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College Admissions Testing Results for Graduating Seniors in Texas and the United States, Class of 2022

This report presents SAT and ACT examination participation and performance data for graduating seniors in Texas and the United States in public and nonpublic schools combined. College admissions examination results are used by some colleges and universities to make admissions decisions and to place students in appropriate freshman courses. In Texas, moreover, results for public school students are used in the public school accountability system in evaluating the performance of districts and campuses in the assignment of rating labels and in awarding distinction designations, which recognize school districts and campuses for outstanding achievement in specified academic areas (Texas Education Agency [TEA], 2022; Texas Education Code [TEC] Chapter 39, Subchapter G, 2022). In addition, results are used in determining eligibility for student exemptions from Texas Success Initiative assessment requirements, in substituting for certain end-of-course assessments to meet graduation requirements, and in awarding College, Career, and Military Readiness Outcomes Bonuses to districts (Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code §101.4002, 2023, amended to be effective August 9, 2022; TEC §§39.025 and 48.110, 2022).

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the College Board offered the SAT in schools in fall 2020 to replace canceled SAT school day administrations in spring 2020. The College Board also offered a new weekend SAT administration in September (College Board, 2020). ACT, Inc., added three weekend ACT administrations to its fall 2020 testing schedule, increased school-day testing, and instituted pop-up testing sites (ACT, Inc., 2021). In the 2021-22 school year, ACT, Inc., and the College Board each offered the sam

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June 23, 2023). In March 2016, the College Board began administering a redesigned version of the SAT. Results reported by the College Board and presented in this report for class of 2016 graduates include only students who took the previous version of the SAT. In Texas, only a small percentage of class of 2016 graduating seniors took the redesigned SAT. Beginning with class of 2017 graduates, results reported by the College Board and presented in this report include only students who took the redesigned SAT. The majority of graduates in Texas since the class of 2017 have taken the redesigned SAT.

For additional information about SAT and ACT examinations and results reported by the TEA Division of Research and Analysis, including definitions of terms and explanations of calculations, please see College Admissions Testing General Information, Class of 2022 (TEA, forthcoming-a) and College Admissions Testing Glossary of Terms, Class of 2022 (TEA, forthcoming-b). SAT and ACT participation and performance results for Texas public schools are presented in the report College Admissions Testing Results for Graduating Seniors in Texas Public Schools, Class of 2022 (TEA, forthcoming-c).

SAT and ACT Performance in Texas and the United States

The average SAT total score for Texas public and nonpublic high school examinees in the class of 2022

Table 3 (continued)
SAT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2017 Through Class of 2022

Group	Average Texas ERW score	Average U.S. ERW score	Average Texas math score	Average U.S. math score	Average Texas total score	Average U.S. total score
Female	508	535	491	519	999	1054
Male	502	530	505	537	1007	

Table 4
ACT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2012 Through

Table 4 (continued)
ACT Performance, by Race/Ethnicity and Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2012 Through Class of 2022

Group	Average Texas English score	Average

SAT and ACT Examinee Populations in Texas and the United States

In Texas, 43.9 percent of SAT examinees in the class of 2022 were Hispanic, 29.0 percent were

Table 8
ACT Examinee Population, by Gender, Texas and the United States, Class of 2012 Through Class of 2022

Class	Texas examinees	U.S. examinees	Texas female examinees (%)	U.S. female examinees (%)	Texas male examinees (%)	U.S. male examinees (%)

Table 9
SAT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2022

State	Participation rate (%)	Average ERW score	Average math score	Average total score
Mississippi	1	623	602	1226
North Dakota	1	610	603	1212
Arkansas	2	610	581	1191
Kansas	2	621	617	1238
Kentucky	2	618	600	1219
Nebraska	2	613	609	1222
South Dakota	2	608	611	1219
Utah	2	618	615	1233
Wisconsin	2	622	629	

Table 9 (continued)
SAT Participation and Performance, by State, Class of 2022

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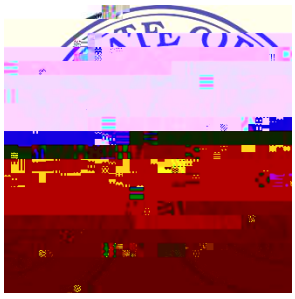

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