

# Test and Score Data Summary

## 2003-04 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 2003 and June 2004. 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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## The Computer-Based TOEFL Test



In July 1998, ETS introduced the computer-based TOEFL test in many areas of the world. This move was the first critical step toward a long-term goal of enhancing assessments by using electronic

technology to test more complex skills.

This new testing platform provides improved services to examinees in many ways.

- Tests are given by appointment, when examinees are readv.
- Testing is available year-round in many locations.
- Tests are given in comfortable, private, computerequipped cubicles.
- Fewer examinees test at one time.
- Unofficial score ranges appear on screen immediately following the test.
- Examinees can retest by appointment once every calendar month.
- Test security is enhanced.
- Official score reports are mailed faster within two weeks after testing. (Note: Score reports are mailed approximately five weeks after the test date to those who handwrite their essays.)

The computer-based TOEFL test is offered at Prometric® testing centers, specified colleges and universities, and selected US State Department advising centers overseas.

A primary goal of the TOEFL program is to provide more extensive information than it has in the past about candidates' English proficiency. In response to institutions' requests to include a productive measure of writing, the program added a Writing section (essay) as part of each test administration. This addition was one step toward a more communicative test. Essay ratings are integrated into section and total scores, but are also reported separately on official score reports for informational purposes. New types of questions were added to the Listening and Reading sections; these new question types move beyond multiple-choice questions. Visuals were also added to the Listening section, providing a significant enhancement to that portion of the test.

Two sections of the test — Listening and Structure — are computer adaptive, meaning the test is tailored to each examinee's performance level. The test starts with questions of moderate difficulty. As an examinee answers each question, the computer scores the question and uses that information, as well as the responses to previous questions, to determine the question it will present next. As long as examinees respond correctly, the computer typically selects questions of greater or equal difficulty. In contrast, if examinees answer questions incorrectly, the computer typically selects questions of lesser or equal difficulty. The computer is programmed to continuously find questions of an appropriate difficulty for test takers of all performance levels.

Test Preparation — The TOEFL program has taken steps to ensure that an individual's test performance is not influenced by a lack of computer experience. A set of tutorials, designed especially for nonnative speakers of English, was developed to teach the skills needed to take the test on computer. The interactive tutorials are presented at the beginning of each test session. They provide instruction and practice in using a mouse, scrolling text, answering the various types of questions in the four test sections, and typing the essay using a standard word processing system for those examinees who elect to type their essay instead of handwriting it.

Everyone registered to take the TOEFL test receives test preparation materials free of charge. Examinees who are registered to take the computer-based test receive TOEFL POWERPREP® software, which contains two complete computer-based tests. In addition, the TOEFL *Sampler*, which contains tutorials as well as sample test questions, TOEFL POWERPREP, and sample questions are downloadable for free from the TOEFL Web site.

Several other test preparation products are available for purchase. For more information about these products and how to order them, visit www.ets.org/toefl.





## Computer-Based Test Data for 2003-04

The data presented in the tables below are based on 521,082 candidates who took the computer-based TOEFL test between July 2003 and June 2004.

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 2003 through June 2004. 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 28 26 24 22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2	99 93 82 66 51 38 27 18 12 8 4 2	99 93 80 61 46 33 22 14 9 5 3 1	98 93 80 63 46 33 22 14 8 4 2 1	300 280 260 240 220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20	95 83 66 49 34 22 13 8 4 2
Mean S.D.	21.0 5.5	21.7 5.1	21.7 4.9	Mean S.D.	215 47

<sup>\*</sup> Based on the total group of 521,082 examinees tested between July 2003 and June 2004 in CBT test centers. (Total group includes 71,857 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 28 26 24 22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2	98 92 79 63 48 34 23 15 9 6 3 1	99 91 76 55 39 26 17 10 6 3 2	97 89 73 53 36 24 14 9 5 3 1	300 280 260 240 220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20	94 79 60 41 27 16 9 5 2
Mean S.D.	21.6 5.2	22.5 4.7	22.9 4.6	Mean S.D.	223 44

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 234,453 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 28 26 24 22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2	99 94 83 69 54 41 30 20 14 8 5 2	99 94 83 66 52 39 27 18 11 6 3 1	99 96 87 74 59 44 30 19 11 6 3	300 280 260 240 220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20	97 87 72 57 41 28 17 10 5
Mean S.D.	20.6 5.5	21.0 5.2	20.4 4.9	Mean S.D.	207 47

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 168,670 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 28 26 24 22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2	99 96 88 77 66 55 45 35 27 19 13 7	96 88 75 63 52 41 31 23 15 9 5 3 2	99 97 90 79 66 54 42 31 21 13 7 4 2	300 280 260 240 220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20	98 91 79 67 55 43 32 22 14 8 4 1
Mean S.D.	18.4 6.4	18.9 6.2	18.9 5.7	Mean S.D.	187 57

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 17,173 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 28 26 24 22	98 91 74 55 37	99 91 76 55 39	98 91 76 57 39	300 280 260 240 220	94 78 58 39
20 18 16 14 12	24 16 10 7 4	26 16 10 6 4	25 14 8 4 2	200 180 160 140 120	23 13 7 4 3
10 8 6 4 2	3 2 1	2 1 1	1 1	100 80 60 40 20	1 1
Mean S.D.	22.6 4.9	22.5 4.8	22.7 4.4	Mean S.D.	226 43

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 28,929 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 2003 and June 2004.

