

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

January 2016–December 2016 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 2016.

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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 PBT 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<sup>®</sup> 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 nonnative 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 2016

The data presented in the tables below are based on test takers who took the TOEFL iBT test between January 2016 and December 2016.

**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	96	96	99	99	120	100
29	90	91	98	97	116	99
28	84	86	95	93	112	96
27	78	80	92	89	108	92
26	72	75	87	85	104	87
25	66	69	**	77	100	80
24	61	64	80	69	96	72
23	55	58	67	63	92	64
22	50	53	54	53	88	56
21	44	47	**	40	84	48
20	39	42	42	32	80	41
19	34	37	31	27	76	34
18	30	32	22	21	72	28
17	26	28	14	16	68	22
16	22	24	**	14	64	18
15	19	21	8	10	60	14
14	16	17	5	8	56	11
13	13	15	3	6	52	8
12	11	12	**	4	48	6
11	9	10	2	3	44	4
10	7	8	2	2	40	3
9	6	6	1	1	36	2
8	5	5	1	1	32	1
7	4	3	**	1	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	20.5	20.2	20.4	20.9	Mean	82
S.D.	6.6	6.7	4.3	4.7	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	99	98	100	100	120	100
29	96	95	99	98	116	100
28	93	92	98	96	112	98
27	90	88	95	93	108	96
26	87	85	92	90	104	93
25	83	81	**	85	100	88
24	79	77	86	78	96	83
23	76	72	75	73	92	78
22	72	68	63	66	88	72
21	67	64	**	55	84	66
20	63	59	51	46	80	60
19	59	55	41	41	76	54
18	54	50	31	34	72	48
17	50	46	21	28	68	42
16	45	42	**	25	64	36
15	41	38	14	20	60	31
14	36	33	10	15	56	25
13	32	29	7	13	52	21
12	29	25	**	9	48	16
11	25	21	6	6	44	12
10	21	18	4	4	40	9
9	17	15	3	3	36	6
8	14	12	2	2	32	4
7	11	9	**	1	28	2
6	8	7	2	1	24	1
5	6	5	1	.	20	1
4	4	3	1	.	16	.
3	3	2	.	.	12	.
2	1	1	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	16.4	17.1	19.1	19.2	Mean	72
S.D.	7.4	7.4	4.8	5.3	S.D.	22

