



TOEFL[®]

Test and Score Data Summary

2004–05 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 2004 and June 2005. 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.

The TOEFL 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 guidance 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 competence 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.

The next step is the introduction of an Internet-based version of the TOEFL test (TOEFL iBT) to be offered worldwide in phases, beginning in September 2005. TOEFL iBT tests all four language skills that are important for effective communication: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The TOEFL iBT test emphasizes integrated skills and provides better information to institutions about students' ability to communicate in an academic setting and their readiness for academic coursework. As TOEFL iBT is introduced in an area, the computer-based and paper-based versions of the test will be discontinued.

For additional information about the Test of English as a Foreign Language, see the *TOEFL Score User Guide*, *TOEFL iBT at a Glance*, and the *TOEFL Internet-based Test Score Comparison Tables*. Order these publications in print form or download them at www.ets.org/toefl. Also visit the TOEFL program's Download Library for a complete list of downloadable publications.

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Computer-Based Test Data for 2004-05

The data presented in the tables below are based on 554,942 examinees who took the computer-based TOEFL test between July 2004 and June 2005.

Table 1 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from July 2004 through June 2005. 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	0	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	100
28	93	93	92	280	95
26	81	80	79	260	83
24	66	61	63	240	66
22	51	46	47	220	49
20	38	33	33	200	34
18	27	23	21	180	22
16	19	15	13	160	14
14	13	9	8	140	8
12	8	5	4	120	4
10	5	3	2	100	2
8	2	1	1	80	1
6	1	1		60	
4				40	
2				20	
Mean	20.9	21.6	21.8	Mean	214
S.D.	5.6	5.2	4.9	S.D.	47

* Based on the total group of 554,942 examinees tested between July 2004 and June 2005 in CBT test centers. (Total group includes 84,329 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.)

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	99	99	97	300	100
28	91	91	89	280	93
26	78	76	72	260	78
24	63	55	53	240	60
22	47	39	37	220	42
20	34	27	24	200	27
18	23	18	15	180	16
16	15	11	9	160	9
14	10	6	5	140	5
12	6	3	3	120	3
10	3	2	1	100	1
8	2	1	1	80	
6	1			60	
4				40	
2				20	
Mean	21.6	22.4	22.9	Mean	223
S.D.	5.3	4.8	4.6	S.D.	44

* Based on 248,301 examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.



Table 4. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL CBT Scores — Undergraduate Level Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening	Section 2 Structure/Writing	Section 3 Reading	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	99	99	99	300	100
28	93	93	95	280	96
26	82	82	86	260	86
24	67	65	72	240	71
22	53	51	57	220	55
20	40	38	42	200	40
18	29	27	29	180	27
16	20	18	18	160	17
14	14	11	10	140	9
12	9	6	5	120	5
10	5	3	2	100	2
8	2	1	1	80	1
6	1	1		60	
4				40	
2				20	
Mean	20.7	21.1	20.7	Mean	208
S.D.	5.6	5.3	4.9	S.D.	48

* Based on 178,915 examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as undergraduate students.

Table 5. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL CBT Scores — Other Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening	Section 2 Structure/Writing	Section 3 Reading	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	99	100	99	300	100
28	95	96	96	280	98
26	87	87	89	260	90
24	75	73	77	240	78
22	63	60	64	220	64
20	52	49	51	200	51
18	42	39	39	180	40
16	33	29	28	160	29
14	25	21	19	140	20
12	19	14	12	120	13
10	12	9	6	100	7
8	7	5	3	80	4
6	3	3	1	60	1
4		1		40	
2		1		20	
Mean	18.7	19.3	19.3	Mean	191
S.D.	6.4	6.2	5.6	S.D.	56

* Based on 20,457 examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to schools other than colleges or universities, e.g., secondary schools.

Table 6. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL CBT Scores — Applicants for Professional License*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening	Section 2 Structure/Writing	Section 3 Reading	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	99	99	99	300	100
28	94	94	94	280	97
26	81	81	83	260	85
24	63	61	66	240	66
22	45	45	48	220	47
20	31	31	31	200	29
18	21	21	18	180	17
16	14	13	10	160	10
14	9	8	6	140	6
12	6	5	3	120	3
10	4	3	2	100	2
8	2	2	1	80	1
6	1	1		60	
4				40	
2				20	
Mean	21.6	21.7	21.8	Mean	217
S.D.	5.1	5.0	4.5	S.D.	44

* Based on 22,940 examinees who indicated that they were taking TOEFL to become licensed to practice their professions in the United States or Canada.

Tables 7 and 8 present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between July 2004 and June 2005.

