forward.