\*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	95	96	99	99	116	100
28	90	93	98	97	112	99
27	86	89	96	94	108	97
26	82	85	93	91	104	94
25	77	81	**	86	100	89
24	73	76	88	79	96	83
23	68	71	77	74	92	77
22	63	66	65	65	88	69
21	58	61	**	54	84	62
20	53	55	53	45	80	55
19	48	50	42	39	76	48
18	43	45	31	32	72	41
17	39	40	21	26	68	35
16	35	35	**	23	64	29
15	30	31	14	18	60	24
14	26	27	10	14	56	20
13	23	23	7	12	52	16
12	19	19	**	9	48	12
11	16	16	5	5	44	9
10	14	13	4	4	40	7
9	11	11	2	3	36	4
8	9	9	2	2	32	3
7	7	6	**	1	28	2
6	5	5	1	1	24	1
5	4	3	1	.	20	1
4	3	2	1	.	16	.
3	2	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	1	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	18.2	17.9	19.0	19.3	Mean	74
S.D.	7.2	6.9	4.5	5.1	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	92	98	98	116	99
28	87	87	95	94	112	97
27	83	82	92	90	108	93
26	78	77	87	86	104	88
25	72	72	**	79	100	82
24	67	67	80	71	96	75
23	62	62	68	65	92	68
22	57	57	55	56	88	60
21	52	51	**	44	84	53
20	47	46	44	35	80	46
19	42	41	33	30	76	39
18	37	36	23	24	72	33
17	33	32	15	19	68	27
16	28	29	**	16	64	22
15	24	25	9	12	60	18
14	21	21	6	9	56	14
13	18	18	4	7	52	11
12	15	15	**	5	48	8
11	12	12	3	3	44	6
10	10	10	2	2	40	4
9	8	8	1	2	36	3
8	6	6	1	1	32	2
7	5	5	**	1	28	1
6	4	3	1	.	24	1
5	3	2	.	.	20	.
4	2	2	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	19.4	19.4	20.2	20.5	Mean	80
S.D.	6.9	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	95	94	99	99	120	100
29	88	89	98	96	116	99
28	80	83	95	91	112	95
27	73	76	91	86	108	90
26	67	70	86	81	104	84
25	60	64	**	73	100	76
24	54	58	77	64	96	67
23	47	52	63	57	92	58
22	41	46	50	47	88	49
21	36	40	**	34	84	41
20	31	35	38	26	80	33
19	26	30	27	21	76	26
18	22	25	18	16	72	20
17	18	21	11	12	68	15
16	15	18	**	10	64	12
15	12	15	6	7	60	9
14	10	12	3	5	56	6
13	8	10	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	4	1	1	36	1
8	2	3	.	.	32	1
7	2	2	.	.	28	.
6	1	1	.	.	24	.
5	1	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	.	.	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	21.9	21.3	20.8	21.7	Mean	86
S.D.	5.9	6.1	4.1	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	88	89	97	97	116	99
28	81	83	94	92	112	96
27	74	77	90	86	108	91
26	67	71	84	82	104	84
25	60	64	**	73	100	75
24	54	58	75	64	96	66
23	48	52	61	57	92	57
22	42	46	47	46	88	48
21	36	40	**	34	84	40
20	31	35	35	25	80	32
19	26	30	25	21	76	26
18	22	25	17	16	72	20
17	18	21	10	12	68	16
16	15	18	**	10	64	12
15	12	15	5	7	60	9
14	10	12	3	5	56	7
13	8	10	2	4	52	5
12	6	8	**	3	48	3
11	5	6	1	2	44	2
10	4	5	1	1	40	2
9	3	4	1	1	36	1
8	2	3	.	.	32	1
7	2	2	.	.	28	.
6	1	1	.	.	24	.
5	1	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	.	.	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	21.8	21.3	21.1	21.7	Mean	86
S.D.	6.0	6.1	4.1	4.4	S.D.	18

\*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	99	116	99
28	87	89	97	96	112	98
27	82	84	94	93	108	95
26	77	79	90	90	104	91
25	71	74	**	84	100	85
24	65	69	83	77	96	78
23	59	64	72	71	92	70
22	54	59	59	61	88	62
21	48	53	**	48	84	54
20	43	47	48	39	80	46
19	38	42	38	33	76	39
18	32	36	28	26	72	32
17	28	31	19	21	68	26
16	24	27	**	18	64	21
15	20	23	11	14	60	17
14	17	20	8	10	56	13
13	14	16	5	8	52	10
12	12	13	**	6	48	7
11	10	11	4	4	44	5
10	8	9	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	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	20.0	19.4	19.7	20.0	Mean	79
S.D.	6.6	6.6	4.6	4.8	S.D.	20

