

Test and Score Data Summary for
TOEFL iBT[®] Tests

January 2014–December 2014 Test Data

Test and Score Data

This edition of the *TOEFL*[®] *Test and Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of test takers who took the *TOEFL iBT*[®] test between January and December 2014.

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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 9,000 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® 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, 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.

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Test Data for 2014

The data presented in the tables below are based on test takers who took the TOEFL iBT test between January 2014 and December 2014.

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	97	96	99	99	120	100
29	91	92	97	98	116	99
28	86	87	95	94	112	97
27	80	82	91	90	108	93
26	74	77	86	86	104	88
25	69	71	**	80	100	81
24	63	66	79	72	96	74
23	58	61	67	66	92	67
22	52	55	55	57	88	59
21	47	50	**	45	84	51
20	42	44	44	37	80	44
19	36	39	34	32	76	37
18	32	35	24	25	72	31
17	27	30	16	20	68	25
16	23	26	**	17	64	20
15	20	23	10	14	60	16
14	17	19	7	10	56	13
13	14	16	5	8	52	10
12	12	14	**	6	48	8
11	10	11	3	4	44	6
10	8	9	2	3	40	4
9	7	7	2	2	36	3
8	5	6	1	1	32	2
7	4	4	**	1	28	1
6	3	3	1	1	24	1
5	2	2	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	20.0	19.7	20.2	20.3	Mean	80
S.D.	6.7	6.8	4.6	5.0	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	96	99	98	116	100
28	93	93	97	96	112	98
27	90	89	94	93	108	96
26	86	86	91	91	104	93
25	83	82	**	86	100	89
24	79	78	85	80	96	84
23	75	74	75	76	92	79
22	71	69	63	68	88	73
21	66	64	**	57	84	67
20	62	60	52	49	80	60
19	57	55	42	44	76	54
18	53	50	32	37	72	48
17	48	46	23	31	68	42
16	43	41	**	28	64	36
15	40	37	16	23	60	31
14	35	33	11	18	56	26
13	31	29	8	15	52	21
12	27	26	**	11	48	17
11	23	22	6	7	44	13
10	19	19	5	5	40	10
9	16	15	4	4	36	7
8	13	13	2	2	32	5
7	10	10	**	2	28	3
6	8	7	2	1	24	2
5	6	5	1	1	20	1
4	4	3	1	.	16	.
3	2	2	.	.	12	.
2	1	1	.	.	8	.
1	1	.	.	.	.	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	16.6	16.9	19	18.7	Mean	71
S.D.	7.4	7.3	5	5.4	S.D.	23

*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	91	94	98	97	112	99
27	87	90	96	94	108	97
26	82	86	93	92	104	94
25	78	82	**	88	100	90
24	74	77	88	82	96	85
23	69	73	78	77	92	79
22	64	68	67	69	88	72
21	59	62	**	58	84	65
20	55	57	56	50	80	58
19	50	52	45	44	76	51
18	45	47	34	37	72	44
17	40	42	24	31	68	38
16	36	37	**	27	64	32
15	32	33	16	22	60	27
14	28	29	11	17	56	22
13	24	25	8	14	52	18
12	21	21	**	11	48	14
11	18	18	6	7	44	10
10	14	15	4	5	40	7
9	12	12	3	4	36	5
8	10	9	2	2	32	3
7	7	7	**	1	28	2
6	5	5	1	1	24	1
5	4	4	1	.	20	1
4	3	2	1	.	16	.
3	2	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	1	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	18.0	17.6	18.7	18.7	Mean	73
S.D.	7.2	6.9	4.7	5.3	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	97	99	99	120	100
29	93	93	97	98	116	99
28	89	88	95	95	112	97
27	84	84	91	91	108	94
26	79	79	87	88	104	89
25	74	74	**	82	100	83
24	70	69	80	75	96	77
23	65	64	69	69	92	71
22	59	59	57	61	88	64
21	54	54	**	49	84	57
20	49	49	46	41	80	49
19	43	44	36	35	76	42
18	39	39	26	29	72	36
17	34	35	18	23	68	30
16	29	30	**	20	64	25
15	26	27	11	16	60	20
14	22	23	7	12	56	16
13	19	20	5	10	52	12
12	16	17	**	7	48	9
11	13	14	4	4	44	7
10	11	11	3	3	40	5
9	9	9	2	2	36	3
8	7	7	1	1	32	2
7	5	5	**	1	28	1
6	4	4	1	1	24	1
5	3	3	1	.	20	.
4	2	2	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	19.1	19	20	19.9	Mean	78
S.D.	6.9	7	4.7	5.1	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	95	99	99	120	100
29	89	90	97	97	116	99
28	82	84	94	93	112	96
27	76	78	90	88	108	91
26	69	72	85	84	104	85
25	63	67	**	76	100	78
24	57	61	77	68	96	70
23	51	55	64	62	92	61
22	45	49	51	52	88	53
21	39	43	**	39	84	44
20	34	38	40	31	80	37
19	29	33	29	26	76	30
18	25	28	20	20	72	23
17	20	24	12	15	68	18
16	17	20	**	13	64	14
15	14	17	7	10	60	11
14	12	14	4	7	56	8
13	9	11	3	6	52	6
12	8	9	**	4	48	4
11	6	7	2	2	44	3
10	5	6	1	2	40	2
9	4	4	1	1	36	1
8	3	3	1	1	32	1
7	2	3	**	.	28	1
6	2	2	.	.	24	.
5	1	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	.	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	21.4	20.8	20.7	21.0	Mean	84
S.D.	6.2	6.3	4.3	4.7	S.D.	19

