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Report on Citizenship Test Results January 2012

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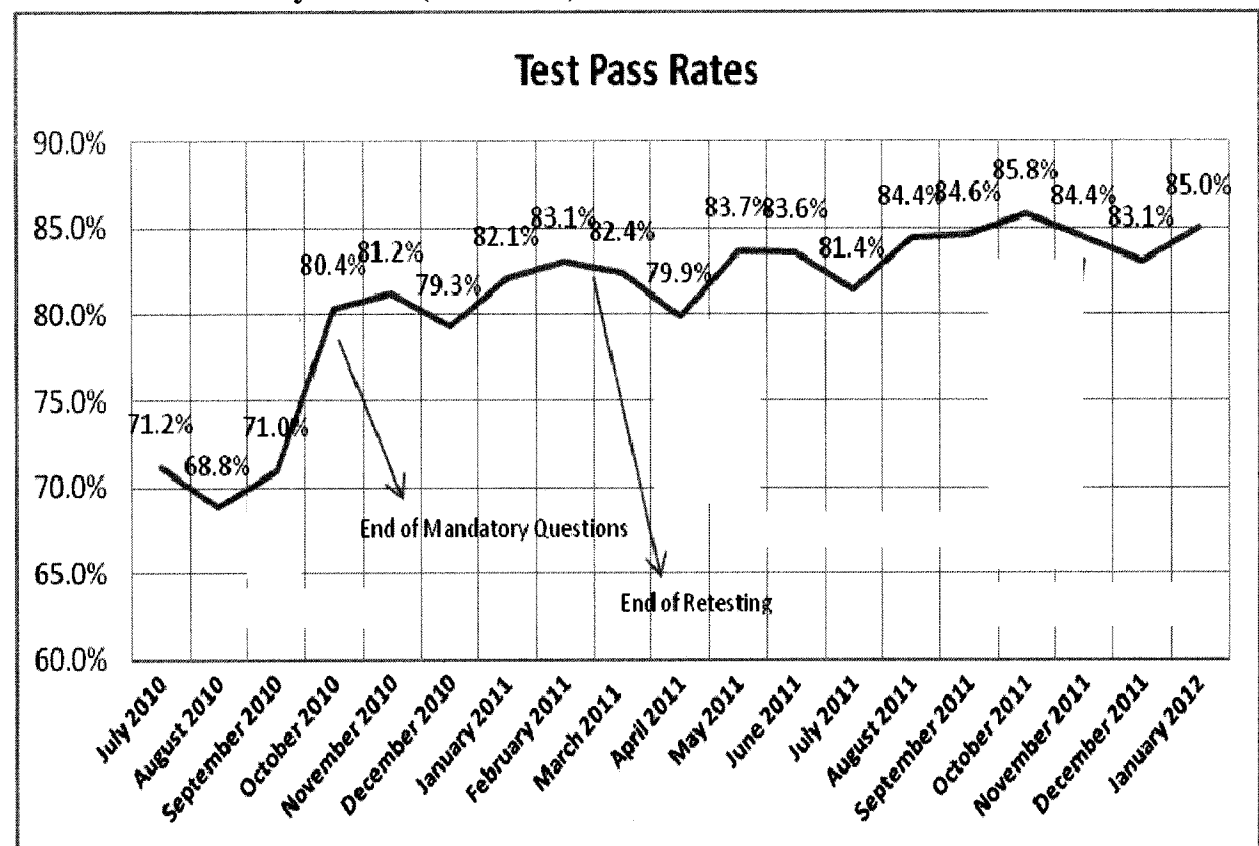
SUMMARY:

- The test pass rate was 85% in January, which is a slight increase (1.9%) from the December pass rate. The overall pass rate is 82.4% (from November 2010 to January 2012).
- Trends by key demographic characteristics and region remain consistent with previous months.
- Since the new scrambled test versions were introduced in [redacted] pass rates by version have shifted. Version [redacted] is now the lowest and the variance decreased from 11.8% from April 2011 to October 2011, to 4.8% from December 2011 to January 2012.

SECTION 1 – GCMS Data:

Note: The data presented below consist of aggregate data and do not take into account the variables that explain the differences in pass rates between groups. A test results monitoring exercise undertaken in early 2010 with Statistics Canada concluded that, in most cases, the education level of applicants explained pass rates differences.

Overall Pass Rates by Month (2010-2012):



