



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

January–December 2019 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 2019.



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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 2019

The tables below contain data from TOEFL ITP (Level 1) administrations in 2019, and the data were collected from test takers worldwide who took the TOEFL ITP (Level 1) test between January and December 2019.

Table 1 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2019 through December 2019.

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 2019.

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	476
Standard Deviation	7	9	8	72
Female	48	45	46	463
Standard Deviation	7	8	8	72

*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; 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	47	473	Lithuanian	*	*	*	*
Albanian	48	46	46	466	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*
Amharic	47	45	46	461	Luo	*	*	*	*
Arabic	49	45	45	465	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Armenian	53	52	49	512	Macedonian	*	*	*	*
Assamese	51	47	48	489	Madurese	48	45	48	468
Azerbaijani	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	*	*	*	*
Basque	*	*	*	*	Malay	50	45	48	474
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	50	47	47	480
Bemba	46	44	46	454	Mandarin	51	48	49	491
Bengali	54	50	50	515	Mandingo	*	*	*	*
Berber	48	46	47	471	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	47	44	46	455
Bosnian	*	*	*	*	Moldovan	50	46	47	476
Bulgarian	56	56	54	554	Mongolian	52	49	50	505
Burmese	50	50	50	502	Mossi	*	*	*	*
Cantonese	56	53	54	543	Nepali	53	49	50	505
Catalan	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	62	61	60	612
Cebuano	*	*	*	*	Nyanja	48	45	47	465
Chichewa	47	44	46	456	Oriya	*	*	*	*
Chinese	51	47	48	487	Oromo	*	*	*	*
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	Palauan	*	*	*	*
Croatian	*	*	*	*	Pidgin	*	*	*	*
Czech	56	53	54	543	Pohnpeian	*	*	*	*
Danish	*	*	*	*	Polish	56	51	52	530
Dutch	62	59	58	594	Portuguese	52	49	52	510
Efik	47	45	45	456	Provençal	*	*	*	*
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	52	51	52	516
Ewe	*	*	*	*	Pushto	50	47	46	479
Farsi	50	46	46	473	Romanian	57	56	56	562
Fijian	*	*	*	*	Ruanda	*	*	*	*
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Russia	53	52	53	527
French	55	53	55	543	Samar-Leyte	*	*	*	*
Fulah	46	43	45	446	Serbian	*	*	*	*
Galician	*	*	*	*	Serbo-Croatian	*	*	*	*
Ganda	*	*	*	*	Sesotho	*	*	*	*
Georgian	55	53	52	532	Shona	*	*	*	*
German	60	57	55	574	Sindhi	52	54	53	529
Greek	53	54	54	536	Sinhalese	52	49	52	508
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Slovak	54	51	51	522
Gujarati	49	42	44	448	Slovene	*	*	*	*
Hausa	47	45	46	462	Somali	*	*	*	*
Hebrew	*	*	*	*	Spanish	50	47	49	485
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Sundanese	49	46	47	471
Hindi	56	54	52	540	Swahili	*	*	*	*
Hungarian	60	58	58	588	Swedish	*	*	*	*
Icelandic	*	*	*	*	Tagalog	57	56	52	552
Igbo	53	52	51	522	Tamil	57	54	54	550
Iloko	47	43	45	449	Tatar	*	*	*	*
Indonesian	49	44	47	467	Telugu	51	48	48	491
Italian	57	56	56	565	Thai	45	42	43	433
Japanese	47	46	47	467	Tibetan	57	55	55	558
Javanese	51	47	49	492	Tigrinya	*	*	*	*
Kannada	*	*	*	*	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	Trukese	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*	Turkish	52	48	48	494
Kazakh	43	39	42	415	Turkmen	*	*	*	*
Khmer	48	46	45	461	Twi	*	*	*	*
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*	Ukrainian	54	51	51	518
Kirundi	*	*	*	*	Urdu	56	55	54	547
Konkani	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	52	48	48	493
Korean	52	48	49	497	Vietnamese	41	36	38	381
Kurdish	*	*	*	*	Wolof	*	*	*	*
Kyrgyz	51	48	49	495	Xhosa	*	*	*	*
Lao	*	*	*	*	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Latvian	60	59	57	584	Yoruba	*	*	*	*
Lingala	*	*	*	*	Zulu	*	*	*	*

