



# Test and Score Data Summary for the TOEFL ITP<sup>®</sup> Test

## January–December 2021 Test Data

This edition of the *Test and Score Data Summary for the TOEFL ITP<sup>®</sup> Test* contains data on the performance of examinees who took a TOEFL ITP test between January and December 2021.



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# The *TOEFL ITP*<sup>®</sup> Test

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The TOEFL ITP test measures the English proficiency of test takers whose native language is not English. TOEFL ITP test questions primarily assess understanding of academic language. Test results can be used to make placement decisions, to monitor progress, and to inform end-of-course decisions. For more details about the uses of the test: [http://www.ets.org/toefl\\_itp/use/](http://www.ets.org/toefl_itp/use/).



The TOEFL ITP test is administered in both digital and paper formats. The test includes multiple-choice questions, each with four answer choices.

The test consists of three sections: Listening Comprehension, Structure and Written Expression, and Reading Comprehension.

- The **Listening Comprehension** section measures the ability to understand spoken English in academic settings. Test takers listen to recorded audio materials

and answer questions about what they heard. The recordings include language features that are typical of oral delivery. The questions ask about the main ideas and important details, and both explicit and implicit information.

- The **Structure and Written Expression** section measures recognition of correct and incorrect sentence structure in standard written English. In the **Structure** part, test takers read a sentence and choose the correct answer choice to produce a grammatically correct sentence. In the **Written Expression** part, they select the underlined word or phrase that is grammatically incorrect. The sentences are on general academic topics.
- The **Reading Comprehension** section measures the ability to understand academic reading passages written in English. The topics and complexity of the passages are similar to what is typical of academic textbooks. Test takers read a variety of passages on academic subjects and answer questions about each passage. The questions ask about information that is stated or implied in the passage, and about the meaning of specific words used in the passage.

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The testing time is approximately two hours. Additional time is needed for test takers to be admitted to the testing room, to enter their identification information on their answer sheets, and for distribution and collection of the test materials.

A team of language and assessment specialists develop the materials for the TOEFL ITP test. Test specifications, test questions, and test forms are rigorously reviewed, following the [ETS Standards for Fairness and Quality](#). Test questions are carefully checked to ensure that the content is appropriate, according to established ETS procedures.

The TOEFL ITP test does not measure content knowledge, but rather, the questions can be answered based on the materials presented. The focus is on the test taker's English-language proficiency—the overall ability to use English. This proficiency increases gradually over time, and is generally achieved through a combination of practice and study.

Additional information about the TOEFL ITP test can be found at [https://www.ets.org/toefl\\_itp](https://www.ets.org/toefl_itp).

# TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2021

The tables below contain data from TOEFL ITP (Level 1) administrations in 2021, and the data were collected from test takers worldwide who took the TOEFL ITP (Level 1) test between January and December 2021.

**Table 1** gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2021 through December 2021.

**Table 1. Observed Minimum and Maximum  
TOEFL ITP 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 2** presents means and standard deviations of section and total scores by gender for examinees tested between January and December 2021.

**Table 2. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL ITP Section  
and Total Scores by Gender\***

Group	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scales Score
Male	50	47	49	487
Standard Deviation	7	8	8	71
Female	50	46	48	480
Standard Deviation	7	8	7	70

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

**Tables 3 and 4** may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL ITP 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, the creator of the TOEFL ITP test, does not endorse the practice of ranking countries on the basis of TOEFL ITP scores, as this is a misuse of the data.** The TOEFL ITP test provides accurate scores at the individual level; it is not appropriate for comparing countries. Numerous factors contribute to these scores: the different numbers of students taking the test in each country, the age that English

is introduced into the curriculum, and the number of hours per week of English classes. Moreover, the TOEFL ITP test takers do not represent all English learners in a country; therefore, generalizing about a country from this group is not meaningful.

