

COLLEGE READINESS OF CALIFORNIA'S LOW INCOME STUDENTS

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

This project examines the performance of California high school students on college entrance exams to identify specific schools that could benefit from additional resources. Moreover, this project identifies a few trends that may be generalizable to other states and/or schools not surveyed.

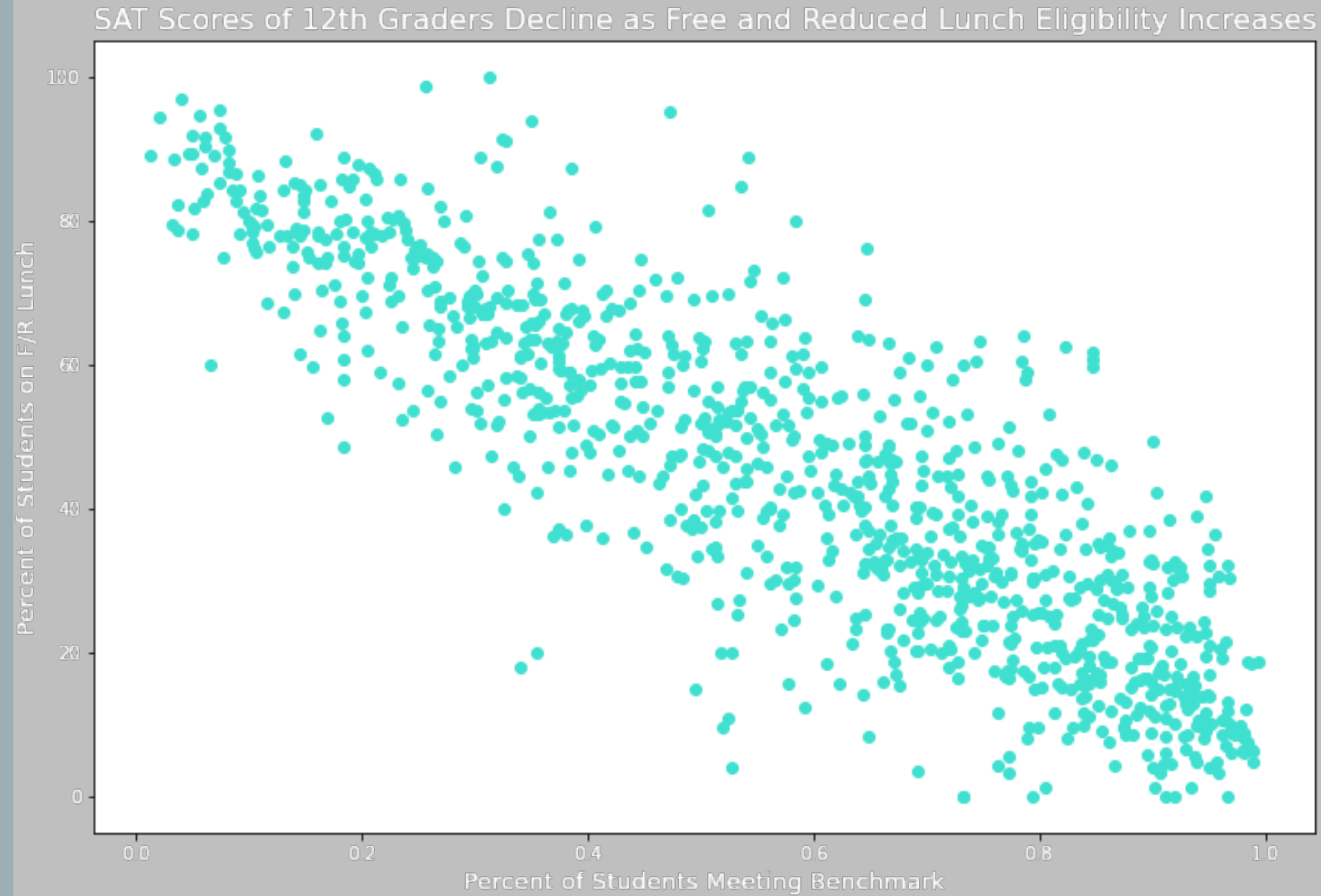
HOW ARE CA STUDENTS DOING?

