SAT & ACT Analysis

Yu Fung Chern Yi (Evan)

Problem Statement

- Factors influencing participation rates and scores
- Recommendations to increase participation

Dataset



[†] CollegeBoard

2017

SAT Suite of Assessments Annual Report

SAT PSAT/NMSQT PSAT 10 PSAT 8/9

CollegeBoard

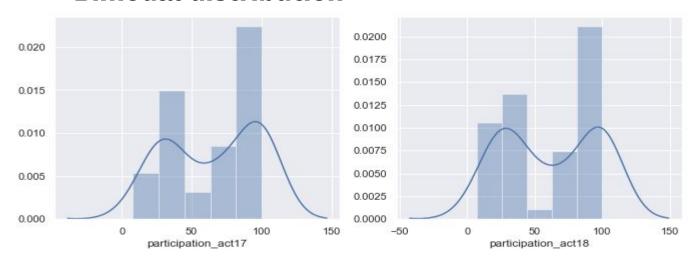
2018

SAT Suite of Assessments Annual Report

SAT PSAT/NMSQT PSAT 10 PSAT 8/9

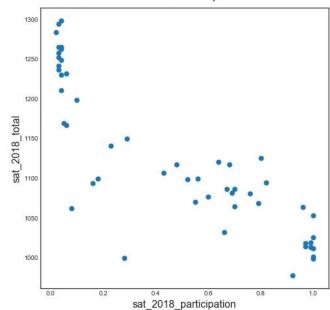
Challenges

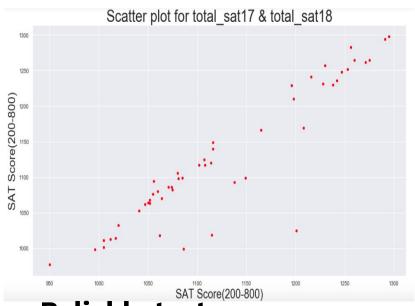
- Dataset limitations
 - Method of collection not random
 - Bimodal distribution



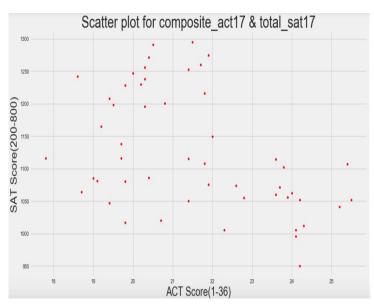
High participation low average score

Scatter Plot of 2018 SAT Participation vs. Total Score





Reliable test



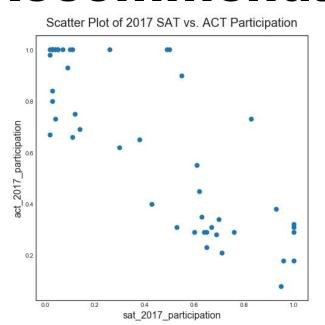
Not related to competitor

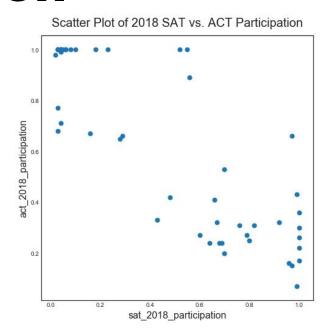
- Better SAT scores to enter colleges in mandated ACT states
- Target efforts to these states

state	participation_act18	participation_sat18
Alabama	100.0	6.0
Kentucky	100.0	4.0
Wisconsin	100.0	3.0
Utah	100.0	4.0
Tennessee	100.0	6.0

Low SAT/ACT participation rates

state	sat_2018_participation	act_2018_participation
Alaska	0.43	0.33
Oregon	0.48	0.42





- Free and accessible test prep materials
- Make SAT preferred test partner