

How can we increase SAT participation in Louisiana?

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Poll



Did you take the ACT or SAT
when you applied to college?

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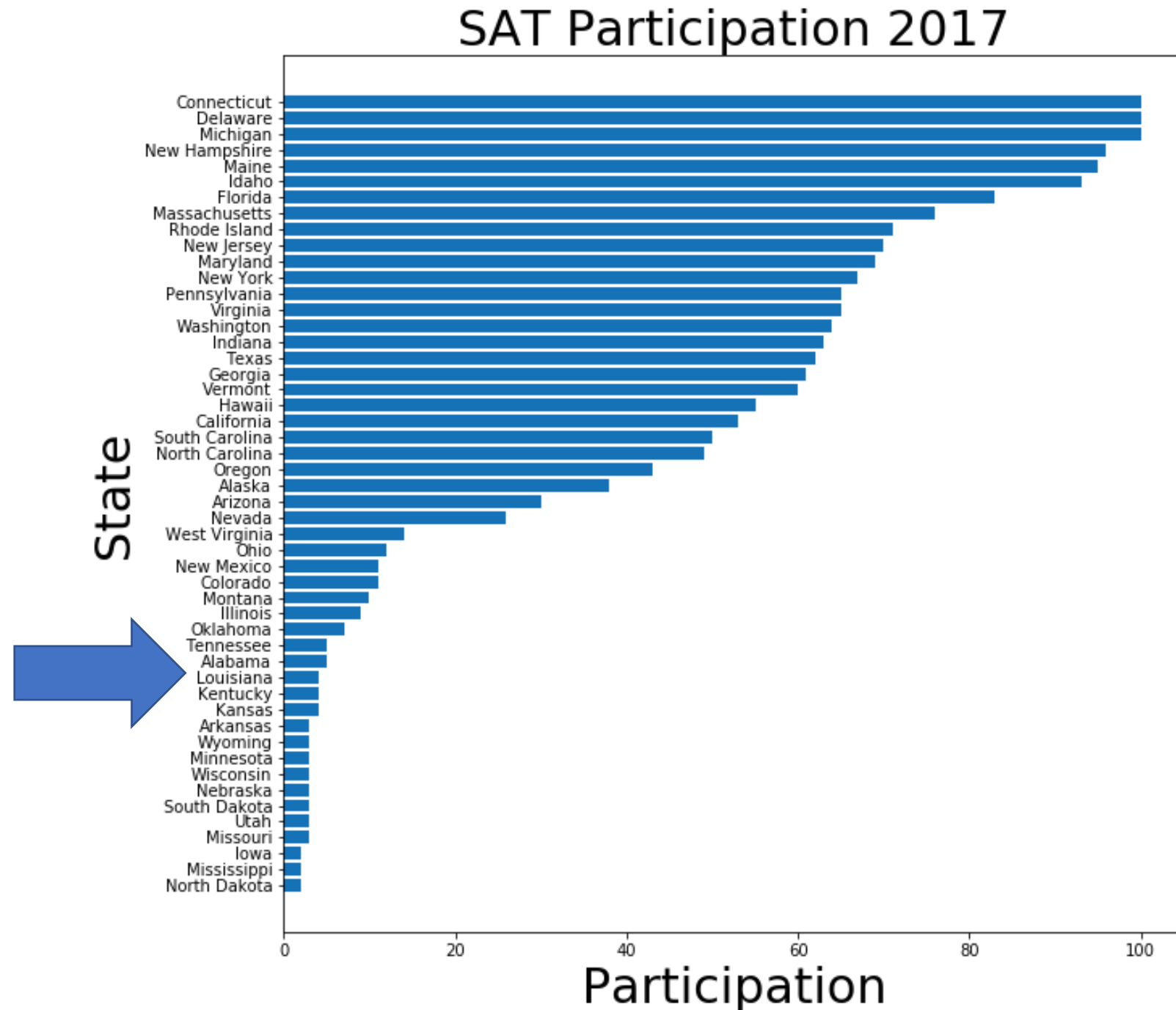
1. ACT (1 finger)
2. SAT (2 fingers)
3. International Test
Equivalent (3 fingers)
4. None (don't put hand
up)

