



Test and Score Data Summary

for the

TOEFL ITP[®] Test

January–December 2015 Test Data

This edition of the *TOEFL ITP[®] Test and Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of examinees who took a TOEFL ITP test between January and December 2015.

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The TOEFL ITP® Test



The *TOEFL ITP*® test measures the English proficiency of test takers whose native language is not English. TOEFL ITP test questions primarily assess

understanding of academic language. Test results can be used to make placement decisions, to monitor progress, and to inform end-of-course decisions. For more details about the uses of the test: http://www.ets.org/toefl_itp/use/.

The TOEFL ITP test is administered in a paper format with an audio component. The test includes multiple-choice questions, each with four answer choices.

The test consists of three sections: Listening Comprehension, Structure and Written Expression, and Reading Comprehension.

- The **Listening Comprehension** section measures the ability to understand spoken English in academic settings. Test takers listen to recorded audio materials and answer questions about what they heard. The recordings include language features that are typical of oral delivery. The questions about the recordings ask about the main ideas and important details, and both explicit and implicit information.
- The **Structure and Written Expression** section measures recognition of correct and incorrect sentence structure in standard written English. In the **Structure** part, test takers read a sentence and choose the correct answer choice to produce a grammatically correct sentence. In the **Written Expression** part, they select the underlined word or phrase that is grammatically incorrect. The sentences are on general academic topics.

- The **Reading Comprehension** section measures the ability to understand academic reading passages in English. The topic and complexity of the passages are similar to what is typical of academic textbooks. Test takers read a variety of passages on academic subjects and answer questions about each passage. The questions ask about information that is stated in or implied in the passage, and about the meaning of specific words used in the passage.

The testing time is approximately two hours. Additional time is needed for test takers to be admitted to the testing room, to enter their identification information on their answer sheets, and to distribute and collect the test materials.

A team of language and assessment specialists develop the materials for the TOEFL ITP test. The test content and specifications of the TOEFL ITP test are based on the paper-based TOEFL test (TOEFL PBT). Test specifications, test questions, and test forms are rigorously reviewed, following the ETS Standards for Fairness and Quality. Test questions are carefully checked to ensure that the content is appropriate, according to established ETS procedures.

The TOEFL ITP test does not measure content knowledge, but rather, the questions can be answered based on the materials presented. The focus is on the test taker's English language proficiency—the overall ability to use English. This proficiency increases gradually over time, and is generally achieved through a combination of practice and study.

Additional information about the TOEFL ITP test can be found at https://www.ets.org/toefl_itp.





TOEFL ITP[®] Test Data for 2015

The tables below contain data from TOEFL ITP (Level 1) administrations in 2015, and the data were collected from test takers worldwide who took the TOEFL ITP (Level 1) test between January and December 2015.

Table 1 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2015 through December 2015.

Table 1. Observed Minimum and Maximum TOEFL ITP Section and Total Scores

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening Comprehension	31	68
2. Structure and Written Expression	31	68
3. Reading Comprehension	31	67
Total	310	677

Table 2 presents means and standard deviations of section and total scores by gender for examinees tested between January and December 2015.

Table 2. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL ITP Section and Total Scores by Gender*

Group	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scales Score
Male	48.9 7.3	46.6 8.2	48.4 7.8	480 70
Female	48.9 7.1	46.0 7.9	47.7 7.3	475 68

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.



Tables 3 and 4 may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL ITP test of a particular student with that of other students from the same native country and with that of students who speak the same language. **ETS, the creator of the TOEFL ITP test, does not endorse the practice of ranking countries on the basis of TOEFL ITP scores, as this is a misuse of the data.** The TOEFL ITP test provides accurate scores at the individual level; it is not appropriate for comparing countries. Numerous factors contribute to these scores: the different numbers of students taking the test in each country, the age that English is introduced into the curriculum, and the number of hours per week of English classes. Moreover, the TOEFL ITP test takers do not represent all English learners in a country; generalizing about a country from this group is not meaningful.

