

Five major sociometric statuses and their characteristics

Status	Sociometric ratings	Characteristics
Popular	- Many well-liked ratings, few disliked ratings - Many positive ratings	- Popular and have many friends - Viewed as leaders - Friendly and sociable - Cooperative and helpful - Understand social cues well and have high levels of social competence - Respect authority - Follow social rules - Described as having a good sense of humor and being positive - Disruptive and aggressive - Socially competent - Active - Disregard social rules - Viewed as leaders and as having an impact on peer group - Perceived as having both positive and negative attributes - Share characteristics of both the popular and rejected aggressive groups
Controversial	- Both well-liked and disliked ratings - Ratings highly variable with many at each extreme	- Ignored or over looked by peers - Not treated poorly but not treated well by peers - Solitary and withdrawn - Not aggressive - Do not differ behaviorally from either the popular or average group - Perceived as neither popular nor unpopular - High levels of positive social behaviors - High levels of social competence - Associated with future maladaptive behaviors - Difficulties reading social cues - Perceived as bossy, non-cooperative, and impulsive - Aggressive and disruptive - Viewed as bullies - Externalize problems - Perceived as sad and depressed - Do not actively engage in classroom activities - Have high negative self-perceptions - Actively ignored by classmates and often victims of bullying
Neglected	- Ratings are near the mean on scores of social preference and social impact - No extreme positive or negative ratings - This is the most unstable of statuses	
Average	- Ratings are near the mean on scores of social preference and social impact - No extreme positive or negative ratings	
Rejected	- Many disliked and very few well-liked ratings - Many negative ratings	
<i>Rejected aggressive</i>		
<i>Rejected withdrawn</i>		

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