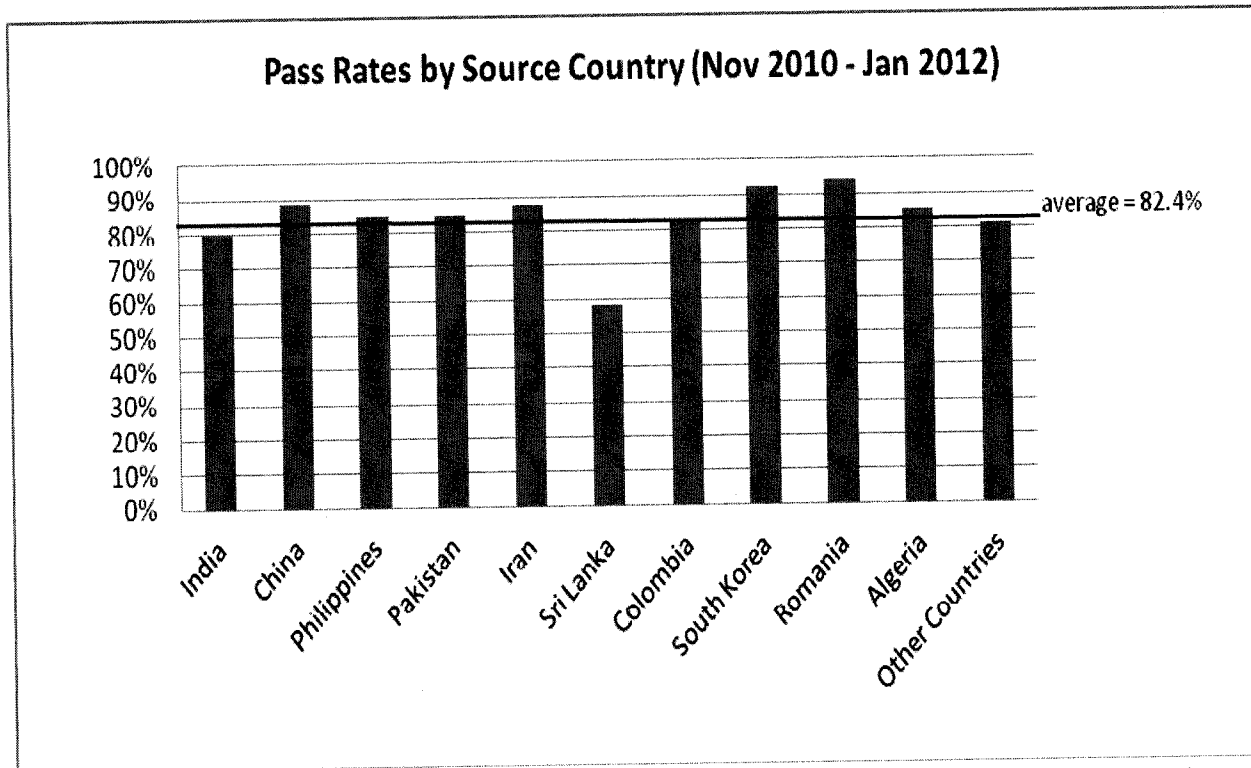
Due to regulatory changes, as of October 14th 2010, mandatory questions were removed from the citizenship test. This change affected test pass rates by raising them by approximately 10%. In addition, retesting was eliminated on February 28th 2011. [redacted] test questions were scrambled as part of the Citizenship Action Plan (CAP) initiatives to maintain test integrity and mitigate test memorization. Test questions were scrambled again [redacted]

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Test Pass Rates by Gender and Language:

	Female	Male	English	French	Total
Overall Pass Rate	85.0%	9,220	1.9%	82.4%	186,573
Female Pass Rates	84.1%	4,944	1.8%	80.5%	101,323
Male Pass Rates	85.9%	4,276	1.8%	84.7%	85,250
English Test Pass Rates	84.8%	8,232	1.4%	82.5%	163,707
French Test Pass Rates	86.2%	988	6.0%	81.9%	22,866

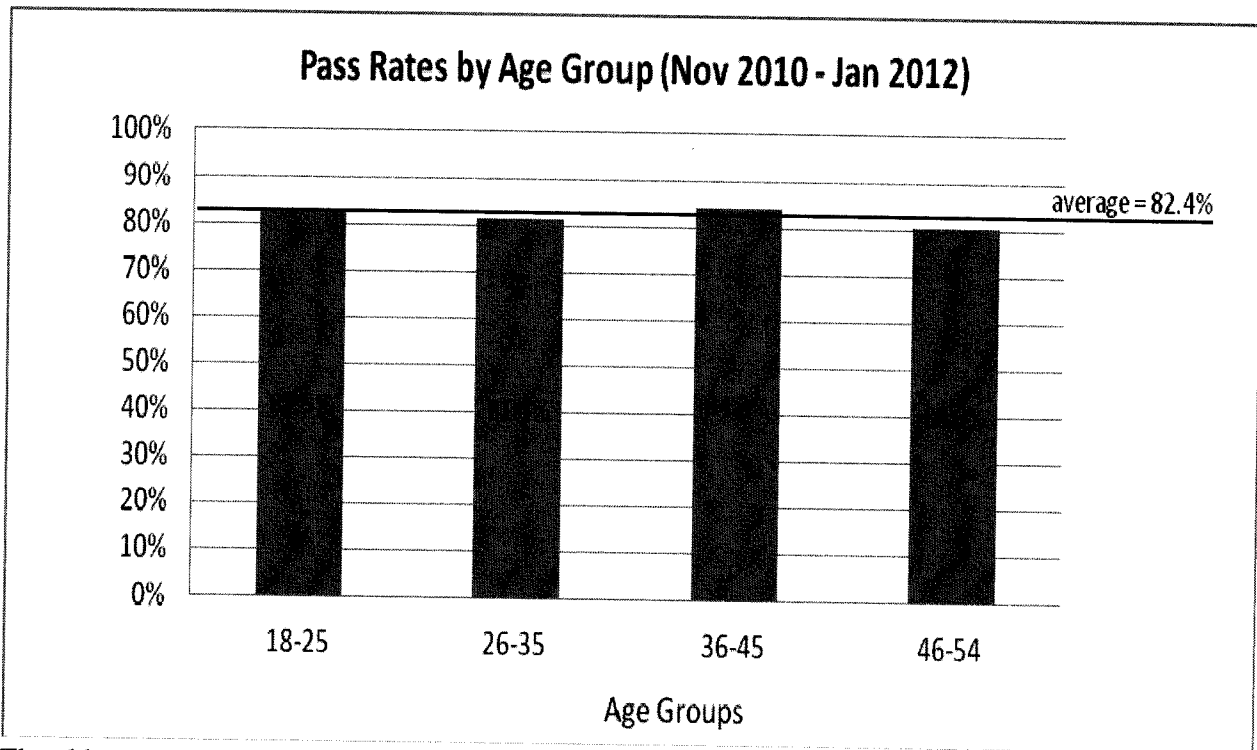
Test Pass Rates by Country of Birth - Top 10 Source Countries (Nov. 2010 – Jan. 2012):



