



Test and Score Data Summary

for the

TOEFL ITP[®] Test

January–December 2018 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 2018.

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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 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 written in English. The topics 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 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 for distribution and collection of the test materials.

A team of language and assessment specialists develop the materials for the TOEFL ITP test. 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 2018

The tables below contain data from TOEFL ITP (Level 1) administrations in 2018, and the data were collected from test takers worldwide who took the TOEFL ITP (Level 1) test between January and December 2018.

Table 1 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2018 through December 2018.

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 2018.

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	46	49	481
Standard Deviation	8	9	8	73
Female	49	46	48	474
Standard Deviation	7	8	8	71

*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	48	45	46	465	Lithuanian	58	54	53	548
Albanian	51	48	48	492	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*
Amharic	47	44	46	456	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Arabic	50	45	46	469	Macedonian	*	*	*	*
Armenian	52	52	49	511	Madurese	50	46	49	484
Assamese	46	44	44	446	Malagasy	*	*	*	*
Azerbaijani	*	*	*	*	Malay	54	48	52	515
Basque	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	54	51	50	515
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Maltese	*	*	*	*
Bemba	46	44	46	456	Mandingo	*	*	*	*
Bengali	52	48	50	500	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Berber	48	45	46	463	Marshallese	*	*	*	*
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Mende	*	*	*	*
Bosnian	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	59	59	57	580	Mongolian	53	49	50	505
Burmese	50	48	48	488	Mossi	*	*	*	*
Catalan	48	54	54	520	Nepali	52	46	48	485
Cebuano	56	55	55	555	Norwegian	63	61	60	612
Chichewa	47	44	46	457	Nyanja	48	45	47	467
Chinese	51	47	49	491	Oriya	*	*	*	*
Croatian	*	*	*	*	Oromo	*	*	*	*
Czech	55	52	52	528	Palauan	47	51	52	501
Danish	*	*	*	*	Pohnpeian	*	*	*	*
Dutch	62	58	57	590	Polish	58	54	53	550
Efik	46	42	43	435	Portuguese	52	48	51	503
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	53	51	52	522
Ewe	48	44	45	459	Pushto	50	46	46	475
Farsi	50	45	46	469	Romanian	57	54	54	548
Fijian	*	*	*	*	Russian	54	51	53	528
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Serbian	*	*	*	*
French	56	53	55	548	Shona	*	*	*	*
Fulah	47	44	45	454	Sindhi	57	56	54	557
Galician	*	*	*	*	Sinhalese	52	47	50	499
Ganda	*	*	*	*	Slovak	55	50	51	522
Georgian	55	54	52	537	Slovenian	*	*	*	*
German	60	56	55	569	Somali	*	*	*	*
Greek	50	51	52	511	Spanish	51	47	50	491
Gujarati	47	47	48	472	Sundanese	*	*	*	*
Hausa	48	45	47	466	Swahili	54	51	51	518
Hebrew	*	*	*	*	Swedish	*	*	*	*
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Tagalog	57	55	52	546
Hindi	57	53	53	545	Tamil	45	44	43	441
Hungarian	61	58	59	590	Tatar	*	*	*	*
Icelandic	*	*	*	*	Telugu	*	*	*	*
Igbo	56	52	52	534	Thai	52	45	48	485
Iloko	48	44	48	467	Tibetan	57	54	56	554
Indonesian	49	44	48	470	Tigrinya	*	*	*	*
Italian	56	54	55	551	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Japanese	47	45	46	463	Turkish	51	46	48	484
Javanese	49	46	49	484	Turkmen	*	*	*	*
Kannada	57	50	53	531	Twi	*	*	*	*
Kanuri	55	52	54	536	Ukrainian	55	50	52	523
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*	Urdu	57	55	54	551
Kazakh	44	40	43	422	Uzbek	51	45	47	476
Khmer	47	48	48	476	Vietnamese	42	37	38	392
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*	Wolof	*	*	*	*
Konkani	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	*	*	*	*
Korean	52	47	50	496	Yapese	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	52	50	49	503	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Lao	44	40	40	415	Yoruba	54	53	52	530
Latvian	60	56	56	572	Zulu	*	*	*	*
Lingala	*	*	*	*					

