

Table 1. Comparison of Rank, Mean Scores and Life Change Units Assigned to Life Change Events by Three Groups of Adolescents

Rank	Study #1 (N=207) Life Change Events	Life Change		Study #2 (N=182) Life Change Events	Life Change		Study #3 (N=223) Life Change Events	Life Change			
		X	Units Rank		X	Units/Rank		X	Unit		
1	A parent dying	4.89	98	1	Death of father	4.90	98	1	Death of mother	4.68	94
2	Brother/sister dying	4.73	95	2	Death of mother	4.89	98	2	Brother or sister dying	4.64	93
3	Close friend dying	4.62	92	3	Death of brother/sister	4.76	95	3	Death of a father	4.47	89
4	Parents divorced/separated	4.31	86	4	Death of close friend	4.69	94	4	Close friend dying	4.43	89
5	Fail subject in school	4.29	86	5	Flunking a grade	4.37	87	5	Death of a grandmother	4.33	87
6	Arrested by police	4.26	85	6	Parents divorced/separated	4.28	86	6	Death of a grandfather	4.28	86
7	Flunk a grade	4.22	84	7	Arrested by police	4.25	85	7	Flunking a grade	4.14	83
8	Family member drinking	3.96	79	8	Failing a subject	4.10	82	8	Wrecking a car	4.06	81
9	Into drugs/alcohol	3.87	77	9	Family member drinking	3.99	80	9	Being arrested by police	4.04	81
10	Losing favorite pet	3.84	77	10	Losing favorite pet	3.99	80	10	Parents divorced/separated	4.02	80
11	Parent/relative very sick	3.84	77	11	Wrecking a car	3.97	79	11	Accident with family car	3.94	79
12	Losing a job	3.69	74	12	Quitting school	3.92	79	12	Pregnant/getting someone pregnant	3.91	78
13	Break up boy/girl friend	3.68	74	13	Parent/relative very sick	3.83	77	13	Finding out you have V.D.	3.86	77
14	Quitting school	3.65	73	14	Parent losing job	3.73	77	14	Failing one or more subjects	3.79	76
15	Close girl friend pregnant	3.46	69	15	Close girl friend pregnant	3.72	74	15	Family member drinking	3.76	75
16	Parent losing job	3.44	69	16	Break up boy/girl friend	3.68	74	16	Increasing arguments with parents	3.72	74
17	Badly hurt/sick	3.20	64	17	Losing a job	3.58	72	17	Being in auto accident	3.68	74
18	Hassling with parents	3.19	64	18	Into drugs/alcohol	3.14	63	18	Quitting school	3.66	73
19	Trouble with teacher/principal	3.16	63	19	Badly hurt/sick	3.12	62	19	Losing a favorite pet	3.66	73
20	Acne, over/underweight, too short/tall	3.15	63	20	Trouble with teacher/principal	3.07	61	20	Parent/relative sick	3.65	73
21	Starting new school	2.86	57	21	Getting grounded	2.86	57	21	Close girlfriend pregnant	3.49	70
22	Moving to new home	2.53	51	22	Brother getting someone pregnant	2.86	57	22	Breaking up with close friend	3.49	70
23	Braces; glasses	2.35	47	23	Hassling with parents	2.84	57	23	Losing a job	3.48	69
24	Hassling with brother/sister	2.28	46	24	Not selected for an activity	2.75	55	24	Getting into drugs/alcohol	3.42	68
25	Menstruation (females only)	2.25	45	25	Sister getting pregnant	2.70	54	25	Breaking up with girl friend/boy friend	3.33	67
26	Someone new move in family	1.74	35	26	Problems with acne	2.56	51	26	Not doing as well as expected at school	3.31	66
27	Starting new job	1.69	34	27	Problems with dating	2.56	51	27	Getting badly hurt/sick	3.31	66
28	Mother getting pregnant	1.54	31	28	Starting new school	2.51	50	28	Parent losing a job	3.30	66
29	Starting to date	1.53	31	29	Problems with size	2.46	49	29	Failing driver's test	3.21	64
30	Making new friends	1.35	27	30	Moving to a new home	2.36	47	30	Unmarried sister getting pregnant	3.20	64
31	Brother/sister getting married	1.30	26	31	Menstruation (females only)	2.25	45	31	Failing one or more tests	3.15	63
				32	Change in physical appearance (braces, glasses)	2.24	45	32	Not doing as well as parents expect	3.14	63
				33	Hassling with brother/sister	2.08	42	33	Getting Acne	3.02	60
				34	Someone new move in family	2.02	40	34	Hassling with parents	2.99	60
				35	Mother getting pregnant	1.72	34	35	Increased pressure from friends	2.98	60
				36	Starting a new job	1.54	31	36	Getting grounded	2.94	59
				37	Making new friends	1.33	27	37	Trouble with teacher/principal	2.90	58
				38	Brother/sister getting married	1.25	25	38	Having to care for younger brother/sister	2.86	57
								39	Brother getting someone pregnant	2.79	56
								40	Increased argument with brother/sister	2.75	55
								41	Moving to new home/city	2.72	54
								42	Problems with size	2.63	53
								43	Not getting selected for an activity	2.63	53
								44	Parent remarrying	2.51	50
								45	Moving to a new home	2.41	48
								46	Starting a new school	2.36	47
								47	Divorced or widowed parent dating	2.24	45
								48	Hassling with brother/sister	2.17	43
								49	Menstrual periods/wet dreams	2.18	44
								50	Change in physical appearance	2.04	41
								51	Having someone new move in	2.03	41
								52	Making plans for going away to school	2.01	40
								53	Mother getting pregnant	1.79	36
								54	Starting a job	1.45	29
								55	Making new friends	1.35	27
								56	Starting to date	1.35	27
								57	Brother or sister getting married	1.25	25
								58	Mother starting new job	1.24	25
								59	Married sister getting pregnant	1.09	22
	Grand mean of all events	3.19			Grand mean of all events	3.05			Grand mean of all events	3.07	

1/Figures rounded to nearest whole number