**Table 3. TOEFL ITP Total and Section Score Means<sup>1</sup>—All Examinees Classified by Native Language**

Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean
Afrikaans	*	*	*	*	Lingala	*	*	*	*
Akan	*	*	*	*	Lithuanian	*	*	*	*
Albanian	52	49	48	493	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Amharic	*	*	*	*	Macedonian	*	*	*	*
Arabic	49	44	45	458	Madurese	48	45	47	466
Armenian	54	54	50	528	Malagasy	*	*	*	*
Assamese	47	45	46	460	Malay	59	52	57	561
Azerbaijani	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	*	*	*	*
Bambara	*	*	*	*	Maltese	*	*	*	*
Bashkir	*	*	*	*	Mandarin	50	45	47	475
Basque	*	*	*	*	Mandingo	*	*	*	*
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Bemba	*	*	*	*	Mende	*	*	*	*
Bengali	56	52	53	535	Minangkabau	48	43	48	466
Berber	49	45	45	463	Moldovan	*	*	*	*
Bhili	*	*	*	*	Mongolian	53	50	51	511
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Mossi	*	*	*	*
Bosnian	*	*	*	*	Nepali	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	63	62	61	617
Burmese	56	55	55	554	Nyanja	49	48	49	486
Cantonese	52	47	47	489	Oriya	*	*	*	*
Catalan	*	*	*	*	Oromo	*	*	*	*
Cebuano	*	*	*	*	Palauan	*	*	*	*
Chichewa	*	*	*	*	Pidgin	*	*	*	*
Chinese	52	47	49	493	Pohnpeian	*	*	*	*
Croatian	*	*	*	*	Polish	*	*	*	*
Czech	55	52	52	526	Portuguese	54	50	53	526
Danish	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	55	56	57	562
Dutch	61	57	57	585	Pushto	51	51	50	507
Efik	*	*	*	*	Romanian	58	56	56	565
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Ruanda	*	*	*	*
Ewe	*	*	*	*	Russian	53	50	52	515
Farsi	54	49	49	506	Samar-Leyte	*	*	*	*
Fijian	*	*	*	*	Samoa	*	*	*	*
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Santali	*	*	*	*
French	56	52	55	542	Serbian	*	*	*	*
Fulah	*	*	*	*	Serbo-Croatian	*	*	*	*
Ganda	*	*	*	*	Sesotho	*	*	*	*
Georgian	55	52	49	520	Shona	*	*	*	*
German	60	56	56	572	Sindhi	56	56	56	559
Greek	55	54	55	544	Sinhalese	*	*	*	*
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Slovak	*	*	*	*
Gujarati	*	*	*	*	Slovene	*	*	*	*
Hausa	*	*	*	*	Somali	*	*	*	*
Hebrew	*	*	*	*	Spanish	51	47	50	493
Hindi	58	55	55	559	Sundanese	*	*	*	*
Hungarian	59	57	58	580	Swahili	*	*	*	*
Icelandic	*	*	*	*	Swedish	*	*	*	*
Igbo	*	*	*	*	Tagalog	59	57	55	569
Iloko	49	43	46	459	Tajik	*	*	*	*
Indonesian	51	46	50	489	Tamil	*	*	*	*
Inupiaq	*	*	*	*	Tatar	*	*	*	*
Italian	59	57	58	582	Telugu	*	*	*	*
Japanese	48	47	48	476	Thai	47	43	45	446
Javanese	47	43	47	455	Tibetan	*	*	*	*
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*	Tulu	*	*	*	*
Kazakh	47	45	46	458	Turkish	53	47	49	494
Khmer	50	47	48	483	Turkmen	*	*	*	*
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*	Twi	*	*	*	*
Kinyarwanda	*	*	*	*	Ukrainian	51	46	48	483
Kirundi	*	*	*	*	Urdu	57	57	56	566
Konkani	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	45	45	45	449
Korean	54	50	52	516	Vietnamese	43	39	39	401
Kurdish	51	47	47	482	Wolof	*	*	*	*
Kyrgyz	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	*	*	*	*
Lao	45	42	43	433	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Latvian	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	*	*	*	*

