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Test and Score Data Summary

2002–03 Test Year Data

Test of English as a Foreign Language

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This edition of the *TOEFL Test And Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of examinees who took the computer-based TOEFL test and those who took the paper-based TOEFL test between July 2002 and June 2003. Data from previous testing periods can be found on the Web site at www.ets.org/toefl.



History of the TOEFL Program

The Test of English as a Foreign Language, better known as TOEFL, is designed to measure the English proficiency of people whose native language is not English. Colleges and universities in the United States and Canada require TOEFL test scores from their international applicants. Academic institutions in other countries, as well as certain independent organizations, agencies, and foreign governments, have also found the test scores useful. In addition, several medical certification and licensing agencies require TOEFL test scores.

Oversight of the Program — A national council on the testing of English as a foreign language was formed in 1962; its members were representatives of more than 30 private organizations and government agencies concerned with the English proficiency of nonnative speakers of English who wished to study at colleges and universities in the United States. The council supported the development of the TOEFL test for use starting in 1963-64. Financed by grants from the Ford and Danforth Foundations, the TOEFL program was administered, at first, by the Modern Language Association. In 1965, the College Board® and Educational Testing Service® (ETS®) assumed joint responsibility for the program. Because many who take the TOEFL test are potential graduate students, a cooperative arrangement for the operation of the program was entered into by ETS, the College Board, and the Graduate Record Examinations® Board in 1973. Under

this arrangement, ETS is responsible for administering the TOEFL program with oversight from the TOEFL Board.

The TOEFL Board is comprised of 15 members. Some are affiliated with such institutions and agencies as undergraduate and graduate schools, community colleges, nonprofit educational exchange organizations, and other public and private agencies with an interest in international education. Other members are specialists in the field of English as a foreign or second language.

Development of the Test — The test originally contained five sections. As a result of extensive research, a three-section test was developed and introduced in 1976. In July 1995, the test item format was modified somewhat within the same three-section structure. In recent years, various constituencies called for a new TOEFL test that would (1) be more reflective of communicative compe-

tence models; (2) include more constructed-response tasks and direct measures of writing and speaking; (3) include tasks that integrate the language modalities tested; and (4) provide more information than the paper-based TOEFL test about the ability of international students to use English in an academic environment.

Accordingly, the TOEFL Board initiated a broad effort under which language testing will evolve in the twenty-first century. The introduction of the computer-based TOEFL test in 1998 was the first incremental step in this broad test-improvement effort.



For additional information about the Test of English as a Foreign Language, see the *TOEFL Score User Guide*. Order this publication in print form or download it at www.ets.org/toefl. Also visit the TOEFL program's Web library for a complete list of downloadable publications.

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Computer-Based Test Data for 2002-03

The data presented in the tables below are based on 577,038 candidates who took the computer-based TOEFL test between July 2002 and June 2003.

The tables summarize the performance of self-selected groups of examinees; they are not necessarily representative of the general TOEFL population. In some countries, for example, virtually any high school, university, or graduate student who aspires to study in the United States or Canada may take the test. In

other countries, government policies may regulate who takes the test.

Table 1 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from July 2002 through June 2003. The percentile ranks for section and total scale scores are shown in **Table 2** for the total group. In **Tables 3-6**, examinees have been classified by their reason for taking the test (information supplied by them at the test center).

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

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening	0	30
2. Structure/Writing	0	30
3. Reading	0	30
Total	7	300

Table 2. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL CBT Scores — Total Group*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening	Section 2 Structure/Writing	Section 3 Reading	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	99	99	98	300	
28	94	93	93	280	96
26	83	80	80	260	83
24	68	61	62	240	66
22	52	45	46	220	49
20	38	32	32	200	33
18	27	22	21	180	21
16	18	14	13	160	13
14	12	8	8	140	7
12	7	5	4	120	4
10	4	3	2	100	2
8	2	1	1	80	1
6	1	1		60	
4				40	
2				20	
Mean	20.9	21.7	21.8	Mean	215
S.D.	5.3	5.0	4.9	S.D.	46

Table 3. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL CBT Scores — Graduate Level Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening	Section 2 Structure/Writing	Section 3 Reading	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	98	99	97	300	
28	93	91	90	280	94
26	81	76	73	260	80
24	65	55	53	240	60
22	49	39	36	220	41
20	34	26	23	200	26
18	23	16	14	180	16
16	15	10	8	160	9
14	9	6	5	140	5
12	5	3	2	120	2
10	3	2	1	100	1
8	1	1		80	
6	1			60	
4				40	
2				20	
Mean	21.4	22.5	23.0	Mean	223
S.D.	5.1	4.7	4.5	S.D.	43

* Based on the total group of 577,038 examinees tested between July 2002 and June 2003 in CBT test centers. (Total group includes 66,460 examinees not included in Tables 3-6 who did not indicate a "reason for taking TOEFL" or who indicated reasons other than those given in Tables 3-6.)

* Based on 272,081 examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.



Tables 7 and 8 present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between July 2002 and June 2003.