\*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	97	96	99	99	120	100
29	92	92	98	98	116	99
28	86	86	95	94	112	97
27	81	81	91	90	108	93
26	75	75	84	86	104	88
25	69	68	**	79	100	81
24	63	62	74	70	96	72
23	56	55	60	64	92	63
22	50	50	46	53	88	54
21	43	43	**	40	84	45
20	38	37	36	31	80	37
19	32	32	26	26	76	29
18	27	27	19	20	72	23
17	22	23	12	15	68	19
16	18	20	**	13	64	14
15	15	16	7	9	60	11
14	12	13	5	7	56	8
13	10	11	3	5	52	6
12	8	9	**	4	48	4
11	6	7	2	2	44	3
10	5	6	1	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	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	20.8	20.8	20.9	20.9	Mean	83
S.D.	6.0	6.1	4.3	4.5	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	96	99	99	120	100
29	91	90	98	97	116	99
28	85	85	95	94	112	97
27	80	79	91	89	108	92
26	74	73	84	85	104	86
25	68	67	**	78	100	79
24	62	60	75	70	96	71
23	56	54	60	63	92	62
22	50	49	47	53	88	53
21	44	42	**	40	84	45
20	39	37	36	31	80	37
19	34	32	26	26	76	30
18	28	27	18	21	72	24
17	24	23	12	16	68	19
16	20	20	**	14	64	15
15	17	16	7	10	60	12
14	14	14	5	8	56	9
13	12	11	3	6	52	7
12	9	9	**	5	48	5
11	8	7	2	3	44	4
10	6	6	2	2	40	3
9	5	4	1	2	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	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	20.6	20.9	20.9	20.8	Mean	83
S.D.	6.3	6.3	4.4	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	95	94	99	98	120	100
29	89	88	96	95	116	98
28	83	81	92	90	112	95
27	77	75	87	85	108	89
26	72	69	79	80	104	82
25	65	62	**	72	100	74
24	60	56	69	64	96	65
23	54	50	54	57	92	57
22	49	45	41	48	88	49
21	43	39	**	36	84	41
20	38	34	31	29	80	34
19	33	30	22	24	76	28
18	28	25	15	19	72	23
17	24	22	10	15	68	18
16	20	19	**	13	64	15
15	17	16	6	10	60	12
14	15	13	4	7	56	9
13	12	11	3	6	52	7
12	10	9	**	4	48	5
11	8	7	2	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	3	**	1	28	1
6	2	2	1	1	24	1
5	2	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	.	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	20.8	21.3	21.5	21.4	Mean	85
S.D.	6.5	6.4	4.5	4.9	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	97	96	99	99	120	100
29	92	92	98	98	116	99
28	87	88	96	94	112	97
27	83	84	92	91	108	94
26	78	79	88	87	104	89
25	73	74	**	81	100	83
24	68	68	81	74	96	77
23	63	63	69	68	92	70
22	57	58	57	59	88	62
21	52	52	**	47	84	55
20	47	47	46	38	80	47
19	42	42	35	33	76	40
18	37	37	26	26	72	34
17	33	33	18	21	68	28
16	29	29	**	18	64	23
15	25	25	11	14	60	19
14	21	21	7	11	56	15
13	18	18	5	9	52	12
12	15	15	**	6	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	5	**	1	28	1
6	4	3	1	1	24	1
5	3	2	1	.	20	.
4	2	2	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	19.3	19.3	19.9	20.1	Mean	79
S.D.	7.0	6.8	4.7	5.0	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	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std
Total*	20.6	6.8	20.1	6.8	19.9	4.4	20.7	4.9	81.4	20.3
1-To attend high school**	16.1	7.6	16.8	7.5	18.6	4.9	18.7	5.4	70.2	22.8
2-To attend a 2 year college/ community college**	18.0	7.3	17.6	7.0	18.5	4.6	18.9	5.2	73	21.3
3-To attend a 4 year undergraduate program**	19.2	7.1	19.1	7.2	19.7	4.5	20.2	5	78.1	21.3
4-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate program other than a business program**	22.2	5.9	21.5	6.2	20.5	4	21.7	4.4	85.9	17.9
5-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate BUSINESS program**	22.0	6.1	21.5	6.2	20.9	4.2	21.6	4.5	86	18.4
6-To attend an English language school or program**	20.0	6.8	19.2	6.8	19.1	4.6	19.7	4.9	78	20.4
7-For licensure or certification**	21.2	6.0	20.8	6.3	20.4	4.4	20.7	4.6	83.2	18.5
8-For employment or a job**	20.8	6.4	20.8	6.4	20.4	4.5	20.7	4.9	82.7	19.6
9-For immigration purposes**	21.2	6.6	21.5	6.4	21.3	4.5	21.4	4.9	85.3	19.9
10-Other**	19.2	7.1	19.1	6.9	19.4	4.7	19.8	5.1	77.5	21.2

