

## College Admissions Testing Results for Graduating Seniors in Texas and the United States, Class of 2021

This report presents SAT and ACT examination participation and performance data for graduating seniors in Texas and the United States in public and nonpublic schools combined. College admissions examination results are used by some colleges and universities to make admissions decisions and to place students in appropriate freshman courses. In Texas, moreover, results for public school students are used in the public school accountability system in evaluating the performance of districts and campuses in the assignment of rating labels and in awarding distinction designations, which recognize school districts and campuses for outstanding achievement in specified academic areas (Texas Education Agency [TEA], 2022; Texas Education Code [TEC] Chapter 39, Subchapter G, 2022). In addition, results are used in determining eligibility for student exemptions from Texas Success Initiative assessment requirements, in substituting for certain end-of-course assessments to meet graduation requirements, and in awarding College, Career, and Military Readiness Outcomes Bonuses to districts (Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code §101.4002, 2022, amended to be effective March 30, 2021; TEC §§39.025 and 48.110, 2022).

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the College Board offered the SAT in schools in fall 2020 to replace canceled SAT school day administrations in spring 2020. The College Board also offered a new weekend SAT administration in September (College Board, 2020). ACT, Inc., added three weekend ACT administrations to its fall 2020 testing schedule, increased school day testing, and instituted pop-up testing sites (ACT, Inc., 2021a). For additional information about SAT and ACT testing during the COVID-19 pandemic, see *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a).

Results presented in this report were obtained, when available, from summary reports released annually by the College Board and by ACT, Inc., to TEA. The results are based only on the most recent examinations taken by students identified by the College Board and ACT, Inc., as expecting to graduate in the reporting year. In March 2016, the College Board began administering a redesigned version of the SAT. Results reported by the College Board and presented in this report for class of 2016 graduates include only students

who took the previous version of the SAT. In Texas, only a small percentage of class of 2016 graduating seniors took the redesigned SAT. Beginning with class of 2017 graduates, results reported by the College Board and presented in this report include only students who took the redesigned SAT. The majority of graduates in Texas since the class of 2017 have taken the redesigned SAT.

For additional information about SAT and ACT examinations and results reported by the

TEA Division of Research and Analysis, including definitions of terms and explanations of calculations, please see *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a) and *College Admissions Testing Glossary of Terms, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-b). SAT and ACT participation and performance results for Texas public schools are presented in the report *College Admissions Testing Results for Graduating Seniors in Texas Public Schools, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-c).

## SAT and ACT Participation in Texas and the United States

- In Texas, 225,685 public and nonpublic high school graduates in the class of 2021 took the SAT, and 88,948 took the ACT (Table 1 on this page and Table 2 on page 4). Nationally, 1,509,133 graduates took the SAT, and 1,295,349 took the ACT.
- SAT examinees in Texas made up 15.0 percent of all examinees in the United States. ACT examinees in Texas made up 6.9 percent of all ACT examinees in the United States.
- In Texas, 59 percent of public and nonpublic high school graduates in the class of 2021 took the SAT, and 23 percent took the ACT. Across the United States, 40 percent of graduates took the SAT, and 35 percent took the ACT.
- Between the classes of 2020 and 2021, SAT participation rates decreased by 14 percentage points in Texas and by 25 percentage points in the United States. ACT participation rates decreased by 15 percentage points in Texas and by 14 percentage points in the United States.

**Table 1**  
**SAT Participation, Texas and the United States, Class of 2011 Through Class of 2021**

Class	Texas examinees	U.S. examinees	Texas participation rate (%)	U.S. participation rate (%)
2011	166,012	1,647,123	58	50
2012	172,802	1,664,479	62	52
2013	172,870	1,660,047	59	50
2014	179,036	1,672,395	62	52
2015	193,768	1,698,521	64	52
2016	196,028	1,637,589	64	50
2017	204,409	1,715,481	62	51
2018	226,374	2,136,539	66	62
2019	236,665	2,220,087	68	64
2020	252,019	2,198,460	73	65
2021	225,685	1,509,133	59	40

*Source.* Primary data from College Board (see, e.g., College Board, 2021a, 2021b) and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) (see, e.g., WICHE, 2020).

*Note.* Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Results for the class of 2016 include data only for students who took the SAT before March 2016. Beginning with the class of 2017, results include data only for students who took the redesigned SAT.

**Table 2**  
**ACT Participation, Texas and the United States, Class of 2011 Through**  
**Class of 2021**

Class	Texas examinees	U.S. examinees	Texas participation rate (%)	U.S. participation rate (%)
2011	101,569	1,623,112	36	49
2012	110,180	1,666,017	39	52
2013	109,841	1,799,243	37	54
2014	116,547	1,845,787	40	57
2015	124,764	1,924,436	41	59
2016	142,877	2,090,342	46	64
2017	146,608	2,030,038	45	60
2018	141,253	1,914,817	41	55
2019	136,061	1,782,820	39	52
2020	131,292	1,670,497	38	49
2021	88,948	1,295,349	23	35

*Source.* Primary data from ACT, Inc. (see, e.g., ACT, Inc., n.d.) and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) (see, e.g., WICHE, 2020).

