California Psychological Inventory (CPI)

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The California Psychological Inventory assesses social communication and interpersonal behavior. Specifically, predicting an individual’s reaction, what they will say or do, under conditions is part of the purpose of the CPI. Also, the CPI shows how others will view and assess this individual.

Participants are required to respond to 434 items self-report test. Approximately 45 to 60 minutes is necessary for completion and the test can be done with a computer on pencil-and-paper.

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Reliability and Validity

According the CPI test manual, extensive data was given and reliability/validity scores were varied. Alpha ratings for internal consistency ranged from 0.43 to 0.85 for the 20 folk scales, but the median score was 0.76. For the 3 Vector Scales, the alpha ratings were 0.77 to 0.78 and for the 13 specialty scales, it was 0.45 to 0.88 (median above 0.70). Empirical evidence showed that reasonable to high correlations, 0.4 to 0.8, for the Folk and Vector scale with other personality instruments. No inter-correlations or factorial analyses were conducted in the test manual.

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**References**


