## 2003



A Profile of SAT' Program Test Takers


## The SAT ${ }^{\circledR}$ Program

The SAT ${ }^{\circledR}$ I: Reasoning Test and the SAT II: Subject Tests, the primary components of the SAT Program, are designed to assess many of the skills that are important to students' success in college. Because the subject matter of high school courses as well as grading standards vary widely, the tests have been developed to provide a common standard against which students can be compared. Most students also complete the optional SAT Questionnaire ( formerly known as Student Descriptive Questionnaire ) when they register to take SAT Program tests, providing valuable contextual information to aid in interpreting and understanding individual and group scores.

## Using This Report

This Profile of College-Bound Seniors presents data for high school graduates in the year 2003 who participated in the SAT Program during their high school years. Students are counted once no matter how often they tested, and only their latest scores and most recent SQ responses are summarized. Because the accuracy of self-reported information has been documented and the college-bound seniors population is relatively stable from year to year, SQ responses from these students can be considered highly accurate. Therefore, you can use this report to:

- interpret scores of individual students within the broader context of data aggregated across groups of college-bound seniors;
- study changes over time in the characteristics of students taking SAT tests; and
- look at year-to-year educational and demographic changes in this population, along with changes in test performance.


## Keep in mind, however, that:

- relationships between test scores and other factors such as educational background, gender, racial/ethnic background, parental education, and household income are complex and interdependent. These factors do not directly affect test performance; rather, they are associated with educational experiences both on tests such as the SAT I and in schoolwork.
- not all students in a high school, school district, or state take the SAT I. Since the population of test-takers is self-selected, using aggregate SAT I scores to compare or evaluate teachers, schools, districts, states, or other educational units is not valid, and the College Board strongly discourages such uses.
- interpreting SAT I scores for subgroups requires unique considerations. The most significant factor to consider in interpreting SAT I scores for any group, or subgroup, of testtakers is the proportion of students taking the test. For example, if state data are being considered, it is appropriate to recognize that in some states there are lower participation rates. Typically, test-takers in these states have strong academic backgrounds and apply to the nation's most selective colleges and scholarship programs. For these states, it is expected that the SAT I mean scores reported for students will be higher than the national average.


## Statistical Definitions

- Mean

The mean is the arithmetic average.

- Percentile

The percentile, also called the percentile point, is the point on the measurement scale below which a specified percentage of scores falls. The 25th, 50th, and 75th percentile points are often reported for large data sets. The 50th percentile point, like the mean, gives an idea of the performance of the typical student. Comparing the 25th to the 75 th percentile point gives an idea of the range of ability in the population.

- Scaled score

A scaled score is a score that has been converted from the raw score scale for reporting. The SAT Program uses the 200-800 scale.

- Standard deviation (SD)

The standard deviation (SD) is a measure of the variability of a set of scores. If test scores cluster tightly around the mean score, as they do when the group tested is relatively homogeneous, the SD is smaller than it would be with a more diverse group and a greater scatter of scores around the mean.

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## Table A. Total Group Mean SAT/SAT I Scores for College-Bound Seniors, 1972-2003* (Recentered Scale)

| Year | Verbal |  |  | Math |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total |  | Male | Female |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1972 | 531 | 529 | 530 | 527 | 489 | 509 |
| 1973 | 523 | 521 | 523 | 525 | 489 | 506 |
| 1974 | 524 | 520 | 521 | 524 | 488 | 505 |
| 1975 | 515 | 509 | 512 | 518 | 479 | 498 |
| 1976 | 511 | 508 | 509 | 520 | 475 | 497 |
| 1977 | 509 | 505 | 507 | 520 | 474 | 496 |
| 1978 | 511 | 503 | 507 | 517 | 474 | 494 |
| 1979 | 509 | 501 | 505 | 516 | 473 | 493 |
| 1980 | 506 | 498 | 502 | 515 | 473 | 492 |
| 1981 | 508 | 496 | 502 | 516 | 473 | 492 |
| 1982 | 509 | 499 | 504 | 516 | 473 | 493 |
| 1983 | 508 | 498 | 503 | 516 | 474 | 494 |
| 1984 | 511 | 498 | 504 | 518 | 478 | 497 |
| 1985 | 514 | 503 | 509 | 522 | 480 | 500 |
| 1986 | 515 | 504 | 509 | 523 | 479 | 500 |
| 1987 | 512 | 502 | 507 | 523 | 481 | 501 |
| 1988 | 512 | 499 | 505 | 521 | 483 | 501 |
| 1989 | 510 | 498 | 504 | 523 | 482 | 502 |
| 1990 | 505 | 496 | 500 | 521 | 483 | 501 |
| 1991 | 503 | 495 | 499 | 520 | 482 | 500 |
| 1992 | 504 | 496 | 500 | 521 | 484 | 501 |
| 1993 | 504 | 497 | 500 | 524 | 484 | 503 |
| 1994 | 501 | 497 | 499 | 523 | 487 | 504 |
| 1995 | 505 | 502 | 504 | 525 | 490 | 506 |
| 1996 | 507 | 503 | 505 | 527 | 492 | 508 |
| 1997 | 507 | 503 | 505 | 530 | 494 | 511 |
| 1998 | 509 | 502 | 505 | 531 | 496 | 512 |
| 1999 | 509 | 502 | 505 | 531 | 495 | 511 |
| 2000 | 507 | 504 | 505 | 533 | 498 | 514 |
| 2001 | 509 | 502 | 506 | 533 | 498 | 514 |
| 2002 | 507 | 502 | 504 | 534 | 500 | 516 |
| 2003 | 512 | 503 | 507 | 537 | 503 | 519 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* For 1972-1986 a formula was applied to the original mean and standard deviation to convert the mean to the recentered scale. For 1987-1995 individual student scores were converted to the recentered scale and then the mean was recomputed. From 1996-1999, nearly all students received scores on the recentered scale. Any score on the original scale was converted to the recentered scale prior to computing the mean. From 2000-2003, all scores are reported on the recentered scale