*Note.* Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Beginning with the class of 2013, data for students testing with extended-time accommodations are included.

## SAT and ACT Performance in Texas and the United States

- The average SAT total score for Texas public and nonpublic high school examinees in the class of 2021 was 1003, down 7 points from the average for the class of 2020 (Table 3 on page 6). Nationally, the average SAT total score for the class of 2021 was 1060, up 9 points from the average for the class of 2020. The average evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics scores for all examinees in the class of 2021 were lower in Texas than in the nation.
- The average ACT composite score for Texas public and nonpublic high school examinees in the class of 2021 was 20.1, down 0.1 points from the average for the class of 2020 (Table 4 on page 9). Nationally, the average composite score for the class of 2020 was 20.3, down 0.3 points from the average for the class of 2020. The average ACT English, reading, and science scores for all examinees in the class of 2021 were lower in Texas than in the nation. The average ACT mathematics score for all examinees in the class of 2021 was higher in Texas than in the nation.

**Table 3**  
**SAT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2017 Through Class of 2021**

Group	Average Texas ERW <sup>a</sup> score	Average U.S. ERW score	Average Texas math score	Average U.S. math score	Average Texas total score	Average U.S. total score
<b>2017</b>						
African American	473	479	462	462	936	941
American Indian	495	486	490	477	985	963
Asian	575	569	602	612	1177	1181
Hispanic	484	500	481	489	965	990
Pacific Islander	515	498	510	488	1025	986
White	563	565	551	553	1114	1118
Multiracial	563	560	549	544	1112	1103
Female	514	534	499	516	1013	1050
Male	511	532	516	538	1028	1070
All examinees	513	533	507	527	1020	1060
<b>2018</b>						
African American	478	483	463	463	942	946
American Indian	487	480	480	469	967	949
Asian	593	588	622	635	1215	1223
Hispanic	490	501	482	489	973	990
Pacific Islander	505	498	505	489	1010	986
White	567	566	554	557	1120	1123
Multiracial	555	558	540	543	1095	1101
Female	522	539	504	522	1026	1061
Male	518	534	522	542	1039	1076
All examinees	520	536	512	531	1032	1068
<b>2019</b>						
African American	475	476	461	457	936	933
American Indian	458	461	454	451	911	912
Asian	591	586	621	637	1212	1223
Hispanic	484	495	476	483	961	978

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2021a, 2021b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Beginning with the class of 2017, results include data only for students who took the redesigned SAT. See *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a), and *College Admissions Testing Glossary of Terms, Class of 2021* (TEA forthcoming-b), for additional information. Because of rounding, the average scores on the evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average total scores. Beginning with the class of 2019, the College Board included a nonbinary option, "another gender," that examinees could select to report gender. In addition, examinees were given the option to select "unknown." The College Board first reported the new categories in results for the class of 2020, combining "another gender," "unknown," and no responses (or missing values) under the single category "another/no response."

<sup>a</sup>Evidence-based reading and writing.

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**SAT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2017 Through Class of 2021**

Group	Average Texas ERW <sup>a</sup> score	Average U.S. ERW score	Average Texas math score	Average U.S. math score	Average Texas total score	Average U.S. total score
Pacific Islander	490	487	488	478	978	964
White	565	562	552	553	1117	1114
Multiracial	552	554	538	540	1090	1095
Female	517	534	500	519	1017	1053
Male	512	529	515	537	1027	1066
All examinees	515	531	507	528	1022	1059
<b>2020</b>						
African American	472	473	456	454	927	927
American Indian	458	456	451	447	909	902
Asian	590	585	618	632	1208	1217
Hispanic	482	491	472	478	955	969
Pacific Islander	483	478	478	470	961	948
White	556	557	542	547	1097	1104
Multiracial	547	552	532	539	1078	1091
Female	514	532	495	516	1009	1048
Male	505	523	507	531	1012	1055
Another/no response	468	499	444	468	912	967
All examinees	510	528	500	523	1010	1051
<b>2021</b>						
African American	465	477	452	457	917	934
American Indian	458	468	454	459	912	927
Asian	589	597	616	642	1205	1239
Hispanic	477	490	470	477	947	967
Pacific Islander	486	481	477	469	962	950
White	547	562	533	550	1080	1112
Multiracial	541	565	528	551	1069	1116

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2021a, 2021b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Beginning with the class of 2017, results include data only for students who took the redesigned SAT. See *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a), and *College Admissions Testing Glossary of Terms, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-b), for additional information. Because of rounding, the average scores on the evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average total scores. Beginning with the class of 2019, the College Board included a nonbinary option, "another gender," that examinees could select to report gender. In addition, examinees were given the option to select "unknown." The College Board first reported the new categories in results for the class of 2020, combining "another gender," "unknown," and no responses (or missing values) under the single category "another/no response."