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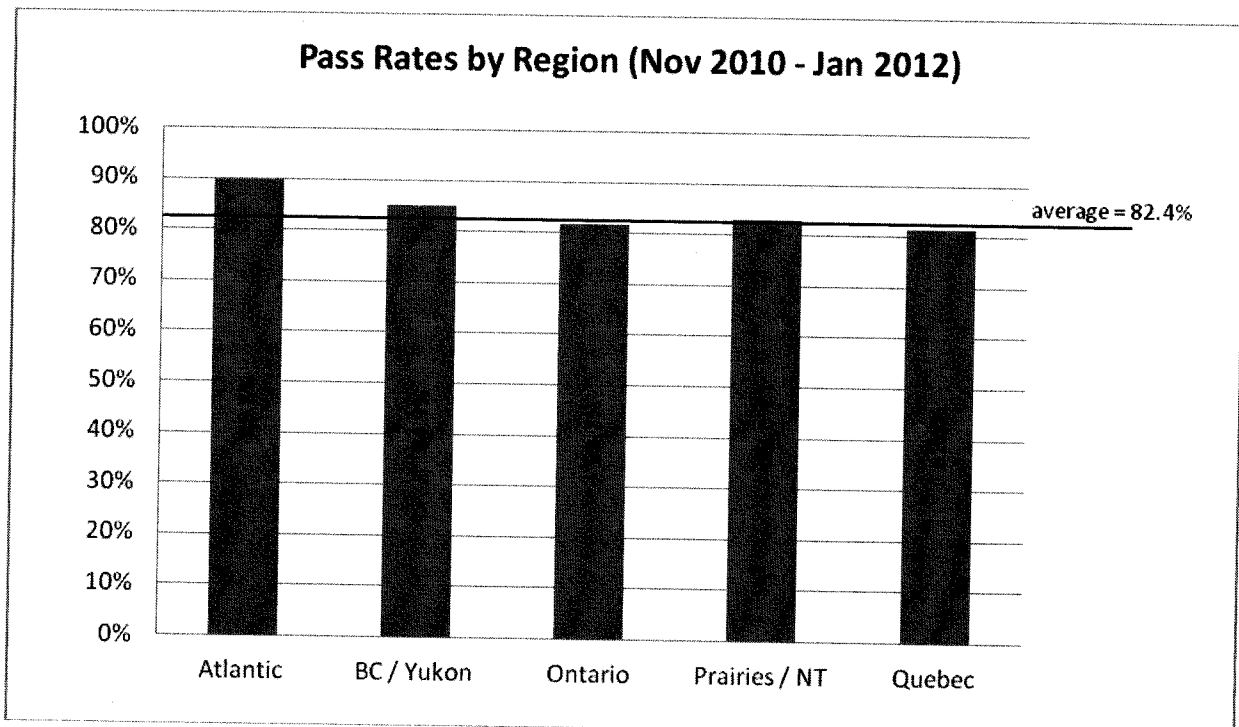
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Test Pass Rates by Age Group (Nov. 2010 – Jan. 2012):



The oldest applicant age group continues to register slightly lower pass rates to the citizenship test.

Test Pass Rates by Region (Nov. 2010 – Jan. 2012):



The Atlantic region continues to register higher test pass rates, approximately 7.4% more than the national average.

SECTION 2 – Local Office Test Reports Data:

Note: The pass rates below are collected through test reports sent by each local CIC office. Data is collected from this second source because it is currently the only way to collect data on test versions. The consequence of using different data sources is that pass rates could slightly differ from one data source to another.

Overall Pass Rates by Version:

Test Version	Pass Rate	Pass Rate	Pass Rate	Pass Rate
Version	86.1%	81.9%	83.0%	82.6%
Version	89.5%	84.1%	88.8%	86.8%
Version	85.4%	84.9%	86.5%	85.8%
Version	79.1%	79.3%	86.0%	83.1%
Version	84.4%	81.9%	82.0%	82.0%

*Note that the November rates are comprised of different test versions (i.e., combines versions created and versions created

Test questions were scrambled to create new test versions on [redacted] and [redacted]. The new test versions introduced [redacted] have a variance of 4.8 % (difference between lowest test version and highest test version), which represents a decrease from the April to October variance of 11.8%. Prior to April 2011, the variance was 5.6% (from November 2010 to March 2011).

December 2011 - January 2012 Pass Rates by Language and Version:

Test Version	Pass Rate	Pass Rate	Pass Rate
Version	83.1%	77.8%	82.6%
Version	87.0%	84.7%	86.8%
Version	85.4%	90.0%	85.8%
Version	83.2%	81.8%	83.1%
Version	81.8%	84.4%	82.0%

*Note that the number of French tests for each version do not form reliable sample sizes. As a result, the French pass rates should be interpreted with caution.

The variance of English test pass rates from December 2011 to January 2012 is 5.2%, which is very similar to the overall variance. The variance of the French test pass rates for the same period is 12.2%.