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**	263,720	21.1 5.5	21.8 5.1	22.2 4.9	217 47
Graduate Level	132,114	21.6 5.2	22.6 4.7	23.3 4.5	225 43
Undergraduate Level	81,578	20.8 5.5	21.0 5.3	20.6 5.0	208 48
Other Students	8,273	18.8 6.5	19.2 6.3	19.4 5.8	191 57
Applicants for Professional License	11,171	23.0 5.1	22.7 5.0	23.4 4.5	230 44

<sup>\*</sup> Based on examinees tested from July 2003 through June 2004 who responded to a question about gender group membership.
\*\*Total group includes 30,584 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**	244,839	20.9 5.4	21.6 5.1	21.4 4.9	213 47
Graduate Level	99,887	21.5 5.1	22.4 4.8	22.5 4.6	221 44
Undergraduate Level	85,067	20.5 5.4	21.0 5.2	20.2 4.9	206 47
Other Students	8,608	18.1 6.3	18.6 6.2	18.5 5.5	184 56
Applicants for Professional License	17,443	22.4 4.8	22.4 4.6	22.3 4.3	224 41

<sup>\*</sup>Based on examinees tested from July 2003 through June 2004 who responded to a question about gender group membership.
\*\*Total group includes 33,834 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 521,082 examinees who took the test between July 2003 and June 2004)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 Albanian Amharic Arabic Armenian Assamese Azeri	308 603 478 20,951 626 161 219	21 23 22 21 22 23 22	23 23 21 20 23 24 22	22 22 21 20 22 24 22	222 224 211 205 224 238 217	Macedonian Madurese Malagasy Malay Malayalam Malinke-Bambara-Dyula Maltese	237 90 33 841 2,434 44	23 19 21 23 24 20	22 19 22 23 25 20	21 18 23 23 25 20	220 185 219 230 248 200
Bashkir Basque (Euskara) Belarusian Bemba Bengali Berber	3 38 146 20 3,476 28	22 23 *	22 23 * 25	23 23 * 24	223 230 242	Marathi Marshallese Mende Minangkabau Mongolian More	2,247 10 20 1 235 27	25 * * 20 *	26 * * 19 *	26 * * 19 *	257 * * 193
Bhili Bikol Bulgarian Burmese	1 79 3,049 243	23 24 21	23 24 22	23 24 22	228 242 214	Nauran Nepali Norwegian Nyanja	0 3,457 245 7	22 26 *	24 26 *	21 25 *	222 257 *
Catalan (Provencal) Cebuano (Visayan) Chichewa Chinese	302 1,111 33 51,783	24 24 21 20	24 24 23 22	25 23 22 21	246 237 222 210	Oriya Oromo Palauan	240 39 6	24 22 *	26 22 *	25 21 *	250 214 *
Chuvash Czech Danish Dutch	5 469 253 1,543	24 27 27	23 26 26	23 26 26	234 265 261	Panay-Hiligaynon Pashtu Pidgin Polish Ponapean	289 209 12 1,893	24 22 * 24	23 23 * 22	23 22 * 22	233 224 * 229
Efik - Ibibio English Estonian Ewe	123 7,786 83 170	23 23 25 20	25 24 24 23	23 23 23 21	235 233 241 215	Portuguese Punjabi Romanian Russian	6,716 1,404 2,693 6,733	23 24 25 23	22 25 24 23	24 24 25 23	231 240 249 231
Farsi (Persian) Fijian Finnish French	4,285 9 581 12,394	22 * 26 23	22 * 25 23	22 * 25 24	219 * 254 234	Samar-Leyte Samoan Santali Serbo-Croatian	37 1 1 776	23 * 25	24 * 23	22 * * 23	231
Fula (Peulh) Galician Ganda (Luganda) Georgian German Greek Guarani	50 5 48 353 14,547 5,061 4	21 * 22 22 26 23 *	21 * 25 22 25 23 *	20 * 23 22 25 23 *	205 * 236 218 253 231 *	Sesotho Setswana Shona Sindhi Sinhala Siswati Slovak Slovenian	22 126 165 260 255 14 389 123	22 25 25 25 24 *	25 26 26 23 *	22 24 24 23 *	231 250 249 234 238 252
Gujarati Hausa Hebrew Hindi Hungarian (Magyar)	4,452 155 2,079 12,188 872	23 21 26 25 24	24 22 24 26 23	22 21 25 25 24	230 214 250 254 237	Somali Spanish Sundanese Swahili Swedish	132 30,824 18 799 472	26 22 23 * 22 26	25 20 22 * 24 24	25 20 23 * 22 24	205 229 * 229 250
Ibo (Igbo) Icelandic Ilocano Indonesian Italian	1,552 97 356 4,760 10,114	22 26 22 22 19	25 25 23 21 22	23 25 22 21 24	232 255 222 214 217	Tagalog Tajik Tamil Tatar Telugu Thai	7,716 0 4,875 16 9,097 9,077	24 * 25 * 23 20	24 * 26 * 25 20	23 * 25 * 24 21	235 253 238 201
Japanese Javanese	83,127 405	18 17	19 18	20 19	190 181	Tibetan Tigrinya Tongan Trukese	80 76 9 5	22 22 *	24 21 *	22 21 *	225 214 *
Kannada (Kanarese) Kanuri Kashmiri Kazakh Khmer	1,292 6 59 300 137	25 25 21 21	26 26 22 20	25 25 21 19	256 255 215 200	Tulu Turkish Turkmen Twi	62 11,055 27 366	26 22 *	26 22 * 25	26 22 *	262 222 * 235
Kikuyu Kinyarwanda Kirundi Konkani Korean Kurdish Kurukh (Oraon) Kusaiean	1,038 0 45 332 89,424 104 0 7	22 * 20 26 20 22 *	25 * 21 27 21 22 *	23 20 26 22 21	232 * 204 265 211 216 *	Ukrainian Ulithian Urdu Uzbek Vietnamese Wolof	1,142 3 6,044 348 1,896	23 * 24 21 20 21	23 * 24 22 21	23 23 21 20 21	229 237 211 205 211
Lao Latvian (Lettish) Lingala Lithuanian Luba-Lulua Luo	33 91 36 502 7 300	21 24 19 24 *	20 23 22 22 *	19 23 20 22 *	202 234 204 228 *	Xhosa Yapese Yiddish Yoruba	13 2 0 2,154	* * * 22	* * * 24	* * * 22	* * * 229
	550		_0		207	Zulu	20	*	*	*	*

