

Test and Score Data Summary for  
*TOEFL iBT*<sup>®</sup> Tests

January 2017–December 2017 Test Data

# Test and Score Data

This edition of the *TOEFL*<sup>®</sup> *Test and Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of test takers who took the *TOEFL iBT*<sup>®</sup> test between January and December 2017.

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## History of the TOEFL® Test

The *TOEFL*® test is designed to measure the English-language proficiency of people whose native language is not English. TOEFL scores are accepted by more than 10,000 colleges, universities, and licensing agencies in more than 130 countries. The test is also used by governments, and scholarship and exchange programs worldwide.

**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-language proficiency of non-native 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 first administered 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 16 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 (TOEFL PBT) 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 (TOEFL CBT) in 1998 was the first incremental step in this broad test-improvement effort.

The next step was the introduction of the *TOEFL iBT*® test, delivered via the internet, in September 2005. The TOEFL iBT test assesses all four language skills (reading, listening, speaking, and writing) that are important for effective communication. The test emphasizes integrated skills and provides better information about test takers' ability to communicate in an academic setting and their readiness for academic coursework. The test was first launched in the United States and was gradually rolled out worldwide during 2005 and 2006.

As the TOEFL iBT test was introduced in an area, TOEFL CBT testing was discontinued after a period of overlap to ensure a smooth transition. The final administration of the TOEFL CBT test was held in September 2006. TOEFL paper-delivered testing is being phased out and is currently offered only in locations where testing via the internet is not available. This TOEFL Test and Score Data Summary contains information about TOEFL iBT test takers.





# The TOEFL iBT® Test

The TOEFL iBT test was introduced in the United States in September 2005 and was gradually introduced worldwide during 2005 and 2006. The test was developed in response to a request by institutions to provide a test that would measure non-native speakers' ability to **communicate** in English in an academic setting.

The TOEFL iBT test:

- Measures the ability to communicate by combining, or integrating, all four language skills – Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing
- Is 100% academically focused, measuring the kind of English used in academic settings
- Provides fair and objective scoring
- Provides valid and reliable information to support score users in making effective decisions regarding a test taker's English-language proficiency

Test takers have up to four hours to complete the test, and all four sections are taken on the same day. The Reading section measures the ability to understand academic reading material written in English, and the Listening section measures the ability to understand spoken English as it is used in colleges and universities. The Speaking section consists of six tasks that measure the ability to speak in English in an academic setting. The Writing section consists of two tasks that measure the ability to write in English in a way that is appropriate for college and university coursework. Some questions in the Speaking and Writing sections require test takers to combine, or integrate, information from more than one source. For example, test takers are asked to read a passage, listen to a short lecture about a topic, and then speak or write in response. These integrated tasks are designed to simulate the academic experience.

Internet delivery enables ETS to deliver the test at official test centers in more locations. Speaking and writing tasks receive multiple ratings to provide unbiased, objective evaluations of the responses.

**Test Preparation** — The TOEFL Program offers many test preparation products, both for free and for purchase, including free practice questions and the TOEFL iBT Interactive Sampler. The Sampler includes questions from all four sections of the test. The Reading and Listening sections are interactive and sample responses are provided for the Writing and Speaking questions.

For more information about test prep, visit the TOEFL website at [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl).

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# Test Data for 2017

The data presented in the tables below are based on test takers who took the TOEFL iBT test between January 2017 and December 2017.

**Table 1. Observed Minimum and Maximum TOEFL iBT Section and Total Scores**

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Reading	0	30
2. Listening	0	30
3. Speaking	0	30
4. Writing	0	30
Total	0	120

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

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	95	95	99	99	120	100
29	89	91	98	97	116	99
28	83	85	95	93	112	96
27	77	80	92	89	108	92
26	71	74	87	85	104	86
25	65	69	**	78	100	79
24	60	63	79	70	96	71
23	54	57	66	63	92	63
22	49	52	53	54	88	55
21	43	46	**	41	84	47
20	39	41	42	33	80	40
19	34	36	31	28	76	33
18	29	32	22	22	72	28
17	26	28	15	17	68	23
16	22	24	**	14	64	18
15	19	20	9	11	60	14
14	16	17	6	8	56	11
13	13	14	4	6	52	9
12	11	12	**	4	48	7
11	9	10	3	3	44	5
10	8	8	2	2	40	3
9	6	6	1	1	36	2
8	5	5	1	1	32	1
7	4	3	**	.	28	1
6	3	2	1	.	24	.
5	2	2	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	20.7	20.3	20.4	20.8	Mean	82
S.D.	6.7	6.7	4.5	4.8	S.D.	20

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.



