

Critical values of Mann-Whitney U at $p = 0.05$ (two-tailed test):

To use this table, compare your calculated U to the critical value in the table. Your U has to be SMALLER than the critical U.

e.g.: suppose our obtained U is 22, with $N_1 = 13$ and $N_2 = 16$. The critical value of U is 59. Our obtained U is SMALLER than 59, and is therefore statistically significant.

The bigger the difference between your groups, the smaller the value of U, and hence the less likely it is to have occurred by chance.

In other words, a difference between two groups as large as the one that we have obtained, is likely to occur by chance with a $p < .05$.

N_1	N_2																
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
5	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	20	
6	3	5	6	8	10	11	13	14	16	17	19	21	22	24	25	27	
7	5	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	
8	6	8	10	13	15	17	19	22	24	26	29	31	34	36	38	41	
9	7	10	12	15	17	20	23	26	28	31	34	37	39	42	45	48	
10	8	11	14	17	20	23	26	29	33	36	39	42	45	48	52	55	
11	9	13	16	19	23	26	30	33	37	40	44	47	51	55	58	62	
12	11	14	18	22	26	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	57	61	65	69	
13	12	16	20	24	28	33	37	41	45	50	54	59	63	67	72	76	
14	13	17	22	26	31	36	40	45	50	55	59	64	67	74	78	83	
15	14	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	70	75	80	85	90	
16	15	21	26	31	37	42	47	53	59	64	70	75	81	86	92	98	
17	17	22	28	34	39	45	51	57	63	67	75	81	87	93	99	105	
18	18	24	30	36	42	48	55	61	67	74	80	86	93	99	106	112	
19	19	25	32	38	45	52	58	65	72	78	85	92	99	106	113	119	
20	20	27	34	41	48	55	62	69	76	83	90	98	105	112	119	127	