

# PTSD Checklist-Civilian (PCL-C)

Category: Trauma | Items: 17 | Time: ~5 min

## Description / When to Use

17-item civilian version of PTSD Checklist based on DSM-IV.

## Instructions for Respondent

Please read each statement carefully and respond based on how you have felt over the specified time period. There are 17 items in this scale. Estimated completion time: 5 minutes.

## Scale Items

*[Full item list not shown in this educational summary. Please refer to the original publication for complete items.]*

## Response Options

Please refer to the original publication for specific response options.

## Scoring Guide

Sum all 17 items scored 1-5. Total range 17-85. Score  $\geq 50$  suggests probable PTSD.

## Cutoff Interpretation

Score Range	Severity	Recommended Action
17-49	Below cutoff	Monitor
50-85	Probable PTSD	Further evaluation

## Psychometric Properties

Cronbach's alpha: 0.94 | Test-retest reliability: 0.77

Validity: Widely validated in veteran and civilian populations.

## License

Free to use with citation

## Citation (APA Format)

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