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**	277,858	21.0 5.6	21.7 5.2	22.1 4.9	216 47
Graduate Level	138,013	21.6 5.3	22.6 4.8	23.2 4.6	225 44
Undergraduate Level	86,368	20.8 5.7	21.1 5.4	20.9 5.0	209 49
Other Students	9,913	19.0 6.5	19.5 6.2	19.7 5.7	194 57
Applicants for Professional License	7,991	21.6 5.3	21.6 5.1	22.1 4.6	218 45

* Based on examinees tested from July 2004 through June 2005 who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Total group includes 35,573 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**	262,221	21.0 5.4	21.6 5.1	21.5 4.9	213 47
Graduate Level	107,548	21.6 5.2	22.3 4.8	22.5 4.6	221 44
Undergraduate Level	90,456	20.7 5.5	21.2 5.2	20.5 4.8	208 47
Other Students	10,221	18.5 6.4	19.1 6.2	19.0 5.5	189 56
Applicants for Professional License	14,679	21.7 5.0	21.9 4.9	21.7 4.4	217 42

* Based on examinees tested from July 2004 through June 2005 who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Total group includes 39,317 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 554,942 examinees who took the test between July 2004 and June 2005)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	341	21	23	22	219	Macedonian	230	24	23	22	228
Albanian	539	22	22	21	220	Madurese	98	18	18	17	179
Amharic	526	21	20	20	206	Malagasy	15	*	*	*	*
Arabic	22,044	21	20	19	202	Malay	878	24	23	23	233
Armenian	537	22	23	21	220	Malayalam	2,263	24	25	24	245
Assamese	123	23	24	24	237	Malinke-Bambara-Dyula	42	18	19	19	188
Azeri	264	20	21	21	207	Maltese	0	*	*	*	*
Bashkir	3	*	*	*	*	Marathi	2,265	25	26	26	258
Basque (Euskara)	32	21	22	23	218	Marshallese	2	*	*	*	*
Belarusian	159	24	22	23	229	Mende	14	*	*	*	*
Bemba	23	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	2	*	*	*	*
Bengali	3,054	24	25	24	243	Mongolian	255	21	20	19	198
Berber	24	*	*	*	*	More	24	*	*	*	*
Bhili	0	*	*	*	*	Nauran	0	*	*	*	*
Bikol	82	23	24	23	233	Nepali	3,521	22	24	22	224
Bulgarian	2,894	24	24	24	242	Norwegian	189	27	25	26	259
Burmese	206	21	21	21	208	Nyanja	8	*	*	*	*
Catalan (Provençal)	300	24	24	25	244	Oriya	203	24	26	25	251
Cebuano (Visayan)	1,009	24	24	23	239	Oromo	34	22	22	23	223
Chichewa	21	*	*	*	*	Palauan	4	*	*	*	*
Chinese	52,772	20	22	21	211	Panay-Hiligaynon	219	24	24	24	239
Chuvash	8	*	*	*	*	Pashtu	199	21	23	21	220
Czech	717	24	24	24	239	Pidgin	15	*	*	*	*
Danish	231	27	26	26	262	Polish	2,019	24	23	23	230
Dutch	1,611	27	26	26	264	Ponapean	4	*	*	*	*
Efik - Ibibio	110	22	24	22	227	Portuguese	7,506	23	22	24	232
English	7,688	22	24	22	227	Punjabi	1,216	24	25	24	239
Estonian	77	26	24	24	248	Romanian	2,490	25	24	25	248
Ewe	159	21	23	22	220	Ruanda	47	21	23	22	220
Farsi (Persian)	3,821	22	21	21	215	Russian	6,794	23	23	23	232
Fijian	3	*	*	*	*	Samar-Leyte	23	*	*	*	*
Finnish	682	27	25	25	256	Samoa	1	*	*	*	*
French	13,254	23	23	24	234	Santali	2	*	*	*	*
Fula (Peulh)	40	21	21	21	209	Serbo-Croatian	869	24	22	22	228
Galician	14	*	*	*	*	Setsotho	11	*	*	*	*
Ganda (Luganda)	40	22	24	22	228	Shona	226	21	24	22	224
Georgian	369	22	22	21	217	Sindhi	148	24	26	24	246
German	15,920	26	25	25	253	Sinhala	246	24	26	24	249
Greek	5,523	23	24	23	234	Slovak	227	24	23	22	231
Guarani	6	*	*	*	*	Siswati	18	*	*	*	*
Gujarati	4,431	23	23	22	228	Slovenian	407	25	24	24	240
Hausa	166	20	21	20	205	Slovak	116	26	25	25	257
Hebrew	1,887	26	24	24	248	Somali	130	22	21	20	212
Hindi	11,837	25	26	25	252	Spanish	31,854	23	22	23	229
Hungarian (Magyar)	833	24	23	24	238	Sundanese	19	*	*	*	*
Ibo (Igbo)	1,375	22	25	23	232	Swahili	800	22	24	22	229
Icelandic	94	26	25	25	252	Swedish	518	27	25	25	253
Ilocano	234	23	23	22	227	Tagalog	7,697	24	24	23	234
Indonesian	4,575	22	21	21	214	Tajik	0	*	*	*	*
Italian	12,362	18	20	23	205	Tamil	4,215	25	26	25	252
Japanese	82,235	18	19	20	191	Tatar	23	*	*	*	*
Javanese	459	17	18	19	179	Telugu	10,703	23	24	23	232
Kannada (Kanarese)	1,260	25	26	25	256	Thai	9,718	20	20	21	203
Kanuri	5	*	*	*	*	Tibetan	109	23	24	23	232
Kashmiri	59	26	27	26	261	Tigrinya	59	23	22	22	222
Kazakh	404	21	22	22	217	Tongan	9	*	*	*	*
Khmer	96	21	21	20	205	Trukese	3	*	*	*	*
Kikuyu	1,122	22	25	23	234	Tulu	81	26	27	26	266
Kinyarwanda	0	*	*	*	*	Turkish	14,955	21	22	22	217
Kirundi	34	21	23	22	218	Turkmen	47	22	22	20	212
Konkani	308	26	27	26	262	Twi	381	23	25	23	233
Korean	106,244	21	21	22	214	Ukrainian	959	23	22	23	226
Kurdish	93	21	20	20	201	Ulithian	0	*	*	*	*
Kurukh (Oraon)	1	*	*	*	*	Urdu	5,303	23	24	23	236
Kusaiean	2	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	268	22	22	21	216
Lao	35	20	20	20	199	Vietnamese	1,864	20	21	20	205
Latvian (Lettish)	87	25	24	24	244	Wolof	90	21	22	22	215
Lingala	17	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	10	*	*	*	*
Lithuanian	535	24	23	22	231	Yapese	1	*	*	*	*
Luba-Lulua	11	*	*	*	*	Yiddish	0	*	*	*	*
Luo	330	22	25	23	235	Yoruba	1,844	22	24	23	230
						Zulu	21	*	*	*	*

1. Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less 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 64,054 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 554,942 examinees who took the test between July 2004 and June 2005)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						ASIA					
Angola	106	18	19	19	186	Montserrat	0	*	*	*	*
Benin	93	19	22	22	208	Netherlands Antilles	16	*	*	*	*
Botswana	224	21	24	22	223	Nicaragua	101	23	22	22	222
Burkina Faso	93	18	19	20	190	Panama	204	23	22	22	223
Burundi	51	20	23	21	215	Paraguay	77	23	21	22	224
Cameroon	410	21	23	22	219	Peru	2,482	22	22	23	227
Cape Verde	32	22	20	19	203	Puerto Rico	1,145	24	23	23	233
Central African Republic	5	*	*	*	*	St. Kitts and Nevis	0	*	*	*	*
Chad	23	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	0	*	*	*	*
Comoros	2	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	0	*	*	*	*
Congo - DRC (Formerly Zaire)	103	21	22	22	214	Suriname	20	*	*	*	*
Congo Republic	68	18	19	19	188	Trinidad and Tobago	1	*	*	*	*
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	309	19	20	21	200	Turks and Caicos Islands	3	*	*	*	*
Djibouti	7	*	*	*	*	United States of America	1,889	23	23	22	226
Equatorial Guinea	24	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	134	25	24	25	244
Eritrea	66	22	22	21	216	US Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Ethiopia	535	22	21	21	210	Venezuela	1,825	23	22	23	224
Gabon	52	20	21	21	204	EUROPE					
Gambia, The	22	*	*	*	*	Albania	505	22	22	21	219
Ghana	743	22	24	22	229	Andorra	48	20	20	20	201
Guinea	66	19	19	19	190	Armenia	361	22	22	21	219
Guinea-Bissau	7	*	*	*	*	Austria	557	26	26	25	257
Kenya	2,931	22	25	23	233	Azores	2	*	*	*	*
Lesotho	5	*	*	*	*	Belarus	497	24	23	23	235
Liberia	28	*	*	*	*	Belgium	531	26	25	26	257
Madagascar	28	*	*	*	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	232	24	22	22	227
Malawi	16	*	*	*	*	Bulgaria	2,946	24	24	24	242
Mali	114	18	18	18	183	Croatia	401	25	24	24	242
Mauritania	43	21	19	20	199	Cyprus	333	23	23	22	228
Mauritius	106	24	26	26	254	Czech Republic	680	24	23	24	238
Mozambique	41	20	19	21	199	Denmark	242	27	26	26	261
Namibia	10	*	*	*	*	England	30	*	*	*	*
Niger	110	16	18	18	172	Estonia	118	25	24	24	244
Nigeria	4,396	22	24	22	229	Faroe Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Reunion	20	*	*	*	*	Finland	752	27	25	26	257
Rwanda	86	21	23	22	218	France	9,838	23	24	25	237
Sao Tome and Principe	1	*	*	*	*	Georgia	394	22	22	21	218
Senegal	180	21	21	21	212	Germany	14,728	26	25	25	253
Seychelles	1	*	*	*	*	Greece	5,345	23	24	23	234
Sierra Leone	47	21	23	21	216	Greenland	1	*	*	*	*
Somalia	125	22	20	19	204	Hungary	739	24	23	24	236
South Africa	186	26	26	25	256	Iceland	94	26	25	25	252
Swaziland	19	*	*	*	*	Ireland	3	*	*	*	*
Tanzania	383	21	23	21	214	Isle of Man	1	*	*	*	*
Togo	163	18	20	20	193	Italy	12,387	18	20	23	205
Tunisia	165	22	22	22	219	Latvia	188	25	23	23	238
Uganda	221	22	25	22	228	Liechtenstein	10	*	*	*	*
Zambia	60	23	24	23	233	Lithuania	601	24	23	22	230
Zimbabwe	187	23	26	24	243						
AMERICA											
Anguilla	27	*	*	*	*						
Antigua and Barbuda	2	*	*	*	*						
Argentina	1,711	24	24	25	245						
Aruba	26	*	*	*	*						
Bahamas	1	*	*	*	*						
Barbados	1	*	*	*	*						
Belize	6	*	*	*	*						