Table 3. TOEFL ITP Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Native Language

Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean
Afrikaans	56	54	52	543	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Albanian	47	44	45	454	Macedonian	57	56	55	559
Amharic	50	45	47	475	Madurese	49	45	48	474
Arabic	48	43	44	452	Malagasy	51	50	51	507
Armenian	51	50	48	498	Malay	57	51	53	536
Assamese	46	45	45	453	Malayalam	53	51	51	518
Azerbaijani	*	*	*	*	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Bashkir	*	*	*	*	Mende	*	*	*	*
Basque	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	*	*	*	*
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Mongolian	52	48	49	495
Bemba	*	*	*	*	Mossi	45	46	49	466
Bengali	51	47	48	487	Nepali	51	47	49	491
Berber	51	50	49	499	Norwegian	63	62	61	618
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Nyanja	*	*	*	*
Bosnian	*	*	*	*	Oromo	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	58	57	56	569	Palauan	46	52	53	506
Burmese	51	50	50	503	Polish	56	51	53	535
Catalan	50	56	57	543	Portuguese	48	45	49	473
Cebuano	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	54	53	54	539
Chichewa	*	*	*	*	Pushto	49	47	46	472
Chinese	50	47	48	482	Romanian	58	56	56	566
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	Russian	53	48	49	501
Croatian	63	60	60	608	Samoa	*	*	*	*
Czech	56	54	56	552	Santali	*	*	*	*
Danish	*	*	*	*	Shona	*	*	*	*
Dutch	63	59	59	601	Sindhi	53	53	53	527
Efik	*	*	*	*	Sinhalese	*	*	*	*
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Slovak	54	49	51	512
Ewe	*	*	*	*	Slovenian	*	*	*	*
Farsi	51	47	47	485	Somali	54	50	49	507
Fijian	*	*	*	*	Spanish	52	48	51	505
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Sundanese	48	44	47	463
French	55	54	55	548	Swahili	51	53	50	511
Fulah	49	50	51	503	Swedish	57	52	52	539
Galician	*	*	*	*	Tagalog	56	53	51	534
Ganda	*	*	*	*	Tamil	56	53	53	537
Georgian	54	53	52	532	Tatar	*	*	*	*
German	59	56	55	569	Telugu	49	46	46	471
Greek	50	52	51	512	Thai	49	45	47	466
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Tibetan	*	*	*	*
Gujarati	48	47	48	477	Tigrinya	53	49	50	506
Hausa	49	45	44	459	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Hebrew	56	50	52	526	Turkish	50	47	47	482
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Turkmen	*	*	*	*
Hindi	54	50	51	515	Twi	*	*	*	*
Hungarian	60	58	59	589	Ukrainian	54	50	51	517
Icelandic	*	*	*	*	Urdu	54	53	52	527
Igbo	57	55	53	553	Uzbek	49	45	45	465
Iloko	48	43	47	461	Vietnamese	49	46	46	467
Indonesian	50	46	49	480	Wolof	*	*	*	*
Italian	55	54	56	549	Xhosa	55	55	50	533
Japanese	46	46	46	461	Yapese	*	*	*	*
Javanese	47	45	47	460	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Kannada	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	53	51	51	517
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	Zulu	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*					
Kazakh	44	40	42	416					
Khmer	46	47	46	464					
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*					
Konkani	*	*	*	*					
Korean	51	47	49	488					
Kosraean	*	*	*	*					
Kurdish	48	43	42	444					
Kurukh	*	*	*	*					
Lao	43	39	41	413					
Latvian	60	55	55	563					
Lingala	45	43	44	443					
Lithuanian	*	*	*	*					
Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*					
Luo	*	*	*	*					

¹ Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some language subgroups.

