

Report on Citizenship Test Results December 2010

Notes:

The report is in two sections, reflecting the two distinct (and non-commensurable) data sources. The first section is drawn from local office test reports, which distinguish between test versions and, crucially, separate first-time test takers 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, please note that the data from both sources are intended for internal CIC use only, and not for distribution outside the department. Permission must be received prior to releasing any data into the public domain.

SECTION 1 – Local Office Test Reports Data:

Pass Rates for Tests with No Mandatory Test Questions (started October 14th, 2010):

Test Pass Rates:

1 st Time Test Takers	81.6%	11,724	81.7%	29,538
2 nd Time Test Takers	48.6%	1,289	58.8%	2,239

Test Pass Rates by Version:

Version		81.9%	45.4%	82.4%	47.8%
Version		81.6%	47.2%	81.2%	49.2%
Version		84.0%	55.8%	84.7%	52.7%
Version		81.4%	58.1%	81.6%	54.2%
Version		78.7%	37.1%	78.5%	37.1%

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

Cumulative Pass Rate (March 15-December 30, 2010)	82.9%
Total Number of Test Takers (March 15- December 30, 2010)	76,919 (63,744 passed 1 st or 2 nd time; 4,664 failed twice; and 8,511 are not yet re-tested)

Note: The cumulative pass-rate is calculated using data from tests having mandatory questions (Mar. 15 - Oct. 13, 2010) and tests having non-mandatory questions (Oct. 14 – Dec. 31, 2010).

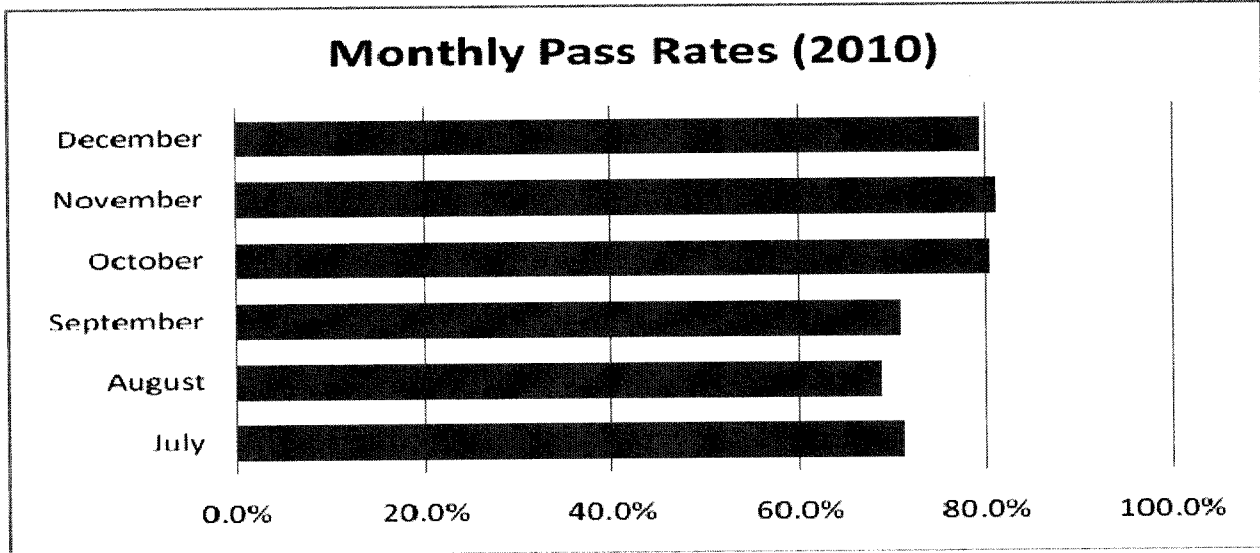
SECTION 2 – GCMS Data:

December 2010 Pass Rates – Tests with Non-Mandatory Questions:

Overall Pass Rate	79.3%	11,240
Female Pass Rates	76.9%	6,101
Male Pass Rates	82.3%	5,139
English Test Pass Rates	79.1%	10,414
French Test Pass Rates	82.2%	826

