



# Test and Score Data Summary

for the

## **TOEFL ITP<sup>®</sup> Test**

January–December 2016 Test Data

This edition of the *TOEFL ITP<sup>®</sup> Test and Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of examinees who took a TOEFL ITP test between January and December 2016.

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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/](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](https://www.ets.org/toefl_itp).





# TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2016

The tables below contain data from TOEFL ITP (Level 1) administrations in 2016, and the data were collected from test takers worldwide who took the TOEFL ITP (Level 1) test between January and December 2016.

**Table 1** gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2016 through December 2016.

**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 2016.

**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	49.0 7.4	46.6 8.5	48.4 7.8	480 72
Female	49.0 7.2	45.7 8.2	47.5 7.4	474 69

\*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 Means<sup>1</sup>—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	*	*	*	*	Lingala	*	*	*	*
Albanian	48	45	46	465	Lithuanian	*	*	*	*
Amharic	51	46	48	481	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*
Arabic	49	44	45	457	Luo	*	*	*	*
Armenian	54	51	49	513	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Assamese	46	44	44	449	Macedonian	58	53	51	542
Azerbaijani	*	*	*	*	Madurese	48	44	47	465
Basque	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	*	*	*	*
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Malay	55	51	53	531
Bemba	52	55	49	519	Malayalam	48	45	46	467
Bengali	52	47	49	496	Maltese	*	*	*	*
Berber	49	47	46	475	Mandingo	*	*	*	*
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Bosnian	*	*	*	*	Marshallese	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	58	58	57	574	Mende	*	*	*	*
Burmese	50	49	50	495	Minangkabau	*	*	*	*
Catalan	51	56	54	540	Mongolian	*	*	*	*
Cebuano	*	*	*	*	Mongolian	51	47	49	492
Chichewa	*	*	*	*	Mossi	44	46	47	458
Chinese	51	47	49	489	Nepali	52	46	49	489
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	61	60	59	603
Croatian	62	58	59	600	Nyanja	*	*	*	*
Czech	55	53	55	543	Oriya	*	*	*	*
Danish	47	42	45	447	Oromo	*	*	*	*
Dutch	63	60	59	605	Palauan	49	52	51	506
Efik	51	41	43	451	Pohnpeian	*	*	*	*
English	57	56	53	555	Polish	57	52	53	538
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Portuguese	49	45	48	474
Ewe	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	52	50	49	505
Farsi	48	44	45	457	Pushto	47	44	44	453
Fijian	*	*	*	*	Romanian	58	55	56	562
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Russian	54	50	51	514
French	56	54	56	551	Samoan	50	47	48	484
Fulah	49	50	50	497	Santali	*	*	*	*
Galician	*	*	*	*	Shona	*	*	*	*
Ganda	*	*	*	*	Sindhi	52	53	52	523
Georgian	54	53	53	532	Sinhalese	*	*	*	*
German	59	56	56	566	Slovak	54	51	52	522
Greek	50	50	51	505	Slovenian	*	*	*	*
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Somali	52	48	48	492
Gujarati	49	46	48	476	Spanish	51	47	51	497
Hausa	48	45	45	461	Sundanese	*	*	*	*
Hebrew	*	*	*	*	Swahili	50	50	48	495
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Swedish	57	51	52	533
Hindi	55	51	51	523	Tagalog	55	54	50	532
Hungarian	60	57	59	586	Tamil	53	51	51	517
Icelandic	*	*	*	*	Tatar	*	*	*	*
Igbo	57	54	55	554	Telugu	49	45	46	468
Iloko	48	45	47	465	Thai	48	43	46	456
Indonesian	49	44	49	473	Tibetan	*	*	*	*
Italian	57	55	56	559	Tigrinya	*	*	*	*
Japanese	47	46	46	464	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Javanese	46	43	46	449	Turkish	52	47	49	495
Kannada	*	*	*	*	Turkmen	52	50	50	503
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	Twi	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*	Ukrainian	54	49	51	513
Kazakh	43	39	42	414	Urdu	56	55	54	549
Khmer	47	45	45	458	Uzbek	52	45	48	482
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*	Vietnamese	44	44	42	434
Konkani	*	*	*	*	Wolof	46	45	45	454
Korean	51	46	49	486	Xhosa	*	*	*	*
Kosraean	*	*	*	*	Yapese	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	47	42	42	436	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Lao	43	38	40	403	Yoruba	54	51	52	525
Latvian	59	56	56	567	Zulu	*	*	*	*

