

Table 137.—Scholastic Assessment Test¹ score averages, by state: 1987–88 to 1997–98

State	1987–88		1993–94		1994–95		1995–96		1996–97		1997–98		Percentage of graduates taking SAT, 1996–97 ²	Percentage of graduates taking SAT, 1997–98 ³
	Verbal	Mathematical	Verbal	Mathematical	Verbal	Mathematical	Verbal	Mathematical	Verbal	Mathematical	Verbal	Mathematical		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
United States	505	501	499	504	504	506	505	508	505	511	505	512	42	43
Alabama	554	540	556	547	565	555	565	558	561	555	562	558	8	8
Alaska	518	501	510	502	521	513	521	513	520	517	521	520	48	52
Arizona	531	523	519	519	524	520	525	521	523	522	525	528	29	32
Arkansas	554	536	552	537	556	542	566	550	567	558	568	555	6	6
California	500	508	489	506	492	509	495	511	496	514	497	516	45	47
Colorado	537	532	532	534	538	538	536	538	536	539	537	542	30	31
Connecticut	513	498	502	497	507	502	507	504	509	507	510	509	79	80
Delaware	510	493	505	491	505	494	508	495	505	498	501	493	65	70
District of Columbia	479	461	479	468	485	471	489	473	490	475	488	476	60	83
Florida	499	495	490	492	497	496	498	496	499	499	500	501	50	52
Georgia	480	473	474	474	483	477	484	477	486	481	486	482	63	64
Hawaii	484	505	477	504	483	507	485	510	483	512	483	513	54	55
Idaho	543	523	537	529	544	532	543	536	544	539	545	544	15	16
Illinois	540	540	553	562	563	574	564	575	562	578	564	581	14	13
Indiana	490	486	488	493	492	494	494	494	494	497	497	500	57	59
Iowa	587	588	580	586	589	595	590	600	589	601	593	601	5	5
Kansas	568	557	568	565	576	571	579	571	578	575	582	585	9	9
Kentucky	551	535	549	543	552	542	549	544	548	546	547	550	12	13
Louisiana	551	533	556	549	560	552	559	550	560	553	562	558	10	8
Maine	508	493	497	490	504	497	504	498	507	504	504	501	67	68
Maryland	509	501	505	503	506	503	507	504	507	507	506	508	64	65
Massachusetts	508	499	502	500	505	502	507	504	508	508	508	508	80	77
Michigan	532	533	547	554	559	565	557	565	557	566	558	569	11	11
Minnesota	546	549	569	576	580	591	582	593	582	592	585	598	9	9
Mississippi	557	539	559	546	572	557	569	557	567	551	562	549	4	4
Missouri	547	539	560	554	569	566	570	569	567	568	570	573	9	8
Montana	547	547	540	542	549	553	546	547	545	548	543	546	22	24
Nebraska	562	561	557	559	568	570	567	568	562	564	565	571	9	8
Nevada	517	510	506	508	511	508	508	507	508	509	510	513	32	33
New Hampshire	523	511	515	510	520	515	520	514	521	518	523	520	70	74
New Jersey	500	495	494	500	496	503	498	505	497	508	497	508	69	79
New Mexico	553	543	550	546	559	549	554	548	554	545	554	551	12	12
New York	497	495	492	497	495	498	497	499	495	502	495	503	74	76
North Carolina	478	470	482	482	488	482	490	486	490	488	490	492	59	62
North Dakota	572	569	570	573	587	602	596	599	588	595	590	599	5	5
Ohio	529	521	533	531	536	535	536	535	535	536	536	540	25	24
Oklahoma	558	542	557	554	565	553	566	557	568	560	568	564	8	8
Oregon	517	507	513	515	525	522	523	521	525	524	528	528	50	53
Pennsylvania	502	489	494	489	496	489	498	492	498	495	497	495	72	71
Rhode Island	508	496	496	488	502	490	501	491	499	493	501	495	70	72
South Carolina	477	468	473	473	478	473	480	474	479	474	478	473	56	61
South Dakota	585	573	558	563	579	576	574	566	574	570	584	581	4	5
Tennessee	560	543	562	553	571	560	563	552	564	556	564	557	13	13
Texas	494	490	489	500	495	501	495	500	494	501	494	501	49	51
Utah	572	553	582	573	585	576	583	575	576	570	572	570	4	4
Vermont	514	499	504	498	506	499	506	500	508	502	508	504	69	71
Virginia	507	498	501	495	504	494	507	496	506	497	507	499	69	66
Washington	525	517	511	512	519	517	519	519	523	523	524	526	46	53
West Virginia	528	519	516	507	525	509	526	506	524	508	525	513	18	18
Wisconsin	549	551	562	575	574	585	577	586	579	590	581	594	7	7
Wyoming	550	545	535	541	551	544	544	544	543	543	548	546	12	10

¹ Formerly known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

² Based on number of high school graduates in 1997 as projected by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, and the number of students in the Class of 1997 who took the SAT I.

³ Based on the projection of high school graduates in 1998 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, and number of students in the Class of 1998 who took the SAT I: Reasoning Test. Updated projections in this column make it inappropriate to compare percentages for this year with those of previous years.

NOTE.—Possible scores on each part of the SAT range from 200 to 800. Rankings of states based on SAT scores alone are invalid because of the varying proportions of students in each state taking the tests.

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