

Psychology Department Major Field Test Results

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The Psychology Department administers the Major Field Test in Psychology to its graduating majors each spring. Summary data for the past 8 years (2002 – 2009) appear below. Percentiles for 2002 – 2005 are based on data from more than 18,000 seniors who took the test at 282 institutions from 2000 – 2003. *2006 – 2009 subscores and assessment indicators are compared to data from nearly 10,000 seniors at 305 institutions who took the test in 2005 – 2008 and are not directly comparable to the earlier data.*

Score	n=31 2002 %ile	n=40 2003 %ile	n=41 2004 %ile	n=42 2005 %ile	n=52 2006 %ile	n=42 2007 %ile	n=53 2008 %ile	n=60 2009 %ile
<i>Overall</i>	71	75	70	65	65	50	60	60
<i>Subscores</i>								
Learning & Cognition		80	70	75	65	55	70	60
Percept/Sens/Physio/Compar/Ethol		75	75	60	55	60	60	70
Clinical, Abnormal, & Personality		65	55	55	45	35	40	35
Developmental & Social		50	65	55	75	50	60	60
<i>Assessment Indicators</i>								
Memory & Thinking	72	85	70	70	75	65	75	70
Sensory & Physiology	60	75	80	60	60	60	55	70
Developmental	56	55	75	45	75	45	70	55
Clinical & Abnormal	77	70	55	65	40	40	50	45
Social	71	45	55	55	75	55	55	65
Measurement & Methodology	73	85	75	85	80	75	80	75

Note 1: In 2003 ETS began reporting comparative data in 5% increments.

Note 2: No interpolation was done; I present here a slightly conservative (i.e., lower) number based on rounding down to the nearest integer for comparison with the ETS data.

Note 3: *2006 - 2008 subscores and assessment indicators are compared to comparative data from 2005 - 2008 and are not directly comparable to the earlier data.*