

Group Connectedness
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Group connectedness is an important interpersonal strength, referring to the degree to which an individual perceives their belonging to a group or team impacts how they feel about themselves. This scale was designed to measure group connectedness in a short form suitable for large survey research and using simplified wording accessible to individuals with limited reading levels. This questionnaire has been validated to be used in youth populations.

Development and validation of measure: To establish reliability and validity for new and adapted items, we conducted a study with 440 youth participants from rural areas of the southeast, recruited through a local email classifieds list and word-of-mouth. We conducted domain-level factor analyses for all measures of interpersonal strengths. All six of the items used in the survey loaded onto the same factor. Internal consistency (coefficient alpha) was .70. Validity was established in our sample with moderate to strong correlations with other similar measures, such as Community Support ($r = .33$), Social Support Received ($r = .32$), and Social Support Seeking ($r = .33$).

Scoring: Each answer category was assigned a value from 4 to 1. Participant's raw scores on each item were standardized into z-scores. The scale-level mean was calculated from the item-level z-scores for participants who responded to at least half of the items on the scale, with higher scores indicating higher levels of group connectedness.

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People belong to all sorts of groups. You may play sports or music or dance. You might belong to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or another youth group. For the next questions, think about the groups or teams you belong to.

1. I have belonged to a group or team that means a lot to me.
Mostly true about me 4
Somewhat true about me 3
A little true about me 2
Not true about me 1
2. I have belonged to a group or team that has inspired me to work hard.
Mostly true about me 4
Somewhat true about me 3
A little true about me 2
Not true about me 1
3. I have belonged to a group or team with people who stand up for me.
Mostly true about me 4
Somewhat true about me 3
A little true about me 2
Not true about me 1
4. I have belonged to a group or team where I learned about working together.
Mostly true about me 4
Somewhat true about me 3

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- A little true about me 2
- Not true about me 1
- 5. I have belonged to a group or team where people counted on me.
 - Mostly true about me 4
 - Somewhat true about me 3
 - A little true about me 2
 - Not true about me 1
- 6. I have belonged to a group or team that has helped me stay out of trouble.
 - Mostly true about me 4
 - Somewhat true about me 3
 - A little true about me 2
 - Not true about me 1