<sup>1.</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30.

<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.

<sup>3.</sup> Includes 57,053 examinees 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 Country<sup>2</sup>

(based on 521,082 examinees who took the test between July 2003 and June 2004) $^{\rm 3}$ 

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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
AERICA									*	*	*
AFRICA ————	147	19	19	19	193	Montserrat Netherlands Antilles	0 21	*	*	*	*
Angola Benin	64	19	22	22	207	Nicaragua	112	23	21	22	221
Botswana	125	22	25	22	231	Panama Paraguay	208 81	23 24	21 22	22 23	219 227
Burkina Faso Burundi	95 52	19 20	21 22	21 20	200 205	Peru	2,705	22	22	24	226
Cameroon	345	21	22	22	217	Puerto Rico St. Kitts and Nevis	1,237 1	24	23	23	232
Cape Verde Central African Republic	34 14	20	19 *	18 *	193 *	St. Lucia	0	*	*	*	*
Chad	13	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines		*	*	*	*
Comoros Congo - DRC (Formerly Zaire)	5 136	* 21	* 22	* 21	* 211	Suriname Trinidad and Tobago	9 2	*	*	*	*
Congo Republic	61	17	19	18	180	Turks and Caicos Islands	5	*	*	*	*
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	298	19	21	21	203	United States of America Uruguay	1,790 138	24 24	23 24	22 25	229 244
Djibouti Equatorial Guinea	6 4	*	*	*	*	US Virgin Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	66	22	21	21	213	Venezuela	2,132	23	22	23	226
Ethiopia Gabon	516 45	22 19	21 21	21 20	213 198	ASIA					
Gambia, The	19	*	*	*	*	Afghanistan	211	21	21	20	205
Ghana Guinea	691 79	22 19	25 19	23 19	233 192	Bangladesh Bhutan	1,849 19	22	23	22	224
Guinea Guinea-Bissau	6	*	*	*	*	Brunei Darussalam	5	*	*	*	*
Kenya	2,602	22	25	23	233	Cambodia	143	21	20	19	200 213
Lesotho Liberia	9 23	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of Hong Kong	21,206 7,612	20 22	22 22	22 21	213 216
Madagascar	49	22	23	23	224	India	41,836	24	25	24	247
Malawi Mali	20 118	* 19	* 18	* 19	* 187	Indonesia Japan	4,851 83,093	22 18	21 19	21 20	214 190
Mauritania	28	*	*	*	*	Korea (DPR)	4,783	18	19	19	187
Mauritius	102	25	27	26	259	Korea (ROK) Laos	85,010 33	20 21	21 20	22 19	213 203
Mozambique Namibia	44 10	20	19 *	21 *	201	Macau	295	20	21	20	203
Niger	61	18	19	18	183	Malaysia	1,793	23	22	22	224
Nigeria Reunion	5,090 19	22	24	22	229	Maldives Mongolia	15 228	20	19	19	192
Rwanda	70	20	22	20	206	Myanmar (Burma)	268	21	21	22	214
Sao Tome and Principe Senegal	2 156	* 21	* 21	* 21	* 211	Nepal Pakistan	3,510 5,768	22 23	24 24	21 23	222 235
Seychelles	2	*	*	*	*	Philippines	10,354	24	24	23	234
Sierra Leone	63	20	21	19	202	Singapore	242	25	25	25	252
Somalia South Africa	117 185	22 25	19 25	19 25	202 252	Sri Lanka Taiwan	440 21,720	23 20	23 21	22 21	228 203
Swaziland	16	*	*	*	*	Thailand	9,262	20	20	21	201
Tanzania Togo	403 159	21 19	23 21	21 21	212 202	Vietnam Azerbaijan	1,933 207	20 22	21 22	20 21	205 220
Tunisia	144	22	22	23	222	Kazakhstan	668	22	22	22	218
Uganda	257	22	25	23	234	Kyrgyzstan	152 65	22 22	22 22	22 21	217 217
Zambia Zimbabwe	46 189	23 25	24 26	22 24	231 250	Tajikistan Turkmenistan	44	22	22	21	217
AMERICAS						Uzbekistan	607	21	22	22	215
Anguilla	20	*	*	*	*	EUROPE AND THE NE	W INDE	PENDEN	T STAT	TES (NIS	S) OF
Antiguia and Barbuda	1	*	*	*	*	THE FORMER SOVIET	UNION				
Argentina	1,775	24	24	25	241	Albania	537	23	23	22	225
Aruba Bahamas	27 3	*	*	*	*	Andorra Armenia	45 438	19 23	21 23	21 22	203 227
Barbados	0	*	*	*	*	Austria	576	26	25	25	255
Belize Bermuda	11 0	*	*	*	*	Azores Belarus	3 456	* 24	* 23	* 24	235
Bolivia	599	23	22	23	228	Belgium	546	26	25	26	256
Brazil British Virgin Islands	5,983 0	23	22	24	229	Bosnia and Herzegovina Bulgaria	276 3,074	24 24	22 24	22 24	225 242
Canada	1,369	24	23	23	234	Croatia	386	25	23	24	241
Cayman Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Cyprus	323	23	22	21	222
Chile Colombia	630 6,261	23 22	22 21	24 23	232 221	Czech Republic Denmark	454 265	24 27	23 26	23 26	236 263
Costa Rica	222	25	24	24	241	England	42	22	22	22	220
Cuba Dominica, Commonwealth of	393 2	21 *	21	23	218	Estonia Faroe Islands	125 2	25 *	23	23	238
Dominican Republic	721	23	22	23	227	Finland	629	26	25	25	255
Ecuador El Salvador	619 286	23 23	21 22	22 22	220 226	France Georgia	9,200 383	23 22	24 22	25 22	236 219
French Guiana	4	*	*	*	*	Germany	13,241	26	25	25	253
Grenada	0	*	*		*	Greece	4,831	23	23	23	232
Guadeloupe Guatemala	12 886	23	22	22	224	Greenland Hungary	1 761	24	23	23	235
Guyana	1	*	*	*	*	Iceland	94	27	25	25	256
Haiti Honduras	348 149	20 24	19 23	19 23	195 233	Ireland Isle of Man	4 0	*	*	*	*
Jamaica	8	*	*	*	*	Italy	10,111	19	22	24	217
Martinique Mexico	24 8,223	* 23	* 22	* 23	230	Latvia	190 9	24	23	23	234
IVIGATOU	0,223	23	22	23	230	Liechtenstein	9				

