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# Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) - Overview

## What is HHI?

# How it is calculated for portfolio?



Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) is a measure of market concentration used to determine concentration of market share in an industry.

In investment world, it can be used to quantify concentration risk in a portfolio.

HHI is calculated by summing the squares of each holding's percentage weights.

Lower the value, more diversified is the portfolio in question





# Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) - Illustration

## Let us consider below 2 hypothetical portfolio to understand calculation of HHI

# **Portfolio 1**

Stock Name	% Weight
Stock A	60
Stock B	25
Stock C	10
Stock D	5

Portfolio HHI (Sum of Weight square)



# **Portfolio 2**

### **Stock Nam**

- Stock A
- Stock B
- Stock C
- Stock D

#### Portfolio HHI (Sur



## Portfolio 2 has less concentration risk as HHI of Portfolio 2 < HHI of Portfolio 1

1e	% Weight	Weight square
	25	625
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m of Wei	ght square)	2,500





### Dec 2018



# Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) – Nifty 50 vs Nifty 50 Equal Weight

HHI for last 3 years



Dec 2019 Dec 2020

Nifty 50 Equal Weight Nifty 50

Nifty 50 Equal Weight is more diversified compared to Nifty 50 index based on HHI index

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