

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

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

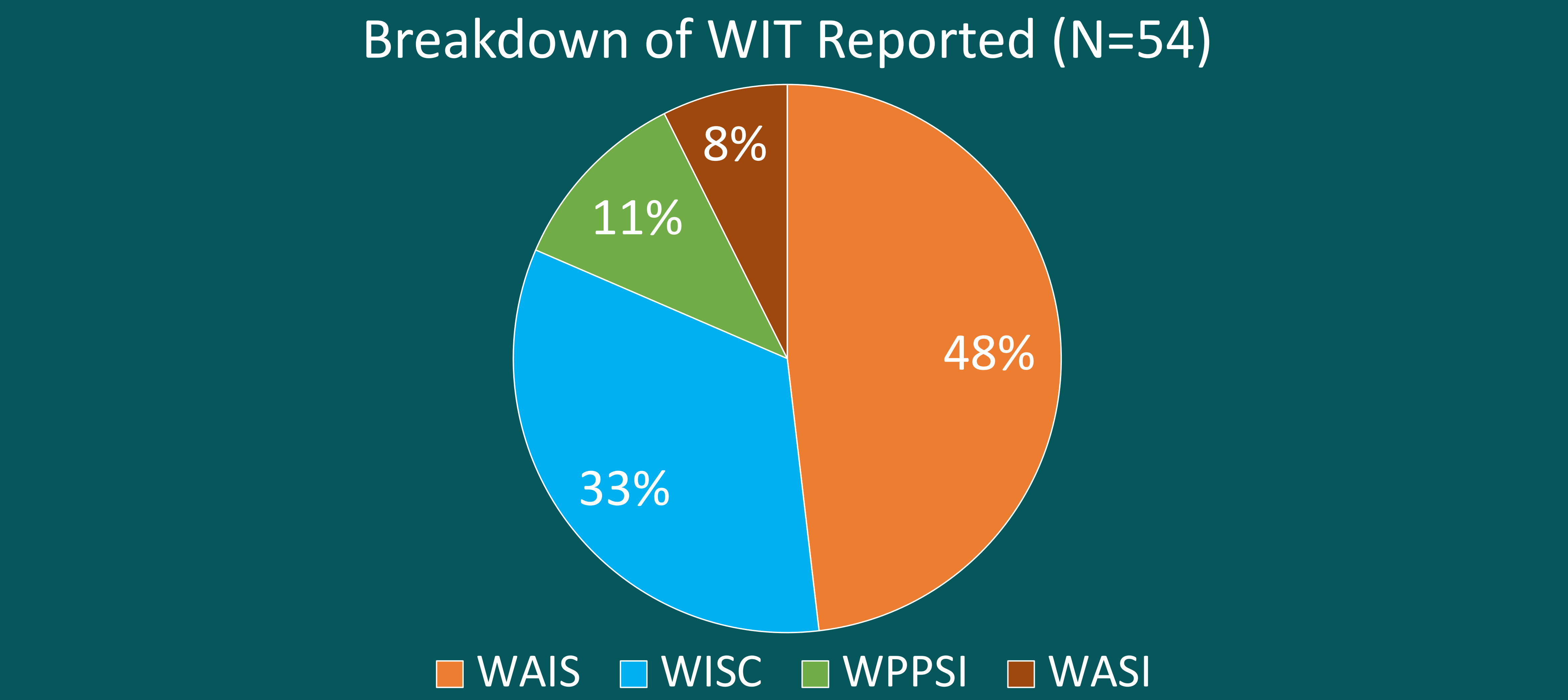
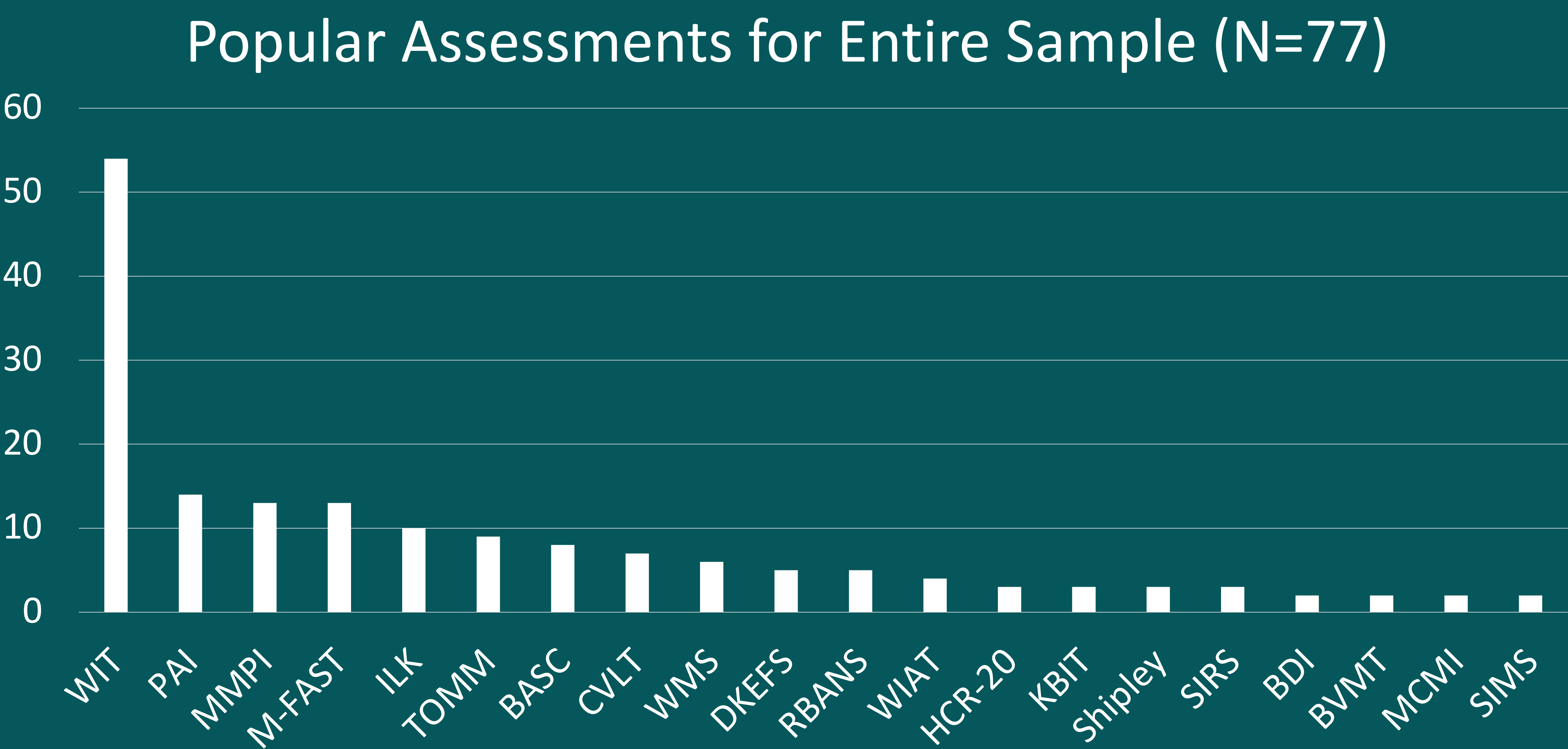
RESULTS

- 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.



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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.

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