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

# TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2021 *(continued)*

Table 4. TOEFL ITP 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	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean
<b>AFRICA</b>					Haiti	*	*	*	*
Angola	*	*	*	*	Honduras	49	44	47	465
Benin	*	*	*	*	Jamaica	*	*	*	*
Botswana	47	42	44	443	Martinique	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	46	44	46	450	Mexico	51	47	50	492
Burundi	*	*	*	*	Monsterrat	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	50	51	51	507	Netherlands Antilles	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	*	*	*	*	Nicaragua	48	44	48	469
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	Panama	53	49	50	511
Chad	*	*	*	*	Paraguay	47	42	46	450
Comoros	*	*	*	*	Peru	50	46	49	482
Congo (formerly Zaire)	*	*	*	*	Puerto Rico	*	*	*	*
Congo Republic	45	41	43	430	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	*	*	*	*
Cote D'Ivoire	52	50	51	510	St. Kitts and Nevis	*	*	*	*
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*
Ethiopia	*	*	*	*	US Minor Outlying Islands	*	*	*	*
Gabon	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	54	49	53	518
Gambia	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	50	45	49	482
Ghana	*	*	*	*	<b>ASIA</b>				
Guinea	*	*	*	*	Afghanistan	50	48	47	485
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	*	*	*	*
Kenya	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh	55	52	53	533
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	*	*	*	*
Liberia	*	*	*	*	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*
Madagascar	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	50	47	48	483
Malawi	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of	52	48	50	498
Mali	*	*	*	*	French Southern Territories	*	*	*	*
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	Hong Kong	56	52	53	534
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	India	58	55	54	559
Mayotte	*	*	*	*	Indonesia	51	46	50	489
Morocco	52	49	49	498	Japan	48	47	48	473
Namibia	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	47	45	46	458
Niger	*	*	*	*	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*
Nigeria	54	52	51	522	Korea, Republic of	53	49	51	509
Reunion	*	*	*	*	Kwajalein	*	*	*	*
Rwanda	*	*	*	*	Kyrgyzstan	51	48	49	495
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	Laos	46	42	43	434
Senegal	52	48	50	499	Macao	50	46	45	469
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	59	54	57	566
Somalia	56	50	50	518	Maldives	*	*	*	*
South Africa	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	53	49	51	510
Swaziland	*	*	*	*	Myanmar	56	55	54	553
Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	Nepal	*	*	*	*
Togo	*	*	*	*	Pakistan	56	56	56	558
Tunisia	57	56	54	557	Philippines	59	57	55	570
Uganda	*	*	*	*	Singapore	*	*	*	*
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	*	*	*	*
Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	Taiwan (Republic of China)	52	46	48	489
<b>AMERICA</b>					Tajikistan	44	41	43	426
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	Thailand	46	43	45	446
Argentina	52	47	51	499	Timor-Leste	*	*	*	*
Bahamas	*	*	*	*	Turkmenistan	*	*	*	*
Belize	*	*	*	*	Uzbekistan	45	45	45	449
Bolivia	53	49	50	508	Vietnam	43	39	39	401
Brazil	54	50	53	525	<b>EUROPE</b>				
Canada	57	54	52	545	Albania	52	48	48	493
Chile	57	52	57	555	Andorra	*	*	*	*
Colombia	52	48	52	504	Armenia	*	*	*	*
Costa Rica	53	47	51	505	Austria	*	*	*	*
Cuba	52	50	53	518	Belarus	*	*	*	*
Curaçao	*	*	*	*	Belgium	59	56	58	576
Dominica	*	*	*	*	Bulgaria	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic	52	47	50	500	Croatia	*	*	*	*
Ecuador	51	47	51	500	Cyprus	*	*	*	*
El Salvador	52	50	51	510	Czech Republic	54	51	51	523
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Czechia	*	*	*	*
Grenada	*	*	*	*	Denmark	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	Estonia	*	*	*	*
Guatemala	49	44	47	467	Finland	*	*	*	*
Guayana	*	*	*	*					