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

TOEFL ITP® Test Data for 2019 *(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					Guyana	*	*	*	*
Angola	*	*	*	*	Haiti	48	46	47	470
Benin	*	*	*	*	Honduras	54	51	51	518
Botswana	48	48	49	485	Jamaica	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	49	48	48	482	Martinique	*	*	*	*
Burundi	*	*	*	*	Mexico	50	47	49	486
Cameroon	47	50	49	485	Montserrat	46	40	42	427
Cape Verde	*	*	*	*	Netherlands Antilles	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	Nicaragua	52	48	50	499
Chad	*	*	*	*	Panama	55	51	52	527
Comoros	47	41	42	436	Paraguay	53	49	51	509
Congo (formerly Zaire)	48	44	46	463	Peru	47	45	48	467
Congo Republic	50	47	47	480	Puerto Rico	48	45	46	466
Cote D'Ivoire	52	51	51	515	St. Kitts and Nevis	*	*	*	*
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	Sth Georgia & Sth Sandwich Is	*	*	*	*
Ethiopia	*	*	*	*	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Gabon	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*
Gambia	*	*	*	*	Turks and Caicos Islands	*	*	*	*
Ghana	*	*	*	*	US Minor Outlying Islands	*	*	*	*
Guinea	*	*	*	*	Uruguay	55	52	53	533
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	52	49	51	505
Kenya	51	52	51	513	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*
Liberia	*	*	*	*	ASIA				
Madagascar	52	49	51	505	Afghanistan	49	46	45	470
Malawi	*	*	*	*	Azerbaijan	*	*	*	*
Mali	50	47	47	483	Bangladesh	54	51	51	519
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	*	*	*	*
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	Bouvet Island	*	*	*	*
Mayotte	*	*	*	*	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*
Morocco	51	51	50	503	Cambodia	47	46	44	459
Mozambique	*	*	*	*	China, People's Republic of	50	48	48	488
Namibia	*	*	*	*	French Southern Territories	*	*	*	*
Niger	*	*	*	*	Hong Kong	56	54	54	547
Nigeria	54	52	50	520	India	55	53	52	534
Reunion	*	*	*	*	Indonesia	49	44	47	467
Rwanda	*	*	*	*	Japan	47	45	47	465
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	44	40	43	419
Senegal	51	50	50	503	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	*	*	*	*
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	of	50	47	47	481
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	Korea, Republic of	51	47	49	492
Somalia	55	51	51	524	Kwajalein	*	*	*	*
South Africa	56	55	52	544	Kyrgyzstan	*	*	*	*
Swaziland	*	*	*	*	Laos	*	*	*	*
Tanzania, United Republic of	*	*	*	*	Macao	52	49	49	501
Togo	*	*	*	*	Malaysia	55	50	53	530
Tunisia	55	55	53	543	Maldives	*	*	*	*
Uganda	49	43	44	451	Mongolia	52	49	50	504
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Myanmar	51	50	50	501
Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	Nepal	53	49	49	506
AMERICA					Pakistan	55	54	53	541
Argentina	55	53	55	542	Palestinian Territory	*	*	*	*
Aruba	*	*	*	*	Philippines	57	56	53	552
Bahamas	*	*	*	*	Singapore	*	*	*	*
Barbados	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	53	48	49	501
Belize	*	*	*	*	Taiwan (Republic of China)	51	46	48	485
Bermuda	*	*	*	*	Tajikistan	45	41	43	427
Bolivia	51	49	50	499	Thailand	45	42	43	433
Brazil	52	49	52	510	Timor-Leste	46	42	45	441
British West Indies	*	*	*	*	Turkmenistan	*	*	*	*
Canada	59	57	56	575	Uzbekistan	*	*	*	*
Chile	57	54	56	557	Vietnam	41	36	38	381
Colombia	50	47	51	495	EUROPE				
Costa Rica	52	48	50	498	Albania	48	46	46	466
Cuba	52	49	52	509	Armenia	*	*	*	*
Dominica	*	*	*	*	Austria	59	57	55	571
Dominican Republic	52	49	50	505	Azores	*	*	*	*
Ecuador	50	49	51	498	Belarus	*	*	*	*
El Salvador	54	51	53	528	Belgium	57	56	57	567
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	*	*	*
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*					
Guatemala	55	50	52	524					

