

Table 136.—Scholastic Assessment Test score averages, by state: 1987–88 to 2001–02

State	1987–88		1995–96		1998–99		1999–2000		2000–01		2001–02		Percentage of graduates taking SAT, 2000–01	Percentage of graduates taking SAT, 2001–02
	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	511	505	514	506	514	504	516	45	46
Alabama	554	540	565	558	561	555	559	555	559	554	560	559	9	9
Alaska	518	501	521	513	516	514	519	515	514	510	516	519	51	52
Arizona	531	523	525	521	524	525	521	523	523	525	520	523	34	36
Arkansas	554	536	566	550	563	556	563	554	562	550	560	556	6	5
California	500	508	495	511	497	514	497	518	498	517	496	517	51	52
Colorado	537	532	536	538	536	540	534	537	539	542	543	548	31	28
Connecticut	513	498	507	504	510	509	508	509	509	510	509	509	82	83
Delaware	510	493	508	495	503	497	502	496	501	499	502	500	67	69
District of Columbia	479	461	489	473	494	478	494	486	482	474	480	473	56	76
Florida	499	495	498	496	499	498	498	500	498	499	496	499	54	57
Georgia	480	473	484	477	487	482	488	486	491	489	489	491	63	65
Hawaii	484	505	485	510	482	513	488	519	486	515	488	520	52	53
Idaho	543	523	543	536	542	540	540	541	543	542	539	541	17	18
Illinois	540	540	564	575	569	585	568	586	576	589	578	596	12	11
Indiana	490	486	494	494	496	498	498	501	499	501	498	503	60	62
Iowa	587	588	590	600	594	598	589	600	593	603	591	602	5	5
Kansas	568	557	579	571	578	576	574	580	577	580	578	580	9	9
Kentucky	551	535	549	544	547	547	548	550	550	550	550	552	12	12
Louisiana	551	533	559	550	561	558	562	558	564	562	561	559	7	8
Maine	508	493	504	498	507	503	504	500	506	500	503	502	69	69
Maryland	509	501	507	504	507	507	507	509	508	510	507	513	65	67
Massachusetts	508	499	507	504	511	511	511	513	511	515	512	516	79	81
Michigan	532	533	557	565	557	565	557	569	561	572	558	572	11	11
Minnesota	546	549	582	593	586	598	581	594	580	589	581	591	9	10
Mississippi	557	539	569	557	563	548	562	549	566	551	559	547	4	4
Missouri	547	539	570	569	572	572	572	577	577	577	574	580	8	8
Montana	547	547	546	547	546	546	543	546	539	539	541	547	23	23
Nebraska	562	561	567	568	568	571	560	571	562	568	561	570	8	8
Nevada	517	510	508	507	512	517	510	517	509	515	509	518	33	34
New Hampshire	523	511	520	514	520	518	520	519	520	516	519	519	72	73
New Jersey	500	495	498	505	498	510	498	513	499	513	498	513	81	82
New Mexico	553	543	554	548	549	542	549	543	551	542	551	543	13	14
New York	497	495	497	499	495	502	494	506	495	505	494	506	77	79
North Carolina	478	470	490	486	493	493	492	496	493	499	493	505	65	67
North Dakota	572	569	596	599	594	605	588	609	592	599	597	610	4	4
Ohio	529	521	536	535	534	538	533	539	534	539	533	540	26	27
Oklahoma	558	542	566	557	567	560	563	560	567	561	565	562	8	8
Oregon	517	507	523	521	525	525	527	527	526	526	524	528	55	56
Pennsylvania	502	489	498	492	498	495	498	497	500	499	498	500	71	72
Rhode Island	508	496	501	491	504	499	505	500	501	499	504	503	71	73
South Carolina	477	468	480	474	479	475	484	482	486	488	488	493	57	59
South Dakota	585	573	574	566	585	588	587	588	577	582	576	586	4	5
Tennessee	560	543	563	552	559	553	563	553	562	553	562	555	13	14
Texas	494	490	495	500	494	499	493	500	493	499	491	500	53	55
Utah	572	553	583	575	570	568	570	569	575	570	563	559	5	6
Vermont	514	499	506	500	514	506	513	508	511	506	512	510	69	69
Virginia	507	498	507	496	508	499	509	500	510	501	510	506	68	68
Washington	525	517	519	519	525	526	526	528	527	527	525	529	53	54
West Virginia	528	519	526	506	527	512	526	511	527	512	525	515	18	18
Wisconsin	549	551	577	586	584	595	584	597	584	596	583	599	6	7
Wyoming	550	545	544	544	546	551	545	545	547	545	531	537	11	11

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