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## TOTAL GROUP

## Points to Note for this Report

- This report summarizes information for seniors who took the SAT I:

Reasoning Test and/or SAT II: Subject Tests any time during their high school years through April 2003. If a student took a test more than once, the most recent score is used. Students are counted once no matter how often they tested.

- Mean scores are reported when there are 5 or more test takers.
* Standard deviations are reported when there are 25 or more test takers.
- Percentiles (75th, 50th, and 25th) are reported when there are 20 or more test takers.
* "No response" indicates that students skipped that question when they completed their SAT Questionnaire (formerly known as Student
Descriptive Questionnaire).
- The most recent responses to the SQ are summarized.

| Students Who Registered for the SAT I: Reasoning Test or an SAT II: Subject Test | Male | Female | Total | SAT I Mean Scores <br> Verbal <br> Math |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Number of Students | 697,856 | 806,975 | 1,504,831 |  |  |
| L |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students with at Least One SAT Questionnaire (formerly known as Student Descriptive Questionnaire) Response | 562,152 | 680,012 | 1,242,164 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent with at Least One |  |  |  |  |  |
| SQ Response | 81 | 84 | 83 |  |  |
| L |  |  |  |  |  |

## SAT Program Test Takers

| All Students with Either |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| SAT I or SAT II Scores | 657,573 | 759,286 | $1,416,859$ |  |  |
| Students with SAT I Scores | 652,606 | 753,718 | $1,406,324$ | 507 | 519 |
| Students with SAT II Scores | 125,244 | 148,074 | 273,318 |  |  |
| Students with Both SAT I <br> and SAT II Scores | 120,277 | 142,506 | 262,783 | 594 | 619 |


| Year in Which Seniors <br> Last took SAT I |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Senior | 444,306 | 533,701 | 978,007 | 498 | 509 |
| Junior | 201,916 | 214,448 | 416,364 | 530 | 540 |
| Sophomore | 5,639 | 5,032 | 10,671 | 518 | 539 |
| Freshman | 745 | 537 | 1,282 | 500 | 521 |

Summary Reporting Service (SRS)

Table

| High School Rank | SAT I Test Takers |  | Percent |  | SAT I Mean Scores |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent |  | Female | Verbal | Math |
| Top Tenth | 198,539 | 28 | 42 | 58 | 585 | 607 |
| Second Tenth | 168,208 | 23 | 44 | 56 | 522 | 539 |
| Second Fifth | 168,711 | 23 | 47 | 53 | 486 | 494 |
| Third Fifth | 150,620 | 21 | 46 | 54 | 449 | 449 |
| Fourth Fifth | 26,432 | 4 | 49 | 51 | 420 | 417 |
| Fifth Fifth | 6,205 | 1 | 51 | 49 | 410 | 410 |
| No Response | 687,609 |  |  |  |  |  |


| High School Grade <br> Point Average | 72,519 | 7 | 40 | 60 | 607 | 625 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A+ (97-100) | 193,698 | 18 | 38 | 62 | 566 | 583 |
| A (93-96) | 187,551 | 17 | 41 | 59 | 538 | 552 |
| A- (90-92) | 502,544 | 47 | 47 | 53 | 480 | 485 |
| B (80-89) | 118,792 | 11 | 57 | 43 | 425 | 424 |
| C (70-79) | 4,448 |  |  |  | 43 | 416 |

Mean Grade Point Average: All Students 3.29

| Years of Study in Six <br> Academic Subjects |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 20 or More Years | 456,178 | 50 | 40 | 60 | 544 | 553 |
| 19 or $191 / 2$ Years | 103,178 | 11 | 46 | 54 | 500 | 507 |
| 18 or $181 / 2$ Years | 93,903 | 10 | 46 | 54 | 485 | 492 |
| 17 or $171 / 2$ Years | 73,579 | 8 | 46 | 54 | 472 | 477 |
| 16 or $161 / 2$ Years | 57,646 | 6 | 48 | 52 | 466 | 474 |
| 15 or $151 / 2$ Years | 44,959 | 5 | 49 | 51 | 463 | 471 |
| Less Than 15 Years | 75,372 | 8 | 52 | 48 | 449 | 465 |
| No Response | 501,509 |  |  |  |  |  |



