

Test Selection Among Psychologists in the USA

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INTRO

- The purpose of this study is to expand and update previous research regarding test selection among psychological specialties.
- There is a need for this information as some specialties have been previously excluded or not had updated data in almost 20 years

METHODS

- Modeled from Rabin et al. (2016)
- Collected survey responses from licensed psychologists in the USA
- Analyzed population demographics and test frequency, as well as nonparametric correlations between variables

RESULTS

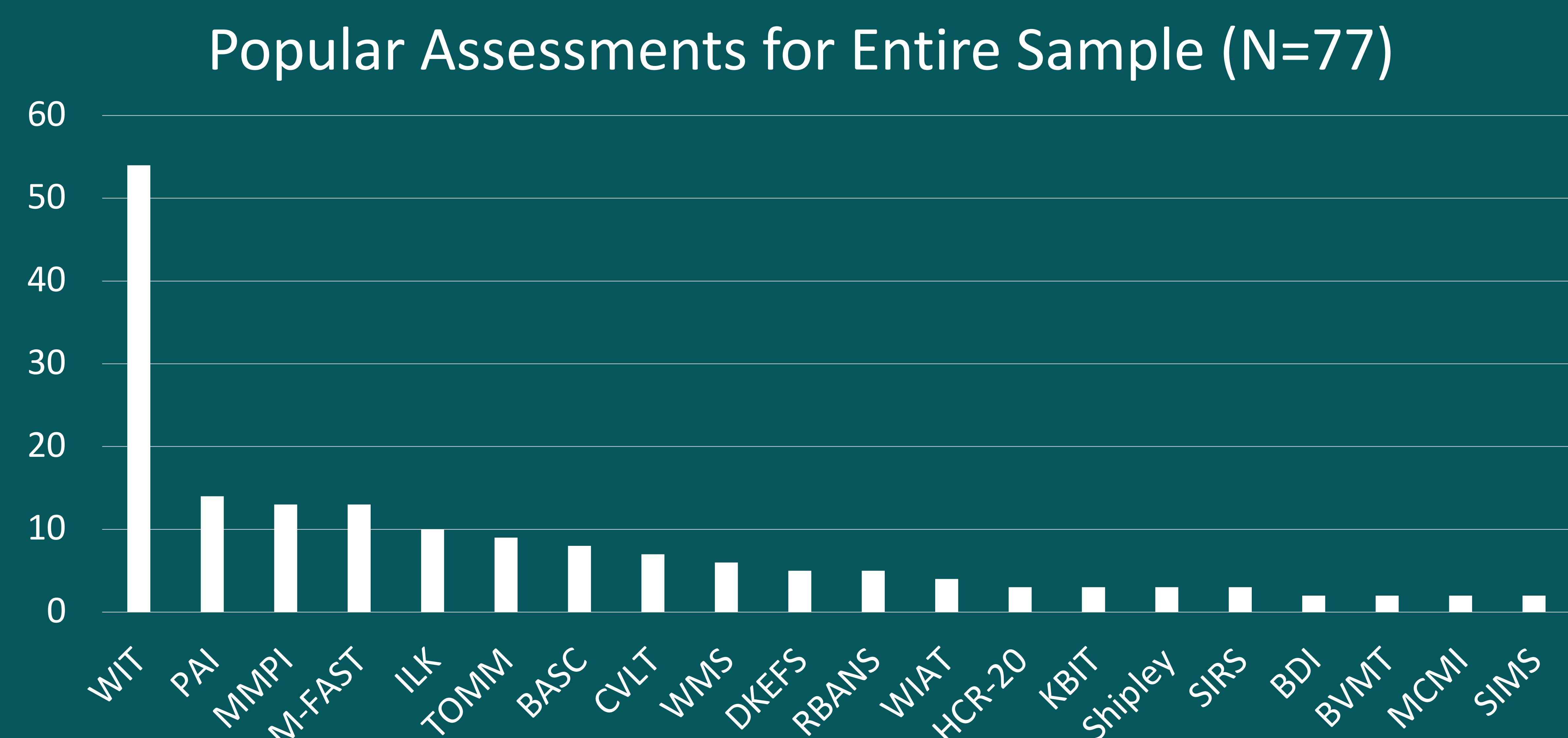
- Popular assessments for whole sample and individual groups reported in charts and tables (right)
- Assessments with ecological validity and use of demographically adjusted normative data were equally utilized among all psychological specialties surveyed