Bermuda	0	*	*	*	*						
Bolivia	554	23	22	22	224						
Brazil	6,735	23	22	24	230						
British Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*						
Canada	1,381	24	23	23	236						
Cayman Islands	0	*	*	*	*						
Chile	1,244	24	22	25	236						
Colombia	6,539	22	21	23	221						
Costa Rica	165	24	23	23	233						
Cuba	336	21	20	22	213						
Dominica, Commonwealth of	1	*	*	*	*						
Dominican Republic	728	23	22	22	225						
Ecuador	517	22	21	22	218						
El Salvador	366	23	22	22	222						
French Guiana	7	*	*	*	*						
Grenada	0	*	*	*	*						
Guadeloupe	21	*	*	*	*						
Guatemala	1,041	23	22	22	223						
Guyana	1	*	*	*	*						
Haiti	392	19	19	19	191						
Honduras	156	24	22	23	228						
Jamaica	11	*	*	*	*						
Martinique	21	*	*	*	*						
Mexico	9,026	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 (cont'd)						Jordan	2,822	21	20	20	206
Luxembourg	49	26	25	25	255	Kuwait	2,193	20	18	17	181
Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of)	227	24	23	22	231	Lebanon	3,983	23	23	22	225
Madeira Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Libya	311	21	19	19	195
Malta	2	*	*	*	*	Morocco	385	22	21	22	217
Moldova	328	24	24	24	237	Oman	95	20	19	18	188
Monaco	16	*	*	*	*	Qatar	397	18	16	15	160
Netherlands	1,409	27	26	26	262	Saudi Arabia	3,125	19	17	17	177
Northern Ireland	2	*	*	*	*	Sudan	310	20	19	19	195
Norway	207	27	25	25	258	Syria	836	21	20	20	204
Poland	2,032	24	22	22	230	United Arab Emirates	2,188	19	18	16	180
Portugal	703	26	24	26	252	West Bank	1	*	*	*	*
Romania	2,412	25	24	25	249	Yemen	189	20	19	17	184
Russia	4,415	23	23	23	231	PACIFIC REGION					
San Marino	1	*	*	*	*	American Samoa	36	16	18	18	172
Scotland	0	*	*	*	*	Australia	49	23	23	22	227
Slovakia	416	25	24	24	240	Cook Islands	1	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	119	26	25	25	256	Micronesia, Federated States of	5	*	*	*	*
Spain	3,833	23	23	25	235	Fiji	10	*	*	*	*
Sweden	471	26	24	24	249	French Polynesia	24	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	1,500	25	25	25	250	Guam	1	*	*	*	*
Turkey	15,169	21	22	22	217	Kiribati	0	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	1,820	24	23	23	231	Marshall Islands	2	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	69	24	24	24	240	Nauru	1	*	*	*	*
Vatican City	0	*	*	*	*	New Caledonia	3	*	*	*	*
Wales	4	*	*	*	*	New Zealand	24	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	638	23	22	22	223	Niue Island	3	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA						Northern Mariana Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Algeria	210	21	20	21	208	Palau	10	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	277	22	22	19	208	Papua New Guinea	3	*	*	*	*
Egypt	4,050	22	22	22	220	Samoa	2	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	83	20	20	19	195	Solomon Islands	3	*	*	*	*
Iran	3,898	22	21	21	215	Tahiti	6	*	*	*	*
Iraq	558	22	21	20	209	Tonga	6	*	*	*	*
Israel	2,337	25	23	24	240	Tuvalu	0	*	*	*	*
						Vanuatu	1	*	*	*	*
<p>1. Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than or equal to 30.</p> <p>2. Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.</p> <p>3. Includes 60,967 students whose native country could not be determined or who reported English as their native language.</p>											

