

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory



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Minnesota **M**ultiphasic **P**ersonality **I**nventory **2**

MMPI 2

- ✓ History
- ✓ Psychometric qualities
- ✓ Strengths/weaknesses
- ✓ Usage

1943

First published

1989

MMPI-2



MMPI

- ✓ 566 true/false questions
- ✓ 10 clinical scales
- ✓ Distinguish normal people from those with psychiatric problems



Initial **control**
subjects

- ✓ 35 year old
- ✓ Married
- ✓ Small rural areas

Psychometric Qualities



Validity

Scales

- ✓ Lying
- ✓ Defensiveness
- ✓ Faking good/bad
- ✓ Symptom validity
- ✓ Symptom exaggeration



Format

- ✓ 567 true false questions
- ✓ Takes 90 minutes
- ✓ 9th grade reading level

Abbr	Scale	Measures
Hs	Hypochondriasis	Concern with bodily symptoms
D	Depression	Depressive Symptoms
Hy	Hysteria	Awareness of problems and vulnerabilities
Pd	Psychopathic Deviate	Conflict, struggle, anger, respect for society's rules
MF	Masculinity/Femininity	Stereotypical masculine or feminine interests/behaviors
Pa	Paranoia	Level of trust, suspiciousness, sensitivity
Pt	Psychastenia	Worry, Anxiety, tension, doubts, obsessiveness
Sc	Schizophrenia	Odd thinking and social alienation
Ma	Hypomania	Level of excitability
Si	Social Introversion	People orientation



A skilled examiner is needed.



Validity

Most valid and
adaptable test.



Reliability

Unfortunately
it falls short.



Conclusion

↑ Strong empirical roots

↓ Weak reliability

↓ Requires advanced reading level

↑ Strong validity

↓ Requires skilled professional



For an assessment,
search for a professional
in your area.



Overview and Key Takeaways

Coming up next
