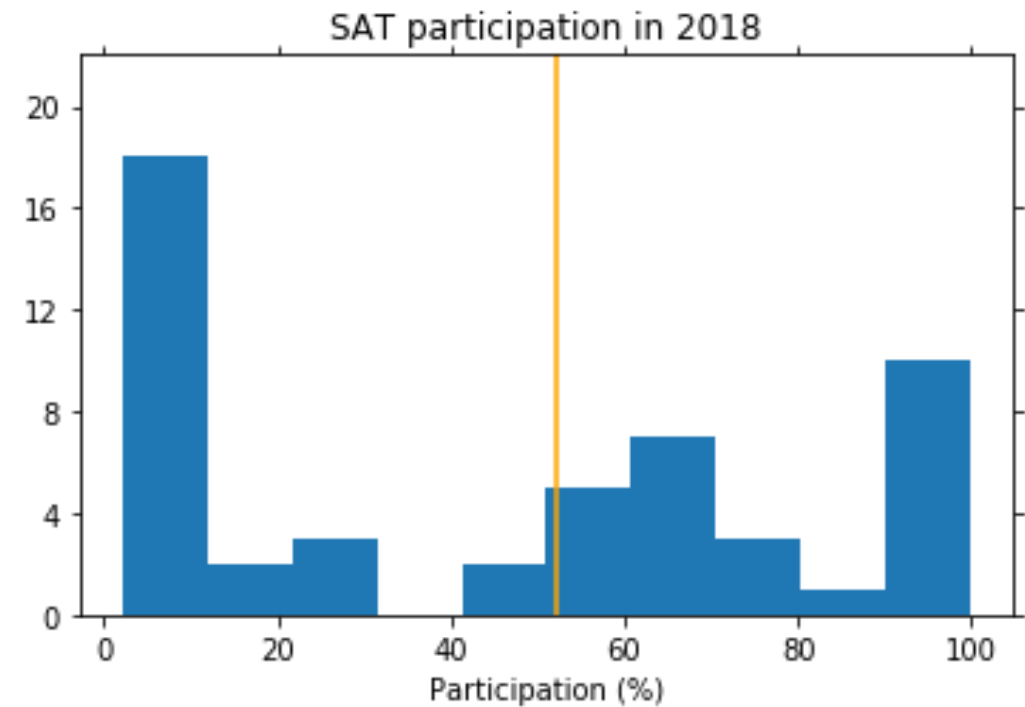
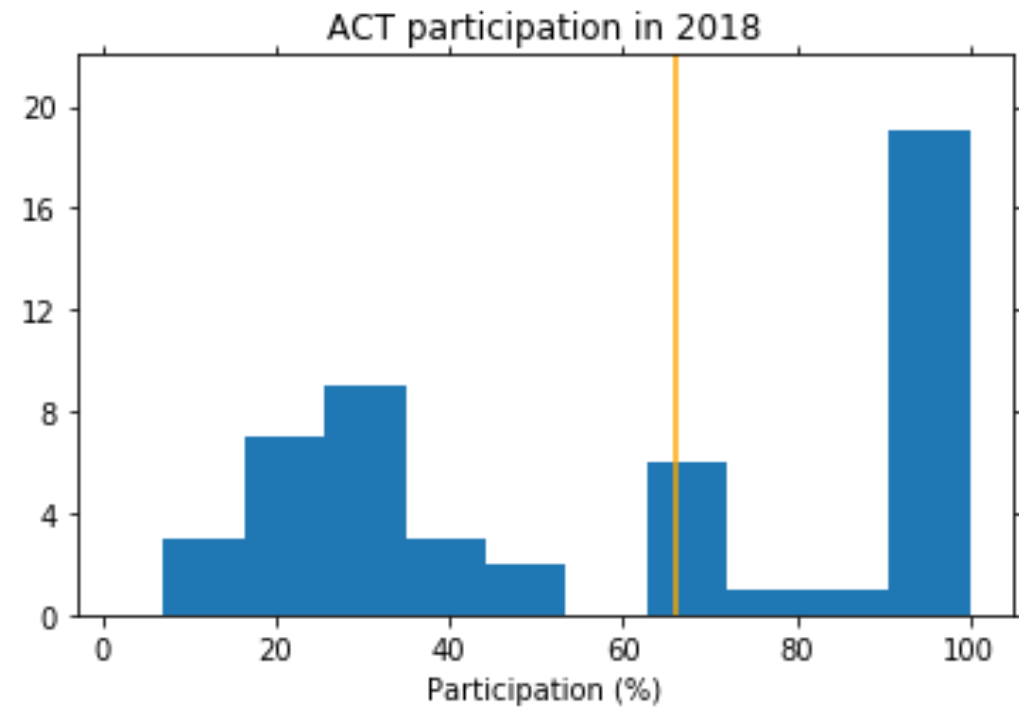
