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THIS NEW REPORT from the National Center for Health Statistics contains national estimates of intellectual maturity for children 6-11 years of age as measured by the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test. These data were obtained in the second cycle of the Health Examination Survey, conducted in 1963-65. For this survey a probability sample of 7,417 children was selected to represent the 24 million children 6-11 years of age in the noninstitutional population of the United States. Of the 7,417 children selected in the sample, 7,119, or 96 percent, were examined. These examinees were closely representative of the child population of the United States from which they were drawn with respect to age, sex, race, region, size of place of residence, and change in size of place of residence from 1950 to 1960.

The findings on intellectual maturity are presented by age and sex. In addition to information from the distributions of raw scores, standard score equivalents and percentile ranks of these raw scores as derived from this highly representative national sample are included.

Comparison is made with the data available for the group on which Harris standardized the 1963 ravision of the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test. Mean scores for children 6-11 years in the United States were found to be lower than those from Harris' normative data throughout the age range on the Man and Woman Scales for both boys and girls. The differences were found to become progressively greater with age. The variability of scores within each year of age from the present study tends to be slightly less than that in Harris' normative groups, particularly on the drawings of a man by boys.

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# INTELLECTUAL MATURITY OF CHILDREN AS MEASURED BY THE GOODENOUGH-HARRIS DRAWING TEST

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# INTRODUCTION

This report contains information on the intellectual maturity of children 6 through 11 years of age in the United States as estimated from the 1963 Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test data obtained in the Health Examination Survey of 1963-65. Consideration is limited in this first report of a series of reports on these test findings to age and sex differentials.

The Health Examination Survey is carried out as one of the major programs of the National Center for Health Statistics, authorized under the National Health Survey Act of 1956 by the 84th Congress as a continuing Public Health Service activity.

The National Health Survey is carried out through three different survey programs. One of these, the Health Interview Survey, is primarily concerned with the impact of illness and disability upon people's lives and actions and the differentials observable in various population groups. It collects information from the people themselves by household interviews. A second, the Health Record Survey, includes follow-back studies based on vital records, institutional surveys to establish sampling frames as well as to provide data, and surveys based on hospital records. The third major program of the National Health Survey is the Health Examination Survey.

In the Health Examination Survey, data are collected by direct physical examinations, tests, and measurements performed on the sample pop-

ulation studied. This is the best way to obtain definite diagnostic data on the prevalence of certain medically defined illnesses. It is the only way to secure information on unrecognized and undiagnosed conditions as well as on a variety of physical, physiological, and psychological measurements within the population. In addition it provides demographic and socioeconomic data on the sample population studied.

The Health Examination Survey is carried out as a series of separate programs referred to as "cycles." Each cycle is concerned with some specific segment of the total U.S. population and with certain specified aspects of the health of that subpopulation. Thus the first cycle obtained data on the prevalence of certain chronic diseases and on the distribution of various measurements and other characteristics of a defined adult population. <sup>2,3</sup>

The second program, or cycle, of the national Health Examination Survey, on which this report is based, involved the selection and examination of a probability sample of the Nation's noninstitutionalized children aged 6 through 11 years. The examination focused particularly on health factors related to growth and development. It included an examination by a pediatrician; examination by a dentist; tests administered by a psychologist; and a variety of tests, procedures, and measurements given by technicians. A comprehensive description of the survey plan, sample design, content of the examination, and operation of the survey is contained in another report. 4



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This program of the survey was started in July 1963, and field collection operations were completed in December 1965. Of the 7,417 children selected for the sample, 7,119 (96 percent) were examined. This national sample is representative of the roughly 24 million noninstitutionalized children in the United States 6 through 11 years of age.

A standardized single-visit examination was given each child by the examining team in the specially designed mobile units used for the survey. Prior to the examination, information was obtained from the parent of the child, including demographic and socioeconomic data on the household members as well as a medical history and behavioral and related data on the child to be examined. Ancillary data for the child were requested from the school, including grade placement, teacher's rating of his behavior and adjustment, and health problems known to the teacher. Birth certificates for verification of the child's age and information related to the child at birth were also obtained.

# PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST BATTERY

After consultation with child psychologists from five leading universities and the National Institute of Mental Health, a 60-minute test battery to assess the mental aspects of growth and development was included as part of the standard examination. The battery contained measures of, or those closely related to, intelligence as well as other tests designed to assess some personality factors.

The Vocabulary and Block Design subtests of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC) and the Draw-a-Person Tests were the direct measures of intelligence used. Five cards of the Thematic Apperception Test (TAT) were included for the assessment of personality factors. Two subtests of the Wide Range Achievement Test (WRAT) were included to measure achievement in the basic skills of arithmetic computation and reading. These tests were also used because it is reasonable to expect that school achievement should be related to intellectual status and to social and emotional adjustment.

A methodological study was carried out to obtain a critical evaluation of the psychological

procedures chosen for the second cycle of the Health Examination Survey. This atudy included a literature review of previous research and evaluation known to be available on each of the battery components, recommendations concerning the types of inferences which could appropriately be made from the results to be obtained from the battery, and recommendations with respect to additional research which was deemed necessary in order to make proper use of the data collected. The methodological study was done on a contract basis by Dr. S. B. Sells of the Institute of Behavioral Research, Texas Christian University. The results have been published in the Center's methodological series. 5

# HUMAN FIGURE DRAWINGS AS MEASURES OF INTELLECTUAL MATURITY: HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

For many years, psychologists and educators have known that young children use drawings as a kind of "language" to express their knowledge and ideas. Presumably, then, a child's drawing might be studied to reveal aspects of his mental life. Noting the regular improvement, with age, of drawings in detail and complexity and the extraordinary crudity of drawings by mentally deficient children, Sir Cyril Burt in 1921 included the drawing of a man as one of his mental and scholastic tests devised for the London County Council. To arrive at a score, a child's drawing was compared with a set of examples or standards. This score was only one of a number of components used in assessing ability and intelligence.

In 1926 Florence Goodenough published her Draw-a-Man Test which offered the first explicit and standard instructions for administering and scoring a human figure drawing. She selected the drawing of a man because the male figure is a common subject in collections of children's free drawings and it is one of the first subjects spontaneously attempted by very young children. She believed the man to be a particularly useful object to draw because the male garb, being more uniform than the female, presents a uniform stimulus which can be executed in varying de-

grees, from the most simple schematic form to the most detailed representation.

Her method of scoring was based on the point score system. That is, a single point was credited for each of a series of features or parts, which is described specifically in the scoring instructions. These points were selected empirically to meet two criteria: In each successive age group of children a greater percentage included the point; and duller children were less likely than brighter children to score the point. This latter criterion of intelligence was assessed very simply by taking as relatively dull children those who had been retarded in school progress and as relatively bright children those who had been accelerated in school progress.

A total score was achieved by summing the individual points achieved or "passed." Goodenough transformed this point score into a mental age (expressed in years and months) by a simple process of discovering mean raw values made by unselected children in successive year age groups and interpolating intermediate values. An intelligence quotient (IQ) for a given child was calculated according to the procedures of that time, taking the ratio of mental age in months to chronological age in months.

Through the years the Goodenough Draw-a-Man Test has been widely accepted in the repertoire of the child psychologist's tests. A young child likes to draw. Being more relaxed than for other tests, he may behave more naturally, setting the stage for the work which follows. A drawing is a good "ice breaker" in establishing rapport between psychologist and child. From the psychologist's point of view the test is exceedingly easy to administer. The product rather than aspects of the performance process is scored, and hence scoring can be deferred. A child very seldom thinks of his drawing as a test or examination.

The Goodenough Draw-a-Man Test has several virtues in addition to its ease- and pleasure-giving quality described above. It is a performance test. That is, the child is doing something rather than saying something. This feature has considerable advantage for a child with speech and hearing difficulties. It is readily used in situations where the elaborate procedures of translating and equating complex verbal instructions or problems are not possible. Furthermore

it has consistently yielded substantial correlations with complex, verbal, and individual measures of intellectual ability.  $^8\,$ 

Nevertheless the Goodenough measure possesses a number of shortcomings which became increasingly apparent with further use of the test. It tended to give decreasing IQ's in the older age groups (10, 11, and 12 years), suggesting that increments in mental age were not sufficiently calibrated and that the test was not adequately measuring abilities at the older ages. Furthermore the original standardization was done before modern concepts of sampling and representativeness had been developed. There was clearly a need to establish a better basis for evaluating the score yielded by tests in relation to standards or norms.

During the decade following World War II. a renewed interest in children's drawings focused on the use of drawings to assess personality qualities such as aggressiveness and insecurity and psychological adjustment factors such as direction of sexuality and feelings toward self and other people. There arose a widely accepted hypothesis that when the stimulus was an undesignated "person" rather than a "man" the sex of the figure drawn was significant in indicating unconscious sex role identification. Consequently, clinical psychologists more and more began collecting human figure drawings in which sex was not designated by instruction for the first drawing. A second drawing was usually requested to be of the sex opposite that of the first. Sometimes qualitative comparisons of the two figures were used to interpret personality dynamics.

Objective standards for evaluating such drawings were not immediately forthcoming, and considerable experimentation by psychologists took place, Indeed, a review of the literature by Cassell, Johnson, and Burns in 1958 placed the reliability of such interpretations at a very low level. Eventually several methods of evaluation were published. Machover's method was described in very general terms in 1949. More specifically described and more widely used is Buck's House-Tree-Person Test published in 1948. The scoring manual gives a basis for estimating general intellectual level, but it also goes into some detail about the assessment of

personality and adjustment dynamics. Other methods have been published by Jolles in 1952, 12 Hammer in 1954, 13 and Koppitz in 1968. 14 Goodenough's method of evaluation, however, continues to be widely used whenever an estimate of intellectual level is required.

# GOODENOUGH-HARRIS DRAWING TEST

During the 1950's, Harris attempted to extend and restandardize the Goodenough measure and to develop an alternate form, the drawing of a woman. This attempt has been fully described in his publication of 1963.8 His effort was largely successful. In both scales, items were selected according to three criteria: (1) The item must show a steady increase, through successive age groups, in the percentage of children including or "passing" it. (2) The item must be significantly more often included by intellectually bright than by intellectually dull children in each age sample. (3) The item must be significantly more often included by children in each age group scoring high on the test as a whole (less the contribution of the item concerned and other points based on that item) than by children scoring low on the test as a whole (less such contribution). In addition the percent at each age of a large group of mentally retarded children in educable classes including the item was used as a fourth criterion. This percent was in every case substantially below that of the dull children, as defined below, in regular school classes.

