

## Table 3: Mean SAT Reasoning Test™ Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing Scores by State, with Changes for Selected Years

(States are listed by percent of high school graduates who took the SAT Reasoning Test\*.)

The College Board strongly discourages the comparison or ranking of states on the basis of SAT scores alone.

| STATE                | Participation Rate 2008* | 2008                  |            |              | 2007                  |            |              | One-Year Change  |          |          | 1998                  |            | Ten-Year Change  |           |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
|                      |                          | Critical Reading Mean | Math Mean  | Writing Mean | Critical Reading Mean | Math Mean  | Writing Mean | Critical Reading | Math     | Writing  | Critical Reading Mean | Math Mean  | Critical Reading | Math      |
| Maine                | 87%                      | 469                   | 466        | 461          | 466                   | 465        | 457          | +3               | +1       | +4       | 504                   | 501        | -35              | -35       |
| District of Columbia | 84%                      | 470                   | 455        | 465          | 478                   | 462        | 471          | -8               | -7       | -6       | 488                   | 476        | -18              | -21       |
| New York             | 84%                      | 488                   | 504        | 481          | 491                   | 505        | 482          | -3               | -1       | -1       | 495                   | 503        | -7               | +1        |
| Connecticut          | 83%                      | 509                   | 513        | 513          | 510                   | 512        | 511          | -1               | +1       | +2       | 510                   | 509        | -1               | +4        |
| Massachusetts        | 83%                      | 514                   | 525        | 513          | 513                   | 522        | 511          | +1               | +3       | +2       | 508                   | 508        | +6               | +17       |
| New Jersey           | 76%                      | 495                   | 513        | 496          | 495                   | 510        | 494          | 0                | +3       | +2       | 497                   | 508        | -2               | +5        |
| New Hampshire        | 74%                      | 521                   | 523        | 511          | 521                   | 521        | 512          | 0                | +2       | -1       | 523                   | 520        | -2               | +3        |
| Pennsylvania         | 71%                      | 494                   | 501        | 483          | 493                   | 499        | 482          | +1               | +2       | +1       | 497                   | 495        | -3               | +6        |
| Delaware             | 70%                      | 499                   | 498        | 490          | 497                   | 496        | 486          | +2               | +2       | +4       | 501                   | 493        | -2               | +5        |
| Georgia              | 70%                      | 491                   | 493        | 482          | 494                   | 495        | 483          | -3               | -2       | -1       | 486                   | 482        | +5               | +11       |
| Maryland             | 69%                      | 499                   | 502        | 497          | 500                   | 502        | 496          | -1               | 0        | +1       | 506                   | 508        | -7               | -6        |
| Virginia             | 68%                      | 511                   | 512        | 499          | 511                   | 511        | 498          | 0                | +1       | +1       | 507                   | 499        | +4               | +13       |
| Rhode Island         | 66%                      | 495                   | 498        | 493          | 496                   | 498        | 492          | -1               | 0        | +1       | 501                   | 495        | -6               | +3        |
| Vermont              | 64%                      | 519                   | 523        | 507          | 516                   | 518        | 508          | +3               | +5       | -1       | 508                   | 504        | +11              | +19       |
| North Carolina       | 63%                      | 496                   | 511        | 482          | 495                   | 509        | 482          | +1               | +2       | 0        | 490                   | 492        | +6               | +19       |
| Indiana              | 62%                      | 496                   | 508        | 481          | 497                   | 507        | 483          | -1               | +1       | -2       | 497                   | 500        | -1               | +8        |
| South Carolina       | 61%                      | 488                   | 497        | 476          | 488                   | 496        | 475          | 0                | +1       | +1       | 478                   | 473        | +10              | +24       |
| Hawaii               | 58%                      | 481                   | 502        | 470          | 484                   | 506        | 473          | -3               | -4       | -3       | 483                   | 513        | -2               | -11       |
| Florida              | 54%                      | 496                   | 497        | 481          | 497                   | 496        | 479          | -1               | +1       | +2       | 500                   | 501        | -4               | -4        |
| Oregon               | 53%                      | 523                   | 527        | 502          | 522                   | 526        | 502          | +1               | +1       | 0        | 528                   | 528        | -5               | -1        |
| Washington           | 52%                      | 526                   | 533        | 509          | 526                   | 531        | 510          | 0                | +2       | -1       | 524                   | 526        | +2               | +7        |
| Texas                | 50%                      | 488                   | 505        | 480          | 492                   | 507        | 482          | -4               | -2       | -2       | 494                   | 501        | -6               | +4        |
| California           | 48%                      | 499                   | 515        | 498          | 499                   | 516        | 498          | 0                | -1       | 0        | 497                   | 516        | +2               | -1        |
| Alaska               | 45%                      | 520                   | 520        | 493          | 519                   | 517        | 491          | +1               | +3       | +2       | 521                   | 520        | -1               | 0         |
| Nevada               | 40%                      | 498                   | 506        | 478          | 500                   | 506        | 480          | -2               | 0        | -2       | 510                   | 513        | -12              | -7        |