*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	96	95	99	99	120	100
29	89	90	97	97	116	99
28	82	85	94	93	112	96
27	76	79	90	88	108	91
26	69	73	84	84	104	85
25	63	67	**	76	100	77
24	56	61	75	67	96	69
23	50	55	62	61	92	60
22	44	49	49	51	88	52
21	39	43	**	38	84	43
20	33	38	38	30	80	36
19	28	32	28	25	76	29
18	24	28	19	19	72	23
17	20	24	12	15	68	18
16	16	20	**	12	64	14
15	14	17	6	9	60	11
14	11	14	4	7	56	8
13	9	11	3	5	52	6
12	7	9	**	4	48	4
11	6	7	2	2	44	3
10	5	6	1	2	40	2
9	4	4	1	1	36	1
8	3	3	1	1	32	1
7	2	3	**	.	28	.
6	2	2	.	.	24	.
5	1	1	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	.	.	.	.	12	.
2	.	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	0	.
Mean	21.5	20.8	20.9	21.1	Mean	84
S.D.	6.1	6.3	4.3	4.6	S.D.	19

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to master, graduate or post-graduate 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	98	97	99	100	120	100
29	94	94	98	99	116	100
28	89	90	96	96	112	98
27	84	86	93	94	108	96
26	79	81	89	91	104	92
25	74	77	**	86	100	86
24	68	72	83	79	96	80
23	63	67	72	74	92	73
22	57	61	61	65	88	66
21	52	56	**	53	84	58
20	46	50	51	43	80	50
19	41	45	41	38	76	43
18	36	40	31	31	72	36
17	31	35	22	25	68	30
16	26	30	**	22	64	25
15	23	26	15	17	60	20
14	19	23	10	13	56	16
13	16	19	7	11	52	13
12	13	16	**	8	48	10
11	11	13	5	5	44	7
10	9	11	3	3	40	5
9	7	8	2	3	36	4
8	6	6	1	2	32	2
7	5	5	**	1	28	1
6	3	4	1	1	24	1
5	2	3	1	.	20	.
4	2	2	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	19.4	18.8	19.3	19.4	Mean	77
S.D.	6.7	6.8	4.9	5.0	S.D.	21

