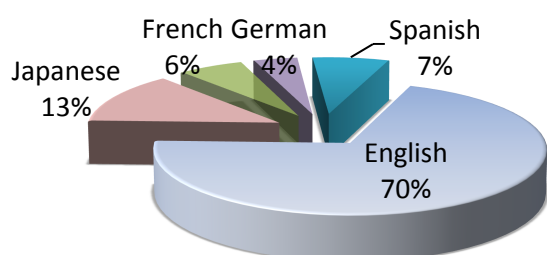


## The Foreign Language Proficiency Test (FLPT) The 2014 Test Report

The Foreign Language Proficiency Test (FLPT) is developed by the Language Training and Testing Center (LTTC) and has been administered since 1965. The FLPT is currently used by more than 400 public and private institutions and universities. The test is suitable for use with learners from CEFR A2 level to C1 level.

### • Examinee Background

Of all 2014 FLPT examinees, 70% took the English test, 13% Japanese, 7% Spanish, 6% French, and 4% German. The male-female ratio was approximately 1:1. The average age of the examinees was 31.2, with the oldest being 65 and the youngest 14 years of age. About 70% of the examinees were between 20 and 34 years of age. Forty-six percent of the examinees were graduate school students or graduates, and 42% were university students or graduates.



### • English Test

The average age of the examinees was 32.6, with the oldest one being 59 and the youngest 14 years of age. Fifty-four percent of the examinees were graduate school students or graduates, and 35% were university students or graduates. The average section scores on the English test were as follows: Listening 65, Usage 63, Vocabulary and Reading 64, and S-2 for the oral test. In 2014, the FLPT Writing test was first administered. There are six score levels: A, B, C, D, E (equivalent to CEFR C1, B2, B1, A2, and A1, respectively), and F. The average score level in 2014 was C.

### • Japanese Test

The average age of the examinees was 28.8. Approximately 50% of the examinees were between 20 and 24 years of age; the oldest one was 64 and the youngest 18 years of age. About 61% of the examinees were university students or graduates, and 25% were graduate school students or graduates. The average section scores on the Japanese test were as follows: Listening 64, Usage 60, Vocabulary and Reading 62, and S-2 for the oral test.

### • French Test

The average age of the examinees was 27.3. Approximately 50% of the examinees were between 20 and 24 years of age; the oldest one was 48 and the youngest 14 years of age. The examinees were mainly university students or graduates (53%) and graduate school students or graduates (31%). The average section scores on the French test were as follows: Listening 46, Usage 47, Vocabulary and Reading 43, and S-1+ for the oral test.

### • German Test

The average age of the examinees was 24.9. Over 60% of the examinees were between 20 and 24 years of age, while the oldest one was 48 and the youngest 17. The examinees were mainly university students or graduates (68%) and graduate school students or graduates (24%). The average section scores on the German test were as follows: Listening 54, Usage 54, Vocabulary and Reading 52, and S-1+ for the oral test.

### • Spanish Test

The average age of the examinees was 29.1. The oldest one was 65 and the youngest 17 years of age. About 58% of the examinees were university students or graduates, and 28% were graduate school students or graduates. The average section scores on the Spanish test were as follows: Listening 55, Usage 53, Vocabulary and Reading 55, and S-2 for the oral test.

Table 1: Examinee Distribution by Gender

Gender	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Male	54%	28%	33%	33%	44%	48%
Female	46%	72%	67%	67%	56%	52%

Table 2: Examinee Distribution by Age

Age Range	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
below 19	2%	2%	5%	5%	1%	2%
20~24	16%	51%	55%	62%	41%	27%
25~29	21%	13%	11%	15%	22%	19%
30~34	24%	11%	9%	10%	9%	20%
35~39	17%	10%	10%	5%	13%	14%
40~44	18%	12%	10%	5%	12%	16%
over 45	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	7%
Average Age	32.6	28.8	27.3	24.9	29.1	31.2

Table 3: Examinee Distribution by Education Level

Education Level	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Senior or vocational high school	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%
Technological or vocational college	8%	13%	13%	7%	13%	10%
University	35%	61%	53%	68%	58%	42%
Graduate school	54%	25%	31%	24%	28%	46%

Table 4: Examinee Distribution by Purpose

Purpose	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
Overseas studies	13%	12%	16%	19%	10%	13%
Overseas training/assignments	17%	3%	1%	4%	1%	12%
Job application	13%	14%	8%	4%	11%	12%
Certification of language ability	5%	20%	28%	14%	16%	10%
Others	52%	51%	47%	59%	62%	53%

Table 5: Examinee Distribution by Major

Major	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
English/TESOL	5%	1%	7%	2%	8%	4%
Other foreign languages (Japanese, French, German, Spanish)	1%	32%	33%	34%	21%	10%
Literature, History, Philosophy, Education	7%	5%	6%	3%	3%	6%
Mass Communication	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Tourism/Recreation/Catering industry	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Social studies, Economics, Psychology	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Law, Politics	6%	9%	6%	9%	6%	6%
Business Management, Finance	9%	3%	4%	3%	7%	8%
Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, IT, Engineering	22%	5%	8%	3%	11%	17%
Medicine, Pharmacology, Public Health, Life Science	6%	1%	1%	2%	0%	5%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry	6%	0%	1%	2%	1%	5%
Others or unspecified	36%	43%	34%	40%	39%	37%

Table 6: Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level (Listening, Usage, Vocabulary &amp; Reading)

Total Score Range (CEFR)	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
240~329 (C1)	24%	25%	3%	6%	8%	21%
195~239 (B2)	24%	20%	12%	23%	23%	23%
150~194 (B1)	25%	21%	18%	27%	28%	24%
105~149 (A2)	17%	25%	41%	24%	24%	20%
below 105 (below A2)	10%	9%	26%	20%	17%	12%

Table 7: Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level (Oral test)

Score Level	CEFR	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish	Total
over S-3	C1	9%	12%	2%	0%	6%	9%
S-2+	B2	39%	21%	19%	3%	8%	31%
S-2	B1	41%	29%	28%	23%	36%	38%
S-1+	A2	8%	24%	28%	41%	33%	15%
below S-1	below A2	3%	14%	23%	33%	17%	7%

Table 8: Examinee Distribution by Achieved Level (English Writing)

Score Level	CEFR	No. Of Examinees (%)
A	C1	2%
B	B2	27%
C	B1	60%
D	A2	10%
E	A1	1%

Table 9: Examinee Distribution by Average Score

Test Section	English	Japanese	French	German	Spanish
Listening	65	64	46	54	55
Usage	63	60	47	54	53
Vocabulary & Reading	64	62	43	52	55
Oral test	S-2	S-2	S-1+	S-1+	S-2
Writing	C	---	---	---	---