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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
<b>EUROPE AND THE NIS</b>	S (cont'd	)				Israel	2,554	26	23	24	243
Lithuania	542	24	23	22	229	Jordan Kuwait	2,512 1.932	22 20	21 18	20 17	211 183
Luxembourg Macedonia	43	26	26	26	262	Lebanon	4,390	23	23	22	225
(Former Yugoslav Republic of)	247	23	22	21	222	Libya Morocco	267 405	21 22	20 22	20 22	202 220
Madeira Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Oman	405 106	22	20	18	193
Malta	3					Qatar	380	19	17	15	170
Moldova	345	24	24	23	237	Saudi Arabia	3,035	20	17	17	180
Monaco	13 1.319	27	26	26	260	Sudan	441	21	20	20	203
Netherlands Northern Ireland	1,319	2/	26	26	260	Syria	935	22	21	21	211
	257	26	25	25	255	United Arab Emirates	1.842	20	19	17	185
Norway Poland	1.891	26 24	25 22	25 22	229	West Bank	0	*	*	*	*
Portugal	577	26	24	26	255	Yemen	155	20	18	17	183
Romania	2.613	25	24	25	249						
Russia	4.185	23	23	23	231	PACIFIC REGION					
San Marino	3	*	*	*	*	American Samoa	36	17	18	18	175
Scotland	2	*	*	*	*	Australia	75	23	24	23	231
Slovakia	386	24	24	23	238	Cook Islands	3	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	124	26	25	25	253	Micronesia, Federated States of	5	*	*	*	*
Spain	3,607	23	23	25	236	Fiji	15	*	*	*	*
Sweden	437	26	24	24	247	French Polynesia	20	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	1,405	25	25	25	251	Guam	4	*	*	*	*
Turkey	11.145	22	22	22	221	Kiribati	2	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	2,157	23	23	23	231	Marshall Islands	9	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	73	24	24	23	237	Nauru	4	*	*	*	*
Vatican City	0	*	*	*	*	New Caledonia	5	*	*	*	*
Wales	1	*	*	*	*	New Zealand	13	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	559	24	22	23	231	Niue Island	1	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH	AFRICA					Northern Mariana Islands Palau	0	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH	AFRICA						6	*			*
Algeria	159	22	21	22	215	Papua New Guinea Samoa	1 0	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	249	22	21	19	205	Solomon Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Egypt	3,456	22	22	22	221	Tahiti	4	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	39	22	21	20	210	Tonga	3	*	*	*	*
Iran	4,458	22	22	21	218	Tuvalu	0	*	*	*	*
Iraq	540	22	21	21	214	Vanuatu	0	*			*

<sup>1.</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30.

**Table 11** presents the overall percentile ranks of CBT essay scores based on examinees who took the CBT test between July 2003 and June 2004. 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 521,082 examinees who took the test between July 2003 and June 2004)

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	14
2.5	6
2.0	3
1.5	1
1.0	1
0.0	
Mean	4.1
S.D.	1.0

<sup>\*</sup> 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

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

<sup>3.</sup> Includes 56,040 examinees whose native countries could not be determined or who reported English as their native language.

