

SAT Reasoning Test 2015 College-Bound Seniors

Overview

The SAT results in this report present data for 2015 seniors who participated in the SAT testing program at any time during their high school years. The SAT Reasoning Test measures students' skills in critical reading (formerly called "verbal"), mathematics, and writing. The writing section was added to the test in March 2005 and scores were first reported for the class of 2006. These tests, with a score range from 200 to 800, are designed to help colleges and universities identify students for admission and to plan their educational programs to meet the needs of their incoming students.

Number and Percent of Senior Class Taking SAT Reasoning Test

Class of	# Taking SAT I	% of Senior Class
2015	2,716	61%
2014	2,652	63%
2013	2,735	65%
2012	2,802	66%
2011	2,838	67%
2010	2,661	63%
2009	2,594	58%
2008	2,697	64%
2007	2,760	67%
2006	2,437	62%
2005	2,581	66%
2004	2,324	63%
2003	2,373	65%
2002	2,216	56%

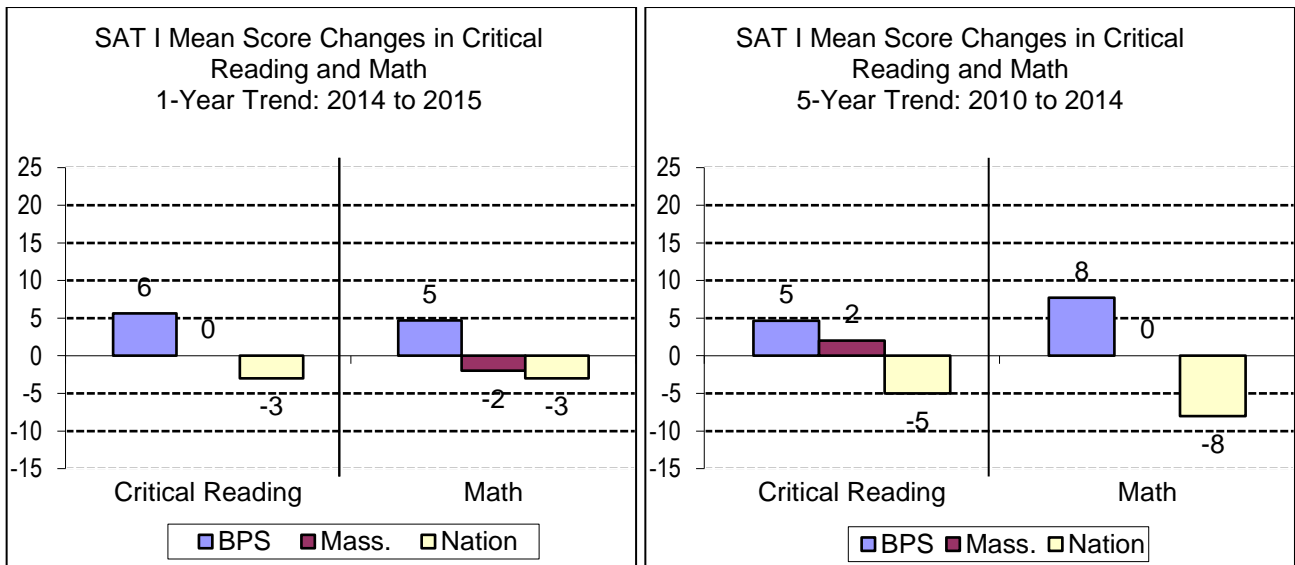
Source: College Board for number taking test, BPS Information Services—Student Records Department—for grade 12 enrollments.