For these criteria, bright children were defined as all those in each age group who scored among the highest 25 percent on intelligence tests in school records. Dull children were those scoring among the bottom 25 percent in each age group. The raw scores on these tests were reduced to standard scores to obviate the differences in standard deviation of scores from test to test. The simple criterion of acceleration or retardation in school grade for age used by Goodenough was abandoned because of the practice of "social promotion," widespread during the 1950's.

Considerable effort was expended to extend the scale beyond 12 years, where Goodenough

terminated it. From Harris' work it is clear that the drawing test discriminates best among elementary school age children. It is also clear that the test does not reveal substantial increments in growth in mid and late adolescence. The drawing of a woman can be scored to yield a measure which will correlate substantially with the drawing of a man, but the drawing does not yield an identical estimate of intellectual maturity. Both scores have validity as measures of intellectual maturity and predict reading and academic performance about as well as so-called intelligence tests. The drawing of a man continues to be more commonly used as a measure than the drawing of a woman.

The restandardization process confirmed Goodenough's earlier finding that girls do somewhat better than boys on the test and further established the fact that this cannot be due solely to selective factors in the sample but must be recognized as a genuine sex difference in maturation, cultural effects, and perhaps drawing proficiency. The sex difference, favoring girls, is especially pronounced in the drawing of a woman. Hence in the restandardization Harris developed separate norms for boys and girls.

In the revision, the ratio intelligence quotient concept (mental age/chronological age) was abandoned. In keeping with more recent practice, a standard score (or deviation IQ within a given age) method of evaluation was substituted. As used here, this score translates the mean of the distribution of raw scores to 100 and the standard deviation to 15 at each age level.

For psychological purposes, the standard score has considerable descriptive and diagnostic value. The exceptionality of a particular score standard is that it is statistically comparable from age to age. A standard score can be converted readily to a percentile score, which is easily understood by teachers and parents. For example, a Drawing Test (man) raw score of 49 achieved by a 10-year-old girl converts to a standard score of 127. Such a score is exceeded only by 2 percent of unselected 10-year-old girls. It is clearly an exceptional score. It looks like an IQ, for an IQ of 127 is also superior, but it is not an IQ. This standard score is perhaps more readily understood when converted to a percentile score of 98. A percentile score of 98

on the Drawing Test is directly comparable (in scale units) with a percentile score of 98 achieved on the basis of an arithmetic test performance. Both scores express the same degree of exceptionality in relation to children in general, but of course each is measuring different attributes or aspects of ability.

The Harris revision included the drawing of a woman as well as of a man to supply a second estimate of ability. His instructions specified the drawing of the man to be made first. In the Health Examination Survey, which began before the publication of the Harris volume, the more general instruction to "draw a person" was used. To score the drawing, Harris' standards for the sex of the figure drawn were used. The norms for this method had been worked out carefully on samples of public school children selected to represent children with parents whose occupational distribution closely matched that from the 1960 census, with separate norms for boys and girls and for the man and woman drawings. Goodenough-Harris scoring instructions were used because they were the most explicit and objective standards available. The standards were followed in the manner outlined. Thus in the materials which follow four sets of raw score data are presented-drawings of a man and of a woman by boys and drawings of a man and of a woman by girls.

# FIELD ADMINISTRATION AND SCORING

## **Testing Procedures**

Drawings of a human figure were obtained from the children as the first procedure in a 60-minute individual testing session which included administration of the previously indicated tests in the following order: Vocabulary and Block Design subtests of the WISC, the Arithmetic and Reading sections of the WRAT, and five cards (Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8BM, and 16) from the TAT. All testing was done in small, adequately lighted climate-controlled and sound-conditioned examining rooms in the mobile examination center by psychologists who had obtained at least a master's degree and who had previous experience in administering tests to children.

There were two psychologists (usually a man and a woman to whom the examinees were assigned essentially at random) with the examining team at all times. The examiners were selected, trained in field testing procedures, and supervised by the psychological advisor to the Health Examination Survey. In the initial training and the ensuing supervision of the examiners, strong emphasis was placed on uniform methods of test administration, scoring, and recording of data. During the course of the children's survey, a total of 25 examiners participated in administering the tests.

In the testing sessions the sample children were presented with the standard Goodenough Intelligence Test form (copyright 1926 by Harcourt, Brace, and World, Inc.) on which their drawings were made according to the following instructions:

"On this paper I want you to make a picture of a person. Make the very best picture you can. Take your time and work very carefully."

If the child asked how big his picture should be, he was told:

"Make it as big as you like."

If the child drew just a face, he was given a second test form and told:

"That is fine. Now, I want you to draw a whole person."

If the child drew a figure which could not be scored accurately because of its position (e.g., partially hidden by furniture or only the back shown), because of the nature of the figure (e.g., comic character), or because it was so small that details were unclear, he was asked to draw another person on another test form. The original instructions were repeated, and a concise statement was added indicating that he was to make a "real person" or "a person not hidden behind a chair," according to the change appropriate. The order in which the drawings were made, if more than one was attempted by a child, was indicated on the test forms.

Examiners were instructed to observe the child while he was drawing and to record any remarks made by the child about the drawing.



After the drawing was completed, the examiner was allowed to ask questions to clarify any unusual or confusing aspects of the figure. For example, it was sometimes necessary to ask the child to identify parts of the person or to give some information about clothing, Questions were intended to be nondirective and to avoid indicating approval or disapproval. Often the derived information was elicted by simply saying:

"Tell me about your drawing."

. All information about the drawing was recorded on the test form with direct remarks from the child appearing in quotation marks and the examiner's rephrasing and summary remarks without quotation marks.

In cases where a child was reluctant to begin or complete the assigned task, gentle nondirective verbal persuasion, such as would typically be used when testing children usually resulted in the production of a scorable drawing. Of the total examined sample of 7,119, only 51 did not have drawings or had drawings that were unscorable. Of the 51 missing drawings (appendix) 34 were lost because of factors not directly attributable to the sample child. These included such things as inadequate time for psychological examination, unavailability of an examiner or examiner error in administration, lack of parental consent, and unavailability of an adequately air-conditioned examining room.

Only 17 drawings were missing because of some characteristic of the child being examined, such as atypical behavior, incapacitating mental retardation and sensory-motor defects, or inability to speak or understand English.

## **Quality Control**

The maintenance of standard administration procedures and uniform methods of recording are all important in massive data-collecting operations such as the Health Examination Survey. Besides the initial training of examiners in the survey procedures (which included memorization of all test instructions), several ongoing procedures were devised to assure the continuing quality of the data. Each day the field psychologists exchanged all test forms and checked them for any apparent errors in administration

and for any mistakes in recording, All errors were noted and discussed with the other examiner. All field psychologists tape recorded one entire testing session each week. The tapes were sent to the supervisor who reviewed them and made notes of errors and suggestions regarding testing procedure. These notes were sent to the examiners for their use. In addition to these two regular procedures, the psychological advisor or supervising field psychologist made periodic visits to the field for direct observation and supervision of the work, and test forms were intermittently checked when they arrived at headquarters.

# Scoring

Each drawing was scored independently by two scorers using the Goodenough-Harris scale. For the purpose of this analysis and for others to follow. one total score for each drawing is obtained by taking the average of the two independent scores. If the average score is not a whole number, the fraction is dropped.

Scoring was done under the direction of Dr. James L. McCary at the University of Houston. A total of six scorers were trained in scoring methods and were supervised by Dr. McCary while scoring the children's human figure drawings. The psychological advisor to the Health Examination Survey and Dr. Dale B. Harris acted as consultants in the solution of any problems which arose regarding particular items in the scale. The supervisor of the scoring project was responsible for implementing quality control procedures in an effort to assure valid and reliable results. Interscorer reliability coefficients on both man and woman drawings by both boys and girls at all age levels were all +0.96 or above (appendix).

# **FINDINGS**

As indicated previously, the human figure drawing test was administered as a draw-a-person test in the Health Examination Survey. Table A shows national estimates for the number and percent of boys and girls by age and by the type of drawing produced on which intellectual maturity was rated in this study.



Table A. Number and percent of children aged 6 through 11 years in the noninstitutional population rated on the drawings of a Man and a Woman, by age and sex: United States, 1963-65

	A11		Boys			Girls	<del></del>		
Age	All boys and girls	Total	Man figure	Woman figure	Total	Man figure	Woman figure		
		Number in thousands							
Total, 6-11 years	23,784	12,081	10,167	1,914	11,703	2,281	9,422		
6 years	4,098 4,084 3,986 3,957 3,867 3,792	2,082 2,074 2,026 2,012 1,963 1,924	1,825 1,733 1,635 1,668 1,655 1,651	391 344 308	2,016 2,010 1,960 1,945 1,904 1,868	507 395 328 347 346 358	1,509 1,615 1,632 1,598 1,558 1,510		
				Percent					
Total, 6-11 years	•••	100.0	84.0	16.0	100.0	19.2	80.8		
6 years	•••	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	87.5 83.4 80.6 82.8 84.2 85.7	12.5 16.6 19.4 17.2 15.8 14.3	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	25.0 19.5 16.6 17.7 18.0 19.0	75.0 80.5 83.4 82.3 82.0 81.0		

Over 80 percent of the examinees drew figures of their own sex—about 84 percent of the boys drew a man, and about 81 percent of the girls drew a woman. Among boys the proportion was just slightly higher at the extremes of the age range (6 and 11 years), where about 88 and 86 percent, respectively, made this choice, and lower at age 8 (about 81 percent) than at the other ages. Among girls the proportion drawing a woman was slightly lower at age 6 (75 percent) than at the other ages, where the proportion varied from 81 percent at ages 7 and 9 to 83 percent at age 8.

In 1952 Jolles <sup>15</sup> found that children aged 5 to 8, when asked to draw a person, drew their own sex first in about 80 percent of the cases. After age 8 the percentage of boys drawing the male figure first rose, and the percentage of girls drawing the female figure first fell. Several other studies, which include a range of ages, show

that the percentages are surprisingly stable. <sup>16-18</sup> Typically 80-85 percent of the boys and 65-70 percent of the girls drew their own sex first. These data compare favorably with the nationally representative sample of the present study, although the percentage of girls drawing the female figure first was somewhat higher here than in other studies.

