Unit Risk Inventory 2.0 Interpretation of Results

Overview

The Unit Risk Inventory (URI) version 2.0 is a 53-item anonymous questionnaire designed to screen for high-risk behaviors and attitudes that compromise unit readiness. Part I of the URI comes from the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT), a screening instrument developed by the World Health Organization to identify people whose alcohol consumption has become hazardous or harmful. Questions in Part II ask about related alcohol and drug use issues, and other risk factors linked to substance abuse, such as driving while intoxicated, domestic violence, suicide, crime, personal and unit relationships, perception of the Army environment, and financial problems.

The URI Summary of Results report provides a one-page overview of the survey data. For active-duty Army reports, the unit results are compared with those of the corresponding installation and the aggregated results from active-duty respondents within the last 24 months. For Army Reserve reports, units results are compared with those Reserve units of the corresponding Command and the aggregated results from all Army Reserve respondents within the last 24 months. For National Guard reports, unit results are compared with those of the corresponding State and the aggregated results from all National Guard respondents within the last 24 months.

- All comparision percentages are derived from survey data submitted during the last 24 months.
- "Significant" in most cases means unfavorable, for example, Question 16 ("Used illegal drugs").

In order for the aggregated group (i.e. Installation, Command or State) percentages to be displayed at least five units must have been surveyed and submitted in the proceeding 24-month period. COMPO groups (i.e. active-duty, Reserve or National Guard) require surveys from a minimum of 1,000 respondents in the proceeding 24-month period before overall COMPO data will be displayed.

Part I: AUDIT Results

The AUDIT consists of ten multiple-choice questions that ask about alcohol use within the past year. Responses to each question are assigned a score ranging from zero to four, for a maximum total score of 40. Respondents with a combined score of eight or higher are identified as potential problem drinkers.

The graph in Part I of the URI report displays the number of unit respondents with scores in these ranges:

Score	Category
8–40	Potential Problem drinkers
1–7	Non-problem drinkers
0	Non-drinkers
Incomplete	Non-response

Part II: Unit's Risk Profile Related to Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Factors

The results presented in Part II are based on the percentage of soldiers that answered a question in an unfavorable way. For questions with more than two response choices, the percentage of respondents that chose the two most unfavorable answers is reported (see examples below).

Question	Unfavorable Responses
30. In general, how satisfied are you with your life?	"Somewhat satisfied" or "Not satisfied"
50. Within the past 12 months, how many days have you spent away from your home/barracks due to military requirements?	"31-45 days" or "46 or more days"

When the unit percentage is greater than that of the Command, State, Installation, and/or USAR, National Guard, or active-duty Army percentages respectively, an asterisk ("*") appears next to the question.