

# A Brief Survey of Standardized Testing For US College Admissions

Based on SAT and ACT testing data from 2017-2019

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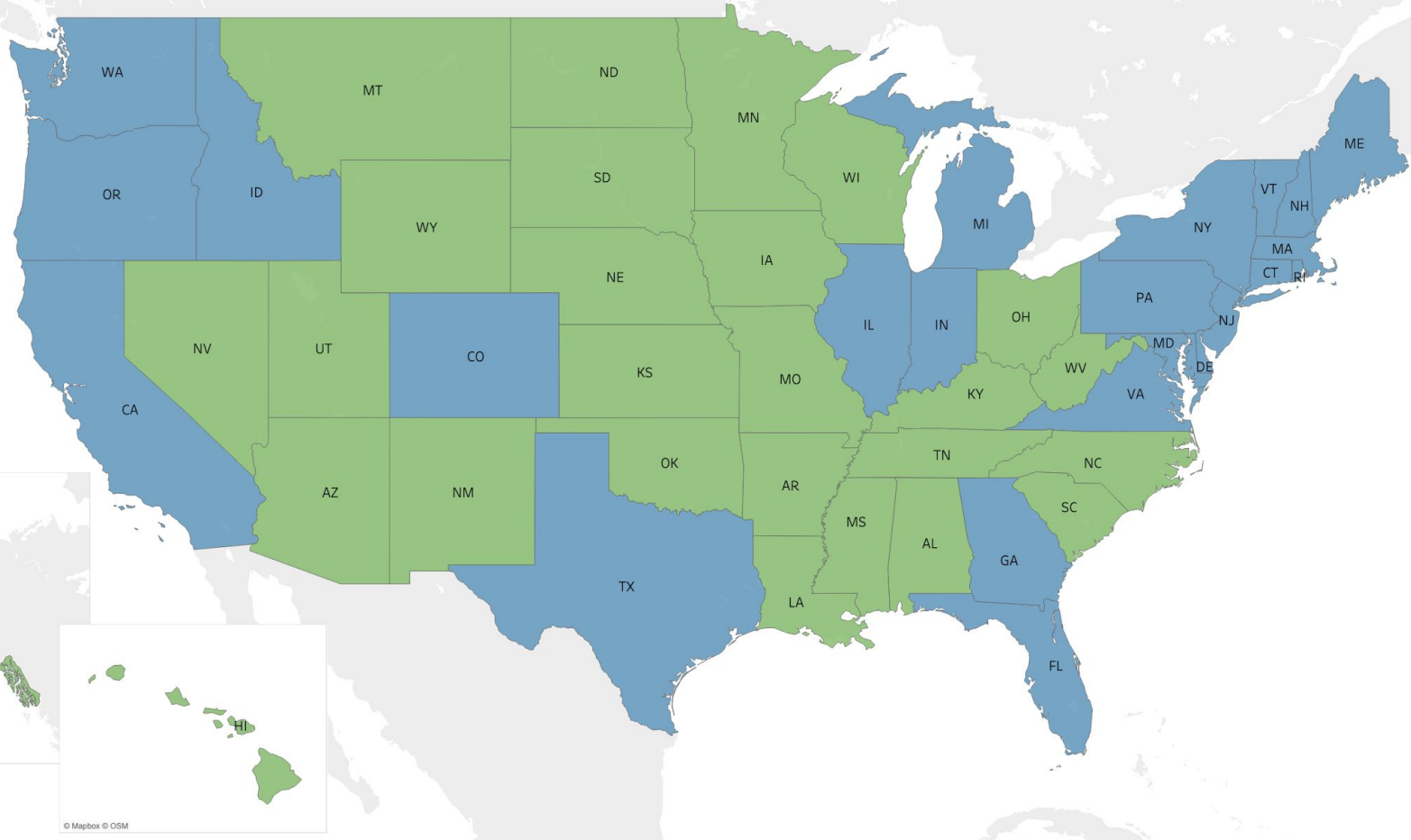
**Average scores and participation rates by state**

# ACT and SAT Participation by State

Participation Rates  
(3 Year Average)

■ ACT

■ SAT



# States with 100% Participation from High School Seniors

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Legend:

- Green: States with 100% participation from high school seniors.
- Blue: States with 100% participation from high school seniors (MI, CT, DE).
- Light Blue: States with no data.

