Average SAT Scores	of College-Bound Seniors	(1952 – present)

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Class Year	Verbal / Critical Reading / ERW Mathematics							Writing	2	Verbal			Mathematics		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Femal
1952							+	+	+	476			494		
1952							+	+	+	476			494		
1954							+	+	+	472			490		
1955							†	+	†	475			496		
1956							+	+	+	479			501		
1957							† †	+ +	† †	473 472			496 496		
1958 1959							+	+	+	472			496		
1939							I		I	475			490		
1960							+	+	t	477			498		
1961							+	+	†	474			495		
1962							+	+	†	473			498		
1963							†	+	†	478			502		
1964							+	+	+	475			498		
1965							+	+	t	473			496		
1965							+	+	+	473			496		
1967	543	540	545	516	535	495	+	+	+	466	463	468	492	514	467
1968	543	541	543	516	533	497	+	+	+	466	464	466	492	512	470
1969	540	536	543	517	534	498	+	+	+	463	459	466	493	513	470
1970	537	536	538	512	531	493	+	+	†	460	459	461	488	509	465
1971	532	531	534	513	529	494	+	+	†	455	454	457	488	507	466
1972	530	531	529	509	527	489	+	+	+	453	454	452	484	505	461
1973	523	523	521	506	525	489	+	+	+	445	446	443	481	502	460
1974	521	524	520	505	524	488	t	+	†	444	447	442	480	501	459
1975	512	515	509	498	518	479	+	+	t	434	437	431	472	495	449
1976	509	511	508	497	520	475	+	+	+	431	433	430	472	497	446
1977	507	509	505	496	520	474	+	+	+	429	431	427	470	497	445
1978	507	511	503	494	517	474	+	+	+	429	433	425	468	494	444
1979	505	509	501	493	516	473	+	+	†	427	431	423	467	493	443
1980	502	506	498	492	515	473	+	+	+	424	428	420	466	491	443
1981	502 504	508 509	496 499	492 493	516 516	473 473	† †	+ +	† †	424 426	430 431	418 421	466 467	492 493	443
1982 1983	504	509	499	493	516	473	+	+	†	426 425	431	421 420	467	493	443
1984	504	511	498	494	518	478	+	+	+	426	433	420	403	495	449
1904	504	511	100		510	1/0	1		'	420		120	1,1	100	1 11
1985	509	514	503	500	522	480	+	+	†	431	437	425	475	499	452
1986	509	515	504	500	523	479	+	+	†	431	437	426	475	501	451
1987	507	512	502	501	523	481	†	+	†	430	435	425	476	500	453
1988	505	512	499	501	521	483	†	+	†	428	435	422	476	498	455
1989	504	510	498	502	523	482	+	+	+	427	434	421	476	500	454
1990	500	505	496	501	521	483	+	+	+	424	429	419	476	499	455
1990	499	503	496	501	521	483	+	+	† †	424	429	419	476	499	453
1992	500	504	496	501	520	484	+	+	+	423	428	419	476	499	456
1993	500	504	497	503	524	484	+	+	+	424	428	420	478	502	457
1994	499	501	497	504	523	487	+	+	†	423	425	421	479	501	460
1995	504	505	502	506	525	490	+	+	†	428	429	426	482	503	463
1996	505	507	503	508	527	492	†	+	†						
1997 1998	505 505	507 509	503 502	511 512	530 531	494 496	† †	† †	† †						
1998	505	509	502	512	531	496	+	+	+						
2000	505	507	504	514	533	498	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2001	506	509	502	514	533	498	+	+	+	†	+	+	†	+	†
2002	504	507	502	516	534	500	+	+	+	†	+	+	†	+	†
2003	507	512	503	519	537	503	+	+	†	†	+	+	+	+	†
2004	508	512	504	518	537	501	†	+	+	+	+	+	†	†	†
2005	508	513	505	520	538	504	+	+	t	t	+	+	+	+	+
2005	503	505	502	518	536	502	497	491	502	+	+	+	+	+	
2007	501	503	500	514	532	499	493	487	499	+	+	+	+	+	+
2008	500	502	499	514	532	499	493	486	499	†	+	+	†	+	+
2009	499	502	497	514	533	498	492	485	498	†	+	+	†	+	+
2010	500	502	498	515	533	499	491	485	497	+	+	+	+	+	†
2011	497	500	495	514	531	500	489	482	496	†	+	+	+	+	†
2012 2013	496 496	498 499	493 494	514 514	532 531	499 499	488 488	481 482	494 493	† †	† †	+ +	† †	† +	+ +
2013	496	499 499	494 495	514 513	531	499	488 487	482 481	493 492	t t	т †	τ +	† †		Т †
2014	495	497	493	515	527	496	484	478	490	+	+	+	+	+	
2015	494	496	493	508	524	494	482	475	487	+	+	+	+	+	+
2017	533	532	534	527	538	516	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2018	536	534	539	531	542	522	t	+	†	†	+	+	+	+	+
	531	529	534	528	537	519	+	†	+	t	+	+	l †	+	+

2020	528	523	532	523	531	516	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	†
2021	533	530	535	528	537	519	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2022	529	526	531	521	530	512	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2023	520	517	523	508	515	500	+	t	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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¹Data for 1967 to 1986 were converted to the recentered scale by using a formula applied to the original mean and standard deviation. For 1987 to 1995, individual student scores were converted to the recentered scale and then the mean was recomputed. For 1996 to 1999, nearly all students received scores on the recentered scale; any score on the original scale was converted to the recentered scale prior to recomputing the mean. From 2000 to 2016, all scores were reported on the recentered scale. From 2017 on, the scale for the version of the SAT introduced in March, 2016 is used.

²Writing data are based on students who took the SAT writing section, which was introduced in March 2005.

The class year refers to the year in which an academic year ends and the graduating year for the senior class. For example, 1980 refers to the academic year 1979-1980 and the data shown for this date include seniors in the class of 1980. Data prior to class year 1967 include all tests taken by all participants and may include a small number of students other than seniors. Data for class years 1967 through 1971 are estimates derived from the test scores of all participants. Data for class years 1972 through 2006 include seniors who took the SAT any time during their high school years through June of their senior year. Data for class years 2007 to 2015 include seniors who took the SAT any time during their high school years through June of their senior year. Data for class years 2016 includes seniors who took the SAT any time during their high school years through June of their senior year. Data for class years 2016 includes seniors who took the SAT any time during their high school years through June of their senior year. Data for class years 2016 includes seniors who took the SAT any time during their high school years through January, 2016. If a student took a test more than once, the most recent score was used. The SAT was formerly known as the SAT I: Reasoning Test and the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Possible scores on each part of the SAT range from 200 to 800. The Verbal section became known as the Critical Reading section in 2005, which in turn became the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section in 2016.

SOURCES: College Entrance Examination Board, College-Bound Seniors: Total Group Profile [National] Report; College Board, Report on Declining SAT Scores (1977); National Center for Education Statistics (nces.ed.gov)