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					Puerto Rico	53	46	47	484
Angola	48	49	51	495	St. Kitts and Nevis	55	50	53	524
Benin	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Botswana	47	49	51	493	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	50	49	50	493	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Burundi	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	47	49	49	481	Uruguay	54	51	55	530
Cape Verde	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	51	49	51	505
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*
Chad	*	*	*	*	ASIA				
Comoros	46	40	41	420	Afghanistan	49	45	45	463
Congo	49	45	44	461	Azerbaijan	*	*	*	*
Congo, Democratic Republic of	50	47	48	485	Bangladesh	52	48	50	498
Cote D'Ivoire	51	50	50	501	Bhutan	*	*	*	*
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of	51	47	49	489
Ethiopia	52	46	47	482	Hong Kong	56	50	52	526
Gabon	*	*	*	*	India	49	47	47	475
Gambia	*	*	*	*	Indonesia	49	44	48	470
Ghana	53	54	51	528	Japan	47	45	46	460
Guinea	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	45	41	43	429
Guinea-Bissau	44	38	42	415	Korea, Democratic People's	*	*	*	*
Kenya	*	*	*	*	Republic of	51	47	49	489
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Korea, Republic of	51	47	49	491
Liberia	*	*	*	*	Kyrgyzstan	52	47	48	489
Madagascar	*	*	*	*	Lao People's Democratic Republic	44	40	40	414
Malawi	*	*	*	*	Macao	*	*	*	*
Mali	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	55	51	54	533
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	Maldives	*	*	*	*
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	52	49	50	504
Morocco	53	51	51	513	Myanmar	51	48	49	495
Mozambique	*	*	*	*	Nepal	53	48	50	501
Namibia	*	*	*	*	Pakistan	56	55	54	548
Niger	*	*	*	*	Philippines	57	55	52	547
Nigeria	54	53	51	524	Singapore	*	*	*	*
Reunion	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	54	47	50	503
Rwanda	*	*	*	*	Taiwan (Republic of China)	52	47	48	490
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	Tajikistan	*	*	*	*
Senegal	50	47	47	477	Thailand	52	45	48	485
Sierra Leone	45	48	47	467	Turkmenistan	*	*	*	*
Somalia	55	50	51	520	Uzbekistan	52	47	49	494
South Africa	*	*	*	*	Vietnam	42	37	38	392
Swaziland	*	*	*	*	EUROPE				
Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	Albania	51	48	48	490
Togo	*	*	*	*	Andorra	*	*	*	*
Tunisia	55	54	53	541	Armenia	*	*	*	*
Uganda	53	47	46	488	Austria	60	55	55	565
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Belarus	*	*	*	*
Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	Belgium	58	54	57	562
AMERICA					Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	*	*	*
Anguilla	*	*	*	*	Bulgaria	59	58	56	577
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	Croatia	*	*	*	*
Argentina	58	56	57	567	Cyprus	*	*	*	*
Aruba	*	*	*	*	Czech Republic	55	52	52	529
Belize	*	*	*	*	Denmark	*	*	*	*
Bermuda	48	50	52	501	Estonia	*	*	*	*
Bolivia	53	50	50	509	Faroe Islands	*	*	*	*
Brazil	52	48	51	503	Finland	*	*	*	*
Canada	48	49	50	493	France	55	53	55	540
Cayman Islands	*	*	*	*	Georgia	55	54	52	537
Chile	57	53	56	551	Germany	59	56	55	567
Colombia	51	47	51	497	Greece	54	54	53	537
Costa Rica	53	47	50	499	Greenland	*	*	*	*
Cuba	52	49	52	513	Holy See (Vatican City State)	*	*	*	*
Dominica	*	*	*	*	Hungary	61	58	59	591
Dominican Republic	52	47	49	494	Iceland	*	*	*	*
Ecuador	51	47	49	491	Ireland	52	48	50	501
El Salvador	54	50	51	518	Italy	56	54	56	554
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Latvia	56	52	53	539
Grenada	*	*	*	*	Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	Lithuania	57	53	52	541
Guatemala	54	50	50	514	Luxembourg	*	*	*	*
Guyana	*	*	*	*	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav	*	*	*	*
Haiti	48	46	47	473	Republic of	*	*	*	*
Honduras	53	49	52	514	Malta	47	42	44	442
Jamaica	*	*	*	*	Moldova, Republic of	51	46	49	487
Martinique	*	*	*	*	Monaco	50	46	48	483
Mexico	51	47	49	490	Netherlands	62	58	57	589
Netherlands Antilles	*	*	*	*	Norway	63	61	60	613
Nicaragua	52	48	50	496	Poland	58	54	53	550
Panama	54	50	50	514	Portugal	53	50	53	521
Paraguay	52	49	51	506	Romania	57	53	54	547
Peru	50	47	50	492					

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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	
Russian Federation	54	52	54	533	PACIFIC REGION					
San Marino	*	*	*	*		American Samoa	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	57	52	52	539		Australia	49	52	53	514
Slovenia	*	*	*	*		Fiji	*	*	*	*
Spain	57	55	56	563		French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
Sweden	*	*	*	*		Guam	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	58	53	54	552		Kiribati	*	*	*	*
Turkey	51	46	48	484		Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	55	51	52	527		Nauru	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	60	58	57	584		New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA						New Zealand	*	*	*	*
Algeria	54	50	50	514		Niue	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	52	45	45	475		Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*
Egypt	48	47	48	477		Palau	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	49	47	47	476		Papua New Guinea	47	50	51	492
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52	46	47	486		Samoa	*	*	*	*
Iraq	51	46	46	478		Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*
Israel	53	48	50	503	Tuvalu	*	*	*	*	
Jordan	50	45	46	468						
Kuwait	51	45	45	470						
Lebanon	52	51	50	510						
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	53	47	47	494						
Oman	48	42	43	443						
Qatar	*	*	*	*						
Saudi Arabia	51	43	44	459						
Sudan	50	44	45	461						
Syrian Arab Republic	50	45	45	466						
United Arab Emirates	49	42	44	449						
West Bank	50	47	49	487						
Yemen	49	44	44	458						

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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 Scale Score	Percentile Rank	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
310	0	423	26	477	52	533	78
343	1	427	27	480	53	537	79
353	2	430	28	480	54	540	80
360	3	430	29	483	55	543	81
363	4	433	30	487	56	547	82
367	5	437	31	487	57	550	83
370	6	437	32	490	58	553	84
373	7	440	33	490	59	557	85
377	8	443	34	493	60	560	86
380	9	443	35	493	61	563	87
383	10	447	36	497	62	567	88
387	11	450	37	500	63	570	89
390	12	450	38	500	64	577	90
390	13	453	39	503	65	580	91
393	14	453	40	507	66	587	92
397	15	457	41	507	67	590	93
400	16	460	42	510	68	597	94
403	17	460	43	513	69	603	95
403	18	463	44	513	70	610	96
407	19	463	45	517	71	620	97
410	20	467	46	520	72	630	98
413	21	467	47	520	73	647	99
413	22	470	48	523	74	677	100
417	23	473	49	527	75		
420	24	473	50	530	76		
423	25	477	51	530	77		



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