## The Paper-Based TOEFL Test



The paper-based format of the test continues to be administered on specified dates in some countries, particularly in areas where accessibility to CBT testing centers is a concern. Each form of the current paperbased TOEFL test consists of three separately timed sections; the questions in each section are multiple-

choice, with four possible answers or options per question. All responses are gridded on answer sheets that are computer scored.

- Section 1 of the test, Listening Comprehension, measures the ability to understand English as it is spoken in North America. The oral features of the language are stressed, and the problems tested include vocabulary and idiomatic expression as well as special grammatical constructions frequently used in spoken English. The stimulus material and oral questions are recorded in standard North American English; the response options are printed in the test books.
- Section 2, Structure and Written Expression, measures recognition of selected structural and grammatical points in standard written English. The language tested is formal, rather than conversational. The topics of the sentences are of a general academic nature so that individuals in specific fields of study or from specific national or linguistic groups have no particular advantage.
- Section 3, Reading Comprehension, measures the ability to read and understand short passages that are similar in topic and style to those that students are likely to encounter in North American colleges and universities. Examinees read a variety of short passages on academic subjects and answer several questions about each passage. The questions test information that is stated in or implied by the passage, as well as knowledge of some of the specific words as they are used in the passage.

The total test time is approximately two and one-half hours; however, approximately three and one-half hours are needed for a test administration to admit examinees to the testing room, to allow them to enter identifying information on their answer sheets, and to distribute and collect the test materials.

Language specialists prepare the material for the TOEFL test. The TOEFL Committee of Examiners establishes overall guidelines for the test content and specifications. All item specifications, questions, and final test forms are reviewed for cultural and racial bias and content appropriateness, according to established ETS procedures.

For test date information, see the TOEFL *Information Bulletin* or visit the TOEFL Web site at www.ets.org/toefl.

Test Preparation — Everyone registered to take the TOEFL test receives the test preparation materials free of charge. Examinees registered to take the paper-based test receive TOEFL *Practice* 



*Tests*, Volume I, which includes two complete paper-based tests. In addition, sample questions are downloadable from the TOEFL Web site.

Other TOEFL test preparation products are available for purchase. For more information about these products and ordering information, visit www.ets.org/toefl.



## Paper-Based Test Data for 2003-04

In 2003-04 the paper-based TOEFL test was administered six times at preestablished testing centers throughout the world. The data presented below are based on 111,679 candidates who took the paper-based TOEFL test between July 2003 and June 2004.

**Table 12** gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from July 2003 through June 2004. The

percentile ranks for section and total scale scores are shown in **Table 13** for the total group. In **Tables 14-17**, examinees are classified by their reason for taking the test (information supplied by them at the test center). These tables summarize the performance of self-selected groups of examinees who are not necessarily representative of the general TOEFL population.

Table 12. Minimum and Maximum
Observed Paper-Based TOEFL Section and Total Scores

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening Comprehension	31	68
2. Structure and Written Expression	31	68
3. Reading Comprehension	31	67
Total	310	677

Table 13. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores — Total Group\*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	99 97 93 86 77 66 53 41 29 19 12 7 4 2 1	98 90 82 73 62 51 41 33 25 19 14 9 6 4 2	98 92 84 72 62 49 37 27 19 13 9 6 4 2 2	660 640 620 600 580 560 540 520 500 480 460 440 420 400 380 360 340 320	99 96 88 77 64 51 38 28 19 13 8 5 3 2
Mean S.D.	53.3 6.2	56.7 7.4	55.5 6.6	Mean S.D.	552 60

<sup>\*</sup> Based on the total group of 111,679 examinees tested between July 2003 and June 2004 in paper-based test centers. (Total group includes 10,589 examinees not included in Tables 14-17 who did not indicate a "reason for taking TOEFL" or who indicated reasons other than those given in Tables 14-17.)

Table 14. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores — Graduate-Level Students\*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	99 97 93 87 77 64 50 37 25 15 9 5 2 1	98 89 79 69 55 43 33 24 18 12 9 5 3 2	97 91 80 66 54 40 27 18 12 8 5 3 2	660 640 620 600 580 560 540 520 500 480 460 440 420 400 380 360 340 320	99 95 87 74 59 43 30 20 13 8 5 3
Mean S.D.	53.8 5.7	58.2 6.6	56.9 5.9	Mean S.D.	563 54

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 70,929 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.

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 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	99 98 95 89 82 73 65 55 44 23 15 9 5 3 2	98 92 86 80 72 64 55 47 37 29 23 16 10 6 4 2 1	99 96 90 83 75 65 53 42 32 24 16 11 7 4 3 2	660 640 620 600 580 560 540 520 500 480 460 440 420 400 380 360 340 320	99 95 89 82 73 62 51 40 30 21 14 8 5 3
Mean S.D.	53.1 6.9	54.5 8.0	52.9 7.1	Mean S.D.	535 66

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 26,435 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 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	99 98 96 92 87 81 74 65 55 43 32 22 14 10 6 4 2	99 97 94 91 87 81 75 68 61 53 44 25 17 11 6 4 2	99 97 94 90 85 79 71 63 53 44 34 27 19 13 9 5	660 640 620 600 580 560 540 520 500 480 460 440 380 360 340 320	99 98 95 92 87 80 72 63 53 44 33 24 17 9 4
Mean S.D.	49.4 7.2	50.0 8.3	49.3 8.0	Mean S.D.	496 71