**Table 3. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — High School Level Students\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	98	98	100	100	120	100
29	95	95	99	98	116	100
28	92	91	97	95	112	98
27	89	87	95	92	108	96
26	86	83	91	89	104	92
25	82	79	**	84	100	87
24	78	75	84	77	96	82
23	74	70	72	72	92	76
22	70	66	59	64	88	70
21	65	60	**	53	84	63
20	61	56	48	44	80	57
19	56	51	38	39	76	50
18	52	47	28	32	72	44
17	48	42	20	26	68	38
16	43	38	**	23	64	33
15	39	34	14	19	60	28
14	35	30	10	14	56	23
13	31	26	7	12	52	19
12	27	22	**	9	48	15
11	24	19	5	5	44	12
10	20	16	4	4	40	9
9	17	13	3	3	36	6
8	14	10	2	2	32	4
7	11	8	**	1	28	2
6	8	6	2	1	24	1
5	6	4	1	.	20	1
4	4	3	1	.	16	.
3	3	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	1	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	16.7	17.7	19.4	19.4	Mean	73
S.D.	7.6	7.3	4.8	5.2	S.D.	23

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to high school.

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.

**Table 4. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Two-Year College Students\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	98	98	100	100	120	100
29	94	96	99	99	116	100
28	89	92	98	97	112	99
27	85	89	96	94	108	97
26	80	84	93	91	104	94
25	75	80	**	86	100	88
24	71	75	88	79	96	82
23	66	70	77	74	92	75
22	61	65	64	65	88	68
21	56	59	**	53	84	61
20	51	54	52	44	80	54
19	46	49	41	39	76	46
18	42	44	30	32	72	40
17	37	39	21	26	68	34
16	33	34	**	22	64	28
15	29	30	14	18	60	24
14	26	26	10	14	56	19
13	22	22	7	11	52	15
12	19	19	**	8	48	12
11	16	16	5	5	44	9
10	14	13	4	3	40	6
9	11	10	2	2	36	4
8	9	8	2	1	32	3
7	7	6	**	1	28	2
6	5	4	1	1	24	1
5	4	3	1	.	20	.
4	3	2	1	.	16	.
3	2	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	1	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	18.5	18.1	19.0	19.3	Mean	75
S.D.	7.2	6.8	4.5	5	S.D.	21

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to two-year colleges.

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.



**Table 5. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Undergraduate Level Students\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	97	96	99	99	120	100
29	92	91	97	97	116	99
28	87	86	95	94	112	97
27	82	81	92	90	108	93
26	77	76	87	86	104	87
25	72	71	**	79	100	81
24	67	66	79	71	96	74
23	61	61	67	65	92	67
22	56	55	54	56	88	59
21	51	50	**	44	84	52
20	46	45	42	35	80	45
19	41	40	32	31	76	39
18	37	36	23	24	72	33
17	32	32	16	19	68	27
16	28	28	**	16	64	22
15	24	24	10	12	60	18
14	21	21	6	9	56	14
13	18	18	4	7	52	11
12	15	15	**	5	48	8
11	13	12	3	3	44	6
10	10	10	2	2	40	4
9	8	8	1	1	36	3
8	7	6	1	1	32	2
7	5	5	**	.	28	1
6	4	3	1	.	24	1
5	3	2	.	.	20	.
4	2	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	19.4	19.6	20.3	20.5	Mean	80
S.D.	7.0	6.9	4.5	4.8	S.D.	21

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

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.

