

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI)

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The widely used test, **Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI)**, is a method for identifying personal, social, and behavioral issues in psychiatric patients.

The current version of this instrument is the MMPI-2. The test consists of 10 clinical subscales but also validity scales to assure that the results are not falsely represented. There also exists the adolescent version of the MMPI called the MMPI-A. The MMPI-2 contains 567 items, taking 60 to 90 minutes to administer.

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MMPI-2: A Practitioner's Guide by James N. Butcher ISBN: 1-59147-287-3 [View](#)

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Validity and Reliability

This instrument is a widely known test primarily reliable with the white middle-class and those whom are severely disturbed. The MMPI's test-rest reliability is recorded as .50 to .80 where the first scale, Hypochondriasis, has the highest reliability.

Dissertations Using the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory

Below is a list of dissertations using the MMPI. The full version of these dissertations can be found using

ProQuest.

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