

# Strong Interest Inventory® Profile with Skills Confidence Inventory Profile

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# HOW THE STRONG CAN HELP YOU

The *Strong Interest Inventory*® instrument is a powerful tool that can help you make satisfying decisions about your career and education. Whether you are just starting out in your career, thinking about a change, or considering education options for career preparation, you can benefit from the wealth of information reflected in your *Strong* results. Understanding your *Strong* Profile can help you identify a career focus and begin your career planning and exploration process.

Keep in mind that the *Strong* measures interests, not skills or abilities, and that the results can help guide you toward rewarding careers, work activities, education programs, and leisure activities—all based on your interests. As you review your Profile, remember that managing your career is not a one-time decision but a series of decisions made over your lifetime.

#### **HOW YOU WILL BENEFIT**

The *Strong* can be a valuable tool in helping you identify your interests, enabling you to

- · Achieve satisfaction in your work
- · Identify career options consistent with your interests
- Choose appropriate education and training relevant to your interests
- Maintain balance between your work and leisure activities
- Understand aspects of your personality most closely associated with your interests
- · Determine your preferred learning environments
- Learn about your preferences for leadership, risk taking, and teamwork
- · Use interests in shaping your career direction
- · Decide on a focus for the future
- Direct your own career exploration at various stages in your life

#### **HOW YOUR RESULTS ARE ORGANIZED**

#### **Section 1. General Occupational Themes**

Describes your interests, work activities, potential skills, and personal values in six broad areas: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C).

#### **Section 2. Basic Interest Scales**

Identifies specific interest areas within the six General Occupational Themes, indicating areas likely to be most motivating and rewarding for you.

# **Section 3. Occupational Scales**

Compares your likes and dislikes with those of people who are satisfied working in various occupations, indicating your likely compatibility of interests.

# **Section 4. Personal Style Scales**

Describes preferences related to work style, learning, leadership, risk taking, and teamwork, providing insight into work and education environments most likely to fit you best.

# **Section 5. Profile Summary**

Provides a graphic snapshot of Profile results for immediate, easy reference.

# **Section 6. Response Summary**

Summarizes your responses within each category of *Strong* items, providing data useful to your career professional.

Note to professional: Check the Response Summary in section 6 of the Profile before beginning your interpretation.

# **GENERAL OCCUPATIONAL THEMES**

**SECTION 1** 

The General Occupational Themes (GOTs) measure six broad interest patterns that can be used to describe your work personality. Most people's interests are reflected by two or three Themes, combined to form a cluster of interests. Work activities, potential skills, and values can also be classified into these six Themes. This provides a direct link between your interests and the career and education possibilities likely to be most meaningful to you.

Your *standard scores* are based on the average scores of a combined group of working adults. However, because research shows that men and women tend to respond differently in these areas, your *interest levels* (Very Little, Little, Moderate, High, Very High) were determined by comparing your scores against the average scores for your gender.

#### THEME DESCRIPTIONS

THEME	CODE	INTERESTS	WORK ACTIVITIES	POTENTIAL SKILLS	VALUES
Social	S	People, teamwork, helping, community service	Teaching, caring for people, counseling, training employees	People skills, verbal ability, listening, showing understanding	Cooperation, generosity, service to others
Artistic	Α	Self-expression, art appreciation, communication, culture	Composing music, performing, writing, creating visual art	Creativity, musical ability, artistic expression	Beauty, originality, independence, imagination
Enterprising	E	Business, politics, leadership, entrepreneurship	Selling, managing, persuading, marketing	Verbal ability, ability to motivate and direct others	Risk taking, status, competition, influence
Conventional	С	Organization, data management, accounting, investing, information systems	Setting up procedures and systems, organizing, keeping records, developing computer applications	Ability to work with numbers, data analysis, finances, attention to detail	Accuracy, stability, efficiency
Investigative	1	Science, medicine, mathematics, research	Performing lab work, solving abstract problems, conducting research	Mathematical ability, researching, writing, analyzing	Independence, curiosity, learning
Realistic	R	Machines, computer networks, athletics, working outdoors	Operating equipment, using tools, building, repairing, providing security	Mechanical ingenuity and dexterity, physical coordination	Tradition, practicality, common sense



THEME	CODE	STANDARD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL						
TILLWIL	OODL	30	40	50	60	70	STD SCORE	
Social	S				HIGH		62	
Artistic	Α		MODERATE	ı			45	
Enterprising	E		LITTLE				41	
Conventional	C		LITTLE				40	
Investigative		VERY LITTLE					34	
Realistic	R	VERY LITTLE					32	

The charts above display your GOT results in descending order, from your highest to least level of interest. Referring to the Theme descriptions provided, determine how well your results fit for you. Do your highest Themes ring true? Look at your next highest level of interest and ask yourself the same question. You may wish to highlight the Theme descriptions above that seem to fit you best.