**Table 6. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Graduate Level Students in NON-BUSINESS Programs\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	94	94	99	99	120	100
29	86	88	97	96	116	99
28	78	82	94	92	112	95
27	71	75	90	86	108	90
26	64	69	84	82	104	83
25	57	63	**	74	100	75
24	51	57	76	65	96	66
23	45	51	63	58	92	57
22	40	45	50	48	88	48
21	34	39	**	36	84	40
20	29	34	38	27	80	32
19	25	29	28	22	76	26
18	20	24	19	17	72	20
17	17	20	11	12	68	15
16	14	17	**	10	64	12
15	11	14	6	7	60	9
14	9	11	4	5	56	6
13	7	9	2	4	52	5
12	6	7	**	3	48	3
11	5	6	2	1	44	2
10	4	4	1	1	40	1
9	3	3	1	1	36	1
8	2	3	.	.	32	1
7	2	2	.	.	28	.
6	1	1	.	.	24	.
5	1	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	.	.	.	16	.
3	.	.	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	22.2	21.5	20.9	21.5	Mean	86
S.D.	6.0	6.1	4.2	4.4	S.D.	18

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to masters, graduate or post-graduate programs, other than business programs.

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.



**Table 7. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Graduate Level Students in BUSINESS Programs\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	95	95	99	99	120	100
29	87	89	97	97	116	99
28	80	83	94	92	112	95
27	72	76	89	87	108	90
26	65	70	83	83	104	83
25	59	64	**	75	100	75
24	53	57	75	65	96	66
23	46	51	61	59	92	57
22	40	45	48	48	88	48
21	35	39	**	36	84	40
20	30	34	36	27	80	32
19	26	29	26	22	76	26
18	21	25	17	17	72	20
17	18	21	11	12	68	16
16	15	18	**	10	64	12
15	12	14	6	7	60	9
14	10	12	3	5	56	7
13	8	9	2	4	52	5
12	6	8	**	3	48	3
11	5	6	1	1	44	2
10	4	5	1	1	40	1
9	3	3	1	1	36	1
8	2	3	.	.	32	1
7	2	2	.	.	28	.
6	1	1	.	.	24	.
5	1	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	.	.	.	16	.
3	.	.	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	22.0	21.4	21.0	21.5	Mean	86.0
S.D.	6.0	6.1	4.2	4.4	S.D.	18.0

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to master, graduate or postgraduate BUSINESS programs.

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.

**Table 8. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Applicants for English-Language Schools\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	97	97	99	100	120	100
29	92	93	98	98	116	99
28	86	88	96	96	112	98
27	81	83	93	93	108	94
26	75	78	89	90	104	90
25	70	73	**	84	100	84
24	64	68	82	77	96	77
23	59	62	71	71	92	69
22	53	57	59	62	88	61
21	48	51	**	49	84	54
20	42	45	48	40	80	46
19	37	40	38	34	76	39
18	32	35	28	27	72	32
17	28	31	20	22	68	26
16	24	26	**	18	64	21
15	21	23	13	14	60	17
14	17	19	8	10	56	14
13	15	16	6	8	52	10
12	12	13	**	6	48	8
11	10	11	4	3	44	6
10	8	8	3	2	40	4
9	6	7	2	2	36	3
8	5	5	1	1	32	2
7	4	4	**	1	28	1
6	3	3	1	1	24	1
5	2	2	1	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	20.1	19.6	19.7	19.9	Mean	79.0
S.D.	6.7	6.6	4.7	4.8	S.D.	20.0

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to English language schools.

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.





**Table 9. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Applicants for Professional License\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	96	96	99	99	120	100
29	91	91	97	98	116	99
28	85	86	94	95	112	97
27	80	80	90	91	108	93
26	74	74	84	87	104	88
25	68	68	**	80	100	80
24	62	61	74	72	96	72
23	55	55	60	65	92	63
22	49	49	47	55	88	53
21	43	42	**	42	84	45
20	37	37	36	33	80	37
19	32	32	27	27	76	30
18	27	27	20	21	72	24
17	23	23	13	16	68	19
16	19	19	**	14	64	15
15	15	16	8	10	60	12
14	12	13	5	7	56	9
13	10	11	4	6	52	6
12	8	8	**	4	48	5
11	7	7	2	2	44	3
10	5	5	2	1	40	2
9	4	4	1	1	36	1
8	3	3	1	1	32	1
7	2	2	.	.	28	.
6	2	2	.	.	24	.
5	1	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	.	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	20.9	20.9	20.9	20.7	Mean	83
S.D.	6.1	6.1	4.5	4.6	S.D.	18

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were taking TOEFL for licensure or certification.

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.

