Table 3: Mean SAT I Verbal and Math Scores by State, with Changes for Selected Years

(States are listed by percent of high school graduates who took the SAT I*.)
The College Board strongly discourages the comparison or ranking of states on the basis of SAT scores alone.

		2002		2001		1-Year Change		1997		5-Year Change		1992		10-Year Change	
State	Participation Rate 2002*	Mean SAT I Verbal	Mean SAT I Math	Mean SAT I Verbal	Mean SAT I Math	SAT I Verbal	SAT I Math	Mean SAT I Verbal	Mean SAT I Math	SAT I Verbal	SAT I Math	Mean SAT I Verbal	Mean SAT I Math	SAT I Verbal	SAT I Math
Connecticut	83%	509	509	509	510	0	-1	509	507	0	2	506	496	3	13
New Jersey	82%	498	513	499	513	-1	0	497	508	1	5	497	497	1	16
Massachusetts	81%	512	516	511	515	1	1	508	508	4	8	503	499	9	17
New York	79%	494	506	495	505	-1	1	495	502	-1	4	493	492	1	14
D.C.**	76%	480	473	482	474	-2	-1	490	475	-10	-2	478	463	2	10
New Hampshire	73%	519	519	520	516	-1	3	521	518	-2	1	517	508	2	11
Rhode Island	73%	504	503	501	499	3	4	499	493	5	10	498	487	6	16
Pennsylvania	72%	498	500	500	499	-2	1	498	495	0	5	495	487	3	13
Delaware	69%	502	500	501	499	1	1	505	498	-3	2	509	491	-7	9
Maine	69%	503	502	506	500	-3	2	507	504	-4	-2	500	488	3	14
Vermont	69%	512	510	511	506	1	4	508	502	4	8	506	495	6	15
Virginia	68%	510	506	510	501	0	5	506	497	4	9	501	494	9	12
Maryland	67%	507	513	508	510	-1	3	507	507	0	6	507	501	0	12
North Carolina	67%	493	505	493	499	0	6	490	488	3	17	482	479	11	26
Georgia	65%	489	491	491	489	-2	2	486	481	3	10	475	473	14	18
Indiana	62%	498	503	499	501	-1	2	494	497	4	6	486	487	12	16
South Carolina	59%	488	493	486	488	2	5	479	474	9	19	471	467	17	26
Florida	57%	496	499	498	499	-2	0	499	499	-3	0	493	494	3	5
Oregon	56%	524	528	526	526	-2	2	525	524	-1	4	516	510	8	18
Texas	55%	491	500	493	499	-2	1	494	501	-3	-1	487	493	4	7
Washington	54%	525	529	527	527	-2	2	523	523	2	6	509	509	16	20
Hawaii	53%	488	520	486	515	2	5	483	512	5	8	477	502	11	18
Alaska	52%	516	519	514	510	2	9	520	517	-4	2	509	501	7	18
California	52%	496	517	498	517	-2	0	496	514	0	3	492	508	4	9
Arizona	36%	520	523	523	525	-3	-2	523	522	-3	1	516	517	4	6
Nevada	34%	509	518	509	515	0	3	508	509	1	9	511	512	-2	6
Colorado	28%	543	548	539	542	4	6	536	539	7	9	529	528	14	20
Ohio	27%	533	540	534	539	-1	1	535	536	-2	4	527	523	6	17
Montana	23%	541	547	539	539	2	8	545	548	-4	-1	541	542	0	5
Idaho	18%	539	541	543	542	-4	-1	544	539	-5	2	537	526	2	15
West Virginia	18%	525	515	527	512	-2	3	524	508	1	7	518	509	7	6
New Mexico	14%	551	543	551	542	0	1	554	545	-3	-2	550	541	1	2
Tennessee	14%	562	555	562	553	0	2	564	556	-2	-1	559	548	3	7
Kentucky	12%	550	552	550	550	0	2	548	546	2	6	545	538	5	14
Illinois	11%	578	596	576	589	2	7	562	578	16	18	549	555	29	41
Michigan	11%	558	572	561	572	-3	0	557	566	1	6	540	542	18	30
Wyoming	11%	531	537	547	545	-16	-8	543	543	-12	-6	539	537	-8	0
Minnesota	10%	581	591	580	589	1	2	582	592	-1	-1	567	575	14	16
Alabama	9%	560	559	559	554	1	5	561	555	-1	4	551	539	9	20
Kansas	9%	578	580	577	580	1	0	578	575	0	5	562	562	16	18
Louisiana	8%	561	559	564	562	-3	-3	560	553	1	6	547	540	14	19
Missouri	8%	574	580	577	577	-3	3	567	568	7	12	550	547	24	33
Nebraska	8%	561	570	562	568	-1	2	562	564	-1	6	553	557	8	13
Oklahoma	8%	565	562	567	561	-2	1	568	560	-3	2	556	546	9	16
Wisconsin	7%	583	599	584	596	-1	3	579	590	4	9	556	564	27	35
Utah	6%	563	559	575	570	-12	-11	576	570	-13	-11	570	562	-7	-3
Arkansas	5%	560	556	562	550	-2	6	567	558	-7	-2	549	536	11	20
Iowa	5%	591	602	593	603	-2	-1	589	601	2	1	585	595	6	7
South Dakota	5%	576	586	577	582	-1	4	574	570	2	16	565	565	11	21
Mississippi	4%	559	547	566	551	-7	-4	567	551	-8	-4	552	545	7	2
North Dakota	4%	597	610	592	599	5	11	588	595	9	15	576	580	21	30
All Students	46%	504	516	506	514	-2	2	505	511	-1	5	500	501	4	15

* For national and state totals, with the exception of Washington, D.C., the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education projected the total number of high school graduates in 2002.
** To control for D.C.'s smaller size and greater variability, actual self-reported twelfth grade enrollment from D.C.'s public and nonpublic schools was used.