

Table 2: Mean SAT Scores of College-Bound Seniors, 1967–2005*

Year	Male		Female		All	
	Verbal	Math	Verbal	Math	Verbal	Math
1967	540	535	545	495	543	516
1968	541	533	543	497	543	516
1969	536	534	543	498	540	517
1970	536	531	538	493	537	512
1971	531	529	534	494	532	513
1972	531	527	529	489	530	509
1973	523	525	521	489	523	506
1974	524	524	520	488	521	505
1975	515	518	509	479	512	498
1976	511	520	508	475	509	497
1977	509	520	505	474	507	496
1978	511	517	503	474	507	494
1979	509	516	501	473	505	493
1980	506	515	498	473	502	492
1981	508	516	496	473	502	492
1982	509	516	499	473	504	493
1983	508	516	498	474	503	494
1984	511	518	498	478	504	497
1985	514	522	503	480	509	500
1986	515	523	504	479	509	500
1987	512	523	502	481	507	501
1988	512	521	499	483	505	501
1989	510	523	498	482	504	502
1990	505	521	496	483	500	501
1991	503	520	495	482	499	500
1992	504	521	496	484	500	501
1993	504	524	497	484	500	503
1994	501	523	497	487	499	504
1995	505	525	502	490	504	506
1996	507	527	503	492	505	508
1997	507	530	503	494	505	511
1998	509	531	502	496	505	512
1999	509	531	502	495	505	511
2000	507	533	504	498	505	514
2001	509	533	502	498	506	514
2002	507	534	502	500	504	516
2003	512	537	503	503	507	519
2004	512	537	504	501	508	518
2005	513	538	505	504	508	520

*When the SAT was renormed in April 1995, mean scores were set at or near the midpoint of 500 of the 200–800 score scale, a process called recentering. All scores in this table reflect that process. Means after 1996 are recentered, and those for 1996 are based on recentered scores plus scores converted from the original to the new scale. Means for 1987–1995 were recomputed after individual scores were converted from the original to the new scale; means for 1972–1986 were converted to the new scale after a formula was applied to the original mean and standard deviation; and means before 1972 are based on estimates.