Boys 6 through 11 years of age in the United States tended to score at about the same level as girls of that age on the Man Scale, as estimated from findings among noninstitutionalized children in the Health Examination Survey of 1963-65 (tables 1 and 2; figure 1). None of the differences between means achieved by the sexes is statistically significant (at the 5-percent level).

On the Woman Scale boys scored consistently lower than girls throughout the age range (tables 1 and 2; figure 1). Here the sex difference



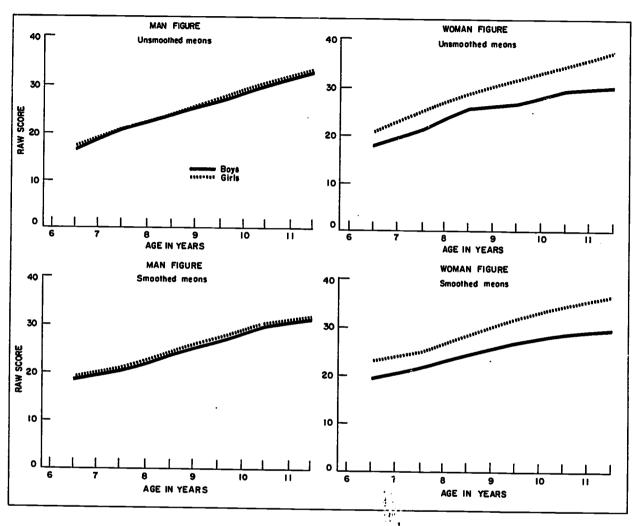


Figure 1. Unsmoothed and smoothed point score means for boys and girls aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by type of drawing and age: United States, 1963-65.

was at once apparent, and the mean difference was statistically significant at the 5-percent level or less at each single year of age. As expected, when the distributions of scores for boys and girls on this scale were combined, the resultant mean values were closer to the performance for girls, reflecting the greater percentage of girls choosing to draw the female figure (table A).

The two scales developed by Harris for the male and female figures were not necessarily designed to give direct comparability of raw scores since the two scales were developed

independently. It is clear, however, that the drawing of a woman yielded results, for all children, approximately four raw score points higher on the average at each year of age, a highly statistically significant difference (tables 1 and 2; figure 2). The drawing of a woman scoring standard apparently contained more "easier" points.

Among boys scores tended to be at about the same level whether the figure drawn was a man or a woman. Younger boys (6 through 8 years of age) made slightly higher scores on the Woman Scale, while older boys achieved

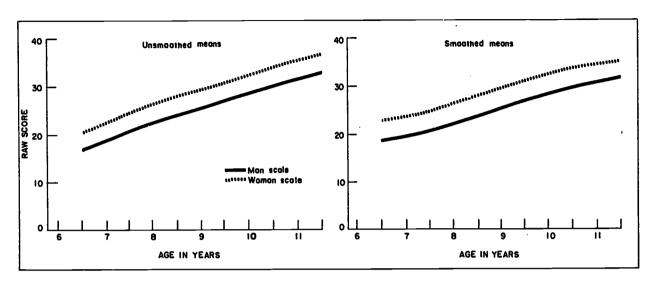


Figure 2. Unsmoothed and smoothed point score means for children aged 6 through II years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by type of drawing and age: United States, 1963-65

slightly higher scores on the Man Scale (figure 1). None of these differences approached statistical significance.

Girls scored significantly lower on the Man than on the Woman Scale throughout the age range, the difference being typically 4 or 5 points less. Thus the Woman Scale apparently includes points which, though related to intellectual maturity, are more likely to be included by girls. These points chiefly relate to items of clothing and facial features. This finding emphasizes the need to use separate norms for boys and girls when interpreting the results of the female figure.

The means and standard deviations of the point (raw) scores are shown in table 2 and figures 1 and 2 as smoothed by a 3-year moving average to eliminate some of the unevenness possibly due to sampling error. The smoother curves show the above described patterns even more clearly than in table 1 and figures 1 and 2.

# Comparison With Harris' Normative Dota

Test norms for the 1963 revision of the Goodenough Draw-a-Man Test, called the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, were derived from test data supplied by nearly three thousand

children aged 5-15 years in four geographic areas of the United States: the Middle Atlantic and New England Area, the South, the West Coast, and the Upper Midwest. From this test pool Harris assembled a quota sample of children with parents whose occupational distribution matched that from the 1950 census. The sample consisted of 75 children from each of the four geographic areas at each single year of age, divided as equally as possible between boys and girls within each occupational stratum and in each age and geographic group. Thus a sample of approximately 300 supports the norms reported for each single year of age. Furthermore each age group in each geographic area approximated the U.S. occupational distribution, with the total age group following this distribution closely. At each age level children were selected so that the sample centered at midyear, with an approximately equal number of children from each month in that age interval. This method is often followed in the construction of group paper-and-pencil tests because truly random or probability samples are so difficult and costly to obtain. The results



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>The data are summarized by Harris (pp. 100-107)<sup>8</sup> and reported fully in tables on file with the Test Department of Harcourt. Brace, and World, Inc.

have usually been accepted as reasonably adequate "norms" for the use and interpretation of educational and psychological instruments.

The present study is unique in the degree of control exercised to furnish a truly representative sample of the U.S. noninstitutionalized children. The results are all the more interesting in comparison with Harris' norms supplied by the above method. It should be kept in mind, as previously indicated, that the Harris norms were based on approximately 150 boys and a similar number of girls at each single year of age, whereas the number of examinees in the present study ranged from about one-half to two-thirds of that number for drawings of the opposite sex to from half again to twice as many for drawings of the same sex (table 1).

Mean scores for children aged 6-11 years in the United States tended to be lower than those from the Harris norms consistently throughout the age range on the Man and Woman Scales for both boys and girls (figures 3 and 5). There was a distinct trend for this difference to become progressively greater with age. The mean differences were statistically significant (at the 5-percent level or less) at ages 6, 10, and 11 for boys on the Man Scale and at ages 7. 10, and 11 for girls on the Woman Scale. If the comparison had been made on the basis of the smoothed data (figure 4), the means would have differed significantly at 9, 10, and 11 years for boys on the Man Scale and at 11 years for boys on the Woman Scale. For girls the differences were significant at ages 9, 10, and 11 on the Woman Scale. At age 6 on the Woman Scale the differences in mean raw scores were negligible; when smoothed, means from the present study were even slightly above the norms.

Yet the graphic presentation of the data shows consistently that, whether significant by statistical standards or not, the present data fall below Harris' published norms, with the exception indicated at age 6. The levels of significance vary as a function of the sample size of the groups compared. Thus the particular ages at which "significance" does or does not appear is in part a product of the uneven distribution of the numbers of boys and girls in the present study electing to draw their "person"

as a man or as a woman. It is probably appropriate to conclude that the differences between Harris' data and the data of the present study are significant in a research sense throughout, if not always statistically significant, and deserve attention.

Moreover the variability of scores at each year of age from the present study ten'ds to be slightly less than that reported by Harris, particularly on the drawing of a man by boys. The relative variation among the scores attained in the present study-as measured by the ratio of the standard deviation to the mean-is, however, similar to that found by Harris for his normative group (table 5). All chi-square tests on both raw and smoothed data using Harris' ratios as the expected values are not significant. In the present data the ratio tends to be more nearly constant for the Woman Scale, particularly for boys. This measure has the value of permitting a comparison of dispersions of scores in different series where the means vary considerably in size. A fairly constant relative variation over progressively ordered groups is generally a desideratum in psychological and educational measures, for as the mean raw score increases beyond zero, the variability around that mean should increase proportionately with the size of the mean. This is one indication that the test has a sufficient number of items and is fairly consistent over the various groups in differentiating ability.

# Standard Scores and Percentiles

To express scores in a form so that a child's relative standing in his age group with respect to intellectual maturity is apparent and to make such scores comparable from age group to age group, the raw scores must be converted to some relative measure. The standard score and the percentile equivalent of a raw score are commonly used for this purpose. In regular, normal distributions the percentile rank may be derived directly from the standard score and is more readily understood by teachers and parents, as mentioned earlier in this report.

One major reason for abandoning the IQ as an indication of intellectual ability or maturity

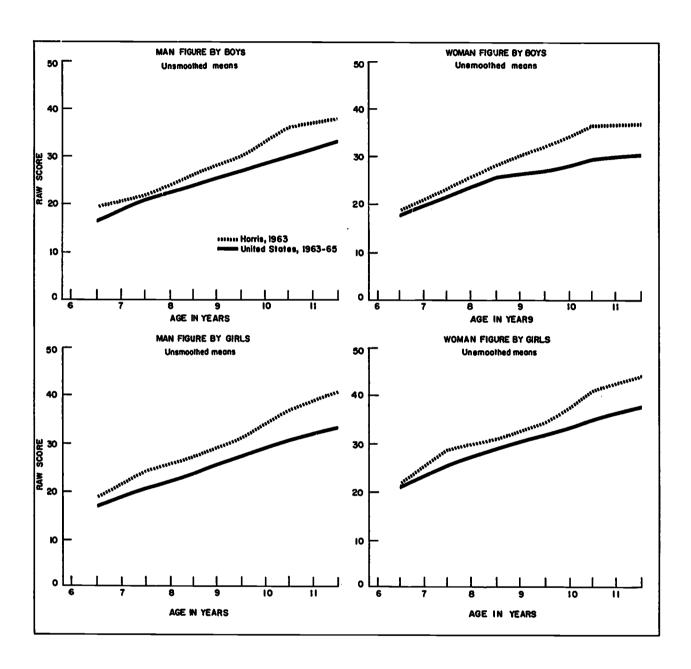


Figure 3. Unsmoothed point score means for boys and girls aged 6 through II years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by type of drawing and age: United States, 1963-65, and the 1963 Harris Normative Group.

is that mental growth is clearly not a rectilinear function; that is, it does not apparently increase at a constant rate with age, 8,19-21 which was assumed by the older Mental Age concept. The standard score, relative to the development at each year of age, permits a direct comparison across a wide span of ages.

To permit comparisons of psychological measures of the Health Examination Survey and to provide a basis for comparison of other studies or test results with the national norms from the survey, standard score equivalents for raw scores are shown in tables 6-11 from data for the total national sample.

In constructing these standard scores at each year of age, the average has been set at 100 and the standard deviation at 15 points, as previously indicated, consistent with the practice used by Harris in his development of this instrument and by Wechsler both in his Adult Intelligence Scale of  $1955^{22}$  and his Intelligence Scale for Children in  $1949.^{23}$ 

The means and standard deviations of standard scores for the drawing of each sex figure

by boys and girls are shown in table 12. The nonsignificant deviations from the parameters (mean of 100 and standard deviation of 15) reflect the effect of the weighting process used to produce national estimates as described in the appendix.