Mean Scores of SAT Reasoning Test Over Time

Class of	Critical Reading			Mathematics			Writing		
	BPS	Mass.	Nation	BPS	Mass.	Nation	BPS	Mass.	Nation
2015	437	507	489	469	521	498	434	497	475
2014	431	507	492	464	523	501	430	498	478
2013	430	506	491	463	521	503	429	500	480
2012	428	506	491	460	523	505	424	500	481
2011	432	505	494	461	521	506	427	500	483
2010	436	508	498	464	524	511	432	504	488
2009	432	508	496	458	522	510	431	504	487
2008	438	507	497	457	520	510	436	505	488
2007	432	505	498	449	516	509	430	501	488
2006	435	506	500	452	518	514	431	502	492
2005	432	513	505	455	522	515	—	—	—
2004	431	511	505	445	519	515	—	—	—
2003	434	509	504	453	518	516	—	—	—
2002	425	504	500	444	510	512	—	—	—

Note: BPS 2008 mean scores were calculated as weighted means and may be slightly different from the College Board release due to rounding. Writing mean scores were first reported in 2006. Mean scores for Massachusetts and the nation in this table have been updated to reflect only the results from public schools. In reports prior to 2008 the state and national mean scores included non-public schools.

One- And Five-Year Trends



- One-year trend: BPS mean scores increased substantially in both critical reading and math. While BPS experienced tremendous gains, the state and national scores plateaued and dropped for reading and math over the past year. In critical reading, the BPS mean score increased from 431 to 437 between 2014 and 2015. In math, the BPS mean score increased from 464 to 469 in the same period.
- The BPS average score in writing also increased, from 430 to 434, while the scores decreased at both the state and national levels.
- Five-year trend: BPS mean critical reading scores increased by five points from 432 in 2011 to 437 in 2014. Students at the state level only experienced a 2-point gain in critical reading and experienced no gain in math. Nationally, there was a 5 point decrease in the average score for critical reading and an 8 point decrease in math. In Math, the BPS score increased by an astounding 8 points, which starkly contrasts the declines seen at the state and national trends.

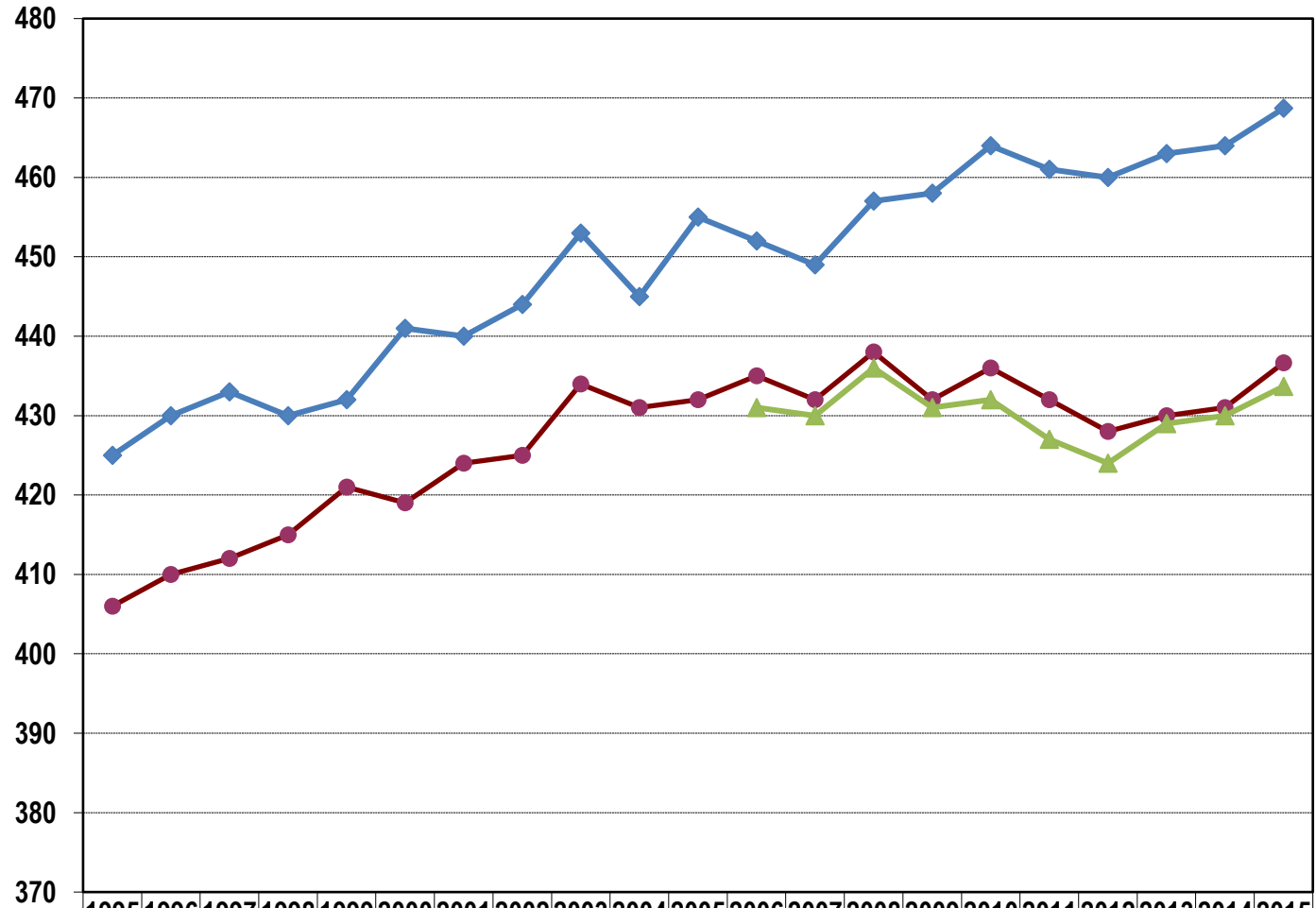
School Summary Results for 2015 College Bound Seniors