* These data may be slightly inflated due to differences in the way web and paper registrants responded to the


## Table

| EnglishYears of Study | SAT I Test Takers |  | Percent |  | SAT I Mean Scores |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Male | Female | Verbal | Math |
| More Than 4 Years | 79,508 | 8 | 43 | 57 | 523 | 545 |
| 4 Years | 737,643 | 73 | 44 | 56 | 510 | 517 |
| 3 Years | 172,375 | 17 | 47 | 53 | 484 | 494 |
| 2 Years | 21,152 | 2 | 51 | 49 | 505 | 534 |
| 1 Year | 3,237 | 0 | 54 | 46 | 493 | 530 |
| One-half Year or Less | 1,947 | 0 | 51 | 49 | 433 | 466 |
| No Response | 390,462 |  |  |  |  |  |

Course Work or Experience

| American Literature | 755,682 | 81 | 44 | 56 | 516 | 521 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grammar | 652,610 | 70 | 43 | 57 | 518 | 525 |
| Composition | 615,003 | 66 | 43 | 57 | 526 | 531 |
| Literature Historical Periods | 411,442 | 44 | 41 | 59 | 539 | 540 |
| British Literature | 354,085 | 38 | 43 | 57 | 538 | 538 |
| Speaking and Listening | 342,237 | 37 | 42 | 58 | 522 | 530 |
| Literature Other Country | 186,692 | 20 | 42 | 58 | 546 | 550 |
| English as a Second Language | 47,153 | 5 | 43 | 57 | 433 | 512 |
| Honors Course Taken | 375,834 | 37 | 38 | 62 | 565 | 566 |

## Mathematics

| Years of Study |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| * More Than 4 Years | 150,498 | 15 | 49 | 51 | 547 | 585 |  |  |  |  |
| * 4 Years | 551,118 | 54 | 44 | 56 | 513 | 521 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 Years | 280,317 | 28 | 43 | 57 | 477 | 474 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Years | 29,668 | 3 | 46 | 54 | 470 | 470 |  |  |  |  |
| Year | 2,985 | 0 | 51 | 49 | 457 | 474 |  |  |  |  |
| One-half Year or Less | 1,856 | 0 | 46 | 54 | 435 | 449 |  |  |  |  |
| No Response | 389,882 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Course Work

| Algebra | 987,882 | 96 | 44 | 56 | 505 | 514 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Geometry | 964,600 | 94 | 44 | 56 | 508 | 517 |
| Trigonometry | 455,923 | 44 | 46 | 54 | 532 | 553 |
| Precalculus | 465,721 | 45 | 46 | 54 | 547 | 572 |
| Other Math Courses | 277,317 | 27 | 42 | 58 | 498 | 507 |
| Calculus | 260,458 | 25 | 49 | 51 | 573 | 610 |
| Computer Math | 75,479 | 7 | 60 | 40 | 520 | 549 |
| Honors Course Taken | 299,997 | 30 | 45 | 55 | 573 | 599 |

[^1]| Natural Sciences <br> Years of Study | SAT I Test Takers |  | Percent |  | SAT I Mean Scores |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Male | Female | Verbal | Math |
| More Than 4 Years | 84,162 | 8 | 47 | 53 | 551 | 584 |
| 4 Years | 405,812 | 41 | 45 | 55 | 527 | 536 |
| 3 Years | 386,318 | 39 | 43 | 57 | 491 | 495 |
| 2 Years | 94,112 | 9 | 45 | 55 | 476 | 482 |
| 1 Year | 20,448 | 2 | 47 | 53 | 459 | 472 |
| One-half Year or Less | 10,786 | 1 | 40 | 60 | 420 | 439 |
| No Response | 404,686 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Course Work |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Biology | 997,348 | 96 | 44 | 56 | 507 | 515 |
| Chemistry | 888,527 | 86 | 44 | 56 | 515 | 526 |
| Physics | 504,545 | 49 | 49 | 51 | 536 | 557 |
| Geology, Earth Science, or |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Space Science | 441,961 | 43 | 45 | 55 | 499 | 503 |
| Other Sciences | 383,942 | 37 | 40 | 60 | 499 | 502 |
| Honors Course Taken | 288,836 | 29 | 43 | 57 | 574 | 589 |

## Social Sciences and History

## Years of Study

| More Than 4 Years | 81,275 | 8 | 43 | 57 | 537 | 549 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 Years | 473,945 | 47 | 44 | 56 | 516 | 520 |
| 3 Years | 355,786 | 35 | 44 | 56 | 496 | 506 |
| 2 Years | 79,509 | 8 | 48 | 52 | 485 | 508 |
| 1 Year | 13,016 | 1 | 49 | 51 | 471 | 501 |
| One-half Year or Less | 6,824 | 1 | 45 | 55 | 432 | 471 |
| No Response | 395,969 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Course Work |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. History | 973,095 | 94 | 44 | 56 | 506 | 513 |
| World History or Cultures | 848,708 | 82 | 44 | 56 | 508 | 516 |
| U.S. Government or Civics | 661,285 | 64 | 43 | 57 | 507 | 512 |
| Economics | 454,003 | 44 | 43 | 57 | 504 | 514 |
| Geography | 352,303 | 34 | 44 | 56 | 494 | 505 |
| Psychology | 255,562 | 25 | 33 | 67 | 520 | 519 |
| European History | 201,940 | 20 | 47 | 53 | 546 | 553 |
| Other Courses | 159,863 | 15 | 42 | 58 | 518 | 526 |
| Sociology | 128,506 | 12 | 35 | 65 | 506 | 506 |
| Ancient History | 107,239 | 10 | 49 | 51 | 524 | 537 |
| Anthropology | 18,915 | 2 | 43 | 57 | 512 | 523 |
| Honors Course Taken | 305,966 | 30 | 42 | 58 | 572 | 576 |