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Table 4 (continued)

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean
France	56	52	55	543	<b>MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA</b>				
Georgia	55	51	49	515	Algeria				
Germany	59	56	56	571	Bahrain	*	*	*	*
Greece	55	54	55	545	Egypt	48	44	45	457
Hungary	59	57	58	582	Gaza Strip	50	50	49	495
Iceland	*	*	*	*	Iran, Islamic Republic of	53	47	48	496
Ireland	53	48	50	503	Iraq	52	47	47	484
Italy	59	57	58	582	Israel	52	47	49	495
Latvia	45	42	42	430	Jordan	50	43	44	455
Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*	Kuwait	50	43	44	453
Lithuania	*	*	*	*	Lebanon	52	51	49	507
Luxembourg	*	*	*	*	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	45	41	44	434
Malta	*	*	*	*	Oman	51	47	48	487
Moldova, Republic of	*	*	*	*	Qatar	*	*	*	*
Monaco	52	47	50	495	Saudi Arabia	49	42	43	449
Montenegro	*	*	*	*	Sudan	51	46	46	477
Netherlands	61	57	57	585	Syrian Arab Republic	52	46	47	482
Northern Ireland	54	48	50	508	United Arab Emirates	47	41	42	433
Norway	63	62	61	616	West Bank	50	47	48	482
Pitcairn	*	*	*	*	Yemen	49	44	44	454
Poland	*	*	*	*	<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>				
Portugal	55	52	54	538	American Samoa	*	*	*	*
Republic of Serbia	*	*	*	*	Australia	58	56	57	569
Romania	58	56	56	564	Cook Islands	*	*	*	*
Russian Federation	56	54	56	552	French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
Scotland	*	*	*	*	Kiribati	*	*	*	*
Serbia	*	*	*	*	Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	*	*	*	*	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	*	*	*	*	New Zealand	*	*	*	*
Spain	59	57	57	576	Palau	*	*	*	*
Sweden	*	*	*	*	Papua New Guinea	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	*	*	*	*	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*
Turkey	53	47	49	494	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	54	49	51	513	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	60	56	55	570					
Vatican City	*	*	*	*					
Yugoslavia	*	*	*	*					

<sup>1</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some native country subgroups.

<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.



# TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2021 *(continued)*

**Table 5** TOEFL ITP statistical data have been quite stable over the years, due to the consistently rigorous development standards ETS implements with all its tests. However, score results for test takers overall may vary slightly from year to year. Therefore, ETS publishes a new percentile ranking table every year, using the most recently available data.

**Table 5. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL ITP Total Score**

Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
310	0	433	26	487	52	540	78
347	1	433	27	487	53	543	79
357	2	437	28	490	54	547	80
363	3	440	29	490	55	547	81
370	4	440	30	493	56	550	82
373	5	443	31	493	57	553	83
377	6	447	32	497	58	557	84
380	7	447	33	500	59	560	85
383	8	450	34	500	60	563	86
387	9	453	35	503	61	567	87
390	10	453	36	503	62	570	88
393	11	457	37	507	63	573	89
397	12	457	38	510	64	577	90
397	13	460	39	510	65	583	91
400	14	463	40	513	66	587	92
403	15	463	41	513	67	593	93
407	16	467	42	517	68	597	94
410	17	467	43	520	69	603	95
413	18	470	44	520	70	610	96
413	19	473	45	523	71	620	97
417	20	473	46	527	72	630	98
420	21	477	47	527	73	643	99
423	22	477	48	530	74	677	100
423	23	480	49	533	75		
427	24	483	50	533	76		
430	25	483	51	537	77		

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