

## 2008 General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) Statistics Report Summary on Intermediate-Level Test Scores

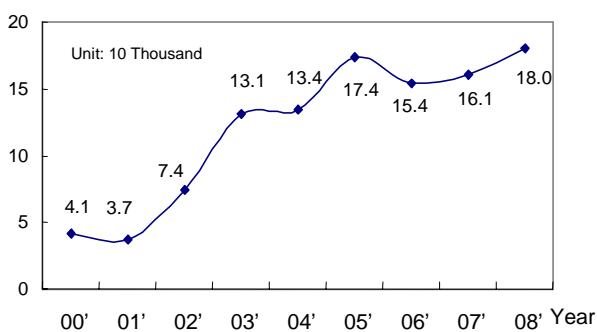
In 2008, the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) Intermediate Level First Stage Tests recognized a total number of 113,870 test-takers. Among these test-takers, approximately 67,000 took the Second Stage Speaking and Writing Tests. The average score for the First Stage Listening Test was 82.05, and that of the Reading Test was 77.46. The passing rate of these two First Stage Tests (Listening and Reading) was 48%, whereas the average band score for both Writing and Speaking Tests (Second Stage tests) was 3.6 with a passing rate of 32%.

According to the background analysis on overall test-takers, those from northern Taiwan accounted for the largest proportion of the test-taker population with 39%, and those from the central area composed 36%. In the same period, 21% were from the southern area, while the eastern area and offshore islets made up a 4% share. The ratio of males to females was approximately 2:3. The average age of test-takers was 18.9 years, and test-takers aged from 15 to 19 contributed 70% to the total number. The

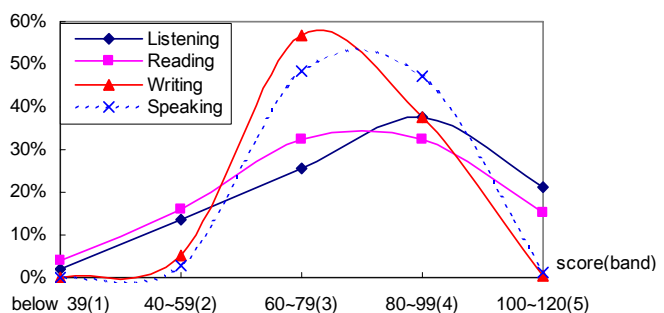
youngest passing candidate was 12 years old, while the most senior was 61 years old. Grouped by education, up to 60% of the test-takers of this level were the target senior high school and vocational high school candidates. Over 70% of the test-takers took the test for English proficiency self-assessment purposes; 26% aimed to use the test results as a positive reference for lifting academic performance or pursuing advanced education.

In terms of score distribution, test-takers from northern Taiwan demonstrated greater competence in the Listening and Reading Tests compared with test-takers from other areas. The mean scores of female test-takers in both the Listening and Reading Tests were higher than those of male test-takers. In general, statistical data showed that test-takers under 19 years of age outperformed older test-takers in both the Listening and Speaking Tests. On the other hand, the data also revealed test-takers' performance in the Reading Test correlated positively with the age factor.

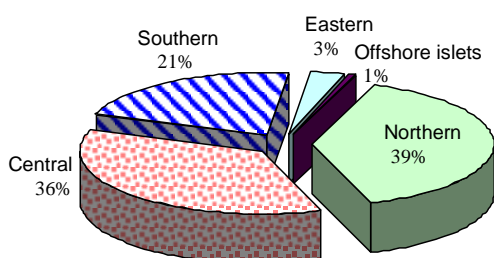
**GEPT Annual Test-Taker Population**



**GEPT Score Distribution by Test**



**GEPT Test-Taker Population Distribution by Region**



**GEPT Test-Taker Population Distribution by Education & Background**