*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	93	92	97	98	116	99
28	88	87	94	95	112	97
27	83	82	90	91	108	93
26	76	76	83	87	104	88
25	71	70	**	81	100	81
24	65	64	73	72	96	74
23	59	57	59	66	92	65
22	53	51	47	56	88	56
21	46	45	**	44	84	47
20	40	39	36	35	80	39
19	34	34	28	30	76	32
18	30	29	21	23	72	26
17	25	25	14	18	68	21
16	20	21	**	16	64	17
15	17	18	9	12	60	13
14	14	15	6	9	56	11
13	12	13	5	7	52	8
12	10	11	**	5	48	7
11	8	9	3	3	44	5
10	6	7	2	2	40	4
9	5	6	2	2	36	3
8	4	5	1	1	32	2
7	3	4	**	1	28	1
6	3	3	1	1	24	1
5	2	2	1	.	20	.
4	1	2	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	1	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	20.3	20.4	20.8	20.4	Mean	82
S.D.	6.3	6.5	4.7	4.8	S.D.	20

*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	97	96	99	99	120	100
29	92	91	97	98	116	99
28	86	86	94	95	112	97
27	81	80	90	91	108	93
26	75	75	84	87	104	88
25	70	69	**	81	100	81
24	65	63	75	73	96	73
23	59	58	62	67	92	65
22	53	52	50	58	88	57
21	47	46	**	45	84	49
20	41	40	39	36	80	41
19	36	35	29	31	76	34
18	31	31	21	24	72	28
17	26	26	14	19	68	22
16	22	22	**	17	64	18
15	19	19	9	13	60	14
14	16	16	6	10	56	11
13	13	13	4	8	52	9
12	11	11	**	6	48	7
11	9	9	3	4	44	5
10	7	7	2	3	40	4
9	5	6	1	2	36	2
8	4	5	1	1	32	2
7	3	4	**	1	28	1
6	2	3	1	1	24	1
5	2	2	.	.	20	.
4	1	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	20.2	20.3	20.6	20.3	Mean	82
S.D.	6.5	6.5	4.6	4.9	S.D.	20

*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	97	96	99	99	120	100
29	92	91	97	97	116	99
28	87	86	93	93	112	96
27	82	80	89	89	108	92
26	76	74	82	85	104	86
25	71	68	**	79	100	80
24	66	62	72	71	96	72
23	60	57	58	66	92	64
22	54	50	46	57	88	56
21	49	44	**	45	84	48
20	43	39	36	36	80	40
19	37	34	27	31	76	34
18	33	30	19	25	72	28
17	28	26	13	20	68	23
16	23	22	**	17	64	18
15	20	19	8	13	60	15
14	17	16	6	10	56	11
13	14	13	4	8	52	9
12	11	11	**	6	48	7
11	9	9	3	4	44	5
10	7	7	2	2	40	3
9	6	6	1	2	36	2
8	5	5	1	1	32	1
7	4	3	**	1	28	1
6	3	2	1	1	24	.
5	2	2	.	.	20	.
4	2	1	.	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	.	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	20.0	20.5	21.0	20.4	Mean	82
S.D.	6.6	6.5	4.6	5.1	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	97	98	116	99
28	87	88	95	94	112	97
27	83	83	91	91	108	93
26	77	78	86	87	104	89
25	73	73	**	82	100	83
24	67	68	79	74	96	77
23	62	63	68	69	92	70
22	57	58	57	61	88	63
21	52	53	**	49	84	56
20	47	47	47	41	80	48
19	42	42	37	36	76	42
18	37	38	28	30	72	35
17	32	33	20	25	68	30
16	28	29	**	22	64	25
15	25	25	14	18	60	20
14	21	22	10	14	56	16
13	18	19	7	12	52	13
12	15	16	**	9	48	10
11	13	13	5	6	44	8
10	11	11	4	4	40	6
9	9	9	3	4	36	4
8	7	7	2	2	32	3
7	6	5	**	2	28	2
6	4	4	1	1	24	1
5	3	3	1	1	20	1
4	2	2	1	.	16	.
3	1	1	.	.	12	.
2	1	1	.	.	8	.
1	.	.	.	.	4	.
0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mean	19.3	19.2	19.7	19.7	Mean	78
S.D.	7.0	7.0	5.1	5.4	S.D.	22

