

Typing Speeds

WPM = Words per Minute.

For the purpose of calculating typing speed it is commonly assumed that the average length of a word is 5 characters plus the space between words.

40 WPM: The speed most adult 10 finger typists can achieve

80 WPM: The minimum speed achieved by accomplished typists

150 WPM: The highest average typewriter typing speed maintained over 50 minutes by Barbara Blackburn

212 WPM: Barbara Blackburn's peak typing speed

216 WPM: The world's fastest recorded typing speed using a typewriter achieved by Stella Pajunas-Garnand

270 WPM: Peak speed often achieved by sprint typists in typing competitions using computer keyboards