

Table 314. Scores on Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and subject matter tests: 1965 to 2000

Academic year ending	Number of GRE takers	GRE takers as a percent of bachelor's degrees	Verbal		Quantitative		Analytical		Subject matter tests											
			Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation	Biology		Chemistry		Education		Engineering		Literature		Psychology	
									Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation	Mean	Standard deviation
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1965	93,792	18.7	530	124	533	137	†	†	617	117	628	114	481	86	618	108	591	95	556	91
1966	123,960	23.8	520	124	528	133	†	†	610	115	618	110	474	87	609	106	588	94	552	91
1967	151,134	27.0	519	125	527	134	†	†	613	114	615	104	476	90	603	104	582	91	553	93
1968	182,432	28.8	520	124	527	135	†	†	614	114	617	104	478	87	601	105	572	91	547	93
1969	206,113	28.3	515	124	524	132	†	†	613	112	613	104	477	88	591	103	569	89	543	89
1970	265,359	33.5	503	123	516	132	†	†	603	111	613	113	462	92	586	110	556	90	532	91
1971	293,600	35.0	497	125	512	134	†	†	603	114	618	117	457	95	587	115	546	91	530	92
1972	293,506	33.1	494	126	508	136	†	†	606	115	624	124	446	93	594	119	544	96	528	92
1973	290,104	31.5	497	125	512	135	†	†	619	110	630	114	459	96	593	114	545	96	529	92
1974	301,070	31.8	492	126	509	137	†	†	624	110	634	115	452	93	591	121	547	99	530	95
1975	298,335	32.3	493	125	508	137	†	†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1976	299,292	32.3	492	127	510	138	†	†	627	112	627	107	454	93	594	119	539	101	531	93
1977	287,715	31.3	490	129	514	139	†	†	625	113	630	109	453	93	592	115	532	101	532	95
1978	286,383	31.1	484	128	518	135	†	†	622	113	624	108	452	91	594	114	530	102	529	97
1979	282,482	30.7	476	130	517	135	†	†	621	117	623	104	451	89	592	115	525	102	530	97
1980	272,281	29.3	474	131	522	136	†	†	619	115	618	105	449	90	590	116	521	105	534	98
1981	262,855	28.1	473	128	523	136	†	†	617	115	615	103	453	90	590	116	520	99	532	97
1982	256,381	26.9	469	130	533	137	498	126	616	114	616	105	456	89	593	115	521	100	532	97
1983	263,674	27.2	473	131	541	138	504	128	623	115	620	105	459	90	599	114	527	98	542	95
1984	265,221	27.2	475	130	541	139	512	129	622	115	619	102	461	90	604	114	530	97	543	96
1985	271,972	27.8	474	126	545	140	516	129	619	114	621	101	459	89	615	120	531	95	541	95
1986	279,428	28.3	475	126	552	140	520	129	612	114	628	106	464	87	616	119	527	96	542	97
1987	293,560	29.6	477	126	550	140	521	128	616	116	629	104	465	86	619	119	526	95	536	95
1988	303,703	30.5	483	123	557	140	528	128	615	114	631	108	467	85	622	120	525	94	537	94
1989	326,096	32.0	484	125	560	142	530	129	612	114	642	117	465	87	626	116	528	91	538	95
1990	344,572	32.8	486	123	562	143	534	128	612	114	662	123	461	84	617	111	523	92	537	95
1991	379,882	34.7	485	122	562	141	536	129	609	113	660	123	457	85	611	111	523	93	535	95
1992	411,528	36.2	483	120	561	140	537	129	605	113	654	128	462	82	610	117	525	92	536	95
1993	400,246	34.4	481	117	557	140	541	129	606	114	662	133	462	80	602	115	516	94	536	97
1994	1,399,395	34.2	479	116	553	139	545	129	620	116	627	113	2,493	104	601	115	517	95	538	96
1995	1,389,539	33.6	477	115	553	140	544	131	622	116	675	138	2,488	102	596	113	513	96	544	98
1996	1,376,013	32.3	473	114	558	139	549	131	614	114	678	135	2,489	104	604	119	512	97	547	99
1997	1,376,062	32.1	472	113	562	139	548	129	620	115	684	143	2,487	103	602	114	525	100	554	99
1998	1,364,554	30.8	471	113	569	141	543	133	628	113	686	137	2,477	100	609	118	530	100	563	100
1999 ³	396,330	33.0	468	114	565	143	542	133	626	114	684	137	—	—	604	115	527	100	559	100
2000 ⁴	363,932	29.4	465	116	578	147	562	141	629	114	686	133	—	—	—	—	530	99	563	98

† Not applicable.
 — Not available.
¹ Total includes examinees who received no score on one or more General Test measures.
² Data reported for 1994 through 1998 are from the revised education test.
³ Subject test score data for 1999 reflect the three-year average for all examinees who tested between October 1, 1996 and September 30, 1999 and are not directly comparable with previous years.
⁴ Subject test score data for 2000 reflect the three-year average for all examinees who tested between October 1, 1997 and September 30, 2000 and are not directly comparable with previous years.
 NOTE: GRE scores for the verbal, quantitative, and analytical sections range from 200 to 800. The range of scores is different for the various subject tests—from 200 to 990—although the range for any particular subject test is usually smaller. The education subject test was administered for the final time in April 1998. The engineering subject test was administered for the final time in April 2001. Some data have been revised from previously published figures.
 SOURCE: Graduate Record Examination Board, *Examinee and Score Trends for the GRE General Test*, various years; and *A Summary of Data Collected From Graduate Record Examinations Test-Takers During 1986-87: Guide to the Use of Scores*, various years; *Sex, Race, Ethnicity, and Performance on the GRE General Test*, various years; unpublished data; and U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS) "Degrees and Other Formal Awards Conferred" surveys, and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) "Completions" surveys. (This table was prepared July 2002.)