



Test and Score Data Summary for the *TOEFL ITP*® Test

January–December 2020 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 2020.



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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 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.

TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2020

The tables below contain data from *TOEFL ITP*® (Level 1) administrations in 2020, and the data were collected from test takers worldwide who took the TOEFL ITP (Level 1) test between January and December 2020.

Table 1 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2020 through December 2020.

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 2020.

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	49	46	48	475
Standard Deviation	8	9	8	74
Female	48	44	46	456
Standard Deviation	8	9	8	74

*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 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	46	46	464	Kyrgyz	*	*	*	*
Akan	*	*	*	*	Lao	43	42	41	416
Albanian	50	48	47	482	Latvian	*	*	*	*
Amharic	50	47	47	479	Lingala	*	*	*	*
Arabic	51	46	46	476	Lithuanian	*	*	*	*
Armenian	52	53	49	515	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Assamese	53	50	50	510	Macedonian	54	53	53	533
Azerbaijani	*	*	*	*	Madurese	51	47	50	497
Bambara	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	*	*	*	*
Basque	*	*	*	*	Malay	56	50	53	531
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	54	53	52	531
Bemba	47	45	46	458	Mandarin	54	49	51	514
Bengali	52	49	50	503	Mandingo	*	*	*	*
Berber	*	*	*	*	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Bhili	*	*	*	*	Mende	*	*	*	*
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	56	58	54	564	Moldovan	*	*	*	*
Burmese	54	52	52	527	Mongolian	55	51	52	524
Cantonese	51	46	48	484	Mossi	*	*	*	*
Catalan	*	*	*	*	Nepali	*	*	*	*
Cebuano	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	*	*	*	*
Chichewa	47	45	47	467	Nyanja	48	44	47	462
Chinese	52	49	50	499	Oriya	*	*	*	*
Croatian	*	*	*	*	Oromo	*	*	*	*
Czech	57	55	55	557	Palauan	*	*	*	*
Danish	*	*	*	*	Pidgin	*	*	*	*
Dutch	61	57	58	588	Polish	*	*	*	*
Efik	*	*	*	*	Portuguese	54	50	54	530
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	*	*	*	*
Ewe	*	*	*	*	Pusho	*	*	*	*
Farsi	53	47	48	495	Romanian	57	54	54	551
Fijian	*	*	*	*	Ruanda	*	*	*	*
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Russian	54	52	54	534
French	56	53	55	548	Samar-Leyte	*	*	*	*
Fulah	*	*	*	*	Serbian	*	*	*	*
Galician	*	*	*	*	Serbo-Croatian	*	*	*	*
Georgian	53	51	49	511	Sindhi	*	*	*	*
German	59	56	55	568	Sinhalese	*	*	*	*
Greek	*	*	*	*	Slovak	*	*	*	*
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Slovene	*	*	*	*
Gujarati	*	*	*	*	Somali	*	*	*	*
Hausa	49	46	46	471	Spanish	51	47	50	496
Hebrew	*	*	*	*	Sundanese	*	*	*	*
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Swahili	*	*	*	*
Hindi	58	55	54	557	Swedish	*	*	*	*
Hungarian	58	58	58	581	Tagalog	57	55	53	551
Icelandic	*	*	*	*	Tajik	*	*	*	*
Igbo	*	*	*	*	Tamil	*	*	*	*
Iloko	*	*	*	*	Tatar	*	*	*	*
Indonesian	50	45	49	479	Telugu	*	*	*	*
Italian	58	55	56	567	Thai	45	42	45	440
Japanese	48	46	47	472	Tibetan	60	57	57	578
Javanese	50	46	50	485	Tigrinya	*	*	*	*
Kannada	*	*	*	*	Turkish	53	47	49	494
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	Turkmen	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*	Twi	*	*	*	*
Kazakh	49	46	48	475	Ukrainian	55	50	52	524
Khmer	50	47	47	480	Urdu	56	54	53	543
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	45	47	47	464
Kinyarwanda	*	*	*	*	Vietnamese	41	36	37	380
Kirundi	*	*	*	*	Wolof	*	*	*	*
Konkani	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	*	*	*	*
Korean	53	48	50	504	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	*	*	*	*