<sup>a</sup>Evidence-based reading and writing.

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Group	Average Texas ERW <sup>a</sup> score	Average U.S. ERW score	Average Texas math score	Average U.S. math score	Average Texas total score	Average U.S. total score
Female	508	535	491	519	999	1054
Male	502	530	505	537	1007	1067
Another/no response	506	540	475	501	982	1041
All examinees	505	533	498	528	1003	1060

*Source.* Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2021a, 2021b).

*Note.* Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Beginning with the class of 2017, results include data only for students who took the redesigned SAT. See *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a), and *College Admissions Testing Glossary of Terms, Class of 202a* (TEA, forthcoming-b), for additional information. Because of rounding, the average scores on the evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average total scores. Beginning with the class of 2019, the College Board included a nonbinary option, "another gender," that examinees could select to report gender. In addition, examinees were given the option to select "unknown." The College Board first reported the new categories in results for the class of 2020, combining "another gender," "unknown," and no responses (or missing values) under the single category "another/no response."

<sup>a</sup>Evidence-based reading and writing.



**Table 4**  
**ACT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2011**  
**Through Class of 2021**

Group	Average Texas English score	Average U.S. English score	Average Texas math score	Average U.S. math score	Average Texas reading score	Average U.S. reading score	Average Texas science score	Average U.S. science score	Average Texas composite score	Average U.S. composite score
<b>2011</b>										
African American	16.0	15.9	18.3	17.2	17.2	17.0	17.8	17.1	17.5	17.0
American Indian	20.5	17.5	22.1	18.6	22.0	19.1	21.7	18.9	21.7	18.6
Asian	23.8	22.8	26.6	25.1	24.2	22.9	24.2	23.1	24.8	23.6
Hispanic	16.8	17.6	19.5	19.2	18.3	18.9	18.9	18.8	18.5	18.7
Pacific Islander	18.4	18.6	20.6	19.9	19.5	19.4	20.2	19.5	19.7	19.5
White	22.5	22.1	23.5	22.1	23.3	22.7	22.8	22.1	23.2	22.4
Multiracial	20.9	20.7	22.0	20.7	22.0	21.6	21.7	20.9	21.8	21.1
Female	19.9	20.9	21.0	20.6	20.8	21.4	20.4	20.5	20.6	21.0
Male	19.3	20.2	22.1	21.6	20.6	21.1	21.3	21.4	21.0	21.2
All examinees	19.6	20.6	21.5	21.1	20.7	21.3	20.8	20.9	20.8	21.1
<b>2012</b>										
African American	16.1	16.0	18.3	17.3	17.4	17.2	17.8	17.2	17.5	17.0
American Indian	20.2	17.1	21.7	18.5	21.4	18.7	21.2	18.7	21.3	18.4
Asian	23.7	22.7	26.7	25.2	24.2	22.9	24.3	23.2	24.9	23.6
Hispanic	17.0	17.7	19.5	19.4	18.5	19.0	18.9	18.9	18.6	18.9
Pacific Islander	19.7	18.9	21.9	20.4	20.8	19.8	20.8	19.7	21.0	19.8
White	22.4	22.1	23.4	22.1	23.2	22.7	22.8	22.1	23.1	22.4
Multiracial	21.3	21.0	22.4	21.1	22.4	21.8	21.9	21.2	22.1	21.4
Female	19.9	20.9	20.9	20.6	20.8	21.4	20.3	20.5	20.6	21.0
Male	19.3	20.2	22.0	21.7	20.7	21.2	21.3	21.4	21.0	21.2
All examinees	19.6	20.5	21.4	21.1	20.8	21.3	20.8	20.9	20.8	21.1
<b>2013</b>										
African American	16.1	15.7	18.3	17.2	17.6	17.0	17.8	16.9	17.6	16.9
American Indian	19.8	16.6	21.2	18.2	21.1	18.3	20.9	18.3	20.9	18.0
Asian	23.9	22.5	26.6	25.0	24.5	22.9	24.5	23.1	25.0	23.5
Hispanic	17.1	17.7	19.6	19.3	18.7	18.9	19.1	18.8	18.8	18.8
Pacific Islander	20.1	18.6	22.5	20.1	21.5	19.5	21.6	19.5	21.5	19.5
White	22.6	21.8	23.4	21.9	23.6	22.6	23.0	22.0	23.3	22.2
Multiracial	21.5	20.6	22.5	20.9	22.6	21.6	22.1	20.9	22.3	21.1

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (n.d.).

