

**SAT Score Averages by State
2008-09 and 2009-10**

State	2008-09			2009-10			Percent of Graduates Taking SAT 2009-10
	Verbal	Mathematics	Writing*	Verbal	Mathematics	Writing*	
Alabama	557	552	549	556	550	544	7
Alaska	520	516	492	518	515	491	48
Arizona	516	521	497	519	525	500	25
Arkansas	572	572	556	566	566	552	4
California	500	513	498	501	516	500	50
Colorado	568	575	555	568	572	555	18
Connecticut	509	513	512	509	514	513	84
Delaware	495	498	484	493	495	481	71
Dist. of Columbia	466	451	461	474	464	466	76
Florida	497	498	480	496	498	479	59
Georgia	490	491	479	488	490	475	74
Hawaii	479	502	469	483	505	470	58
Idaho	541	540	520	543	541	517	19
Illinois	588	604	583	585	600	577	6
Indiana	496	507	480	494	505	477	64
Iowa	610	615	588	603	613	582	3
Kansas	581	589	564	590	595	567	6
Kentucky	573	573	561	575	575	563	6
Louisiana	563	558	555	555	550	547	7
Maine	468	467	455	468	467	454	92
Maryland	500	502	495	501	506	495	70
Massachusetts	514	526	510	512	526	509	86
Michigan	584	603	575	585	605	576	5
Minnesota	595	609	578	594	607	580	7
Mississippi	567	554	559	566	548	552	3
Missouri	595	600	584	593	595	580	4
Montana	541	542	519	538	538	517	24
Nebraska	587	594	572	585	593	568	4
Nevada	501	505	479	496	501	473	43
New Hampshire	523	523	510	520	524	510	77
New Jersey	496	513	496	495	514	497	76
New Mexico	553	546	534	553	549	534	11
New York	485	502	478	484	499	478	85
North Carolina	495	511	480	497	511	477	63
North Dakota	590	593	566	580	594	559	4
Ohio	537	546	523	538	548	522	21
Oklahoma	575	571	557	569	568	547	5
Oregon	523	525	499	523	524	499	54
Pennsylvania	493	501	483	492	501	480	71
Rhode Island	498	496	494	494	495	488	67
South Carolina	486	496	470	484	495	468	66
South Dakota	589	600	569	592	603	571	3
Tennessee	571	565	565	576	571	565	10
Texas	486	506	475	484	505	473	53
Utah	559	558	540	568	559	547	6
Vermont	518	518	506	519	521	506	66
Virginia	511	512	498	512	512	497	67
Washington	524	531	507	524	532	508	54
West Virginia	511	501	499	515	507	500	16
Wisconsin	594	608	582	595	604	579	4
Wyoming	567	568	550	570	567	546	5
United States	501	515	493	501	516	492	47

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics: 2010*, Table 154, <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/> (accessed May 10, 2011).

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 proportions 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.