NPI

Narcissistic Personality Inventory (NPI)

The Narcissistic Personality Inventory (NPI) is a self-report questionnaire used to measure nonclinical narcissistic traits, mainly in the general population and in personality psychology research. It explores different dimensions of narcissism such as a sense of superiority, need for admiration, authority, exhibitionism, interpersonal exploitativeness, vanity, entitlement, and self-sufficiency.

Number of questions	40 questions
Estimated duration	10 minutes
Language	English
Original name	Narcissistic Personality Inventory
Target audience	Adults
Authors	Robert Raskin, Calvin S. Hall, Howard Terry (1979)

Scoring & interpretation

The most widely used version, the NPI-40, comprises 40 forced-choice items with two options per item. Only one answer per item corresponds to the narcissistic pole and receives 1 point; the other receives 0 points. The total score ranges from 0 to 40, with a higher score indicating more narcissistic traits. Some uses also include subscale scores on dimensions such as authority, self-sufficiency, superiority, exhibitionism, exploitativeness, vanity, and entitlement. Interpretation should remain cautious, be compared with available norms, and be integrated into the clinical context, as the NPI does not establish a diagnosis on its own.