Table 4. TOEFL ITP Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country²

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean
AFRICA					Peru	49	46	49	479
Angola	50	51	51	505	Puerto Rico	51	44	47	475
Benin	47	47	47	471	St. Kitts and Nevis	52	49	51	509
Botswana	48	51	51	499	St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	47	47	49	477	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*
Burundi	*	*	*	*	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	50	50	50	502	Trinidad and Tobago	45	45	45	449
Cape Verde	47	42	45	447	Turks and Caicos Islands	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	52	50	53	520
Chad	47	43	45	451	Venezuela	52	48	51	502
Comoros	46	41	42	430	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*
Congo	48	45	45	459	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*
Congo - Democratic Republic of	47	44	45	456	ASIA				
Cote d'Ivoire	50	47	49	485	Afghanistan	49	46	46	467
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	47	48	47	471
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh	51	47	48	490
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	*	*	*	*
Ethiopia	52	46	47	480	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*
Gabon	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	47	46	46	463
Gambia	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of	50	46	48	480
Ghana	54	54	51	532	Hong Kong	53	50	51	513
Guinea	*	*	*	*	India	52	48	49	499
Guinea-Bissau	46	41	42	430	Indonesia	50	46	49	480
Kenya	55	55	54	548	Japan	46	46	46	460
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	44	40	42	421
Liberia	*	*	*	*	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	49	45	47	469
Madagascar	51	50	51	508	Korea, Republic of	50	47	49	486
Malawi	*	*	*	*	Kyrgyzstan	53	47	48	495
Mali	50	47	47	481	Lao People's Democratic Republic	43	39	41	412
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	Macao	48	44	45	458
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	55	51	53	532
Morocco	52	50	50	509	Maldives	*	*	*	*
Mozambique	47	44	44	447	Mongolia	52	48	49	495
Namibia	*	*	*	*	Myanmar	50	48	49	489
Niger	*	*	*	*	Nepal	51	47	48	487
Nigeria	51	48	46	482	Pakistan	52	52	51	517
Reunion	*	*	*	*	Philippines	56	53	51	535
Rwanda	50	49	48	491	Singapore	59	56	56	570
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	58	55	53	550
Senegal	51	48	48	493	Taiwan (Republic of China)	52	47	49	494
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	Tajikistan	49	44	46	463
Sierra Leone	47	49	49	481	Thailand	49	45	47	466
Somalia	53	47	47	487	Turkmenistan	*	*	*	*
South Africa	56	54	52	542	Uzbekistan	51	47	47	483
Swaziland	*	*	*	*	Vietnam	49	46	46	467
Tanzania, United Republic of	50	49	49	495	EUROPE				
Togo	49	48	50	490	Albania	47	43	44	447
Tunisia	54	52	51	526	Andorra	47	49	49	480
Uganda	47	41	41	431	Armenia	*	*	*	*
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Austria	53	52	52	521
Zimbabwe	48	45	45	459	Belarus	*	*	*	*
AMERICA					Belgium	55	53	54	540
Anguilla	*	*	*	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	*	*	*
Argentina	58	55	57	566	Bulgaria	58	57	56	572
Aruba	*	*	*	*	Croatia	61	57	58	590
Bahamas	*	*	*	*	Cyprus	*	*	*	*
Barbados	*	*	*	*	Czech Republic	56	54	56	553
Belize	*	*	*	*	Denmark	*	*	*	*
Bermuda	49	52	53	509	Estonia	*	*	*	*
Bolivia	52	49	52	506	Finland	*	*	*	*
Brazil	48	45	49	473	France	54	53	55	543
Canada	47	50	50	490	Georgia	55	53	52	535
Cayman Islands	*	*	*	*	Germany	59	56	55	567
Chile	56	52	55	543	Greece	54	54	51	533
Colombia	49	46	50	483	Greenland	*	*	*	*
Costa Rica	57	55	56	560	Holy See (Vatican City State)	*	*	*	*
Cuba	53	50	53	517	Hungary	60	58	60	595
Dominica	*	*	*	*	Iceland	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic	52	47	48	491	Ireland	56	53	53	542
Ecuador	52	49	51	507	Italy	56	54	55	549
El Salvador	52	48	51	503	Latvia	58	53	54	550
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	Lithuania	58	54	55	558
Guatemala	56	50	52	529	Luxembourg	*	*	*	*
Guyana	*	*	*	*	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	57	56	55	562
Haiti	49	47	48	482	Malta	51	46	49	488
Honduras	52	49	51	505	Moldova, Republic of	53	50	50	512
Jamaica	*	*	*	*	Monaco	53	50	52	514
Martinique	*	*	*	*	Netherlands	62	59	59	601
Mexico	52	48	51	504	Norway	63	62	61	617
Netherlands Antilles	58	53	54	548	Poland	57	51	53	536
Nicaragua	48	45	48	474					
Panama	54	51	52	526					
Paraguay	54	50	53	523					

