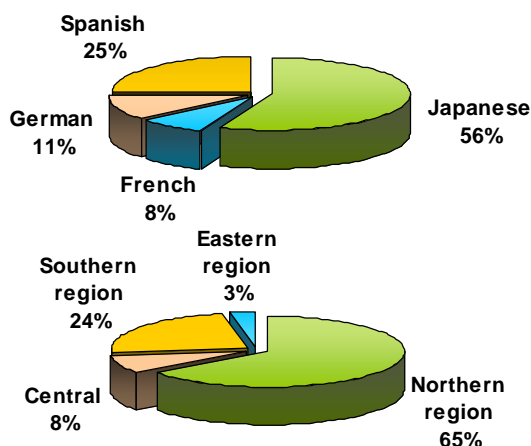


The Second Foreign Language Proficiency Test-Basic (SFLPT-Basic) The 2012 Test Report

The Second Foreign Language Proficiency Test-Basic (SFLPT-Basic) was developed by the LTTC in line with the Ministry of Education's policy on the promotion of teaching and learning of second foreign languages (Japanese, French, German and Spanish) in senior high schools to meet the need for assessment of Taiwan's foreign language learners at the beginner level. The test consists of three sections: Listening, Vocabulary & Usage, and Reading. Scores on each section range from 0 to 40, and the maximum total score is 120.

The average age of examinees in 2012 was 17.4. In terms of gender, the male-female ratio of test takers was about 3:7 (see Table 1). As for educational background, 68% of the test takers were senior high school students and graduates, and 20% were vocational high school students and graduates (see Table 2). Approximately 60% of the test takers took the SFLPT to assess learning achievement, college admissions, course credit exemption, or school grade reference; 40% of the examinees took the test for self-evaluation (see Table 3). Distribution of test takers by language and region is shown below in respective figures.



In terms of test takers' performance, 13% of the examinees achieved CEFR A2 level, with a total score of 96 or higher, and 67% achieved CEFR A1 level, with a total score of 60 or higher, and each section score was above 13 (see Table 4). As for the test takers

from the Senior High School Advanced Placement Program, 24% achieved the A2 level, and 59% achieved the A1 level (see Table 5).

Fifty-six percent of the test takers took the Japanese test. The average total score was 74.9 (Listening 23.3, Vocabulary & Usage 24.0, and Reading 27.6; see Table 6). Fifteen percent of them achieved the A2 level, and 62% achieved the A1 level. The male-female ratio was approximately 3:7. Sixty percent of these test takers were general senior high school students and graduates, and 36% were vocational high school students and graduates.

Eight percent of the test takers took the French test. The average total score was 76.3 (Listening 25.1, Vocabulary & Usage 24.4, and Reading 26.9). Fourteen percent of them achieved the A2 level, and 66% achieved the A1 level. The male-female ratio was about 1:3. Seventy-six percent of these examinees were senior high school students and graduates, and 22% were college or university students and graduates.

Eleven percent of the test takers took the German test. The average total score was 73.9 (Listening 26.1, Vocabulary & Usage 23.4, and Reading 24.4). Ten percent of them achieved the A2 level, and 74% achieved the A1 level. The male-female ratio was approximately 3:7. Seventy-one percent of these test takers were senior high school students and graduates, and 29% were college or university students and graduates.

Twenty-five percent of the examinees for the SFLPT took the Spanish test. The average total score was 74.2 (Listening 24.1, Vocabulary & Usage 24.3, and Reading 25.8). Nine percent of them achieved the A2 level, and 76% achieved the A1 level. The male-female ratio was approximately 1:2. Eighty-two percent of these examinees were senior high school students and graduates, and 8% were college or university students and graduates.

Table 1: Examinee Distribution by Gender

Gender	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Male	31%	26%	31%	35%	32%
Female	69%	74%	69%	65%	68%

Table 2: Examinee Distribution by Education Level

Education Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Junior high school	0%	1%	1%	9%	3%
Vocational high school	36%	1%	0%	1%	20%
General senior high school	60%	76%	71%	82%	68%
College/university or higher	4%	22%	29%	8%	9%

Table 3: Examinee Distribution by Purpose

Purpose	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Self-evaluation	42%	39%	46%	34%	40%
College admission	3%	3%	0%	2%	3%
School grade reference	3%	0%	4%	1%	3%
Course credit exemption	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Assessing learning achievement	47%	52%	46%	60%	51%
Job application, promotion & others	3%	6%	3%	3%	3%

Table 4: Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level

Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
A2	15%	14%	10%	9%	13%
A1	62%	66%	74%	76%	67%
Below A1	23%	20%	16%	15%	20%

Table 5: “Senior High School Advanced Placement Program” Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level

Level	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
A2	31%	15%	11%	18%	24%
A1	54%	66%	70%	65%	59%
Below A1	15%	19%	19%	17%	17%

Table 6: Average Score by Test Section

Test Section	Japanese	French	German	Spanish
Listening	23.3	25.1	26.1	24.1
Vocabulary & Usage	24.0	24.4	23.4	24.3
Reading	27.6	26.9	24.4	25.8
Total	74.9	76.3	73.9	74.2