Table 11 presents the overall percentile ranks of CBT essay scores based on examinees who took the CBT test between July 2004 and June 2005. 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
(based on 554,942 examinees who took the test between July 2004 and June 2005)

CBT Essay Score	Percentile Rank*
6.0	98
5.5	92
5.0	82
4.5	68
4.0	46
3.5	26
3.0	13
2.5	5
2.0	3
1.5	1
1.0	1
0.0	
Mean	4.1
S.D.	1.0

* 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	99	98			
66	98	91	99	660	99
64	95	86	96	640	95
62	89	80	90	620	89
60	81	72	84	600	81
58	72	64	76	580	72
56	61	55	66	560	62
54	51	47	55	540	51
52	41	37	45	520	40
50	30	31	34	500	30
48	20	23	25	480	21
46	13	16	17	460	14
44	7	11	12	440	8
42	4	7	8	420	5
40	2	4	5	400	2
38	1	2	3	380	1
36	1	1	2	360	
34		1	1	340	
32			1	320	
Mean S.D.	53.7 6.7	54.5 8.1	52.6 7.2	Mean S.D.	536 66

* Based on 29,528 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	99			
66	98	96	99	660	99
64	97	94	97	640	97
62	94	90	94	620	94
60	89	86	90	600	90
58	84	81	84	580	85
56	77	75	77	560	78
54	68	68	69	540	70
52	61	59	61	520	61
50	51	52	51	500	51
48	39	43	41	480	41
46	28	34	31	460	31
44	18	26	24	440	21
42	10	19	17	420	14
40	5	12	11	400	8
38	3	7	8	380	3
36	2	4	5	360	1
34	1	2	3	340	
32		1	2	320	
Mean S.D.	50.5 7.1	50.1 8.5	49.7 7.8	Mean S.D.	501 71

* Based on 1,663 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	99	99			
66	98	93	99	660	99
64	96	89	96	640	97
62	92	83	92	620	92
60	86	76	85	600	85
58	79	68	76	580	76
56	69	58	65	560	66
54	58	49	52	540	54
52	47	37	39	520	40
50	35	30	28	500	28
48	24	22	19	480	19
46	15	15	13	460	12
44	8	11	8	440	7
42	4	6	6	420	4
40	3	4	3	400	3
38	2	2	2	380	1
36	1	1	1	360	
34	1	1	1	340	
32		1	1	320	
Mean S.D.	52.6 6.4	54.1 7.7	53.3 6.6	Mean S.D.	533 62