Table 7. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL CBT Section and Total Scores, Males*

Group	Number	Section 1 Listening	Section 2 Structure/ Writing	Section 3 Reading	Total Scale Score
Total Group†	296,703	21.1 5.4	21.9 5.0	22.3 4.9	218 46
Graduate Level	157,057	21.6 5.1	22.7 4.6	23.3 4.4	225 42
Undergraduate Level	87,786	20.5 5.5	20.9 5.3	20.5 5.0	207 48
Other Students	7,986	18.6 6.5	19.0 6.4	19.4 5.9	190 58
Applicants for Professional License	14,818	23.3 4.9	23.1 4.8	23.8 4.4	234 43

* Based on examinees tested from July 2002 through June 2003 who responded to a question about gender group membership.
 † Total group includes 29,056 examinees not included in the four succeeding groups.

Table 8. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL CBT Section and Total Scores, Females*

Group	Number	Section 1 Listening	Section 2 Structure/ Writing	Section 3 Reading	Total Scale Score
Total Group†	270,718	20.8 5.3	21.6 5.0	21.4 4.8	213 46
Graduate Level	112,772	21.3 5.0	22.3 4.7	22.5 4.6	220 43
Undergraduate Level	90,175	20.3 5.3	20.9 5.1	20.1 4.8	204 46
Other Students	8,741	17.7 6.2	18.3 6.2	18.3 5.6	181 55
Applicants for Professional License	26,483	22.2 4.6	22.8 4.3	22.3 4.2	224 39

* Based on examinees tested from July 2002 through June 2003 who responded to a question about gender group membership.
 † Total group includes 32,547 examinees not included in the four succeeding groups.



Tables 9 and 10 may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL 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. It is important to point out that the data do not permit the generalization that there are fundamental differences in the ability of the various national and language groups to learn English or in the level of English proficiency they can attain. The tables are based simply on the performance of those examinees native to particular countries and languages who happened to take the computer-based TOEFL test.

Table 9. TOEFL CBT Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Native Language²
(based on 577,038 students who took the test between July 2002 and June 2003)³

Native Language	Number of Examinees	Listening	Structure/Writing	Reading	Total Score Mean	Native Language	Number of Examinees	Listening	Structure/Writing	Reading	Total Score Mean
Afrikaans	384	21	23	21	218	Macedonian	256	22	22	21	216
Albanian	745	22	22	21	217	Madurese	132	19	19	19	189
Amharic	779	22	21	21	214	Malagasy	21	*	*	*	*
Arabic	23,245	21	20	19	202	Malay	1,272	23	23	23	230
Armenian	703	22	23	22	219	Malayalam	4,086	24	25	25	246
Assamese	194	22	24	24	235	Malinke-Bambara-Dyula	38	18	19	19	188
Azeri	252	21	22	21	214	Maltese	3	*	*	*	*
Bashkir	2	*	*	*	*	Marathi	3,541	25	26	26	256
Basque (Euskara)	48	21	22	24	222	Marshallese	7	*	*	*	*
Belarusian	169	22	23	22	224	Mende	32	19	21	20	202
Bemba	89	22	24	22	225	Minangkabau	0	*	*	*	*
Bengali	4,474	23	24	24	238	Mongolian	288	20	18	18	188