[^2]

* These data may be slightly inflated due to differences in the way web and paper registrants responded to the


## Table 4-1

SAT I Test Takers
Who Described Themselves as:
American Indian or Alaskan Native
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander
African American or Black
Hispanic or Latino Background:
Mexican or Mexican American
Puerto Rican
Latin American, South American, Central
American, or Other Hispanic or Latino
White
Other
No Response

SAT I Test Takers
Who Described Themselves as:
American Indian or Alaskan Native
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander
African American or Black
Hispanic or Latino Background:
Mexican or Mexican American
Puerto Rican
Latin American, South American, Central American, or Other Hispanic or Latino

## White

Total

SAT I Test Takers
Who Described Themselves as:
American Indian or Alaskan Native
Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander
African American or Black
Hispanic or Latino Background:
Mexican or Mexican American
Puerto Rican
Latin American, South American, Central
American, or Other Hispanic or Latino
White
Other
No Response

2003 Profile of College-Bound Seniors Background Information TOTAL GROUP

| SAT I Test Takers <br> Who Described Themselves as: | Number of |  |  | Percent Responding |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Males | Females | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | 3,391 | 4,061 | 7,452 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander | 47,794 | 53,176 | 100,970 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| African American or Black | 51,641 | 74,016 | 125,657 | 11 | 13 | 12 |
| Hispanic or Latino Background: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mexican or Mexican American | 20,930 | 29,445 | 50,375 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Puerto Rican | 6,091 | 8,478 | 14,569 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Latin American, South American, Central |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| American, or Other Hispanic or Latino | 17,660 | 24,888 | 42,548 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| White | 305,908 | 364,352 | 670,260 | 65 | 63 | 64 |
| Other | 16,710 | 22,436 | 39,146 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 470,125 | 580,852 | 1,050,977 | 100 | 100 | 100 |


| SAT I Verbal <br> Mean Scores |  |  | Standard Deviations |  |  | SAT I Math <br> Mean Scores |  |  | Standard Deviations |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 485 | 476 | 480 | 106 | 106 | 106 | 501 | 467 | 482 | 109 | 102 | 106 |
| 511 | 505 | 508 | 122 | 123 | 123 | 592 | 560 | 575 | 124 | 123 | 124 |
| 430 | 432 | 431 | 101 | 98 | 99 | 436 | 420 | 426 | 103 | 96 | 99 |
| 457 | 442 | 448 | 102 | 99 | 101 | 478 | 442 | 457 | 104 | 96 | 101 |
| 464 | 451 | 456 | 101 | 102 | 102 | 472 | 439 | 453 | 105 | 98 | 102 |
| 466 | 451 | 457 | 106 | 105 | 106 | 486 | 448 | 464 | 110 | 102 | 107 |
| 533 | 526 | 529 | 101 | 99 | 100 | 552 | 518 | 534 | 105 | 100 | 104 |
| 504 | 498 | 501 | 118 | 115 | 116 | 535 | 498 | 513 | 118 | 113 | 116 |
| 513 | 508 | 510 | 115 | 113 | 114 | 540 | 510 | 525 | 117 | 114 | 117 |