* Based on 2,165 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 108,808 examinees who took the test between July 2004 and June 2005)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	38	55	55	53	542	Macedonian	167	57	56	54	557
Albanian	580	53	54	52	532	Madurese	3	*	*	*	*
Amharic	483	56	57	55	557	Malagasy	38	50	51	50	502
Arabic	4,121	53	51	49	509	Malay	64	57	53	56	555
Armenian	13	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	132	55	57	56	561
Assamese	3	*	*	*	*	Malinke-Bambara-Dyula	78	43	46	45	446
Azeri	201	53	55	53	533	Maltese	9	*	*	*	*
Bashkir	0	*	*	*	*	Marathi	12	*	*	*	*
Basque (Euskara)	37	56	57	57	565	Marshallese	34	54	51	47	510
Belarusian	57	56	56	55	557	Mende	7	*	*	*	*
Bemba	28	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	0	*	*	*	*
Bengali	211	55	56	55	550	Mongolian	97	52	51	51	511
Berber	6	*	*	*	*	More	14	*	*	*	*
Bhili	0	*	*	*	*	Nauran	0	*	*	*	*
Bikol	3	*	*	*	*	Nepali	25	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	153	58	58	56	573	Norwegian	818	62	60	58	598
Burmese	942	51	53	51	517	Nyanja	13	*	*	*	*
Catalan (Provencal)	5	*	*	*	*	Oriya	0	*	*	*	*
Cebuano (Visayan)	88	56	57	55	558	Oromo	21	*	*	*	*
Chichewa	43	56	58	53	558	Palauan	140	55	52	50	525
Chinese	67,979	54	58	56	558	Panay-Hiligaynon	5	*	*	*	*
Chuvash	2	*	*	*	*	Pashtu	13	*	*	*	*
Czech	45	58	58	58	577	Pidgin	11	*	*	*	*
Danish	413	63	62	60	618	Polish	754	57	57	56	568
Dutch	245	61	60	58	597	Ponapean	14	*	*	*	*
Efik - Ibibio	47	52	54	51	524	Portuguese	414	55	54	55	547
English	700	56	58	54	564	Punjabi	27	*	*	*	*
Estonian	159	62	61	59	606	Romanian	370	58	59	58	582
Ewe	96	48	51	48	491	Ruanda	0	*	*	*	*
Farsi (Persian)	1,206	50	53	52	515	Russian	893	55	55	55	550
Fijian	9	*	*	*	*	Samar-Leyte	1	*	*	*	*
Finnish	26	*	*	*	*	Samoaan	10	*	*	*	*
French	2,514	54	56	55	551	Santali	1	*	*	*	*
Fula (Peulh)	46	47	49	49	485	Serbo-Croatian	264	58	55	54	557
Galician	5	*	*	*	*	Sesotho	1	*	*	*	*
Ganda (Luganda)	1	*	*	*	*	Setswana	1	*	*	*	*
Georgian	3	*	*	*	*	Shona	23	*	*	*	*
German	1,624	61	61	59	599	Sindhi	5	*	*	*	*
Greek	969	55	52	51	525	Sinhala	1,003	57	54	54	549
Guarani	2	*	*	*	*	Siswati	2	*	*	*	*
Gujarati	37	59	58	55	576	Slovak	120	59	59	58	587
Hausa	27	*	*	*	*	Slovenian	24	*	*	*	*
Hebrew	12	*	*	*	*	Somali	8	*	*	*	*
Hindi	139	59	60	58	591	Spanish	4,765	57	56	56	565
Hungarian (Magyar)	33	59	60	58	591	Sundanese	4	*	*	*	*
Ibo (Igbo)	279	51	55	51	524	Swahili	68	53	55	52	533
Icelandic	446	63	60	59	608	Swedish	594	62	58	57	589
Ilocano	5	*	*	*	*	Tagalog	288	56	56	54	554
Indonesian	269	54	51	52	524	Tajik	51	55	53	52	532
Italian	608	55	58	59	572	Tamil	205	54	53	54	538
Japanese	3,841	50	50	49	495	Tatar	4	*	*	*	*
Javanese	66	48	47	47	473	Telugu	48	55	56	55	555
Kannada (Kanarese)	7	*	*	*	*	Thai	528	49	49	51	497
Kanuri	4	*	*	*	*	Tibetan	20	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	9	*	*	*	*	Tigrinya	133	54	56	55	551
Kazakh	9	*	*	*	*	Tongan	6	*	*	*	*
Khmer	14	*	*	*	*	Trukese	14	*	*	*	*
Kikuyu	8	*	*	*	*	Tulu	3	*	*	*	*
Kinyarwanda	116	48	53	52	507	Turkish	661	52	52	51	516
Kirundi	6	*	*	*	*	Turkmen	46	57	55	54	552
Konkani	14	*	*	*	*	Twi	14	*	*	*	*
Korean	885	56	54	53	546	Ukrainian	28	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	45	51	52	52	520	Ulithian	0	*	*	*	*
Kurukh (Oraon)	0	*	*	*	*	Urdu	198	57	58	54	565
Kusaiean	39	54	52	49	516	Uzbek	17	*	*	*	*
Lao	10	*	*	*	*	Vietnamese	3,867	50	56	54	534
Latvian (Lettish)	146	58	56	54	559	Wolof	128	48	51	49	494
Lingala	21	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	4	*	*	*	*
Lithuanian	11	*	*	*	*	Yapese	10	*	*	*	*
Luba-Lulua	8	*	*	*	*	Yiddish	1	*	*	*	*
Luo	9	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	124	51	54	53	527
						Zulu	4	*	*	*	*

1. Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less 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 1,004 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 108,808 examinees who took the test between July 2004 and June 2005)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											
Angola	13	*	*	*	*	Netherlands Antilles	21	*	*	*	*
Benin	59	49	53	50	504	Nicaragua	169	56	58	56	566
Botswana	1	*	*	*	*	Panama	306	58	55	55	560
Burkina Faso	35	50	53	51	514	Paraguay	139	56	56	56	562
Burundi	6	*	*	*	*	Peru	100	54	56	55	552
Cameroon	379	50	54	51	516	Puerto Rico	4	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	3	*	*	*	*	St. Kitts and Nevis	1	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	0	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	0	*	*	*	*
Chad	14	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	0	*	*	*	*
Comoros	0	*	*	*	*	Suriname	55	58	56	54	562
Congo - DRC (Formerly Zaire)	102	48	51	49	493	Trinidad and Tobago	0	*	*	*	*
Congo Republic	12	*	*	*	*	Turks and Caicos Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	40	43	47	46	453	United States of America	98	58	58	55	570
Djibouti	1	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	92	60	61	60	604
Equatorial Guinea	3	*	*	*	*	US Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	134	54	57	55	553	Venezuela	46	57	55	56	561
Ethiopia	519	56	56	54	554	ASIA					
Gabon	6	*	*	*	*	Afghanistan	28	*	*	*	*
Gambia, The	40	54	55	51	533	Bangladesh	53	56	55	54	551
Ghana	25	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	14	*	*	*	*
Guinea	45	46	49	49	478	Brunei Darussalam	4	*	*	*	*
Guinea-Bissau	1	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	12	*	*	*	*
Kenya	46	54	56	54	545	China, People's Republic of	67,085	54	58	56	559
Lesotho	0	*	*	*	*	Hong Kong	60	56	53	54	542
Liberia	2	*	*	*	*	India	512	58	59	57	578
Madagascar	48	51	52	51	512	Indonesia	269	53	51	52	523
Malawi	36	56	58	53	557	Japan	3,910	50	50	49	495
Mali	94	44	46	45	449	Korea (DPR)	28	*	*	*	*
Mauritania	27	*	*	*	*	Korea (ROK)	865	56	54	53	545
Mauritius	7	*	*	*	*	Laos	11	*	*	*	*
Mozambique	13	*	*	*	*	Macau	166	52	52	52	518
Namibia	11	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	114	58	54	56	559
Niger	40	46	48	47	468	Maldives	1	*	*	*	*
Nigeria	516	51	55	52	526	Mongolia	93	52	50	50	506
Reunion	18	*	*	*	*	Myanmar (Burma)	964	51	53	51	518
Rwanda	138	48	53	52	509	Nepal	16	*	*	*	*
Sao Tome and Principe	0	*	*	*	*	Pakistan	162	57	57	54	562
Senegal	164	47	49	48	481	Philippines	392	56	56	55	555
Seychelles	1	*	*	*	*	Singapore	4	*	*	*	*
Sierra Leone	25	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	1,151	56	54	54	546
Somalia	7	*	*	*	*	Taiwan	170	55	52	52	533
South Africa	25	*	*	*	*	Thailand	532	49	49	51	497
Swaziland	4	*	*	*	*	Vietnam	3,875	50	56	54	534
Tanzania	33	56	55	53	546	Azerbaijan	206	53	55	53	534
Togo	128	48	51	48	491	Kazakhstan	21	*	*	*	*
Tunisia	140	53	54	52	530	Kyrgyzstan	62	56	56	55	556
Uganda	2	*	*	*	*	Tajikistan	73	54	53	52	528
Zambia	71	56	59	54	562	Turkmenistan	66	56	55	53	547
Zimbabwe	27	*	*	*	*	Uzbekistan	18	*	*	*	*
AMERICA						EUROPE					
Anguilla	0	*	*	*	*	Albania	451	54	55	52	535
Antigua and Barbuda	0	*	*	*	*	Andorra	1	*	*	*	*
Argentina	227	58	57	57	571	Armenia	7	*	*	*	*
Aruba	77	59	56	53	560	Austria	263	61	62	59	607
Bahamas	1	*	*	*	*	Azores	0	*	*	*	*
Barbados	0	*	*	*	*	Belarus	155	57	56	56	562
Belize	7	*	*	*	*	Belgium	210	62	62	61	617
Bermuda	1	*	*	*	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	59	58	54	54	556
Bolivia	169	57	53	54	546	Bulgaria	154	58	58	56	573
Brazil	379	55	54	55	549	Croatia	14	*	*	*	*
British Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Cyprus	1,328	54	52	50	521
Canada	67	60	59	57	588	Czech Republic	47	58	57	57	573
Cayman Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Denmark	410	63	62	60	618
Chile	41	57	57	58	570	England	2	*	*	*	*
Colombia	639	56	56	56	562	Estonia	190	61	61	59	602
Costa Rica	378	60	59	59	592	Faroe Islands	13	*	*	*	*
Cuba	15	*	*	*	*	Finland	32	63	59	60	606
Dominica, Commonwealth of	0	*	*	*	*	France	1,452	56	57	58	569
Dominican Republic	6	*	*	*	*	Georgia	3	*	*	*	*
Ecuador	825	57	55	56	558	Germany	1,152	60	60	58	597
El Salvador	260	56	57	56	564	Greece	43	56	55	54	550
French Guiana	2	*	*	*	*	Greenland	1	*	*	*	*
Grenada	0	*	*	*	*	Hungary	14	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe	6	*	*	*	*	Iceland	446	63	60	59	608
Guatemala	5	*	*	*	*	Ireland	0	*	*	*	*
Guyana	0	*	*	*	*	Isle of Man	0	*	*	*	*
Haiti	248	51	51	49	504	Italy	598	55	58	59	571
Honduras	362	59	58	56	579	Latvia	194	58	56	55	563
Jamaica	3	*	*	*	*	Liechtenstein	6	*	*	*	*
Martinique	12	*	*	*	*	Lithuania	13	*	*	*	*
Mexico	390	55	53	55	546	Luxembourg	31	61	62	59	606
Montserrat	2	*	*	*	*						

