

## College Admissions Testing Results for Graduating Seniors in Texas and the United States, Class of 2015

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 colleges and universities to make admissions decisions, to place students in appropriate freshman courses, and to award scholarships to students. In Texas, moreover, public school results are used in determining eligibility for student exemptions from Texas Success Initiative assessment requirements and to acknowledge districts and campuses through the public school accountability system for high levels of performance.

Results presented in this report were obtained, when available, from summary reports released annually by the College Board

and by ACT, Inc., to the Texas Education Agency (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. 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 2015* (TEA, forthcoming-a) and *College Admissions Testing Glossary of Terms, Class of 2015* (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 2015* (TEA, forthcoming-c).

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

- In Texas, 193,768 public and nonpublic high school graduates in the class of 2015 took the SAT, and 124,764 took the ACT (Tables 1 and 2). Nationally, 1,698,521 graduates took the SAT, and 1,924,436 took the ACT.
- SAT examinees in Texas made up 11.4 percent of all examinees in the United States. ACT examinees in Texas made up 6.5 percent of all ACT examinees in the United States.
- In Texas, 64 percent of public and nonpublic high school graduates in the class of 2015 took the SAT, and 41 percent took the ACT. Across the United States, 52 percent of graduates took the SAT, and 59 percent took the ACT.
- Between the classes of 2014 and 2015, SAT participation rates increased by 2 percentage points in Texas and remained the same in the United States. ACT participation rates increased by 1 percentage point in Texas and 2 percentage points in the United States.

**Table 1**  
**SAT Participation, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005 Through Class of 2015**

Class	Examinees		Participation rate (%)	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
2005	133,115	1,475,623	54	49
2006	129,784	1,465,744	52	48
2007	132,067	1,494,531	52	48
2008	137,024	1,518,859	50	45
2009	141,733	1,530,128	51	46
2010	148,102	1,547,990	53	47
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

*Source.* Primary data from College Board (see, e.g., College Board [2015a]) and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (2012).

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

**Table 2**  
**ACT Participation, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005 Through Class of 2015**

Class	Examinees		Participation rate (%)	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
2005	72,294	1,186,251	29	40
2006	73,524	1,206,455	29	40
2007	76,542	1,300,599	30	42
2008	79,050	1,421,941	29	43
2009	82,640	1,480,469	30	45
2010	92,615	1,568,835	33	47
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

*Source.* Primary data from ACT, Inc. (see, e.g., ACT, Inc. [2015a]), and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (2012).

*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 critical reading and mathematics combined score for Texas public and nonpublic high school examinees in the class of 2015 was 956, down 15 points from the average for the class of 2014 (Table 3). Nationally, the average SAT critical reading and mathematics combined score for the class of 2015 was 1006, down 4 points from the average for the class of 2014. The average critical reading, mathematics, and writing scores were lower in Texas than the nation.
- The average ACT composite score for Texas public and nonpublic high school examinees in the class of 2015 was 20.9, the same as the average for the class of 2014 (Table 4 on page 9). Nationally, the average composite score for the class of 2015 was 21.0, the same as the average for the class of 2014. The average ACT mathematics and science scores for all examinees in the class of 2015 were higher in Texas than the nation, and the average English and reading scores were lower in Texas than the nation.

**Table 3**  
**SAT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005**  
**Through Class of 2015**

Group	Average score							
	Critical Reading (CR)		Mathematics		CR and math combined		Writing	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
<b>2005</b>								
African American	426	433	427	431	853	864	n/a <sup>a</sup>	n/a
American Indian	501	489	505	493	1006	982	n/a	n/a
Asian/Pacific Islander	521	511	572	580	1093	1091	n/a	n/a
Hispanic	447	458	457	465	905	923	n/a	n/a
White	527	532	534	536	1061	1068	n/a	n/a
Female	489	505	488	504	977	1009	n/a	n/a
Male	498	513	519	538	1017	1051	n/a	n/a
All examinees	493	508	502	520	995	1028	n/a	n/a
<b>2006</b>								
African American	429	434	432	429	861	863	431	428
American Indian	503	487	512	494	1015	981	492	474
Asian/Pacific Islander	519	510	577	578	1096	1088	518	512
Hispanic	446	456	461	463	907	919	446	451
White	524	527	539	536	1063	1063	517	519
Female	489	502	492	502	981	1004	492	502
Male	493	505	522	536	1015	1041	480	491
All examinees	491	503	506	518	997	1021	487	497
<b>2007</b>								
African American	431	433	437	429	868	862	426	425
American Indian	496	487	508	494	1004	981	483	473
Asian/Pacific Islander	520	514	577	578	1097	1092	515	513
Hispanic	452	458	467	463	919	921	445	450
White	525	527	537	534	1062	1061	513	518
Female	490	502	493	499	983	1001	488	500
Male	494	504	523	533	1017	1037	477	489
All examinees	492	502	507	515	999	1017	482	494