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**Through Class of 2021**

Group	Average Texas English score	Average U.S. English score	Average Texas math score	Average U.S. math score	Average Texas reading score	Average U.S. reading score	Average Texas science score	Average U.S. science score	Average Texas composite score	Average U.S. composite score
Female	19.9	20.6	21.0	20.5	21.1	21.4	20.4	20.4	20.7	20.9
Male	19.6	19.8	22.0	21.4	20.9	20.9	21.5	21.2	21.1	20.9
All examinees	19.8	20.2	21.5	20.9	21.0	21.1	20.9	20.7	20.9	20.9
<b>2014</b>										
African American	16.1	15.8	18.3	17.2	17.8	17.3	17.9	17.0	17.7	17.0
American Indian	20.0	16.6	21.5	18.1	21.6	18.4	21.3	18.3	21.2	18.0
Asian	24.1	22.8	26.5	24.9	24.3	22.8	24.5	23.2	25.0	23.5
Hispanic	17.2	17.7	19.5	19.2	18.8	19.1	19.0	18.8	18.8	18.8
Pacific Islander	20.3	17.5	22.0	19.2	21.4	18.7	21.1	18.6	21.3	18.6
White	22.7	22.0	23.4	22.0	23.7	22.8	23.1	22.1	23.4	22.3
Multiracial	21.3	20.6	22.2	20.9	22.6	21.7	22.0	21.0	22.2	21.2
Female	19.9	20.7	20.9	20.5	21.1	21.5	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.9
Male	19.7	20.0	22.0	21.4	21.1	21.1	21.5	21.2	21.2	21.1
All examinees	19.8	20.3	21.4	20.9	21.1	21.3	21.0	20.8	20.9	21.0
<b>2015</b>										
African American	16.2	15.9	17.9	17.2	17.7	17.4	18.0	17.3	17.6	17.1
American Indian	20.0	16.6	21.1	18.1	21.8	18.4	21.2	18.2	21.1	17.9
Asian	24.2	23.0	26.3	25.0	24.6	23.3	24.8	23.6	25.1	23.9
Hispanic	17.2	17.8	19.2	19.1	18.8	19.2	19.1	19.0	18.7	18.9
Pacific Islander	20.4	17.7	21.6	19.2	21.4	18.9	21.3	18.8	21.3	18.8
White	22.8	22.1	23.1	21.9	23.8	22.9	23.1	22.2	23.3	22.4
Multiracial	21.5	20.7	22.1	20.8	22.7	21.8	22.1	21.1	22.2	21.2
Female	20.0	20.8	20.5	20.4	21.1	21.6	20.5	20.6	20.7	21.0
Male	19.7	20.0	21.8	21.3	21.2	21.2	21.6	21.3	21.2	21.1
All examinees	19.8	20.4	21.1	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.0	20.9	20.9	21.0
<b>2016</b>										
African American	16.1	15.8	17.8	17.0	17.9	17.4	17.9	17.2	17.6	17.0
American Indian	18.9	16.3	20.1	17.7	20.4	18.2	20.2	18.1	20.0	17.7
Asian	24.0	23.3	26.0	25.0	24.8	23.7	24.5	23.6	25.0	24.0
Hispanic	16.8	17.6	18.8	18.8	18.7	19.2	18.8	18.9	18.4	18.7
Pacific Islander	19.5	17.4	20.8	18.9	21.9	18.9	20.8	18.6	20.8	18.6

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (n.d.).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Beginning with the class of 2013, data for students testing with extended-time accommodations are included. Beginning with the class of 2020, ACT, Inc., included a nonbinary option, "another gender," that examinees could select to report gender. In addition, examinees were given the option to select "prefer not to respond." When reporting results by gender, ACT, Inc., combines "another gender," "prefer not to respond," and missing values under the single category "other responses."