|  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { SAT I } \\ & \text { Test Takers }\end{aligned}\right.$ |  | \| Percent |  | SAT I Verbal |  | SAT I Math |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Male | Female | Mean Scores | Standard <br> Deviations | Mean Scores | Standard <br> Deviations |
| All SAT I Test Takers | 1,406,324 |  | 46 | 54 | 507 | 111 | 519 | 115 |
| First Language Learned |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English | 827,018 | 80 | 45 | 55 | 515 | 106 | 517 | 111 |
| English and Another Language | 119,821 | 12 | 45 | 55 | 481 | 114 | 504 | 125 |
| Another Language | 90,535 | 9 | 44 | 56 | 456 | 120 | 515 | 132 |
| No Response | 368,950 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Citizenship |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. Citizen or U.S. National | 1,006,592 | 92 | 45 | 55 | 512 | 108 | 516 | 112 |
| U.S. Permanent Resident or Refugee | 39,923 | 4 | 43 | 57 | 444 | 121 | 495 | 129 |
| Citizen of Another Country | 46,204 | 4 | 51 | 49 | 492 | 120 | 583 | 126 |
| \| Other, Unknown, or No Response | 313,605 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Disabling Condition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 60,195 | 4 | 56 | 44 | 478 | 115 | 480 | 117 |
| No Response or Unknown | 1,346,129 | 96 | 46 | 54 |  |  |  |  |
| SAT I Taken Under |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Standard Conditions | 1,373,670 | 98 | 46 | 54 | 508 | 110 | 519 | 115 |
| Nonstandard Conditions | 32,654 | 2 | 59 | 41 | 474 | 116 | 481 | 123 |
| Plans to Apply for Financial Aid |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 739,871 | 73 | 43 | 57 | 501 | 110 | 507 | 114 |
| No | 76,304 | 7 | 50 | 50 | 531 | 108 | 551 | 113 |
| Don't Know | 201,497 | 20 | 49 | 51 | 517 | 110 | 532 | 114 |
| Family Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less Than \$10,000 | 34,521 | 5 | 35 | 65 | 420 | 111 | 444 | 125 |
| \$10,000-\$20,000 | 62,551 | 8 | 37 | 63 | 437 | 105 | 452 | 111 |
| \$20,000-\$30,000 | 72,131 | 10 | 40 | 60 | 460 | 105 | 467 | 108 |
| \$30,000-\$40,000 | 83,256 | 11 | 42 | 58 | 480 | 103 | 484 | 107 |
| \$40,000-\$50,000 | 68,838 | 9 | 44 | 56 | 495 | 102 | 498 | 106 |
| \$50,000-\$60,000 | 70,653 | 10 | 46 | 54 | 504 | 101 | 508 | 105 |
| \$60,000 - \$70,000 | 62,341 | 8 | 47 | 53 | 511 | 101 | 514 | 105 |
| \$70,000-\$80,000 | 60,471 | 8 | 48 | 52 | 518 | 100 | 523 | 105 |
| \$80,000-\$100,000 | 84,870 | 11 | 49 | 51 | 529 | 100 | 536 | 105 |
| More Than \$100,000 | 141,885 | 19 | 51 | 49 | 555 | 101 | 568 | 106 |
| No Response | 664,807 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Highest Level of Parental Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No High School Diploma | 46,664 | 5 | 37 | 63 | 413 | 100 | 443 | 114 |
| High School Diploma | 316,004 | 33 | 41 | 59 | 470 | 100 | 475 | 104 |
| Associate's Degree | 85,216 | 9 | 43 | 57 | 487 | 97 | 491 | 102 |
| Bachelor's Degree | 270,535 | 28 | 47 | 53 | 525 | 102 | 534 | 107 |
| Graduate Degree | 246,280 | 26 | 48 | 52 | 559 | 107 | 569 | 111 |
| Calculator Experience |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Use Almost Every Day | 654,453 | 70 | 43 | 57 | 527 | 107 | 540 | 111 |
| Use Once or Twice Weekly or Less | 282,058 | 30 | 45 | 55 | 479 | 106 | 480 | 107 |
| Never Use or No Response | 469,813 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT ${ }^{\circledR}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Only as a Junior | 345,494 | 35 | 44 | 56 | 506 | 105 | 513 | 108 |
| As a Sophomore or Younger, or |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 218,108 | 22 | 48 | 52 | 465 | 109 | 478 | 118 |

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| Intended College Major |  |  |  |  | SAT I Mean Scores |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Male | Female | Verbal | Math |
| Agriculture or Natural Resources | 10,051 | 1 | 46 | 54 | 484 | 482 |
| Architecture or Environmental Design | 17,325 | 2 | 56 | 44 | 483 | 511 |
| Arts: Visual and Performing | 75,823 | 8 | 37 | 63 | 514 | 500 |
| Biological Sciences | 50,829 | 5 | 35 | 65 | 543 | 553 |
| Business and Commerce | 123,707 | 13 | 52 | 48 | 489 | 512 |
| Communications | 38,756 | 4 | 32 | 68 | 524 | 506 |
| Computer or Information Sciences | 53,449 | 6 | 84 | 16 | 503 | 535 |
| Education | 79,160 | 8 | 22 | 78 | 482 | 483 |
| Engineering | 85,405 | 9 | 82 | 18 | 525 | 574 |
| Foreign or Classical Languages | 5,531 | 1 | 27 | 73 | 564 | 545 |
| General or Interdisciplinary | 3,257 | 0 | 40 | 60 | 547 | 539 |
| Health and Allied Services | 150,160 | 16 | 24 | 76 | 489 | 498 |
| Home Economics | 3,128 | 0 | 18 | 82 | 462 | 462 |
| Language and Literature | 13,377 | 1 | 30 | 70 | 603 | 550 |
| Library and Archival Sciences | 255 | 0 | 14 | 86 | 572 | 512 |
| Mathematics | 7,984 | 1 | 57 | 43 | 545 | 626 |
| Military Sciences | 5,621 | 1 | 82 | 18 | 513 | 516 |
| Philosophy, Religion, or Theology | 5,793 | 1 | 57 | 43 | 562 | 544 |
| Physical Sciences | 13,995 | 2 | 57 | 43 | 563 | 588 |
| Public Affairs and Services | 25,698 | 3 | 43 | 57 | 462 | 458 |
| Social Sciences and History | 92,860 | 10 | 32 | 68 | 531 | 514 |
| Technical and Vocational | 9,556 | 1 | 68 | 32 | 441 | 450 |
| Undecided | 60,640 | 7 | 52 | 48 | 516 | 528 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Degree-Level Goal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Certificate Program | 11,631 | 1 | 55 | 45 | 441 | 456 |
| Associate's Degree | 13,864 | 1 | 43 | 57 | 417 | 416 |
| Bachelor's Degree | 232,372 | 23 | 50 | 50 | 475 | 481 |
| Master's Degree | 296,595 | 30 | 45 | 55 | 513 | 524 |
| Doctoral or Related Degree | 213,816 | 22 | 38 | 62 | 542 | 552 |
| Other | 5,422 | 1 | 43 | 57 | 441 | 453 |
| Undecided | 216,116 | 22 | 44 | 56 | 514 | 523 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Plans for Advanced Standing in College Courses