Percentile rank equivalents for raw scores on this test, as obtained in the present national study, for the drawings of a man and of a woman are shown in tables 13-15. The per-

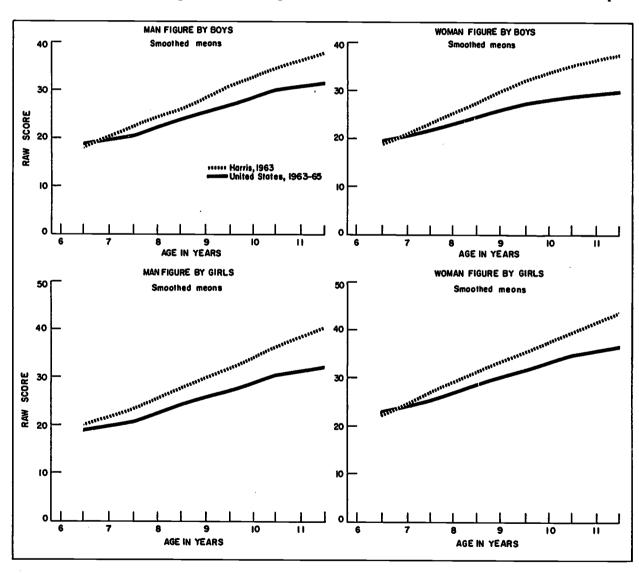


Figure 4. Smoothed point score means for boys and girls aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by type of drawing and age: United States, 1963-65, and the 1963 Harris Normative Group.

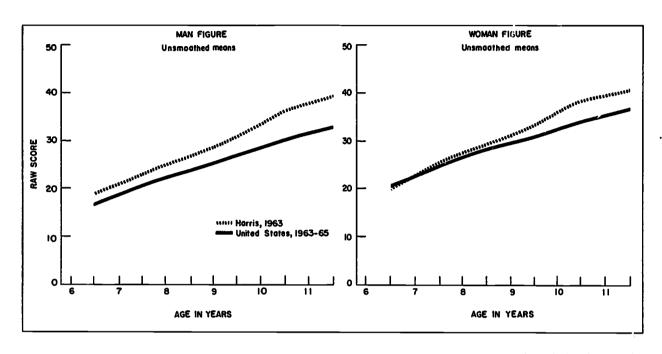


Figure 5. Unsmoothed point score means for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by type of drawing and age: United States, 1963-65, and the 1963 Harris Normative Group.

centile ranks show the relative standing of the score for a child in a theoretical group of 100 or the score below which the indicated percentages of children were found to fall. The distribution of the percentile equivalents of raw scores shows a consistent pattern throughout the age range (figure 6).

For convenience in assessing the normality of these distributions of scores, percentile equivalents for the standard score equivalents of these raw scores are shown in tables 16-19 along with the comparable standard scores from a normal distribution. A rough test of the extent of agreement with the normal distribution is shown in these tables. Here a chi-square test of the goodness of fit of these distributions to the normal curve was used, with the values from the normal curve being the expected values. Each of the arrays of scores were quite normally distributed. The likelihood of deviations in standard scores as large or larger occurring solely through chance is considerably greater than the 5-percent level, which has been used as the level of statistical significance in this report.

# **DISCUSSION**

One principal contribution of the present study to psychological science is the establishment of national norms for the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test based on the highly representative national sample of children used in the second cycle of the Health Examination Survey. The finding that the mean scores from the present study fall below the data reported by Harris therefore constitutes one of the principal points for discussion. It is essential to account for these differences and to appraise the present data as a basis for evaluating the norms established by Harris.

While the mean differences were not always statistically significant at every age level, it was pointed out that smaller samples for some groups with their correspondingly larger sampling variability may account for the "nonsignificance" of trends which are uniformly in the same direction (figures 3 and 4).

One factor to be considered in comparing data from the present study with the Harris



data is the difference in the circumstances of testing. The original Harris data were gathered in group settings, while data for this study were gathered by the individual testing technique. Can the difference in procedure account for the difference in the results obtained? A recent methodological study in the Vital and Health Statistics series 24 suggests that there may be some validity in this argument. Ordinarily in a testing situation a child is permitted to finish at his own rate. For the present study, however, the testing time of necessity had to be curtailed. In the group situation used by Harris in standardizing the test, the testing time was much less constrained. Most of the children were permitted to finish at their own rate; only a few in each class had to be hurried to complete their drawings in the time allotted.

The methodological study <sup>24</sup> just referred to was specifically designed for and conducted with adolescents. In general, younger children take considerably less time to complete a drawing than do older children. However, there remains the possibility that the individual testing situation constrained at least some of the younger children to an unknown extent. While this factor could probably be expected to produce somewhat lower scores, it is doubtful that it could in itself account for all the consistent and rather sizable differences noted between the original Harris data and the data of the present study.

Perhaps more plausible is the possibility that in group settings the drawing task was not strictly controlled. Indeed in "art" work children often look at and sometimes discuss each other's

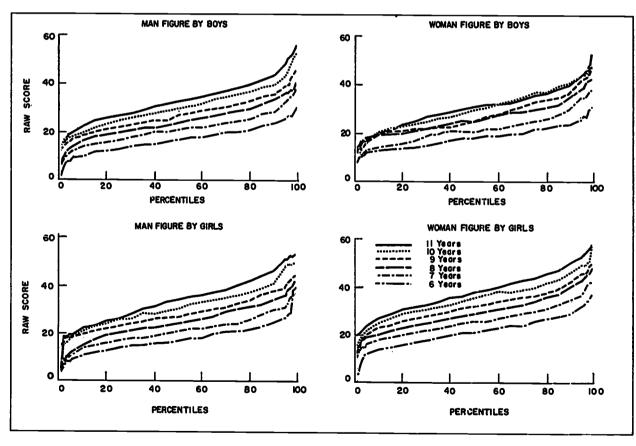


Figure 6. Distribution of percentile equivalents of raw scores of boys and girls aged 6 through II years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test by type of drawing and age: United States, 1963-65.

work. If such circumstances occurred in the collection of Harris' data, some children were probably stimulated to include additional ideas or concepts in their drawings, thus gaining scoring points. Then too, there is the motivational effect which appears to accrue to tasks conducted in groups. The possibility of both types of social facilitation of performance cannot be discounted.

Could differences in scoring standards, consistently applied, account for the observed differences? A constant bias in the present study toward stricter application of standards and greater quality control on scoring could possibly be responsible. However, the present study attempted to allow for this factor by constant reference to the original standards and to the interpretations and training sessions for scorers provided or supervised by Harris. In the training procedures established for scoring, a few of the ambiguous points were redefined but in a conservative way. It seems doubtful that these scoring differences could in themselves account for the consistent differences in trends of the data.

There remains the obvious fact that the present study posed a different problem for subjects than did the original Goodenough-Harris measure. That is, children in the present study were asked simply to draw a person. Children in the Goodenough-Harris study were asked to make three drawings in specified sequence—a man, a woman, and a drawing of the self.

It has clearly been shown in the present study that when asked to draw a person the the majority of children of both sexes drew their own sex. In the literature of clinical psychology the selection of sex, when the test situation specified a person, is presumed to convey certain psychological characteristics of the subject. These characteristics have been variously defined in the literature, but ordinarily these definitions refer to self-image or personality factors and not to cognitive abilities. Again, this factor probably should not make a great difference in the scoring of the drawings for intellectual level. It was this assumption which led to the use of the Goodenough-Harris standards as the basic scoring device for the drawings obtained in the draw-a-person situation posed by the present survey. It is unfortunate that

no "hard" data are available to test this assumption. It is a reasonable one but it remains untested.

A counter hypothesis would be that there are intellectual as well as personal differences between children electing to draw a figure of like rather than opposite sex when asked to draw a person. There is certainly nothing in the literature on sex differences to suggest that scoring a drawing for intellectual factors would be significantly affected by the personal qualities which would lead a boy, for example, to draw a female rather than a male figure when the sex of the subject to be drawn is unspecified.

With regard to the present data, to account for differences from Harris' norms on the basis of this hypothesis, the effect would have to be somewhat as follows: One assumes that a standard population gives a certain level of performance when the subject of drawing is specified as a man. One assumes further that Harris' norms are accurate and representative of the groups from which they were derived and that the data of the present study should be comparable. If there is a selective, intellectual factor in the tendency to draw an opposite-sex figure when asked to draw a person other than a specified sex, the male and female figures drawn by these subsamples should differ considerably in intellectual level when compared with Harris' norms. The mean point scores in table 1 have been translated to equivalent standard scores on the Harris norms in table B. There appears to be no selectivity; the tendency of the present data to fall below the Harris norms

Table B. Standard score equivalents, according to the 1963 Harris Norms, for mean point (raw) scores shown in table 1

Age	Man f	igure	Woman	figure
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
6 years 7 years 8 years 9 years 1.0 years 11 years	102 94 96 94 93	98 95 93 92 90 87	103 97 95 91 90 89	100 96 96 94 93 88

appears in all groups. The hypothesis that the self-selection of sex of the person drawn may relate in unknown ways to intellectual maturity seems scarcely tenable. Yet the fact of selfselectivity of sex of subjects remains and serves to render results which are not comparable, in a strict sense, with thosegathered under standard conditions; i.e., when specific subject matter of the drawing is specified. Clearly the distributions of scores in the present study are from subsamples as delineated by the sex of the drawing and the child, determined on unknown psychosocial bases, of samples that are known to be representative by age, sex, race, region, size of place of residence, and rate of population change from 1950 to 1960, the latter factor being indicative of the economic stability of the area of residence.

A final possibility exists which relates to the representativeness of samples used by Harris to establish national norms. He followed two procedures frequently used-a quota sampling based on a characteristic (parental occupation) known to relate significantly to intelligence of offspring and a geographic representation which, though far from optimal, was nevertheless greater than that obtained in tests until recent years. It is possible that subtle selective factors favoring the admission to school or the retention in school of generally brighter children to his samples would somewhat elevate his norms. There is the observation from the present study that the discrepancy between the two sets of data becomes progressively larger at the older ages. This may reflect the fact that duller children tend to be transferred to special educational facilities when it is apparent that they cannot benefit from the regular classwork. There is also a possibility that during recent years in this Nation, which presumably has universal elementary schooling, an increasing number of the duller children are being sent to school than was formally true. Whatever the reason, the nationally representative noninstitutional sample apparently does include proportionately more dull children in the age groups than age groups selected systematically from the school populations of various parts of the country to represent children generally. If so, this factor could possibly account in part for differences in the data and draw attention to the need for more rigorous standardization of many psychological and educational tests.

