

## STRESS SCALE FOR ADULTS

STRESS	EVENT VALUE
DEATH OF SPOUSE	100
DIVORCE	60
MENOPAUSE	60
SEPARATION FROM LIVING PARTNER	60
JAIL TERM OR PROBATION	60
DEATH OF CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER OTHER THAN SPOUSE	60
SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR ILLNESS	45
MARRIAGE OR ESTABLISHING LIFE PARTNERSHIP	45
FIRED AT WORK	45
MARITAL OR RELATIONSHIP RECONCILIATION	40
RETIREMENT	40
CHANGE IN HEALTH OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER	40
WORK MORE THAN 40 HOURS PER WEEK	35
PREGNANCY OR CAUSING PREGNANCY	35
SEX DIFFICULTIES	35
GAIN OF NEW FAMILY MEMBER	35
BUSINESS OR WORK ROLE CHANGE	35
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL STATE	35
DEATH OF A CLOSE FRIEND (not a family member)	30
CHANGE IN NUMBER OF ARGUMENTS WITH SPOUSE OR LIFE PARTNER	30
MORTGAGE OR LOAN FOR A MAJOR PURPOSE	25
FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE OR LOAN	25
SLEEP LESS THAN 8 HOURS PER NIGHT	25
CHANGE IN RESPONSIBILITIES AT WORK	25
TROUBLE WITH IN-LAWS, OR WITH CHILDREN	25
OUTSTANDING PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT	25
SPOUSE BEGINS OR STOPS WORK	20
BEGIN OR END SCHOOL	20
CHANGE IN LIVING CONDITIONS (visitors in the home, change in roommates, remodeling house)	20
CHANGE IN PERSONAL HABITS (diet, exercise, smoking, etc.)	20

CHRONIC ALLERGIES	20
TROUBLE WITH BOSS	20
CHANGE IN WORK HOURS OR CONDITIONS	15
MOVING TO NEW RESIDENCE	15
PRESENTLY IN PRE-MENSTRUAL PERIOD	15
CHANGE IN SCHOOLS	15
CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES	15
CHANGE IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES (more or less than before)	15
MINOR FINANCIAL LOAN	10
CHANGE IN FREQUENCY OF FAMILY GET-TOGETHERS	10
VACATION	10
PRESENTLY IN WINTER HOLIDAY SEASON	10
MINOR VIOLATION OF THE LAW	5

TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

We have asked you to look at the last twelve months of changes in your life. It is crucial to understand that a major change in your life has effects that carry over for long periods of time. It is like dropping a rock into a pond. After the initial splash, you will experience ripples of stress. And these ripples may continue in your life for at least a year.

So, if you have experienced total stress within the last twelve months of 250 or greater, even with normal stress tolerance, you may be OVERSTRESSED. Persons with Low Stress Tolerance may be OVERSTRESSED at levels as low as 150.

For more information see: <http://www.teachhealth.com/>

## STRESS SCALE FOR YOUTH

STRESS	EVENT VALUE
DEATH OF SPOUSE, PARENT, BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND	100
DIVORCE (of yourself or your parents)	65
PUBERTY	65
PREGNANCY (or causing pregnancy)	65
MARITAL SEPARATION OR BREAKUP WITH BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND	60
JAIL TERM OR PROBATION	60
DEATH OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBER (other than spouse, parent or boyfriend/girlfriend)	60
BROKEN ENGAGEMENT	55
ENGAGEMENT	50
SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR ILLNESS	45
MARRIAGE	45
ENTERING COLLEGE OR BEGINNING NEXT LEVEL OF SCHOOL (starting junior high or high school)	45
CHANGE IN INDEPENDENCE OR RESPONSIBILITY	45
ANY DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL USE	45
FIRED AT WORK OR EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL	45
CHANGE IN ALCOHOL OR DRUG USE	45
RECONCILIATION WITH MATE, FAMILY OR BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND (getting back together)	40
TROUBLE AT SCHOOL	40
SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEM OF A FAMILY MEMBER	40
WORKING WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL	35
WORKING MORE THAN 40 HOURS PER WEEK	35
CHANGING COURSE OF STUDY	35
CHANGE IN FREQUENCY OF DATING	35
SEXUAL ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS (confusion of sexual identity)	35
GAIN OF NEW FAMILY MEMBER (new baby born or parent remarries or adopts)	35
CHANGE IN WORK RESPONSIBILITIES	35
CHANGE IN FINANCIAL STATE	30
DEATH OF A CLOSE FRIEND (not a family member)	30
CHANGE TO A DIFFERENT KIND OF WORK	30
CHANGE IN NUMBER OF ARGUMENTS WITH MATE, FAMILY OR FRIENDS	30

SLEEP LESS THAN 8 HOURS PER NIGHT	25
TROUBLE WITH IN-LAWS OR BOYFRIEND'S OR GIRLFRIEND'S FAMILY	25
OUTSTANDING PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT (awards, grades, etc.)	25
MATE OR PARENTS START OR STOP WORKING	20
BEGIN OR END SCHOOL	20
CHANGE IN LIVING CONDITIONS (visitors in the home, remodeling house, change in roommates)	20
CHANGE IN PERSONAL HABITS (start or stop a habit like smoking or dieting)	20
CHRONIC ALLERGIES	20
TROUBLE WITH THE BOSS	20
CHANGE IN WORK HOURS	15
CHANGE IN RESIDENCE	15
CHANGE TO A NEW SCHOOL (other than graduation)	10
PRESENTLY IN PRE-MENSTRUAL PERIOD	15
CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY	15
GOING IN DEBT (you or your family)	10
CHANGE IN FREQUENCY OF FAMILY GATHERINGS	10
VACATION	10
PRESENTLY IN WINTER HOLIDAY SEASON	10
MINOR VIOLATION OF THE LAW	5

TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

We have asked you to look at the last twelve months of changes in your life. It is crucial to understand that a major change in your life has effects that carry over for long periods of time. It is like dropping a rock into a pond. After the initial splash, you will experience ripples of stress. And these ripples may continue in your life for at least a year.

So, if you have experienced total stress within the last twelve months of 250 or greater, even with normal stress tolerance, you may be OVERSTRESSED. Persons with Low Stress Tolerance may be OVERSTRESSED at levels as low as 150.

For more information, see: <http://www.teachhealth.com/>