Berber	35	19	20	21	200	More	19	*	*	*	*
Bhili	2	*	*	*	*	Nauran	0	*	*	*	*
Bikol	185	23	23	22	228	Nepali	3,208	21	23	21	219
Bulgarian	3,300	24	24	24	240	Norwegian	363	26	25	25	253
Burmese	331	21	22	22	218	Nyanja	14	*	*	*	*
Catalan	333	23	24	25	240	Oriya	357	23	26	25	246
Cebuano (Visayan)	2,064	23	23	23	230	Oromo	52	20	22	20	206
Chichewa	51	20	22	20	207	Palauan	5	*	*	*	*
Chinese	61,456	20	21	21	208	Panay-Hiligaynon	666	23	23	22	227
Chuvash	2	*	*	*	*	Pashtu	252	22	23	22	225
Czech	949	24	23	24	235	Pidgin	15	*	*	*	*
Danish	748	27	26	26	259	Polish	2,296	24	22	22	227
Dutch	1,354	27	26	26	260	Ponapean	1	*	*	*	*
Efik - Ibibio	175	22	24	22	227	Portuguese	7,593	23	22	24	230
English	10,453	23	24	23	236	Punjabi	1,901	24	25	24	241
Estonian	84	25	23	22	234	Romanian	2,952	25	24	25	246
Ewe	161	22	24	22	228	Russian	7,342	23	23	23	230
Farsi (Persian)	4,118	22	22	22	218	Samoan	5	*	*	*	*
Fijian	3	*	*	*	*	Santali	2	*	*	*	*
Finnish	570	26	24	25	251	Serbo-Croatian	862	25	23	23	235
French	13,500	22	23	24	231	Setsoho	46	21	24	21	221
Fula (Peulh)	48	21	21	21	209	Setswana	161	22	24	22	226
Galician	23	*	*	*	*	Shona	181	24	26	24	248
Ganda (Luganda)	60	21	25	22	228	Sindhi	379	24	26	24	248
Georgian	413	22	22	22	219	Sinhala	1,070	23	23	22	227
German	14,001	25	25	25	251	Siswati	19	*	*	*	*
Greek	5,419	23	23	23	229	Slovak	479	24	23	23	235
Guarani	11	*	*	*	*	Slovenian	109	25	24	24	240
Gujarati	5,807	23	24	23	230	Somali	123	22	20	20	205
Hausa	168	21	23	21	212	Spanish	35,390	23	22	23	229
Hebrew	2,393	26	23	24	246	Sundanese	25	*	*	*	*
Hindi	18,133	25	26	25	252	Swahili	784	21	24	22	224
Hungarian (Magyar)	961	24	23	24	237	Swedish	1,002	26	24	24	246
Ibo (Igbo)	1,711	22	25	22	229	Tagalog	11,727	23	23	22	230
Icelandic	181	27	25	25	256	Tajik	0	*	*	*	*
Ilocano	790	22	23	21	219	Tamil	8,221	24	25	25	248
Indonesian	6,484	21	21	21	219	Tatar	17	*	*	*	*
Italian	6,680	21	23	25	229	Telugu	13,042	23	24	23	236
Japanese	81,146	18	19	20	188	Thai	10,830	20	20	20	199
Javanese	370	17	18	19	183	Tibetan	74	22	24	22	225
Kannada (Kanarese)	2,190	25	26	25	255	Tigrinya	68	22	22	22	222
Kanuri	5	*	*	*	*	Tongan	14	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	110	25	26	25	256	Trukese	3	*	*	*	*
Kazakh	298	22	23	22	222	Tulu	120	26	27	26	261
Khmer	88	20	20	19	195	Turkish	11,016	22	22	22	219
Kikuyu	1,276	22	25	23	230	Turkmen	37	21	23	21	216
Kinyarwanda	0	*	*	*	*	Twi	343	23	25	23	235
Kirundi	44	21	21	21	211	Ukrainian	1,254	23	22	23	225
Konkani	473	26	27	26	263	Ulithian	2	*	*	*	*
Korean	89,949	20	21	22	208	Urdu	7,994	23	24	23	234
Kurdish	60	22	21	21	214	Uzbek	198	21	22	21	215
Kurukh (Oraon)	0	*	*	*	*	Vietnamese	1,963	20	21	21	206
Kusaiean	3	*	*	*	*	Wolof	115	19	20	20	196
Lao	29	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	32	18	24	21	207
Latvian (Lettish)	109	23	22	22	226	Yapese	4	*	*	*	*
Lingala	45	19	20	21	199	Yiddish	0	*	*	*	*
Lithuanian	588	23	22	22	226	Yoruba	2,558	22	24	23	229
Luba-Lulua	14	*	*	*	*	Zulu	43	21	24	21	220
Luo	376	22	25	23	234						

1. Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of fewer than 30.
2. Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain languages may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.
3. Includes 58,600 students whose native languages could not be determined.

**Table 10. TOEFL CBT Total and Section Score Means¹ —
Nonnative English-Speaking Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country²**

(based on 577,038 students who took the test between July 2002 and June 2003)³

Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening	Structure/Writing	Reading	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening	Structure/Writing	Reading	Total Score Mean
AFRICA						Montserrat	0	*	*	*	*
Angola	150	19	19	19	189	Netherlands Antilles	26	*	*	*	*
Benin	91	18	21	21	199	Nicaragua	196	23	22	23	225
Botswana	141	22	24	22	229	Panama	292	23	21	22	221
Burkina Faso	79	17	20	20	192	Paraguay	84	22	20	22	213
Burundi	59	20	21	21	206	Peru	2,755	22	22	23	225
Cameroon	453	20	22	21	212	Puerto Rico	1,260	24	23	23	233
Cape Verde	43	18	16	17	170	St. Kitts and Nevis	1	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	18	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	0	*	*	*	*
Chad	28	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1	*	*	*	*
Comoros	1	*	*	*	*	Suriname	14	*	*	*	*
Congo - DRC (Formerly Zaire)	148	20	21	21	204	Trinidad and Tobago	2	*	*	*	*
Congo Republic	69	19	20	20	197	Turks and Caicos Islands	3	*	*	*	*
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	328	18	20	21	199	United States of America	1,851	23	23	22	228
Djibouti	4	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	188	24	24	25	246
Equatorial Guinea	4	*	*	*	*	U.S. Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	60	22	22	21	218	Venezuela	2,774	23	21	23	222
Ethiopia	813	22	22	21	216	ASIA					
Gabon	59	20	21	20	202	Afghanistan	228	20	21	19	202
Gambia, The	14	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	228	22	22	22	221
Ghana	668	23	25	23	235	Bangladesh	2,395	21	23	22	218
Guinea	68	18	19	18	185	Bhutan	20	*	*	*	*
Guinea-Bissau	6	*	*	*	*	Brunei Darussalam	6	*	*	*	*
Kenya	3,043	22	25	23	231	Cambodia	112	19	19	19	191
Lesotho	15	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of	24,075	20	22	22	213
Liberia	26	*	*	*	*	Georgia	443	22	22	22	219
Madagascar	35	22	24	24	235	Hong Kong	8,924	21	22	21	212
Malawi	31	23	25	23	237	India	62,151	24	25	24	246
Mali	107	18	18	18	182	Indonesia	6,585	21	21	21	212
Mauritania	31	19	20	20	196	Japan	81,749	18	19	20	188
Mauritius	106	24	26	25	252	Kazakhstan	650	22	23	22	224
Mozambique	33	22	23	22	226	Korea (DPR)	4,600	18	18	19	184
Namibia	5	*	*	*	*	Korea (ROK)	86,188	20	21	22	209
Niger	88	18	18	18	182	Kyrgyzstan	178	22	22	22	222
Nigeria	5,674	22	24	22	228	Laos	35	21	21	21	211
Reunion	14	*	*	*	*	Macau	403	19	21	20	202
Rwanda	92	19	23	21	209	Malaysia	2,626	23	23	22	226
Sao Tome and Principe	2	*	*	*	*	Maldives	16	*	*	*	*
Senegal	260	19	20	20	199	Mongolia	287	20	18	18	188
Seychelles	1	*	*	*	*	Myanmar (Burma)	361	21	22	21	215
Sierra Leone	51	22	22	20	212	Nepal	3,272	21	23	21	219
Somalia	110	21	19	19	197	Pakistan	7,537	23	24	23	233
South Africa	295	24	25	23	239	Philippines	16,920	23	23	22	229
Swaziland	21	*	*	*	*	Singapore	387	25	26	25	254
Tanzania	400	20	22	20	207	Sri Lanka	1,463	23	23	22	224
Togo	159	19	21	21	203	Taiwan	27,000	19	21	21	202
Tunisia	270	21	21	22	212	Tajikistan	69	20	21	20	203
Uganda	270	22	25	23	234	Thailand	10,995	20	20	20	199
Zambia	187	22	24	22	228	Turkmenistan	43	21	23	21	215
Zimbabwe	232	24	26	24	246	Uzbekistan	429	22	22	22	218
AMERICAS						Vietnam	1,980	20	21	21	206
Anguilla	39	16	20	18	179	EUROPE AND THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES (NIS) OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION					
Antigua and Barbuda	4	*	*	*	*	Albania	602	22	22	21	219
Argentina	2,565	24	24	25	240	Andorra	58	19	21	20	202
Aruba	21	*	*	*	*	Armenia	435	22	23	22	221
Bahamas	4	*	*	*	*	Austria	679	26	26	25	255
Barbados	1	*	*	*	*	Azores	2	*	*	*	*
Belize	17	*	*	*	*	Belarus	551	24	23	24	234
Bermuda	0	*	*	*	*	Belgium	558	25	25	26	254
Bolivia	601	23	22	22	224	Bosnia and Herzegovina	343	23	22	22	224
Brazil	6,728	23	22	24	228	Bulgaria	3,340	24	24	24	240
British Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Croatia	453	24	23	23	235
Canada	1,298	24	23	23	236	Cyprus	737	22	22	21	216
Cayman Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Czech Republic	896	24	23	24	235
Chile	1,186	23	22	24	232	Denmark	761	27	26	26	260
Colombia	6,539	22	21	23	221	England	53	23	23	22	229
Costa Rica	561	25	24	25	247	Estonia	132	24	23	23	235
Cuba	463	21	21	23	215	Faroe Island	4	*	*	*	*
Dominica, Commonwealth of	5	*	*	*	*	Finland	608	26	24	25	251
Dominican Republic	719	23	22	23	226	France	9,848	22	24	24	234
Ecuador	1,197	23	22	23	226	Germany	12,419	25	25	25	251
El Salvador	391	23	23	22	228	Greece	4,813	23	23	23	231
French Guiana	3	*	*	*	*	Greenland	6	*	*	*	*
Grenada	0	*	*	*	*	Hungary	863	24	23	24	237
Guadeloupe	17	*	*	*	*	Iceland	180	27	25	25	256
Guatemala	891	23	22	22	226	Ireland	14	*	*	*	*
Guyana	1	*	*	*	*	Isle of Man	1	*	*	*	*
Haiti	408	20	20	20	200	Italy	6,624	21	23	25	229
Honduras	321	24	23	23	234	Latvia	223	23	22	22	227
Jamaica	15	*	*	*	*	Liechtenstein	9	*	*	*	*
Martinique	16	*	*	*	*						
Mexico	8,621	23	22	23	230						

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Table 10 (continued)

Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening	Structure/Writing	Reading	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening	Structure/Writing	Reading	Total Score Mean
EUROPE AND THE NIS (cont'd)						Jordan	2,609	21	20	20	206
Lithuania	670	23	22	22	226	Kuwait	1,053	20	18	17	183
Luxembourg	38	25	25	25	252	Lebanon	4,919	22	23	21	221
Macedonia						Libya	184	21	19	19	197
(Former Yugoslav Republic of)	272	23	22	21	218	Morocco	1,573	18	20	20	194
Madeira Islands	1	*	*	*	*	Oman	202	20	20	19	196
Malta	4	*	*	*	*	Qatar	582	19	17	16	170
Moldova	286	24	23	23	233	Saudi Arabia	3,726	19	17	17	178
Monaco	10	*	*	*	*	Sudan	476	21	20	20	201
Netherlands	1,108	27	25	26	259	Syria	1,339	22	20	21	208
Northern Ireland	0	*	*	*	*	Turkey	11,075	22	22	22	219
Norway	372	26	25	25	253	United Arab Emirates	1,510	20	18	16	182
Poland	2,288	24	22	22	227	West Bank	0	*	*	*	*
Portugal	709	26	24	26	252	Yemen	178	20	19	18	192
Romania	2,893	25	24	25	246	PACIFIC REGION					
Russia	4,606	23	23	23	229	American Samoa	62	16	18	18	173
San Marino	2	*	*	*	*	Australia	86	23	23	23	229
Scotland	3	*	*	*	*	Cook Islands	1	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	489	24	23	23	234	Fiji	4	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	112	25	24	24	242	French Polynesia	25	*	*	*	*
Spain	4,072	22	23	25	235	Guam	10	*	*	*	*
Sweden	999	26	24	24	246	Kiribati	0	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	1,565	25	25	25	249	Marshall Islands	7	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	2,287	23	23	23	228	Micronesia, Federated States of	5	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	102	24	24	23	236	Nauru	0	*	*	*	*
Vatican City	0	*	*	*	*	New Caledonia	6	*	*	*	*
Wales	1	*	*	*	*	New Zealand	21	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	600	24	23	23	232	Niue Island	3	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA						Northern Mariana Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Algeria	228	20	21	21	208	Palau	9	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	674	21	21	19	205	Papua New Guinea	2	*	*	*	*
Egypt	3,576	22	22	21	218	Solomon Islands	1	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	42	21	20	19	202	Tahiti	7	*	*	*	*
Iran	4,288	22	21	22	217	Tonga	4	*	*	*	*
Iraq	481	22	21	21	213	Tuvalu	0	*	*	*	*
Israel	2,883	25	23	24	241	Vanuatu	0	*	*	*	*

1. Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of fewer than 30.
 2. Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.
 3. Includes 57,190 students who did not report country of birth.

Table 11 presents the overall frequency distribution of CBT essay scores based on examinees who took the CBT test between July 2002 and June 2003. Writing is a mandatory section of the CBT test. The essay in the Writing section is

holistically scored using a criterion-referenced 6-point score scale. This score is incorporated into the Structure/Writing scale score. Further information can be found in the *TOEFL Score User Guide*.

Table 11. Percentile Ranks for CBT Writing Scores — Total Group
 (based on 577,038 examinees who took the test from July 2002 through June 2003)

CBT Essay Score	Percentile Rank
6.0	98
5.5	92
5.0	83
4.5	69
4.0	47
3.5	26
3.0	13
2.5	5
2.0	3
1.5	1
1.0	1
0.0	
Mean	4.06
S.D.	.97

* The percentile rank for each score point is the percentage of examinees scoring below that score plus one-half of the percentage of examinees who achieved that score.

Table 15. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores — Undergraduate-Level Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68		98			
66	99	93	99	660	99
64	97	87	96	640	96
62	93	81	91	620	91
60	87	72	84	600	84
58	80	65	76	580	75
56	71	56	66	560	65
54	61	46	54	540	53
52	50	37	43	520	41
50	37	29	34	500	31
48	25	22	25	480	22
46	16	15	18	460	14
44	8	9	12	440	8
42	4	6	8	420	5
40	2	3	5	400	2
38	1	2	3	380	1
36	1	1	1	360	
34	1	1	1	340	
32			1	320	
Mean	52.4	54.5	52.7	Mean	532
S.D.	6.4	7.8	7.1	S.D.	64

* Based on 19,248 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as undergraduate students.

Table 16. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores — Other Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68		99			
66		96	99	660	
64	99	92	97	640	99
62	97	90	94	620	95
60	93	85	89	600	91
58	89	80	85	580	86
56	82	75	77	560	80
54	76	68	71	540	73
52	68	60	62	520	62
50	57	51	53	500	54
48	44	44	44	480	44
46	32	35	37	460	35
44	20	26	28	440	25
42	11	17	20	420	16
40	5	11	14	400	8
38	4	6	9	380	4
36	3	4	6	360	1
34	2	2	4	340	
32	1	1	3	320	
Mean	49.4	50.1	49.1	Mean	495
S.D.	6.6	8.5	8.3	S.D.	71

* Based on 1,111 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were applying for admission to schools other than colleges or universities, e.g., secondary schools.

Table 17. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores — Applicants for Professional License*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68		98			
66	99	92	98	660	99
64	97	86	94	640	96
62	93	80	89	620	90
60	86	72	79	600	83
58	78	64	71	580	72
56	67	53	60	560	59
54	55	43	47	540	48
52	43	34	35	520	37
50	32	26	25	500	26
48	22	20	17	480	17
46	13	14	12	460	11
44	7	9	8	440	7
42	3	6	5	420	4
40	2	3	4	400	2
38	1	2	3	380	1
36	1	1	2	360	
34		1	1	340	
32			1	320	
Mean	53.0	54.9	54.0	Mean	540
S.D.	6.2	7.7	6.8	S.D.	63

* Based on 1,700 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were taking TOEFL to become licensed to practice their professions in the United States or Canada.

