

Name: The Fear Survey Schedule for Children-HI (FSSC-HI) (Hawaii revision) (Shore & Rapport, 1998)

Purpose of Measure: To assess the number and intensity of fears of child respondents.

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Description of measure: The FSSC-HI is an 84-item measure based on the 80 item FSSC – Revised (Ollendick, 1983). Children respond to a list of situations and/or objects that could evoke fearfulness (e.g., a family member dying, being kidnapped, AIDS, fire-getting burned, guns) on a 3 point scale (none, some, a lot). There are 7 sub-scales: 1. Danger and death; 2. Unknown, 3. Worries; 4. Anticipatory social fears; 5. Animals; 6. Aversive social fears; and 7. Social conformity.

To assess item relevance for a Hawaiian sample, 17 adults and 81 children evaluated the items of the FSSC-R for their relevance for assessing fearfulness in Hawaiian school children. A total of thirty of the FSSC-R items were retained following specified inclusion/exclusion criteria. An additional 20 of the original items were reworded and fourteen new items were added. They included content such as: drugs, being raped, hurricanes tidal waves or floods, gang, shaming my family or being embarrassed by my family.

Language availability: English

Translation comments: Not applicable.

Description of Asian Population: Three hundred eighty-five children (7-16 yrs) from Oahu participated in the research. Among the total sample, 198 were girls and 187 were boys. Thirty-three percent (125) of the respondents identified as Asian American, 21% (79) identified as part-Hawaiian, 12% (47) identified as Filipino, 8% (32) identified as Caucasian, and 26% (99) identified as Mixed (i.e., of any ethnic group or between-group mix not included in the other categories).

Norms:

Mean (SD) Scale Scores by Ethnic Group Adjusted for Age

	Alpha	Ethnicity			
		Caucasian N = 32	Asian N = 124	Filipino N = 45	Hawaiian N = 79
Danger and Death	.94	64.91 ^a (14.89)	74.66 ^b (12.24)	72.41 (13.89)	73.71 ^b (13.26)

	Alpha	Ethnicity			
Unknown	.85	16.61 ^c	21.12 ^b	20.80 ^b	19.56 ^b
		(4.12)	(5.13)	(4.89)	(5.53)
Worries	.78	12.50 ^c	15.44 ^b	15.10 ^b	15.35 ^b
		(2.77)	(3.75)	(3.55)	(3.90)
Anticipatory Social	.73	13.94 ^d	15.93 ^e	17.64 ^e	15.15 ^f
		(3.17)	(3.36)	(3.47)	(3.06)
Animals	.70	6.66 ^a	8.00 ^b	7.91	7.93 ^b
		(1.54)	(2.24)	(2.02)	(2.44)
Averse Social	.79	13.50 ^c	16.31 ^b	16.27 ^b	16.00 ^b
		(3.77)	(3.60)	(3.22)	(3.91)
Social Conformity	.68	7.46 ^c	8.61 ^b	9.42 ^b	8.69 ^b
		(2.21)	(2.11)	(2.11)	(2.06)
Total	.96	32	124	45	79

^a Different from Asians and Hawaiians, $p < .05$. ^b Different from Caucasians, $p < .05$.

^c Different from all other groups, $p < .05$. ^d Different from Asians and Filipinos, $p < .05$.

^e Different from Caucasians and Filipinos, $p < .05$. ^f Different from Filipinos, $p < .05$.

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Reliability: Test-retest reliability for FSSC-HI total scores was .87

Validity: Concurrent validity was assessed by examining the correlation between FSSC-HI Total scores and the Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale (Reynolds & Richmond, 1978). Results indicated a moderate relationship between FSSC-HI Total scores and RCMAS Total Anxiety Scale scores (Spearman $r = .31$, $p < .001$)

Other references:

Ollendick, T. H. (1983). Reliability and validity of the Revised Fear Survey Schedule for Children (FSSC-R). *Behaviour Research and Therapy*, 21(6), 685-692.

Reynolds, C. R., & Richmond, B. O. (1978). What I think and Feel: A revised measure of children's manifest anxiety. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 6(2), 271-280.

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