DISCUSSION

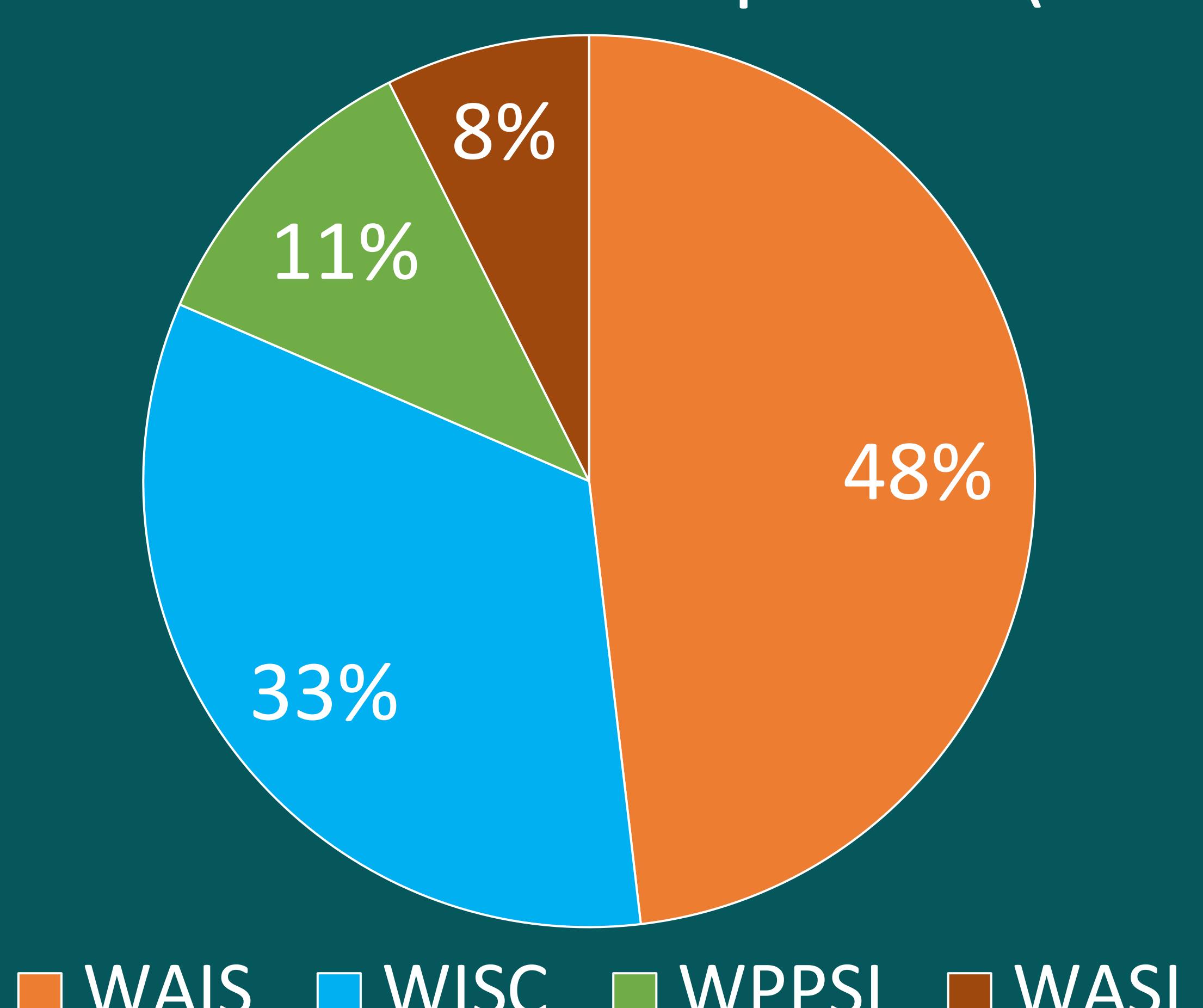
- Results consistent with literature while expanding to include multiple specialty fields of psychology
- Increased popularity of PAI; decreased popularity of projectives
- Reflects importance of ecological validity and demographic adjustments in tests
- Alternate forms and teleassessment are potential areas for future research



Weschler intelligence tests (WIT), PAI, & MMPI were the top tests reported by study participants.



Breakdown of WIT Reported (N=54)



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Additional Information

- Top 10 assessments by group

Neuro	Forensic	Clinical	School
WAIS	M-FAST	WAIS	WISC
CVLT	ILK	WISC	WAIS
WMS	PAI	ADOS	BASC
BVMT	TOMM	CBCL	WPPSI
PAI	MMPI	M-FAST	ABAS
TOMM	RBANS	MMPI	BOSS
WIAT	WASI	PCL-5	CAS
DKEFS	BASC	Rorschach	ICU
RBANS	HCR-20	TMT	Conners
RCFT	K-BIT	YSR	CTQ

- Psychology specialty was significantly related to amount of time spent conducting assessment ($\rho = -0.46, p < .001$) and the number of tests in each battery ($\rho = -0.36, p = .006$)
- No relationship was observed between psychology specialty and number of assessments conducted each week.

References

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