SAT Participation in 2017

Louisiana

4%

14th lowest



Background on Tests

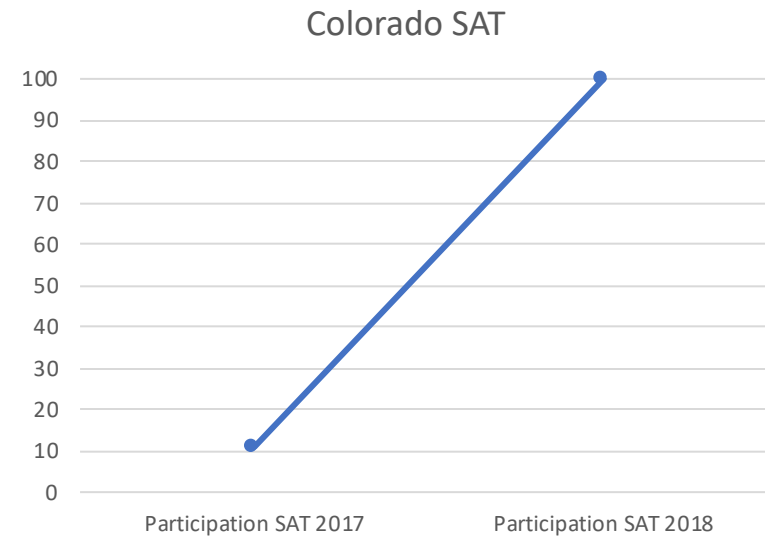
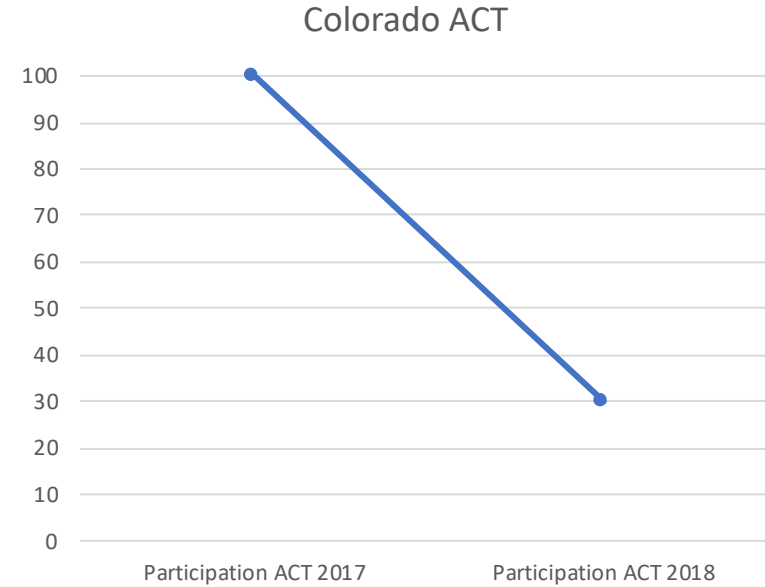
SAT

- 1.64 million test takers in 2016
- Evidence based questions
- Reading, Math no calculator, Math with calculator, Writing
- Optional essay
- 230 minutes
- Average Participation 2017 and 2018: 39% and 45%
- NOT Required in Louisiana

ACT

- 2.09 million test takers in 2016
- Straightforward questions
- English, Math with calculator, Reading, Science
- Optional essay
- 215 minutes
- Average Participation 2017 and 2018: 66% and 62%
- **REQUIRED in Louisiana**

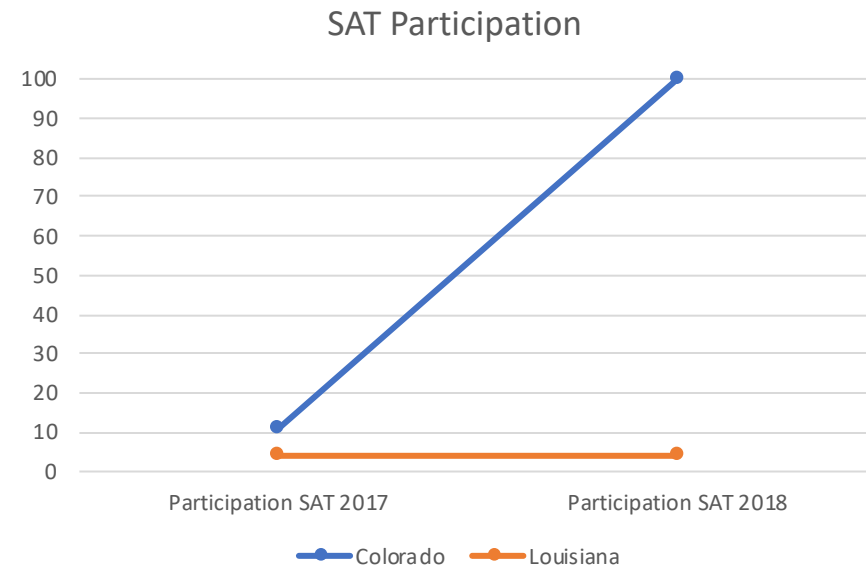
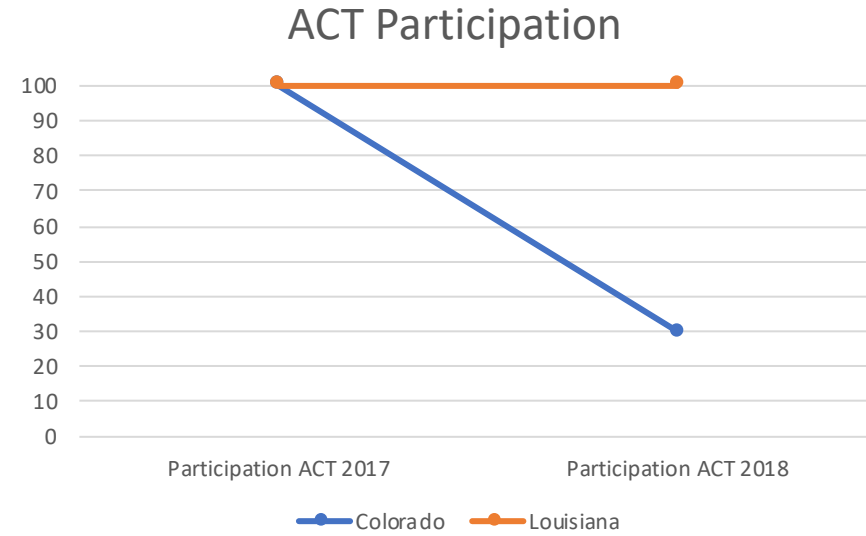
Colorado Changes from ACT to SAT



Why did Colorado have an increase in SAT Participation?

- The state switched in 2017 from ACT to SAT for high school testing of their academic skills
- 70% decrease in ACT Participation
- 89% increase in SAT Participation

State by State Comparison



How can we get more students to take the SAT in Louisiana?

- Needs to make it so students can take the SAT in high school for free (having Louisiana cover the cost)
- Must talk with the government to talk about changing to the SAT
- Give a lower and competitive bid

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