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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
Bulgaria	56	56	54	554					
Croatia	*	*	*	*					
Cyprus	*	*	*	*					
Czech Republic	56	53	54	544					
Czechia	*	*	*	*					
Denmark	*	*	*	*					
Estonia	*	*	*	*					
Finland	*	*	*	*					
France	56	53	55	546					
Georgia	55	53	52	533					
Germany	60	57	55	573					
Greece	53	54	54	536					
Greenland	*	*	*	*					
Hungary	60	59	58	590					
Iceland	*	*	*	*					
Ireland	50	47	50	490					
Italy	57	56	56	565					
Latvia	53	50	51	515					
Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*					
Lithuania	57	56	54	559					
Luxembourg	*	*	*	*					
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	*	*	*	*					
Malta	47	44	46	456					
Moldova, Republic of	52	48	50	501					
Monaco	51	48	50	494					
Montenegro	*	*	*	*					
Netherlands	61	59	57	592					
Northern Ireland	*	*	*	*					
Norway	62	61	60	612					
Poland	56	51	53	533					
Portugal	53	50	52	514					
Romania	56	55	55	556					
Russian Federation	54	53	54	536					
Scotland	*	*	*	*					
Serbia	*	*	*	*					
Slovakia	55	53	52	532					
Slovenia	*	*	*	*					
Spain	58	56	56	567					
Svalbard and Jan Mayen	*	*	*	*					
Sweden	*	*	*	*					
Switzerland	*	*	*	*					
Turkey	52	48	48	494					
Ukraine	55	51	52	525					
United Kingdom	61	59	56	584					
Yugoslavia	*	*	*	*					
					MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA				
					Algeria	53	52	51	522
					Bahrain	*	*	*	*
					Egypt	49	48	48	484
					Gaza Strip	49	48	48	484
					Iran, Islamic Republic of	52	47	47	488
					Iraq	50	45	46	470
					Israel	52	49	51	508
					Jordan	49	44	45	459
					Kuwait	50	44	45	463
					Lebanon	52	51	50	511
					Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	48	45	44	459
					Oman	46	40	41	425
					Qatar	*	*	*	*
					Saudi Arabia	49	43	43	448
					Sudan	51	45	45	469
					Syrian Arab Republic	49	45	45	464
					United Arab Emirates	48	42	42	442
					West Bank	51	48	49	495
					Yemen	49	44	44	456
					PACIFIC REGION				
					American Samoa	*	*	*	*
					Australia	59	56	57	572
					Cook Islands	*	*	*	*
					Fiji	*	*	*	*
					French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
					Guam	*	*	*	*
					Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*
					Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*
					Nauru	*	*	*	*
					New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
					New Zealand	*	*	*	*
					Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*
					Papua New Guinea	*	*	*	*
					Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*
					Tonga	*	*	*	*
					Tuvalu	*	*	*	*
					Vanuatu	*	*	*	*

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

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 2019 *(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 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	413	26	470	52	527	78
343	1	417	27	473	53	527	79
350	2	420	28	473	54	530	80
353	3	420	29	477	55	533	81
357	4	423	30	477	56	537	82
360	5	427	31	480	57	540	83
363	6	430	32	483	58	543	84
367	7	430	33	483	59	547	85
370	8	433	34	487	60	550	86
373	9	437	35	487	61	553	87
377	10	437	36	490	62	560	88
377	11	440	37	490	63	563	89
380	12	443	38	493	64	567	90
383	13	443	39	497	65	573	91
383	14	447	40	497	66	577	92
387	15	450	41	500	67	583	93
390	16	450	42	503	68	590	94
393	17	453	43	503	69	597	95
393	18	457	44	507	70	603	96
397	19	457	45	510	71	613	97
400	20	460	46	510	72	627	98
400	21	460	47	513	73	640	99
403	22	463	48	517	74	677	100
407	23	463	49	517	75		
410	24	467	50	520	76		
410	25	470	51	523	77		

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