

Table 3: Mean SAT Reasoning Test™ Critical Reading, Mathematics, 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 2007*	2007			2006			One-Year Change			1997		Ten-Year Change	
		Critical Reading Mean	Math Mean	Writing Mean	Critical Reading Mean	Math Mean	Writing Mean	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading Mean	Math Mean	Critical Reading	Math
Maine	100%	466	465	457	501	501	491	-35	-36	-34	507	504	-41	-39
New York	89%	491	505	482	493	510	483	-2	-5	-1	495	502	-4	+3
Massachusetts	85%	513	522	511	513	524	510	0	-2	+1	508	508	+5	+14
Connecticut	84%	510	512	511	512	516	511	-2	-4	0	509	507	+1	+5
New Hampshire	83%	521	521	512	520	524	509	+1	-3	+3	521	518	0	+3
New Jersey	82%	495	510	494	496	515	496	-1	-5	-2	497	508	-2	+2
District of Columbia**	78%	478	462	471	487	472	482	-9	-10	-11	490	475	-12	-13
Pennsylvania	75%	493	499	482	493	500	483	0	-1	-1	498	495	-5	+4
Virginia	73%	511	511	498	512	513	500	-1	-2	-2	506	497	+5	+14
Delaware	72%	497	496	486	495	500	484	+2	-4	+2	505	498	-8	-2
North Carolina	71%	495	509	482	495	513	485	0	-4	-3	490	488	+5	+21
Maryland	70%	500	502	496	503	509	499	-3	-7	-3	507	507	-7	-5
Georgia	69%	494	495	483	494	496	487	0	-1	-4	486	481	+8	+14
Rhode Island	68%	496	498	492	495	502	490	+1	-4	+2	499	493	-3	+5
Vermont	67%	516	518	508	513	519	502	+3	-1	+6	508	502	+8	+16
Florida	65%	497	496	479	496	497	480	+1	-1	-1	499	499	-2	-3
Indiana	62%	497	507	483	498	509	486	-1	-2	-3	494	497	+3	+10
South Carolina	62%	488	496	475	487	498	480	+1	-2	-5	479	474	+9	+22
Hawaii	61%	484	506	473	482	509	472	+2	-3	+1	483	512	+1	-6
Oregon	54%	522	526	502	523	529	503	-1	-3	-1	525	524	-3	+2
Washington	53%	526	531	510	527	532	511	-1	-1	-1	523	523	+3	+8
Texas	52%	492	507	482	491	506	487	+1	+1	-5	494	501	-2	+6
California	49%	499	516	498	501	518	501	-2	-2	-3	496	514	+3	+2
Alaska	48%	519	517	491	517	517	493	+2	0	-2	520	517	-1	0
Nevada	41%	500	506	480	498	508	481	+2	-2	-1	508	509	-8	-3
Arizona	32%	519	525	502	521	528	507	-2	-3	-5	523	522	-4	+3
Montana	28%	538	543	522	538	545	524	0	-2	-2	545	548	-7	-5
Ohio	27%	536	542	522	535	544	521	+1	-2	+1	535	536	+1	+6
Colorado	24%	560	565	549	558	564	548	+2	+1	+1	536	539	+24	+26
West Virginia	20%	516	507	505	519	510	515	-3	-3	-10	524	508	-8	-1
Idaho	19%	541	539	519	543	545	525	-2	-6	-6	544	539	-3	0
Tennessee	13%	574	569	568	573	569	572	+1	0	-4	564	556	+10	+13
New Mexico	12%	555	546	540	557	549	543	-2	-3	-3	554	545	+1	+1
Kentucky	10%	567	565	553	562	562	555	+5	+3	-2	548	546	+19	+19
Alabama	9%	563	556	554	565	561	565	-2	-5	-11	561	555	+2	+1
Michigan	9%	568	579	553	568	583	555	0	-4	-2	557	566	+11	+13
Minnesota	9%	596	603	577	591	600	574	+5	+3	+3	582	592	+14	+11
Illinois	8%	594	611	588	591	609	586	+3	+2	+2	562	578	+32	+33
Kansas	8%	583	590	569	582	590	566	+1	0	+3	578	575	+5	+15
Wyoming	8%	565	571	544	548	555	537	+17	+16	+7	543	543	+22	+28
Louisiana	7%	569	567	563	570	571	571	-1	-4	-8	560	553	+9	+14
Missouri	6%	594	594	587	587	591	582	+7	+3	+5	567	568	+27	+26
Nebraska	6%	579	585	562	576	583	566	+3	+2	-4	562	564	+17	+21
Oklahoma	6%	578	571	559	576	574	563	+2	-3	-4	568	560	+10	+11
Utah	6%	558	556	544	560	557	550	-2	-1	-6	576	570	-18	-14
Wisconsin	6%	587	598	575	588	600	577	-1	-2	-2	579	590	+8	+8
Arkansas	5%	578	566	565	574	568	567	+4	-2	-2	567	558	+11	+8
Iowa	4%	608	613	586	602	613	591	+6	0	-5	589	601	+19	+12
Mississippi	4%	568	549	560	566	541	562	+12	+8	-2	567	551	+1	-2
North Dakota	4%	584	596	562	610	617	588	-26	-21	-26	588	595	-4	+1
South Dakota	3%	589	602	567	590	604	578	-1	-2	-11	574	570	+15	+32
All Students	48%	502	515	494	503	518	497	-1	-3	-3	505	511	-3	+4

* Based on the projection of high school graduates in 2007 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), and the number of students in the class of 2007 who took the SAT Reasoning Test in each state.

** Self-reported 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.