# **BASIC INTEREST SCALES**

**SECTION 2** 

The Basic Interest Scales represent specific interest areas that often point to work activities, projects, course work, and leisure activities that are personally motivating and rewarding. As with the General Occupational Themes, your interest levels (Very Little, Little, Moderate, High, Very High) were determined by comparing your scores against the average scores for your gender.

As you review your results in the charts below, note your top interest areas and your areas of least interest, and think about how they relate to your work, educational, and leisure activities. Take time to consider any top interest areas that are not currently part of your work or lifestyle and think about how you might be able to incorporate them into your plans.

#### YOUR TOP FIVE INTEREST AREAS

- 1. Religion & Spirituality (S)
- 2. Counseling & Helping (S)
- 3. Teaching & Education (S)
- 4. Writing & Mass Communication (A)
- 5. Politics & Public Speaking (E)

# **Areas of Least Interest**

Programming & Information Systems (C)

Protective Services (R)

Visual Arts & Design (A)

# SOCIAL — High

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	<b>STI</b> 30	L 70	STD			
Religion & Spirituality	30	40	50	60 VH		67
Counseling & Helping				VH		66
Teaching & Education				Н		65
Human Resources & Training			M			56
Social Sciences			M			51
Healthcare Services	VL					35

# ARTISTIC — Moderate

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	<b>ST</b>	D SCORE	<b>&amp; INTE</b> 50	REST LEV 60	<b>/EL</b> 70	STD SCORE
Writing & Mass Communication				Н		63
Culinary Arts				М		59
Performing Arts		N	1			47
Visual Arts & Design	VL					32

#### **ENTERPRISING** — Little

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	<b>ST</b> 30	D SCORE 40	<b>E &amp; INTE</b> 50	REST LEV 60	<b>/EL</b> 70	STD SCORE
Politics & Public Speaking				Н		58
Management			M			50
Marketing & Advertising		L				40
Sales	VL					36
Law	VL					34
Entrepreneurship	VL					32

#### **CONVENTIONAL** — Little

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	STD SCORE & INTEREST LEVEL						STD
BAGIO INTEREST GOALE	: 30	) 4	10	50	60	70	SCORE
Office Management				M			53
Finance & Investing		VL					36
Taxes & Accounting	VI	L					33
Programming & Information Systems	VL						31

#### **INVESTIGATIVE** — Very Little

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	<b>ST</b> 30	<b>STD SCORE &amp; INTEREST LEVEL</b> 30 40 50 60 70					
Research		L				39	
Mathematics	· ·					37	
Science	VL					35	
Medical Science	VL					35	

# **REALISTIC** — Very Little

BASIC INTEREST SCALE	ST	STD				
BASIC INTEREST SCALE	30	40	50	60	70	SCORE
Nature & Agriculture		L				41
Athletics		9				37
Military	VL					36
Computer Hardware & Electronics	VL					33
Mechanics & Construction	VL					32
Protective Services	VL					31

# **OCCUPATIONAL SCALES**

**SECTION 3** 

This section highlights your Profile results on the Occupational Scales of the *Strong*. On the following pages you will find your scores for 130 occupations. The 10 occupations most closely aligned with your interests are listed in the summary chart below. Keep in mind that the occupations listed in your Profile results are just *some* of the many occupations linked to your interests that you might want to consider. They do not indicate those you "should" pursue. It is helpful to think of each occupation as a single example of a much larger group of occupational titles to consider.

Your score on an Occupational Scale shows how similar your interests are to those of people of your gender who have been working in, and are satisfied with, that occupation. The higher your score, the more likes and dislikes you share with those individuals. The Theme codes associated with each occupation indicate the GOTs most commonly found among people employed in that occupation. You can review your top occupations to see what Theme codes recur and then explore additional occupational titles not included on the *Strong* that have one or more of these Theme letters in common.

