

College Student English Proficiency Test (CSEPT): The 2010 Test Report

The College Student English Proficiency Test (CSEPT), developed and administered by the LTTC, is a helpful tool for placing students, assessing learner achievement, and satisfying graduation requirements. A number of colleges and universities, such as National Kaohsiung Normal University, Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages, Southern Taiwan University, Shu-Te University, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Lunghwa University of Science and Technology, and Chihlee Institute of Technology, recognize and use the test for one or more of the above purposes.

In 2010, the average age of Level 1 and Level 2 test takers was 20. The ratio of male to female test takers was about 1:1 for Level 1, and 1:5 for Level 2 (see Figure 1).

As for the test takers' educational background, 91% of the Level 1 test takers were 4-year college and university students from various disciplines (see Figure 2); for Level 2, 92% of the test takers were 4-year and 5-year college students (see Figure 3), most of whom were foreign language majors.

With regard to test performance, the average test scores of Level 1 test takers were 67.41 and 68.40 on the Listening Test and General Test (an integrated test of vocabulary, usage, and reading comprehension), respectively (see Table 1); Level 2 test takers' average scores were 74.53, 72.65, and 68.74 on the Listening, Usage, and Reading tests, respectively (see Table 2).

Figure 1. Test taker distribution by gender

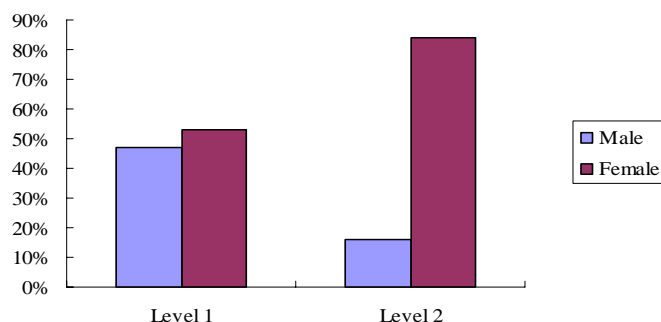


Figure 2. Test taker distribution by education:
Level 1

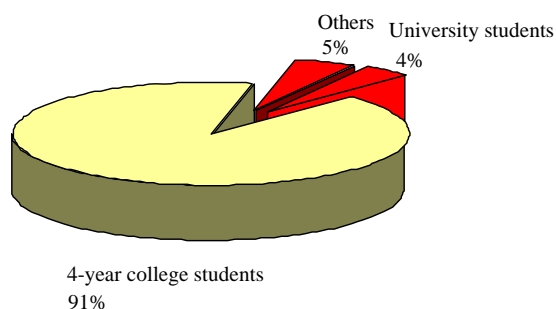


Figure 3. Test taker distribution by education:
Level 2

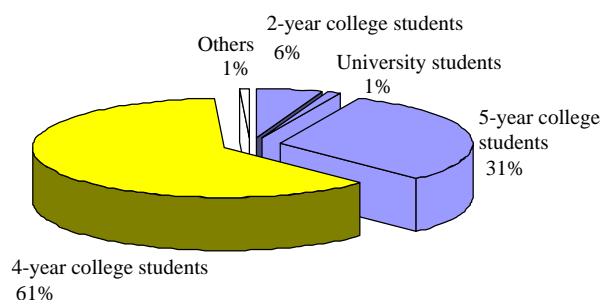


Table 1. Descriptive Test Score Statistics: Level 1

	Listening Test	General Test	Total Score
No. of items	25	60	
Mean	67.41	68.40	135.81
SD	23.24	20.59	40.89
Maximum score	120	120	240

Table 2. Descriptive Test Score Statistics: Level 2

	Listening Test	Usage Test	Reading Test	Total Score
No. of items	30	50	30	
Mean	74.53	72.65	68.74	215.91
SD	21.53	20.42	21.66	57.04
Maximum score	120	115	120	342