It is probable that the observed differences between the two sets of data stem from multiple factors, including some if not all of the contingencies mentioned above. Perhaps of greater significance, however, is the basic observation that the general findings of Harris 8 are borne out by the substantial age increment in performance on the drawing task shown in the raw score distributions of drawing test scores from the present study. While there are some differences in performance which may possibly be due to setting a more general task for a child (to draw a person rather than to draw a man or draw a woman), when raw scores are translated into percentile rank scores, the differences between the two testing situations are not very great on the average in comparison with the spread of scores within any one age.

# SUMMARY

As a part of the second program (or cycle) of the Health Examination Survey in 1963-65. a number of psychological tests were administered to a probability sample which was closely representative of the Nation's noninstitutionalized children 6 through 11 years of age. One of these tests, which was included to obtain information on intellectual maturity, was the draw-a-person test. This test was scored by the Goodenough-Harris drawing standard, utilizing the scales appropriate to the sex of the figure drawn by the boys and girls who were subjects of the present study. The data from this study presented in detail show that the performance of children 6-11 years of age in the United States is somewhat below that reported as the 1963 national norms by Harris but follows a consistent pattern of substantial increase in raw score from age to age. The possibility that self-selection of the subject to be drawn relates to intellectual maturity was examined and tentatively rejected. Nevertheless the fact remains from the present data that when the drawing of a person is used to assess intelligence by the Goodenough-Harris scoring method, there must be a slight adjustment in the Harris norms to give accurate estimates of intellectual maturity. The present data affords a basis for such renorming and the pertinent data are supplied in the present report for children 6-11 years.

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Table 1. Unsmoothed means and standard deviations (SD's) of point (raw) scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, Man and Woman Scales, by age and sex: United States, 1963-65

Scale and age	All boys and girls		Boys		Girls	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Man Scale			Raw s	core		<u> </u>
Total, 6-11 years	24.9	7.16	24.9	7.10	24.8	7.40
6 years 7 years 8 years 9 years 10 years 11 years Woman Scale	20.7 23.9	5.84 6.76 7.15 7.27 8.49 9.18	16.3 20.6 23.8 26.5 29.7 32.4	5.50 6.57 6.82 7.16 8.35 8.92	17.0 20.6 23.6 27.2 30.4 33.0	6.94 7.56 8.86 7.84 9.16 10.27
Total, 6-11 years	29.2	7.58	25.3	7.07	29.9	7.68
6 years	20.2 24.5 28.1 30.5 33.8 36.2	6.22 6.81 7.33 7.69 8.30 8.74	17.6 21.2 25.5 26.4 29.3 29.9	4.77 6.43 6.50 7.64 8.49 7.90	20.7 25.2 28.7 31.4 34.6 37.4	6.47 6.89 7.52 7.70 8.26 8.91

Table 2. Smoothed means and standard deviations (SD's) of point (raw) scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, Man and Woman Scales, by age and sex:

Scale and age	All boys	and girls	Boys		Girls	
<del></del>	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Man Scale			Raw s	core		
Total, 6-11 years	24.9	7.16		7.10	24.8	7.40
6 years	18.5 20.3 23.7 26.8 29.6 31.2	6.30 6.58 7.06 7.64 8.31 8.83	18.5 20.2 23.6 26.7 29.5 31.1	6.04 6.30 6.85 7.44 8.14 8.64	22.0 23.9 27.6 30.8 33.7 35.2	7.25 7.78 8.09 8.62 9.09 9.71
Total, 6-11 years	29.2	7.58	25.3	7.07	29.9	7.68
6 years	22.4 24.3 27.7 30.8 33.5 35.0	6.51 6.78 7.28 7.77 8.24 8.52	19.4 21.4 24.4 27.1 28.5 29.6	5.60 5.90 6.86 7.54 8.01 8.19	22.9 24.8 28.4 31.6 34.5 36.0	6.68 6.96 7.37 7.83 8.29 8.58

<sup>1</sup>Means and standard deviations smoothed by 3-year moving average. The end points at 6 and 11 have been estimated on the basis of 2-year data.

Table 3. Unsmoothed means and standard deviations (SD's) of point (raw) scores for children aged 6 through 11 years in the Harris standardization groups for the 1963 revision of the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, Man and Woman Scales, by age and sex

	All boys a	and girls	Воз	rs ·	Girls			
Scale and age	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Man Scale	Raw score							
6 years	19.3 23.0 26.8 30.6 36.5 39.1	5.86 6.98 7.91 8.76 9.81 10.38	19.7 21.6 26.3 30.0 36.0 37.6	5.68 6.78 7.99 8.53 10.32 10.67	19.0 24.3 27.2 31.2 37.1 40.6	5.96 6.95 7.82 8.95 9.27 9.84		
Woman Scale  6 years 7 years 8 years 10 years 11 years	20.2 25.8 29.4 33.2 38.5 40.3	6.63 8.89 7.81 9.01 9.36 10.44	18.8 22.9 28.0 32.0 36.4 36.6	6.34 7.93 7.23 8.64 9.25 9.57	21.4 28.7 30.8 34.4 40.6 44.0	6.66 8.84 8.14 9.22 9.03 9.93		

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Scale and age	All boys a	nd girls	Воз	ys	Girls		
beate and ego	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
Man Scale		Raw score					
6 years	19.2 23.0 26.8 31.3 35.4 38.9	5.95 6.92 7.88 8.83 9.65 10.42	18.4 22.5 25.9 30.7 34.5 37.6	5.71 6.82 7.77 8.95 9.84 10.85	20.0 23.5 27.6 31.8 36.3 40.2	5.94 6.91 7.91 3.68 9.35 9.78	
Woman Scale							
6 years	20.8 25.2 29.5 33.7 37.3 40.3	7.07 7.78 8.57 8.71 9.60 9.96	18.8 23.3 27.6 32.1 35.0 37.3	6.41 7.17 7.93 8.37 9.15 9.53	22.8 27.0 31.3 35.3 39.7 43.3	7.08 7.88 8.73 8.80 9.39 9.41	

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Means and standard deviations smoothed by 3-year moving average.

Table 5. Coefficient of variation (standard deviation/mean—unsmoothed and smoothed) for point (raw) scores on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by type of drawing, age, and sex: United States, 1963-65, and the 1963 Harris standardization data

			Man figu	re by:			
Age	All boys a	All boys and girls Boys			Girls		
	United States, 1963-65	Harris, 1963	United States, 1963-65	Harris, 1963	United States, 1963-65	Harris, 1963	
		C	oefficien	its (SD/X	)		
			Unsmoo	thed			
6 years	0.356 0.329 0.301	0.303 0.303 0.295	0.320 0.290	0.283 0.313 0.303	0.408 0.367 0.375	0.286 0.287	
10 years	0.271 0.284 0.283	0.286 0.268 0.265	0.272 0.279 0.275	0.284 0.286 0.283	0.288 0.301 0.311	0.249	
			Smoot	hed <sup>1</sup>			
6 years	0.341 0.325 0.300 0.284 0.280 0.282	0.309 0.300 0.294 0.282 0.292 0.267	0.324 0.312 0.288 0.277 0.274 0.277	0.310 0.303 0.300 0.291 0.285 0.288	0.310 0.297 0.272 0.259 0.250 0.250	0.294 0.286 0.272 0.257	
			Woman fig	ure by:			
Age	All boys a	l boys and girls Boys Girls			ls		
· .	United States, 1963-65	Harris, 1963	United States, 1963-65	Harris, 1963	United States, 1963-65	Harris, 1963	
		c	0efficien	ts (SD/X	)	•	
			Unsmoo	thed			
6 years	0.308 0.278 0.261 0.252 0.246 0.242	0.328 0.344 0.265 0.271 0.243 0.259	0.304 0.255 0.289 0.290	0.346 0.258 0.270 0.254	0.313 0.273 0.262 0.245 0.238 0.238	0.308 0.264 0.268 0.222	
			Smoot	hed <sup>1</sup>			
6 years	0.291 0.280 0.263 0.252 0.246 0.244	0.339 0.308 0.290 0.258 0.257 0.247	0.275 0.281 0.278	0.340 0.307 0.287 0.260 0.261 0.255	0.291 0.280 0.259 0.248 0.240 0.238	0.291 0.278 0.247	

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{Means}$  and standard deviations smoothed by 3-year moving average.

Table 6. Table for converting point (raw) scores to standard score equivalents—man figure by boys—by age: United States, 1963-65

	Age in years						
Raw score	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	Standard score						
001	154 156 158 161 163 166 171 177 177 177 178	111 114 116 118 121 123 126 128 130 140 142 145 145 145 145 145 145 145 145 145 145	48 50 53 557 57 57 57 77 79 81 83 85 88 89 90 91 101 112 114 118 120 121 131 134 145 145 145 158 168 168 168 168 171 177 183 183 184 185 186 186 187 187 187 187 187 187 187 187	46 48 48 50 52 54 66 68 70 72 74 76 81 83 88 77 89 91 101 105 107 111 1123 125 129 131 133 145 147 149 151 153 155 157 159 161 163 165 165 165 165 165 165 165 165 165 165	123 125 127 128 130 132 134 136 141 143 145 147 149 151 152 154 155 167 168 169 163 165 167 167 169 173	46 46 55 55 56 66 66 67 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77 77	

Table 7. Table for converting point (raw) scores to standard score equivalents—man figure by girls—by age:

