

College Alcohol Problem Scale–Revised (CAPS-r)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION	The CAPS-r is an eight-item self-report scale that measures the frequency of personal and social problems associated with drinking in college students.
TARGET POPULATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adolescents (over 16 years) Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful? College students and other young adults and older adolescents
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES	Number of items: 8 Number of subscales: 2 Format(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pencil-and-paper self-administered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview <input type="checkbox"/> Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Computer self-administered <input type="checkbox"/> Other Time required for administration: <i>2 to 3 minutes</i> Administered by: <i>Self or interviewer</i> Training required for administration? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
SCORING	Time required to score/interpret: <i>Immediate</i> Scored by: <i>Respondent or interviewer</i> Scoring key? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Computerized scoring or interpretation available? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no Norms available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Instrument normed on subgroups? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Which groups? <i>General college population. The original CAPS (10 items) was normed on college first offenders.</i> Comments: <i>Distributions are based on limited college studies. Data can be used to tentatively benchmark “average” problems.</i>

PSYCHOMETRICS

Have reliability studies been done? yes no

What measure(s) of reliability was used?

Test-retest

Split half

Internal consistency

Have validity studies been done? yes no

What measures of validity have been derived?

Content

Criterion (predictive, concurrent, "postdictive")

Construct

CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT

The CAPS-r can be used as an initial screen to estimate the relative frequency with which clients experience drinking-related personal and social problems.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

As part of a survey or evaluation instrument battery, the CAPS-r can provide a brief, valid, reliable, and useful way to capture the relative frequency of personal and social consequences of drinking in college-age young people.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: yes no

Cost: *None*

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