



# TOEFL®

## *Test and Score*

## *Data Summary*

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The TOEFL program recently surveyed TOEFL score recipients as part of the TOEFL 2000 project, a research and development effort to develop a new TOEFL test. As part of that survey, several hundred score users provided information on how they currently use TOEFL score report information. Tables 1-3 summarize the ranges of TOEFL scores that undergraduate and graduate programs reported as required for beginning academic work at their institutions, the situations in which international students are not required to submit TOEFL scores, and the score report information other than scores that is used. It should be noted that the survey respondents are not necessarily representative of the general population of TOEFL score users.

Table 1 gives ranges of TOEFL scores required for undergraduate and graduate admissions in colleges and universities where English is the language of instruction.

Table 1

Minimum TOEFL Score Required for College and University Admissions				
TOEFL SCORE RANGE	UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS N = 322		GRADUATE ADMISSIONS N = 330	
	Frequency	Percent	Frequency	Percent
600 - 650	12	3%	71	22%
550 - 597	156	48%	218	66%
500 - 547	145	45%	41	12%
450 - 497	11	3%	—	—
400 - 447	2	1%	—	—

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Table 2 shows the score report information, other than test scores, that institutions reported using as part of their admissions review process. TOEFL users marked all of the categories on the score reports that they currently use.

**Table 2**

Additional Score Report Information Used N = 804	
Score Report Information	Number of Responses
Native Country	545
Native Language	504
Date of Birth	488
Number of Times TOEFL Taken Before	384
Gender	346
Degree Planned	338
Reason for Taking TOEFL	243
Photo I.D.	409

Table 3 reports the reasons that score users gave for not requiring TOEFL scores as part of the admissions criteria for international students.

**Table 3**

Reasons for Not Requiring TOEFL N = 804	
Reason for NOT Requiring TOEFL	Number of Responses
Degree from English-speaking school	564
Transfers from schools in English-speaking countries	366
Two or more years of study in English	163
Completion of ESL/EFL Program	150
From Countries where English is an official language	115



# ***Performance of Reference Groups On the TOEFL Test***

The data presented here are based on TOEFL test scores obtained by examinees from July 1993 through June 1995. It should be noted that this test record database includes both first-time test takers and repeating examinees.

These tables simply summarize the performance of self-selected groups of examinees who took the TOEFL test during the period specified; the data are not necessarily representative of the general 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 4 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from July 1993 through June 1995.

**Table 4. Minimum and Maximum Observed Section and Total Scores**

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening Comprehension	24	68
2. Structure and Written Expression	20	68
3. Reading Comprehension	21	67
Total	230	677

Table 5 shows the percentile ranks for section and total scaled scores for the total group. In Tables 6-9, examinees have been classified by their reason for taking the test (information supplied by them when they took it). These tables simply summarize the performance of self-selected groups of examinees who took the TOEFL test during the period specified.

**Table 5. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Total Group\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	98			
66	98	96	99	660	99
64	96	94	97	640	97
62	92	89	93	620	93
60	86	83	87	600	88
58	79	74	79	580	80
56	71	65	69	560	70
54	61	54	58	540	59
52	50	44	47	520	47
50	39	35	37	500	36
48	28	27	28	480	26
46	19	19	21	460	18
44	12	14	15	440	12
42	7	9	10	420	7
40	4	6	7	400	4
38	3	4	5	380	2
36	2	2	3	360	1
34	1	1	2	340	
32		1	1	320	
30		1	1	300	
28		1			
Mean	52.1	52.7	51.9	Mean	522
S.D.	7.0	7.8	7.4	S.D.	67

**Table 6. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Graduate-Level Students\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	98			
66	98	96	95	660	99
64	96	94	92	640	96
62	92	89	86	620	92
60	87	83	78	600	85
58	80	74	68	580	76
56	71	65	57	560	65
54	61	54	45	540	52
52	49	44	35	520	39
50	38	35	27	500	28
48	27	21	20	480	19
46	18	19	14	460	13
44	11	15	9	440	8
42	6	10	6	420	5
40	4	7	4	400	3
38	2	5	2	380	1
36	1	3	1	360	1
34	1	2	1	340	
32		1	1	320	
30		1	1	300	
Mean	52.2	54.2	53.7	Mean	534
S.D.	6.8	7.4	6.9	S.D.	64

\*Based on the total group of 1,370,215 examinees tested from July 1993 through June 1995. (Total group includes 153,496 examinees not included in Tables 3-6 who did not indicate a "reason for taking TOEFL" or who indicated a reason other than those given in Tables 3-6.)

\*Based on 642,035 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.

**Table 7. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Undergraduate-Level Students\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	99			
66	98	97	99	660	99
64	95	95	98	640	97
62	90	92	95	620	94
60	84	87	91	600	89
58	76	80	86	580	83
56	68	72	79	560	75
54	58	63	70	540	65
52	47	53	59	520	54
50	37	43	48	500	43
48	27	34	38	480	32
46	18	24	28	460	22
44	11	17	21	440	14
42	6	11	14	420	9
40	4	7	9	400	5
38	2	4	6	380	3
36	1	3	4	360	1
34	1	2	2	340	1
32		1	1	320	
30		1	1	300	
28	1				
Mean	52.5	51.3	50.0	Mean	513
S.D.	7.1	7.8	7.4	S.D.	68

\* Based on 512,783 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as undergraduate students.