<sup>1</sup> 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 Means<sup>1</sup>—All Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country<sup>2</sup>**

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
<b>AFRICA</b>					Peru	50	46	50	483
Angola	48	49	50	489	Puerto Rico	53	46	49	493
Benin	45	44	44	447	St. Kitts and Nevis	53	48	51	504
Botswana	48	50	51	497	St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	47	47	48	476	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*
Burundi	*	*	*	*	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	48	49	49	487	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	*	*	*	*	Turks and Caicos Islands	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	51	48	52	504
Chad	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	52	48	51	501
Comoros	45	38	40	411	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*
Congo	49	46	47	470	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*
Congo - Democratic Republic of	49	46	47	475	<b>ASIA</b>				
Cote D'Ivoire	50	48	50	491	Afghanistan	47	43	44	446
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	51	46	47	480
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh	51	48	49	493
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	*	*	*	*
Ethiopia	54	47	48	496	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*
Gabon	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	48	44	44	456
Gambia	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of	50	46	48	480
Ghana	*	*	*	*	Hong Kong	54	50	51	516
Guinea	*	*	*	*	India	52	49	49	502
Guinea-Bissau	44	40	41	413	Indonesia	49	44	49	473
Kenya	54	55	53	539	Japan	47	46	46	461
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	44	40	43	424
Liberia	*	*	*	*	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	50	46	48	479
Madagascar	*	*	*	*	Korea, Republic of	51	46	49	485
Malawi	52	51	50	509	Kyrgyzstan	53	49	51	512
Mali	47	42	44	441	Lao People's Democratic Republic	43	38	40	402
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	Macao	*	*	*	*
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	56	51	54	538
Morocco	52	50	50	507	Maldives	*	*	*	*
Mozambique	44	41	43	425	Mongolia	51	47	49	491
Namibia	*	*	*	*	Myanmar	50	49	49	494
Niger	47	45	44	453	Nepal	52	47	48	488
Nigeria	52	50	49	503	Pakistan	54	54	53	536
Reunion	*	*	*	*	Philippines	56	54	50	534
Rwanda	*	*	*	*	Singapore	59	56	55	565
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	*	*	*	*
Senegal	49	47	46	473	Taiwan (Republic of China)	53	48	50	503
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	Tajikistan	46	39	41	422
Sierra Leone	47	48	48	475	Thailand	48	43	46	457
Somalia	53	47	48	496	Turkmenistan	*	*	*	*
South Africa	51	46	46	475	Uzbekistan	51	45	47	479
Swaziland	*	*	*	*	Vietnam	44	44	42	434
Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	<b>EUROPE</b>				
Togo	50	49	50	496	Albania	48	45	46	463
Tunisia	54	53	52	532	Andorra	*	*	*	*
Uganda	50	46	45	469	Armenia	48	45	45	462
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Austria	56	53	52	536
Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	Belarus	*	*	*	*
<b>AMERICA</b>					Belgium	50	47	47	481
Anguilla	50	50	50	499	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	*	*	*
Antigua and Barbuda	47	45	45	456	Bulgaria	58	58	57	575
Argentina	56	52	55	542	Croatia	61	58	59	591
Aruba	*	*	*	*	Cyprus	*	*	*	*
Bahamas	51	49	50	498	Czech Republic	55	53	54	541
Barbados	*	*	*	*	Denmark	*	*	*	*
Belize	*	*	*	*	Estonia	*	*	*	*
Bermuda	49	51	52	506	Faroe Islands	*	*	*	*
Bolivia	52	49	51	505	Finland	*	*	*	*
Brazil	49	45	48	474	France	55	53	55	543
Canada	47	49	49	485	Georgia	54	53	53	531
Chile	57	53	56	553	Germany	59	55	55	564
Colombia	50	46	50	486	Greece	55	53	53	539
Costa Rica	50	45	49	481	Greenland	*	*	*	*
Cuba	53	49	53	516	Holy See (Vatican City State)	*	*	*	*
Dominica	*	*	*	*	Hungary	60	57	58	584
Dominican Republic	54	48	49	503	Iceland	*	*	*	*
Ecuador	52	49	52	512	Ireland	55	49	52	517
El Salvador	54	49	51	514	Italy	57	54	56	558
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Latvia	58	54	55	555
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	Lithuania	56	51	50	522
Guatemala	55	52	53	534	Luxembourg	*	*	*	*
Guyana	*	*	*	*	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	58	54	51	543
Haiti	50	48	49	490	Malta	47	42	46	448
Honduras	52	47	51	501	Moldova, Republic of	49	46	48	476
Jamaica	*	*	*	*	Monaco	53	48	51	507
Martinique	*	*	*	*	Netherlands	63	60	59	606
Mexico	51	47	50	496	Norway	61	60	59	599
Netherlands Antilles	*	*	*	*	Poland	57	52	54	541
Nicaragua	55	51	53	529					
Panama	52	48	50	497					
Paraguay	50	47	50	491					