**Table 10. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Applicants for Employment\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	96	95	99	99	120	100
29	89	90	97	98	116	99
28	84	84	94	94	112	96
27	78	78	90	90	108	92
26	72	72	84	86	104	86
25	66	66	**	79	100	78
24	61	59	75	71	96	70
23	55	53	61	65	92	61
22	49	48	48	55	88	53
21	43	42	**	42	84	45
20	38	36	37	34	80	38
19	33	32	28	28	76	31
18	28	27	20	22	72	25
17	24	23	13	17	68	20
16	20	20	**	14	64	16
15	17	16	8	11	60	12
14	14	13	5	8	56	10
13	11	11	4	7	52	7
12	9	9	**	5	48	5
11	8	7	3	3	44	4
10	6	6	2	2	40	3
9	5	4	1	1	36	2
8	4	3	1	1	32	1
7	3	2	**	1	28	1
6	2	2	1	1	24	.
5	2	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	.	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	20.8	21.0	20.8	20.7	Mean	83
S.D.	6.4	6.3	4.5	4.8	S.D.	19

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were taking TOEFL for employment.

\*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.



**Table 11. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Applicants for Immigration\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	94	94	98	98	120	100
29	88	87	95	96	116	98
28	81	80	90	91	112	94
27	76	73	84	86	108	88
26	70	67	77	82	104	80
25	65	61	**	74	100	73
24	60	55	67	66	96	65
23	54	49	53	59	92	57
22	49	44	41	51	88	49
21	43	38	**	39	84	42
20	38	33	31	31	80	35
19	34	29	23	27	76	29
18	29	25	17	21	72	23
17	24	21	11	16	68	19
16	21	18	**	14	64	15
15	18	15	7	11	60	12
14	14	13	5	8	56	9
13	12	10	4	6	52	7
12	10	8	**	5	48	5
11	8	7	3	3	44	4
10	6	6	2	2	40	3
9	5	4	1	1	36	2
8	4	3	1	1	32	1
7	3	2	.	1	28	1
6	2	2	.	.	24	.
5	2	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	.	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	20.9	21.5	21.5	21.1	Mean	85
S.D.	6.6	6.4	4.7	5.0	S.D.	20

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were taking TOEFL for immigration purposes.  
 \*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.

**Table 12. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores — Other\***

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	96	96	99	99	120	100
29	91	92	98	98	116	99
28	86	87	95	94	112	97
27	81	82	92	91	108	93
26	76	77	87	87	104	88
25	71	72	**	81	100	82
24	66	67	80	74	96	75
23	60	62	68	68	92	68
22	55	56	56	59	88	61
21	50	51	**	47	84	53
20	45	46	45	39	80	46
19	41	41	35	34	76	40
18	36	36	27	27	72	34
17	32	32	19	22	68	28
16	28	28	**	19	64	23
15	24	24	12	15	60	19
14	21	21	9	11	56	15
13	18	17	6	9	52	12
12	15	15	**	7	48	9
11	13	12	4	4	44	7
10	10	10	3	3	40	5
9	8	8	2	2	36	3
8	7	6	1	1	32	2
7	5	4	**	1	28	1
6	4	3	1	1	24	1
5	3	2	1	.	20	.
4	2	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	19.5	19.5	19.9	20.0	Mean	79
S.D.	7.1	6.9	4.8	5.1	S.D.	21

\*Based on examinees who indicated that they were taking TOEFL for other reasons.  
 \*\*Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking.

**Table 13. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL IBT Section and Total Scores, Males\***

Group Males by Reason	READING SCALED SCORE		LISTENING SCALED SCORE		SPEAKING SCALED SCORE		WRITING SCALED SCORE		TOTAL SCALED SCORE	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Total*	20.8	6.9	20.2	6.8	20	4.5	20.6	4.9	81.5	20.5
1-To attend high school**	16.5	7.7	17.3	7.4	19	4.9	19	5.3	71.8	22.9
2-To attend a 2 year college/ community college**	18.2	7.4	17.7	7.0	18.6	4.6	19	5.1	73.5	21.3
3-To attend a 4 year undergraduate program**	19.3	7.2	19.2	7.2	19.8	4.6	20.2	4.9	78.5	21.5
4-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate program other than a business program**	22.6	5.9	21.6	6.1	20.5	4.2	21.5	4.5	86.2	18.1
5-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate BUSINESS program**	22.4	6.0	21.6	6.2	20.8	4.3	21.5	4.5	86.3	18.4
6-To attend an English language school or program**	20.2	6.8	19.4	6.8	19.2	4.7	19.7	4.9	78.4	20.5
7-For licensure or certification**	21.3	6.1	20.8	6.3	20.3	4.6	20.5	4.6	83	18.9
8-For employment or a job**	21.1	6.5	21.0	6.4	20.3	4.6	20.5	4.9	82.9	19.8
9-For immigration purposes**	21.3	6.6	21.7	6.4	21.3	4.7	21.2	5	85.5	20.2
10-Other**	19.6	7.2	19.3	7.0	19.4	4.9	19.8	5.2	78.1	21.7

