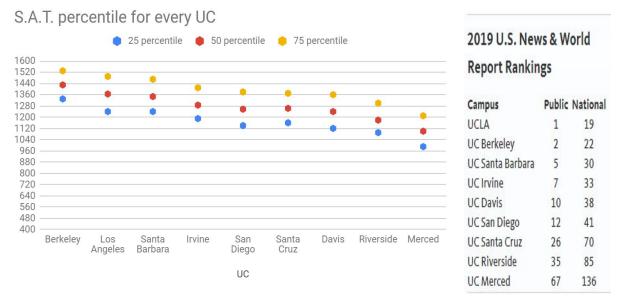
U.C. ranks vs. U.C. S.A.T. percentiles

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What does this mean?

Higher SAT percentiles should mean a smarter student body and therefore a better school, yet that doesn't seem to correlate with the rankings. The main reason for this difference is likely due to sports as sports is the main reason people with low SAT scores can get into schools like UCLA and lower the average SAT score for that school. It could also mean that some schools don't care about SAT scores, possibly UC Davis: they have lower SAT percentiles than San Diego and Santa Cruz yet they are ranked well above them.

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