#### YOUR TOP TEN STRONG OCCUPATIONS

- 1. Speech Pathologist (SA)
- 2. Librarian (A)
- 3. Mental Health Counselor (S)
- 4. Special Education Teacher (S)
- 5. Elementary School Teacher (S)
- 6. Social Worker (SA)
- 7. Public Relations Director (AE)
- 8. School Counselor (SE)
- 9. English Teacher (ASE)
- 10. Secondary School Teacher (S)

#### Occupations of Dissimilar Interest

Architect (ARI)

Athletic Trainer (RIS)

Physicist (IRA)

Veterinarian (IRA)

**Medical Illustrator (AIR)** 

As you read through your Occupational Scales results on this and the following pages, note the names of those occupations for which you scored "Similar." Those are the occupations you might want to explore first. Also consider exploring occupations on which you scored in the midrange, since you have some likes and dislikes in common with people in those occupations. You might also consider occupations of least interest or for which you scored "Dissimilar"; however, keep in mind that you are likely to have little in common with people in these types of work and probably would contribute to such occupations in a unique way. Your career professional can guide you further in the career exploration process.

Click the name of any of the occupations in your top ten list above to visit the O\*NET™ database (http://www.onetonline.org) and see a summary description of that occupation. Learn about occupations by visiting reputable Web sites such as O\*NET. You can also find career information in a public library, in the career library of a college or university near you, or in a professional career center or state or local government job agency. Supplement your research by talking to people who are working in the occupations you are considering. These people can describe their day-to-day work and tell you what they like and dislike about the occupation.

# **SOCIAL** — Helping, Instructing, Caregiving

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	DISSIMILAR 10 15 20	MIDRANGE 30 40	<b>SIMILAR</b> 50 55 60	STD SCORE
SA	Speech Pathologist				62
S	Mental Health Counselor				59
S	Special Education Teacher				59
S	Elementary School Teacher				58
SA	Social Worker				58
SE	School Counselor				57
S	Secondary School Teacher				55
S	Career Counselor				54
SE	Community Service Director				54
S	Instructional Coordinator				53
S	Middle School Teacher				53
SA	University Administrator				53
SEA	School Administrator				47
SEA	Human Resources Manager				46
SAE	Training & Development Specialist				46
SC	Customer Service Representative			1	45
SA	Rehabilitation Counselor				45
S	Religious/Spiritual Leader				43
SAI	University Faculty Member				43
SEA	Bartender				42
SAE	Human Resources Specialist				42
SE	Parks & Recreation Manager				40
SCE	Loan Officer/Counselor				38
SA	Recreation Therapist				35
SAC	Management Analyst				34
SAR	Occupational Therapist				34
SE	Personal Financial Advisor				34
SI	Registered Nurse				22
SIR	Physical Therapist				3

# ARTISTIC — Creating or Enjoying Art, Drama, Music, Writing

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	<b>DISSIMILAR</b> 10 15 20	MIDRANGE 30 40	<b>SIMILAR</b> 50 55 60	STD SCORE
Α	Librarian				59
AE	Public Relations Director				57
ASE	English Teacher				56
AE	Broadcast Journalist				54
AE	Advertising Account Manager				50
Α	Translator				50
Α	Reporter				45
ASE	Attorney				42
Α	Arts/Entertainment Manager				39
ASI	ESL Instructor				38
ARE	Photographer				37
Α	Editor				35
AIR	Technical Writer				32
AER	Public Administrator				31
AR	Artist				30
Al	Urban & Regional Planner				27
Α	Musician				26
ASE	Art Teacher				20
ACI	: Computer/Mathematics Manager				19
Α	Graphic Designer				8
AIR	Medical Illustrator				-4
ARI	Architect				-20

# Similar results (40 and above)

You share interests with women in that occupation and probably would enjoy the work.

# Midrange results (30-39)

You share some interests with women in that occupation and probably would enjoy some of the work.

#### Dissimilar results (29 and below)

You share few interests with women in that occupation and probably would not enjoy the work.