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**Through Class of 2021**

Group	Average Texas English score	Average U.S. English score	Average Texas math score	Average U.S. math score	Average Texas reading score	Average U.S. reading score	Average Texas science score	Average U.S. science score	Average Texas composite score	Average U.S. composite score
White	22.6	21.9	22.9	21.7	23.8	22.8	23.1	22.1	23.2	22.2
Multiracial	21.0	20.4	21.7	20.5	22.7	21.6	22.0	20.9	22.0	21.0
Female	19.6	20.6	20.2	20.3	21.1	21.6	20.3	20.6	20.4	20.9
Male	19.3	19.8	21.4	21.0	20.9	21.0	21.2	21.1	20.8	20.9
All examinees	19.4	20.1	20.7	20.6	21.0	21.3	20.7	20.8	20.6	20.8
<b>2017</b>										
African American	16.4	16.0	17.9	17.1	18.1	17.4	18.2	17.4	17.8	17.1
American Indian	19.7	16.1	20.9	17.6	21.7	18.0	21.3	18.0	21.0	17.5
Asian	24.4	23.7	26.1	25.2	25.0	23.9	24.8	24.0	25.2	24.3
Hispanic	17.1	17.7	18.9	18.9	18.9	19.3	19.1	19.1	18.6	18.9
Pacific Islander	19.6	17.2	21.1	18.6	21.3	18.6	20.6	18.7	20.8	18.4
White	22.6	22.1	22.8	21.9	23.9	23.0	23.1	22.3	23.2	22.4
Multiracial	21.3	20.6	21.7	20.7	22.7	21.9	22.2	21.2	22.1	21.2
Female	19.8	20.8	20.2	20.4	21.3	21.8	20.5	20.8	20.6	21.1
Male	19.4	19.9	21.3	21.2	21.0	21.2	21.4	21.3	20.9	21.0
All examinees	19.5	20.3	20.7	20.7	21.1	21.4	20.9	21.0	20.7	21.0
<b>2018</b>										
African American	16.3	15.8	17.7	16.9	18.0	17.3	18.0	17.1	17.6	16.9
American Indian	19.2	15.9	20.3	17.4	20.9	17.7	20.5	17.7	20.4	17.3
Asian	25.2	24.1	26.2	25.1	25.5	24.2	25.2	24.1	25.6	24.5
Hispanic	17.3	17.8	18.8	18.8	19.1	19.3	19.1	18.9	18.7	18.8
Pacific Islander	20.3	17.2	21.4	18.4	21.6	18.3	21.7	18.3	21.4	18.2
White	22.6	21.9	22.6	21.7	23.9	22.8	23.0	22.0	23.2	22.2
Multiracial	21.6	20.6	21.8	20.6	23.1	21.8	22.2	20.9	22.3	21.1
Female	19.8	20.7	20.1	20.2	21.3	21.7	20.5	20.6	20.5	20.9
Male	19.4	19.7	21.2	20.9	21.0	21.0	21.2	20.9	20.8	20.8
All examinees	19.6	20.2	20.6	20.5	21.1	21.3	20.8	20.7	20.6	20.8
<b>2019</b>										
African American	16.4	15.8	17.6	16.8	18.1	17.2	17.9	16.9	17.6	16.8
American Indian	19.2	15.5	20.4	17.1	21.0	17.4	20.3	17.3	20.3	17.0

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (n.d.).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Beginning with the class of 2013, data for students testing with extended-time accommodations are included. Beginning with the class of 2020, ACT, Inc., included a nonbinary option, "another gender," that examinees could select to report gender. In addition, examinees were given the option to select "prefer not to respond." When reporting results by gender, ACT, Inc., combines "another gender," "prefer not to respond," and missing values under the single category "other responses."

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**Table 4 (continued)**  
**ACT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2011**  
**Through Class of 2021**

Group	Average Texas English score	Average U.S. English score	Average Texas math score	Average U.S. math score	Average Texas reading score	Average U.S. reading score	Average Texas science score	Average U.S. science score	Average Texas composite score	Average U.S. composite score
Asian	25.2	24.3	26.1	25.1	25.6	24.4	25.2	24.3	25.6	24.6
Hispanic	17.1	17.6	18.6	18.6	19.0	19.2	18.9	18.8	18.5	18.7
Pacific Islander	20.1	16.8	21.0	18.2	21.8	18.1	21.1	18.1	21.1	17.9
White	22.5	21.7	22.5	21.5	24.0	22.7	22.9	21.9	23.1	22.1
Multiracial	21.6	20.5	21.8	20.5	23.2	21.7	22.1	20.8	22.3	21.0
Female	19.7	20.6	19.9	20.0	21.4	21.7	20.4	20.5	20.5	20.8
Male	19.3	19.6	21.1	20.8	20.9	20.7	21.0	20.8	20.7	20.6
All examinees	19.5	20.1	20.4	20.4	21.1	21.2	20.6	20.6	20.5	20.7
<b>2020</b>										
African American	16.2	15.6	17.5	16.7	17.8	17.0	17.8	16.9	17.5	16.7
American Indian	18.3	15.2	19.5	16.9	20.2	17.2	19.9	17.1	19.6	16.7
Asian	25.6	24.5	26.4	25.2	26.2	24.8	25.6	24.5	26.1	24.9
Hispanic	16.7	17.4	18.3	18.5	18.6	19.0	18.6	18.7	18.2	18.5
Pacific Islander	18.2	16.3	19.8	17.8	19.9	17.8	19.8	17.7	19.5	17.5
White	22.4	21.5	22.4	21.4	23.9	22.7	22.9	21.9	23.0	22.0
Multiracial	21.3	20.2	21.7	20.3	23.0	21.7	22.1	20.8	22.2	20.9
Female	19.6	20.5	19.8	20.0	21.2	21.6	20.3	20.5	20.3	20.8
Male	18.9	19.3	20.7	20.6	20.6	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.4	20.5
Other responses	15.0	16.8	17.0	17.8	16.6	18.2	17.0	18.0	16.5	17.8
All examinees	19.1	19.9	20.1	20.2	20.8	21.2	20.4	20.6	20.2	20.6
<b>2021</b>										
African American	15.7	15.2	17.1	16.3	17.3	16.6	17.5	16.7	17.0	16.3
American Indian	18.1	15.4	19.1	16.8	20.2	17.3	20.0	17.3	19.5	16.9
Asian	25.9	24.5	26.5	25.1	26.4	24.9	25.8	24.5	26.3	24.9
Hispanic	16.5	17.1	18.2	18.2	18.3	18.7	18.4	18.6	18.0	18.3
Pacific Islander	19.0	16.0	20.3	17.4	20.5	17.3	20.5	17.5	20.2	17.2
White	22.2	21.1	22.3	21.0	23.9	22.4	22.9	21.7	22.9	21.7
Multiracial	21.0	19.8	21.4	20.0	22.7	21.4	22.1	20.7	21.9	20.6
Female	19.4	20.2	19.7	19.7	21.0	21.5	20.2	20.4	20.2	20.6
Male	18.9	19.1	20.7	20.4	20.6	20.6	20.8	20.6	20.4	20.3
Other responses	15.3	17.4	17.2	18.2	17.2	19.0	17.5	18.8	16.9	18.5
All examinees	18.9	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.6	20.9	20.3	20.4	20.1	20.3