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Table 4 (continued)

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	
Portugal	53	49	51	507	PACIFIC REGION	*	*	*	*	
Romania	59	58	57	581		American Samoa	*	*	*	*
Russian Federation	54	50	51	517		Australia	48	51	53	507
Slovakia	54	49	51	513		Fiji	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	*	*	*	*		French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
Spain	56	54	55	553		Guam	*	*	*	*
Sweden	58	54	52	544		Kiribati	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	58	53	54	551		Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*
Turkey	50	47	47	482		Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	55	50	51	520		New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	59	55	54	558		New Zealand	50	47	47	482
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA						Niue	*	*	*	*
Algeria	50	49	49	492		Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	48	43	42	443		Palau	*	*	*	*
Egypt	47	45	46	462		Papua New Guinea	47	51	53	501
Gaza Strip	47	45	44	453	Samoa	*	*	*	*	
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52	48	48	494	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*	
Iraq	49	43	44	452	Tuvalu	*	*	*	*	
Israel	53	47	48	493	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*	
Jordan	50	45	45	464						
Kuwait	49	42	43	445						
Lebanon	51	49	48	491						
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	49	42	43	447						
Oman	49	43	43	450						
Qatar	48	40	40	425						
Saudi Arabia	47	40	41	426						
Sudan	49	43	44	455						
Syrian Arab Republic	49	44	44	456						
United Arab Emirates	47	41	42	436						
West Bank	50	47	47	480						
Yemen	49	45	44	458						

¹ Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some native country subgroups.
² Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.

Table 5 TOEFL ITP statistical data have been quite stable over the years, due to the consistently rigorous development standards ETS implements with all its tests. However, score results for test takers overall may vary slightly from year to year. Therefore, ETS publishes a new percentile ranking table every year, using data from that year.

Table 5. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL ITP Total Score

Total Score	Percentile Rank	Total Score	Percentile Rank	Total Score	Percentile Rank	Total Score	Percentile Rank
677	100	523	74	470	48	420	22
643	99	520	73	470	47	417	21
627	98	517	72	467	46	413	20
617	97	513	71	463	45	413	19
607	96	513	70	463	44	410	18
600	95	510	69	460	43	407	17
593	94	510	68	460	42	403	16
587	93	507	67	457	41	403	15
580	92	503	66	457	40	400	14
577	91	503	65	453	39	397	13
570	90	500	64	450	38	393	12
567	89	500	63	450	37	390	11
563	88	497	62	447	36	390	10
560	87	493	61	447	35	387	9
557	86	493	60	443	34	383	8
553	85	490	59	443	33	380	7
550	84	490	58	440	32	377	6
547	83	487	57	437	31	373	5
543	82	487	56	437	30	367	4
540	81	483	55	433	29	363	3
537	80	480	54	430	28	357	2
533	79	480	53	430	27	347	1
533	78	477	52	427	26	310	0
530	77	477	51	427	25		
527	76	473	50	423	24		
523	75	473	49	420	23		



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