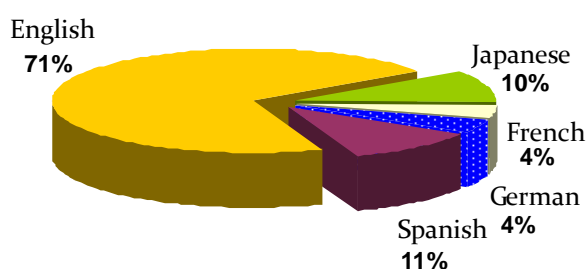


## The Foreign Language Proficiency Test (FLPT) The 2012 Test Report

In 2012, 52% of the examinees of the Foreign Language Proficiency Test (FLPT) took both the written exam and the oral exam; 45% took only the written exam, and 3% took only the oral exam. Seventy-one percent of the test takers took the English test; 11% took the Spanish test; 10% took the Japanese test; 4% took the French test; and 4% took the German test.



For the English test, 53% of the test takers were male, whereas 47% of the test takers were female. The average age of examinees was 31.8, with the oldest one being 72 and the youngest 15 years of age. About 80% of the examinees were 20 to 39 years of age. Forty-nine percent of the examinees were graduate school students and graduates, and 35% were university students and graduates. Twenty-five percent of the test takers took the English test for purposes of overseas studies, training, or assignments. As for the average scores attained by the examinees, for the Listening test, it was 67.3; it was 63.2 for Usage; 63.0 for Vocabulary and Reading, while the average score for the oral test was S-2.

For the Japanese test, the male-female ratio of test takers was approximately 1:2. The average age of test takers was 26.3. More than 60% of the examinees were 20 to 24 years of age, while the oldest one was 65 and the youngest 15 years of age. About 46% of the examinees were technological and vocational college students and graduates, and 33% were university students and graduates. Twenty-one percent of the test takers took the Japanese test for the purpose of certification. The average scores of the examinees for the Japanese test were as follows: Listening 61.7, Usage 57.5,

Vocabulary and Reading 56.7, with an average score of S-2 for the oral test.

As for the French test, the male-female ratio was about 1:2. The average age of examinees was 26.9. Approximately 60% of the examinees were 20 to 24 years of age; the oldest one was 42 and the youngest 19 years of age. The test takers were mainly university students and graduates (49%), and technological and vocational college students and graduates (29%). Ten percent of the test takers took the French test for the purpose of overseas studies, while another 10% for the purpose of certification. The average scores of the examinees for the French test were as follows: Listening 50.0, Usage 49.8, Vocabulary and Reading 49.6, with an average score of S-1+ for the oral test.

The male-female ratio was approximately 1:2 for the German test. The average age of test takers was 24.1. Over 60% of the examinees were 20 to 24 years of age, while the oldest one was 40 and the youngest 17. The examinees were mainly university students and graduates (63%) and graduate school students and graduates (20%). Approximately 25% of the test takers took the German test for the purpose of overseas studies, training, or assignments. The average scores of the examinees for the German test were as follows: Listening 52.7, Usage 51.4, Vocabulary and Reading 50.4, with an average score of S-1+ for the oral test.

For the Spanish test, the male-female ratio was approximately 1:2. The average age of examinees was 24.5. Nearly 70% of the examinees were 20 to 24 years of age, while the oldest one was 48 and the youngest 16 years of age. About 56% of the test takers were university students and graduates, and 31% were technological and vocational college students and graduates. Twenty-three percent of the test takers took the Spanish exam for the purpose of certification. The average scores of the examinees for the Spanish test were as follows: Listening 49.4, Usage 49.4, Vocabulary and Reading 49.5, with an average score of S-1+ for the oral test.

Table 1: Examinee Distribution by Gender

Gender	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Male	53%	31%	35%	35%	32%	47%
Female	47%	69%	65%	65%	68%	53%

Table 2: Examinee Distribution by Age

Age Range	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
15~19	6%	3%	1%	9%	6%	5%
20~24	15%	61%	60%	62%	66%	29%
25~29	25%	13%	8%	15%	12%	22%
30~34	21%	8%	14%	3%	8%	17%
35~39	15%	7%	7%	10%	5%	13%
40~44	9%	3%	10%	1%	2%	7%
45~49	5%	2%	0%	0%	1%	4%
over 50	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%	3%
Average Age	31.8	26.3	26.9	24.1	24.5	29.9

Table 3: Examinee Distribution by Education Level

Education Level	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Senior & vocational high school	8%	5%	2%	2%	3%	6%
Technological & vocational college	5%	46%	29%	15%	31%	14%
University	35%	33%	49%	63%	56%	39%
Graduate school	49%	14%	19%	20%	9%	39%
Others or unspecified	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%

Table 4: Examinee Distribution by Purpose

Purpose	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Overseas studies	12%	6%	10%	20%	5%	11%
Overseas training/assignments	13%	2%	0%	4%	1%	10%
Job application	8%	8%	2%	7%	8%	8%
Certification of language ability	7%	21%	10%	11%	23%	10%
Others	61%	62%	78%	57%	63%	62%

Table 5: Examinee Distribution by Major

Major	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
English/TESOL	5%	3%	7%	8%	10%	6%
Other foreign languages (Japanese, French, German, Spanish)	1%	59%	43%	38%	63%	16%
Literature, History, Philosophy, Education	8%	2%	7%	6%	2%	7%
Mass Communication	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%
Tourism/Recreation/Catering industry	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Social studies, Economics, Psychology	4%	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%
Law, Politics	6%	7%	6%	11%	2%	6%
Business Management, Finance	14%	6%	6%	4%	4%	12%
Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, IT, Engineering	29%	8%	18%	13%	4%	23%
Medicine, Pharmacology, Public Health, Life Science	8%	0%	2%	3%	3%	6%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry	7%	1%	0%	1%	2%	6%
Others or unspecified	16%	9%	6%	5%	7%	12%

Table 6: Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level

Total Score Range (CEFR)	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
240~329 (C1)	27%	12%	6%	7%	5%	22%
195~239 (B2)	23%	18%	14%	14%	9%	20%
150~194 (B1)	23%	41%	24%	25%	29%	26%
105~149 (A2)	17%	21%	38%	41%	39%	21%
below 105 (A1)	10%	8%	18%	13%	18%	11%

Table 7: Examinee Distribution by Average Score

Test Section	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish
Listening	67.3	61.7	50.0	52.7	49.4
Usage	63.2	57.5	49.8	51.4	49.4
Vocabulary & Reading	63.0	56.7	49.6	50.4	49.5
Oral test	S-2	S-2	S-1+	S-1+	S-1+