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (n.d.).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Beginning with the class of 2013, data for students testing with extended-time accommodations are included. Beginning with the class of 2020, ACT, Inc., included a nonbinary option, "another gender," that examinees could select to report gender. In addition, examinees were given the option to select "prefer not to respond." When reporting results by gender, ACT, Inc., combines "another gender," "prefer not to respond," and missing values under the single category "other responses."

## SAT and ACT Examinee Populations in Texas and the United States

- In Texas, 43.4 percent of SAT examinees in the class of 2021 were Hispanic, 29.6 percent were White, and 11.2 percent were African American (Table 5). Across the United States, by comparison, 23.3 percent were Hispanic, 42.1 percent were White, and 11.2 percent were African American.
- In Texas, 36.4 percent of ACT examinees in the class of 2021 were Hispanic, 33.7 percent were White, and 9.0 percent were African American (Table 6). Across the United States, by comparison, 14.0 percent were Hispanic, 53.9 percent were White, and 11.9 percent were African American.
- In Texas, 51.6 percent of SAT examinees in the class of 2021 were female, and 48.3 percent were male (Table 7). Across the United States, 51.3 percent of examinees were female, and 48.5 percent were male.
- In Texas, 50.1 percent of ACT examinees in the class of 2021 were female, and 44.3 percent were male (Table 8 on page 15). Across the United States, 49.1 percent of examinees were female, and 45.5 percent were male.

**Table 5**  
**SAT Examinee Population, by Race/Ethnicity, Texas and the United States, Class of 2011 Through Class of 2021**

Class	Texas examinees	U.S. examinees	Texas African American examinees (%)	U.S. African American examinees (%)	Texas Hispanic examinees (%)	U.S. Hispanic examinees (%)	Texas White examinees (%)	U.S. White examinees (%)
2011	166,012	1,647,123	14.1	13.1	33.5	15.3	41.8	52.6
2012	172,802	1,664,479	14.1	13.1	35.6	16.4	39.7	51.2
2013	172,870	1,660,047	13.9	12.7	36.6	17.1	38.8	50.3
2014	179,036	1,672,395	13.8	12.7	37.8	18.0	37.5	49.2
2015	193,768	1,698,521	13.7	12.9	39.9	19.0	35.1	47.1
2016	196,028	1,637,589	12.8	12.2	42.9	21.7	32.0	45.3
2017	204,409	1,715,481	12.8	13.2	45.8	23.8	29.9	44.3
2018	226,374	2,136,539	12.3	12.3	45.0	23.4	30.5	43.6
2019	236,665	2,220,087	11.7	12.2	47.4	25.0	28.5	42.7
2020	252,019	2,198,460	11.3	11.9	47.6	25.9	27.9	41.4
2021	225,685	1,509,133	11.2	11.2	43.4	23.3	29.6	42.1

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (20201a, 2021b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Results for the class of 2016 include data only for students who took the SAT before March 2016. Beginning with the class of 2017, results include data only for students who took the redesigned SAT. See *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a), for additional information.

**Table 6**  
**ACT Examinee Population, by Race/Ethnicity, Texas and the United States, Class of 2011 Through Class of 2021**

Class	Texas examinees	U.S. examinees	Texas African American examinees (%)	U.S. African American examinees (%)	Texas Hispanic examinees (%)	U.S. Hispanic examinees (%)	Texas White examinees (%)	U.S. White examinees (%)
2011	101,569	1,623,112	12.7	13.8	34.6	12.4	42.0	60.5
2012	110,180	1,666,017	12.1	13.3	37.1	14.1	40.4	59.0
2013	109,841	1,799,243	11.6	13.3	38.1	14.4	39.4	57.5
2014	116,547	1,845,787	11.1	13.1	39.2	15.2	38.1	56.3
2015	124,764	1,924,436	11.1	13.1	39.2	15.6	37.3	55.0
2016	142,877	2,090,342	10.8	13.0	40.6	16.1	34.9	53.6
2017	146,608	2,030,038	10.2	12.6	41.0	17.1	34.2	52.3
2018	141,253	1,914,817	10.3	12.7	39.0	16.1	33.9	52.1
2019	136,061	1,782,820	10.1	12.4	39.8	16.4	32.4	51.5
2020	131,292	1,670,497	9.6	12.2	39.7	16.6	31.0	51.5
2021	88,948	1,295,349	9.0	11.9	36.4	14.0	33.7	53.9

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (n.d.).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Beginning with the class of 2013, data for students testing with extended-time accommodations are included.

