

College Admission Test Results for Texas Public High School Graduates

Purpose	This report provides the average examination section scores for Texas public high school graduates who took the SAT or ACT college admission tests. It shows the state average scores, as well as the average scores by ethnicity groups and by economically disadvantaged status. Data in this report are at the state level.
Data Source	Data in this report come from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Accountability Research unit who receives data from the College Board and ACT, Inc. The College Board provides TEA with annual examination results for Texas public high school SAT examinees. Similarly, ACT, Inc. provides TEA with annual examination results for Texas public high school ACT examinees. Students may take the SAT and ACT exam more than once, but TEA receives and reports only the results of examinees' most recent examination for each test. For more information on this data and statewide performance results on the SAT and ACT tests, see the TEA Accountability Research annual reports on college admissions testing of graduating seniors in Texas public schools at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/acctres/sat_act_index.html
Data Elements	
ACT Composite Score	The composite score is the average of the scores on the four sections of the examination: English, mathematics, reading, and science.
ACT Examination Sections	The ACT examination consists of four sections: English, mathematics, reading, science, and an optional writing section. Scores on each of the sections range from 1 to 36. Students who complete the optional writing section receive a combined English/writing score on a scale of 1 to 36 and a writing sub score on a scale of 1 to 12.
Economically Disadvantaged	A student is designated as economically disadvantaged if he/she is eligible for free or reduced-price lunch or eligible for other public assistance as defined in the TEA's Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Data Standards.
Race/Ethnicity	For information on race/ethnicity data submissions prior to 2009-10 and submissions beginning 2009-10, see page 15 in College Admissions Testing of Graduating Seniors in Texas High Schools, Class of 2010 (October 2011), PDF (718 KB) on the TEA web site http://www.tea.state.tx.us/acctres/sat_act_index.html
SAT/ACT Examinees	TEA receives scores from the testing companies based on year of high school graduation. Although students other than graduating seniors, primarily high school juniors, may take SAT and ACT examinations, results in this report are