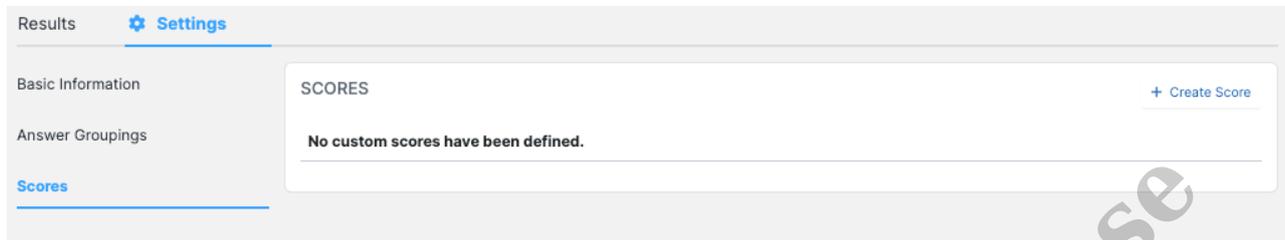


Creating a score

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To create a score for a question, click on the question's text from the question list to go to the question page. Go down the page and click on *Settings*, then *Scores*, then click on *+ Create Score*.

Here's the *Add Score* screen.

ADD SCORE

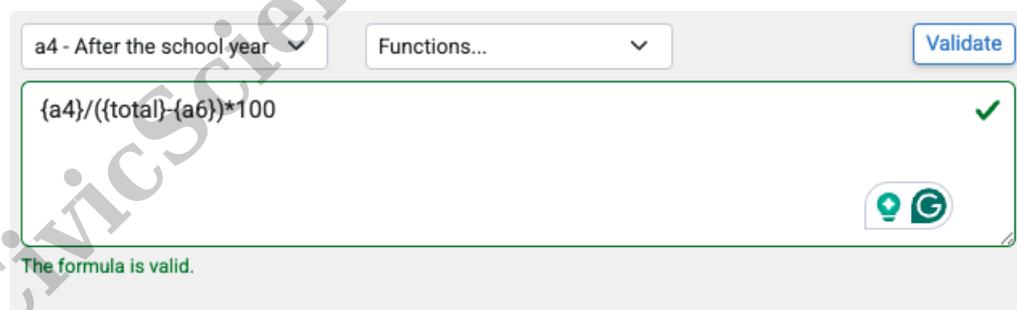


Scores are computed using a formula you provide which combines response counts per answer option with numbers and basic arithmetic operations. Edit the formula below by typing in the text box or using the provided menus and buttons. You can click the Validate button to check the formula syntax before submitting your changes.

Score Name *:

After the school year has already begun (Rebased)

Share this score with everyone who can see the question.



Add Score

Name

The first thing a new score needs is a name. This name will appear in the *Display Options* menu and be visible to everyone who can see the score. We suggest you use this name as a concise description of your research goals for this score.

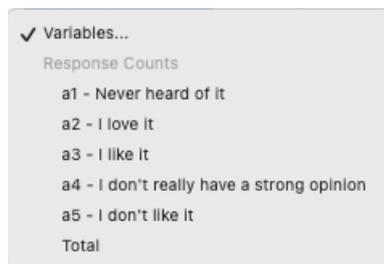
Example: *Favorability Index*.

Sharing a score

If you want others to be able to view the score, tick the box to the left of *Share this score with everyone who can see the question*. They will not be able to edit the score.

Formula definition

Defining the formula requires some knowledge of math. You will enter a formula in the formula editing field, and the result of the formula will be the value of the score. There are dropdowns to help you enter your variables and functions, but you can also enter the formula directly in the formula editing field.



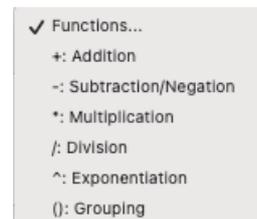
The *Variables* dropdown contains the variables representing the response counts that can be used in the formula definition. In the [Chipotle example](#), $\{a1\}$ represents the response count for the first answer option, i.e., the number of respondents that have selected the *Never heard of it* answer option; $\{a2\}$ represents the response count for the second answer option, and so on. The $\{total\}$ variable is also provided, as a short-cut to the total number of respondents that have answered that question.

Once you make a selection in the *Variables* dropdown, the corresponding variable is inserted in the formula editing field at the cursor position.

The *Functions* dropdown contains the operations that can be used with the variables:

- + (plus) for addition
- - (minus) for subtraction or negation
- * (asterisk) for multiplication
- / (forward slash) for division
- ^ (caret) for exponentiation
- () (parentheses) for grouping

When you make a selection in the *Functions* dropdown, the corresponding operator is inserted in the formula editing field at the cursor position. You may also type in an operator.



Enter your formula, then click *Validate*. If the formula is valid, click *Add Score*. The next screen is *Score Settings*.

SCORE SETTINGS

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Score Name *:

Favorability Index ✓

Variables... ▾

Functions... ▾

Validate

$100 * \frac{\{a2\} + \{a3\}}{\{total\}}$ ✓

The formula is valid.

Delete

Update

Note: Every time you edit the formula, it must be validated again.

Advanced formulas

If you need more options, please see [Advanced formulas](#).

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