2021 SAT Test Results Summary

Austin Independent School District

2020–2021

Purpose

This report describes SAT results for Austin Independent School District’s (AISD) graduating seniors, Class of 2021, who took the SAT at any point during high school. The SAT test is scored on a 1600-point scale. Test components include evidence-based reading and writing and math. The score range is 200 to 800 points for each component. A perfect SAT total score is 1600.

How many AISD students took the SAT?

AISD seniors’ participation in the SAT increased markedly in 2019–2020 and remained high in 2020–2021, compared with the previous school years. Over the past 10 years, AISD SAT participation was up by 1,360 students (Figure 1). Aside from students who identify as two to or more races, SAT participation decreased for all student groups in 2021 but remained higher than years prior to 2020 (Figure 2).

Figure 1
The number of SAT test takers remained high in 2020–2021, AISD SAT participation has increased over the past 10 years.

Figure 2
Since 2017, SAT test participation increased for students who were two or more races, Asian, Hispanic, African American, or White.

Source. College Board SAT 2021 Cohort Final Report, accessed through College Board Reports Center, September 2021
How did AISD seniors perform on the SAT?

Over the past 5 years, AISD SAT scores exceeded state averages for total, evidence-based reading and writing, and math scores (Figure 3). From 2017 to 2019, scores increased for AISD. However, from 2019 to 2020, AISD, state, and national SAT scores decreased. This year, scores for AISD increased from 2020 to 2021; however, the College Board (2021) indicated comparisons between results from 2021 and previous years should not be conducted as the number of test takers varied greatly due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Figure 3
AISD’s Total, Reading and Writing, and Math SAT average scores exceeded state but not national averages in 2021.

Source. College Board SAT 2021 Cohort Final Report, accessed through College Board Reports Center, September 2021

Compared with performance in 2017, total SAT scores were higher for Asians but lower for all other races (Figure 4).

Figure 4
SAT performance gaps remained consistent in AISD between students who were African American or Hispanic and students who were White, Asian, or two or more races.

Source. College Board SAT 2021 Cohort Final Report, accessed through College Board Reports Center, September 2021
Since 2017, both reading and writing and math scores increased for Asian students. Reading and writing and math scores decreased for students who were African American, Hispanic, White, and two or more races (Figure 5). Scores increased for the majority of students group from 2020 to 2021.

Figure 5
Since 2017, reading and writing scores increased for Asian students but decreased for African American, Hispanic, two or more races, and White students.

Did AISD seniors meet college readiness benchmarks on the SAT?
Higher percentages of AISD seniors met college readiness benchmarks for SAT total (Figure 6), reading and writing, and math (Figure 7) compared with percentages for the state. In addition, the percentages of seniors who met SAT college readiness benchmarks have decreased from 2020 to 2021 but remains higher to seniors across the state.

Figure 6
On the SAT overall, AISD seniors met the college readiness benchmark at a higher rate than did seniors across the state and at a lower rate as seniors across the nation.

Source: College Board SAT 2021 Cohort Final Report accessed through College Board Reports Center, September 2021
AISD seniors met the college readiness benchmarks in reading and writing and math at higher rates than did seniors across the state.

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