\*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

\*\*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

**Table 14. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL iBT Section and Total Scores, Females\***

Group Females by Reason	READING SCALED SCORE		LISTENING SCALED SCORE		SPEAKING SCALED SCORE		WRITING SCALED SCORE		TOTAL SCALED SCORE	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Total*	20.5	6.6	20.4	6.5	20.8	4.4	20.9	4.6	82.6	19.5
1-To attend high school**	17.0	7.4	18.1	7.1	20	4.7	19.9	5.1	75	21.9
2-To attend a 2 year college/ community college**	18.7	7.1	18.5	6.6	19.6	4.4	19.7	4.9	76.5	20.5
3-To attend a 4 year undergraduate program**	19.6	6.8	19.9	6.7	20.7	4.4	20.8	4.7	81.1	20.2
4-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate program other than a business program**	21.8	6	21.4	6.1	21.3	4.2	21.5	4.4	85.9	18.0
5-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate BUSINESS program**	21.7	5.9	21.2	6	21.2	4	21.5	4.3	85.6	17.6
6-To attend an English language school or program**	20	6.5	19.8	6.4	20	4.7	20.1	4.7	79.8	19.7
7-For licensure or certification**	20.6	6.1	20.9	6	21.3	4.3	20.8	4.5	83.6	18.1
8-For employment or a job**	20.5	6.4	21	6.1	21.3	4.4	20.8	4.7	83.6	18.9
9-For immigration purposes**	20.3	6.6	21.2	6.3	21.8	4.7	21.1	5.0	84.4	20.2
10-Other**	19.5	6.9	19.6	6.7	20.3	4.7	20.3	5.0	79.7	20.8

\*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

\*\*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

**Tables 15 and 16** may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL iBT 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, creator of the TOEFL test, does not endorse the practice of ranking countries on the basis of TOEFL scores, as this is a misuse of data.** The TOEFL test provides accurate scores at the individual level; it is not appropriate for comparing countries. The differences in the number of students taking the test in each country, how early English is introduced into the curriculum, how many hours per week are devoted to learning English, and the fact that those taking the test are not representative of all English speakers in each country or any defined population make ranking by test score meaningless.

**Table 15. TOEFL iBT Total and Section Score Means<sup>1</sup> — All Examinees, Classified by Native Language<sup>2</sup>**

