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INTRODUCTION

Normative data is data from a reference population that establishes a baseline distribution for a score or measurement, and this data can be compared against. However, there are a few things we must consider.

If using “norms” or “rating tables” to interpret your test results, you must consider whether the tests were carried out using the same protocol – many tests have a number of variations but are still given the same name.

- Is the equipment different in anyway?
- Are the distances the same: Metric or imperial system – is the test laid out in meters or yards?
- Was the same starting stance used?
- Was the same starting command given? i.e. 3-2-1 Go!
- Were the weather conditions the same?

It is also important to consider what population group the normative data was derived from. For example, the age group or ability level – many studies have been carried out with college/university students/athletes.

Published norms are generally based on the range of scores around the mean. However, this doesn't necessarily mean the above average score is good. For example, the test group may have achieved poor results across the board and therefore, an above average score is still fairly poor.



VO2 MAX NORMATIVE DATA



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VO2 MAX MALE NORMS

The below table shows normative scores for various male age groups.

| Rating | 18-25yrs | 26-35yrs | 36-45yrs | 46-55yrs | 56-65yrs | 65+ |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Excellent | >60 | >56 | >51 | >45 | >41 | >37 |
| Good | 52-60 | 49-56 | 43-51 | 39-45 | 36-41 | 33-37 |
| Above Average | 47-51 | 43-48 | 39-42 | 36-38 | 32-35 | 29-32 |
| Average | 42-46 | 40-42 | 35-38 | 32-35 | 30-31 | 26-28 |
| Below Average | 37-41 | 35-39 | 31-34 | 29-31 | 26-29 | 22-25 |
| Poor | 30-36 | 30-34 | 26-30 | 25-28 | 22-25 | 20-21 |
| Very Poor | <30 | <30 | <26 | <25 | <22 | <20 |

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VO2 MAX FEMALE NORMS

The below table shows normative scores for various female age groups.

| Rating | 18-25yrs | 26-35yrs | 36-45yrs | 46-55yrs | 56-65yrs | 65+ |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Excellent | >56 | >52 | >45 | >40 | >37 | >32 |
| Good | 47-56 | 45-52 | 38-45 | 34-40 | 32-37 | 28-32 |
| Above Average | 42-46 | 39-44 | 34-37 | 31-33 | 28-31 | 25-27 |
| Average | 38-41 | 35-38 | 31-33 | 28-30 | 25-27 | 22-24 |
| Below Average | 33-37 | 31-34 | 27-30 | 25-27 | 22-24 | 19-21 |
| Poor | 28-32 | 26-30 | 22-26 | 20-24 | 18-21 | 17-18 |
| Very Poor | <28 | <26 | <22 | <20 | <18 | <17 |

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THE BLEEP TEST NORMATIVE DATA



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NORMATIVE DATA MALES

The below table shows normative data for male bleep test scores, aka Multistage Fitness Test (MSFT).

L = Level
S = Shuttle.

| Age | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|-------|-----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 14-16 | L12 / S7 | L11 / S2 | L8 / S9 | L7 / S1 | <L6 / S6 |
| 17-20 | L12 / S12 | L11 / S6 | L9 / S2 | L7 / S6 | <L7 / S3 |
| 21-30 | L12 / S12 | L11 / S7 | L9 / S3 | L7 / S8 | <L7 / S5 |
| 31-40 | L11 / S4 | L10 / S4 | L6 / S10 | L6 / S7 | <L6 / S4 |
| 41-50 | L10 / S4 | L9 / S4 | L6 / S9 | L5 / S9 | <L5 / S2 |

Brizley et al. (2010)



NORMATIVE DATA FEMALES

The below table shows normative data for female MSFT scores, aka Multistage Fitness Test (MSFT).

