

**SAT Score Averages by State
2005-06 and 2006-07**

State	2005-06			2006-07			Percent of Graduates Taking SAT 2006-07
	Verbal	Mathematics	Writing*	Verbal	Mathematics	Writing*	
Alabama	565	561	565	563	556	554	9
Alaska	517	517	493	519	517	491	48
Arizona	521	528	507	519	525	502	32
Arkansas	574	568	567	578	566	565	5
California	501	518	501	499	516	498	49
Colorado	558	564	548	560	565	549	24
Connecticut	512	516	511	510	512	511	84
Delaware	495	500	484	497	496	486	72
Dist. of Columbia	487	472	482	478	462	471	78
Florida	496	497	480	497	496	479	65
Georgia	494	496	487	494	495	483	69
Hawaii	482	509	472	484	506	473	61
Idaho	543	545	525	541	539	519	19
Illinois	591	609	586	594	611	588	8
Indiana	498	509	486	497	507	483	62
Iowa	602	613	591	608	613	586	4
Kansas	582	590	566	583	590	569	8
Kentucky	562	562	555	567	565	553	10
Louisiana	570	571	571	569	567	563	7
Maine	501	501	491	466	465	457	100
Maryland	503	509	499	500	502	496	70
Massachusetts	513	524	510	513	522	511	85
Michigan	568	583	555	568	579	553	9
Minnesota	591	600	574	596	603	577	9
Mississippi	556	541	562	568	549	560	4
Missouri	587	591	582	594	594	587	6
Montana	538	545	524	538	543	522	28
Nebraska	576	583	566	579	585	562	6
Nevada	498	508	481	500	506	480	41
New Hampshire	520	524	509	521	521	512	83
New Jersey	496	515	496	495	510	494	82
New Mexico	557	549	543	555	546	540	12
New York	493	510	483	491	505	482	89
North Carolina	495	513	485	495	509	482	71
North Dakota	610	617	588	584	596	562	4
Ohio	535	544	521	536	542	522	27
Oklahoma	576	574	563	578	571	559	6
Oregon	523	529	503	522	526	502	54
Pennsylvania	493	500	483	493	499	482	75
Rhode Island	495	502	490	496	498	492	68
South Carolina	487	498	480	488	496	475	62
South Dakota	590	604	578	589	602	567	3
Tennessee	573	569	572	574	569	568	13
Texas	491	506	487	492	507	482	52
Utah	560	557	550	558	556	544	6
Vermont	513	519	502	516	518	508	67
Virginia	512	513	500	511	511	498	73
Washington	527	532	511	526	531	510	53
West Virginia	519	510	515	516	507	505	20
Wisconsin	588	600	577	587	598	575	6
Wyoming	548	555	537	565	571	544	8
United States	503	518	497	502	515	494	48

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics: 2007*, Table 137, <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/> (accessed October 14, 2008).

The SAT was formerly known as the Scholastic Assessment Test and the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Score averages are for college-bound Seniors. 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 portions of students in each state taking the tests.

*Writing data are based on students who took the SAT writing section, which was introduced in March 2005.