

Report on Citizenship Test Results October 2010

Notes:

The report is in two sections, reflecting the two distinct (and non-commensurable) data sources used in its construction. The first section is drawn from local office test reports, which distinguish between test versions and, crucially, separate first-time tests from re-tests. The second section draws on the Global Case Management System (GCMS), which provides demographic data but cannot distinguish between test versions and re-tests from first tries.

In addition, the first section of the report is divided up into two sub-sections. As a result of eliminating mandatory questions from the citizenship test on October 14th, the pass rates have increased significantly. Each subsection reports on a test format (mandatory questions tests, and no mandatory questions tests).

SECTION 1 – Local Office Test Reports Data:

Test Format - No Mandatory Test Questions (started October 14th):

Test Pass Rates:

1 st Time Test Takers	81.9 %	10,968
2 nd Time Test Takers	50.6 %	449

Test Pass Rates by Version:

Version		82.8 %	47.4 %
Version		81.6 %	60.6 %
Version		85.1 %	46.9 %
Version		81.7 %	48.9 %
Version		77.4 %	48.5 %

Test Format - Mandatory Test Questions (ended October 13th):

Test Pass Rates:

1 st Time Test Takers	77.8 %	3,963	75.4 %	37,621
2 nd Time Test Takers	47.0 %	185	47.5 %	6,970

Cumulative Pass Rate (Number of applicants that passed the test with one or two attempts):

Cumulative Pass Rate (March 15-October 13)	80.8 %
Total Number of Test Takers (March 15- October 30)	47,381 (38,282 passed 1 st or 2 nd time; 3,267 failed twice; and 5,832 are not yet re-tested)

Test Pass Rates by Version:

Version		79.7 %	44.9 %	77.7 %
Version		75.5 %	44.7 %	72.0 %
Version		79.0 %	48.3 %	77.6 %
Version		76.8 %	50.0 %	74.2%

SECTION 2 – GCMS Data:

Overall Test Pass Rate (rate based on total number of tests administered):

Test Takers	80.4 %	11,952	73.2 %	57,128

Note: The overall pass rates correspond to the average pass rates including 1st and 2nd time tests (weighted average)

Test Pass Rates by Gender:

Male	83.8 %	5,434	76.3 %	26,105
Female	77.5 %	6,518	70.6 %	31,023

Test Pass Rates by Language:

English Test Pass Rates	80.0 %	10,386	72.9 %	49,855
French Test Pass Rates	82.6 %	1,566	75.5 %	7,273

Colour Coding for Differential from Average:

10% or more above average pass rate	
0% - 9% above average pass rate	
0% - 9% below average pass rate	
10% or more below average pass rate	

Test Pass Rates by Country of Birth -Top 10 Source Countries (May-October):

India	66.7 %	8,526	
China	78.1 %	5,327	
Philippines	75.4 %	4,372	
Pakistan	77.6 %	3,144	
Iran	79.9 %	1,800	
Columbia	75.4 %	1,482	
Sri Lanka	44.6 %	1,454	
Korea	84.6 %	1,181	
Romania	89.9 %	1,144	
Algeria	78.8 %	1,032	
Other Countries	73.1 %	27,666	

Test Pass Rates by Age Groups (May-October):

Age 18-25	71.2 %	7,671	
Age 26-35	72.4 %	20,422	
Age 36-45	75.5 %	19,931	
Age 46-54	71.9 %	9,104	

Test Pass Rates by Region (May-October):

Atlantic	87.0 %	494	
Québec	72.5 %	12,470	
Ontario	73.3 %	28,417	
Prairies / NT	73.1 %	6,912	
British Columbia / Yukon	73.4 %	8,835	