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 1,552 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 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	99 98 96 91 86 78 70 59 47 34 23 15 9 5 3 2	98 93 88 84 76 67 57 47 36 26 19 13 8 5 3	98 94 88 80 72 60 46 33 22 15 10 6 4 2 2	660 640 620 600 580 560 540 520 500 480 460 440 420 400 380 360 340 320	98 95 90 84 75 64 51 36 25 16 10 7 4 2
Mean S.D.	52.7 6.6	54.6 7.3	54.3 6.4	Mean S.D.	539 61

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 2,174 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 

**Tables 18 and 19** present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between July 2003 and June 2004.

Table 18. Means and Standard Deviations for Paper-Based TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Males\*

Group	Number	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score
Total Group**	53,955	53.0 6.3	56.7 7.5	55.7 6.8	551 61
Graduate Level	35,219	53.4 5.8	58.1 6.7	57.0 6.0	562 54
Undergraduate Level	12,484	53.0 7.1	54.3 8.2	53.0 7.3	534 68
Other Students	711	49.9 7.7	50.7 8.7	50.1 8.4	502 75
Applicants for Professional License	745	52.5 7.4	54.7 8.1	54.6 7.6	539 71

<sup>\*</sup> Based on examinees tested from July 2003 through June 2004 who responded to a question about gender group membership.

Table 19. Means and Standard Deviations for Paper-Based TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Females\*

Group	Number	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score
Total Group**	57,291	53.6 6.0	56.8 7.3	55.3 6.5	552 59
Graduate Level	35,520	54.1 5.5	58.3 6.5	56.7 5.8	564 53
Undergraduate Level	13,775	53.3 6.7	54.7 7.8	52.9 6.8	536 65
Other Students	831	49.0 6.7	49.5 8.0	48.6 7.5	490 67
Applicants for Professional License	1,416	52.8 6.1	54.5 6.9	54.2 5.8	538 55

<sup>\*</sup> Based on examinees tested from July 2003 through June 2004 who responded to a question about gender group membership.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Total group includes 4,796 examinees not included in the four succeeding groups.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Total group includes 5,749 examinees not included in the four succeeding groups.

**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 Means<sup>1</sup> — All Examinees Classified by Native Language<sup>2</sup>

(based on 111,679 examinees who took the test between July 2003 and June 2004)3

	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean		Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
Native Language	Num	Liste	Strui	Read	Total	Native Language	Nun Exar	List	Stru	Rea	Tota
Afrikaans Albanian Amharic Arabic Armenian Assamese Azeri	18 472 387 3,193 14 4 145	54 55 53 * *	* 56 56 51 * *	* 54 55 50 * * 52	545 555 514 * *	Macedonian Madurese Malagasy Malay Malayalam Malinke-Bambara-Dyula Maltese	185 4 41 60 120 112 3	57 * 49 58 55 44 *	56 * 51 52 56 47 *	55 * 52 55 56 46 *	557 506 550 560 455 *
Bashkir Basque (Euskara) Belarusian Bemba Bengali Berber Bhili Bikol	1 22 36 18 193 4 1	* 58 * 53 * *	* 60 * 56 * *	59 * 54 * *	591 540 *	Marathi Marshallese Mende Minangkabau Mongolian More Nauran Nepali	8 27 6 0 31 15	51	* * * 52 * *	52 *	518 * *
Bulgarian Burmese Catalan (Provencal)	190 912 9	58 51 *	59 53 *	57 52 *	577 518 *	Noʻrwegian Nyanja Oriya	809 10	62 *	59 *	58 *	594 *
Cebuano (Visayan) Chichewa Chinese Chuvash Czech	119 29 76,605 1 242	56 53 55	56 58 *	56 * 56 * 57	559 555 *	Oromo Palauan Panay-Hiligaynon Pashtu	24 167 12 4	* 55 * *	* 51 *	* 50 * *	* 518 *
Danish Dutch Efik - Ibibio	230 222 23	63 62 *	62 62 *	60 60	617 612	Pidgin Polish Ponapean Portuguese	4 970 7 311	* 57 55	56 55	56 56	* 565 554
English Estonian Ewe	557 148 86	58 61 48	59 61 52	57 60 49	579 604 495	Punjabi Romanian Russian	18 308 712	59 56	60 56	59 55	591 557
Farsi (Persian) Fijian Finnish French Fula (Peulh)	111 3 19 1,914 22	52 * * 54 *	52 * * 56 *	51 * 56 *	516 * * 555	Samoan Santali Serbo-Croatian Sesotho Setswana Shona	21 0 218 4 3 12	* * 59 * *	* * 56 * *	* * 56 * *	* 567 *
Galician Ganda (Luganda) Georgian German Greek Guarani Gujarati	6 3 2 1,112 909 1 34	* * 60 55 *	* * 61 54 *	* * * 60 52 * 56	* * 604 539 *	Sindhi Sinhala Siswati Slovak Slovenian Somali Spanish	8 512 9 130 24 8 4,865	* 56 * 57 * *	* 55 * 59 * *	* 55 * 57 * *	554 577 * 570
Hausa Hebrew Hindi Hungarian (Magyar)	28 12 117 32	* * 58 56	* 59 55	* 57 55	* * 581 556	Sundanese Swahili Swedish Tagalog	3 53 645 381	52 62 56	55 58 55	54 58 55	534 593 554
lbo (Igbo) Icelandic Ilocano Indonesian Italian	208 412 9 331 434	53 63 * 53 55	56 60 * 52 59	54 59 * 54 59	542 609 * 531 578	Tajîk <sup>*</sup> Tamil Tatar Telugu Thai Tibetan	28 137 5 35 422 25	54 * 56 49 *	55 * 57 50 *	55 * 57 52 *	544 * 565 504
Japanese Javanese	3,659 48	49 51	49 49	49 50	491 497	Tigrinya Tongan Trukese Tulu	124 2 4 2	53 * *	57 * *	55 * *	553 * *
Kannada (Kanarese) Kanuri Kashmiri Kazakh	23 2 7 18	* * *	* * *	* * *	* * *	Turkish Turkmen Twi	484 30 16	52 55 *	54 55 *	52 54 *	530 546 *
Khmer Kikuyu Kinyarwanda Kirundi Konkani	99 7 39 5 10	48 * 51 *	52 * 56 *	50 * 54 *	500 534	Ukrainian Ulithian Urdu Uzbek	28 1 172 10	* * 58 *	* 58 *	* 56 *	* * 571
Korean Kurdish Kurukh (Oraon) Kusaiean	701 11 1 3	55 * * *	54 * *	54 * *	542 * *	Vietnamese Wolof Xhosa	3,561 166 1	49 46 *	56 50 *	54 49 *	528 484 *
Lao Latvian (Lettish) Lingala Lithuanian Luba-Lulua	3 141 17 11 5	60 * *	* 58 * *	* 57 * *	* 581 * *	Yapese Yiddish Yoruba	6 1 86	* * 53	* * 55	* * 54	* * 539
Luo	6	*	*	*	*	Zulu	4	*	*	*	*