*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*	20.2	6.9	19.6	6.9	19.7	4.7	20.1	5.2	80	21
1-To attend high school**	16.5	7.5	16.6	7.4	18.5	5	18.3	5.6	70	23
2-To attend a 2-year college/ community college**	17.8	7.3	17.3	7.1	18.2	4.8	18.3	5.4	72	22
3-To attend a 4-year undergraduate program**	18.8	7.1	18.6	7.2	19.4	4.8	19.4	5.3	76	22
4-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate program other than a business program**	21.7	6.2	20.9	6.4	20.3	4.3	21	4.7	84	19
5-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate BUSINESS program**	21.7	6.2	21.0	6.4	20.6	4.4	21.1	4.8	85	19
6-To attend an English-language school or program**	19.4	6.8	18.5	6.9	18.7	4.9	18.9	5.2	76	21
7-For licensure or certification**	20.8	6.1	20.5	6.4	20.4	4.7	20.4	4.8	82	19
8-For employment or a job**	20.4	6.5	20.3	6.6	20.1	4.6	20.1	5	81	20
9-For immigration purposes**	20.4	6.6	20.7	6.5	20.8	4.6	20.5	5.1	82	20
10-Other**	19.3	7.1	19.1	7.1	19.2	5.2	19.3	5.6	77	22

*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*	20.0	6.6	19.8	6.6	20.6	4.5	20.5	4.8	81	20
1-To attend high school**	16.8	7.3	17.3	7.2	19.6	4.9	19.2	5.2	73	22
2-To attend a 2-year college/ community college**	18.1	7	17.8	6.7	19.3	4.7	19.1	5	74	21
3-To attend a 4-year undergraduate program**	19.2	6.6	19.3	6.8	20.5	4.6	20.4	4.8	79	20
4-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate program other than a business program**	21.1	6.1	20.8	6.3	21.2	4.3	21.1	4.6	84	19
5-To attend a masters, graduate or post-graduate BUSINESS program**	21.2	6	20.6	6.2	21.1	4.1	21.1	4.5	84	18
6-To attend an English-language school or program**	19.5	6.6	19.1	6.6	19.8	4.8	19.7	4.8	78	20
7-For licensure or certification**	20	6.3	20.3	6.5	21.1	4.7	20.5	4.8	82	20
8-For employment or a job**	20	6.4	20.4	6.5	21.1	4.6	20.5	4.8	82	20
9-For immigration purposes**	19.5	6.5	20.1	6.5	21.3	4.7	20.3	5	81	20
10-Other**	19.2	6.9	19.2	6.9	20.2	5	20	5.2	79	21

*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 Means¹ — All Examinees, Classified by Native Language²

