

COUPLE'S PROBLEM INVENTORY

Reference

Gottman, J., Markman, H., & Notarius, C. (1977). The topology of marital conflict: A sequential analysis of verbal and nonverbal behavior. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 39(3), 461-477.

Description

Couple's Problem Inventory measures the perceived severity of a set of potential marital problems. The measure typically has been used in research to identify an area of conflict for video- or audiotaped discussions between marital partners.

Administration: 15 months, 24 months, 36 months, 54 months, Grade 1

A 12-item version of this measure (10 identified problem areas, 2 write-ins) was administered at 15 months to partnered mothers ($n = 91$) during the common protocol home visit and to fathers/partners ($n = 62$) during the HHS father visit. The response scale at 15 months was 0 = *not severe* to 100 = *very severe*.

A 13-item version (12 identified problem areas, 1 write-in) was administered to partnered mothers during the 24-month common protocol lab visit ($n = 102$), 36-month site-specific family lab ($n = 92$), 54-month common protocol lab visit ($n = 79$), and Grade 1 site-specific home visit ($n = 83$); and to fathers/partners during the 24-month HHS father visit ($n = 61$), 36-month site-specific family lab ($n = 89$), and Grade 1 site-specific home visit ($n = 74$). The response scale for the 13-item version was 0 = *not a problem* to 10 = *serious problem*.

Scoring

Scores have not been computed for this measure.

Raw Data Sets

15 months, mother report: M15CP
 15 months, father/partner report: F15CP
 24 months, mother report: M24CP
 24 months, father/partner report: F24CP
 36 months, mother report: M36CP
 36 months, father/partner report: F36CP
 54 months, mother report: M54CP
 Grade 1, mother report: M1GCP
 Grade 1, father/partner report: F1GCP