

Understanding Adult SIS Scores

The summary report for the Adult Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) includes general information about the individual followed by a summary of SIS results. The information provided below may be helpful in understanding the SIS report.

A. Scores	Raw Scores are the total number of points received in each section of the SIS. Raw scores alone are not particularly helpful for understanding support needs until they are changed into “standard scores,” which are more easily compared and used.
	Standard Scores provide a consistent system for comparing raw scores from one section to another. On the SIS, they can range from 1-20. As compared to the developmental disabilities population, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ A standard score of 10 is average and indicates that the individual needs an average amount of support in that area. ⇒ Standard scores above 10 are generally higher than average ⇒ Standard scores below 10 are considered lower than average
	The Percentile Score shows the percentage of people whose scores are at or below a given raw score. For example, a score at the 37th percentile shows that the individual's score is the same as or higher than the scores of 37% of the people in that section and 63% of the people had a higher score.
	The Confidence Interval relates to the assessment’s accuracy and not to the individual’s support needs.
	Activities Standard Score Total: This is the sum of the Standard Scores.
	The Support Needs Index (SNI) shows an overall summary score. An SNI of 100 is average and indicates average support needs. Scores above and below 100 shows higher and lower than average support needs.
B. Graph	The bar graph provides a visual picture of the person’s standard scores, percentiles and support needs. The higher the bar, the greater the support needs.
C. Section 2	<i>Section 2</i> rank orders protection needs from highest to lower priorities for the individual.
D. Medical and Behavioral	<i>Medical and Behavioral</i> scores show the total points received; scores above 5 are notable.