Native Language	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Native Language	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Afrikaans	18	18	20	19	75	Kurukh	*	*	*	*	*
Akan	18	17	20	20	75	Lao	12	15	18	18	63
Albanian	18	20	22	20	80	Latvian	21	23	24	22	90
Amharic	17	19	20	18	74	Lingala	15	17	20	18	70
Arabic	15	17	19	17	69	Lithuanian	20	22	23	22	88
Armenian	18	18	21	20	76	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*	*
Assamese	24	25	25	25	*	Luo	18	19	22	21	80
Aymara	*	*	*	*	*	Luxembourgish	24	25	25	24	98
Azerbaijani	19	19	20	20	78	Macedonian	20	22	23	22	86
Bambara	13	13	17	15	58	Madurese	*	*	*	*	*
Bashkir	*	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	19	19	20	20	79
Basque	23	23	22	22	89	Malay	21	22	21	23	88
Belarusian	20	21	22	20	84	Malayalam	24	24	25	24	97
Bemba	19	20	23	22	84	Maltese	*	*	*	*	*
Bengali	22	23	23	23	92	Mandingo	15	16	18	18	68
Berber	17	19	21	18	75	Marathi	22	23	23	24	92
Bikol	*	*	*	*	*	Marshallese	*	*	*	*	*
Bosnian	19	22	23	21	84	Mende	*	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	21	23	22	22	88	Minankabau	*	*	*	*	*
Burmese	18	19	20	20	77	Mongolian	17	18	19	19	72
Catalan	23	24	22	22	91	Mossi	14	14	17	16	61
Cebuano	20	21	24	22	87	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*
Chichewa (Nyanja)	18	19	21	20	78	Nepali	18	19	20	21	79
Chinese	20	18	19	20	77	Norwegian	21	24	25	22	92
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	*	Oriya	23	23	23	24	94
Croatian	22	24	24	22	91	Oromo	18	18	20	19	74
Czech	22	24	23	22	91	Palauan	*	*	*	*	*
Danish	23	25	26	23	98	Pohnapeian	*	*	*	*	*
Dutch	25	26	26	24	100	Polish	22	24	23	22	90
Dyula	*	*	*	*	*	Portuguese	21	21	20	20	82
Efik	19	19	22	20	80	Punjabi	22	22	23	22	89
English	21	23	24	23	91	Pushtu	15	17	21	19	72
Estonian	23	25	24	24	97	Romanian	21	23	23	22	88
Ewe	16	16	19	18	70	Russian	20	21	22	21	84
Farsi	20	20	21	20	81	Samoan	*	*	*	*	*
Fijian	*	*	*	*	*	Santali	*	*	*	*	*
Finnish	23	25	24	23	95	Serbian	20	22	23	21	86
French	21	22	21	21	85	Shona	20	22	25	23	90
Fulah	15	17	20	18	70	Sindhi	22	23	24	24	93
Ga	17	18	20	20	75	Sinhalese	20	22	22	21	85
Galician	*	*	*	*	*	Slovak	21	23	23	22	88
Ganda	17	18	21	20	77	Slovenian	23	25	24	23	94
Georgian	19	21	22	21	83	Somali	15	17	20	18	71
German	23	25	25	24	97	Spanish	20	21	21	20	83
Greek	22	23	23	23	91	Sundanese	*	*	*	*	*
Guarani	*	*	*	*	*	Swahili	18	19	22	21	79
Gujarati	20	21	23	22	86	Swedish	21	24	25	22	92
Hausa	16	17	20	19	72	Tagalog	21	22	23	22	89
Hebrew	23	25	24	22	94	Tajik	15	17	20	18	69
Hiligaynon	20	20	24	22	87	Tamil	23	24	24	24	95
Hindi	23	24	24	24	95	Tatar	19	20	21	19	79
Hungarian	22	24	23	22	92	Telugu	19	20	21	21	82
Icelandic	23	26	24	23	96	Thai	18	19	18	19	74
Igbo	18	19	21	20	78	Tibetan	18	19	22	21	80
Iloko	19	21	22	22	84	Tigrinya	19	20	21	19	80
Indonesian	21	21	21	21	84	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
Inupiaq	*	*	*	*	*	Turkish	*	*	*	*	*
Italian	23	23	22	22	90	Turkmen	15	17	19	17	68
Japanese	18	17	17	18	70	Twi	17	18	21	20	77
Javanese	18	16	17	18	68	Uighur	18	18	20	18	73
Kannada	22	23	24	24	93	Ukrainian	19	21	22	20	82
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	*	Urdu	21	22	24	23	90
Kashmiri	24	24	25	25	98	Uzbek	17	18	20	19	74
Kazakh	17	19	21	19	76	Vietnamese	19	19	19	21	79
Khmer	15	16	19	19	69	Wolof	14	16	19	18	66
Kikuyu	18	20	22	21	81	Xhosa	*	*	*	*	*
Kinyarwanda	16	17	20	19	71	Yapese	*	*	*	*	*
Konkani	24	25	25	25	98	Yiddish	*	*	*	*	*
Korean	22	21	20	21	84	Yoruba	18	19	20	20	78
Kosraean	21	19	18	19	77	Yupik	*	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	13	14	17	15	59	Zulu	17	20	24	23	84

¹ 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.

