

Table 134. Scholastic Assessment Test score averages, by state: Selected years, 1987–88 to 2002–03

State	1987–88		1995–96		1999–2000		2000–01		2001–02		2002–03		Percentage of graduates taking SAT, 2001–02	Percentage of graduates taking SAT, 2002–03
	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	505	508	505	514	506	514	504	516	507	519	46	48
Alabama	554	540	565	558	559	555	559	554	560	559	559	552	9	10
Alaska	518	501	521	513	519	515	514	510	516	519	518	518	52	55
Arizona	531	523	525	521	521	523	523	525	520	523	524	525	36	38
Arkansas	554	536	566	550	563	554	562	550	560	556	564	554	5	6
California	500	508	495	511	497	518	498	517	496	517	499	519	52	54
Colorado	537	532	536	538	534	537	539	542	543	548	551	553	28	27
Connecticut	513	498	507	504	508	509	509	510	509	509	512	514	83	84
Delaware	510	493	508	495	502	496	501	499	502	500	501	501	69	73
District of Columbia	479	461	489	473	494	486	482	474	480	473	484	474	76	77
Florida	499	495	498	496	498	500	498	499	496	499	498	498	57	61
Georgia	480	473	484	477	488	486	491	489	489	491	493	491	65	66
Hawaii	484	505	485	510	488	519	486	515	488	520	486	516	53	54
Idaho	543	523	543	536	540	541	543	542	539	541	540	540	18	18
Illinois	540	540	564	575	568	586	576	589	578	596	583	596	11	11
Indiana	490	486	494	494	498	501	499	501	498	503	500	504	62	63
Iowa	587	588	590	600	589	600	593	603	591	602	586	597	5	5
Kansas	568	557	579	571	574	580	577	580	578	580	578	582	9	9
Kentucky	551	535	549	544	548	550	550	550	550	552	554	552	12	13
Louisiana	551	533	559	550	562	558	564	562	561	559	563	559	8	8
Maine	508	493	504	498	504	500	506	500	503	502	503	501	69	70
Maryland	509	501	507	504	507	509	508	510	507	513	509	515	67	68
Massachusetts	508	499	507	504	511	513	511	515	512	516	516	522	81	82
Michigan	532	533	557	565	557	569	561	572	558	572	564	576	11	11
Minnesota	546	549	582	593	581	594	580	589	581	591	582	591	10	10
Mississippi	557	539	569	557	562	549	566	551	559	547	565	551	4	4
Missouri	547	539	570	569	572	577	577	577	574	580	582	583	8	8
Montana	547	547	546	547	543	546	539	539	541	547	538	543	23	26
Nebraska	562	561	567	568	560	571	562	568	561	570	573	578	8	8
Nevada	517	510	508	507	510	517	509	515	509	518	510	517	34	36
New Hampshire	523	511	520	514	520	519	520	516	519	519	522	521	73	75
New Jersey	500	495	498	505	498	513	499	513	498	513	501	515	82	85
New Mexico	553	543	554	548	549	543	551	542	551	543	548	540	14	14
New York	497	495	497	499	494	506	495	505	494	506	496	510	79	82
North Carolina	478	470	490	486	492	496	493	499	493	505	495	506	67	68
North Dakota	572	569	596	599	588	609	592	599	597	610	602	613	4	4
Ohio	529	521	536	535	533	539	534	539	533	540	536	541	27	28
Oklahoma	558	542	566	557	563	560	567	561	565	562	569	562	8	8
Oregon	517	507	523	521	527	527	526	526	524	528	526	527	56	57
Pennsylvania	502	489	498	492	498	497	500	499	498	500	500	502	72	73
Rhode Island	508	496	501	491	505	500	501	499	504	503	502	504	73	74
South Carolina	477	468	480	474	484	482	486	488	488	493	493	496	59	59
South Dakota	585	573	574	566	587	588	577	582	576	586	588	588	5	4
Tennessee	560	543	563	552	563	553	562	553	562	555	568	560	14	14
Texas	494	490	495	500	493	500	493	499	491	500	493	500	55	57
Utah	572	553	583	575	570	569	575	570	563	559	566	559	6	7
Vermont	514	499	506	500	513	508	511	506	512	510	515	512	69	70
Virginia	507	498	507	496	509	500	510	501	510	506	514	510	68	71
Washington	525	517	519	519	526	528	527	527	525	529	530	532	54	56
West Virginia	528	519	526	506	526	511	527	512	525	515	522	510	18	20
Wisconsin	549	551	577	586	584	597	584	596	583	599	585	594	7	7
Wyoming	550	545	544	544	545	545	547	545	531	537	548	549	11	11

NOTE: Scholastic Assessment Test was formerly known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The percent 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. 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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