

SAT[®] One-Year Mean Score Changes



This table shows that most changes in mean SAT[®] scores are not unusual. Based on schools in which at least 50 college-bound seniors took the SAT, it shows the percentage of schools whose mean scores rose or fell at least 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 points by the size of their test-taking populations (50–99, 100–299 and 300+ test-takers) and across all schools. Low-volume schools tend to have larger changes. For example, 59 percent of schools with 50–99 test-takers saw their SAT critical reading means rise or fall 10 or more points, well above the 31 percent of schools with 300 or more test-takers.

Percentage of Schools with This Much Score Change

Critical Reading

| Mean Score Change of at Least | Schools with 50–99 Test-Takers | Schools with 100–299 Test-Takers | Schools with 300+ Test-Takers | All Schools |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 10 | 59% | 44% | 31% | 48% |
| 20 | 27% | 13% | 6% | 18% |
| 30 | 11% | 3% | 2% | 6% |
| 40 | 4% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| 50 | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% |

Mathematics

| Mean Score Change of at Least | Schools with 50–99 Test-Takers | Schools with 100–299 Test-Takers | Schools with 300+ Test-Takers | All Schools |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 10 | 60% | 46% | 31% | 49% |
| 20 | 28% | 14% | 6% | 18% |
| 30 | 11% | 4% | 2% | 6% |
| 40 | 4% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| 50 | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% |

Writing

| Mean Score Change of at Least | Schools with 50–99 Test-Takers | Schools with 100–299 Test-Takers | Schools with 300+ Test-Takers | Percentage of All Schools with 50+ Students |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 10 | 58% | 46% | 33% | 49% |
| 20 | 27% | 13% | 7% | 18% |
| 30 | 11% | 3% | 2% | 6% |
| 40 | 3% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| 50 | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% |