

## January-December 2020 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 2020.

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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 both digital and paper formats. 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 TOEFL ITP® Test (continued)

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 <u>ETS Standards for Fairness and Quality</u>. 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 <a href="https://www.ets.org/toefl\_itp">https://www.ets.org/toefl\_itp</a>.

#### **TOEFL ITP®** Test Data for 2020

The tables below contain data from *TOEFL ITP*® (Level 1) administrations in 2020, and the data were collected from test takers worldwide who took the TOEFL ITP (Level 1) test between January and December 2020.

**Table 1** gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2020 through December 2020.

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 2020.

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	48	475
Standard Deviation	8	9	8	74
Female	48	44	46	456
Standard Deviation	8	9	8	74

<sup>\*</sup>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 <b>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; therefore, 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	48	46	46	464	Kyrgyz	*	*	*	,
Akan Albanian	50	48	47	482	Lao Latvian	43	42	41	416
Amharic	50	47	47	479	Lingala	*	*	*	1
Arabic	51	46	46	476	Lithuanian	*	*	*	1
Armenian	52	53	49	515	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	
Assamese	53	50	50	510	Macedonian	54	53	53	533
Azerbaijani Bambara	*	*	*	*	Madurese Malagasy	51 *	47	50	497
Basque	*	*	*	*	Malay	56	50	53	531
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	54	53	52	531
Bemba	47	45	46	458	Mandarin	54	49	51	514
Bengali Berber	52 *	49	50 *	503	Mandingo Marathi	*	*	*	
3hili	*	*	*	*	Mende	*	*	*	
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	*	*	*	
Bulgarian	56	58	54	564	Moldovan	*	*	*	
Burmese	54	52	52	527	Mongolian	55	51	52	524
Cantonese Catalan	51 *	46	48	484	Mossi Nepali	*	*	*	
Debuano	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	*	*	*	
Chichewa	47	45	47	467	Nyanja	48	44	47	46
Chinese	52 *	49	50	499	Oriya	*	*	*	
Croatian		*	*	* FF7	Oromo	*	*	*	
Czech Danish	57 *	55 *	55 *	557	Palauan Pidgin	*	*	*	
Outch	61	57	58	588	Polish	*	*	*	
Efik	*	*	*	*	Portuguese	54	50	54	530
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	*	*	*	
Ewe Farsi	53	47	48	495	Pushto Romanian	*		*	
-ijian	*	*	*	*	Ruanda	57 *	54 *	54	55
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Russian	54	52	54	534
rench	56	53	55	548	Samar-Leyte	*	*	*	
Fulah	*	*	*	*	Serbian	*	*	*	
Galician Georgian	53	51	49	511	Serbo-Croatian Sindhi	*	*	*	
German	59	56	55	568	Sinhalese	*	*	*	
Greek	*	*	*	*	Slovak	*	*	*	
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Slovene	*	*	*	
Gujarati Hausa	49	46	46	471	Somali	*	47	-	
-ausa -lebrew	49 *	40	40	4/1	Spanish Sundanese	51 *	47	50 *	49
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Swahili	*	*	*	
Hindi	58	55	54	557	Swedish	*	*	*	
Hungarian	58	58	58	581	Tagalog	57	55	53	55
celandic gbo	*	*	*	*	Tajik	*	*	*	
loko	*	*	*	*	Tamil Tatar	*	*	*	
ndonesian	50	45	49	479	Telugu	*	*	*	
talian	58	55	56	567	Thai	45	42	45	440
lapanese	48	46	47 50	472	Tibetan	60	57	57	578
lavanese Kannada	50	46	50	485	Tigrinya Turkish	53	47	49	49
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	Turkmen	33 *	4 <i>1</i> *	49 *	494
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*	Twi	*	*	*	
Kazakh	49	46	48	475	Ukrainian	55	50	52	52
Chmer	50	47	47	480	Urdu	56	54	53	54
Kikuyu Kinyarwanda	*	*	*	*	Uzbek Vietnamese	45 41	47 36	47 37	46 38
Kirundi	*	*	*	*	Wolof	41 *	30	3/ *	381
Konkani	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	*	*	*	
Korean	53	48	50	504	Yiddish	*	*	*	
Kurdish	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	*	*	*	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some language subgroups.

## TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2020 (continued)

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

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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					Mexico Monstserrat	52 *	47	50 *	496
Angola	*	*	*	*	Netherlands Antilles Nicaragua	*	*	*	*
Benin Botswana	*	*	*	*	Panama	54	50	51	515
Burkina Faso	45	44	46	452	Paraguay Peru	48 49	43 46	48 49	465 480
Burundi Cameroon	49	51	50	501	Puerto Rico	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic Chad	*	*	*	*	Saint Martin (French Part) Saint Pierre and Miquelon	*	*	*	*
Comoros	*	*	*	*	St. Kitts and Nevis St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Congo (formerly Zaire) Congo Republic	*	*	*	*	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Cote D'Ivoire Djibouti	52	49	51 *	507	Trinidad and Tobago US Minor Outlying Islands	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	Uruguay Venezuela	58 50	54 45	57 48	561 475
Ethiopia Gabon	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*
Gambia	*	*	*	*	ASIA				
Ghana Guinea	*	*	*	*	Afghanistan	51	46	46	479
Guinea-Bissau Kenya	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	*	*	*	*
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh Bhutan	53 *	49	51 *	511 *
Liberia Madagascar	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	50 53	47 52	47 53	479 525
Mali	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of French Southern Territories	*	*	*	*
Mauritania Mauritius	*	*	*	*	Hong Kong India	54 58	47 54	50 54	506 553
Mayotte Morocco	* 55	53	* 52	* 531	Indonesia	50	45	49	479
Mozambique	*	*	*	*	Japan Kazakhstan	47 49	46 46	47 48	469 476
Namibia Niger	*	*	*	*	Korea, Democratic People's Republic	*	*	*	*
Nigeria Reunion	56	55 *	53	545 *	of Korea, Republic of	52	48	50	498
Rwanda	*	*	*	*	Kwajalein Kyrgyzstan	*	*	*	*
Sao Tome and Principe Senegal	*	*	*	*	Laos	42	41	40	414
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	Macao Malaysia	* 55	50	53	528
Sierra Leone Somalia	*	*	*	*	Mongolia Myanmar	55 55	51 52	52 53	523 532
South Africa Tanzania, United Republic of	50	47	46	476	Nepal	*	*	*	*
Togo	*	*	*	*	Pakistan Palestinian Territory	56 *	54 *	53	541 *
Tunisia Uganda	57 *	55 *	53	553 *	Philippines	57	55	53	550
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Singapore Sri Lanka	*	*	*	*
Zimbabwe  AMERICA					Taiwan (Republic of China) Tajikistan	51 44	46 38	47 41	480 410
					Thailand	45	42	45	440
Antigua and Barbuda Argentina	53	49	* 53	* 516	Timor-Leste Turkmenistan	45 52	40 45	44 47	430 479
Aruba	*	*	*	*	Uzbekistan Vietnam	46 41	47 35	47 37	465 380
Barbados Belize	*	*	*	*	EUROPE	41	33	37	300
Bermuda Bolivia	*	*	*	*					
Brazil	54	50	54	531	Albania Armenia	50 *	47	47	482
Canada Chile	58 57	53 53	52 57	546 555	Austria	*	*	*	*
Colombia Costa Rica	52 53	47 48	52 52	505 510	Belarus Belgium	*	*	*	*
Cuba Cuba	53 53	50	52 53	510	Bosnia and Herzegovina Bulgaria	* 56	* 58	* 54	559
Curaçao Dominica	*	*	*	*	Croatia	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic	49	46	48	478	Cyprus Czech Republic	* 57	* 55	* 56	558
Ecuador El Salvador	50 53	46 50	50 51	488 515	Czechia	*	*	*	*
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Denmark Estonia	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe Guatemala	50	45	49	479	Finland France	* 57	* 53	* 56	552
Haiti	*	*	* 47	* 466	Georgia	53	51	49	511
Honduras Jamaica	49	44	47	466	Germany Greece	59 *	56 *	55 *	568
Martinique	*	*	*	*					

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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
Greenland	*	*	*	*	MIDDLE EAST/NORTH A	EDICA			
Hungary	58	58	58	581	MIDDLE EAST/NORTH A	FRICA			
Iceland Ireland	*	*	*	*	Algeria	55	51	51	524
Italy	59	55	57	569	Bahrain	*	*	*	*
Latvia	39	33 *	5/	509	Egypt	50	48	48	489
Lithuania	*	*	*	*	Gaza Strip	50	49	49	494
Luxembourg	*	*	*	*	Iran, Islamic Republic of	52	47	48	491
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav					Iraq	52	47	47	489
Republic of	*	*	*	*	Israel	54	50	50	512
					Jordan	49	44	44	458
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic Of	*	*	*	*	Kuwait	48	42	44	445
		*	*	*	Lebanon	54	53	50	522
Malta		*	*	*	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	47	43	45	451
Moldova, Republic of					Oman	44	39	41	413
Monaco	54	51	52	524	Qatar	*	*	*	*
Montenegro Netherlands	61	57		588	Saudi Arabia	53	45	46	479
Northern Ireland	۱۵ *	5/ *	58	288	Sudan	53	45	47	482
Norway	*	*	*	*	Syrian Arab Republic	51	47	47	485
Poland	*	*	*	*	United Arab Emirates	48	41	42	440
Portugal	54	51	53	529	West Bank Yemen	53 50	51 45	51 45	518 468
Republic of Serbia	*	*	*	329	remen	50	45	45	400
Romania	57	54	55	553					
Russian Federation	56	53	56	549	PACIFIC REGION				
San Marino	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	_
Scotland	*	*	*	*	American Samoa				
Serbia	*	*	*	*	Australia	58	54	56	556
Slovakia	*	*	*	*	French Polynesia Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	*	*	*	*	Nauru	*	*	*	*
Spain	59	57	58	581	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
Sweden	*	*	*	*	New Zealand	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	*	*	*	*	Niue	*	*	*	*
Turkey	53	47	49	495	Papua New Guinea	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	57	52	54	542	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	*	*	*	*	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	*	*	*	*	100.90				

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

## **TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2020** (continued)

**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 the most recently available data.

Table 5. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL ITP Total Score

Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
310	0
340	1
347	2
353	3
357	4
360	5
360	6
363	7
367	8
367	9
370	10
373	11
373	12
377	13
377	14
380	15
380	16
383	17
387	18
387	19
390	20
390	21
393	22
397	23
397	24
400	25

Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
403	26
403	27
407	28
410	29
410	30
413	31
417	32
420	33
420	34
423	35
427	36
430	37
433	38
433	39
437	40
440	41
440	42
443	43
447	44
450	45
450	46
453	47
457	48
457	49
460	50
463	51

Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
463	52
467	53
470	54
470	55
473	56
477	57
477	58
480	59
483	60
483	61
487	62
490	63
490	64
493	65
497	66
497	67
500	68
503	69
503	70
507	71
510	72
513	73
513	74
517	75
520	76
523	77

Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
527	78
530	79
530	80
533	81
537	82
540	83
543	84
547	85
550	86
557	87
560	88
563	89
567	90
573	91
577	92
583	93
590	94
597	95
603	96
613	97
623	98
640	99
677	100

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