

Table 136.—Scholastic Assessment Test score averages, by state: 1987–88 to 1999–2000

State	1987–88		1993–94		1994–95		1995–96		1998–99		1999–2000		Percentage of graduates taking SAT, 1997–98	Percentage of graduates taking SAT, 1999–2000
	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	514	43	44
Alabama	554	540	556	547	565	555	565	558	561	555	559	555	8	9
Alaska	518	501	510	502	521	513	521	513	516	514	519	515	52	50
Arizona	531	523	519	519	524	520	525	521	524	525	521	523	32	34
Arkansas	554	536	552	537	556	542	566	550	563	556	563	554	6	6
California	500	508	489	506	492	509	495	511	497	514	497	518	47	49
Colorado	537	532	532	534	538	538	536	538	536	540	534	537	31	32
Connecticut	513	498	502	497	507	502	507	504	510	509	508	509	80	81
Delaware	510	493	505	491	505	494	508	495	503	497	502	496	70	66
District of Columbia	479	461	479	468	485	471	489	473	494	478	494	486	83	89
Florida	499	495	490	492	497	496	498	496	499	498	498	500	52	55
Georgia	480	473	474	474	483	477	484	477	487	482	488	486	64	64
Hawaii	484	505	477	504	483	507	485	510	482	513	488	519	55	53
Idaho	543	523	537	529	544	532	543	536	542	540	540	541	16	16
Illinois	540	540	553	562	563	574	564	575	569	585	568	586	13	12
Indiana	490	486	488	493	492	494	494	494	496	498	498	501	59	60
Iowa	587	588	580	586	589	595	590	600	594	598	589	600	5	5
Kansas	568	557	568	565	576	571	579	571	578	576	574	580	9	9
Kentucky	551	535	549	543	552	542	549	544	547	547	548	550	13	12
Louisiana	551	533	556	549	560	552	559	550	561	558	562	558	8	8
Maine	508	493	497	490	504	497	504	498	507	503	504	500	68	68
Maryland	509	501	505	503	506	503	507	504	507	507	507	509	65	65
Massachusetts	508	499	502	500	505	502	507	504	511	511	511	513	77	78
Michigan	532	533	547	554	559	565	557	565	557	565	557	569	11	11
Minnesota	546	549	569	576	580	591	582	593	586	598	581	594	9	9
Mississippi	557	539	559	546	572	557	569	557	563	548	562	549	4	4
Missouri	547	539	560	554	569	566	570	569	572	572	572	577	8	8
Montana	547	547	540	542	549	553	546	547	546	546	543	546	24	23
Nebraska	562	561	557	559	568	570	567	568	568	571	560	571	8	9
Nevada	517	510	506	508	511	508	508	507	512	517	510	517	33	34
New Hampshire	523	511	515	510	520	515	520	514	520	518	520	519	74	72
New Jersey	500	495	494	500	496	503	498	505	498	510	498	513	79	81
New Mexico	553	543	550	546	559	549	554	548	549	542	549	543	12	12
New York	497	495	492	497	495	498	497	499	495	502	494	506	76	77
North Carolina	478	470	482	482	488	482	490	486	493	493	492	496	62	64
North Dakota	572	569	570	573	587	602	596	599	594	605	588	609	5	4
Ohio	529	521	533	531	536	535	536	535	534	538	533	539	24	26
Oklahoma	558	542	557	554	565	553	566	557	567	560	563	560	8	8
Oregon	517	507	513	515	525	522	523	521	525	525	527	527	53	54
Pennsylvania	502	489	494	489	496	489	498	492	498	495	498	497	71	70
Rhode Island	508	496	496	488	502	490	501	491	504	499	505	500	72	71
South Carolina	477	468	473	473	478	473	480	474	479	475	484	482	61	59
South Dakota	585	573	558	563	579	576	574	566	585	588	587	588	5	4
Tennessee	560	543	562	553	571	560	563	552	559	553	563	553	13	13
Texas	494	490	489	500	495	501	495	500	494	499	493	500	51	52
Utah	572	553	582	573	585	576	583	575	570	568	570	569	4	5
Vermont	514	499	504	498	506	499	506	500	514	506	513	508	71	70
Virginia	507	498	501	495	504	494	507	496	508	499	509	500	66	67
Washington	525	517	511	512	519	517	519	519	525	526	526	528	53	52
West Virginia	528	519	516	507	525	509	526	506	527	512	526	511	18	19
Wisconsin	549	551	562	575	574	585	577	586	584	595	584	597	7	7
Wyoming	550	545	535	541	551	544	544	544	546	551	545	545	10	12

NOTE: Scholastic Assessment Test was formerly known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Percentage of graduates taking the SAT is based on the projection of high school graduates by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, and number of students in the graduating class 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. 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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