\*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	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std	Mean	Std
Total*	20.4	6.5	20.2	6.5	20.8	4.3	21.1	4.6	82.5	19.3
1-To attend high school**	16.6	7.3	17.5	7.2	19.8	4.6	19.7	5.1	73.6	21.8
2-To attend a 2 year college/ community college**	18.4	7	18.3	6.7	19.6	4.4	19.7	4.9	75.9	20.4
3-To attend a 4 year undergraduate program**	19.5	6.7	19.8	6.7	20.7	4.3	20.9	4.6	80.9	19.9
4-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate program other than a business program**	21.6	6	21.1	6.1	21.3	4.1	21.6	4.4	85.6	17.9
5-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate BUSINESS program**	21.6	5.9	21	6	21.3	3.9	21.7	4.3	85.6	17.5
6-To attend an English language school or program**	19.9	6.5	19.6	6.4	20.1	4.5	20.2	4.6	79.7	19.3
7-For licensure or certification**	20.6	6	20.7	6	21.3	4.2	21	4.5	83.6	17.9
8-For employment or a job**	20.5	6.2	20.9	6.1	21.4	4.2	21	4.6	83.8	18.6
9-For immigration purposes**	20.3	6.4	21	6.4	21.8	4.6	21.3	4.9	84.5	19.9
10-Other**	19.3	6.9	19.5	6.7	20.5	4.6	20.4	4.9	79.7	20.4