<sup>1.</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30.

<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.

<sup>3.</sup> Includes 1,021 examinees 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 111,679 examinees who took the test between July 2003 and June 2004)<sup>3</sup>

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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
AEDICA						N. d. L. A. Cli	0.4	0.1	0.1		500
Apgels	5	*	*	*	*	Netherlands Antilles Nicaragua	34 164	61 59	61 57	57 57	599 575
Angola Benin	66	46	52	50	494	Panama	316	58	55	56	563
Botswana	2	*	*	*	*	Paraguay Peru	97 109	57 53	58 53	57 53	572 528
Burkina Faso Burundi	26 6	*	*	*	*	Puerto Rico	0	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	239	50	56	53	528	St. Kitts and Nevis St. Lucia	1 1	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde Central African Republic	0 3	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines		*	*	*	*
Chad	14	*	*	*	*	Suriname Trinidad and Tobago	51 0	60	59 *	57 *	586
Comoros Congo - DRC (Formerly Zaire)	2 84	47	51	51	494	Turks and Caicos Islands	1	*	*	*	*
Congo Republic	1	*	*	*	*	United States of America	72	58	57	56	571
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) Djibouti	55 3	44	50 *	48	477	US Virgin Islands Uruguay	0 118	58	57	59	583
Equatorial Guinea	1	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	53	58	57	56	570
Eritrea Ethiopia	118 425	54 55	58 56	55 55	556 555	ASIA					
Gabon	8	*	*	*	*	Afghanistan	5	*	*	*	*
Gambia, The	49 22	50 *	52	51 *	509	Azerbaijan Bangladesh	151 38	52 52	55 52	52 50	530 514
Ghana Guinea	13	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	9	*	*	*	*
Guinea-Bissau	1	*	*	*	*	Brunei Darussalam	3	*	*	*	*
Kenya Lesotho	27 1	*	*	*	*	Cambodia China, People's Republic of	100 76,201	48 53	52 58	49 56	498 555
Liberia	2	*	*	*	*	Hong Kong	75	55	53	54	542
Madagascar Malawi	47 29	50 *	52 *	52 *	511 *	India Indonesia	373 342	57 53	58 52	57 53	572 530
Mali	107	43	46	45	449	Japan	3,685	49	49	49	491
Mauritania Mauritius	8 2	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan Korea (DPR)	8 12	*	*	*	*
Mozambique	10	*	*	*	*	Korea (ROK)	640	55	54	54	543
Namibia	14	*	*	*	*	Kyrgyzstan	41 3	56 *	57 *	55 *	558 *
Niger Nigeria	38 354	47 53	51 55	48 54	487 540	Laos Macau	171	52	53	53	525
Reunion	11	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	153	57	53	56	552
Rwanda Sao Tome and Principe	64 0	50 *	54 *	53 *	523 *	Maldives Mongolia	0 22	*	*	*	*
Senegal	239	46	50	49	483	Myanmar (Burma)	927	51	53	51	517
Seychelles Sierra Leone	0 17	*	*	*	*	Nepal Pakistan	23 117	* 58	* 58	* 56	* 570
Somalia	4	*	*	*	*	Philippines	524	56	56	55	556
South Africa Swaziland	14 11	*	*	*	*	Singapore Sri Lanka	3 616	* 55	* 55	* 55	* 551
Tanzania	21	*	*	*	*	Taiwan	197	54	52	53	532
Togo	125 107	47 53	52 54	49 53	495 535	Tajikistan Thailand	35 421	52 49	50 50	49 51	502 504
Tunisia Uganda	6	*	*	*	*	Turkmenistan	43	55	56	54	553
Zambia	44	56	60	54	568	Uzbekistan	13	*	*	*	*
Zimbabwe	15	Î		_	_	Vietnam	3,589	49	56	54	528
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Anguilla Antigua and Barbuda	0	*	*	*	*	Albania	379	54	56	54	547
Argentina	173	57	58	57	573	Andorra	0	*	*	*	*
Aruba Bahamas	57 1	60	56 *	55 *	571 *	Armenia Austria	7 252	* 60	* 61	* 60	* 605
Barbados	1	*	*	*	*	Azores	3	*	*	*	*
Belize Bermuda	20 0	*	*	*	*	Belarus	87	57 61	58	57	576 615
Bermuda Bolivia	133	57	54	55	551	Belgium Bosnia and Herzegovina	237 44	61 58	62 55	61 55	615 559
Brazil	288	55	55	56	556	Bulgaria	192	58	59	57	577
British Virgin Islands Canada	1 100	* 58	* 57	* 57	* 572	Croatia Cyprus	9 1,144	* 55	* 54	* 52	538