Raw score	Age in years					
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Standard score					
0	۷,			_		
1	61 63	61 63	56 58	53 S	50	
23	65	65	60	56	52 53	
4	67	66	61	58	55 l	
5	69 72	68	63 65	60 62	57 58	
7	74	72	67	63	60	
8	76	74	69	65	62	
9	78 80	76 78	71 73	67	63	
0	82	80	74	69 70	65 67	
12	84	82	76	72	68	
Ja	86	84	78	74	70	
4	88 90	86 88	80 82	75 77	72	
5	92	90	84	79	73   75	
6	94	92	86	81	77	
8	96 98	93 95	87 89	82	78	
9	100	97	91	84 86	80   81	
Ó	103	99	93	88	83	
2	105	101	95	89	85	
3	107 109	103 105	97 99	91 93	86	
4	iii	1 107	100	95	88   90	
5 6	113	109	102	96	91	
7	115	111	104	98	93	
8	117 119	113 115	106 108	100 102	94	
9	121	117	110	102	96   98	
0	123	119	iii	105	100	
2	125	120	113	107	101	
3	127 129	122 124	115 117	109 110	103	
4	132	126	119	112	105   106	
56	134	128	121	114	108	
7	136 138	130	123	116	110	
8	140	132 134	124 126	117 119	111 113	
9	142	136	128	121	115	
1	144	138	130	122	116	
2	146 148	140 142	132 134	124 126	118	
3	150	144	136	128	119 121	
5	. 152	145	137	129	123	
6	154 156	147 149	139	131	124	
7	158	151	141 143	133 135	126 128	
89	160	153	145	136	129	
0	163	155	147	138	131	
1	165	157 159	149 150	140	133	
2	*	161	152	142 143	134   136	
3	*	163	154	145	138	
5	*	165	156	l 147 I	139	
	* *	167 *	158 160	149	141	
3	*-	*	162	150 152	143 144	
9	*	*	163	154	146	
]	* *	*	165	156	148	
1	*	* *	167 *	157 159	149	
23	*	*	*	161	151 152	
4	*	*	*	163	154	
	* *	*	* *	164	156	
	*	*	*	166	157   159	
7B	*	*	*	*	161	
9	*	*	*	*	162	
)	*	*	*	*	164	:
	*	*	*	*	166	
	*	*	*	*	*	
)	*	*	*	. *	*	



Table 8. Table for converting point (raw) scores to standard score equivalents—woman figure by boys—by age:
United States, 1963-65

		Age in years							
Raw score	6	7	. 8	9	10	11			
	Standard score					<u>.</u>			
0	48 51 53 56 59 64 67 70 72 75 78 80 83 84 94 96 99 102 104 110 112 115 128 128 131 134 144 144 145 155 166 166 167 177 177 177 177 177 177 177	46 48 51 53 56 68 61 63 66 68 77 76 79 104 107 104 107 109 101 112 1127 1129 121 127 129 135 140 145 153 165 165 165 165 165 165 165 165	Standard 47 49 511 535 58 602 644 669 71 735 777 799 82 846 888 90 935 977 991 1004 1108 110 1112 1117 1119 1123 1125 1130 1132 1136 1139 1143 1145 1147 1156 1163 11657 1169 1714	\$core  468 450 554 566 588 600 72 74 766 688 700 72 74 768 880 890 994 996 1000 112 1141 116 1118 1120 1222 1244 1266 128 1300 142 124 1256 158 1500 152	47 48 50 52 54 63 663 667 77 778 80 82 84 88 88 88 89 92 93 95 97 101 103 106 108 110 112 114 118 120 121 123 123 123 124 134 144 146 148 149 149 149 149 149 149 149 149 149 149				
79		**************************************	176 178 178 178 178 178 178 178 178 178 178	164 165 167 169 171 173 173	157 169 160 161 162 163 164 177 177 177 177				

Table 9. Table for converting point (raw) scores to standard score equivalents—woman figure by girls—by sge: United States, 1963-65

	Age in years						
Raw score	6	. 7	8	9	10	11	
			Standard	l acore			
0	49 1	46			•		
	511	49	42 44 46	40 41	38 39		
2	:53	31	46	43	41		
3	55 1	53	48	45	43		
5	57	55 57	50 52 54	47	45		
	60 }	57	52	49	45 47		
7	62 64	59	54	51	48		
	66	62 64	56 58	53	50		
	69	66	60	55 57	50 52 54 56		
	711	68	63	.59	56		
	73	70 72 74	65	61	58		
	75	72	67	63	58 59		
	78	74	69	64	61		
	80 82	77 79	71	66	63		
	84	81	73 75	68	65		
7	87	83	73	70 72	67 68		
	89	85	77 79 81	74 1	70	i	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	. 91	87	81	76	70 72		
	93	90	83	78	74		
2	96 98	92 94	85	80	76		
}	100	96	85 87 89	82	.77		
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	102	98	91	84 85	79 .81		
	105	100	93	87	183		
	107	102	95	89	85		
	109	105	97	91	86	İ	
	111	107	.99	93	88		
)	114	109	101	95	.90		
	116 118	111 113	103	97	92		
2	120	115	105 107	99 101	94		
3	123	118	107	103	95 97		
	125	120	îĭí	105	99		
	127	122	113	107	101		
7	129	124	115	108	103		
	132	126	117	110	. 105		
9	134 136	128 130	119	112	106		
)	138	133	122 124	114 116	108 110		
	141	135	126	118	112		
2	143	137	128	120	114		
	145	139	130	122	115		
	147	141	132	124	117		
	150 152	143 146	134 136	126	119		
7	154	148	138	128 130	121 123		
	156	150	140	131	124		
	159	152	142	133	126		
	161	154	144	135	128		
2	*	156	146	137	130		
	<b>*</b>	158 161	148	139	132		
	*	163	150 152	141 143	133 135		
	*	165	154	145	137		
	*	*	156	147	139		
	*	*	158	149	141		
	*	*	160	151	143		
000000000000000000000000000000000000000	*	*	162	153	144		
		*	164	154	146		
		*	÷	156 158	148		
		*	÷	160	150 152		
	*	*	*	162	153	. ,	
	*	*	*	164	155		
7	* *	*	*	*	157		
	*	*	*	*	159		
9	· [	*	· *	*	161		
0	·	*	*	× ×	162 164		
1	*	*			±04		
	*	. *	*	*	*		
	*	*	*	*	*		

Table 10. Table for converting point (raw) scores to standard score equivalents—man figure by boys or girls—by age: United States, 1963-65

	Age in years						
Raw score	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	Standard score						
00	56 58 61 63 65 68 70 73 77 80	54 56 58 61 63 65 67 70 72 74	50 52 54 56 58 60 62 64 67 69	47 49 51 53 557 59 61 63 67	46 48 50 52 54 56 57 59 61 63	55 55 55 66 66	
1	82 84 87 89 92 96 99 101 103 106 118 111 113 115 118	79 81 83 86 88 90 92 95 97 99 102 104 106 111 113 115	73 75 77 79 81 84 86 88 90 92 94 96 98 101 103	69 71 73 75 77 79 81 83 85 87 89 91 93 95 98 1000	66 688 70 72 74 75 77 79 81 83 84 88 88 90 92 93	66666777777777777777777777777777777777	
9	125 127 130 132 134 137 139 142 144 146 149 151	120 122 124 127 129 131 133 136 140 143 145	111 113 115 118 120 122 124 126 128 130 132 135	104 106 108 110 112 114 116 118 120 122 124 126 128	99 101 102 104 108 110 111 113 115 117 119	10 10 10 10 10 11 11	
2	158	152 154 156 159 161 163 165 168 172	139 141 143 145 147 149 152 154 156 158	142 144 146 148 150	122 124 126 128 129 131 133 135 137 140		
55 56 57	***************************************	***************************************	169 171 173 175 177 **	155 157 159 161 163 165 167 167 171 173	146 148 149 151 153 155 156 160 160		
67		t #	**	***************************************	16: 16: 17: 17:		

Table 11. Table for converting point (raw) scores to standard score equivalents—woman figure by boys or girls—by age: United States, 1963-65

Table 12. Means and standard deviations (SD) of standard scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, Man and Woman Scales, by age and sex: United States, 1963-65

Scale and age	All boys a	nd girls	Boys		Girls			
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Man Scale	Standard score							
Total, 6-11 years	100.1	14.59	100.1	14.71	100.0	13.99		
6 years	99.9	14.97	99.9	15.21	99.7	14.09		
7 years	100.1	14.78	100.1	15.18	99.7	13.01		
8 years	100.4	14.29	100.5	14.37	99.8	13.88		
9 years	99.7	14.28	99.6	14.43	99.7	13.56		
10 years	100.2	14.04	100.1	14.43	100.4	14.22		
11 years	100.2	14.62	100.1	14.53	100.6	15.10		
Woman Scale								
Total, 6-11 years	100.0	14.59	99.8	14.77	100.1	14.56		
6 years	99.8	14.68	99.0	13.70	99.9	14.85		
7 years	100.2	14.77	99.9	15.24	100.2	14.68		
8 years	100.3	14.21	100.1	14.07	100.3	14.24		
9 years	100.1	15.00	99.7	15.44	100.1	14.91		
10 years	100.0	14.50	99.9	14.75	100.0	14.46		
11 years	100.1	14.08	100.0	13.29	100.0	14.23		

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{Standardized}$  for all races combined.

Table 13. Percentile rank equivalents of point (raw) scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by type of drawing and age: United States, 1963-65

	Man figure						
Percentile <sup>1</sup>	Total, 6-11		<u> </u>	Age in	years		
	6-11 years	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Point	(raw) sc	ore		
99	51 46 44 42 37 35 33 31 30 28 27 26 24 22 21 20 19 18 16 15 12	32 29 28 27 26 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 18 17 16 16 15 14 13 12 12 10 9 8 8 7 5	38 36 35 34 329 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 19 18 17 16 15 14 12 11	40 39 38 37 36 34 32 28 27 26 25 22 21 20 19 18 16 14 13 12 9 8	45 442 410 37 353 332 331 309 228 27 26 22 21 20 117 166 116 113	52 49 46 41 39 37 33 31 30 28 27 22 24 22 20 18 18 11	554 552 550 432 439 338 335 331 299 287 226 242 220 199 116 115
	· .		Wo	man figur	e		
Percentile <sup>1</sup>	Total, 6-11			Age in	years		
	years	6	7	8	. 9	10	11
			Point	(raw) so	ore		
99	53 50 48 47 46 42 38 36 33 32 32 29 28 27 25 22 22 28 15 14	37 35 34 32 29 26 25 24 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 11 10 8	431 422 408 337 332 332 332 332 332 332 332 332 332	47 46 443 39 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 32 32 32	50 48 476 445 445 445 445 445 445 445 445 445 44	54 510 559 48 443 440 338 337 333 331 330 227 221 221 221 221 221 221 221 221 221	58 56 553 522 49 443 440 39 337 312 228 221 20 117

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Score below which the indicated percent of children at each given age fall.

