# Compassion Scale Combined (CSC)

### **Example Report**

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## **About this report**

#### Compassion for self and others

Compassion is a felt response to suffering that involves caring and an authentic desire to ease distress (Goetz, Keltner, & Simon-Thomas, 2010). Compassion towards self, despite setbacks, imperfections, and shortcomings, is strongly associated with wellbeing (Zessin, Dickhäuser, & Garbade, 2015).

Research suggests higher levels of self-compassion serves as a significant protective element, promoting emotional resilience (Neff, 2009), decreased depression and anxiety (Raes et al. 2011). Actively developing compassion has been linked to reductions in depression, anxiety, anger, loneliness, and other psychological distress (Kirby, Tellegen, & Steindl, 2017).

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Each scale conceptualises compassion as an interaction between multiple factors.

The CS measures *Kindness* and concern towards others, including the desire to help them, a recognition of others' troubles as part of our *Common Humanity*, balanced *Mindfulness* of others' pain without avoiding or getting too lost in it, and *Indifference* (or lack thereof) regarding the pain of others.

The SCS measures *Self-Kindness* and self-care relating to one's own imperfections, the lack of *Self-Judgement* regarding those imperfections, recognition of one's own struggles as normal and part of our *Common Humanity*, the sense of *Isolation* (or lack thereof) and that one's problems are one's own, a *Mindfulness* about the balance in life and emotions when things are tough, and *Over-Identification* or fixation (or lack thereof) on problems and a sense of inadequacy.

## Your results summary

Compassion for others	<b>4.2</b> (63.8%ile)*
Kindness	<b>4.3</b> (64.4%ile)
Common Humanity	<b>5.0</b> (87.7%ile)
Mindfulness	<b>4.8</b> (88.2%ile)
Indifference	<b>2.8</b> (26.5%ile)
Self-Compassion	<b>4.1</b> (96.2%ile)
Self-Kindness	<b>4.0</b> (91.5%ile)
Self-Judgement	<b>3.5</b> (72.2%ile)
Common Humanity	<b>4.0</b> (93.3%ile)
Isolation	<b>4.0</b> (82.5%ile)
Mindfulness	<b>5.0</b> (99.2%ile)
Over-Identification	<b>4.0</b> (86.0%ile)

<sup>\*</sup>Percentiles denoted in brackets for Compassion and Self-Compassion Scales derived from Pommier et al. (2019; N=2,307) and Raes et al. (2011; N=868), respectively.

## **Compassion (for others)**

Your overall Compassion score average is **4.2 out of 5**, which is in the **high range**. Your CS score is **higher than 63.8**% of the 2,307 people in the comparison sample (Pommier et al., 2019).

Kindness (incl. concern towards others)	<b>4.3</b> (64.4%ile)
If I see someone going through a difficult time, I try to be caring toward that person.	5
I like to be there for others in times of difficulty.	4
My heart goes out to people who are unhappy.	4
When others feel sadness, I try to comfort them.	4
Common Humanity (shared recognition of others' troubles)	<b>5.0</b> (87.7%ile)
I realize everyone feels down sometimes, it is part of being human.	5
I feel it's important to recognize that all people have weaknesses and no one's perfect.	5
I feel that suffering is just a part of the common human experience.	5
Despite my differences with others, I know that everyone feels pain just like me.	5
Mindfulness (of others' pain without avoiding or getting too lost in it)	<b>4.8</b> (88.2%ile)
I pay careful attention when other people talk to me about their troubles.	5
I notice when people are upset, even if they don't say anything.	4
I listen patiently when people tell me their problems.	5
When people tell me about their problems, I try to keep a balanced perspective on the situation.	5
Indifference (regarding the pain of others)	<b>2.8</b> (26.5%ile)^
I am unconcerned with other people's problems.	2
I think little about the concerns of others.	3
I try to avoid people who are experiencing a lot of pain.	4
I can't really connect with other people when they're suffering.	4

<sup>^</sup>Score is reversed, where a higher score indicates higher compassion for others.

## **Self Compassion**

Your overall Self Compassion Score average is **4.1 out of 5**, which is in the **high** range. Your SCS score is **higher than 96.2**% of the 868 people in the comparison sample (Raes et al., 2011).

Self-Kindness (and self-care relating to one's own imperfections)	<b>4.0</b> (91.5%ile)
I try to be understanding and patient towards those aspects of my personality I don't like.	3
When I'm going through a very hard time, I give myself the caring and tenderness I need.	5
Self-Judgement (critical of your own imperfections)	<b>3.5</b> (72.2%ile)^
I'm disapproving and judgmental about my own flaws and inadequacies.	3
I'm intolerant and impatient towards those aspects of my personality I don't like.	2
Common Humanity (recognition of one's own struggles as normal)	<b>4.0</b> (82.5%ile)
I try to see my failings as part of the human condition.	5
When I feel inadequate in some way, I try to remind myself that feelings of inadequacy are shared by most people.	3
Isolation (the sense that one's problems are one's own)	<b>4.0</b> (82.5%ile)^
When I'm feeling down, I tend to feel like most other people are probably happier than I am.	2
When I fail at something that's important to me, I tend to feel alone in my failure.	2
Mindfulness (about balance in tough situations and emotions)	<b>5.0</b> (99.2%ile)
When something painful happens I try to take a balanced view of the situation.	5
When something upsets me I try to keep my emotions in balance.	5
Over-Identification (fixation on problems and a sense of inadequacy)	<b>4.0</b> (86.0%ile)^
When I fail at something important to me I become consumed by feelings of inadequacy.	1
When I'm feeling down I tend to obsess and fixate on everything that's wrong.	3

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