Native Language	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Native Language	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Afrikaans	19	19	21	20	80	Kurukh	*	*	*	*	*
Akan	19	19	20	20	78	Lao	11	14	18	16	59
Albanian	18	21	22	21	82	Latvian	20	23	23	22	88
Amharic	18	20	20	19	76	Lingala	13	15	17	16	61
Arabic	18	20	21	19	78	Lithuanian	21	24	24	22	90
Armenian	18	19	21	20	79	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*	*
Assamese	24	25	25	25	99	Luo	17	19	22	22	80
Aymara	*	*	*	*	*	Luxembourgish	23	25	25	24	97
Azerbaijani	20	20	21	21	82	Macedonian	21	22	22	22	87
Bambara	14	14	17	16	61	Madurese	*	*	*	*	*
Bashkir	*	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	20	20	20	20	81
Basque	24	25	23	23	94	Malay	22	23	22	24	92
Belarusian	20	23	23	21	87	Malayalam	24	25	24	25	97
Bemba	19	20	22	21	81	Maltese	*	*	*	*	*
Bengali	23	23	23	24	93	Mandingo	14	15	19	17	66
Berber	18	21	21	19	79	Marathi	22	23	23	24	92
Bikol	19	19	21	21	81	Marshallese	*	*	*	*	*
Bosnian	21	23	23	22	88	Mende	*	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	22	24	23	23	91	Minankabau	*	*	*	*	*
Burmese	19	20	20	21	81	Mongolian	18	20	20	20	78
Catalan	23	24	22	22	92	Mossi	14	13	16	15	59
Cebuano	20	21	23	22	87	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*
Chichewa ( Nyanja )	18	19	20	21	78	Nepali	19	20	21	21	81
Chinese	21	19	19	20	79	Norwegian	22	25	25	23	93
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	*	Oriya	23	24	24	24	95
Croatian	22	24	23	22	90	Oromo	16	16	19	17	68
Czech	21	23	22	21	88	Palauan	*	*	*	*	*
Danish	23	26	26	23	98	Pohnapeian	*	*	*	*	*
Dutch	25	26	25	24	100	Polish	22	24	23	22	90
Dyula	*	*	*	*	*	Portuguese	22	23	22	21	87
Efik	20	20	21	20	81	Punjabi	22	23	24	23	91
English	22	23	24	23	91	Pushtu	16	17	22	20	75
Estonian	23	25	24	23	96	Romanian	21	23	23	22	89
Ewe	16	16	19	18	68	Russian	21	22	22	21	86
Farsi	20	21	21	21	83	Samoan	*	*	*	*	*
Fijian	*	*	*	*	*	Santali	*	*	*	*	*
Finnish	23	25	24	23	94	Serbian	20	23	23	21	87
French	21	22	21	21	85	Shona	20	22	24	23	89
Fulah	14	15	19	16	63	Sindhi	22	23	24	24	93
Ga	19	19	21	22	82	Sinhalese	20	22	22	22	85
Galician	*	*	*	*	*	Slovak	22	23	23	22	90
Ganda	17	19	22	21	78	Slovenian	22	25	24	23	93
Georgian	20	22	22	21	85	Somali	16	17	20	18	71
German	24	26	25	24	99	Spanish	21	22	22	21	85
Greek	23	24	23	23	92	Sundanese	18	18	20	18	74
Guarani	*	*	*	*	*	Swahili	17	19	21	21	78
Gujarati	21	22	23	23	89	Swedish	22	25	25	22	94
Hausa	16	18	20	18	72	Tagalog	21	22	23	23	89
Hebrew	22	25	24	22	94	Tajik	14	16	19	17	65
Hiligaynon	22	23	23	22	90	Tamil	23	24	24	24	96
Hindi	23	24	24	24	96	Tatar	*	*	*	*	*
Hungarian	23	24	23	23	93	Telugu	22	23	23	23	91
Icelandic	23	25	24	23	94	Thai	19	20	19	20	78
Igbo	19	19	21	20	79	Tibetan	17	19	21	19	76
Iloko	19	20	22	21	83	Tigrinya	17	18	20	19	74
Indonesian	21	22	21	22	85	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
Inupiaq	*	*	*	*	*	Turkish	19	20	20	20	78
Italian	24	23	22	22	91	Turkmen	17	19	20	18	75
Japanese	18	18	17	18	71	Twi	19	20	21	21	82
Javanese	17	16	17	17	67	Uighur	18	19	20	18	74
Kannada	22	23	24	24	94	Ukrainian	20	21	22	20	84
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	*	Urdu	22	23	24	23	93
Kashmiri	24	25	25	25	98	Uzbek	17	18	20	19	73
Kazakh	18	20	21	20	79	Vietnamese	20	20	20	22	82
Khmer	16	17	19	19	71	Wolof	15	16	19	18	68
Kikuyu	18	20	22	22	82	Xhosa	*	*	*	*	*
Kinyarwanda	16	17	20	19	72	Yiddish	*	*	*	*	*
Konkani	24	25	25	25	99	Yoruba	19	19	20	20	78
Korean	22	21	20	21	84	Yupik	*	*	*	*	*
Kosraean	20	19	18	19	76	Zulu	18	20	25	22	85
Kurdish	13	14	18	16	61						

<sup>1</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30, as indicated by \*. Due to rounding, section score means may not add up to the total score mean.

<sup>2</sup> Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain languages may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.