L = Level
S = Shuttle.

| Age | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | Poor |
|-------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| 14-16 | L10 / S9 | L9 / S1 | L6 / S7 | L5 / S1 | <L4 / S7 |
| 17-20 | L10 / S11 | L9 / S3 | L6 / S8 | L5 / S2 | <L4 / S9 |
| 21-30 | L10 / S8 | L9 / S2 | L6 / S6 | L5 / S1 | <L4 / S9 |
| 31-40 | L10 / S4 | L8 / S7 | L6 / S3 | L4 / S6 | <L4 / S5 |
| 41-50 | L9 / S9 | L7 / S2 | L5 / S7 | L4 / S2 | <L4 / S1 |

Brizley et al. (2010)



COOPER RUN TESTS NORMATIVE DATA



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COOPER 1.5 MILE RUN

The below data shows test scores recorded in minutes.

| Gender / Age | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | Superior |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Male / 13-19 | >15:31 | 12:11-15:30 | 10:49-12:10 | 9:41-10:48 | 8:37-9:40 | <8:36 |
| Female / 13-19 | >18:31 | 16:55-18:30 | 14:31-16:54 | 12:30-14:30 | 11:50-12:29 | <11:49 |
| Male / 20-29 | >16:01 | 14:01-16:00 | 12:01-14:00 | 10:46-12:00 | 9:45-10:45 | <9:44 |
| Female / 20-29 | >19:01 | 18:31-19:00 | 15:55-18:30 | 13:31-15:54 | 12:30-13:30 | <12:29 |
| Male / 30-39 | >16:31 | 14:44-16:30 | 12:31-14:45 | 11:01-12:20 | 10:00-11:00 | <9:59 |
| Female / 30-39 | >19:31 | 10:30-19:01 | 16:31-19:00 | 14:31-16:30 | 13:00-14:30 | <12:59 |
| Male / 40-49 | >17:31 | 15:36-17:30 | 13:01-15:35 | 11:31-13:00 | 10:30-11:30 | <10:29 |
| Female / 40-49 | >20:01 | 19:31-20:00 | 17:31-19:30 | 15:56-17:30 | 13:45-15:55 | <13:44 |
| Male / 50-59 | >19:01 | 17:01-19:00 | 14:31-17:00 | 12:31-14:30 | 11:00-12:30 | <10:59 |
| Female / 50-59 | >20:31 | 20:01-20:30 | 19:00-20:00 | 16:31-19:00 | 14:30-16:30 | <14:29 |
| Male / >60 | >20:01 | 19:01-20:00 | 16:16-19:00 | 14:00-16:15 | 11:15-13:59 | <11:14 |
| Female / >60 | >21:01 | 21:00-21:31 | 19:31-20:30 | 17:30-19:30 | 16:30-17:30 | <16:29 |

Cooper (1982)



COOPER 12 MINUTE RUN: MALES

The below data shows test scores recorded in meters – (commonly performed on the track).

An estimation of your V02 max can be calculated from your Cooper test score:

(Distanced covered in metres – 504.9) / 44.73

| Age | Poor | Below Average | Average | Above Average | Excellent |
|-------|-------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| 13-14 | <2100 | 2100-2399 | 2200-2399 | 2400-2700 | >2700 |
| 15-16 | <2200 | 2200-2299 | 2300-2499 | 2500-2800 | >2800 |
| 17-19 | <2300 | 2300-2499 | 2500-2699 | 2700-3000 | >3000 |
| 20-29 | <1600 | 1600-2199 | 2200-2399 | 2400-2800 | >2800 |
| 30-39 | <1500 | 1500-1999 | 1900-2299 | 2300-2700 | >2700 |
| 40-49 | <1400 | 1400-1699 | 1700-2099 | 2100-2500 | >2500 |
| >50 | <1300 | 1300-1599 | 1600-1999 | 2000-2400 | >2400 |

Cooper (1968)



COOPER 12 MINUTE RUN: FEMALES

The below data shows test scores recorded in meters – (commonly performed on the track).

