

## What is a “good” score? (SAT/ACT)<sup>1</sup>

The value of an SAT or ACT score depends on the school a student wishes to attend.<sup>2</sup> The table below shows average scores for the nation as well as acceptance scores for a sample of colleges<sup>3,4</sup>.

<p><b>Average SAT Scores (2013)</b>            Critical reading: 496            Mathematics: 514            Writing: 488  <a href="http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/sat-reasoning/scores/averages">http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/sat-reasoning/scores/averages</a></p>	<p><b>Average ACT Scores (2013)</b>            Composite 20.9            English 20.2            Math 20.9            Reading 21.1            Science 20.7  <a href="http://www.act.org/newsroom/data/2013/states.html">http://www.act.org/newsroom/data/2013/states.html</a></p>
<p><b>Hofstra University Admissions Data (2012)</b>            SAT Critical Reading: 530 / 620            SAT Math: 550 / 630            SAT Writing: - / -  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/hofstra-university.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/hofstra-university.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Hofstra University Admissions Data (2012)</b>            ACT Composite: 23 / 27            ACT English: - / -            ACT Math: - / -  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/hofstra-university.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/hofstra-university.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Stony Brook University Admissions Data (2012)</b>            SAT Critical Reading: 530 / 640            SAT Math: 600 / 700            SAT Writing: 530 / 640  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/stony-brook.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/stony-brook.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Stony Brook University Admissions Data (2012)</b>            ACT Composite: 25 / 29            ACT English: 24 / 30            ACT Math: 26 / 30            ACT Writing: 7 / 8  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/stony-brook.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/stony-brook.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Fordham University Admissions Data (2012)</b>            SAT Critical Reading: 570 / 670            SAT Math: 590 / 680            SAT Writing: 580 / 680  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/fordham-university.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/fordham-university.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Fordham University Admissions Data (2012)</b>            ACT Composite: 26 / 30            ACT English: 26 / 32            ACT Math: 25 / 30            ACT Writing: 8 / 9  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/fordham-university.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/fordham-university.htm</a></p>
<p><b>NYU Admissions Data (2013)</b>            SAT Critical Reading: 620 / 720            SAT Math: 630 / 740            SAT Writing: 640 / 730  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/NYU.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/NYU.htm</a></p>	<p><b>NYU Admissions Data (2013)</b>            ACT Composite: 28 / 32            ACT English: - / -            ACT Math: - / -  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/NYU.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/NYU.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Columbia Admissions Data (2012)</b>            SAT Critical Reading: 700 / 780            SAT Math: 700 / 790            SAT Writing: 700 / 790  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/Columbia_profil.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/Columbia_profil.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Columbia Admissions Data (2012)</b>            ACT Composite: 32 / 35            ACT English: 33 / 35            ACT Math: 32 / 35            ACT Writing: 8 / 10  <a href="http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/Columbia_profil.htm">http://collegeapps.about.com/od/collegeprofiles/p/Columbia_profil.htm</a></p>

<sup>1</sup> GPA is the most important component of most college admissions followed by SAT/ACT scores. Also important are extracurricular activities and entrance essays. Schools generally consider the “whole package” presented by the student in determining acceptance.

<sup>2</sup> Scholarships are also an important consideration when assessing an SAT or ACT score. Check with your school’s guidance office regarding scholarship requirements.

<sup>3</sup> The lower number is for the 25th percentile of students who enrolled in (not just applied to) the college. For example,, 25% of enrolled students at Hofstra received a critical reading score of 530 or lower. The upper number is for the 75th percentile of students who enrolled in the college. For the same example, 75% of enrolled students got a critical reading score of 620 or lower (looked at another way, 25% of students got above a 620).

<sup>4</sup> All following SAT scores pertain to the old (pre-2016) format SAT.