



Test and Score Data Summary

for the

TOEFL ITP[®] Test

January–December 2017 Test Data

This edition of the *TOEFL ITP[®] Test and Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of examinees who took a TOEFL ITP test between January and December 2017.

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The TOEFL ITP® Test



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/.

The TOEFL ITP test is administered in a paper format with an audio component. 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 about the recordings 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 topic 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.

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.



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; generalizing about a country from this group is not meaningful.

Table 3. TOEFL ITP Total and Section Score Means¹—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	48	47	47	471	Lithuanian	57	50	51	527
Albanian	49	46	46	468	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*
Amharic	48	46	47	469	Luo	*	*	*	*
Arabic	50	44	45	464	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Armenian	53	52	50	517	Macedonian	*	*	*	*
Assamese	47	44	45	451	Madurese	51	46	49	484
Azerbaijani	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	51	49	51	505
Basque	*	*	*	*	Malay	49	45	48	474
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	54	53	52	532
Bemba	48	48	48	477	Maltese	*	*	*	*
Bengali	52	49	49	496	Mandingo	*	*	*	*
Berber	49	47	48	478	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Marshallese	*	*	*	*
Bosnian	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	59	56	54	565	Mongolian	52	49	50	500
Burmese	48	44	47	462	Mossi	*	*	*	*
Catalan	51	56	54	535	Nepali	53	48	49	499
Cebuano	58	57	56	570	Norwegian	62	61	60	609
Chichewa	49	49	48	490	Nyanja	49	47	49	485
Chinese	51	47	49	491	Oriya	*	*	*	*
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	Oromo	*	*	*	*
Croatian	*	*	*	*	Palauan	48	51	51	502
Czech	58	56	56	565	Pohnpeian	*	*	*	*
Danish	*	*	*	*	Polish	57	52	53	542
Dutch	62	59	59	602	Portuguese	51	48	51	499
Efik	46	44	43	444	Punjabi	*	*	*	*
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Pushto	49	45	46	468
Ewe	49	46	47	471	Romanian	57	55	55	557
Farsi	50	46	46	473	Russian	54	50	52	521
Fijian	*	*	*	*	Samoan	*	*	*	*
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Serbian	*	*	*	*
French	55	53	55	544	Shona	57	58	56	569
Fulah	48	44	46	457	Sindhi	54	55	51	533
Galician	*	*	*	*	Sinhalese	*	*	*	*
Georgian	53	51	50	515	Slovak	54	50	51	517
German	59	55	55	562	Slovenian	*	*	*	*
Greek	52	50	50	508	Somali	49	44	46	463
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Spanish	51	47	50	494
Gujarati	49	48	49	485	Sundanese	*	*	*	*
Hausa	49	46	46	469	Swahili	53	52	52	521
Hebrew	*	*	*	*	Swedish	*	*	*	*
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Tagalog	55	53	51	531
Hindi	57	54	53	545	Tamil	56	52	52	532
Hungarian	61	59	58	593	Tatar	*	*	*	*
Icelandic	*	*	*	*	Telugu	53	50	50	510
Igbo	56	53	52	537	Thai	53	46	49	495
Iloko	*	*	*	*	Tibetan	52	53	53	527
Indonesian	49	44	48	470	Tigrinya	*	*	*	*
Italian	56	54	56	554	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Japanese	47	46	46	462	Turkish	52	48	49	494
Javanese	49	46	47	476	Turkmen	*	*	*	*
Kannada	*	*	*	*	Twi	*	*	*	*
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	Ukrainian	55	50	51	521
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*	Urdu	55	55	53	542
Kazakh	44	39	42	417	Uzbek	50	46	48	481
Khmer	46	48	49	477	Vietnamese	45	43	43	435
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*	Wolof	46	43	45	447
Konkani	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	54	51	51	521
Korean	52	47	49	493	Yapese	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	51	46	48	482	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Lao	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	54	53	52	533
Latvian	60	56	55	568	Zulu	*	*	*	*
Lingala	*	*	*	*					

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

Table 4. TOEFL ITP Total and Section Score Means¹—All Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country²