An estimation of your V02 max can be calculated from your Cooper test score:

(Distanced covered in metres – 504.9) / 44.73

| Age | Poor | Below Average | Average | Above Average | Excellent |
|-------|-------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| 13-14 | >1500 | 1500-1599 | 1600-1899 | 1900-2000 | >2000 |
| 15-16 | >1600 | 1600-1699 | 1700-1999 | 2000-2100 | >2100 |
| 17-19 | >1700 | 1700-1799 | 1800-2099 | 2100-2300 | >2300 |
| 20-29 | >1500 | 1500-1799 | 1800-2199 | 2200-2700 | >2700 |
| 30-39 | >1400 | 1400-1699 | 1700-1999 | 2000-2500 | >2500 |
| 40-49 | >1200 | 1200-1499 | 1500-1899 | 1900-2300 | >2300 |
| >50 | >1100 | 1100-1399 | 1400-1699 | 1700-2200 | >2200 |

Cooper (1968)

A black and white photograph of a woman in a gym, captured mid-air as she jumps over a wooden box. She is wearing a sports bra and shorts, with her arms raised above her head. The gym background is filled with various pieces of equipment, including kettlebells on the floor and racks of weights. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

VERTICAL & BROAD JUMPS NORMATIVE DATA



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THE VERTICAL JUMP (CMJ)

The below data is taken from testing performed on world class athletes. Therefore, it is unlikely that general clients will attain jump heights in the upper percentile.

Normative Data

| Performance % Rank | Female Height (cm) | Male Height (cm) |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 91-100 (World Class) | 76-81 | 86-91 |
| 81-90 | 71-75 | 81-85 |
| 71-80 | 66-70 | 76-80 |
| 61-70 | 60-65 | 71-75 |
| 51-60 | 55-59 | 66-70 |
| 41-50 | 50-54 | 60-65 |
| 31-40 | 45-49 | 55-59 |
| 21-30 | 40-44 | 50-54 |
| 11-20 | 35-39 | 45-49 |
| 1-10 | <35 | <45 |



THE VERTICAL JUMP (CMJ)

The table below shows national norms for adult athletes (20+).

| Grade | Female Height (cm) | Male Height (cm) |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Excellent | >60 | >70 |
| Above Average | 46-60 | 56-70 |
| Average | 31-45 | 41-55 |
| Below Average | 21-30 | 31-40 |
| Poor | <20 | <30 |

Arkinstall (2010)



THE VERTICAL JUMP (CMJ)

The table below shows national norms for 16-19 years olds.

| Grade | Female Height (cm) | Male Height (cm) |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Excellent | >58 | >65 |
| Above Average | 47-58 | 50-65 |
| Average | 36-46 | 40-49 |
| Below Average | 26-35 | 30-39 |
| Poor | <26 | <30 |

Davis (2000)



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THE BROAD JUMP (CMJ)

The below data is taken from testing performed on world class athletes. Therefore, it is unlikely that general clients will attain jump heights in the upper percentile.

Normative Data

| Performance % Rank | Female Distance (m) | Male Distance (cm) |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 91-100 (World Class) | 2.94-3.15 | 3.40-3.75 |
| 81-90 | 2.80-2.94 | 3.10-3.39 |
| 71-80 | 2.65-2.79 | 2.95-3.09 |
| 61-70 | 2.50-2.64 | 2.80-2.94 |
| 51-60 | 2.35-2.49 | 2.65-2.79 |
| 41-50 | 2.20-2.34 | 2.50-2.64 |
| 31-40 | 2.05-2.19 | 2.35-2.49 |
| 21-30 | 1.90-2.04 | 2.20-2.34 |
| 11-20 | 1.75-1.89 | 2.05-2.19 |
| 1-10 | 1.60-1.74 | 1.90-2.04 |

Chu (1996)



THE BROAD JUMP (CMJ)

The table below shows norms for >16 year old athletes.

| Grade | Female Distance (m) | Male Distance (m) |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Excellent | >1.91 | >2.44 |
| Above Average | 1.78-1.91 | 2.29-2.44 |
| Average | 1.63-1.77 | 2.16-2.28 |
| Below Average | 1.62-1.50 | 1.98-2.15 |
| Poor | <1.50 | <1.98 |

Hede et al (2011)

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