**Table 7**  
**SAT Examinee Population, by Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2011 Through Class of 2021**

Class	Texas examinees	U.S. examinees	Texas female examinees (%)	U.S. female examinees (%)	Texas male examinees (%)	U.S. male examinees (%)
2011	166,012	1,647,123	53.3	53.2	46.7	46.8
2012	172,802	1,664,479	53.5	53.3	46.5	46.7
2013	172,870	1,660,047	53.4	53.2	46.6	46.8
2014	179,036	1,672,395	53.4	53.1	46.6	46.9
2015	193,768	1,698,521	53.5	53.2	46.5	46.8
2016	196,028	1,637,589	53.3	53.5	46.7	46.5
2017	204,409	1,715,481	53.3	52.8	46.7	47.2
2018	226,374	2,136,539	52.9	52.3	47.1	47.7
2019	236,665	2,220,087	52.9	52.1	47.0	47.8
2020	252,019	2,198,460	52.6	52.1	47.3	47.9
2021	225,685	1,509,133	51.6	51.3	48.3	48.5

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2021a, 2021b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Results for the class of 2016 include data only for students who took the SAT before March 2016. Beginning with the class of 2017, results include data only for students who took the redesigned SAT. See *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a), for additional information. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding or because the gender response "another/no response" is not reported in this table.

**Table 8**  
**ACT Examinee Population, by Gender, Texas and the United States,**  
**Class of 2011 Through Class of 2021**

Class	Texas examinees	U.S. examinees	Texas female examinees (%)	U.S. female examinees (%)	Texas male examinees (%)	U.S. male examinees (%)
2011	101,569	1,623,112	55.0	54.2	45.0	45.5
2012	110,180	1,666,017	54.7	54.1	45.3	45.7
2013	109,841	1,799,243	54.4	53.1	45.6	46.4
2014	116,547	1,845,787	54.4	52.9	45.6	46.4
2015	124,764	1,924,436	54.2	52.6	45.6	46.5
2016	142,877	2,090,342	52.7	51.4	45.7	46.5
2017	146,608	2,030,038	53.1	51.6	44.9	46.3
2018	141,253	1,914,817	54.0	51.8	45.5	46.7
2019	136,061	1,782,820	54.0	52.0	44.7	46.5
2020	131,292	1,670,497	52.5	51.7	44.2	46.3
2021	88,948	1,295,349	50.1	49.1	44.3	45.5

*Source.* Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (n.d.).

*Note.* Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding or because the gender response "other responses" is not reported in this table. Beginning with the class of 2013, data for students testing with extended-time accommodations are included.

## **SAT and ACT Participation and Performance by State**

- SAT and ACT participation rates varied considerably across states (Table 9 on page 17 and Table 10 on page 19). For the class of 2021, rates of SAT participation ranged from 1 percent to 96 percent, and rates of ACT participation ranged from 2 percent to 100 percent. In Texas, the SAT participation rate was 59 percent, and the ACT participation rate was 23 percent.



**Table 9**  
**SAT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2021**

State	Participation rate (%)	Average ERW <sup>a</sup> score	Average math score	Average total score
Mississippi	1	612	589	1202
North Dakota	1	631	628	1258
South Dakota	1	605	610	1215
Utah	1	621	617	1238
Wisconsin	1	604	611	1215
Arkansas	2	610	584	1194
Iowa	2	623	620	1243
Kansas	2	619	623	1243
Kentucky	2	616	603	1219
Minnesota	2	626	636	1263
Missouri	2	614	606	1219
Nebraska	2	625	620	1246
Wyoming	2	626	607	1233
Alabama	3	591	568	1159
Louisiana	3	605	583	1188
Nevada	4	596	598	1195
Tennessee	4	618	602	1220
Montana	5	618	607	1225
Oklahoma	6	535	507	1042
Arizona	11	592	589	1181
Ohio	15	525	523	1048
Oregon	17	565	554	1119
Alaska	23	567	553	1119
North Carolina	23	578	571	1150
California	24	527	530	1057
Hawaii	26	572	572	1144
Washington	27	537	535	1072
Maine	29	558	541	1099
New Mexico	30	508	488	996
Massachusetts	34	591	593	1184

Source. Primary data from College Board (2021c).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. See *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a), for additional information. Because of rounding, the average scores on the evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average total scores.

<sup>a</sup>Evidence-based reading and writing.

