

**Table 135.—Scholastic Assessment Test score averages, by selected student characteristics: 1995–96 to 2001–02**

Selected characteristics	1995–96			1997–98			1999–2000			2001–02		
	Verbal score	Mathematical score	Percentage distribution <sup>1</sup>	Verbal score	Mathematical score	Percentage distribution <sup>1</sup>	Verbal score	Mathematical score	Percentage distribution <sup>1</sup>	Verbal score	Mathematical score	Percentage distribution <sup>1</sup>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>All students</b> .....	<b>505</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>100</b>
High school rank												
Top decile .....	591	606	22	590	607	21	589	608	22	585	607	26
Second decile .....	530	539	22	530	543	22	528	543	23	522	539	23
Second quintile .....	494	496	28	494	500	28	493	500	27	485	495	25
Third quintile .....	455	448	24	454	453	24	455	453	23	448	449	22
Fourth quintile .....	429	418	4	427	421	4	425	419	4	419	416	4
Fifth quintile .....	411	401	1	408	403	1	408	401	1	405	404	1
High school grade point average												
A+ (97–100) .....	617	632	6	613	629	7	610	628	7	607	626	7
A (93–96) .....	573	583	14	569	582	15	567	582	16	565	582	17
A- (90–92) .....	545	554	15	542	554	16	540	553	17	538	553	17
B (80–89) .....	486	485	49	483	487	48	482	486	47	479	486	47
C (70–79) .....	432	426	15	430	428	13	428	426	12	424	424	11
D, E, or F (below 70) .....	414	408	( <sup>2</sup> )	408	411	( <sup>2</sup> )	405	406	( <sup>2</sup> )	404	409	( <sup>2</sup> )
Intended college major												
Agriculture/natural resources .....	491	484	2	491	487	2	490	486	1	481	481	1
Architecture/environmental design .....	492	519	3	494	524	2	494	524	2	483	514	2
Arts: visual/performing .....	520	497	6	520	502	7	518	502	8	514	500	8
Biological sciences .....	546	545	6	545	546	6	544	548	5	542	551	5
Business and commerce .....	483	500	13	484	505	14	487	510	14	486	510	14
Communications .....	527	497	4	523	501	4	526	505	4	524	505	4
Computer or information sciences .....	497	522	3	500	529	5	499	533	6	499	535	7
Education .....	487	477	8	483	480	9	483	481	9	480	481	9
Engineering .....	525	569	8	525	571	9	523	573	8	521	573	9
Foreign/classical languages .....	556	534	( <sup>2</sup> )	552	538	1	558	539	1	562	543	1
General/interdisciplinary .....	576	553	( <sup>2</sup> )	568	549	( <sup>2</sup> )	562	545	( <sup>2</sup> )	548	535	( <sup>2</sup> )
Health and allied services .....	500	505	19	497	505	18	497	505	16	490	500	15
Home economics .....	458	452	( <sup>2</sup> )	458	459	( <sup>2</sup> )	462	462	( <sup>2</sup> )	456	458	( <sup>2</sup> )
Language and literature .....	605	545	1	605	549	1	608	552	1	604	550	1
Library and archival sciences .....	554	512	( <sup>2</sup> )	547	525	( <sup>2</sup> )	556	511	( <sup>2</sup> )	561	499	( <sup>2</sup> )
Mathematics .....	552	628	1	552	629	1	551	630	1	542	625	1
Military sciences .....	503	505	( <sup>2</sup> )	504	507	( <sup>2</sup> )	505	512	( <sup>2</sup> )	507	513	1
Philosophy/religion/theology .....	560	536	( <sup>2</sup> )	558	538	1	560	539	1	561	542	1
Physical sciences .....	575	595	1	571	592	1	569	592	1	562	588	1
Public affairs and services .....	458	448	3	459	453	3	459	454	3	459	456	2
Social sciences and history .....	532	509	11	531	512	11	532	513	11	529	512	10
Technical and vocational .....	435	441	1	440	448	1	442	452	1	440	452	1
Undecided .....	500	507	7	510	520	6	512	521	7	515	528	7
Degree-level goal												
Certificate program .....	434	439	1	436	447	1	439	453	1	439	456	1
Associate degree .....	422	415	2	421	419	2	420	419	2	414	416	1
Bachelor's degree .....	476	476	23	475	480	23	478	483	25	475	483	24
Master's degree .....	514	518	29	513	523	31	515	526	31	513	525	30
Doctoral or related degree .....	548	552	24	548	554	23	547	554	22	543	553	21
Other .....	430	438	1	435	446	1	442	454	1	437	452	1
Undecided .....	502	503	20	505	510	19	508	514	19	512	521	21
Family income												
Less than \$10,000 .....	429	444	4	427	446	5	425	447	4	417	442	4
\$10,000, but less than \$20,000 .....	456	464	8	451	463	9	447	460	8	435	453	8
\$20,000, but less than \$30,000 .....	482	482	10	477	482	11	471	478	10	461	470	10
\$30,000, but less than \$40,000 .....	497	495	12	495	497	13	490	493	12	480	485	11
\$40,000, but less than \$50,000 .....	509	507	10	506	509	11	503	505	10	496	501	10
\$50,000, but less than \$60,000 .....	517	517	9	514	518	11	511	515	11	505	509	10
\$60,000, but less than \$70,000 .....	524	525	7	521	525	9	517	522	9	511	516	9
\$70,000, but less than \$80,000 .....	531	533	6	527	532	8	524	530	8	517	524	8
\$80,000 to \$100,000 .....	541	544	7	539	546	9	536	543	10	530	538	11
More than \$100,000 .....	560	569	9	559	572	13	558	571	16	555	568	19
Highest level of parental education												
No high school diploma .....	414	439	4	411	441	4	413	442	4	409	441	5
High school diploma .....	475	474	31	473	477	34	472	477	33	469	476	32
Associate degree .....	489	487	7	489	491	8	488	491	9	486	492	9
Bachelor's degree .....	525	529	25	525	532	28	525	533	29	523	533	28
Graduate degree .....	556	558	23	556	563	25	558	566	25	558	568	26

<sup>1</sup> Because of survey item nonresponse, percentage distributions may not add to 100 percent.

<sup>2</sup> Less than 0.5 percent.

NOTE: Scholastic Assessment Test was formerly known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Possible scores on each part of the SAT range from 200 to 800.

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