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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	50	51	515	<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>	American Samoa	44	40	41	416
Romania	59	55	56	567		Australia	49	51	51	506
Russian Federation	55	50	51	519		Cook Islands	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	54	52	52	527		Fiji	56	56	53	548
Slovenia	*	*	*	*		French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
Spain	57	54	56	560		Guam	*	*	*	*
Sweden	60	55	54	561		Kiribati	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	57	53	55	549		Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*
Turkey	52	47	49	495		Micronesia, Federated States of	52	48	46	485
Ukraine	55	50	51	523		Nauru	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	62	60	59	604		New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
<b>MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA</b>						New Zealand	55	50	50	515
Algeria	50	46	47	478		Niue	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	50	42	43	450		Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*
Egypt	47	44	46	457		Palau	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	48	46	45	465	Papua New Guinea	49	51	51	501	
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52	46	48	489	Samoa	*	*	*	*	
Iraq	49	43	44	454	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*	
Israel	51	47	49	491	Tonga	*	*	*	*	
Jordan	49	44	45	458	Tuvalu	*	*	*	*	
Kuwait	47	40	42	433	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*	
Lebanon	50	49	48	488						
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	49	43	44	450						
Oman	50	42	43	449						
Qatar	49	42	42	444						
Saudi Arabia	49	41	42	440						
Sudan	49	43	44	456						
Syrian Arab Republic	49	44	45	461						
United Arab Emirates	47	40	42	430						
West Bank	51	47	49	490						
Yemen	49	45	45	461						

<sup>1</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some native country subgroups.  
<sup>2</sup> 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
310	0	427	26	477	52	533	78
347	1	427	27	480	53	537	79
357	2	430	28	480	54	537	80
360	3	433	29	483	55	540	81
367	4	433	30	483	56	543	82
370	5	437	31	487	57	547	83
373	6	440	32	487	58	550	84
377	7	440	33	490	59	553	85
380	8	443	34	493	60	557	86
383	9	443	35	493	61	563	87
387	10	447	36	497	62	567	88
390	11	450	37	497	63	570	89
393	12	450	38	500	64	573	90
393	13	453	39	503	65	580	91
397	14	453	40	503	66	583	92
400	15	457	41	507	67	590	93
403	16	460	42	507	68	597	94
403	17	460	43	510	69	603	95
407	18	463	44	513	70	610	96
410	19	463	45	513	71	620	97
413	20	467	46	517	72	630	98
413	21	467	47	520	73	643	99
417	22	470	48	523	74	677	100
420	23	470	49	523	75		
420	24	473	50	527	76		
423	25	477	51	530	77		



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