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

TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2020 *(continued)*

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					Mexico	52	47	50	496
Angola	*	*	*	*	Monsterrat	*	*	*	*
Benin	*	*	*	*	Netherlands Antilles	*	*	*	*
Botswana	*	*	*	*	Nicaragua	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	45	44	46	452	Panama	54	50	51	515
Burundi	*	*	*	*	Paraguay	48	43	48	465
Cameroon	49	51	50	501	Peru	49	46	49	480
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	Puerto Rico	*	*	*	*
Chad	*	*	*	*	Saint Martin (French Part)	*	*	*	*
Comoros	*	*	*	*	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	*	*	*	*
Congo (formerly Zaire)	*	*	*	*	St. Kitts and Nevis	*	*	*	*
Congo Republic	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Cote D'Ivoire	52	49	51	507	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	US Minor Outlying Islands	*	*	*	*
Ethiopia	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	58	54	57	561
Gabon	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	50	45	48	475
Gambia	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*
Ghana	*	*	*	*	ASIA				
Guinea	*	*	*	*	Afghanistan	51	46	46	479
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	*	*	*	*
Kenya	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh	53	49	51	511
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	*	*	*	*
Liberia	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	50	47	47	479
Madagascar	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of	53	52	53	525
Mali	*	*	*	*	French Southern Territories	*	*	*	*
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	Hong Kong	54	47	50	506
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	India	58	54	54	553
Mayotte	*	*	*	*	Indonesia	50	45	49	479
Morocco	55	53	52	531	Japan	47	46	47	469
Mozambique	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	49	46	48	476
Namibia	*	*	*	*	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*
Niger	*	*	*	*	Korea, Republic of	52	48	50	498
Nigeria	56	55	53	545	Kwajalein	*	*	*	*
Reunion	*	*	*	*	Kyrgyzstan	*	*	*	*
Rwanda	*	*	*	*	Laos	42	41	40	414
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	Macao	*	*	*	*
Senegal	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	55	50	53	528
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	55	51	52	523
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	Myanmar	55	52	53	532
Somalia	*	*	*	*	Nepal	*	*	*	*
South Africa	50	47	46	476	Pakistan	56	54	53	541
Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	Palestinian Territory	*	*	*	*
Togo	*	*	*	*	Philippines	57	55	53	550
Tunisia	57	55	53	553	Singapore	*	*	*	*
Uganda	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	*	*	*	*
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Taiwan (Republic of China)	51	46	47	480
Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	Tajikistan	44	38	41	410
AMERICA					Thailand	45	42	45	440
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	Timor-Leste	45	40	44	430
Argentina	53	49	53	516	Turkmenistan	52	45	47	479
Aruba	*	*	*	*	Uzbekistan	46	47	47	465
Barbados	*	*	*	*	Vietnam	41	35	37	380
Belize	*	*	*	*	EUROPE				
Bermuda	*	*	*	*	Albania	50	47	47	482
Bolivia	*	*	*	*	Armenia	*	*	*	*
Brazil	54	50	54	531	Austria	*	*	*	*
Canada	58	53	52	546	Belarus	*	*	*	*
Chile	57	53	57	555	Belgium	*	*	*	*
Colombia	52	47	52	505	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	*	*	*
Costa Rica	53	48	52	510	Bulgaria	56	58	54	559
Cuba	53	50	53	519	Croatia	*	*	*	*
Curaçao	*	*	*	*	Cyprus	*	*	*	*
Dominica	*	*	*	*	Czech Republic	57	55	56	558
Dominican Republic	49	46	48	478	Czechia	*	*	*	*
Ecuador	50	46	50	488	Denmark	*	*	*	*
El Salvador	53	50	51	515	Estonia	*	*	*	*
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Finland	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	France	57	53	56	552
Guatemala	50	45	49	479	Georgia	53	51	49	511
Haiti	*	*	*	*	Germany	59	56	55	568
Honduras	49	44	47	466	Greece	*	*	*	*
Jamaica	*	*	*	*					
Martinique	*	*	*	*					

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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		
Greenland	*	*	*	*	MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA						
Hungary	58	58	58	581		Algeria	55	51	51	524	
Iceland	*	*	*	*		Bahrain	*	*	*	*	
Ireland	*	*	*	*		Egypt	50	48	48	489	
Italy	59	55	57	569		Gaza Strip	50	49	49	494	
Latvia	*	*	*	*		Iran, Islamic Republic of	52	47	48	491	
Lithuania	*	*	*	*		Iraq	52	47	47	489	
Luxembourg	*	*	*	*		Israel	54	50	50	512	
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	*	*	*	*		Jordan	49	44	44	458	
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic Of	*	*	*	*		Kuwait	48	42	44	445	
Malta	*	*	*	*		Lebanon	54	53	50	522	
Moldova, Republic of	*	*	*	*		Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	47	43	45	451	
Monaco	54	51	52	524		Oman	44	39	41	413	
Montenegro	*	*	*	*		Qatar	*	*	*	*	
Netherlands	61	57	58	588		Saudi Arabia	53	45	46	479	
Northern Ireland	*	*	*	*		Sudan	53	45	47	482	
Norway	*	*	*	*		Syrian Arab Republic	51	47	47	485	
Poland	*	*	*	*		United Arab Emirates	48	41	42	440	
Portugal	54	51	53	529		West Bank	53	51	51	518	
Republic of Serbia	*	*	*	*		Yemen	50	45	45	468	
Romania	57	54	55	553		PACIFIC REGION					
Russian Federation	56	53	56	549			American Samoa	*	*	*	*
San Marino	*	*	*	*			Australia	58	54	56	556
Scotland	*	*	*	*			French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
Serbia	*	*	*	*			Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	*	*	*	*			Nauru	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	*	*	*	*			New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
Spain	59	57	58	581	New Zealand		*	*	*	*	
Sweden	*	*	*	*	Niue		*	*	*	*	
Switzerland	*	*	*	*	Papua New Guinea		*	*	*	*	
Turkey	53	47	49	495	Solomon Islands		*	*	*	*	
Ukraine	57	52	54	542	Tonga		*	*	*	*	
United Kingdom	*	*	*	*							
Yugoslavia	*	*	*	*							

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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.

TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2020 *(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	403	26	463	52	527	78
340	1	403	27	467	53	530	79
347	2	407	28	470	54	530	80
353	3	410	29	470	55	533	81
357	4	410	30	473	56	537	82
360	5	413	31	477	57	540	83
360	6	417	32	477	58	543	84
363	7	420	33	480	59	547	85
367	8	420	34	483	60	550	86
367	9	423	35	483	61	557	87
370	10	427	36	487	62	560	88
373	11	430	37	490	63	563	89
373	12	433	38	490	64	567	90
377	13	433	39	493	65	573	91
377	14	437	40	497	66	577	92
380	15	440	41	497	67	583	93
380	16	440	42	500	68	590	94
383	17	443	43	503	69	597	95
387	18	447	44	503	70	603	96
387	19	450	45	507	71	613	97
390	20	450	46	510	72	623	98
390	21	453	47	513	73	640	99
393	22	457	48	513	74	677	100
397	23	457	49	517	75		
397	24	460	50	520	76		
400	25	463	51	523	77		

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