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
AFRICA					Peru	50	47	50	489
Angola	48	49	50	493	Puerto Rico	51	45	48	482
Benin	*	*	*	*	St. Kitts and Nevis	55	51	53	531
Botswana	48	50	51	497	St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	47	46	48	472	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*
Burundi	*	*	*	*	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	46	47	48	473	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	*	*	*	*	Turks and Caicos Islands	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	54	52	54	534
Chad	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	52	49	51	507
Comoros	46	38	40	413	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*
Congo	49	46	47	474	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*
Congo - Democratic Republic of	49	47	48	478	ASIA				
Cote D'Ivoire	49	48	48	485	Afghanistan	49	45	45	462
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh	52	49	48	498
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	*	*	*	*
Ethiopia	52	47	50	496	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*
Gabon	49	46	47	470	Cambodia	*	*	*	*
Gambia	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of	51	47	48	486
Ghana	55	55	52	540	Hong Kong	55	51	52	527
Guinea	*	*	*	*	India	55	53	53	536
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	Indonesia	49	44	48	470
Kenya	56	57	55	559	Japan	47	46	46	461
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	45	41	43	432
Liberia	50	45	46	469	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	51	47	49	491
Madagascar	*	*	*	*	Korea, Republic of	51	47	49	489
Malawi	*	*	*	*	Kyrgyzstan	*	*	*	*
Mali	48	46	47	471	Lao People's Democratic Republic	*	*	*	*
Mauritania	49	44	43	451	Macao	48	43	45	454
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	54	49	51	516
Morocco	52	51	51	513	Maldives	*	*	*	*
Mozambique	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	52	49	50	500
Namibia	*	*	*	*	Myanmar	48	45	46	464
Niger	*	*	*	*	Nepal	52	47	48	492
Nigeria	54	52	51	523	Pakistan	54	54	52	532
Reunion	*	*	*	*	Philippines	56	54	51	535
Rwanda	52	51	50	511	Singapore	61	59	58	591
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	53	45	47	481
Senegal	50	48	49	488	Taiwan (Republic of China)	52	47	49	496
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	Tajikistan	*	*	*	*
Sierra Leone	46	47	45	460	Thailand	53	45	48	484
Somalia	54	48	49	505	Turkmenistan	52	45	47	478
South Africa	*	*	*	*	Uzbekistan	51	47	49	488
Swaziland	*	*	*	*	Vietnam	45	43	43	434
Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	EUROPE				
Togo	47	46	48	470	Albania	48	45	46	463
Tunisia	55	53	52	533	Andorra	*	*	*	*
Uganda	*	*	*	*	Armenia	46	43	45	444
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Austria	58	54	53	550
Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	Belarus	*	*	*	*
AMERICA					Belgium	51	47	49	489
Anguilla	49	47	49	485	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	*	*	*
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	Bulgaria	58	56	54	563
Argentina	57	55	55	556	Croatia	*	*	*	*
Aruba	*	*	*	*	Cyprus	*	*	*	*
Bahamas	51	50	51	506	Czech Republic	57	55	56	561
Belize	*	*	*	*	Denmark	*	*	*	*
Bermuda	49	51	52	507	Estonia	*	*	*	*
Bolivia	52	50	50	505	Faroe Islands	*	*	*	*
Brazil	51	48	51	499	Finland	*	*	*	*
Canada	47	49	50	488	France	54	53	55	540
Cayman Islands	*	*	*	*	Georgia	54	52	51	523
Chile	57	53	55	552	Germany	58	55	55	559
Colombia	50	47	50	490	Greece	53	50	51	511
Costa Rica	51	46	48	483	Greenland	*	*	*	*
Cuba	53	50	52	517	Holy See (Vatican City State)	*	*	*	*
Dominica	*	*	*	*	Hungary	61	59	59	594
Dominican Republic	54	48	50	506	Iceland	*	*	*	*
Ecuador	53	50	52	519	Ireland	53	48	51	505
El Salvador	54	48	51	512	Italy	56	54	56	554
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Latvia	58	54	54	555
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	Lithuania	56	50	51	524
Guatemala	53	47	49	495	Luxembourg	*	*	*	*
Guyana	*	*	*	*	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	*	*	*	*
Haiti	49	46	48	479	Malta	44	40	44	427
Honduras	51	47	48	487	Moldova, Republic of	51	46	49	487
Jamaica	*	*	*	*	Monaco	51	47	50	491
Martinique	*	*	*	*	Netherlands	62	59	59	601
Mexico	51	47	50	492	Norway	62	60	59	605
Netherlands Antilles	56	52	52	534	Poland	57	51	53	538
Nicaragua	50	47	48	482					
Panama	51	47	48	490					
Paraguay	54	52	53	530					

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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
Portugal	52	48	50	499	United Arab Emirates	47	40	42	432
Romania	57	55	55	558	West Bank	50	49	50	498
Russian Federation	55	52	54	538	Yemen	49	45	45	463
San Marino	*	*	*	*	PACIFIC REGION				
Slovakia	57	53	52	540	American Samoa	48	43	47	458
Slovenia	*	*	*	*	Australia	48	50	50	494
Spain	57	55	56	560	Cook Islands	*	*	*	*
Sweden	*	*	*	*	Fiji	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	59	55	54	561	French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
Turkey	52	48	49	494	Kiribati	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	56	51	52	530	Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	59	59	57	583	Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA					Nauru	*	*	*	*
Algeria	52	49	49	502	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	53	46	45	480	New Zealand	*	*	*	*
Egypt	51	46	46	475	Niue	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	49	47	48	481	Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52	46	48	487	Palau	*	*	*	*
Iraq	49	44	45	461	Papua New Guinea	48	51	49	492
Israel	50	45	47	476	Samoa	*	*	*	*
Jordan	51	46	47	477	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*
Kuwait	49	41	43	444	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Lebanon	51	49	48	492	Tuvalu	*	*	*	*
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	50	43	45	458	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*
Oman	49	42	43	448					
Qatar	*	*	*	*					
Saudi Arabia	50	43	44	456					
Sudan	50	44	45	465					
Syrian Arab Republic	50	45	45	467					

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

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 data from that year.

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	430	26	480	52	537	78
347	1	433	27	483	53	540	79
357	2	437	28	483	54	543	80
363	3	437	29	487	55	547	81
370	4	440	30	490	56	550	82
373	5	443	31	490	57	553	83
377	6	443	32	493	58	557	84
380	7	447	33	493	59	560	85
383	8	447	34	497	60	563	86
387	9	450	35	497	61	567	87
390	10	453	36	500	62	570	88
393	11	453	37	503	63	577	89
397	12	457	38	503	64	580	90
400	13	457	39	507	65	583	91
403	14	460	40	507	66	590	92
403	15	460	41	510	67	597	93
407	16	463	42	513	68	600	94
410	17	463	43	513	69	607	95
413	18	467	44	517	70	617	96
417	19	470	45	520	71	623	97
417	20	470	46	520	72	633	98
420	21	473	47	523	73	647	99
423	22	473	48	527	74	677	100
423	23	477	49	530	75		
427	24	477	50	530	76		
430	25	480	51	533	77		



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