

Table 4Summary for mean comparisons of Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) scores,^a by sample type

SDQ scale	C ^b (N=387)	P ^c (N=346)	N ^d (N=9,878)	Mean comparisons, by group														
				C versus P				C versus N				P versus N						
				t	df ^e	p	ES ^f 95% CI	t	df ^e	p	ES ^f 95% CI	t	df ^e	p	ES ^f 95% CI			
Total difficulties	13.0±7.9	11.0±7.9	7.1±5.7	3.35	722	.001	.25	.11-.40	14.54	401	<.001	1.02	.91-1.12	9.10	357	<.001	.67	.57-.78
Emotional symptoms	2.8±2.4	2.4±2.5	1.6±1.8	1.83	718	.068	.16	.02-.31	9.73	403	<.001	.66	.56-.76	5.90	357	<.001	.44	.33-.54
Conduct problems	2.9±2.4	2.4±2.5	1.6±1.8	3.30	731	.001	.25	.11-.40	12.49	398	<.001	.97	.87-1.08	8.38	357	<.001	.62	.51-.72
Hyperactivity or inattention	4.8±3.0	4.1±3.0	2.8±2.5	3.12	720	.002	.23	.09-.38	12.94	407	<.001	.79	.69-.90	7.96	361	<.001	.52	.41-.62
Peer problems	2.6±2.1	2.2±2.1	1.4±1.5	2.28	724	.023	.19	.04-.34	11.13	401	<.001	.79	.68-.89	7.02	357	<.001	.52	.42-.63
Prosocial behavior	7.5±2.3	7.7±2.0	8.6±1.8	1.51	731	.133	.05	.09-.24	9.30	404	<.001	.60	.50-.71	8.25	364	<.001	.50	.39-.61

^a Possible scores for the total difficulties scale range from 0 to 40. Possible scores for all other SDQ subscales range from 0 to 10. For all SDQ scales, higher scores indicate greater levels of the measured construct.

^b Convenience sample

^c Population-based sample

^d Normative sample from the National Health Interview Survey

^e Equal variances not assumed

^f Standardized effect size