

RESULTS SECTION

Checklist and grading rubric

Text of Results Section (10 pts)

- Paragraph begins with a topic sentence that clearly states the main message of the whole paragraph;
 Subsequent sentences support that topic sentence
- Paragraphs describes main patterns and trends in the data
- Big picture trends in the data are described first
- Writing reflects depth of thinking and analysis
- Writing is clear; tone is formal
- Does not present raw data
- Does not repeat data already shown in table and figure
- Uses quantitative comparisons to describe trends in data (e.g. 45% more, 4 times greater)
- Table and figure are properly referenced in text
- Complete sentences; proper grammar and spelling; no typos
- Double-spaced throughout

Figures (5 pts)

- Figures are relevant and supports important findings presented in the Results text
- Captions included at bottom of figures
- Each caption is a statement that describes the data presented in the figure, but does not describe trends or patterns
- Each caption begins with “Figure X. ...” and ends with “.”, where “X” is just the appropriate figure number
- Only the first word and proper nouns are capitalized in caption (as in a sentence, not a title)
- If necessary, the caption explains any other details needed to interpret the figure.
- Font type is same as text; font size is 12 pt (10 pt if necessary)
- No gridlines
- White background
- Axes labeled correctly
- Colors/patterns are adjusted so that figure can be easily interpreted when printed in black and white
- Legend is included and labeled correctly

Table (5 pts)

- Table is relevant and supports important findings presented in the Results text
- Caption is included at the top of table
- Caption is a statement that describes the data presented in the table, but does not describe trends or patterns
- Caption begins with “Table X. ...” and ends with “.”, where “X” is the appropriate table number
- Only the first word and proper nouns are capitalized in the caption (as in a sentence, not a title)
- If necessary, the caption explains any other details needed to interpret the figure.
- Font type is same as text; font size is 12 pt (10 pt if necessary)
- Columns and rows labeled with meaningful headings
- Units are included in the column/row headings
- Line separates column or row headings from data, but no gridlines within the data itself. There should also be a line above the column headings (to separate the table from the caption) and a line below the last row in the table