States with 100% participation (Green): MT, WY, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM, OK, AR, MS, AL, LA, TN, KY, NC, and HI.

States with 100% participation (Blue): MI, CT, and DE.

States with no data (Light Blue): WA, OR, ID, CA, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM, TX, ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO, IL, IN, OH, WV, VA, PA, NY, VT, NH, ME, MA, NJ, and FL.

Alaska (AK) is also shown in green.

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■ ACT  
■ SAT

■ ACT

■ SAT

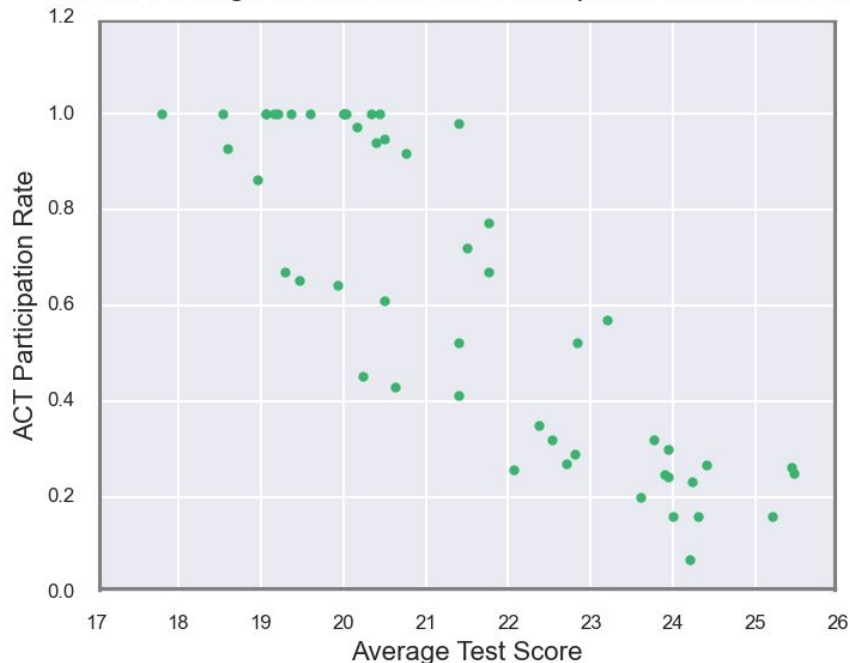
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# Participation Rates and Average Test Scores