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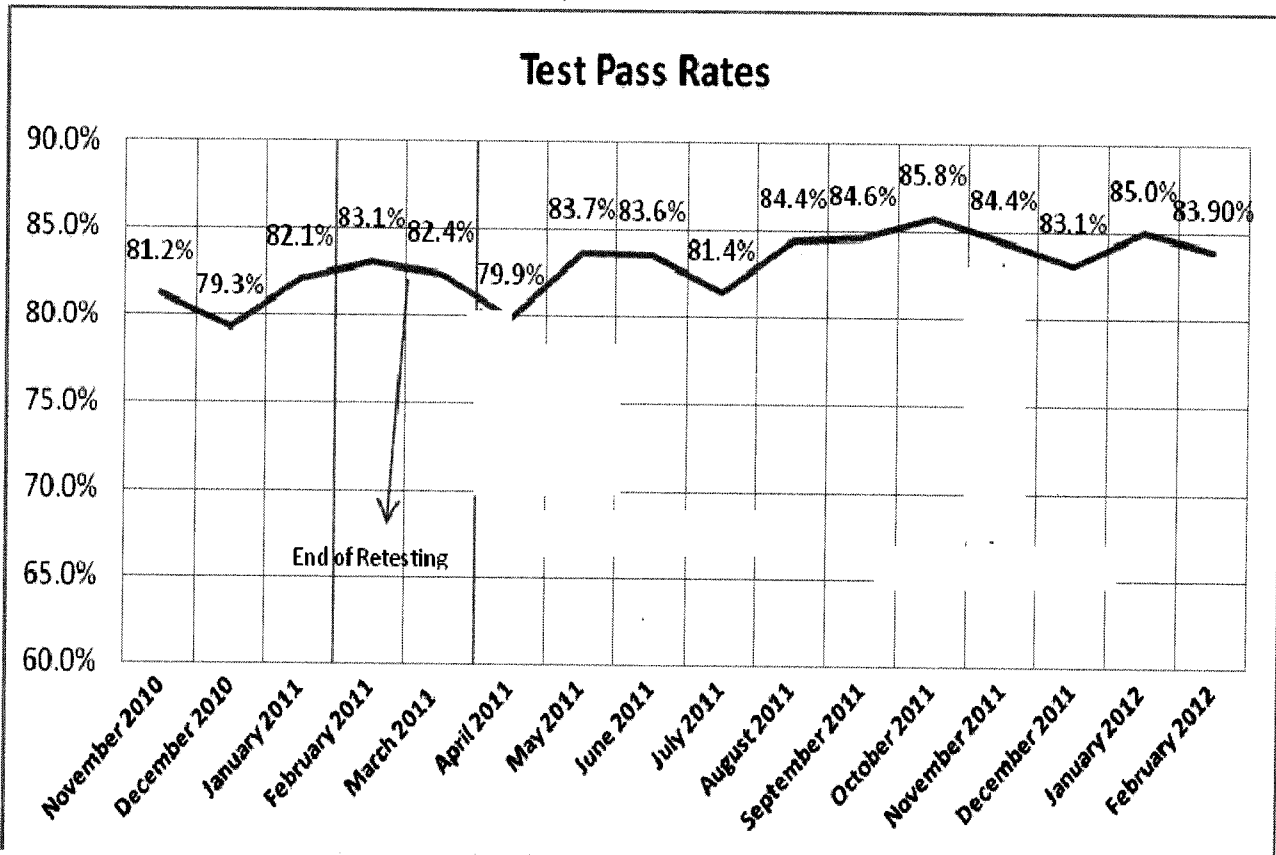
SUMMARY:

- The test pass rate was 83.9% in February, which is a slight decrease (1.1%) from the January pass rate. The overall pass rate is 82.5% (from November 2010 to February 2012).
- Trends by key demographic characteristics and region remain consistent with previous months.
- The regional data is now presented by province and territory to provide more details.
- Since the new scrambled test versions were introduced in _____ the variance between test versions decreased from 11.8% (from April 2011 to October 2011), to 7.5% (from December 2011 to February 2012).

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Note: The data presented below consist of aggregate data and do not take into account the variables that explain the differences in pass rates between groups. An analysis undertaken in 2010 with Statistics Canada concluded that, in most cases, the education level of applicants explained pass rates differences.

Overall Pass Rates by Month (2010-2012):



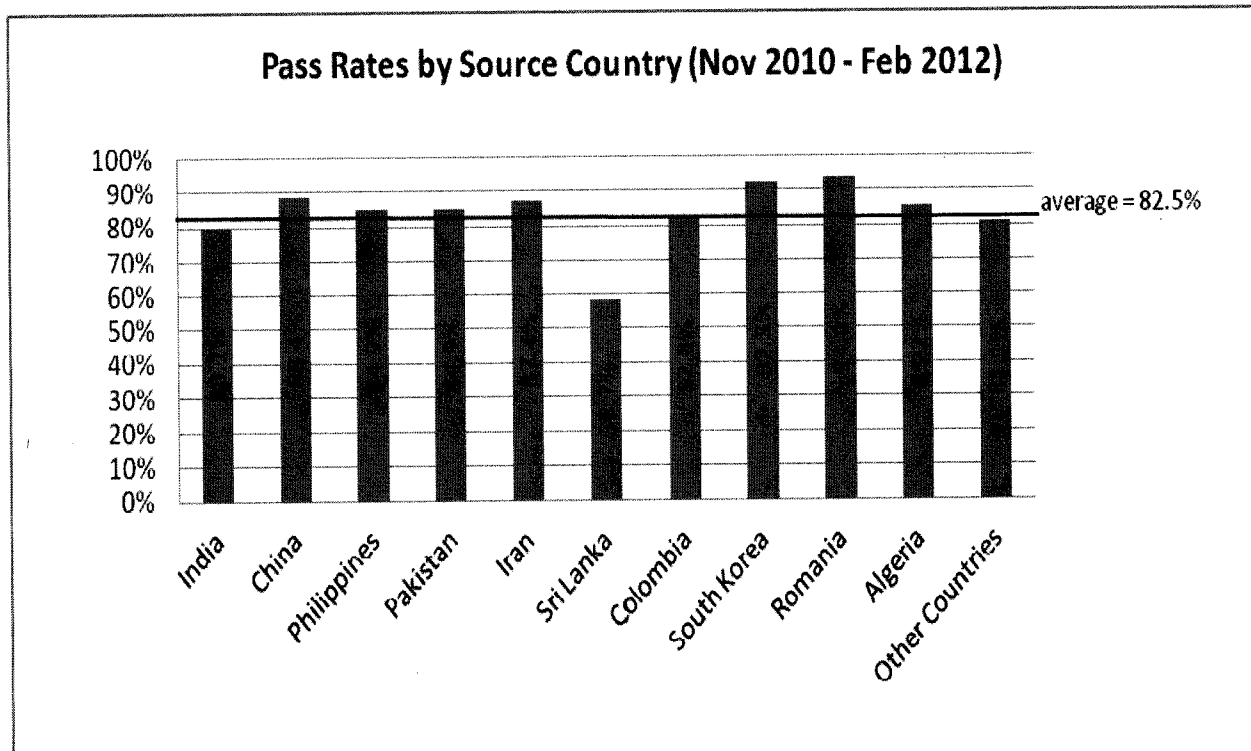
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Test Pass Rates by Gender and Language:

Overall Pass Rate	83.9%	10,548	-1.1%	82.5%	198,232
Female Pass Rates	82.4%	5,683	-1.7%	80.6%	107,603
Male Pass Rates	85.6%	4,865	-0.3%	84.7%	90,629
English Test Pass Rates	84.0%	9,506	-0.8%	82.6%	174,204
French Test Pass Rates	83.0%	1,042	-3.2%	81.9%	24,028

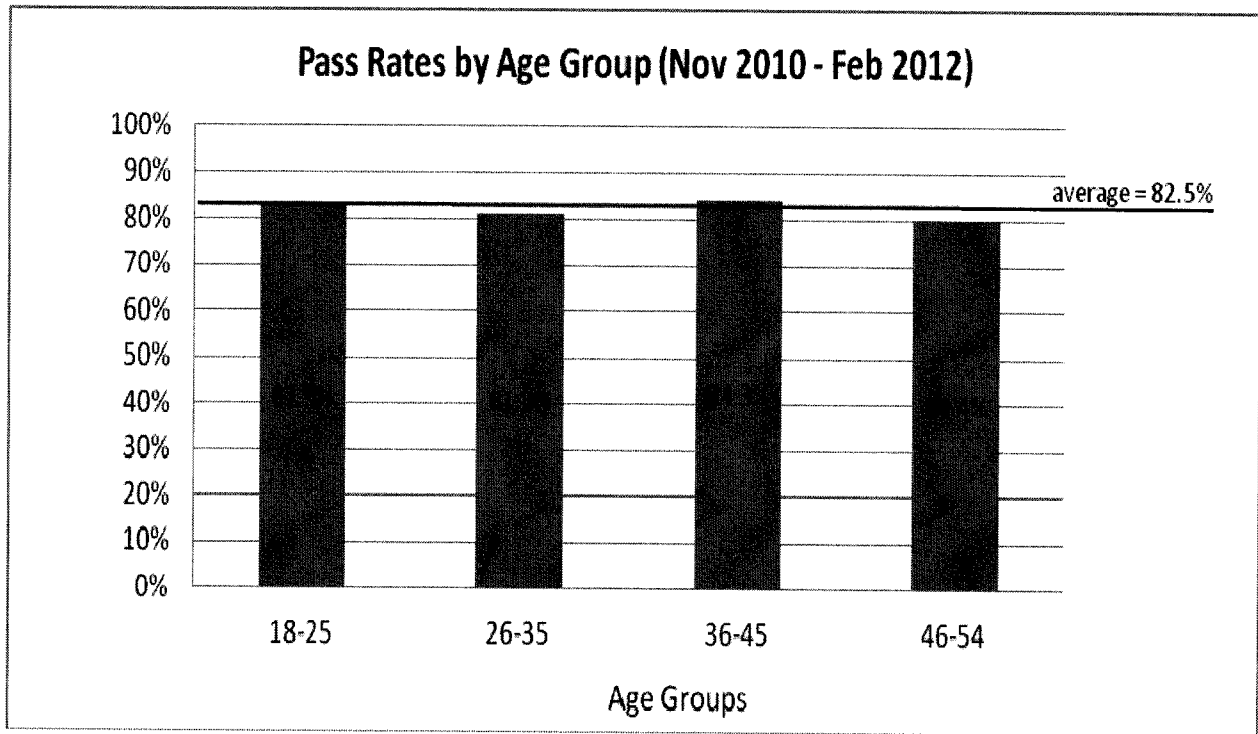
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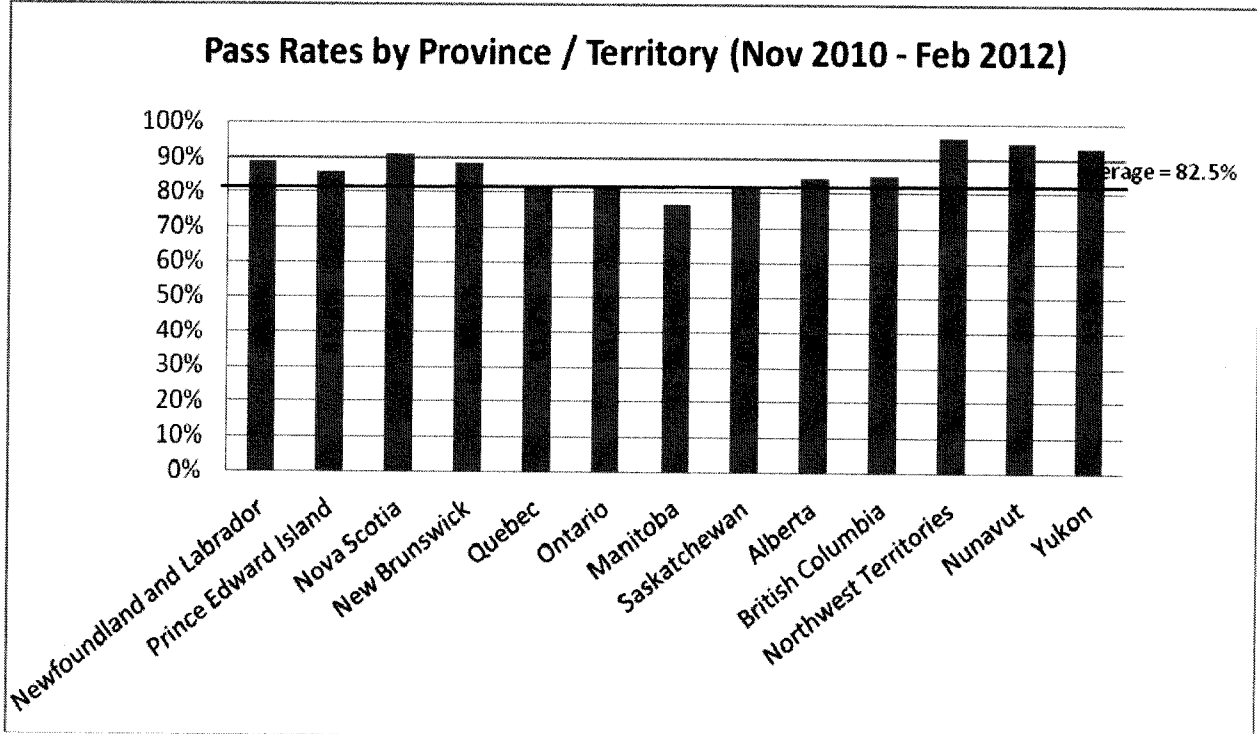
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Test Pass Rates by Age Group (Nov. 2010 – Feb. 2012):