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**Table 9 (continued)**  
**SAT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2021**

State	Participation rate (%)	Average ERW <sup>a</sup> score	Average math score	Average total score
Pennsylvania	39	566	557	1123
Georgia	41	551	534	1086
Vermont	41	571	553	1124
Virginia	41	584	567	1151
Indiana	43	551	544	1095
West Virginia	45	520	487	1007
Maryland	47	542	531	1073
New Jersey	48	562	563	1125
South Carolina	48	529	507	1036
New York	55	526	531	1057
Colorado	56	544	528	1072
<b>Texas</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>1003</b>
Michigan	68	523	508	1031
Rhode Island	68	514	497	1011
Connecticut	69	545	527	1072
New Hampshire	71	540	526	1065
Illinois	80	508	498	1007
Florida	81	513	480	993
District of Columbia	90	500	487	987
Idaho	90	502	483	985
Delaware	96	499	485	984
<b>United States</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>1060</b>

Source. Primary data from College Board (2021c).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. See *College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2021* (TEA, forthcoming-a), for additional information. Because of rounding, the average scores on the evidence-based reading and writing and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average total scores.

<sup>a</sup>Evidence-based reading and writing.

**Table 10**  
**ACT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2021**

State	Participation rate (%)	Average English score	Average math score	Average reading score	Average science score	Average composite score
Maine	2	25.7	24.4	26.8	25.0	25.6
New Hampshire	4	26.5	25.9	27.4	26.1	26.6
Rhode Island	4	25.7	24.8	27.0	25.2	25.8
Vermont	4	24.2	23.4	26.2	24.5	24.7
California	5	26.2	25.6	26.6	25.5	26.1
Delaware	5	25.9	24.5	27.0	25.0	25.7
Massachusetts	7	27.6	26.9	28.4	26.8	27.6
Pennsylvania	7	24.8	24.3	25.8	24.5	25.0
Washington	7	22.9	23.1	24.4	23.4	23.6
Maryland	8	25.7	24.5	26.5	24.9	25.5
Connecticut	9	27.5	26.2	28.0	26.4	27.2
Michigan	9	25.1	24.5	25.7	24.6	25.1
New York	9	26.1	25.7	27.0	25.9	26.3
Virginia	9	25.5	24.5	26.5	25.1	25.5
New Jersey	12	25.3	24.7	25.7	24.4	25.1
Indiana	14	22.2	22.8	23.9	22.8	23.1
Alaska	16	19.4	20.5	21.6	20.6	20.6
Colorado	16	23.3	23.0	24.3	23.4	23.6
Idaho	16	22.3	22.3	24.1	22.7	23.0
District of Columbia	19	25.8	24.5	26.8	25.0	25.6
Illinois	19	25.3	24.5	25.8	24.6	25.2
Oregon	20	19.6	20.3	21.3	20.8	20.6
New Mexico	23	19.7	20.1	21.6	20.9	20.7
<b>Texas</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>20.1</b>
Georgia	24	22.1	21.9	23.4	22.4	22.6
West Virginia	30	20.6	19.6	21.8	20.8	20.8
Florida	34	19.9	19.6	21.4	20.1	20.4
Arizona	35	18.6	19.8	20.3	19.9	19.8
Iowa	47	20.4	20.8	22.4	21.8	21.5
South Carolina	50	17.4	18.4	19.2	18.9	18.6

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. (2021b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees.

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**Table 10 (continued)**  
**ACT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2021**

State	Participation rate (%)	Average English score	Average math score	Average reading score	Average science score	Average composite score
South Dakota	55	20.5	21.2	22.4	21.9	21.6
Oklahoma	58	19.1	18.7	20.7	19.8	19.7
Minnesota	60	20.2	21.5	22.2	22.0	21.6
Missouri	63	19.9	19.9	21.3	20.7	20.6
Hawaii	67	16.8	18.1	18.6	18.7	18.2
Montana	70	19.2	20.0	21.1	20.7	20.4
Kansas	79	18.9	19.5	20.6	20.2	19.9
Ohio	85	18.5	19.5	20.2	19.8	19.6
Nebraska	86	19.1	19.6	20.7	20.2	20.0
Utah	86	19.7	20.1	21.3	20.8	20.6
Wyoming	91	18.6	19.4	20.7	20.2	19.8
North Carolina	92	17.3	19.0	19.4	19.3	18.9
Wisconsin	96	18.9	19.9	20.3	20.4	20.0
Louisiana	98	18.1	17.8	18.8	18.6	18.4
Arkansas	99	18.6	18.3	19.3	19.2	19.0
Alabama	100	18.4	18.0	19.2	18.8	18.7
Kentucky	100	18.7	18.8	19.7	19.3	19.2
Mississippi	100	17.5	17.6	18.4	18.3	18.1
Nevada	100	16.7	17.7	18.2	18.2	17.8
North Dakota	100	18.2	19.7	20.0	20.1	19.6
Tennessee	100	18.7	18.5	19.7	19.1	19.1
<b>United States</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.3</b>

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. (2021b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees.

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