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2015a, 2015b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. The Texas Education Agency calculates results for Hispanic students overall based on data reported by the College Board for three separate Hispanic subgroups. Because of rounding, the average scores for Hispanic students on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average critical reading and mathematics combined scores shown for the group.

<sup>a</sup>Not available. The SAT writing examination was introduced in 2006.

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**Table 3 (continued)**  
**SAT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005**  
**Through Class of 2015**

Group	Average score							
	Critical Reading (CR)		Mathematics		CR and math combined		Writing	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
<b>2008</b>								
African American	427	430	434	426	861	856	425	424
American Indian	500	485	507	491	1007	976	484	470
Asian/Pacific Islander	519	513	577	581	1096	1094	519	516
Hispanic	447	455	463	461	910	916	441	447
White	525	528	540	537	1065	1065	514	518
Female	487	500	491	500	978	1000	487	501
Male	490	504	521	533	1011	1037	473	488
All examinees	488	502	505	515	993	1017	480	494
<b>2009</b>								
African American	426	429	436	426	862	855	418	421
American Indian	503	486	513	493	1016	979	483	469
Asian/Pacific Islander	519	516	582	587	1101	1103	518	520
Hispanic	445	454	465	460	910	914	437	447
White	526	528	543	536	1069	1064	511	517
Female	483	498	492	499	975	997	481	499
Male	488	503	522	534	1010	1037	469	486
All examinees	486	501	506	515	992	1016	475	493
<b>2010</b>								
African American	424	429	437	428	861	857	417	420
American Indian	500	485	512	492	1012	977	480	467
Asian/Pacific Islander	523	519	584	591	1107	1110	521	526
Hispanic	445	454	467	463	912	917	437	447
White	525	528	543	536	1068	1064	509	516
Female	481	498	491	500	972	998	478	498
Male	488	503	522	534	1010	1037	467	486
All examinees	484	501	505	516	989	1017	473	492

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2015a, 2015b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. The Texas Education Agency calculates results for Hispanic students overall based on data reported by the College Board for three separate Hispanic subgroups. Because of rounding, the average scores for Hispanic students on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average critical reading and mathematics combined scores shown for the group.

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**SAT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005**  
**Through Class of 2015**

Group	Average score							
	Critical Reading (CR)		Mathematics		CR and math combined		Writing	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
<b>2011</b>								
African American	423	428	438	427	861	855	412	417
American Indian	500	484	509	488	1009	972	474	465
Asian/Pacific Islander	522	517	583	595	1105	1112	521	528
Hispanic	439	451	467	463	906	914	430	444
White	522	528	540	535	1062	1063	504	516
Female	476	495	489	500	965	995	472	496
Male	482	500	516	531	998	1031	458	482
All examinees	479	497	502	514	981	1011	465	489
<b>2012</b>								
African American	421	428	436	428	857	856	409	417
American Indian	500	482	512	489	1012	971	477	462
Asian/Pacific Islander	521	518	582	595	1103	1113	521	528
Hispanic	434	448	463	462	896	910	425	442
White	522	527	540	536	1062	1063	502	515
Female	472	493	485	499	957	992	467	494
Male	477	498	514	532	991	1030	454	481
All examinees	474	496	499	514	973	1010	461	488
<b>2013</b>								
African American	423	431	436	429	859	860	408	418
American Indian	498	480	507	486	1005	966	471	461
Asian/Pacific Islander	527	521	584	597	1111	1118	520	527
Hispanic	436	450	464	461	900	912	425	443
White	524	527	540	534	1064	1061	504	515
Female	474	494	487	499	961	993	466	493
Male	479	499	512	531	991	1030	456	482
All examinees	477	496	499	514	976	1010	461	488

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2015a, 2015b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. The Texas Education Agency calculates results for Hispanic students overall based on data reported by the College Board for three separate Hispanic subgroups. Because of rounding, the average scores for Hispanic students on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average critical reading and mathematics combined scores shown for the group.