² 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 Means¹ — All Examinees, Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country²

Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
AFRICA						Nicaragua	20	21	23	21	85
Angola	14	16	19	17	66	Panama	20	21	22	21	83
Benin	16	15	18	18	66	Paraguay	21	22	22	21	85
Botswana	20	22	24	22	88	Peru	21	22	22	21	87
Burkina Faso	15	16	19	17	67	Puerto Rico	20	22	22	21	84
Burundi	15	17	20	18	70	Saint Lucia	*	*	*	*	*
Cameroon	16	16	19	19	70	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	*	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	13	16	18	16	63	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	*	Suriname	*	*	*	*	*
Chad	16	15	18	17	66	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*	*
Comoros	*	*	*	*	*	Turks and Caicos Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Congo	14	15	18	17	64	United States	21	22	23	22	87
Congo, The Democratic Republic of	14	16	20	18	68	Uruguay	23	24	23	22	92
Cote D'Ivoire	15	14	17	17	63	Venezuela	19	21	22	20	83
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	12	13	18	16	59	ASIA					
Eritrea	19	20	21	19	79	Afghanistan	14	16	21	18	69
Ethiopia	17	19	20	18	74	Azerbaijan	18	19	21	20	77
Gabon	17	18	19	18	72	Bangladesh	20	21	21	22	84
Gambia	15	16	20	18	69	Bhutan	17	18	22	21	77
Ghana	18	19	21	21	78	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*	*
Guinea	12	14	18	15	60	Cambodia	15	16	19	19	69
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	*	China	20	18	19	20	77
Kenya	18	20	22	21	81	Christmas Island	*	*	*	*	*
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	*	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Liberia	13	16	21	18	68	Hong Kong	20	21	21	22	83
Madagascar	18	19	20	20	77	India	22	23	23	23	91
Malawi	18	20	22	22	82	Indonesia	21	21	21	21	84
Mali	13	14	18	16	61	Japan	18	17	17	18	70
Mauritania	15	17	20	17	69	Kazakhstan	18	20	22	20	80
Mauritius	23	24	24	24	94	Korea, Democratic People's					
Mayotte	*	*	*	*	*	Republic of	21	20	20	21	82
Mozambique	14	16	20	18	69	Korea, Republic of	22	21	20	21	84
Namibia	17	20	24	21	83	Kyrgyzstan	17	19	21	19	76
Niger	16	16	19	18	69	Lao, People's Democratic Republic	13	15	18	18	64
Nigeria	18	19	21	20	78	Macao	17	17	18	19	72
Reunion	19	20	20	20	79	Malaysia	22	22	21	23	89
Rwanda	16	17	20	19	73	Maldives	*	*	*	*	*
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	17	18	19	18	72
Senegal	14	16	18	17	66	Myanmar	18	19	20	20	78
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	*	Nepal	18	19	20	21	79
Sierra Leone	15	16	21	17	69	Pakistan	21	22	24	23	90
Somalia	15	17	20	18	71	Philippines	21	22	24	22	89
South Africa	23	25	27	25	100	Singapore	24	25	24	25	98
Swaziland	18	21	23	22	84	Sri Lanka	20	21	22	21	84
Tanzania, United Republic of	16	18	22	20	75	Taiwan	20	20	20	20	80
Togo	15	15	17	16	63	Tajikistan	15	17	20	18	71
Tunisia	19	20	21	20	79	Thailand	18	19	19	19	74
Uganda	17	18	22	21	78	Timor-Leste	*	*	*	*	*
Western Sahara	*	*	*	*	*	Turkmenistan	16	19	20	18	73
Zambia	18	20	23	22	83	Uzbekistan	18	19	21	19	77
Zimbabwe	21	23	25	23	91	Viet Nam	19	19	19	21	79
AMERICA						EUROPE					
Anguilla	*	*	*	*	*	Aland Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	*	Albania	18	20	22	20	81
Argentina	23	24	23	22	91	Andorra	*	*	*	*	*
Aruba	20	22	23	21	87	Armenia	17	18	21	20	76
Bahamas	*	*	*	*	*	Austria	24	26	26	24	100
Belize	*	*	*	*	*	Belarus	20	22	22	21	85
Bermuda	*	*	*	*	*	Belgium	24	25	24	23	96
Bolivia	19	21	22	20	82	Bosnia and Herzegovina	20	22	23	21	86
Brazil	21	21	20	20	82	Bulgaria	21	23	22	22	88
Canada	23	24	25	23	95	Croatia	22	24	24	22	92
Cayman Islands	*	*	*	*	*	Cyprus	20	21	22	22	85
Chile	21	22	21	20	84	Czech Republic	22	24	23	22	91
Colombia	20	21	21	20	81	Denmark	23	25	26	23	98
Costa Rica	22	24	23	22	92	Estonia	23	25	24	23	94
Cuba	20	20	21	19	80	Faroe Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic	19	21	22	20	83	Finland	23	25	24	23	95
Ecuador	15	15	18	17	65	France	22	22	22	21	87
El Salvador	20	22	23	21	86	Georgia	19	21	22	20	82
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	*	*	*	*	*	Germany	23	25	25	24	96
French Guiana	20	20	21	20	81	Gibraltar	*	*	*	*	*
Grenada	*	*	*	*	*	Greece	23	24	23	23	92
Guadeloupe	18	18	19	19	75	Greenland	*	*	*	*	*
Guatemala	19	21	22	20	81	Hungary	22	24	23	22	91
Guyana	*	*	*	*	*	Iceland	23	25	24	23	95
Haiti	14	15	19	17	65	Ireland	22	24	26	23	95
Honduras	20	22	23	21	85	Italy	23	23	22	22	90
Jamaica	20	22	24	22	88	Kosovo, Republic of	17	20	22	20	79
Martinique	20	19	20	20	78	Latvia	21	23	24	22	89
Mexico	21	23	22	21	86	Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*	*
Montserrat	*	*	*	*	*	Lithuania	20	22	23	22	88
Netherlands Antilles	18	21	23	21	82						