**Table 16. TOEFL iBT Total and Section Score Means<sup>1</sup> — All Examinees, Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country<sup>2</sup>**

Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
<b>AFRICA</b>						Panama	20	21	22	21	83
Angola	14	15	19	17	65	Paraguay	21	22	21	21	86
Benin	17	16	18	18	70	Peru	21	21	21	21	84
Botswana	20	21	24	23	88	Puerto Rico	19	21	22	20	83
Burkina Faso	15	15	17	17	64	Saint Kitts and Nevis	*	*	*	*	*
Burundi	15	16	19	18	67	Saint Lucia	*	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	16	17	19	18	70	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	*	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	14	17	19	17	68	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	*	Suriname	19	22	22	21	84
Chad	18	19	21	19	76	Trinidad and Tobago	22	24	25	25	96
Comoros	*	*	*	*	*	United States	21	23	23	22	89
Congo	13	14	17	16	60	Uruguay	23	24	22	22	91
Congo, The Democratic Republic of	14	16	19	18	67	Venezuela	20	21	22	20	83
Cote D'Ivoire	15	14	17	17	63	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*	*
Djibouti	11	15	19	15	60	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	<b>ASIA</b>					
Eritrea	17	19	21	20	76	Afghanistan	15	17	21	19	71
Ethiopia	17	19	20	18	75	Azerbaijan	20	21	22	21	83
Gabon	15	17	19	18	69	Bangladesh	21	22	22	23	87
Gambia	15	16	20	18	70	Bhutan	*	*	*	*	*
Ghana	19	20	21	21	81	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*	*
Guinea	13	14	18	16	61	Cambodia	16	17	19	19	72
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	*	China	21	19	19	20	79
Kenya	19	20	22	22	82	Christmas Island	*	*	*	*	*
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	*	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Liberia	14	16	20	18	67	Hong Kong	21	22	22	23	88
Madagascar	20	20	21	21	81	India	23	24	24	24	94
Malawi	18	19	21	21	79	Indonesia	21	22	21	22	85
Mali	14	15	18	17	63	Japan	18	18	17	18	71
Mauritania	13	16	19	16	65	Kazakhstan	20	21	22	21	84
Mauritius	24	24	23	25	95	Korea, Democratic People's					
Mayotte	*	*	*	*	*	Republic of	21	21	20	21	83
Mozambique	16	18	20	18	72	Korea, Republic of	22	21	20	21	83
Namibia	18	21	24	22	84	Kyrgyzstan	18	19	21	19	77
Niger	17	17	19	18	70	Lao, People's Democratic Republic	11	14	18	16	59
Nigeria	18	19	21	20	78	Macao	18	19	19	20	76
Reunion	18	19	19	19	75	Malaysia	22	23	22	24	91
Rwanda	16	17	20	19	73	Maldives	*	*	*	*	*
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	18	20	20	20	77
Senegal	14	15	18	17	64	Myanmar	19	20	20	21	80
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	*	Nepal	19	20	21	21	81
Sierra Leone	17	19	21	19	76	Pakistan	22	23	24	23	92
Somalia	17	18	21	19	75	Philippines	21	22	23	23	89
South Africa	23	25	26	24	98	Singapore	24	25	24	25	97
Swaziland	17	20	22	23	82	Sri Lanka	20	22	22	22	85
Tanzania, United Republic of	15	17	21	19	72	Taiwan	21	21	20	20	82
Togo	16	15	18	17	66	Tajikistan	14	16	19	17	66
Tunisia	19	21	21	20	82	Thailand	19	20	19	20	78
Uganda	17	18	22	21	77	Timor-Leste	*	*	*	*	*
Western Sahara	*	*	*	*	*	Turkmenistan	18	20	21	19	78
Zambia	18	21	22	21	83	Uzbekistan	18	20	22	20	79
Zimbabwe	20	22	24	23	88	Viet Nam	20	20	20	22	82
<b>AMERICAS</b>						<b>EUROPE</b>					
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	*	Aland Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Argentina	23	23	22	22	90	Albania	18	21	22	21	81
Aruba	19	23	23	21	86	Andorra	21	23	22	21	88
Bahamas	21	24	25	24	94	Armenia	18	19	21	20	78
Barbados	*	*	*	*	*	Austria	25	26	25	24	100
Belize	*	*	*	*	*	Belarus	21	22	22	21	86
Bermuda	*	*	*	*	*	Belgium	25	26	25	24	99
Bolivia	20	21	21	21	83	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21	23	23	22	88
Brazil	22	23	22	21	87	Bulgaria	22	23	23	23	91
Canada	23	25	25	23	95	Croatia	22	24	23	22	90
Chile	20	21	20	19	81	Cyprus	20	22	22	22	86
Colombia	20	21	21	20	82	Czech Republic	22	23	22	21	89
Costa Rica	23	24	23	22	93	Denmark	23	25	26	23	98
Cuba	20	20	20	19	80	Estonia	23	25	24	23	95
Dominica	*	*	*	*	*	Faroe Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic	19	21	22	20	82	Finland	23	25	24	23	95
Ecuador	20	21	22	21	83	France	22	23	22	21	88
El Salvador	20	21	22	21	84	Georgia	20	22	22	21	85
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	*	Germany	23	25	25	24	98
Grenada	*	*	*	*	*	Greece	23	24	23	23	93
Guadeloupe	18	20	21	19	77	Greenland	*	*	*	*	*
Guatemala	19	21	22	20	82	Holy See (Vatican City State)	*	*	*	*	*
Guyana	*	*	*	*	*	Hungary	23	24	23	23	93
Haiti	13	15	18	17	63	Iceland	22	25	24	23	94
Honduras	20	22	23	21	85	Ireland	25	26	26	25	101
Jamaica	19	22	23	22	86	Italy	24	23	22	22	91
Martinique	20	19	19	19	77	Kosovo, Republic of	18	20	22	21	82
Mexico	21	23	22	21	86	Latvia	20	23	23	22	88
Montserrat	*	*	*	*	*	Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*	*
Netherlands Antilles	17	20	22	19	79	Lithuania	21	23	24	22	90
Nicaragua	21	22	23	22	88						

