

Table 3: Mean SAT Reasoning Test™ Critical Reading, Math, and Writing Scores by State, with Changes for Selected Years

(States are listed by percent of high school graduates who took the SAT Reasoning Test*.)

The College Board strongly discourages the comparison or ranking of states on the basis of SAT scores alone.

STATE	Participation Rate 2006*	2006			2005		One-Year Change		2001		Five-Year Change		1996		Ten-Year Change	
		Critical Reading Mean	Math Mean	Writing Mean	Critical Reading Mean	Math Mean	Critical Reading	Math	Critical Reading Mean	Math Mean	Critical Reading	Math	Critical Reading Mean	Math Mean	Critical Reading	Math
New York	88%	493	510	483	497	511	-4	-1	495	505	-2	+5	497	499	-4	+11
Massachusetts	85%	513	524	510	520	527	-7	-3	511	515	+2	+9	507	504	+6	+20
Connecticut	84%	512	516	511	517	517	-5	-1	509	510	+3	+6	507	504	+5	+12
New Hampshire	82%	520	524	509	525	525	-5	-1	520	516	0	+8	520	514	0	+10
New Jersey	82%	496	515	496	503	517	-7	-2	499	513	-3	+2	498	505	-2	+10
District of Columbia**	78%	487	472	482	490	478	-3	-6	482	474	+5	-2	489	473	-2	-1
Pennsylvania	74%	493	500	483	501	503	-8	-3	500	499	-7	+1	498	492	-5	+8
Delaware	73%	495	500	484	503	502	-8	-2	501	499	-6	+1	508	495	-13	+5
Maine	73%	501	501	491	509	505	-8	-4	506	500	-5	+1	504	498	-3	+3
Virginia	73%	512	513	500	516	514	-4	-1	510	501	+2	+12	507	496	+5	+17
North Carolina	71%	495	513	485	499	511	-4	+2	493	499	+2	+14	490	486	+5	+27
Georgia	70%	494	496	487	497	496	-3	0	491	489	+3	+7	484	477	+10	+19
Maryland	70%	503	509	499	511	515	-8	-6	508	510	-5	-1	507	504	-4	+5
Rhode Island	69%	495	502	490	503	505	-8	-3	501	499	-6	+3	501	491	-6	+11
Vermont	67%	513	519	502	521	517	-8	+2	511	506	+2	+13	506	500	+7	+19
Florida	65%	496	497	480	498	498	-2	-1	498	499	-2	-2	498	496	-2	+1
Indiana	62%	498	509	486	504	508	-6	+1	499	501	-1	+8	494	494	+4	+15
South Carolina	62%	487	498	480	494	499	-7	-1	486	488	+1	+10	480	474	+7	+24
Hawaii	60%	482	509	472	490	516	-8	-7	486	515	-4	-6	485	510	-3	-1
Oregon	55%	523	529	503	526	528	-3	+1	526	526	-3	+3	523	521	0	+8
Washington	54%	527	532	511	532	534	-5	-2	527	527	0	+5	519	519	+8	+13
Texas	52%	491	506	487	493	502	-2	+4	493	499	-2	+7	495	500	-4	+6
Alaska	51%	517	517	493	523	519	-6	-2	514	510	+3	+7	521	513	-4	+4
California	49%	501	518	501	504	522	-3	-4	498	517	+3	+1	495	511	+6	+7
Nevada	40%	498	508	481	508	513	-10	-5	509	515	-11	-7	508	507	-10	+1
Arizona	32%	521	528	507	526	530	-5	-2	523	525	-2	+3	525	521	-4	+7
Montana	28%	538	545	524	540	540	-2	+5	539	539	-1	+6	546	547	-8	-2
Ohio	28%	535	544	521	539	543	-4	+1	534	539	+1	+5	536	535	-1	+9
Colorado	26%	558	564	548	560	560	-2	+4	539	542	+19	+22	536	538	+22	+26
West Virginia	20%	519	510	515	523	511	-4	-1	527	512	-8	-2	526	506	-7	+4
Idaho	19%	543	545	525	544	542	-1	+3	543	542	0	+3	543	536	0	+9
Tennessee	15%	573	569	572	572	563	+1	+6	562	553	+11	+16	563	552	+10	+17
New Mexico	13%	557	549	543	558	547	-1	+2	551	542	+6	+7	554	548	+3	+1
Kentucky	11%	562	562	555	561	559	+1	+3	550	550	+12	+12	549	544	+13	+18
Michigan	10%	568	583	555	568	579	0	+4	561	572	+7	+11	557	565	+11	+18
Minnesota	10%	591	600	574	592	597	-1	+3	580	589	+11	+11	582	593	+9	+7
Wyoming	10%	548	555	537	544	543	+4	+12	547	545	+1	+10	544	544	+4	+11
Alabama	9%	565	561	565	567	559	-2	+2	559	554	+6	+7	565	558	0	+3
Illinois	9%	591	609	586	594	606	-3	+3	576	589	+15	+20	564	575	+27	+34
Kansas	8%	582	590	566	585	588	-3	+2	577	580	+5	+10	579	571	+3	+19
Missouri	7%	587	591	582	588	588	-1	+3	577	577	+10	+14	570	569	+17	+22
Nebraska	7%	576	583	566	574	579	+2	+4	562	568	+14	+15	567	568	+9	+15
Oklahoma	7%	576	574	563	570	563	+6	+11	567	561	+9	+13	566	557	+10	+17
Utah	7%	560	557	550	566	557	-6	0	575	570	-15	-13	583	575	-23	-18
Louisiana	6%	570	571	571	565	562	+5	+9	564	562	+6	+9	559	550	+11	+21
Wisconsin	6%	588	600	577	592	599	-4	+1	584	596	+4	+4	577	586	+11	+14
Arkansas	5%	574	568	567	563	552	+11	+16	562	550	+12	+18	566	550	+8	+18
Iowa	4%	602	613	591	596	608	+6	+5	593	603	+9	+10	590	600	+12	+13
Mississippi	4%	556	541	562	564	554	-8	-13	566	551	-10	-10	569	557	-13	-16
North Dakota	4%	610	617	588	590	605	+20	+12	592	599	+18	+18	596	599	+14	+18
South Dakota	4%	590	604	578	589	589	+1	+15	577	582	+13	+22	574	566	+16	+38
All students	48%	503	518	497	508	520	-5	-2	506	514	-3	+4	505	508	-2	+10

* Based on the projection of high school graduates in 2006 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), and the number of students in the class of 2006 who took the SAT Reasoning Test in each state.

** Self-reported 2002 twelfth-grade enrollment from D.C.'s public and nonpublic schools was used since WICHE estimated fewer graduating seniors than actual SAT Reasoning Test takers.