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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
EUROPE (cont'd)											
Luxembourg	23	24	25	24	96	Jordan	18	19	21	19	77
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	20	22	23	22	86	Kuwait	15	18	20	17	70
Malta	*	*	*	*	*	Lebanon	20	22	22	22	86
Moldova, Republic of	19	21	22	21	84	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	16	18	20	17	71
Monaco	20	21	23	22	86	Morocco	19	20	21	20	80
Montenegro	18	21	22	20	80	Oman	14	16	19	16	64
Northern Ireland	25	26	26	24	100	Palestine Territories	17	19	21	19	76
Netherlands	*	*	*	*	*	Qatar	18	20	21	19	78
Norway	21	24	25	22	92	Saudi Arabia	13	15	17	14	59
Poland	22	23	23	22	90	Sudan	18	20	21	19	78
Portugal	23	25	24	23	94	Syrian Arab Republic	17	20	21	19	78
Romania	22	23	23	22	90	United Arab Emirates	18	19	20	18	75
Russian Federation	20	21	22	21	84	West Bank	*	*	*	*	*
San Marino	*	*	*	*	*	Yemen	15	17	20	18	70
Scotland	*	*	*	*	*	PACIFIC REGION					
Serbia	20	23	23	21	86	American Samoa	*	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	*	*	*	*	*	Australia	21	22	23	22	89
Slovenia	21	23	23	22	88	British Indian Ocean Territory	*	*	*	*	*
Spain	22	25	24	23	94	Cook Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands	22	23	22	21	88	Fiji	*	*	*	*	*
Sweden	21	24	25	22	92	French Polynesia	21	21	21	21	85
Switzerland	24	26	25	23	98	Guam	*	*	*	*	*
Turkey	18	19	19	19	75	Kiribati	*	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	19	21	22	20	83	Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	21	23	24	22	91	Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*	*
Wales	*	*	*	*	*	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA						New Caledonia	22	22	21	21	86
Algeria	17	19	20	18	74	New Zealand	23	24	24	24	95
Bahrain	19	22	24	21	86	Niue	*	*	*	*	*
Egypt	19	21	22	21	83	Norfolk Island	*	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	*	*	*	*	*	Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Iran, Islamic Republic of	20	20	21	20	82	Palau	*	*	*	*	*
Iraq	15	16	19	17	66	Papua New Guinea	16	19	21	21	77
Israel	22	25	24	22	93	Samoa	*	*	*	*	*
						Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*	*
						Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
						Tuvalu	*	*	*	*	*
						Vanuatu	*	*	*	*	*

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