

Person—self-assessed mental health status, BASIS-32 score code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Behavior and Symptom Identification Scale (BASIS-32) score code
Synonymous names:	BASIS-32 rating, BASIS score
METEOR identifier:	761863
Registration status:	Health , Standard 09/12/2022
Definition:	A person's assessment of their own mental health status using the Behavior and Symptom Identification Scale (BASIS-32) consumer-rated measure, represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—self-assessed mental health status
Value Domain:	BASIS-32 score code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	String	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0	No difficulty
	1	A little difficulty
	2	Moderate difficulty
	3	Quite a bit of difficulty
	4	Extreme difficulty
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated / Missing

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The questions included ask the consumer to rate their difficulties against the following criteria:

1. Managing day-to-day life (for example, getting to places on time, handling money, making everyday decisions)
2. Household responsibilities (for example, shopping, cooking, laundry, keeping room clean, other chores)
3. Work (for example, completing tasks, performance level, finding/keeping a job)
4. School (for example, academic performance, completing assignments, attendance)
5. Leisure time or recreational activities
6. Adjusting to major life stresses (for example, separation, divorce, moving, new job, new school, a death)
7. Relationships with family members
8. Getting along with people outside the family
9. Isolation or feelings of loneliness
10. Being able to feel close to others
11. Being realistic about yourself or others
12. Recognising and expressing emotions appropriately
13. Developing independence, autonomy
14. Goals or direction in life
15. Lack of self-confidence, feeling bad about yourself
16. Apathy, lack of interest in things
17. Depression, hopelessness
18. Suicidal feeling or behaviour
19. Physical symptoms (for example, headaches, aches and pains, sleep disturbance, stomach aches, dizziness)
20. Fear, anxiety or panic
21. Confusion, concentration, memory
22. Disturbing or unreal thoughts or beliefs
23. Hearing voices, seeing things
24. Manic, bizarre behaviour
25. Mood swings, unstable moods
26. Uncontrollable, compulsive behaviour (for example, eating disorder, hand-washing, hurting yourself)
27. Sexual activity or preoccupation
28. Drinking alcoholic beverages
29. Taking illegal drugs, misusing
30. Controlling temper, outbursts of anger, violence
31. Impulsive, illegal or reckless behaviour
32. Feeling satisfaction with your life

The questions are grouped into 5 domains, representing:

- relation to self and others;
- daily living and role functioning;
- depression and anxiety;
- impulsive and addictive behaviour; and
- psychosis.

The consumer responds by selecting how often they are experiencing difficulty with a corresponding score of:

0 - No difficulty

1 - A little difficulty

2 - Moderate difficulty

3 - Quite a bit of difficulty

4 - Extreme difficulty

Scoring of this measure is conducted through a proprietary, licenced algorithm.

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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Eisen SV, Dill DL, Grob MC (1994). Reliability and validity of a brief patient-report instrument for psychiatric outcome evaluation. Hospital and Community Psychiatry 45(3), 242-247. [doi:10.1176/ps.45.3.242](https://doi.org/10.1176/ps.45.3.242)

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: This Data element is used to represent the Behavior and Symptom Identification Scale (BASIS-32) consumer-rated survey instrument. Questions are asked of the consumer about the rating period, with a single allowable response for each question.

This measure has 32 questions categorised into 5 sections for different aspects of behaviour and psychological distress symptoms which are rated on a 5-point scale from No difficulty to Extreme difficulty.

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Collection occasion—measure completion status, mental health code N Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

See also [Collection occasion—survey version, mental health code XX\[XXX\] Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [National Outcomes and Casemix Collection NBEDS 2023-24 Health](#), Superseded 06/12/2023

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

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Conditional obligation:

In the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection (NOCC) NBEDS, this data element should be collected where:

Setting: inpatient, residential or ambulatory

Occasion: admission, review, and discharge*

Age group: adults or older persons

* Discharge ratings for the Behavior and Symptom Identification Scale (BASIS-32) are not required by the ambulatory service or the consumer respectively, when the

reason for the closure of the ambulatory episode is transfer to a bed-based treatment service setting of that organisation (i.e., psychiatric inpatient or community residential service).

Discharge ratings for the BASIS-32 are not required for [brief ambulatory episode of mental health care](#) where the number of days between admission to and discharge from the episode of care is 14 days or less duration.

Consumers will be offered to complete the BASIS-32 at the specified Collection occasion but completion by the consumer is not mandatory. There are circumstances where offering such measures will not be appropriate and special considerations apply to the collection of consumer rated measures.

For more information on setting, occasion, or age groups, see the Mental Health National Outcomes and Casemix Collection, Technical specification of State and Territory reporting requirements <https://docs.validator.com.au/nocc/02.10/> (Australian Mental Health Outcomes and Classifications Network, 2022).

DSS specific information:

For the National Outcomes and Casemix Collection (NOCC), this data element is used to represent questions 1-32 the Behavior and Symptom Identification Scale (BASIS-32) where consumers answer questions about their difficulties over a rating period with a single allowable response for each question. This data element is re-used 32 times to represent all questions in the measure.

The rating period for the BASIS-32 is the "past two weeks" in order to align the measure with clinician-rated measures and facilitate comparison.

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