

GWAM is the overall typing speed regardless of how many errors you make. **GWAM** is often used as a measurement for users who are just learning to type and is later replaced by WPM. ... For example, if you typed 400 words in five minutes, **GWAM** is calculated by dividing 400 by 5, resulting in 80GWAM.



What is a good wpm?

An **average** professional typist types usually in speed of 65 to 75 **WPM**. More advanced positions require 80 to 95 (usually the minimum required for dispatch positions and other time-sensitive typing jobs). There are also some advanced typists work that requires speeds above 120 **WPM**.

1 Word = Every 5 characters (Example: The sun is hot. = 3 words counting spaces and punctuations)

Average Typing Speed Per Minute of All Levels

Category		Range (WPM)	Mean (WPM)	Character Per Minute (CPM)	Keystrokes Per Hour (KPH)
Kids	Very Slow	<11	-	<55	<3300
	Slow	11 - 20	15	75	4500
	Average	21 - 30	25	125	7500
	Fast	31 - 40	35	175	10500
	Very Fast	>40	-	>200	>12000
Adults	Very Slow	<26	-	<130	<7800
	Slow/Beginner	26 - 35	30	150	9000
	Intermediate/Average	36 - 45	40	200	12000
	Fast/Advanced	46 - 65	55	275	16500
	Very Fast	66 - 80	73	365	21900
	Insane	>80	-	>400	>24000
	Fastest in The World	-	216*	-	-
Jobs	Entry Level Clerk/Secretary	35 - 60	-	-	-
	Higher/Advanced Level Clerk/Secretary	60 - 80	-	-	-
	Data Entry	60 - 80	-	-	8000 - 10000
	Dispatch Position/Time Sensitive	80 - 95	-	-	-

Note:

1. In case if you don't know how average typing speed is measured, here are some brief descriptions of WPM, CPM and KPH:

- **Word Per Minute (WPM)** is measured by calculating how many words (5 characters/keystrokes = 1 word) you can type in 1 minute.
- **Character Per Minute (CPM)** calculates how many characters are typed per minute. Compare to WPM, CPM is more accurate and takes shorter time to measure. (CPM = WPM x 5)
- **Keystrokes Per Hour (KPH)** is basically the same as CPM, but it is measured in hour. KPH is normally used to measure speed for data entry jobs as well as numeric entry. KPH provides a more accurate overview on how fast a person can type in long period, as it is not easy to maintain certain WPM/CPM in long hours. (KPH = CPM x 60 / WPM x 300)

2. CPM and KPH are not provided in jobs category as employers usually won't ask for your CPM or KPH, except for data entry positions and some typing oriented jobs.

* The top typing speed was achieved by Stella Pajunas in 1946, whereas Mrs. Barbara Blackburn has averaged 150 wpm in 50 minutes and her top speed was 212 wpm. (Reference: [History of Typewriters](#) & [WikiAnswers](#))

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