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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 (cont'd)						Jordan	154	55	53	51	526
Macedonia		*	*	*	*	Kuwait	4	*	*	*	*
(Former Yugoslav Republic of)	179	57	56	54	555	Lebanon	175	57	56	52	552
Madeira Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Libya	18	*	*	*	*
Malta	11	*	*	*	*	Morocco	216	50	52	51	512
Moldova	157	56	56	55	557	Oman	229	52	49	49	501
Monaco	11	*	*	*	*	Qatar	701	51	47	46	479
Netherlands	43	62	63	59	613	Saudi Arabia	1,233	52	49	49	497
Northern Ireland	0	*	*	*	*	Sudan	64	54	54	52	531
Norway	826	62	60	58	597	Syria	282	54	53	51	527
Poland	756	57	57	56	568	United Arab Emirates	25	*	*	*	*
Portugal	72	54	55	54	544	West Bank	5	*	*	*	*
Romania	263	59	60	58	590	Yemen	102	54	52	50	519
Russia	551	54	54	54	544	PACIFIC ISLANDS					
San Marino	0	*	*	*	*	American Samoa	11	*	*	*	*
Scotland	0	*	*	*	*	Australia	7	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	127	59	59	57	585	Cook Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	23	*	*	*	*	Micronesia, Federated States of	78	54	53	48	516
Spain	601	56	57	57	567	Fiji	19	*	*	*	*
Sweden	595	62	58	57	588	French Polynesia	7	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	246	60	60	59	597	Guam	0	*	*	*	*
Turkey	249	52	52	51	516	Kiribati	0	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	66	57	55	55	555	Marshall Islands	37	54	50	47	505
United Kingdom	10	*	*	*	*	Nauru	0	*	*	*	*
Vatican City	0	*	*	*	*	New Caledonia	3	*	*	*	*
Wales	1	*	*	*	*	New Zealand	9	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	221	57	54	54	550	Niue Island	0	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST						Northern Mariana Islands	3	*	*	*	*
Algeria	57	52	54	51	523	Palau	144	55	52	50	523
Bahrain	380	56	54	51	537	Papua New Guinea	4	*	*	*	*
Egypt	103	56	55	54	549	Samoa	2	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	145	54	53	51	526	Solomon Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Iran	1,209	50	53	52	515	Tahiti	6	*	*	*	*
Iraq	157	53	52	51	522	Tonga	2	*	*	*	*
Israel	12	*	*	*	*	Tuvalu	1	*	*	*	*
						Vanuatu	0	*	*	*	*

1. Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less 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 1,756 students whose native country could not be determined or who reported English as their native language.

Table 22 presents the overall percentile ranks of Test of Written English™ (TWE®) scores. In 2004-05, 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. Percentile Ranks for TWE Scores

(based on 107,760 examinees who took the test between July 2004 and June 2005)

TWE Score	Percentile Rank*
6.0	100
5.5	98
5.0	92
4.5	83
4.0	58
3.5	32
3.0	17
2.5	6
2.0	3
1.5	1
1.0	
0.0	
Mean	3.8
S.D.	0.8

* 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.