| Art | 42,059 | 4 | 36 | 64 | 499 | 502 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Biology | 106,026 | 11 | 40 | 60 | 565 |  |
| Chemistry | 79,471 | 8 | 51 | 49 | 571 | 606 |
| Computer Science | 40,157 | 4 | 74 | 26 | 530 | 567 |
| English | 240,742 | 25 | 37 | 63 | 571 | 568 |
| Foreign Languages | 136,564 | 14 | 36 | 64 | 560 |  |
| Humanities | 23,447 | 2 | 40 | 60 | 569 |  |
| Mathematics | 219,173 | 23 | 50 | 50 | 567 |  |
| Music | 37,778 | 4 | 43 | 57 | 564 |  |
| Physics | 70,259 | 7 | 62 | 38 | 500 | 505 |
| Social Studies | 199,075 | 21 | 45 | 55 | 586 |  |
| None of These | 444,241 | 47 | 45 | 55 | 581 | 582 |




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## Table <br> 7-2

2003 Profile of College-Bound Seniors<br>Score Distributions SAT II: Subject Tests (Continued)<br>TOTAL GROUP

| Score Ranges | Math <br> Math Level IC |  | Math Level IIC |  | Science <br> Biology <br> Number | Percent | Biology-E <br> Number | Percent | Biology-M <br> Number | Percent | Chemistry <br> Number | Percent | Physics <br> Number | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 750-800 | 5,947 | 4 | 21,675 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 1,606 | 5 | 3,791 | 11 | 5,840 | 11 | 5,722 | 19 |
| 700-749 | 21,034 | 12 | 13,651 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 3,115 | 10 | 5,214 | 15 | 6,775 | 12 | 4,677 | 16 |
| 650-699 | 28,446 | 17 | 16,596 | 18 | 30 | 18 | 5,111 | 16 | 6,638 | 19 | 7,833 | 14 | 5,488 | 18 |
| 600-649 | 31,762 | 19 | 16,498 | 18 | 36 | 21 | 6,384 | 20 | 6,769 | 19 | 9,297 | 17 | 5,175 | 17 |
| 550-599 | 26,591 | 16 | 14,381 | 16 | 54 | 32 | 5,723 | 18 | 5,480 | 15 | 9,071 | 17 | 4,172 | 14 |
| 500-549 | 24,358 | 14 | 6,234 | 7 | 20 | 12 | 4,601 | 14 | 3,814 | 11 | 7,534 | 14 | 2,625 | 9 |
| 450-499 | 17,115 | 10 | 2,265 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 3,166 | 10 | 2,369 | 7 | 5,092 | 9 | 1,446 | 5 |
| 400-449 | 8,967 | 5 | 639 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 1,813 | 6 | 1,142 | 3 | 2,314 | 4 | 472 | 2 |
| 350-399 | 4,464 | 3 | 157 | 0 |  |  | 735 | 2 | 480 | 1 | 531 | 1 | 55 | 0 |
| 300-349 | 787 | 0 | 58 | 0 |  |  | 215 | 1 | 125 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 250-299 | 22 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 13 | 0 | 10 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| 200-249 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 169,493 |  | 92,154 |  | 171 |  | 32,482 |  | 35,832 |  | 54,308 |  | 29,833 |  |
| Mean | 590 |  | 662 |  | 593 |  | 588 |  | 621 |  | 610 |  | 650 |  |
| Standard Deviation | 99 |  | 92 |  | 75 |  | 99 |  | 98 |  | 101 |  | 96 |  |
| Percentile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 75th | 670 |  | 740 |  | 650 |  | 660 |  | 700 |  | 690 |  | 720 |  |
| 50th | 600 |  | 660 |  | 580 |  | 590 |  | 630 |  | 610 |  | 650 |  |
| 25th | 520 |  | 590 |  | 550 |  | 520 |  | 560 |  | 530 |  | 580 |  |
| Students Who Also Have SAT I Scores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 164,620 |  | 89,866 |  | 170 |  | 31,375 |  | 34,812 |  | 52,791 |  | 28,813 |  |
| Verbal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mean | 581 |  | 632 |  | 643 |  | 608 |  | 629 |  | 626 |  | 625 |  |
| Standard Deviation | 103 |  | 99 |  | 76 |  | 96 |  | 94 |  | 100 |  | 101 |  |
| L |  |  |  |  | L |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Math |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mean | 606 |  | 684 |  | 668 |  | 629 |  | 654 |  | 672 |  | 692 |  |
| Standard Deviation | 95 |  | 77 |  | 73 |  | 92 |  | 86 |  | 85 |  | 78 |  |

