

Report on Citizenship Test Results September 2010

Notes:

The report is in two sections, reflecting the two distinct (and non-commensurable) data sources used in its construction. The first is drawn from local office test reports, which distinguish between test versions and, crucially, separate first-time tests from re-tests, allowing us to see that access to re-testing has so far raised the overall success rate from 75% to 80%.

The second section draws on the Global Case Management System (GCMS), which provides demographic data but cannot distinguish re-tests from first tries. Since applicant success on re-tests is much lower – these are people who have already failed once – their inclusion somewhat paradoxically reduces the overall pass rate in this section to 71%. It also tends to amplify demographic differences.

SECTION 1 – Office Test Summaries Data:

Test Pass Rates:

1 st Time Test Takers	74.7%	6,388	75.1%	33,656
2 nd Time Test Takers	46.9%	1,515	47.5%	6785

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

Cumulative Pass Rate (March 15-September 30)	80.9%
Total Number of Test Takers (March 15- September 30)	43,418 (35,113 passed 1 st or 2 nd time; 3,169 failed twice; and 5,136 are not yet re-tested)

Test Pass Rates by Version:

Version	77.4%	51.3%	77.5%	52.3%
Version	70.5%	38.8%	71.6%	44.2%
Version	75.7%	50.1%	77.4%	48.9%
Version	75.1%	46.9%	73.9%	44.4%

SECTION 2 – GCMS Data:

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

Test Takers	71%	8,133	71.2%	43,248
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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	74.3%	3,740	74.4%	19,817
Female	68.2%	4,393	68.8%	23,431

Test Pass Rates by Language:

English Test Pass Rates	70.7%	6,994	71.1%	37,772
French Test Pass Rates	72.7%	1,139	73.1%	5,476

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-September):

India	65.3%	6,675	
China	76.5%	4,086	
Philippines	74.4%	3,303	
Pakistan	75.1%	2,338	
Romania	88.4%	843	
Columbia	73.5%	1,136	
Korea	83.0%	882	
Iran	77.2%	1,268	
UK	90.8%	775	
Sri Lanka	42.8%	1,131	
Other Countries	70.6%	20,811	

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

Age 18-25	68.9%	5,802	
Age 26-35	70.1%	15,560	
Age 36-45	73.9%	15,071	
Age 46-54	69.9%	6,815	

Test Pass Rates by Region (May-September):

Atlantic	87.4%	438	
Québec	71.6%	7,426	
Ontario	71.2%	22,490	
Prairies / NT	71.2%	5,683	
British Columbia / Yukon	71.1%	7,211	