For more information about any of these occupations, visit 0\*NET™ online at http://www.onetonline.org

# **OCCUPATIONAL SCALES**

# **SECTION 3**

# **ENTERPRISING** — Selling, Managing, Persuading

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	<b>DISSIMILAR</b> 10 15 20	MIDRANGE 30 40	<b>SIMILAR</b> 50 55 60	STD SCORE
ECS	Facilities Manager				46
EAS	Elected Public Official				45
Е	Life Insurance Agent				45
EC	Buyer				43
EAS	Marketing Manager				42
ESA	Operations Manager				38
Е	Top Executive, Business/Finance				36
ERA	Chef				33
EAC	Florist				32
ECR	Purchasing Agent				32
ECR	Restaurant Manager				30
Е	Technical Sales Representative				30
Е	Realtor				29
Е	Wholesale Sales Representative				29
EC	Cosmetologist				26
EAS	Flight Attendant				23
E	Sales Manager				23
E	Securities Sales Agent				22
EA	Interior Designer				13
ECR	Optician				9

# **CONVENTIONAL** — Accounting, Organizing, Processing Data

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	<b>DISSIMILAR</b> 10 15 20	MIDRANGE 30 40	<b>SIMILAR</b> 50 55 60	STD SCORE
CS	Administrative Assistant				53
CES	Food Service Manager				50
CES	Nursing Home Administrator				50
CES	Business Education Teacher				48
CE	Paralegal				48
CES	Production Worker				44
CE	Credit Manager				43
CSE	Business/Finance Supervisor				41
CSE	Farmer/Rancher				36
CS	Auditor				34
CE	Financial Analyst				33
С	Health Information Specialist				33
С	Technical Support Specialist				28
CRE	Military Enlisted				25
CI	Computer Programmer				24
С	Accountant				23
CSE	Financial Manager				23
CIR	Network Administrator				21
С	Computer & IS Manager				20
CI	Software Developer				19
С	Computer Systems Analyst				15
CIR	Mathematics Teacher				12
CI	Actuary				7

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# INVESTIGATIVE — Researching, Analyzing, Inquiring

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	<b>DISSIMILAR</b> 10 15 20	MIDRANGE 30 40	<b>SIMILAR</b> 50 55 60	STD SCORE
IAS	Psychologist				35
IAR	Sociologist				27
IES	Dietitian				24
IA	Geographer				23
I	Engineer				19
IAR	Physician				19
IRA	Chiropractor				14
IRA	Geologist				11
IRC	Medical Technologist				11
IR	Optometrist				10
IRS	Science Teacher				9
IRA	Biologist				8
IR	Chemist				7
IRA	Respiratory Therapist				5
IRC	Medical Technician				4
ICR	Pharmacist				4
IRC	Computer Scientist				2
IRC	Mathematician				2
IR	R&D Manager	i			1
IRA	Dentist				-4
IRA	Veterinarian	i i			-7
IRA	Physicist	)			-12

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# **REALISTIC** — Building, Repairing, Working Outdoors

THEME CODE	OCCUPATIONAL SCALE	<b>DISS</b> 10 15	IMILAR 20	MIDRANGE 30 40	<b>SIMILAR</b> 50 55 60	STD SCORE
RE	Law Enforcement Officer					28
RC	Landscape/Grounds Manager					22
REI	Military Officer					22
REI	Horticulturist					21
RIC	Engineering Technician					19
RSI	Vocational Agriculture Teacher					18
RI	Forester					15
RCI	Emergency Medical Technician					12
RIS	Radiologic Technologist					11
RIA	Carpenter					10
R	Automobile Mechanic	<b>=</b>				4
RIA	Electrician	<b>=</b>				3
RIS	Firefighter	1				1
RIS	Athletic Trainer	1				-18

# PERSONAL STYLE SCALES

**SECTION 4** 

The Personal Style Scales describe different ways of approaching people, learning, and leading, as well as your interest in taking risks and participating in teams. Personal Style Scales help you think about your preferences for factors that can be important in your career, enabling you to narrow your choices more effectively and examine your opportunities. Each scale includes descriptions at both ends of the continuum, and the score indicates your preference for one style versus the other.

Your scores on the Personal Style Scales were determined by comparing your responses to those of a combined group of working men and women.

