SAT Participation Rates

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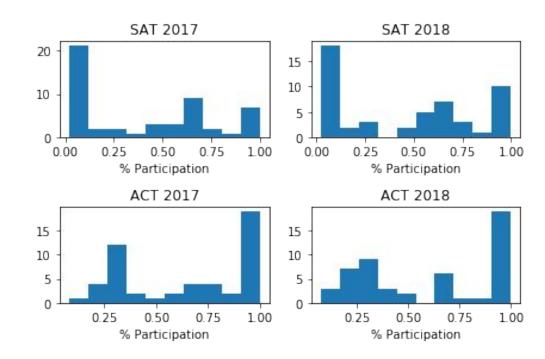
Summary

Analyzed SAT and ACT data from 2017 and 2018 to look for trends with the goal of increasing participation rates for the SAT.

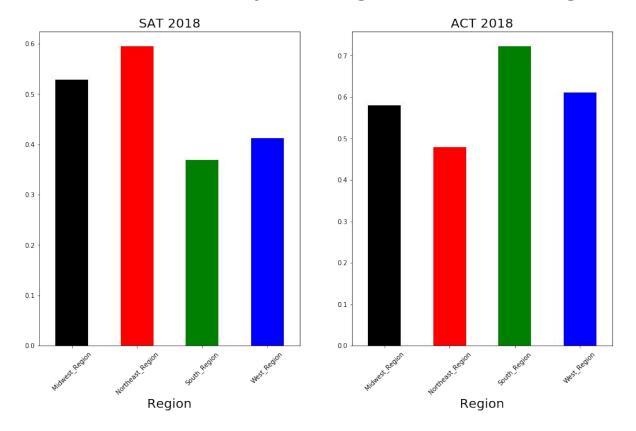
SAT vs. ACT Participation Rates

 SAT has more states with participation rates below 25% than the ACT.

Goal: Increase participation vs. ACT.



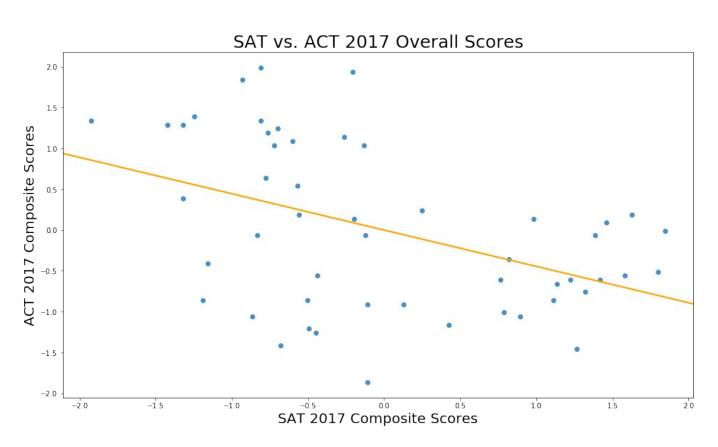
Participation by Geographical Region



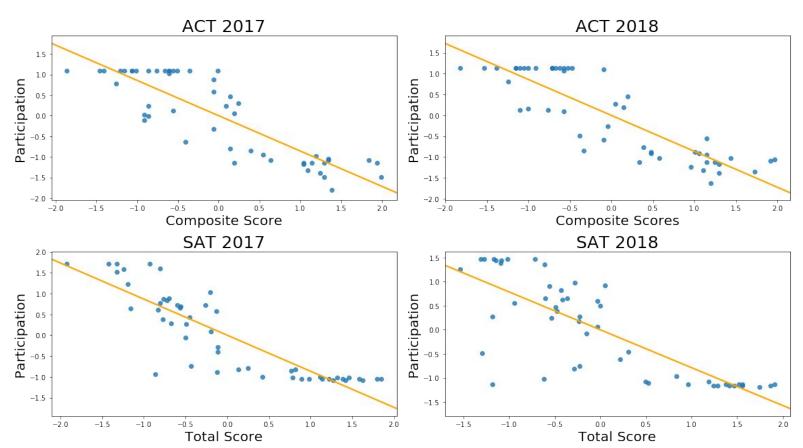
Where to Focus?

state	participation_sat_2017	participation_sat_2018	participation_act_2017	participation_act_2018
lowa	0.02	0.03	0.67	0.68
Mississippi	0.02	0.03	1.00	1.00
North Dakota	0.02	0.02	0.98	0.98
Wyoming	0.03	0.03	1.00	1.00
Arkansas	0.03	0.05	1.00	1.00

Not All Tests are the Same!



Potential Concern



Conclusion

- College Board should focus on increasing participation in states that have a low SAT participation rate that also have the ACT as mandatory.
- SAT and ACT scores are negatively correlated.
- The south is a great opportunity for growth.
- Keep in mind, that participation rates are inversely related to test scores for both SAT and ACT.

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