**Table 8. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Other Students\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	98	99	660	99
66	98	98	98	640	97
64	95	94	96	620	92
62	91	91	92	600	88
60	85	85	86	580	81
58	77	78	78	560	70
56	67	67	67	540	56
54	56	56	53	520	42
52	44	44	40	500	30
50	33	34	29	480	21
48	24	26	21	460	15
46	17	18	16	440	11
44	11	13	12	420	7
42	7	9	8	400	5
40	4	6	6	380	3
38	3	4	4	360	1
36	2	3	3	340	1
34	1	2	2	320	
32		1	1	300	
30		1	1		
28	1				
Mean	48.1	47.3	46.7	Mean	474
S.D.	7.4	8.5	8.1	S.D.	73

\* Based on 27,384 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 9. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Applicants for Professional License\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	98	98	660	98
66	98	96	98	640	96
64	95	94	96	620	92
62	91	91	92	600	88
60	85	85	86	580	81
58	77	78	78	560	70
56	67	67	67	540	56
54	56	56	53	520	42
52	44	44	40	500	30
50	33	34	29	480	21
48	24	26	21	460	15
46	17	18	16	440	11
44	11	13	12	420	7
42	7	9	8	400	5
40	4	6	6	380	3
38	3	4	4	360	1
36	2	3	3	340	1
34	1	2	2	320	
32		1	1	300	
30		1	1		
28	1				
Mean	52.7	52.5	52.8	Mean	527
S.D.	7.1	7.6	7.2	S.D.	66

\* Based on 34,517 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 10 and 11 present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between July 1993 and June 1995.

**Table 10. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Males\***

Group	Number	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score
Total Group†	733,984	51.9 7.1	53.0 7.9	52.4 7.5	524 68
Graduate Level	373,446	52.0 6.8	54.6 7.4	54.2 6.9	536 64
Undergraduate Level	253,361	52.4 7.2	51.2 8.0	50.1 7.6	512 70
Other Students	12,269	48.2 7.7	47.8 8.9	47.5 8.7	478 77
Applicants for Professional License	17,720	52.9 7.0	53.2 7.6	53.7 7.1	533 66

\* Based on examinees tested from July 1993 through June 1995 who responded to sex group membership on answer sheets.

† Total group includes 77,188 examinees not included in the four succeeding groups.

**Table 11. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Females\***

Group	Number	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score
Total Group†	632,077	52.3 6.9	52.3 7.7	51.2 7.3	519 66
Graduate Level	266,908	52.4 6.7	53.7 7.4	52.9 6.9	530 63
Undergraduate Level	257,921	52.7 6.9	51.4 7.6	49.9 7.1	513 66
Other Students	15,017	48.0 7.2	46.9 8.0	46.1 7.6	470 69
Applicants for Professional License	16,674	52.5 7.1	51.8 7.6	51.7 7.2	520 66

\* Based on examinees tested from July 1993 through June 1995 who responded to sex group membership on answer sheets.

† Total group includes 75,557 examinees not included in the four succeeding groups.





Table 13 (continued)

<b>Geographic Region and Native Country</b>	<b>Number of Examinees</b>	<b>Listening Comprehension</b>	<b>Structure and Written Expression</b>	<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	<b>Total Score Mean</b>
<b>EUROPE (cont'd.)</b>					
Kyrgyzstan	185	52	53	52	524
Latvia	678	55	55	54	545
Liechtenstein	34	57	55	53	551
Lithuania	656	57	56	55	559
Luxembourg	163	59	59	58	586
Macedonia	271	57	55	53	550
Madeira Islands	6	*	*	*	*
Maldives	38	57	57	55	564
Malta	63	58	59	57	579
Moldova	627	55	55	54	546
Monaco	31	57	57	57	568
Netherlands	2,531	63	61	59	607
Northern Ireland	19	*	*	*	*
Norway	3,433	61	58	56	582
Poland	6,517	56	55	54	550
Portugal	1,314	58	57	56	570
Romania	3,286	57	57	57	571
Russia	12,480	55	55	54	546
San Marino	5	*	*	*	*
Scotland	11	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	224	59	58	56	579
Spain	12,037	55	55	55	550
Sweden	5,662	62	58	56	584
Switzerland	4,662	58	57	56	571
Tajikistan	125	50	50	49	498
Turkey	22,689	52	52	51	518
Turkmenistan	86	48	50	49	487
Ukraine	5,037	55	54	53	541
United Kingdom	55	56	53	52	537
Uzbekistan	807	52	52	51	514
Wales	7	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	2,298	57	55	54	557
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>					
Bahrain	714	55	51	48	514
Iran	8,422	52	52	50	512
Iraq	953	55	52	50	523
Israel	4,395	59	55	53	557
Jordan	8,148	52	51	48	501
Kuwait	8,009	50	44	42	455
Lebanon	10,921	54	54	50	531
Oman	1,050	53	48	46	487
Qatar	573	51	45	43	465
Saudi Arabia	9,340	50	46	43	463
Syria	3,259	54	52	50	520
United Arab Emirates	3,019	51	47	44	472
Yemen	932	50	47	44	471
<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>					
American Samoa	369	56	53	50	531
Australia	148	56	53	53	541
Federated States of Micronesia	377	51	49	47	491
Fiji	118	56	55	53	547
French Polynesia	22	*	*	*	*
Guam	44	56	54	52	540
Mariana Islands	39	56	54	52	539
Marshall Islands	215	49	46	44	465
Nauru	8	*	*	*	*
New Caledonia	86	53	53	54	530
New Zealand	31	55	52	51	528
Niue Island	7	*	*	*	*
Papua New Guinea	95	57	58	55	569
Solomon Islands	16	*	*	*	*
Tahiti	49	54	53	52	530
Tonga	45	54	51	50	518
Tuvalu	4	*	*	*	*
Western Samoa	12	*	*	*	*

(1) Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30 for a total of 386 examinees.

(2) Due to changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.

(3) Includes 21,578 students who did not report their country of birth or who reported English as their native language.

## **1996-97 TOEFL Test Dates**

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