#### YOUR PERSONAL STYLE SCALES PREFERENCES

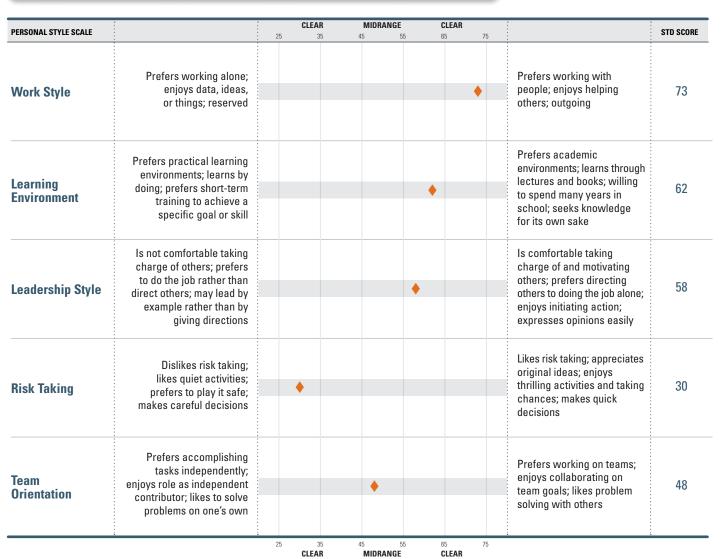
- 1. You likely prefer working with people.
- 2. You seem to prefer to learn through lectures and books.
- 3. You probably prefer to lead by taking charge.
- 4. You may dislike taking risks.
- 5. You probably enjoy both team roles and independent roles.

# Clear Scores (Below 46 and above 54) You indicated a clear preference

You indicated a clear preference for one style versus the other.

# Midrange Scores (46–54) You indicated that some of

You indicated that some of the descriptors on both sides apply to you.



PROFILE SUMMARY SECTION 5

#### YOUR HIGHEST THEMES

Social, Artistic

#### YOUR THEME CODE

SA

#### YOUR TOP FIVE INTEREST AREAS

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#### YOUR PERSONAL STYLE SCALES PREFERENCES

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- 3. You probably prefer to lead by taking charge.
- 5. You probably enjoy both team roles and independent roles.

# 4. You may dislike taking risks.

# RESPONSE SUMMARY SECTION 6

This section provides a summary of your responses to the different sections of the inventory for use by your career professional.

#### ITEM RESPONSE PERCENTAGES **Section Title** Strongly Like Like Indifferent Dislike Strongly Dislike 21 **Occupations** 11 15 13 7 54 Subject Areas Activities 2 36 7 4 51 Leisure Activities 52 11 11 4 22 25 44 6 People 13 13 44 0 11 11 Your Characteristics 33 **TOTAL PERCENTAGE** 24 4 53 9

Note: Due to rounding, total percentage may not add up to 100%.

Total possible responses: 291 Your response total: 290 Items omitted: 1 Typicality index: 21—Combination of item responses appears consistent.



# LEVELS OF SKILLS CONFIDENCE BY THEME

Your *Skills Confidence Inventory* results describe how you perceive your own capabilities in performing activities related to the same six broad areas represented by the General Occupational Themes. Keep in mind that these results may not reflect your actual abilities; the results reflect how you rate yourself. Your own rating may influence what kinds of activities you try or avoid and may determine what occupations or educational programs you consider as possibilities for exploration.

Your confidence in each of the six areas is shown below. Additionally, you will see a Skills Confidence Theme code, which summarizes the areas in which you feel most confident performing particular activities.

# **SKILLS CONFIDENCE THEME CODE: SEC**

THEME	CODE	1	CONFIDENCE SCO	RE & LEVEL	4 5	SCORE (1–5)	TYPICAL SKILL AREAS
Social	S				VERY HIGH	5	Education, counseling, social service
Enterprising	Е				VERY HIGH	4.8	Sales, speaking, management
Conventional	С			HIGH		3.5	Finance, computers, organization
Investigative	1		MODEF	RATE		3.2	Research, math, science
Artistic	Α		LITTLE			2.4	Creative expression, music, design
Realistic	R	VERY LITTLE				1.7	Outdoor work, construction, repair

# COMPARISON OF LEVELS OF SKILLS CONFIDENCE AND INTEREST

The chart below compares your skills confidence levels with your interest levels as measured by the *Strong*. Your Skills Confidence Theme code is shown above the chart, as is your *Strong* Theme code. Use this comparison of confidence and interest to help you select Themes you'd like to explore further to find satisfying career, educational, and leisure options.

#### SKILLS CONFIDENCE THEME CODE: SEC

# **STRONG THEME CODE: SA**



Total responses out of 60: 60

See Understanding Your Results on the Skills Confidence Inventory at https://www.skillsone.com/Pdfs/SCI\_Understanding.pdf for ideas on using skills confidence information in career exploration.