\*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	20	20	78	Kurdish	14	15	19	17	65
Akan	18	18	21	20	78	Kurukh	*	*	*	*	*
Albanian	18	20	22	20	80	Lao	13	14	18	17	61
Amharic	17	19	20	18	75	Latvian	21	23	24	22	89
Arabic	16	19	20	18	73	Lingala	15	15	19	17	66
Armenian	18	19	21	21	78	Lithuanian	21	23	23	22	88
Assamese	24	24	24	25	96	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*	*
Aymara	*	*	*	*	*	Luo	17	18	22	22	79
Azerbaijani	19	19	20	20	80	Luxembourgish	24	25	25	24	97
Bambara	12	13	17	15	58	Macedonian	20	22	23	22	87
Bashkir	*	*	*	*	*	Madurese	*	*	*	*	*
Basque	23	23	21	22	90	Malagasy	19	20	21	21	81
Belarusian	21	22	22	21	87	Malay	22	23	22	23	89
Bemba	16	19	23	20	78	Malayalam	24	25	24	25	97
Bengali	23	23	23	24	93	Maltese	*	*	*	*	*
Berber	17	19	20	18	74	Mandingo	15	15	19	18	67
Bikol	20	22	22	21	85	Marathi	22	23	23	24	90
Bosnian	20	22	22	21	85	Marshallese	*	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	22	24	23	23	91	Mende	*	*	*	*	*
Burmese	19	20	21	21	81	Minankabau	*	*	*	*	*
Catalan	23	23	22	22	90	Mongolian	18	19	19	19	75
Cebuano	20	22	24	23	89	Mossi	14	15	16	16	61
Chichewa ( Nyanja )	18	18	20	21	77	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*
Chinese	21	19	19	20	79	Nepali	17	18	20	20	74
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	21	24	24	22	92
Croatian	22	24	23	22	90	Oriya	24	24	23	25	95
Czech	22	23	23	22	89	Oromo	17	18	19	18	71
Danish	23	25	26	23	97	Palauan	*	*	*	*	*
Dutch	24	26	25	24	99	Pohnapeian	*	*	*	*	*
Dyula	*	*	*	*	*	Polish	22	24	23	22	90
Efik	18	20	21	21	80	Portuguese	22	22	22	21	87
English	22	23	24	24	93	Punjabi	21	22	23	23	90
Estonian	24	26	24	24	98	Pushtu	16	18	21	20	75
Ewe	17	18	20	20	74	Romanian	21	22	22	22	88
Farsi	20	20	21	21	82	Russian	20	22	22	21	85
Fijian	*	*	*	*	*	Samoan	*	*	*	*	*
Finnish	23	25	24	23	94	Santali	*	*	*	*	*
French	21	21	21	21	85	Serbian	20	22	22	21	86
Fulah	14	16	19	17	66	Shona	21	23	24	23	90
Ga	18	19	21	21	79	Sindhi	22	23	24	24	92
Galician	26	25	23	24	97	Sinhalese	20	21	21	22	85
Ganda	18	20	22	21	81	Slovak	21	23	23	22	89
Georgian	20	22	22	21	86	Slovenian	23	25	24	23	95
German	23	25	25	24	98	Somali	17	18	21	19	74
Greek	23	24	23	24	93	Spanish	21	22	22	21	85
Guarani	*	*	*	*	*	Sundanese	19	20	20	18	77
Gujarati	20	22	22	23	87	Swahili	18	19	21	21	80
Gwichin	*	*	*	*	*	Swedish	21	24	25	22	92
Hausa	16	18	20	19	73	Tagalog	21	22	23	23	89
Hebrew	23	25	24	22	94	Tajik	13	15	19	17	64
Hiligaynon	22	22	25	24	92	Tamil	23	23	24	24	94
Hindi	23	24	24	24	95	Tatar	20	23	23	22	87
Hungarian	22	23	23	22	91	Telugu	21	22	22	23	87
Icelandic	23	25	24	23	96	Thai	19	20	19	20	78
Igbo	19	19	21	21	80	Tibetan	20	20	22	21	83
Iloko	20	21	22	22	85	Tigrinya	17	19	20	19	74
Indonesian	21	21	21	21	84	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
Inupiaq	*	*	*	*	*	Turkish	19	20	20	20	78
Italian	23	23	22	22	90	Turkmen	16	18	20	19	73
Japanese	18	17	17	19	71	Twi	18	20	21	21	79
Javanese	16	15	15	16	63	Uighur	17	18	19	18	72
Kannada	22	23	23	24	92	Ukrainian	19	21	22	20	83
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	*	Urdu	22	23	24	24	93
Kashmiri	23	24	24	25	96	Uzbek	16	18	20	19	73
Kazakh	19	20	21	20	80	Vietnamese	20	20	20	22	82
Khmer	15	17	19	19	71	Wolof	14	15	19	17	65
Kikuyu	18	19	21	21	79	Xhosa	*	*	*	*	*
Kinyarwanda	16	17	20	19	72	Yiddish	*	*	*	*	*
Konkani	24	25	24	25	98	Yoruba	18	19	20	20	77
Korean	22	21	20	21	84	Zhuang	*	*	*	*	*
Kosraean	21	20	19	20	81	Zulu	19	21	24	22	85