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Test Pass Rates by Province / Territory (Nov. 2010 – Feb. 2012):



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Overall Pass Rates by Version:

Version	86.1%	81.9%	83.0%	81.9%	82.3%
Version	89.5%	84.1%	88.8%	90.8%	88.3%
Version	85.4%	84.9%	86.5%	86.2%	86.0%
Version	79.1%	79.3%	86.0%	82.4%	82.9%
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December 2011 – February 2012 Pass Rates by Language and Version:

Version	83.0%	76.4%	82.3%
Version	88.3%	87.0%	88.3%
Version	85.6%	89.3%	86.0%
Version	83.0%	81.0%	82.9%
Version	80.8%	81.1%	80.8%

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The variance of English test pass rates from December 2011 to February 2012 is 7.5%, which is the same as the overall variance. The variance of the French test pass rates for the same period is 12.9%.

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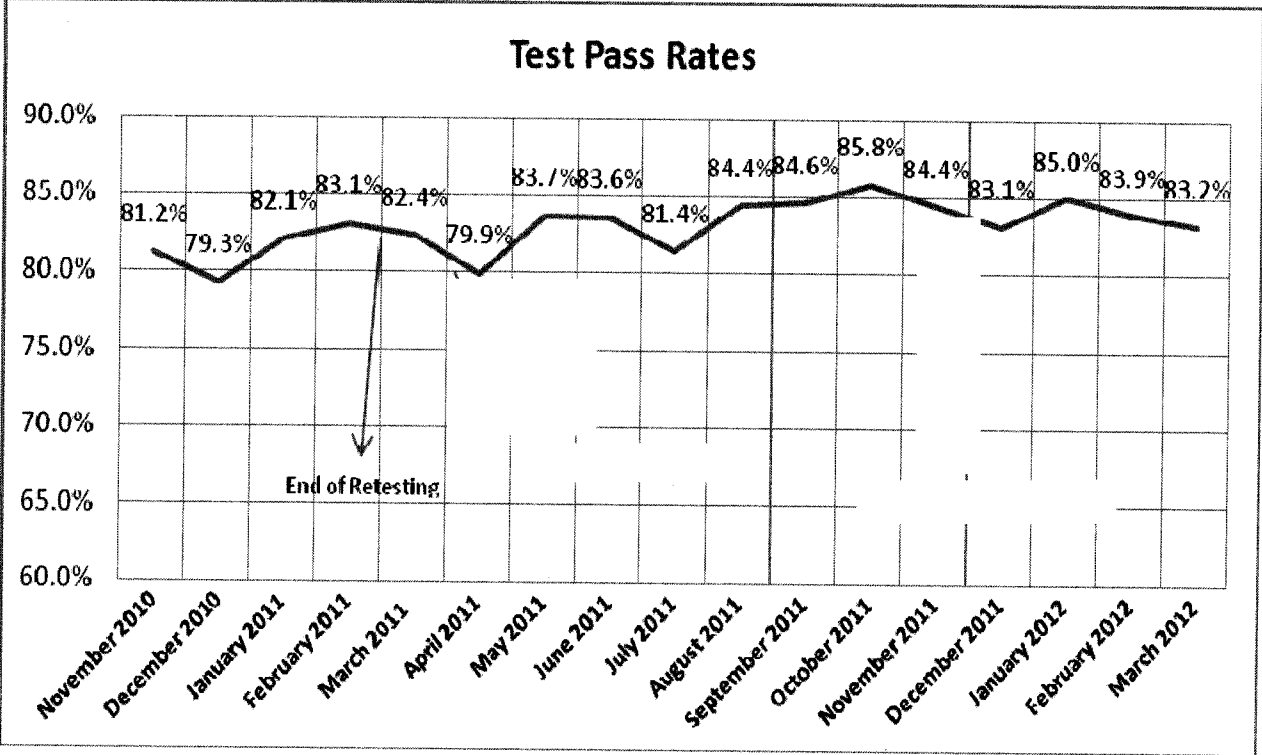
SUMMARY:

- The test pass rate was 83.2% in [redacted] which is a slight decrease (0.7%) from the [redacted] pass rate. The overall pass rate is 82.5%.
- New test questions were implemented on [redacted] resulting in a move to [redacted] versions from [redacted]. Therefore, test pass rates by version in Section 2 of this report were calculated using data from [redacted] in order to keep reporting consistently on the [redacted] versions and to avoid confusion.
- The impact of the new questions on test pass rates will be noticeable in the [redacted] report. The test pass rate for the next few months is expected to drop with the introduction of new questions. However, it will likely rise again as applicants adjust to the new tests and any problematic questions are addressed.
- Trends by key demographic characteristics and region remain consistent with previous months.
- The variance between test versions decreased from 11.8% ([redacted]) to 7.4% ([redacted]).

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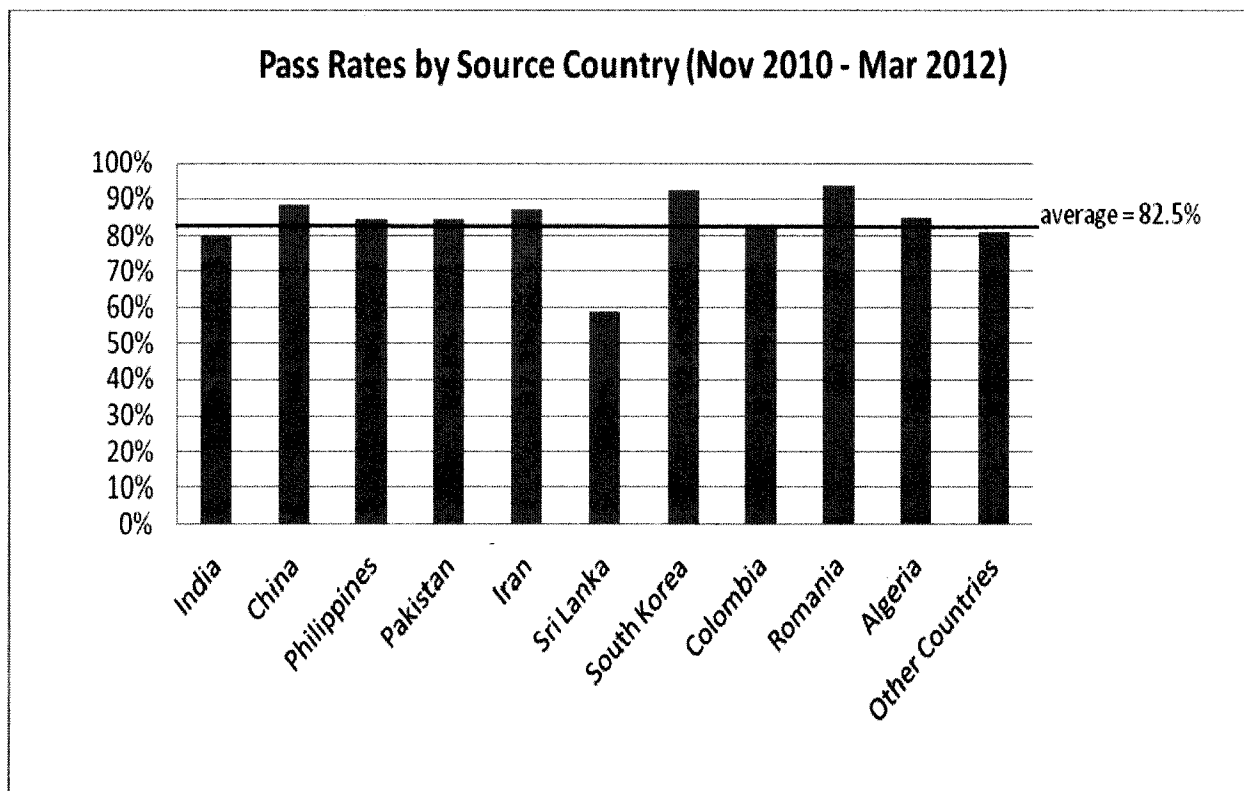
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Test Pass Rates by Gender and Language:

Overall Pass Rate	83.2%	8,057	-0.7%	82.5%	208,564
Female Pass Rates	82.3%	4,395	-0.1%	80.7%	113,190
Male Pass Rates	84.4%	3,662	-1.2%	84.7%	95,374
English Test Pass Rates	83.5%	7,708	-0.5%	82.6%	183,754
French Test Pass Rates	78.2%	349	-4.8%	82.0%	24,810