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**SAT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005**  
**Through Class of 2015**

Group	Average score							
	Critical Reading (CR)		Mathematics		CR and math combined		Writing	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
<b>2014</b>								
African American	424	431	436	429	860	860	412	418
American Indian	494	483	499	484	993	967	469	461
Asian/Pacific Islander	531	523	587	598	1118	1121	528	530
Hispanic	434	451	458	459	892	910	425	443
White	526	529	537	534	1063	1063	503	513
Female	473	495	483	499	956	994	466	492
Male	479	499	509	530	988	1029	456	481
All examinees	476	497	495	513	971	1010	461	487
<b>2015</b>								
African American	420	431	428	428	848	859	406	418
American Indian	484	481	491	482	975	963	460	460
Asian/Pacific Islander	533	525	582	598	1115	1123	525	531
Hispanic	429	449	451	456	881	906	419	439
White	524	529	533	534	1057	1063	501	513
Female	468	493	474	496	942	989	459	490
Male	472	497	500	527	972	1024	448	478
All examinees	470	495	486	511	956	1006	454	484

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2015a, 2015b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. The Texas Education Agency calculates results for Hispanic students overall based on data reported by the College Board for three separate Hispanic subgroups. Because of rounding, the average scores for Hispanic students on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the examination may not sum to the average critical reading and mathematics combined scores shown for the group.

\*Not available. The SAT writing examination was introduced in 2006.



**Table 4**  
**ACT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005**  
**Through Class of 2015**

Group	Average score									
	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
<b>2005</b>										
African American	15.9	16.2	17.1	16.8	17.0	17.0	17.5	17.3	17.0	17.0
American Indian	19.8	17.6	20.9	18.4	21.5	19.1	20.9	19.1	20.9	18.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	21.4	21.3	23.8	23.1	22.1	21.8	21.9	21.8	22.5	22.1
Hispanic	16.6	17.6	18.3	18.7	17.9	18.7	18.4	18.7	17.9	18.6
White	21.4	21.5	21.8	21.5	22.3	22.3	21.6	21.7	21.9	21.9
Female	19.7	20.8	19.9	20.2	20.6	21.5	19.9	20.5	20.1	20.9
Male	18.8	20.0	20.8	21.3	20.0	21.0	20.6	21.4	20.2	21.1
All examinees	19.3	20.4	20.3	20.7	20.3	21.3	20.2	20.9	20.2	20.9
<b>2006</b>										
African American	15.9	16.3	17.3	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.4	17.3	17.1	17.1
American Indian	20.5	17.8	21.1	18.6	21.9	19.2	21.1	19.1	21.3	18.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	21.7	21.5	24.5	23.4	22.6	22.0	22.4	21.9	22.9	22.3
Hispanic	16.6	17.7	18.5	18.8	17.8	18.8	18.4	18.8	18.0	18.6
White	21.6	21.7	22.2	21.6	22.4	22.5	21.8	21.8	22.1	22.0
Female	19.8	21.0	20.1	20.3	20.7	21.6	19.9	20.5	20.3	21.0
Male	18.9	20.1	21.2	21.5	20.1	21.1	20.7	21.4	20.3	21.2
All examinees	19.4	20.6	20.6	20.8	20.5	21.4	20.3	20.9	20.3	21.1
<b>2007</b>										
African American	15.6	16.1	17.5	17.0	16.9	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.0	17.0
American Indian	20.1	17.9	21.1	18.7	21.7	19.4	21.0	19.2	21.1	18.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	22.0	21.7	24.7	23.6	22.8	22.1	22.8	22.3	23.2	22.6
Hispanic	16.6	17.6	18.7	19.0	18.0	18.8	18.5	18.8	18.1	18.7
White	21.6	21.8	22.2	21.7	22.5	22.5	21.9	21.9	22.2	22.1
Female	19.8	21.0	20.3	20.4	20.8	21.6	20.0	20.5	20.3	21.0
Male	18.9	20.2	21.3	21.6	20.2	21.2	20.8	21.4	20.4	21.2
All examinees	19.5	20.7	20.8	21.0	20.6	21.5	20.4	21.0	20.5	21.2
<b>2008</b>										
African American	16.0	16.1	17.8	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.5	17.2	17.2	16.9
American Indian	20.9	18.1	21.6	18.8	22.0	19.6	21.1	19.2	21.5	19.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	22.8	22.1	25.5	24.1	23.3	22.4	23.0	22.3	23.8	22.9

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (2015a).