Table 14. Percentile rank equivalents of point (raw) scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Man Scale of the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by age and sex: United States, 1963-65

			Man f	igure by	boys			
Percentile <sup>1</sup>	Total,	Age in years						
	6-11 years	6	7	8	9	10	11	
			Point	(raw) sc	ore .			
9	50 46 44 42 41 37 35 33 30 28 27 26 25 22 21 20 19 18 16 15 10 9 8	30   28   27   26   24   23   21   20   20   19   18   17   16   15   15   14   13   12   12   12   10   9   8   8   6   2	38 36 35 34 33 29 28 26 22 21 20 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 11 10 9 6	40 438 38 38 37 37 37 34 32 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 14 13 12 10 8	46 44 42 40 36 35 33 32 31 30 29 28 27 25 24 23 21 20 19 17 16 15	53 51 48 46 44 40 39 37 36 35 34 32 31 30 29 28 27 26 22 21 18 17 17	55 55 55 55 44 44 43 33 33 33 32 22 22 22 21 11	
			Man fi	gure by g	irls			
Percentile <sup>1</sup>	Total,			Age in	years			
	6-11 years	6	7	8	9	10	11	
			Point	(raw) sc	ore			
99	20 18 17	39 38 29 28 27 25 22 21 21 20 18 18 17 16 15 14 13	37 36 35 33 31 30 28 26 24 24 22 21 20 19 18 18 18 17 16	42 40 39 38 36 32 31 30 29 27 26 22 22 21 20 17 15	44 43 42 41 39 38 36 33 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 22 21 19 18 18 18 17	50 49 49 48 41 39 37 36 35 32 32 29 28 26 26 24 21 18	5555544443333333322222211111	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Score below which the indicated percent of children at each given age fall.

Table 15. Percentile rank equivalents of point (raw) scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Woman Scale of the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by age and sex: United States, 1963-65

man Scale of the Goodenough-Harris	Drawing 1			figure by			
Percentile <sup>t</sup>	Total,			Age in	years	<u> </u>	
	6-11 years	6	7	8.	9	10	11
			Point	(raw) sc	ore	-	
99	46 44 43 41 37 35 33 31 30 28 27 26 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 16 14 13 12 11	31 30 27 27 26 24 23 22 20 20 19 19 18 18 17 16 15 14 14 11 11 10 10	38 37 36 35 30 28 26 25 22 22 21 21 20 19 17 16 15 12 10 8	43 42 42 39 38 35 32 29 28 27 25 24 22 21 20 20 19 18 17 15 14	48 445 443 443 437 337 331 330 28 27 225 224 221 211 19 16 15 14	48 48 44 44 41 40 37 37 35 33 32 31 30 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 20 16 15 14 12 12	53 46 46 45 44 40 39 37 36 32 32 32 32 29 28 27 25 24 21 17 16 14
			Woman f	igure by	girls		
Percentile <sup>1</sup>	Total,		٠.	Age in	years		
<u> </u>	6-11 years	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Point	(raw) sc	ore .		
99	54 51 49 48 47 43 40 38 37 35 34 32 27 26 25 24 21 19 16 15	37 335 34 332 29 28 27 26 24 22 21 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 11 10 7	43 441 39 38 33 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 22 21 19 18 16 15 14	48 445 443 37 334 332 330 29 27 22 22 20 18 18 16 15	50 49 47 46 46 46 40 38 37 36 33 32 31 32 29 28 27 26 24 20 19 18	58 51 50 49 49 46 44 42 40 39 38 38 38 37 36 34 32 31 20 27 25 22 21 20 81 81 81 81 81 81 81 81 81 81 81 81 81	58 555 547 464 442 449 388 366 343 329 277 224 221 20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Score below which the indicated percent of children at each given age fall.

Table 16. Normalized and actual standard scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test at selected percentile levels, by age: United States, 1963-65

			A1	l drawing	gs—boys a	and girls		
Percentile <sup>1</sup>	Normal- ized standard	Total,		Age in	n years			
	score <sup>2</sup>	6-11 years	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Actual :	standard s	score		
99	135	138	139	138 }	137	138	140	137
98	131	133	133	135	132	133	132	133
97	128	130	129	130	130	131	128	131
96	126	128	127	129	128	128	127	128
95	125	126	125	126	127	126	125	126
90	119	119	118	119	120	119	119	120
85	116	115	115	114	115	115	115	116
80	113	112	112	111	112	112	112	113
75	110	110	109	109	109	110	110	111
70	108	107	106	105	107	108	108	108
65	106	105	104	104	105	106	106	106
60	104	103	103	102	103	103	104	104
55	102	101	101	101	101	101	102	102
50	100	99	99	99	99.	100	100	100
45	98	98	97	97	97	98	98	98
40	96	96	95	96	95	96	96	96
35	94	94	93	94	93	93	94	94
30	92	92	92	92	92	91	92	92
25	90	90	89	90	89	90	90	90
20	87	88	88	88	87	88	88	88
15	84	85	85	86	84	85	85	85
10	81	82	82	83	82	82	82	81
5	75		77	78	78	77	77	76
4	74		77	76	76	76	76	75
3	72		74	75	73	75	74	74
2	69		72	72	71	73	71	72
1	65		59	65	64	68	67	69
لأع		1	<del></del>				57	
x <sup>2<sup>13</sup></sup>	-	0.57	1.29	1.10	0.54	0.89	0.54	0.66

 $<sup>^1</sup>$ Score below which the indicated percent of children at each given age fall.  $^2$ Mean of 100, standard deviation of 15.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$ Approximate test for normality of distribution. Chi-square value for the 5-percent probability level is 33.9, and for the 1-percent level it is 36.8.

Table 17. Percentile rank equivalents of standard scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by type of drawing and age: United States, 1963-65

	Man figure						
Percentile <sup>1</sup>			years	ears			
	6	7	8	9	10	11	
			Standard	score			
98	141 133 128 125 117 114 109 106 103 101 98 97 96 89 97 76 77 76 74	140 135 133 131 128 119 114 112 110 107 105 103 102 100 96 95 97 98 98 86 84 79 77 77 75 72 68	135 133 131 129 127 122 118 113 111 109 107 100 102 100 96 95 97 87 87 87 87 87 87 87	138 136 132 130 126 121 117 113 111 109 107 104 102 100 98 96 94 99 90 88 86 84 79 77 76 74 71	140 136 134 129 127 120 116 112 111 109 107 100 100 96 94 94 93 91 85 83 78 77 76 74 71	139 136 133 132 130 118 116 113 111 1108 106 102 100 97 97 94 94 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97 97	
		······································	Woman	figure	•		
Percentile <sup>1</sup>			Age in	years			
·	6	7	8	9	10	. 11	
			Standar	d score			
99 98 97	140 135	142	138				
96	133 129 128 121 116 113 109 106 101 100 99 97 95 93 89 87 77 69 53	140 135 130 128 121 117 114 111 107 105 104 96 96 94 93 87 89 87 78 74 73 64	136 132 130 128 122 116 113 110 107 105 103 101 99 97 96 87 85 83 79 77 75 73	137 133 131 129 127 120 116 114 112 108 106 104 102 100 98 97 95 93 97 85 83 77 75 75 70 66	136 130 129 127 125 120 116 113 111 107 105 104 102 99 96 95 93 97 86 80 77 75 71 70 66	13 13 12 12 11 11 11 10 10 10 99 99 88 88 77 77 77	

Score below which the indicated percent of children at each given age fall. Approximate test for normality of distribution. Chi-square value for the 5-percent probability level is 33.9, and for the 1-percent level it is 36.8.

Table 18. Percentile rank equivalents of standard scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Man Scale of the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by age and sex: United States, 1963-65

Score below which the indicated percent of children at each given age fall.

Approximate test for normality of distribution. Chi-square value for the 5-percent probability level is 33.9, and for the 1-percent level it is 36.8.



Table 19. Percentile rank equivalents of standard scores for children aged 6 through 11 years on the Woman Scale of the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, by age and sex: United States, 1963-65

	Woman figure by boys					
Percentile <sup>1</sup>	Age in years					
	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Standar	d score		_
9	140 137 126 124 118 115 112 111 107 105 101 100 97 94 88 87 85 78 76 74	139 136 134 132 131 120 115 112 109 106 104 102 101 99 99 98 97 95 88 85 87 78 74 69	140 138 137 122 122 115 113 110 108 107 106 99 98 94 92 87 88 82 81 82 81 76 73	141 136 133 130 120 116 114 108 106 103 101 97 95 92 91 89 89 89 89 87 77 77 77 77 77 77	133 132 127 126 125 120 118 113 113 110 106 104 96 94 92 99 89 87 76 74 73 70 68	15 14 13 13 12 11 11 10 10 10 10 9 9 9 8 8 8 7 7 7 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 5 5 5
		Wo	man figur	e by girl	B	
Percentile <sup>l</sup>			Age in	years		
	6	7	8	9	10	11
•			Standar	d score		
9	137 133 130 128 126 119 117 113 111 108 106 105 103 100 99	138 135 133 129 127 121 116 112 110 108 104 102 101 100 97	136 132 130 128 126 120 114 112 109 107 103 101 99 97 95	136 134 130 128 127 121 117 113 111 109 107 105 103 101 99 97	142 129 127 125 124 120 116 113 109 108 106 105 103 101 100 97 95 93	13 13 13 12 12 11 11 11 10 100 100 99 99
	96 93 91 89 87 84 80 77 75 68	93 91 89 87 85 80 78 77 76	93 91 89 87 84 82 79 77 76 73	93 91 89 85 83 78 76 74 70 64	91 90 86 82 77 75 74 70 67	9 8 8 7 7 7 7

Score below which the indicated percent of children at each given age fall.

Approximate test for normality of distribution. Chi-square value for the 5-percent probability level is 33.9, and for the 1-percent level it is 36.8.

## **APPENDIX**

# STATISTICAL NOTES

## Survey Design

The sample design for the second cycle of the Health Examination Survey, similar to the one used for the first cycle, was that of a multistage, stratified probability sample of loose clusters of persons in land-based segments. Successive elements dealt within the process of sampling are primary sampling units (PSU), census enumeration district (ED), segment, household, eligible child (EC), and finally the sample child (SC).