School		Number of Test Takers	Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
Another Course to College	1230	42	403	430	406
Boston Arts Academy	1420	96	426	423	431
Boston Community Leadership Academy	1195	101	376	453	389
Boston Day/Evening Academy	1410	20	379	392	362
Boston Green Academy	1470	49	388	416	390
Boston International	1990	47	328	356	327
Boston Latin	1010	366	637	657	629
Boston Latin Academy	1020	281	527	562	519
Boston Technical Adult Academy	1215	8	301	419	275
Brighton High	1040	140	375	408	369
Burke High	1120	90	330	373	335
Charlestown High	1050	109	349	447	353
Community Academy	1340	2	305	335	315
Community Academy of Science and Health	1103	64	335	357	340
Dorchester Academy	1064	41	390	412	376
East Boston High	1070	171	395	426	400
Educational Options	1311	1	420	350	360
English High	1080	68	339	364	341
Excel High	1162	116	343	405	350
Fenway High	1265	76	403	440	407
Greater Egleston High	1430	17	354	367	352
Kennedy Health Careers	1440	81	428	426	416
Lyon 9-12	1171	24	434	481	409
Madison Park High	1210	71	364	373	369
McKinley South End Academy	1294	1	520	450	440
New Mission High	1285	55	404	437	384
O'Bryant Math and Science	1030	236	488	533	480
Quincy Upper School	1450	49	415	428	410
Snowden International	1200	52	390	392	391
TechBoston Academy 10-12	1460	104	360	385	363
Urban Science Academy	1253	51	397	401	368
West Roxbury Academy	1256	87	363	376	361
BPS		2716	437	469	434

Boston Public Schools

SAT I Mean Scores in Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing

Trends from 1995 through 2015



● Critical Reading BPS	406	410	412	415	421	419	424	425	434	431	432	435	432	438	432	436	432	428	430	431	437
◆ Math BPS	425	430	433	430	432	441	440	444	453	445	455	452	449	457	458	464	461	460	463	464	469
▲ Writing BPS												431	430	436	431	432	427	424	429	430	434