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| Score Ranges | Foreign <br> Chinese w | Classi <br> stening | Language <br> French |  | French with | tening | German |  | German | istening | Modern H |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 750-800 | 3,893 | 74 | 1,733 | 15 | 489 | 20 | 168 | 17 | 178 | 21 | 163 | 19 |
| 700-749 | 583 | 11 | 1,225 | 11 | 316 | 13 | 124 | 13 | 139 | 16 | 82 | 9 |
| 650-699 | 325 | 6 | 1,327 | 12 | 339 | 14 | 97 | 10 | 102 | 12 | 79 | 9 |
| 600-649 | 205 | 4 | 1,522 | 14 | 339 | 14 | 125 | 13 | 83 | 10 | 120 | 14 |
| 550-599 | 121 | 2 | 1,591 | 14 | 318 | 13 | 120 | 12 | 115 | 14 | 97 | 11 |
| 500-549 | 58 | 1 | 1,468 | 13 | 352 | 14 | 113 | 11 | 93 | 11 | 121 | 14 |
| 450-499 | 31 | 1 | 1,283 | 11 | 199 | 8 | 112 | 11 | 79 | 9 | 89 | 10 |
| 400-449 | 12 | 0 | 820 | 7 | 77 | 3 | 87 | 9 | 43 | 5 | 57 | 7 |
| 350-399 | 5 | 0 | 271 | 2 | 24 | 1 | 33 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 29 | 3 |
| 300-349 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 2 |
| 250-299 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |  |  | 9 | 1 |
| 200-249 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 | 0 |
| Number | 5,234 |  | 11,261 |  | 2,457 |  | 991 |  | 848 |  | 866 |  |
| Mean | 756 |  | 604 |  | 630 |  | 601 |  | 628 |  | 599 |  |
| Standard Deviation | 67 |  | 118 |  | 112 |  | 128 |  | 117 |  | 136 |  |
| Percentile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 75th | 800 |  | 700 |  | 730 |  | 720 |  | 740 |  | 710 |  |
| 50th | 790 |  | 600 |  | 630 |  | 600 |  | 640 |  | 600 |  |
| 25th | 740 |  | 510 |  | 540 |  | 500 |  | 540 |  | 500 |  |


| Students Who Also Have SAT I Scores |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number | 5,078 | 10,992 | 2,408 | 948 | 822 | 840 |
| Verbal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mean | 538 | 638 | 631 | 626 | 623 | 628 |
| Standard Deviation | 134 | 96 | 95 | 96 | 94 | 99 |
| Math |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mean | 663 | 639 | 629 | 652 | 635 | 638 |
| Standard Deviation | 92 | 87 | 86 | 87 | 86 | 93 |

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## 2003 Profile of College-Bound Seniors Score Distributions SAT II: Subject Tests (Continued) TOTAL GROUP

| Score <br> Ranges | Foreign and Classical Languages (Continued) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Italian <br> Number | Percent | Japanese with Listening |  | Korean with Listening |  | Latin |  | Spanish |  | Spanish with Listening |  |
|  |  |  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 750-800 | 121 | 22 | 678 | 48 | 1,812 | 64 | 397 | 12 | 5,891 | 21 | 1,458 | 27 |
| 700-749 | 77 | 14 | 160 | 11 | 439 | 16 | 430 | 13 | 3,518 | 13 | 698 | 13 |
| 650-699 | 73 | 13 | 88 | 6 | 211 | 7 | 406 | 12 | 3,218 | 12 | 663 | 12 |
| 600-649 | 72 | 13 | 96 | 7 | 149 | 5 | 456 | 14 | 3,216 | 12 | 565 | 11 |
| 550-599 | 67 | 12 | 85 | 6 | 84 | 3 | 453 | 14 | 3,218 | 12 | 624 | 12 |
| 500-549 | 55 | 10 | 101 | 7 | 65 | 2 | 514 | 16 | 3,021 | 11 | 546 | 10 |
| 450-499 | 43 | 8 | 92 | 7 | 42 | 1 | 416 | 13 | 2,573 | 9 | 371 | 7 |
| 400-449 | 22 | 4 | 67 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 172 | 5 | 1,835 | 7 | 253 | 5 |
| 350-399 | 15 | 3 | 25 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 927 | 3 | 100 | 2 |
| 300-349 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 0 |  |  | 1 | 0 | 320 | 1 | 28 | 1 |
| 250-299 |  |  | 4 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 35 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 200-249 |  |  | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 0 |  |  |
| Number | 552 |  | 1,404 |  | 2,826 |  | 3,265 |  | 27,774 |  | 5,308 |  |
| Mean | 630 |  | 675 |  | 737 |  | 605 |  | 616 |  | 638 |  |
| Standard Deviation | 122 |  | 130 |  | 80 |  | 108 |  | 128 |  | 119 |  |
| Percentile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 75th | 740 |  | 780 |  | 790 |  | 700 |  | 730 |  | 750 |  |
| 50th | 640 |  | 740 |  | 770 |  | 600 |  | 630 |  | 650 |  |
| 25th | 540 |  | 580 |  | 710 |  | 520 |  | 520 |  | 550 |  |