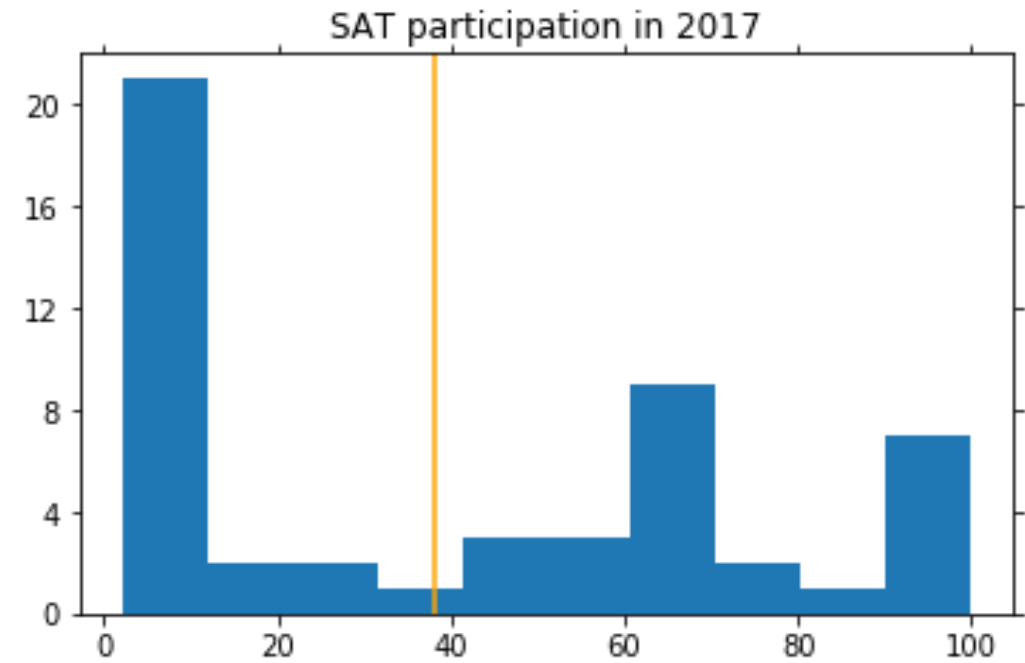
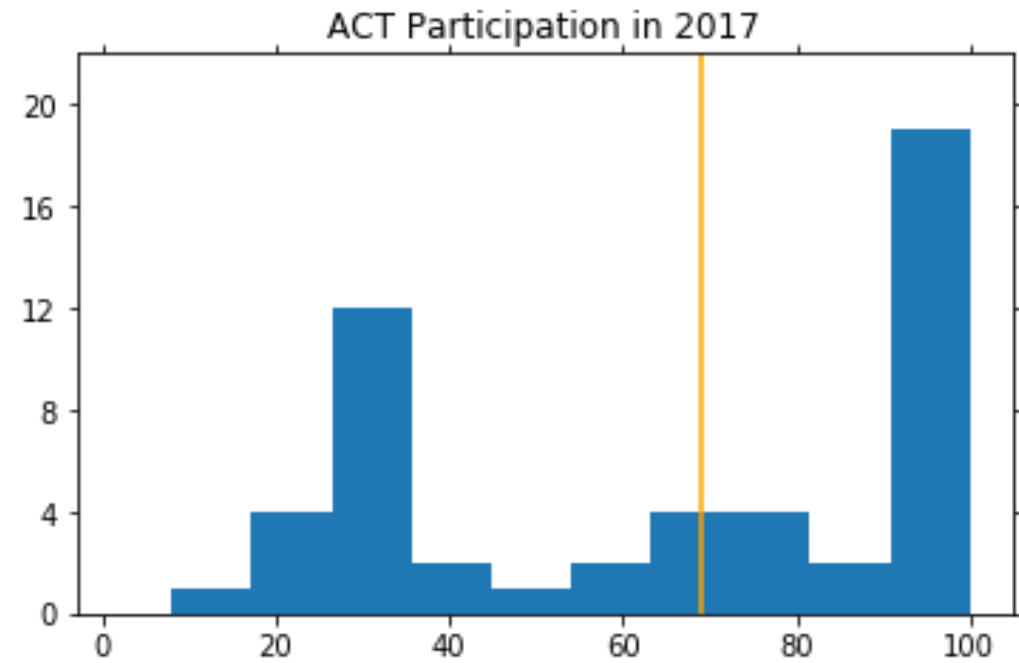