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.

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**Through Class of 2015**

Group	Average score									
	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
Hispanic	16.9	17.7	19.1	19.0	18.4	18.9	18.5	18.7	18.4	18.7
White	21.8	21.7	22.7	21.8	22.7	22.5	21.9	21.7	22.4	22.1
Female	20.1	21.0	20.7	20.4	20.9	21.5	20.1	20.4	20.6	21.0
Male	19.3	20.1	21.8	21.6	20.7	21.2	20.9	21.3	20.8	21.2
All examinees	19.8	20.6	21.2	21.0	20.9	21.4	20.5	20.8	20.7	21.1
2009										
African American	16.0	16.0	17.8	17.1	17.1	16.9	17.5	17.2	17.3	16.9
American Indian	20.6	17.9	21.6	18.7	21.8	19.4	21.2	19.1	21.4	18.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	23.5	22.6	26.0	24.5	23.7	22.7	23.5	22.7	24.3	23.2
Hispanic	17.0	17.7	19.2	19.1	18.4	18.9	18.7	18.8	18.4	18.7
White	22.2	21.9	23.0	21.9	23.1	22.6	22.2	21.9	22.8	22.2
Female	20.2	20.9	20.7	20.4	20.9	21.4	20.2	20.4	20.6	20.9
Male	19.6	20.2	21.9	21.6	20.9	21.3	21.1	21.4	21.0	21.3
All examinees	19.9	20.6	21.3	21.0	20.9	21.4	20.6	20.9	20.8	21.1
2010										
African American	15.8	15.7	18.1	17.1	17.1	16.8	17.9	17.2	17.3	16.9
American Indian	20.7	17.9	21.8	18.8	21.9	19.4	21.6	19.3	21.6	19.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	23.5	22.6	26.2	24.7	23.9	22.9	24.0	23.0	24.5	23.4
Hispanic	16.6	17.3	19.2	19.0	18.1	18.7	18.9	18.7	18.3	18.6
White	22.5	22.0	23.3	22.0	23.3	22.6	22.8	22.0	23.1	22.3
Female	20.0	20.8	20.8	20.5	20.9	21.4	20.4	20.5	20.7	20.9
Male	19.4	20.1	22.0	21.6	20.7	21.1	21.4	21.4	21.0	21.2
All examinees	19.7	20.5	21.4	21.0	20.8	21.3	20.9	20.9	20.8	21.0
2011										
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

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (2015a).

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.

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**Through Class of 2015**

Group	Average score									
	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
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
2012										
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
2013										
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
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
2014										
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

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (2015a).

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.

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**Table 4 (continued)**  
**ACT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005**  
**Through Class of 2015**

Group	Average score									
	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
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

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (2015a).

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 Examinee Populations in Texas and the United States

- In Texas, 39.9 percent of SAT examinees in the class of 2015 were Hispanic, 35.1 percent were White, and 13.7 percent were African American (Table 5). Across the United States, by comparison, 19.0 percent were Hispanic, 47.1 percent were White, and 12.9 percent were African American.
- In Texas, 39.2 percent of ACT examinees in the class of 2015 were Hispanic, 37.3 percent were White, and 11.1 percent were African American (Table 6 on page 14). Across the United States, by comparison, 15.6 percent were Hispanic, 55.0 percent were White, and 13.1 percent were African American.
- In Texas, 53.5 percent of SAT examinees in the class of 2015 were female, and 46.5 percent were male (Table 7 on page 14). Across the United States, 53.2 percent of examinees were female, and 46.8 percent were male.
- In Texas, 54.2 percent of ACT examinees in the class of 2015 were female, and 45.6 percent were male (Table 8 on page 15). Across the United States, 52.6 percent of examinees were female, and 46.5 percent were male.

**Table 5**  
**SAT Examinee Population, by Race/Ethnicity, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005 Through Class of 2015**

Class	Examinees		Race/Ethnicity (%)					
			African American		Hispanic		White	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
2005	133,115	1,475,623	11.7	10.4	23.9	9.8	48.7	55.9
2006	129,784	1,465,744	11.2	10.3	24.6	10.4	48.8	56.3
2007	132,067	1,494,531	11.7	10.7	25.7	11.3	47.9	55.4
2008	137,024	1,518,859	12.4	11.5	27.9	12.5	47.6	56.5
2009	141,733	1,530,128	13.3	12.2	30.1	13.5	45.4	55.6
2010	148,102	1,547,990	13.8	12.7	31.4	14.4	43.7	54.1
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

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2015a, 2015b).