At the first stage, the nearly 2,000 PSU's into which the United States (including Hawaii and Alaska) had been divided and then grouped into 357 strata for use in the Current Population Survey and the Health Interview Survey were further grouped into 40 superstrata for use in Cycle II of the Health Examination Survey. The average size of each Cycle II stratum was 4.5 million persons, and all fell between the limits of 3.5 and 5.5 million. Grouping into 40 strata was done in a way that maximized homogeneity of the PSU's included in each stratum, particularly with regard to degree of urbanization, geographic proximity, and degree of industrialization. The 40 strata were classified into four broad geographic regions (each with 10 strata) of approximately equal population and cross-classified into four broad population density groups (each having 10 strata). Each of the 16 cells contained either two or three strata. A single stratum might include only one PSU (or only part of a PSU as for example New York City, which represented two strata) or several score PSU's.

To take account of the possible effect that the rate of population change between the 1950 and 1960 censuses might have had on health, the 10 strata within each region were further classified into four classes, ranging from those with no increase to those with the greatest relative increase. Each such class contained either two or three strata.

One PSU was then selected from each of the 40 strata. A controlled selection technique was used in which the probability of selection of a particular PSU was proportional to its 1960 population. In the controlled selection an attempt was also made to maximize the spread of the PSU's among the States. While not every one of the 64 cells in the 4x4x4 grid contributes a PSU to the sample of 40 PSU's, the con-

trolled selection technique ensured the sample's matching the marginal distributions in all three dimensions and being closely representative of all cross-classifications.

Generally, within a particular PSU, 20 ED's were selected with the probability of selection of a particular ED proportional to its population in the age group 5-9 years in the 1960 census, which by 1963 roughly approximated the population in the target age group for Cycle II. A similar method was used for selecting one segment (a cluster of households) in each ED. Each of the resultant 20 segments was either a bounded area or a cluster of households (or addresses). All of the children in the age range properly resident at the address visited were EC's. Operational considerations made it necessary to reduce the number of prospective examinees at any one location to a maximum of 200. The EC's to be excluded for this reason from the SC group were determined by systematic subsampling.

The total sample included 7,417 children in the 6-11 age group, with approximately 1,000 at each of the single years of age, and from 25 different States.

## Reliability

Measurement processes employed in the Survey were highly standardized and closely controlled. Of course this does not mean that the correspondence between the real world and the survey results is exact. Data from the survey are imperfect for three major reasons: (1) Results are subject to sampling error, (2) the actual conduct of a survey never agrees perfectly with the design, and (3) the measurement processes themselves are inexact even though standardized and controlled.

The first report on Cycle II<sup>4</sup> describes indetail the faithfulness with which the sampling design was carried out. It notes that of the 7,417 sample children the 7,119 who were examined—a response rate of 96 percent—gave evidence that they were a highly representative sample of children of this age in the noninstitutional population of the United States. The response levels for the various demographic subgroups—including those for age, sex, race, region, population density, parents' educational level, and family income—show no marked



Table I. Number of examinees aged 6 through 11 years, by type of drawing, age, and sex:

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	A11		Boys		Girls			
Age	examinees	Total	Man figure	Woman figure	Total	Man figure	Woman figure	
Total, 6-11 years	7,119	3,632	3,050	582	3,487	670	2,817	
6 years	1,111 1,241 1,231 1,184 1,160 1,192	575 632 618 603 576 628	503 527 498 499 485 538	72 105 120 104 91 90	536 609 613 581 584 564	134 119 102 103 105 107	402 490 511 478 479 457	

<sup>1</sup> Includes estimated data shown in table III.

differentials. Hence it appears unlikely that nonresponse could bias the findings much in these respects.

The number of examinees by age, sex, and type of figure drawn for part of the examination is shown in table I.

Measures used to control the quality of the data from this survey in general have been cited previously; those relating specifically to the Human Figure Drawing Test are outlined in the section "Field Administration and Scoring." As indicated, these measures included two independent scorings of each drawing by two adults who were carefully trained in the methods used in this survey. The high level of agreement realized may be seen in table 11, which shows by age and by type of drawing the average score obtained by each scorer and the correlation between the two sets of scores.

Data recorded for each sample child are inflated in the estimation process to characterize the larger universe of which the sample child is representative. The weights used in this inflation process are a product of the reciprocal of the probability of selecting the child, an adjustment for nonresponse cases, and a poststratified ratio adjustment which increases precision by bringing survey results into closer alignment with known U.S. population figures by color and sex for single years of age 6 through 11.

In the second cycle of the Health Examination Survey the sample was the result of three stages of selection—the single PSU from each stratum, the 20 segments from each sample PSU, and the sample children from the eligible children. The probability of selecting an individual child is the product of the probabilities of selection at each stage.

Since the strata are roughly equal in population size and a nearly equal number of sample children were examined in each of the sample PSU's, the sample

Table II. Average scores for children aged 6 through 11 years obtained by each of two independent scorers, and interscorer reliability coefficients, by age, type of drawing, and sex: Health Examination Survey, 1963-65

Age, type of drawing, and sex	Scorer 1 Scorer		Inter- scorer relia- bility coeffi- cient 1
	Average		
Total, 6-11 years-	26.8	27.2	0.976
6 years 7 years 8 years 9 years	18.2 22.4 25.8 28.6 31.6 33.9	18.2 22.6 26.2 29.0 32.2 34.7	0.965 0.969 0.961 0.964 0.966
Man figure BoysGirls	24.8 24.9	25.2 25.1	0.976 0.976
Woman figure BoysGirls	25.3 29.6	25.5 30.2	0.976 0.973

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Correlation between scores given by Scorer 1 and Scorer 2.

design is essentially self-weighting with respect to the target population; that is, each child 6 through 11 years old had about the same probability of being drawn into the sample. The adjustment upward for nonresponse is intended to minimize the impact of nonresponse on final estimates by imputing to nonrespondents the characteristics of "similar" respondents. Here "similar" respondents were judged to be examined children in a sample PSU having the same age (in years) and sex as children not examined in that sample PSU.

The poststratified ratio adjustment used in the second cycle achieved most of the gains in precision which would have been attained if the sample had been drawn from a population stratified by age, color, and sex and makes the final sample estimates of population agree exactly with independent controls prepared by the Bureau of the Census for the U.S. noninstitutional population as of August 1, 1964 (approximate midsurvey point) by color and sex for each single year of age 6 through 11. The weights of every responding sample child in each of the 24 age, color, and sex classes are adjusted upward or downward so that the weighted total within the class equals the independent population control.

In addition to children not examined at all, there were some whose examination was incomplete in one procedure or another. The extent of missing data for the Human Figure Drawing Test is shown in table Ill.

For each of the 51 examined children with data missing for the Human Figure Drawing Tests, a respondent of the same age-sex-race group with similar findings on other parts of the psychological test battery and related parts of the examination, insofar as these were available, was selected at random, and his results for this test were assigned to the nonexamined person. Theoretically this controlled selection technique would minimize the error introduced by the estimate.

#### Sampling and Measurement Error

In the present report, reference has been made to efforts to minimize bias and variability of measurement techniques.

The probability design of the survey makes possible the calculation of sampling errors. The sampling error is used here to determine how imprecise the survey test results may be because they come from a sample rather than from the measurements of all elements in the universe.

The estimation of sampling errors for a study of the type of the Health Examination Survey is difficult for at least three reasons: (1) Measurement error and "pure" sampling error are confounded in the data—it is not easy to find a procedure which will either completely include both or treat one or the other separately, (2) the survey design and estimation procedure are complex and accordingly require computationally involved tech-

Table III. Number of children aged 6 through 11 years with no or unusable Human Figure Drawing Tests, by age and sex: Health Examination Survey, 1963-65

Age	All exami- necs	Boys	Gir ls
Total, 6-11 years	51	21	30
6 years	10 7 9 9 10 6	4 12 5 5 4	6 6 7 4 5 2

niques for the calculation of variances, and (3) from the survey are coming thousands of statistics, many for subclasses of the population for which there are a small number of cases. Estimates of sampling error are obtained from the sample data and are themselves subject to sampling error which may be large when the number of cases in a cell is small or even occasionally when the number of cases is substantial.

Estimates of approximate sampling variability for selected statistics used in this report are presented in table 1V. These estimates have been prepared by a replication technique which yields overall variability through observation of variability among random subsamples of the total sample. The method reflects both "pure" sampling variance and a part of the measurement variance.

In accordance with usual practice, the interval estimate for any statistics may be considered therange within one standard error of the tabulated statistic, with 68-percent confidence, or the range within two standard errors of the tabulated statistic, with 95-percent confidence. The latter is used as the level of significance in this report and referred to here as the 5-percent level.

An overestimate of the standard error of a difference d=x-y of two statistics x and y is given by the formula  $S_d = (S_x^2 + S_y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $S_x$  and  $S_y$  are the sampling errors, respectively, of x and y.

#### **Small Categories**

In some tables magnitudes are shown for cells for which the sample size is so small that the sampling error may be several times as great as the statistic itself. Obviously in such instances the statistic has no meaning in itself except to indicate that the true quantity



Table IV. Standard errors (SE) for means of point and standard scores for boys and girls aged 6 through 11 years on the Goodenough-Harris Drawing Test, Man and Woman Scales, by age: United States, 1963-65

Scale and age	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Man Scale		point means		tandard means1
Total, 6-11 years-	0.32	0.53	0.65	0.76
6 years	0.34 0.35 0.36 0.42 0.54 0.64	0.59 0.60 1.03 0.89 0.90 1.13	0.88	1.44 1.45 2.10 1.86 1.67 1.83
Woman Scale				
Total, 6-11 years-	0.40	0.24	0.80	0.47
6 years	0.56 0.60 0.54 0.84 1,21 0.87	0.34 0.27 0.38 0.39 0.41 0.58	1.69 1.41 1.27 1.61 2.17 1.54	0.78 0.57 0.74 0.75 0.74 1.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Standardized for all races combined.

is small. Such numbers, if shown, have been included in the belief that they may help to convey an impression of the overall story of the table.

## Standard Scores

The following formula was used for computing the standard scores (SS) shown in this report:

$$SS_i = s \frac{1}{x_i}$$
 (15)  $(x - \bar{x}_i) + 100$ .

In tables 6-11 for the drawings indicated,  $s_x$  is the standard deviation of the raw scores in the  $i^{th}$  year of age,  $\bar{x}_i$  is the arithmetic average, or mean raw score, in that age interval (both  $s_{x_i}$  and  $\bar{x}_i$  derived from the inflated sample), and x is the raw score for which the standard score is being derived. In table 16 the standard deviations and means used are from the combined distribution of standard scores from the drawings of a man and a woman for the weighted sample.

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