Tables 20 and 21 may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL 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. It is important to point out that the data do not permit the generalization that there are fundamental differences in the ability of the various national and language groups to learn English or in the level of English proficiency they can attain. The tables are based simply on the performance of those examinees native to particular countries and languages who happened to take the paper-based TOEFL test.

Table 20. Paper-Based TOEFL Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Native Language²
(based on 95,303 examinees who took the test between July 2002 and June 2003)³

Native Language	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Native Language	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
Afrikaans	22	*	*	*	*	Macedonian	129	56	55	54	553
Albanian	413	54	56	53	542	Madurese	3	*	*	*	*
Amharic	7	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	38	49	52	51	507
Arabic	717	53	51	50	510	Malay	20	*	*	*	*
Armenian	6	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	118	54	54	55	543
Assamese	3	*	*	*	*	Malinke-Bambara-Dyula	62	44	46	45	447
Azeri	113	53	54	52	531	Maltese	2	*	*	*	*
Bashkir	1	*	*	*	*	Marathi	7	*	*	*	*
Basque (Euskara)	2	*	*	*	*	Marshalllese	52	56	53	51	532
Belarusian	16	*	*	*	*	Mende	3	*	*	*	*
Bemba	1	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	0	*	*	*	*
Bengali	163	53	57	55	549	Mongolian	120	51	49	49	498
Berber	3	*	*	*	*	More	20	*	*	*	*
Bhili	1	*	*	*	*	Nauran	0	*	*	*	*
Bikol	3	*	*	*	*	Nepali	25	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	52	59	59	56	582	Norwegian	528	61	60	57	592
Burmese	893	50	52	51	514	Nyanja	1	*	*	*	*
Catalan	7	*	*	*	*	Oriya	0	*	*	*	*
Cebuano (Visayan)	161	55	57	55	556	Oromo	1	*	*	*	*
Chichewa	29	*	*	*	*	Palauan	123	55	50	49	512
Chinese	74,264	53	58	57	559	Panay-Hiligaynon	13	*	*	*	*
Chuvash	1	*	*	*	*	Pashtu	2	*	*	*	*
Czech	10	*	*	*	*	Pidgin	7	*	*	*	*
Danish	10	*	*	*	*	Polish	585	57	57	56	566
Dutch	151	61	61	59	605	Ponapean	6	*	*	*	*
Efik - Ibibio	22	*	*	*	*	Portuguese	166	54	53	55	538
English	358	56	59	55	567	Punjabi	19	*	*	*	*
Estonian	67	60	59	57	585	Romanian	173	58	59	58	585
Ewe	80	48	52	50	497	Russian	486	55	55	54	548
Farsi (Persian)	61	52	51	51	512	Samoan	0	*	*	*	*
Fijian	8	*	*	*	*	Santali	1	*	*	*	*
Finnish	17	*	*	*	*	Serbo-Croatian	210	58	56	55	562
French	1,594	54	56	56	552	Sesotho	2	*	*	*	*
Fula (Peulh)	26	*	*	*	*	Setswana	2	*	*	*	*
Galician	3	*	*	*	*	Shona	8	*	*	*	*
Ganda (Luganda)	0	*	*	*	*	Sindhi	4	*	*	*	*
Georgian	1	*	*	*	*	Sinhala	6	*	*	*	*
German	946	59	61	59	597	Siswati	5	*	*	*	*
Greek	453	54	52	50	520	Slovak	80	57	60	58	584
Guarani	0	*	*	*	*	Slovenian	21	*	*	*	*
Gujarati	22	*	*	*	*	Somali	2	*	*	*	*
Hausa	15	*	*	*	*	Spanish	2,096	57	56	57	567
Hebrew	6	*	*	*	*	Sundanese	2	*	*	*	*
Hindi	74	58	59	57	582	Swahili	36	54	57	53	546
Hungarian (Magyar)	24	*	*	*	*	Swedish	389	61	59	58	594
Ibo (Igbo)	103	54	59	55	559	Tagalog	359	55	56	55	554
Icelandic	172	62	60	58	601	Tajik	14	*	*	*	*
Ilocano	14	*	*	*	*	Tamil	36	56	57	57	564
Indonesian	268	52	52	53	524	Tatar	2	*	*	*	*
Italian	316	53	57	58	561	Telugu	21	*	*	*	*
Japanese	2,447	49	48	48	485	Thai	92	51	50	51	504
Javanese	16	*	*	*	*	Tibetan	15	*	*	*	*
Kannada (Kanarese)	11	*	*	*	*	Tigrinya	112	53	57	55	552
Kanuri	1	*	*	*	*	Tongan	1	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	2	*	*	*	*	Trukese	29	*	*	*	*
Kazakh	10	*	*	*	*	Tulu	1	*	*	*	*
Khmer	208	48	50	48	485	Turkish	468	52	54	52	525
Kikuyu	7	*	*	*	*	Turkmen	30	53	53	53	531
Kinyarwanda	34	51	57	53	540	Twi	7	*	*	*	*
Kirundi	4	*	*	*	*	Ukrainian	43	55	54	52	533
Konkani	9	*	*	*	*	Ulithian	0	*	*	*	*
Korean	550	54	53	52	531	Urdu	54	56	57	55	559
Kurdish	3	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	5	*	*	*	*
Kurukh (Oraon)	2	*	*	*	*	Vietnamese	1,955	50	55	53	527
Kusaiean	18	*	*	*	*	Wolof	85	45	49	50	481
Lao	14	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	1	*	*	*	*
Latvian (Lettish)	134	58	55	54	559	Yapese	28	*	*	*	*
Lingala	12	*	*	*	*	Yiddish	0	*	*	*	*
Lithuanian	5	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	53	55	59	56	563
Luba-Lulua	0	*	*	*	*	Zulu	0	*	*	*	*
Luo	8	*	*	*	*						

1. Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of fewer than 30.
2. Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain languages may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.
3. Includes 1,125 students whose native languages could not be determined.

**Table 21. Paper-Based TOEFL Total and Section Score Means¹ —
Nonnative English-Speaking Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country²**
(based on 95,303 examinees who took the test between July 2002 and June 2003)³

Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
AFRICA						Netherlands Antilles	15	*	*	*	*
Angola	27	*	*	*	*	Nicaragua	51	56	55	55	552
Benin	54	48	52	50	497	Panama	204	58	55	56	563
Botswana	1	*	*	*	*	Paraguay	83	55	56	57	559
Burkina Faso	38	50	54	53	524	Peru	127	54	53	55	541
Burundi	3	*	*	*	*	Puerto Rico	1	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	203	49	54	53	519	St. Kitts and Nevis	0	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	1	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	0	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	0	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	0	*	*	*	*
Chad	7	*	*	*	*	Suriname	30	59	59	55	579
Comoros	0	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago	3	*	*	*	*
Congo - DRC (Formerly Zaire)	69	47	49	49	480	Turks and Caicos Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Congo Republic	4	*	*	*	*	United States of America	38	58	56	55	563
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	29	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	163	60	60	59	599
Djibouti	0	*	*	*	*	U.S. Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	0	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	34	54	53	55	538
Eritrea	114	53	57	56	552	ASIA					
Ethiopia	5	*	*	*	*	Afghanistan	5	*	*	*	*
Gabon	2	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	117	53	54	52	532
Gambia, The	32	51	54	51	518	Bangladesh	24	*	*	*	*
Ghana	11	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	10	*	*	*	*
Guinea	14	*	*	*	*	Brunei Darussalam	5	*	*	*	*
Guinea-Bissau	0	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	205	48	50	48	485
Kenya	46	56	61	57	578	China, People's Republic of	74,145	53	58	57	559
Lesotho	0	*	*	*	*	Georgia	1	*	*	*	*
Liberia	17	*	*	*	*	Hong Kong	59	55	54	54	543
Madagascar	40	49	52	51	506	India	291	56	57	56	566
Malawi	29	*	*	*	*	Indonesia	273	52	52	53	524
Mali	72	44	47	46	455	Japan	2,512	49	48	48	484
Mauritania	4	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	9	*	*	*	*
Mauritius	3	*	*	*	*	Korea (DPR)	13	*	*	*	*
Mozambique	8	*	*	*	*	Korea (ROK)	522	54	53	52	530
Namibia	6	*	*	*	*	Kyrgyzstan	47	55	56	53	547
Niger	27	*	*	*	*	Laos	13	*	*	*	*
Nigeria	213	54	59	55	560	Macau	7	*	*	*	*
Reunion	1	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	50	57	54	55	554
Rwanda	57	51	55	52	527	Maldives	1	*	*	*	*
Sao Tome and Principe	1	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	107	51	48	49	493
Senegal	129	45	48	49	470	Myanmar (Burma)	904	50	52	51	514
Seychelles	0	*	*	*	*	Nepal	21	*	*	*	*
Sierra Leone	6	*	*	*	*	Pakistan	39	55	57	55	555
Somalia	0	*	*	*	*	Philippines	560	55	56	55	555
South Africa	8	*	*	*	*	Singapore	3	*	*	*	*
Swaziland	6	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	8	*	*	*	*
Tanzania	11	*	*	*	*	Taiwan	130	54	51	52	524
Togo	115	47	51	50	493	Tajikistan	39	55	55	53	545
Tunisia	31	49	53	53	515	Thailand	93	51	50	51	505
Uganda	3	*	*	*	*	Turkmenistan	51	54	54	52	532
Zambia	0	*	*	*	*	Uzbekistan	4	*	*	*	*
Zimbabwe	11	*	*	*	*	Vietnam	1,960	50	55	53	527
AMERICAS						EUROPE AND THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES (NIS) OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION					
Anguilla	0	*	*	*	*	Albania	363	54	56	54	544
Antigua and Barbuda	0	*	*	*	*	Andorra	0	*	*	*	*
Argentina	191	58	59	59	586	Armenia	4	*	*	*	*
Aruba	47	58	58	55	568	Austria	193	60	61	59	601
Bahamas	0	*	*	*	*	Azores	0	*	*	*	*
Barbados	0	*	*	*	*	Belarus	35	54	56	54	546
Belize	10	*	*	*	*	Belgium	167	60	61	60	605
Bermuda	0	*	*	*	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	41	58	56	54	558
Bolivia	108	56	54	54	546	Bulgaria	51	59	59	56	582
Brazil	129	55	54	56	551	Croatia	9	*	*	*	*
British Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Cyprus	755	53	53	51	523
Canada	87	58	58	57	578	Czech Republic	11	*	*	*	*
Cayman Islands	1	*	*	*	*	Denmark	10	*	*	*	*
Chile	122	57	55	59	572	England	3	*	*	*	*
Colombia	196	55	55	56	555	Estonia	79	59	58	57	579
Costa Rica	3	*	*	*	*	Faroe Island	0	*	*	*	*
Cuba	5	*	*	*	*	Finland	17	*	*	*	*
Dominica, Commonwealth of	0	*	*	*	*	France	976	54	56	58	561
Dominican Republic	4	*	*	*	*	Germany	575	59	60	58	591
Ecuador	39	55	54	56	550	Greece	15	*	*	*	*
El Salvador	109	60	60	57	592	Greenland	0	*	*	*	*
French Guiana	0	*	*	*	*	Hungary	17	*	*	*	*
Grenada	0	*	*	*	*	Iceland	174	62	60	58	601
Guadeloupe	7	*	*	*	*	Ireland	0	*	*	*	*
Guatemala	2	*	*	*	*	Isle of Man	0	*	*	*	*
Guyana	1	*	*	*	*	Italy	316	53	57	58	561
Haiti	122	52	52	51	520	Latvia	201	58	56	55	560
Honduras	77	59	58	57	584	Liechtenstein	3	*	*	*	*
Jamaica	0	*	*	*	*	Lithuania	4	*	*	*	*
Martinique	11	*	*	*	*	Luxembourg	28	*	*	*	*
Mexico	231	55	53	55	543						
Montserrat	0	*	*	*	*						

