日本

(JAPAN)

LOW PROFICIENCY
EF EPI SCORE: 51.80
#49 OUT OF 88 COUNTRIES/REGIONS

Region | EF EPI  
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Kanto | 53.78  
Chubu | 52.12  
Kyushu | 51.37  
Kansai | 50.31  
Hokkaido | 49.12  
Chugoku | 48.11  

City | EF EPI | Compared to Region  
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Tokyo | 55.13 | +1.35  
Osaka | 53.23 | +2.92  
Yokohama | 52.61 | -1.17  
Kobe | 50.97 | +0.66  
Kyoto | 50.71 | +0.40  
Nagoya | 50.25 | -1.87  
Sapporo | 48.78 | -0.34  
Fukuoka | 48.12 | -3.25  

PROFICIENCY BANDS  
Very High  
High  
Moderate  
Low  
Very Low  

GENDER GAP

EF EPI Score  
Female | 54.11  
Male | 54.57  

Male | 52.63  

GENERATION GAP

EF EPI Score  
18-20 | 53.91  
21-25 | 54.19  
26-30 | 53.72  
31-40 | 51.64  
41+ | 54.08  

Japan | 49.09  
World | 48.38  

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REGIONAL PROFILE
This brief regional profile provides facts and figures that illustrate local conditions and challenges for English language education. Education spending refers to the percentage of total government expenditure dedicated to education. Internet penetration is the percentage of people in the region with access to the Internet.

| EF EPI Score Change from Last Year | -0.54 |
| TOEFL iBT/IELTS GT Scores | 71; 5.6 |
| Mean Years of Schooling | 12.5 |
| Education Spending | 9.3% |
| Average Gross Income | 31,118 USD |
| Population | 126,451,398 |
| Internet Penetration | 93.2% |
| Language | Japanese |

Sources: World Bank, CIA World Factbook, ETS, and IELTS

Source: World Bank, 2014

ENGLISH AND EARNING POWER
The EF EPI has consistently found correlations between English ability and earning power, quality of life, innovation, and a range of other social and economic indicators. This correlation graph shows a positive relationship between regions’ English proficiency and their average gross income.

Average Gross Income (USD, 2016 exchange rate)

R=0.64

EF EPI BY INDUSTRY
Worldwide, the gap between the industries with the highest and lowest English proficiency levels is narrowing, due to improved proficiency in the weakest industries. English is an increasingly important skill in every industry and across all job functions as globalization opens historically local sectors to international competition.

EF EPI Score

Banking & Finance
Public Sector
Information Technology
Consulting
Automotive
Healthcare
Manufacturing
Aviation
Engineering & Construction

Japan

World

ABOUT THE EF EPI
The EF English Proficiency Index (EF EPI) is the world’s most comprehensive ranking of countries and regions by adult English skills. This regional fact sheet is a companion to the EF EPI eighth edition report. To read the full EF EPI report, with a ranking of 88 countries and territories, regional analyses, and demographic trends, visit www.ef.com/epi. The EF EPI is published by Signum International AG.