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

**Table 6**  
**ACT Examinee Population, by Race/Ethnicity, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005 Through Class of 2015**

Class	Examinees		Race/Ethnicity (%)					
			African American		Hispanic		White	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
2005	72,294	1,186,251	13.2	11.7	24.9	7.0	49.3	65.9
2006	73,524	1,206,455	12.5	11.5	24.6	7.1	46.2	63.0
2007	76,542	1,300,599	12.0	11.7	24.2	7.2	45.3	59.9
2008	79,050	1,421,941	12.4	12.5	25.6	8.1	47.9	63.0
2009	82,640	1,480,469	12.7	13.2	27.3	9.0	47.4	63.6
2010	92,615	1,568,835	12.8	13.7	29.8	10.0	45.1	62.4
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

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc.. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (2015a).

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 2005 Through Class of 2015**

Class	Examinees		Gender (%)			
			Female		Male	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
2005	133,115	1,475,623	53.7	53.5	46.3	46.5
2006	129,784	1,465,744	53.6	53.6	46.4	46.4
2007	132,067	1,494,531	53.4	53.4	46.1	46.2
2008	137,024	1,518,859	53.6	53.5	46.3	46.4
2009	141,733	1,530,128	53.6	53.5	46.4	46.5
2010	148,102	1,547,990	53.3	53.4	46.7	46.6
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

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2015a, 2015b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding and because of missing gender information.

**Table 8**  
**ACT Examinee Population, by Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2005 Through Class of 2015**

Class	Examinees		Gender (%)			
			Female		Male	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
2005	72,294	1,186,251	57.3	55.7	41.8	43.4
2006	73,524	1,206,455	53.3	53.6	42.0	42.9
2007	76,542	1,300,599	52.0	51.9	41.7	41.9
2008	79,050	1,421,941	54.3	53.7	43.7	44.0
2009	82,640	1,480,469	54.8	54.6	45.0	45.1
2010	92,615	1,568,835	54.6	54.3	45.4	45.5
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

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc.. See, for example, ACT, Inc. (2015a).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding and because of missing gender information. 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 facing page and Table 10 on page 19). For the class of 2015, rates of SAT participation ranged from 2 percent to 100 percent, and rates of ACT participation ranged from 10 percent to 100 percent. In Texas, the SAT participation rate was 64 percent, and the ACT participation rate was 41 percent.



**Table 9**  
**SAT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2015**

State	Participation rate (%)	Average scores			
		Critical reading (CR)	Mathematics	CR and math combined	Writing
North Dakota	2	597	608	1205	586
Iowa	3	589	600	1189	566
Mississippi	3	580	563	1143	570
Nebraska	3	589	590	1179	576
South Dakota	3	592	597	1189	564
Wyoming	3	589	586	1175	562
Arkansas	4	568	569	1137	551
Illinois	4	599	616	1215	587
Kentucky	4	588	587	1175	574
Michigan	4	594	609	1203	585
Missouri	4	596	599	1195	582
Oklahoma	4	576	569	1145	548
Utah	4	579	575	1154	554
Wisconsin	4	591	605	1196	575
Kansas	5	588	592	1180	568
Louisiana	5	563	559	1122	553
Minnesota	5	595	607	1202	576
Alabama	6	545	538	1083	533
Tennessee	7	581	574	1155	568
Colorado	12	582	587	1169	567
New Mexico	12	551	544	1095	528
Ohio	14	557	563	1120	537
Montana	15	561	556	1117	538
West Virginia	15	509	497	1006	495
Arizona	34	523	527	1050	502
Oregon	47	523	521	1044	502
Nevada	50	494	494	988	470
Alaska	52	509	503	1012	482
California	60	495	506	1001	491
Hawaii	61	487	508	995	477

Source. Primary data from College Board.