<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>						Mexico	21	22	22	21	86
Angola	14	16	20	17	68	Montserrat	*	*	*	*	*
Benin	16	16	18	18	68	Netherlands Antilles	18	21	22	20	80
Botswana	19	21	24	23	87	Nicaragua	20	22	23	21	85
Burkina Faso	14	15	17	16	63	Panama	19	21	22	21	83
Burundi	14	17	20	18	70	Paraguay	21	22	22	21	85
Cameroon	16	16	19	19	70	Peru	21	22	22	21	86
Cape Verde	13	15	19	16	64	Puerto Rico	20	21	22	20	83
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	*	Saint Kitts and Nevis	*	*	*	*	*
Chad	17	18	19	20	74	Saint Lucia	*	*	*	*	*
Comoros	*	*	*	*	*	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	*	*	*	*	*
Congo	13	14	18	17	61	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*	*
Congo, The Democratic Republic of	14	15	19	17	66	Suriname	19	22	23	22	86
Cote D'Ivoire	14	14	17	16	61	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*	*
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	*	United States	21	23	23	22	89
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	24	25	23	23	94
Eritrea	16	18	20	18	71	Venezuela	19	21	22	20	82
Ethiopia	17	19	20	18	75	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*	*
Gabon	14	16	18	18	66	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*	*
Gambia	16	17	21	19	72	<b>ASIA</b>					
Ghana	18	19	21	21	79	Afghanistan	14	16	20	18	69
Guinea	12	13	17	15	57	Azerbaijan	19	19	21	20	80
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh	21	22	21	23	87
Kenya	19	20	22	22	82	Bhutan	18	20	22	22	82
Lesotho	17	17	21	21	76	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*	*
Liberia	13	15	19	17	64	Cambodia	15	17	19	19	71
Madagascar	19	20	21	20	80	China	20	19	19	20	79
Malawi	17	19	22	22	80	Christmas Island	21	21	21	21	83
Mali	14	15	18	16	62	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Mauritania	15	17	20	17	68	Hong Kong	21	22	22	22	87
Mauritius	22	23	23	24	92	India	22	23	23	24	93
Mayotte	*	*	*	*	*	Indonesia	21	21	21	21	84
Mozambique	15	17	20	18	70	Japan	18	17	17	19	71
Namibia	19	21	23	22	85	Kazakhstan	19	21	22	21	82
Niger	17	17	19	19	72	Korea, Democratic People's					
Nigeria	18	19	21	20	78	Republic of	21	20	20	21	82
Reunion	19	20	20	20	79	Korea, Republic of	22	21	20	21	84
Rwanda	16	17	20	19	73	Kyrgyzstan	17	19	20	20	76
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	*	Lao, People's Democratic Republic	13	15	19	17	63
Senegal	14	15	18	17	64	Macao	19	19	20	21	79
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	22	23	22	23	90
Sierra Leone	15	16	20	18	69	Maldives	*	*	*	*	*
Somalia	16	18	21	19	73	Mongolia	17	19	19	19	75
South Africa	23	25	26	24	99	Myanmar	19	20	21	21	81
Swaziland	19	20	23	22	84	Nepal	17	18	20	20	74
Tanzania, United Republic of	16	17	22	20	75	Pakistan	22	23	24	23	92
Togo	15	16	18	17	67	Philippines	21	22	23	23	89
Tunisia	19	21	21	20	82	Singapore	24	25	24	24	96
Uganda	17	19	22	21	80	Sri Lanka	20	21	21	21	83
Western Sahara	*	*	*	*	*	Taiwan	21	20	20	20	81
Zambia	18	20	23	21	82	Tajikistan	14	16	19	17	66
Zimbabwe	22	23	25	24	93	Thailand	19	20	19	20	78
Zimbabwe	21	23	24	23	91	Timor-Leste	*	*	*	*	*
<b>AMERICA</b>						Turkmenistan	17	19	20	19	75
Anguilla	*	*	*	*	*	Uzbekistan	18	19	21	19	77
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	*	Viet Nam	20	20	20	22	82
Argentina	23	24	22	22	91	<b>EUROPE</b>					
Aruba	18	21	23	20	83	Aland Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Bahamas	18	21	25	23	88	Albania	18	20	22	21	81
Barbados	*	*	*	*	*	Andorra	21	23	22	22	88
Belize	*	*	*	*	*	Armenia	18	19	21	21	78
Bermuda	*	*	*	*	*	Austria	24	26	25	24	99
Bolivia	19	21	21	20	82	Belarus	20	21	22	21	84
Brazil	22	23	22	21	87	Belgium	25	25	24	24	98
Canada	23	24	25	23	95	Bosnia and Herzegovina	20	22	22	21	85
Cayman Islands	*	*	*	*	*	Bulgaria	22	23	23	23	90
Chile	20	21	20	19	80	Croatia	22	24	23	22	92
Colombia	20	21	21	20	82	Cyprus	19	22	22	22	85
Costa Rica	23	24	24	22	93	Czech Republic	21	23	23	22	89
Cuba	20	20	21	19	79	Denmark	23	25	26	23	98
Dominica	*	*	*	*	*	Estonia	24	25	24	23	96
Dominican Republic	19	21	22	20	82	Faroe Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Ecuador	20	21	21	21	82	Finland	23	25	24	23	95
El Salvador	20	21	22	21	85	France	22	22	22	21	87
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	*	*	*	*	*	Georgia	20	22	22	21	85
French Guiana	20	21	20	20	81	Germany	23	25	25	24	97
Grenada	*	*	*	*	*	Gibraltar	*	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe	17	17	19	18	71	Greece	23	24	23	23	93
Guatemala	19	21	22	21	83	Greenland	*	*	*	*	*
Guyana	*	*	*	*	*	Hungary	22	23	23	22	91
Haiti	14	15	19	17	65	Iceland	23	25	24	23	96
Honduras	19	22	23	21	85	Ireland	24	26	26	24	100
Jamaica	20	22	23	23	88	Italy	23	23	22	22	90
Martinique	17	18	18	19	72						

