



SCORING THE OHIO SCALES

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*Research and Performance Outcome
Development Unit*

Ohio Scale: Individual Items 1 - 20

- Doing Very Well = 4
- OK = 3
- Some Troubles = 2
- Quite a Few Troubles = 1
- Extreme Troubles = 0
- Does Not Apply = 3 (to make neutral)



Ohio Scale: Individual Items 21 - 40

- Not at All = 0
- Once or Twice = 1
- Several Times = 2
- Often = 3
- Most of the Time = 4
- All of the Time = 5

Ohio Scale: Scale Scores

- Functional Scale Score is computed using Items 1 - 20
- Problem Severity Score is computed using Items 21-40

Ohio Scale: When not to compute scale scores

- Do not score the Functional Scale score when there are 5 or more missing individual scores on Items 1-20.
- Do not score the Problem Severity Scale score when there are 5 or more missing individual scores on Items 21-40.

Ohio Scale: Computing the Functional Scale Score

- **Step 1:** Make sure there are no more than 4 missing values in Items 1-20. If more than 4, DO NOT SCORE.
- **Step 2:** Code the missing values AND the “Does Not Apply” values as 3 (to make more neutral).
- **Step 3:** Sum the individual scores on Items 1-20.

Ohio Scale: Interpreting the Functional Scale Score

- > 55 = Higher Functioning Level
- 45-55 = Moderate Functioning Level
- 35-44 = Low Functioning Level
- < 35 = Impaired Functioning Level
- (Possible Total = 80)

Ohio Scale: Computing the Problem Severity Scale Score

- **Step 1:** Make sure there are no more than 4 missing values in Items 21-40. If more than 4, DO NOT SCORE.
- **Step 2:** Code the missing values as 0 (to make more neutral).
- **Step 3:** Sum the individual scores on Items 21-40.

Ohio Scale: Interpreting the Problem Severity Scale Score

- <20 = Minimal Level of Severity
- 20-30 = Mild Level of Severity
- 31-50 = Moderate Level of Severity
- > 50 = Severe Level of Severity
- (Possible Total = 100)