SAT Stats from 2019

- California's average SAT score was **1065**
- National average was **1113**
- California's participation rate in the SAT was **63%**
- National participation rate was **49%**

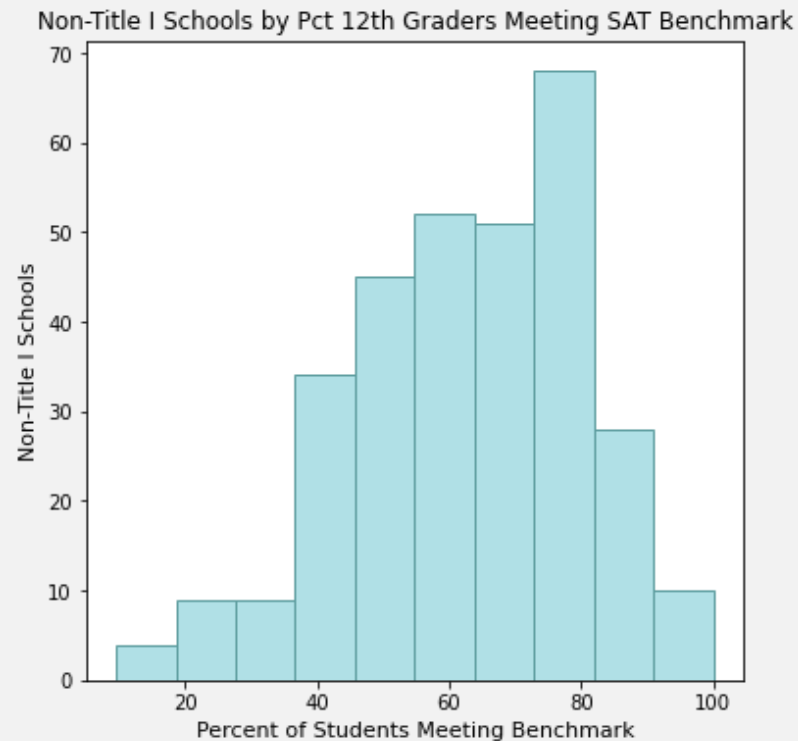
WHAT ABOUT LOW-INCOME STUDENTS?

Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch are much less likely to get a good SAT score than their wealthier peers.

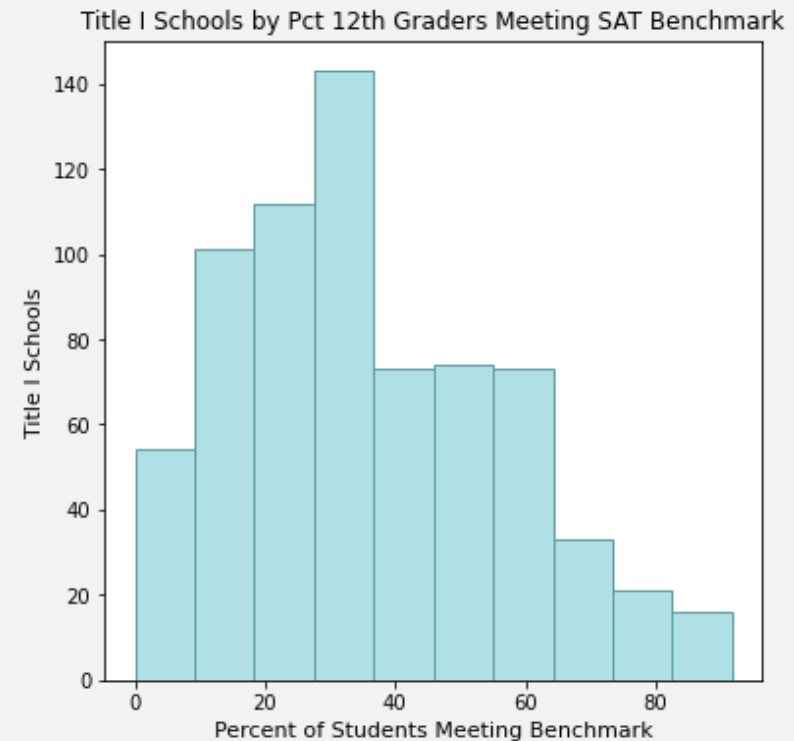


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CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- California students in poverty are less successful on college admissions exams than their wealthier peers
- Other states should examine the college readiness of their poorest schools
- We must invest in these students if we want to see them go to college and break out of cyclical poverty