

The GRE

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What does the GRE consist of? How is it scored?

There are 3 sections: Verbal Reasoning; Quantitative Reasoning; and Analytical Writing.

The GRE consists of two Verbal and two Quantitative sections that are scored. There is also an unscored section though you will not know which one it is. You may have a research section as well. It is not scored and is always the last test in the sequence.

Basically GRE scores range from 130-170 in 1 point increments.

Because there are only 41 points per section, answering even one additional question can impact a score!!

Answer every question. You may mark questions and return to them later. There will be 20 questions in each section. If you do not answer a question, you will lose points!!

Analytical Writing (AWA): Students also write two essays, and scoring ranges from 0-6, in .5 increments. Two graders will evaluate each essay.

Section	Score Scale
Verbal Reasoning	130–170, in 1 point increments
Quantitative Reasoning	130–170, in 1 point increments
Analytical Writing	0–6, in half point increments

You should receive your official scores within 10-15 days after the test. Unofficial scores will be available on the test day. *However, once you view your unofficial score, you cannot cancel that score---you must cancel before seeing the score.* If you cancel, your score will not be reported to any schools, and you will not receive a refund!!

Scores are valid for 5 years.

You may take the GRE once every 21 days up to five times within any continuous rolling 12-month period, depending on test center availability.

What is a good GRE score?

- First look at the requirements or minimums (if any) of the schools to which you are applying. Use EdFIND on the ASHA website for this!
- What is a good Analytical Writing (AWA) score?

This table outlines GRE Scores:

Categories	Verbal	Quantitative	Writing
Top Scores (top 10% of all test takers)	163-170	165-170	5.0-6.0
Competitive Scores (top 25% of all test takers)	158-162	159-164	4.5
Good Scores (top 50% of all test takers)	152-157	153-158	4.0
Below Average Scores	151 or below	152 or below	3.5 or below

Table 1A: Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Interpretative Data Used on Score Reports
(Based on the performance of all individuals who tested between August 1, 2011 and June 30, 2014)

Scaled Score	Percent of Test Takers Scoring Lower than Selected Scaled Scores	
	Verbal Reasoning	Quantitative Reasoning
170	99	98
169	99	97
168	98	95
167	97	94
166	96	92
165	95	90
164	94	88
163	92	86
162	90	83
161	87	80
160	85	78
159	81	75
158	79	71
157	74	68
156	71	64
155	67	60
154	63	56
153	59	52
152	54	48
151	50	45
150	45	40
149	41	37
148	37	32
147	33	28
146	29	25
145	25	21
144	22	18
143	18	15
142	16	12
141	13	10
140	10	8
139	8	6
138	7	4
137	5	3
136	3	2
135	3	2
134	2	1
133	1	1
132	1	
131	1	
130		

Table 1B: Analytical Writing Interpretative Data Used on Score Reports
(Based on the performance of all individuals who tested between August 1, 2011 and June 30, 2014)

Score Levels	Percent of Test Takers Scoring Lower than Selected Score
	Analytical Writing
6.0	99
5.5	98
5.0	93
4.5	80
4.0	56
3.5	38
3.0	15
2.5	7
2.0	2
1.5	1
1.0	
0.5	
0.0	

Table 1C: Performance Statistics on the GRE revised General Test*

	Verbal Reasoning	Quantitative Reasoning	Analytical Writing
Number of Test Takers	1,585,305	1,587,610	1,579,373
Mean	150	152	3.6
Standard Deviation	8	9	0.9
Percent Women	51		
Percent Men	43		

*Six percent of test takers did not provide any classification with regard to gender.