Students Who Also Have SAT I Scores

| Number | 532 | 1,363 | 2,725 | 3,231 | 26,852 | 5,177 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Verbal |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mean | 596 | 552 | 522 | 672 | 575 | 559 |
| Standard Deviation | 93 | 114 | 117 | 85 | 116 | 114 |
| Math |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mean | 603 | 642 | 649 | 671 | 590 | 573 |
| Standard Deviation | 89 | 89 | 93 | 78 | 111 | 109 |

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2003 Profile of College-Bound Seniors
ELPTTM (English Language Proficiency Test ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ )
total group

## Score Distribution

| Score Ranges | Total |  |  | Reading Subscore |  |  | Listening Subscore |  |  | Reading Proficiency |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Ranges | Number | Percent | Ranges | Number | Percent | Ranges | Number | Percent |
| 990-999 | 105 | 4 | 46-50 | 197 | 7 | 46-50 | 231 | 9 | H | 166 | 6 |
| 980-989 | 430 | 16 | 41-45 | 220 | 8 | 41-45 | 589 | 22 | A | 319 | 12 |
| 970-979 | 440 | 16 | 36-40 | 318 | 12 | 36-40 | 471 | 18 | + | 1,041 | 39 |
| 960-969 | 480 | 18 | 31-35 | 397 | 15 | 31-35 | 440 | 16 | I | 871 | 33 |
| 950-959 | 453 | 17 | 26-30 | 475 | 18 | 26-30 | 324 | 12 | L | 274 | 10 |
| 940-949 | 370 | 14 | 21-25 | 396 | 15 | 21-25 | 301 | 11 |  | Listening P | roficiency |
| 930-939 | 234 | 9 | 16-20 | 324 | 12 | 16-20 | 174 | 7 | Ranges | Number | Percent |
| 920-929 | 121 | 5 | 11-15 | 257 | 10 | 11-15 | 90 | 3 | H | 118 | 4 |
| 910-919 | 35 | 1 | 06-10 | 73 | 3 | 06-10 | 27 | 1 | A | 704 | 26 |
| 901-909 | 3 | 0 | 01-05 | 14 | 1 | 01-05 | 24 | 1 | + | 1,141 | 43 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | I | 610 | 23 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | L | 98 | 4 |


| Number | 2,671 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean | 961 | 29 | 33 |
| Standard <br> Deviation | 19 | 11 | 10 |
|  |  |  | 42 |
| Percentile | 976 | 36 | 35 |
| 75 th | 962 | 28 | 26 |
| 50 th | 947 | 20 | 4 |
| 25th |  |  |  |

Students Who Also Have SAT I Scores

| Number | 1,822 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Verbal |  |
| Mean | 406 |
| Standard <br> Deviation | 110 |
| Math | 510 |
| Mean <br> Standard <br> Deviation | 133 |

[^3]| Table |
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| Size of Senior Class | \|SAT I Test Takers |  | Percent |  | SAT I Mean Scores |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Male | Female | Verbal | Math |
| More than 1,000 | 3,684 | 0 | 48 | 52 | 519 | 550 |
| 750-1,000 | 26,472 | 2 | 45 | 55 | 514 | 537 |
| 500-749 | 159,879 | 13 | 46 | 54 | 511 | 527 |
| 250-499 | 518,390 | 41 | 46 | 54 | 509 | 519 |
| 100-249 | 375,843 | 30 | 47 | 53 | 508 | 514 |
| Fewer than 100 | 171,727 | 14 | 46 | 54 | 519 | 521 |
| Unknown | 150,329 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Type of High School |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 1,074,480 | 83 | 45 | 55 | 504 | 516 |
| Religiously Affiliated | 150,939 | 12 | 50 | 50 | 535 | 530 |
| Independent | 68,730 | 5 | 53 | 47 | 550 | 573 |
| Other or Unknown | 112,175 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Location of High School |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Large City | 287,912 | 23 | 46 | 54 | 494 | 506 |
| Medium-size City | 166,838 | 13 | 46 | 54 | 510 | 516 |
| Small City or Town | 226,146 | 18 | 46 | 54 | 507 | 512 |
| Suburban | 436,084 | 35 | 47 | 53 | 527 | 539 |
| Rural | 131,457 | 11 | 46 | 54 | 497 | 501 |
| Unknown | 157,887 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Within U.S. | 1,332,377 | 95 | 46 | 54 | 508 | 515 |
| Outside U.S. | 56,257 | 4 | 50 | 50 | 511 | 589 |
| Unknown | 17,690 | 1 | 55 | 45 | 460 | 577 |

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    A - Advanced

    +     - Intermediate High
    I - Intermediate
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