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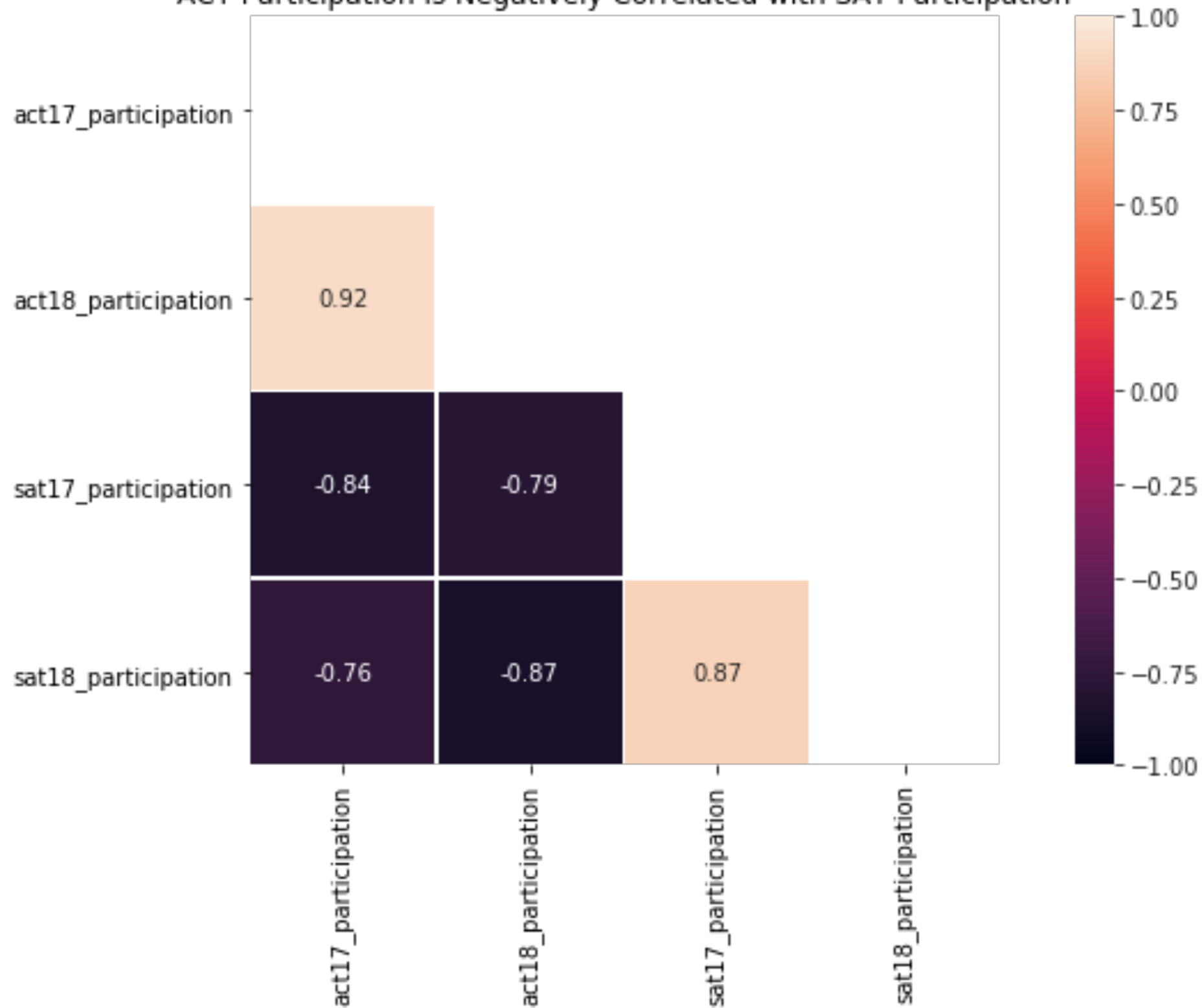
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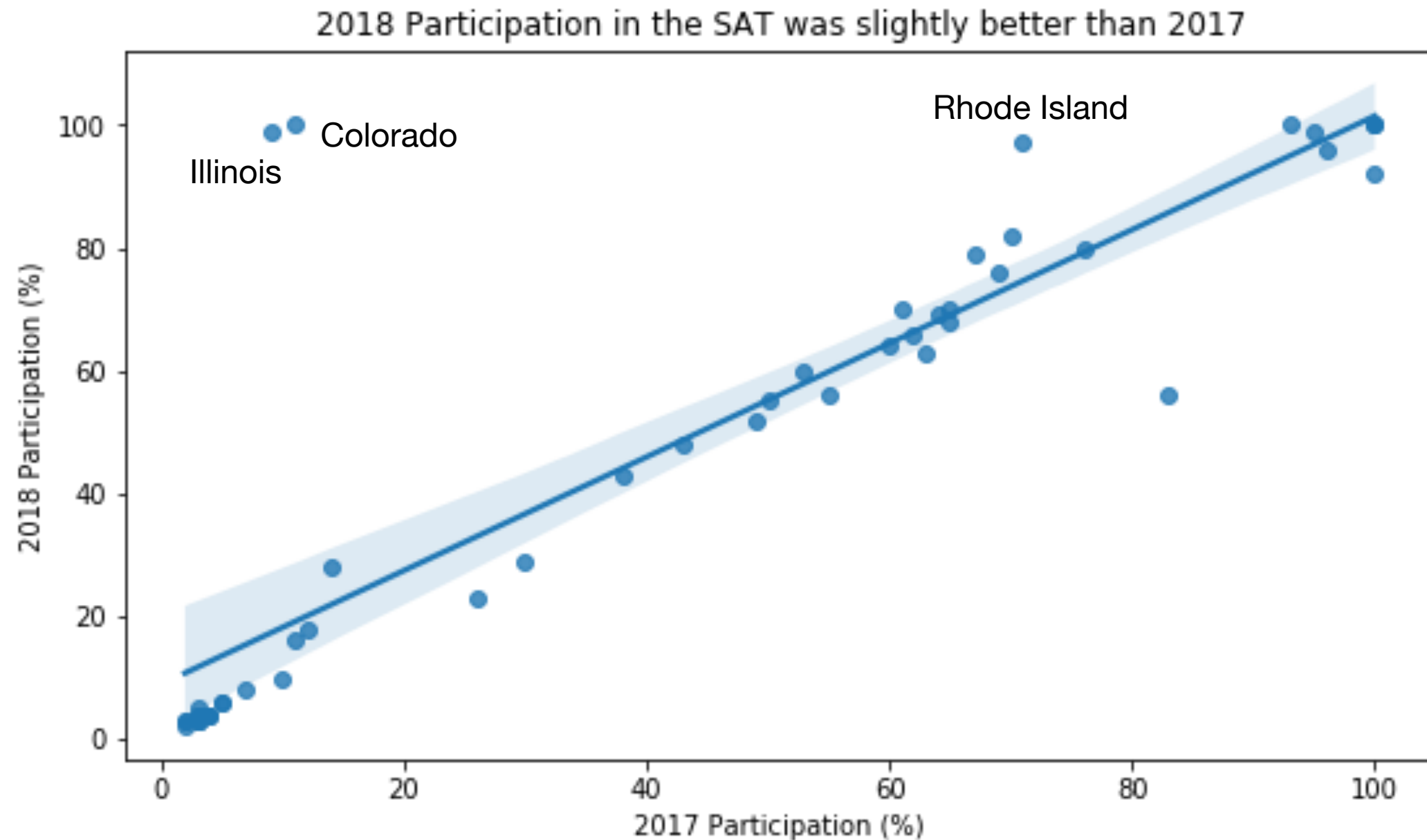
SAT has Lower Participation than the ACT

Most States Prefer the ACT Over the SAT



ACT Participation is Negatively Correlated with SAT Participation





- Participation levels did not change for most states
- Exceptions: Illinois, Colorado, and Rhode Island saw a massive change in SAT participation levels. Why?

Deep Dive

- It turns out that College Board successfully negotiated contracts with all three of these states to make the SAT mandatory and free for high school students.
- High school juniors are required to take the SAT as of:
 - 2016-2017, in Colorado
 - 2016-2017, in Illinois
 - 2017-2018, in Rhode Island
- Recommendation: negotiate contracts with states to make your test mandatory in high school.

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Some Final Thoughts

- The test data wasn't as useful as I thought it would be
- Test scores were not useful in revealing possible solutions to increasing participation
- Recommendations were not as data-driven as I would like them to be. They are based on what happened to a few outliers.
- The data helped me identify outlier cases, but did not provide much insight beyond that.