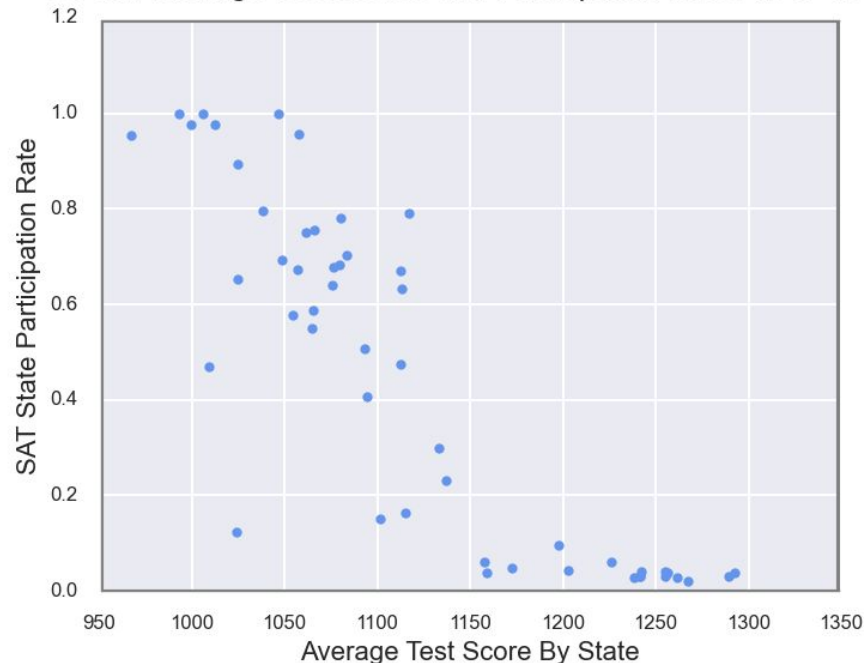
## ACT

US ACT Average Test Scores and Participation Rates 2017-2019



## SAT

US SAT Average Test Scores and Participation Rates 2017-2019



# ACT

Schools with  
100%  
participation

STATE	Participation %	Avg. Score
Alabama	99.9	20.1
Arkansas	99.9	19.8
Kentucky	99.9	20.2
Louisiana	99.9	19.9
Mississippi	99.9	19.7
Montana	99.9	20.3
Nebraska	99.9	20.0
Nevada	99.9	19.6
North Carolina	99.9	20.1
Ohio	99.9	20.2
Oklahoma	99.9	19.8
Tennessee	99.9	19.9
Utah	99.9	20.0
Wisconsin	99.9	20.1
Wyoming	99.9	20.2
North Dakota	99.9	20.3
Minnesota	99.9	20.0
Missouri	99.9	19.9
Hawaii	99.9	20.1
South Carolina	99.9	19.8
South Dakota	99.9	20.2
Arizona	99.9	19.7
Kansas	99.9	19.9
Iowa	99.9	20.0
New Mexico	99.9	19.8
Florida	99.9	19.9
Georgia	99.9	20.1
West Virginia	99.9	19.7
Oregon	99.9	20.2
Texas	99.9	19.8
Alaska	99.9	19.9
Illinois	99.9	20.0
District of Columbia	99.9	20.1
Idaho	99.9	20.2
Indiana	99.9	19.8
Maryland	99.9	19.9
Colorado	99.9	20.0
New Jersey	99.9	20.1
Washington	99.9	19.8
California	99.9	19.9
Connecticut	99.9	20.2
New York	99.9	20.0
Massachusetts	99.9	20.1
Virginia	99.9	19.8
Vermont	99.9	20.3
Michigan	99.9	20.0
Pennsylvania	99.9	19.9
New Hampshire	99.9	20.1
Delaware	99.9	20.2
Rhode Island	99.9	19.8
Maine	99.9	20.3

# ACT

# SAT

## STATE

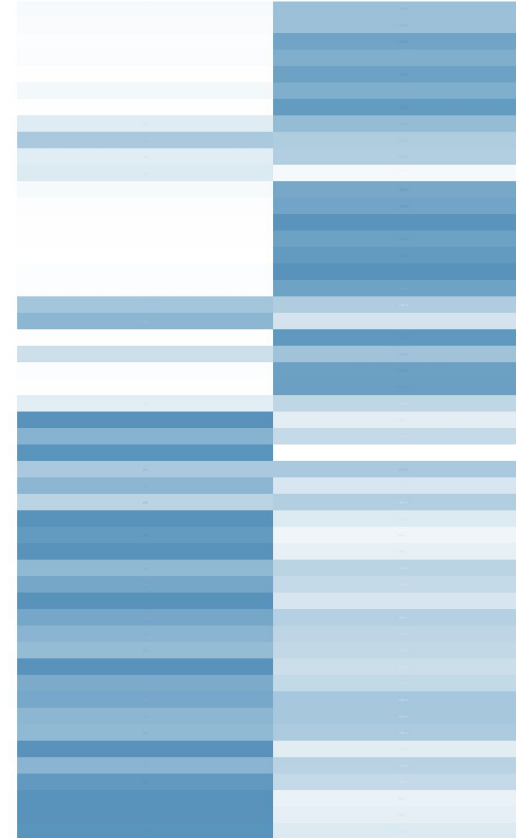
## Participation %

## Avg. Score

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Alabama  
Arkansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Mississippi  
Montana  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
North Carolina  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Tennessee  
Utah  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming  
North Dakota  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Hawaii  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Arizona  
Kansas  
Iowa  
New Mexico  
Florida  
Georgia  
West Virginia  
Oregon  
Texas  
Alaska  
Illinois  
District of Columbia  
Idaho  
Indiana  
Maryland  
Colorado  
New Jersey  
Washington  
California  
**Connecticut**  
New York  
Massachusetts  
Virginia  
Vermont  
**Michigan**  
Pennsylvania  
New Hampshire  
**Delaware**  
Rhode Island  
Maine



Schools with  
100%  
participation

## Conclusions and Recommendations

1. SAT and ACT share the space
2. Average Scores can be deceptive due to low participation rates
3. More Research and Analysis