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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>						Jordan	18	20	21	19	79
Kosovo, Republic of	17	19	22	20	79	Kuwait	16	18	21	19	74
Latvia	20	23	23	21	87	Lebanon	20	22	23	22	88
Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*	*	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	18	20	21	20	79
Lithuania	21	22	23	22	88	Morocco	19	20	21	20	80
Luxembourg	23	25	24	24	96	Oman	17	19	21	19	77
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	20	22	22	21	85	Palestine Territories	17	19	22	20	78
Malta	*	*	*	*	*	Qatar	18	21	22	20	81
Moldova, Republic of	20	21	22	21	84	Saudi Arabia	14	16	18	15	64
Monaco	21	22	23	21	88	Sudan	18	20	21	19	79
Montenegro	18	21	22	20	81	Syrian Arab Republic	18	21	22	20	81
Netherlands	24	26	25	24	99	United Arab Emirates	17	20	22	20	79
Norway	21	24	24	22	92	West Bank	19	23	22	21	86
Poland	22	24	23	22	90	Yemen	16	18	21	19	74
Portugal	23	24	24	23	94	<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>					
Romania	22	23	23	22	90	American Samoa	*	*	*	*	*
Russian Federation	21	22	22	21	87	Australia	22	23	23	23	91
San Marino	*	*	*	*	*	British Indian Ocean Territory	*	*	*	*	*
Scotland	*	*	*	*	*	Fiji	*	*	*	*	*
Serbia	20	22	23	21	86	French Polynesia	20	20	20	21	80
Serbia and Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	Guam	*	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	21	23	23	22	89	Kiribati	*	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	23	25	24	23	95	Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Spain	23	23	22	22	89	Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*	*
Sweden	21	24	25	22	92	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	24	26	25	24	98	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*	*
Turkey	19	20	19	20	78	New Zealand	24	25	24	24	96
Ukraine	20	22	22	21	84	Niue	*	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	23	24	24	23	94	Norfolk Island	*	*	*	*	*
Wales	*	*	*	*	*	Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Wales	*	*	*	*	*	Palau	*	*	*	*	*
<b>MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA</b>						Papua New Guinea	*	*	*	*	*
Algeria	17	19	20	18	75	Pitcairn	*	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	20	22	24	22	88	Samoa	*	*	*	*	*
Egypt	20	21	22	22	85	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	*	*	*	*	*	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*	*
Iran, Islamic Republic of	21	21	20	21	83	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
Iraq	17	18	21	19	74	Tuvalu	*	*	*	*	*
Israel	22	25	24	22	92	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*	*

<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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