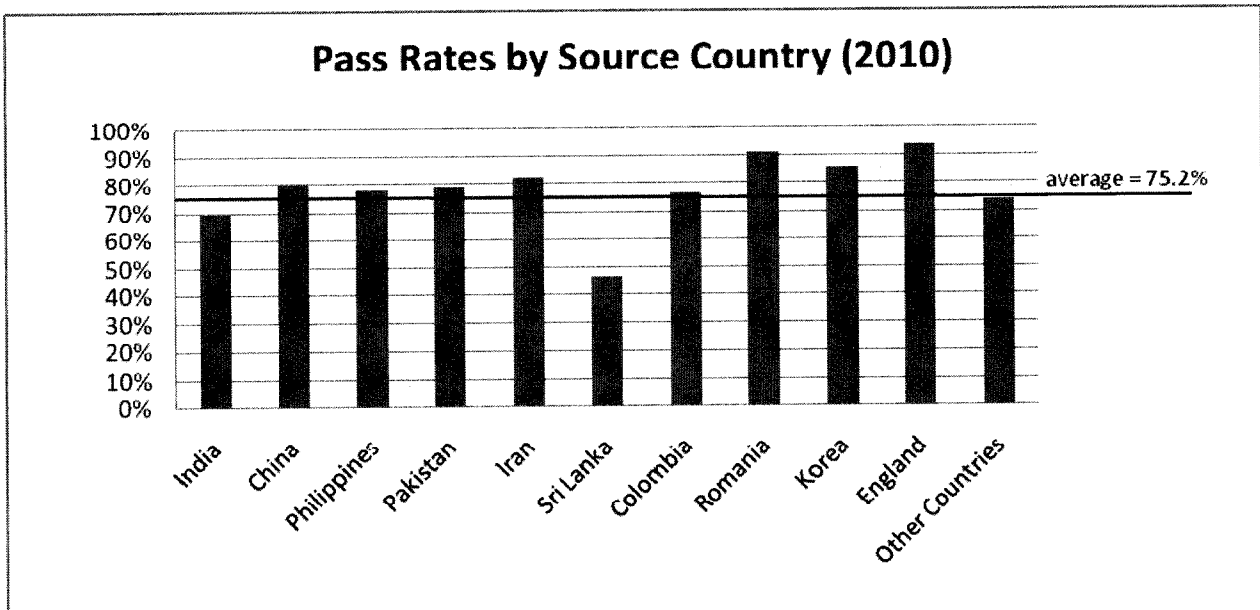
Overall Pass Rates by Month (2010):

Note: The pass rates below are calculated by combining first time test-takers (81.6%) and second time test-takers (48.6%). However, GCMS calculates all test events as if they were first time, thereby pulling the average down as a result of re-testing, as opposed to increasing it. Nevertheless, the graph is representative of the relative change month over month.



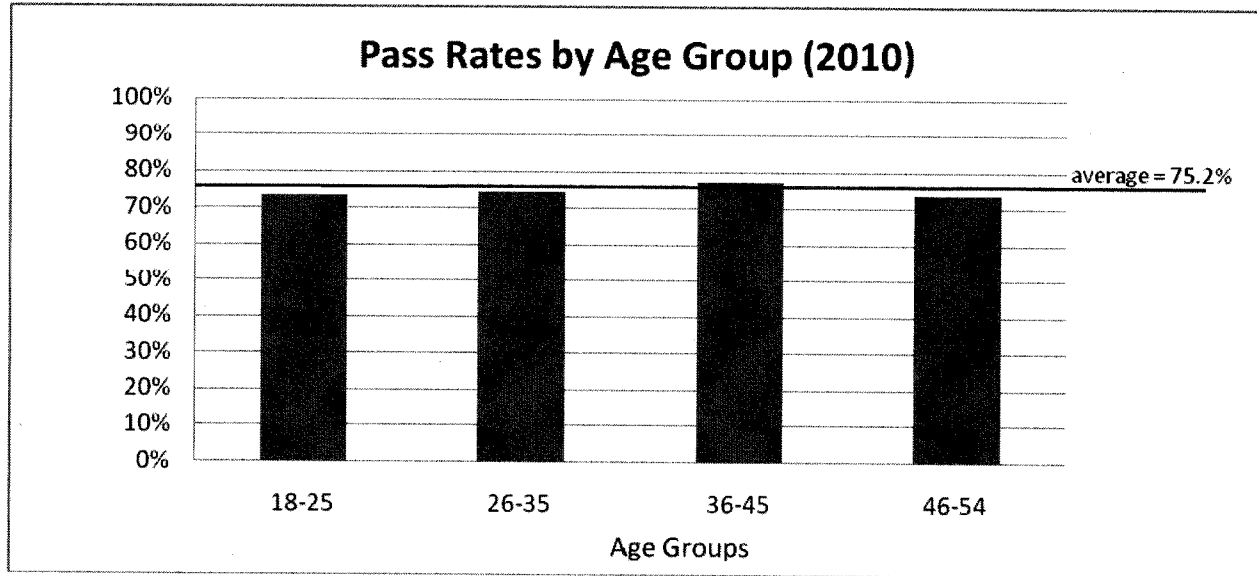
Test Pass Rates by Country of Birth -Top 10 Source Countries (May-December, 2010):

Note: The following chart provides the average for the months of May to December (75.2%). The average pass rates have significantly increased since the month of October when the mandatory test questions were removed from the citizenship test (i.e., 81.2% in November vs. 71% in September). Note that despite the increase in pass rates since mid October, the differences between pass rates by test-takers' countries of origin and the overall average are relatively the same.



Test Pass Rates by Age Groups (May-December, 2010):

Note: The following chart provides the average for the months of May to December (75.2%). The average pass rates have significantly increased since the month of October when the mandatory test questions were removed from the citizenship test (i.e., 81.2% in November vs. 71% in September). Note that despite the increase in pass rates since mid October, the differences between pass rates by test-takers' age groups and the overall average are relatively the same.



Test Pass Rates by Region (May-December, 2010):

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