Cayman Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Czech Republic	242	55	57	57	564
Chile Colombia	844 564	57 56	56 56	59 57	573 564	Denmark England	233 2	63 *	62 *	60 *	616 *
Costa Rica	296	60	58	59	589	Estonia	185	60	60	59	596
Cuba Dominica, Commonwealth of	3 0	*	*	*	*	Faroe Islands Finland	13 19	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic	4	*	*	*	*	France	1,102	55	57	58	566
Ecuador El Salvador	789 211	58 57	57 57	57 56	570 571	Georgia	3 667	* 60	* 61	* 59	602
French Guiana	0	*	*	*	*	Germany Greece	28	*	*	*	*
Grenada	0	*	*	*	*	Greenland	1	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe Guatemala	4 7	*	*	*	*	Hungary Iceland	14 412	63	60	* 59	609
Guyana	0	*	*	*	*	Ireland	0	*	*	*	*
Haiti Honduras	183 266	52 60	53 59	50 57	516 586	Isle of Man Italy	0 428	* 55	* 59	* 59	* 577
Jamaica	4	*	*	*	*	Latvia	199	60	58	57	580
Martinique Mexico	3 324	* 56	* 54	* 56	* 555	Liechtenstein Lithuania	2 14	*	*	*	*
Montserrat	0	*	*	*	*	Luxembourg	24	*	*	*	*
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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)				Jordan	67	57	56	54	559
Macedonia	(					Kuwait	9	*	*	*	*
(Former Yugoslav Republic of)	208	57	56	54	555	Lebanon	92	57	57	54	562
Madeira Islands	0	*	*	*	*	Libya	18	*	*	*	*
Malta	3	*	*	*	*	Morocco	291	50	53	51	515
Moldova	84	56	58	56	565	Oman	231	53	51	50	516
Monaco	8	*	*	*	*	Qatar	642	53	49	48	500
Netherlands	15	*	*	*	*	Saudi Arabia	973	52	50	49	504
Northern Ireland	2	*	*	*	*	Sudan	74	53	53	52	528
Norway	839	61	59	58	591	Syria	171	54	54	53	538
Poland	963	57	56	56	565	United Arab Emirates	2		*	*	
Portugal	74	52	56	54	539	West Bank	.1				
Romania	262	59	60	59	595	Yemen	44	56	55	52	545
Russia	453	55	56	55	553	PACIFIC REGION					
San Marino	1	*	*	*	*						
Scotland	1	*	*	*	*	American Samoa	19	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	131	57	58	57	574	Australia	11		*		*
Slovenia	21	*	*	*	*	Cook Islands	0				*
Spain	418	55	57	58	568	Fiji	15	*	*	*	*
Sweden	656	62	58	58	593	French Polynesia	4				
Switzerland	246	60	61	60	606	Guam	0				
Turkey	219	52	53	52	521	Kiribati	3 23		*		
Ukraine	53	55	54	54	542	Marshall Islands			*		
United Kingdom	5	*	*	*	*	Micronesia, Federated States of	6 2		*		
Vatican City	0	*	*	*	*	Nauru New Caledonia	2				
Wales	0					New Zealand	31	53	49	51	512
Yugoslavia	189	58	55	56	565	Niue Island	0	*	49 *	*	312
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH	<b>AFRICA</b>	\				Northern Mariana Islands	1	*	*	*	*
	36	49	49	51	498	Palau	166	54	51	49	515
Algeria Bahrain	384	55	52	51 51	496 527	Papua New Guinea	1	*	*	*	*
Egypt	384 57	55 54	52 53	51 53	527	Samoa	6	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	69	54 53	53 53	53 52	525	Solomon Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Iran	103	53	52	52 51	520	Tahiti	11	*	*	*	*
Iraq	31	53	51	50	516	Tonga	1	*	*	*	*
Israel	11	*	*	*	*	Tuvalu	0	*	*	*	*
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<sup>1.</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30.

**Table 22** presents the overall percentile ranks of Test of Written English (TWE®) scores. In 2003–04, 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 110,555 examinees who took the test between July 2003 and June 2004)

TWE Score	Percentile Rank*
6.0	99
5.5	98
5.0	91
4.5	82
4.0	56
3.5	30
3.0	16
2.5	6
2.0	3
1.5	1
1.0	
0.0	
Mean S.D.	3.8 0.8

<sup>\*</sup> 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.





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

<sup>3.</sup> Includes 984 examinees whose native countries could not be determined or who reported English as their native language.