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**Table 16 (continued)**

Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
<b>EUROPE (cont'd)</b>						<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>					
Luxembourg	23	25	25	24	96	Palestine Territories	17	19	21	20	77
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	20	22	23	22	87	Qatar	18	21	22	21	82
Malta	*	*	*	*	*	Saudi Arabia	15	18	20	17	69
Moldova, Republic of	20	21	22	21	85	Sudan	18	20	22	19	79
Monaco	21	21	22	21	85	Syrian Arab Republic	19	21	22	20	81
Montenegro	19	21	22	20	83	United Arab Emirates	19	21	23	21	84
Netherlands	25	26	25	24	100	West Bank	*	*	*	*	*
Norway	21	25	25	22	93	Yemen	16	18	20	18	73
Poland	22	24	23	22	90	<b>OTHER</b>					
Portugal	23	25	24	23	94	American Samoa	*	*	*	*	*
Romania	22	24	23	22	91	Australia	22	23	24	23	92
Russian Federation	21	22	22	21	87	British Indian Ocean Territory	*	*	*	*	*
San Marino	*	*	*	*	*	Cook Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Scotland	*	*	*	*	*	Fiji	*	*	*	*	*
Serbia	20	23	23	21	87	French Polynesia	19	20	19	20	78
Slovakia	22	23	23	22	90	Guam	*	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	22	25	24	23	93	Kiribati	*	*	*	*	*
Spain	23	23	22	22	89	Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Sweden	21	24	25	22	93	Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	25	26	25	24	99	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*
Turkey	19	20	19	20	78	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	20	22	22	21	84	New Zealand	23	24	24	24	95
United Kingdom	23	25	25	24	96	Niue	*	*	*	*	*
Wales	*	*	*	*	*	Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*	*
<b>MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA</b>						Palau	*	*	*	*	*
Algeria	18	20	21	19	78	Papua New Guinea	*	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	19	22	24	22	86	Pitcairn	*	*	*	*	*
Egypt	20	22	22	22	86	Samoa	*	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	*	*	*	*	*	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Iran, Islamic Republic of	21	21	21	21	84	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
Iraq	16	18	20	18	72	Tuvalu	*	*	*	*	*
Israel	22	25	24	21	91	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*	*
Jordan	19	21	21	20	80	SSD	14	15	20	17	67
Kuwait	16	19	21	19	76	<b>OTHER</b>					
Lebanon	21	22	23	23	89	Antarctica	*	*	*	*	*
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	18	20	21	19	78	Bouvet Island	*	*	*	*	*
Morocco	19	21	21	20	81	US Minor Outlying Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Oman	19	21	22	21	82						

<sup>1</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30, as indicated by\*. Due to rounding, section score means may not add up to the total score mean.

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