| Arizona              | 26%                      | 516                   | 522        | 500          | 519                   | 525        | 502          | -3               | -3       | -2       | 525                   | 528        | -9               | -6        |
| Montana              | 24%                      | 541                   | 548        | 523          | 538                   | 543        | 522          | +3               | +5       | +1       | 543                   | 546        | -2               | +2        |
| Ohio                 | 24%                      | 534                   | 544        | 521          | 536                   | 542        | 522          | -2               | +2       | -1       | 536                   | 540        | -2               | +4        |
| Colorado             | 21%                      | 564                   | 570        | 553          | 560                   | 565        | 549          | +4               | +5       | +4       | 537                   | 542        | +27              | +28       |
| West Virginia        | 19%                      | 512                   | 501        | 498          | 516                   | 507        | 505          | -4               | -6       | -7       | 525                   | 513        | -13              | -12       |
| Idaho                | 18%                      | 540                   | 540        | 517          | 541                   | 539        | 519          | -1               | +1       | -2       | 545                   | 544        | -5               | -4        |
| New Mexico           | 12%                      | 557                   | 548        | 540          | 555                   | 546        | 540          | +2               | +2       | 0        | 554                   | 551        | +3               | -3        |
| Tennessee            | 11%                      | 571                   | 570        | 566          | 574                   | 569        | 568          | -3               | +1       | -2       | 564                   | 557        | +7               | +13       |
| Alabama              | 8%                       | 565                   | 557        | 554          | 563                   | 556        | 554          | +2               | +1       | 0        | 562                   | 558        | +3               | -1        |
| Kentucky             | 8%                       | 568                   | 570        | 554          | 567                   | 565        | 553          | +1               | +5       | +1       | 547                   | 550        | +21              | +20       |
| Minnesota            | 8%                       | 596                   | 609        | 579          | 596                   | 603        | 577          | 0                | +6       | +2       | 585                   | 598        | +11              | +11       |
| Illinois             | 7%                       | 583                   | 601        | 578          | 594                   | 611        | 588          | -11              | -10      | -10      | 564                   | 581        | +19              | +20       |
| Kansas               | 7%                       | 580                   | 589        | 564          | 583                   | 590        | 569          | -3               | -1       | -5       | 582                   | 585        | -2               | +4        |
| Louisiana            | 7%                       | 566                   | 564        | 558          | 569                   | 567        | 563          | -3               | -3       | -5       | 562                   | 558        | +4               | +6        |
| Michigan             | 6%                       | 581                   | 598        | 572          | 568                   | 579        | 553          | +13              | +19      | +19      | 558                   | 569        | +23              | +29       |
| Oklahoma             | 6%                       | 572                   | 572        | 557          | 578                   | 571        | 559          | -6               | +1       | -2       | 568                   | 564        | +4               | +8        |
| Utah                 | 6%                       | 561                   | 557        | 543          | 558                   | 556        | 544          | +3               | +1       | -1       | 572                   | 570        | -11              | -13       |
| Wyoming              | 6%                       | 562                   | 574        | 541          | 565                   | 571        | 544          | -3               | +3       | -3       | 548                   | 546        | +14              | +28       |
| Arkansas             | 5%                       | 575                   | 567        | 559          | 578                   | 566        | 565          | -3               | +1       | -6       | 568                   | 555        | +7               | +12       |
| Missouri             | 5%                       | 594                   | 597        | 584          | 594                   | 594        | 587          | 0                | +3       | -3       | 570                   | 573        | +24              | +24       |
| Nebraska             | 5%                       | 581                   | 585        | 567          | 579                   | 585        | 562          | +2               | 0        | +5       | 565                   | 571        | +16              | +14       |
| Wisconsin            | 5%                       | 587                   | 604        | 577          | 587                   | 598        | 575          | 0                | +6       | +2       | 581                   | 594        | +6               | +10       |
| Iowa                 | 3%                       | 603                   | 612        | 582          | 608                   | 613        | 586          | -5               | -1       | -4       | 593                   | 601        | +10              | +11       |
| Mississippi          | 3%                       | 574                   | 556        | 566          | 568                   | 549        | 560          | +6               | +7       | +6       | 562                   | 549        | +12              | +7        |
| North Dakota         | 3%                       | 594                   | 604        | 568          | 584                   | 596        | 562          | +10              | +8       | +6       | 590                   | 599        | +4               | +5        |
| South Dakota         | 3%                       | 595                   | 596        | 575          | 589                   | 602        | 567          | +6               | -6       | +8       | 584                   | 581        | +11              | +15       |
| <b>All students</b>  | <b>45%</b>               | <b>502</b>            | <b>515</b> | <b>494</b>   | <b>502</b>            | <b>515</b> | <b>494</b>   | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>505</b>            | <b>512</b> | <b>-3</b>        | <b>+3</b> |

\* The percentage of high school graduates is based upon the recently revised projection of high school graduates in 2008 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)†, and the number of students in the class of 2008 who took the SAT Reasoning Test in each state.

†"Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates by State and Race/Ethnicity, 1992-2022," Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, March 2008.