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

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**Table 9 (continued)**  
**SAT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2015**

State	Participation rate (%)	Average scores			
		Critical reading (CR)	Mathematics	CR and math combined	Writing
Vermont	61	523	524	1047	507
North Carolina	63	498	504	1002	476
<b>Texas</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>454</b>
South Carolina	65	488	487	975	467
Washington	66	502	510	1012	484
New Hampshire	70	525	530	1055	511
Indiana	71	496	499	995	478
Pennsylvania	71	499	504	1003	482
Virginia	72	518	516	1034	499
Florida	74	486	480	966	468
New York	75	489	502	991	478
Georgia	77	490	485	975	475
Rhode Island	77	494	494	988	484
Maryland	79	491	493	984	478
New Jersey	81	500	521	1021	499
Massachusetts	86	516	529	1045	507
Connecticut	89	504	506	1010	504
Maine	96	468	473	941	451
Delaware	100	462	461	923	445
District of Columbia	100	441	440	881	432
Idaho	100	467	463	930	442
<b>United States</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>484</b>

Source. Primary data from College Board.

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

**Table 10**  
**ACT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2015**

State	Participation Rate (%)	Average scores				
		English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite
Maine	10	24.2	23.9	24.6	23.6	24.2
Rhode Island	19	23.0	22.6	23.8	22.5	23.1
Delaware	21	23.2	23.0	24.1	23.1	23.5
Pennsylvania	22	22.5	22.8	23.2	22.5	22.9
New Hampshire	23	24.1	24.1	24.7	23.9	24.3
Maryland	25	22.3	22.5	23.2	22.5	22.7
Washington	25	21.5	22.4	22.7	22.4	22.4
Massachusetts	28	24.2	24.6	24.6	23.8	24.4
New York	28	23.0	23.8	23.9	23.5	23.7
New Jersey	29	22.9	23.7	23.3	22.6	23.2
Vermont	29	23.2	23.0	24.1	23.2	23.5
California	30	22.1	22.7	22.6	22.0	22.5
Virginia	30	22.8	22.8	23.6	22.8	23.1
Connecticut	32	24.5	24.1	24.7	23.8	24.4
Oregon	38	20.8	21.4	21.1	21.4	21.5
Alaska	39	20.1	21.1	21.9	20.9	21.1
Nevada	40	20.1	21.0	21.4	20.9	21.0
Indiana	41	21.5	22.0	22.6	21.8	22.1
<b>Texas</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>20.9</b>
District of Columbia	42	20.5	21.1	21.5	20.7	21.1
Idaho	42	22.3	22.2	23.4	22.4	22.7
Arizona	56	18.8	20.2	20.2	19.7	19.9
Georgia	58	20.6	20.5	21.6	20.9	21.0
South Carolina	62	19.8	20.2	20.9	20.4	20.4
West Virginia	66	20.6	19.7	21.5	20.7	20.8
Iowa	67	21.6	21.5	22.7	22.3	22.2
New Mexico	71	19.1	19.8	20.6	20.3	20.1
Ohio	73	21.4	21.7	22.5	22.1	22.0
Wisconsin	73	21.6	22.0	22.5	22.3	22.2
Kansas	74	21.3	21.6	22.4	21.8	21.9

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. (2015b).

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 2015**

State	Participation Rate (%)	Average scores				
		English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite
South Dakota	76	21.0	21.7	22.4	22.1	21.9
Missouri	77	21.4	21.0	22.2	21.7	21.7
Minnesota	78	21.8	22.8	23.0	22.7	22.7
Florida	79	18.9	19.6	21.0	19.5	19.9
Oklahoma	80	20.1	19.8	21.5	20.7	20.7
Nebraska	88	21.1	21.0	21.9	21.6	21.5
Arkansas	93	20.0	20.0	20.9	20.3	20.4
Hawaii	93	17.2	19.1	18.6	18.4	18.5
Alabama	100	18.8	18.4	19.7	19.1	19.1
Colorado	100	20.2	20.4	21.0	20.8	20.7
Illinois	100	20.3	20.7	20.8	20.6	20.7
Kentucky	100	19.5	19.5	20.3	20.1	20.0
Louisiana	100	19.2	18.9	19.7	19.4	19.4
Michigan	100	19.4	19.9	20.3	20.4	20.1
Mississippi	100	18.7	18.3	19.3	19.0	19.0
Montana	100	19.1	20.4	21.0	20.5	20.4
North Carolina	100	17.6	19.5	19.2	19.0	19.0
North Dakota	100	19.6	20.6	20.7	20.8	20.6
Tennessee	100	19.5	19.3	20.1	19.9	19.8
Utah	100	19.4	19.8	20.9	20.4	20.2
Wyoming	100	19.4	19.9	20.6	20.4	20.2
<b>United States</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>21.0</b>

Source. Primary data from ACT, Inc. (2015b).

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