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Table 21 (continued)

Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
EUROPE AND THE NIS (cont'd)						Kuwait	50	54	52	49	514
Macedonia						Lebanon	37	56	55	52	539
(Former Yugoslav Republic of)	141	56	55	53	549	Libya	10	*	*	*	*
Madeira Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Morocco	13	*	*	*	*
Malta	3	*	*	*	*	Oman	85	53	52	51	520
Moldova	61	56	58	56	568	Qatar	155	53	48	48	499
Monaco	1	*	*	*	*	Saudi Arabia	174	52	49	50	503
Netherlands	14	*	*	*	*	Sudan	57	49	49	48	490
Northern Ireland	1	*	*	*	*	Syria	39	53	53	52	526
Norway	543	60	59	57	590	Turkey	157	52	52	51	515
Poland	604	57	57	56	566	United Arab Emirates	1	*	*	*	*
Portugal	75	52	56	54	542	West Bank	0	*	*	*	*
Romania	139	58	60	59	589	Yemen	40	54	52	50	519
Russia	288	55	55	54	547	PACIFIC REGION					
San Marino	0	*	*	*	*	American Samoa	0	*	*	*	*
Scotland	1	*	*	*	*	Australia	14	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	82	57	59	58	582	Cook Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	20	*	*	*	*	Fiji	20	*	*	*	*
Spain	389	55	57	58	567	French Polynesia	1	*	*	*	*
Sweden	397	61	59	58	594	Guam	0	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	231	59	61	60	602	Kiribati	0	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	65	54	53	51	527	Marshall Islands	50	56	54	51	534
United Kingdom	13	*	*	*	*	Micronesia, Federated States of	81	54	52	49	518
Vatican City	0	*	*	*	*	Nauru	0	*	*	*	*
Wales	0	*	*	*	*	New Caledonia	2	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	174	58	56	55	562	New Zealand	11	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA						Niue Island	0	*	*	*	*
Algeria	14	*	*	*	*	Northern Mariana Islands	3	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	5	*	*	*	*	Palau	130	54	50	48	510
Egypt	15	*	*	*	*	Papua New Guinea	1	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	6	*	*	*	*	Solomon Islands	4	*	*	*	*
Iran	56	52	51	51	513	Tahiti	6	*	*	*	*
Iraq	11	*	*	*	*	Tonga	0	*	*	*	*
Israel	6	*	*	*	*	Tuvalu	1	*	*	*	*
Jordan	18	*	*	*	*	Vanuatu	1	*	*	*	*

1. Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of fewer than 30.
2. Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.
3. Includes 803 students who did not report country of birth.

Table 22 presents the overall frequency distribution of Test of Written English (TWE®) scores. In 2002–03, the TWE test was administered with the paper-based TOEFL test on all test dates. TWE is holistically

scored using a criterion-referenced 6-point score scale. Further information can be found in the *Test of Written English Guide*.

Table 22. Frequency Distribution of TWE Scores for All Examinees
(based on 94,468 examinees who took the test between July 2002 and June 2003)

TWE Score	Percentile Rank*
6.0	
5.5	99
5.0	95
4.5	87
4.0	60
3.5	31
3.0	16
2.5	5
2.0	2
1.5	1
1.0	
0.0	
Mean	3.771
S.D.	0.736

* The percentile rank for each score point is the percentage of examinees scoring below that score plus one-half of the percentage of examinees who achieved that score.