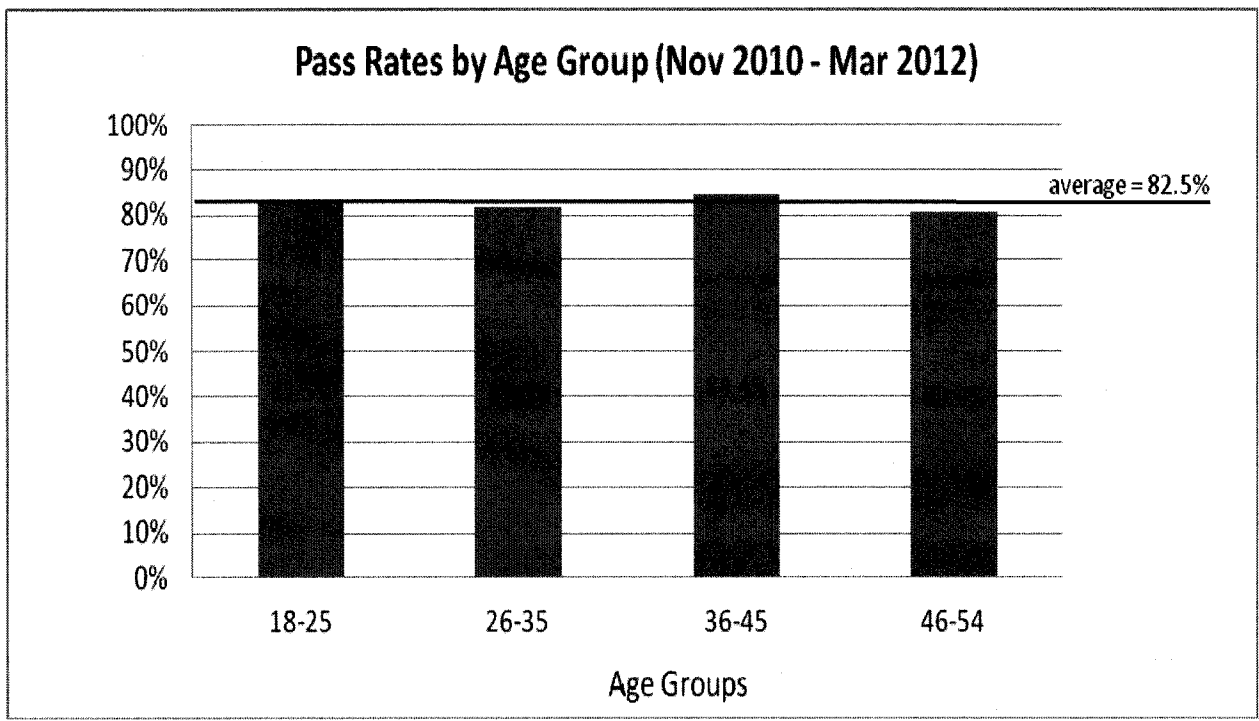
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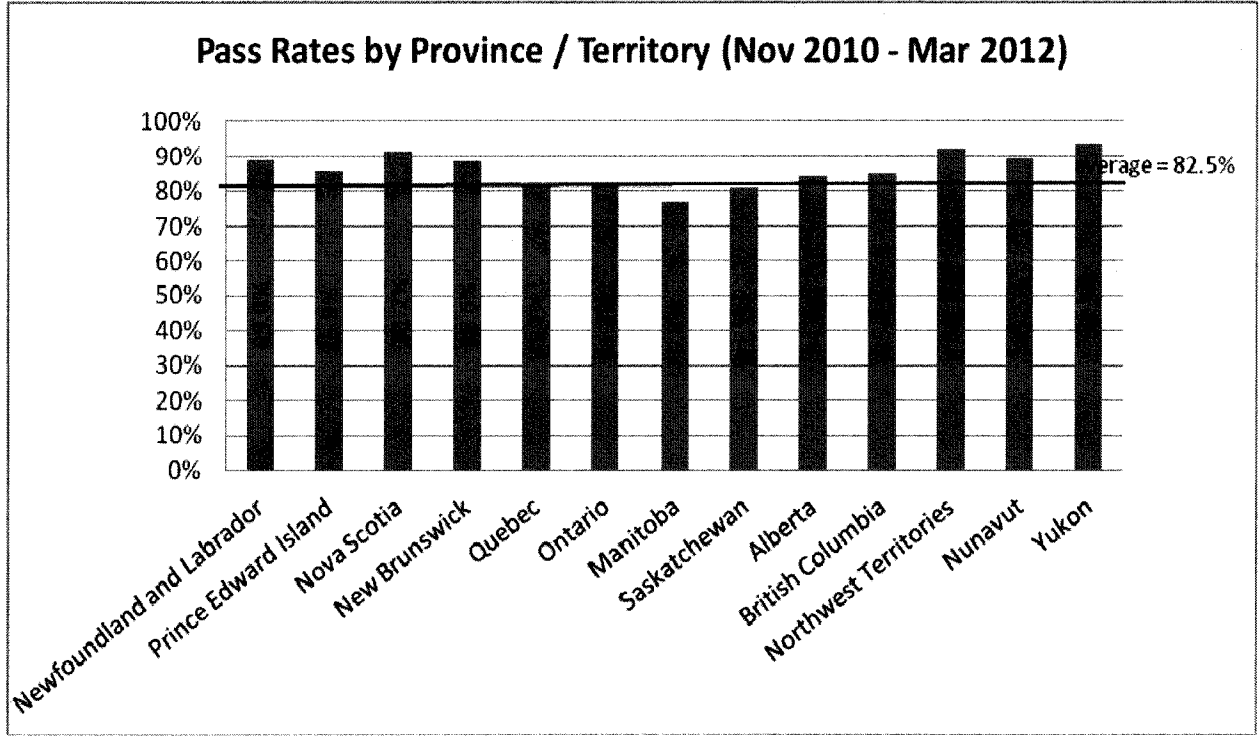
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December 2011 - March 2012 Pass Rates by Language and Version:

Test Version	English	French	Pass Rate
Version	82.5%	76.5%	82.0%
Version	87.9%	87.5%	87.9%
Version	85.4%	88.6%	85.6%
Version	83.2%	79.6%	82.3%
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