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National Center for Fair & Open Testing

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS TEST TAKERS 1986 – 2018

High School Class of:	ACT Test-takers	SAT Test-takers	ACT Test-takers/ SAT Test-takers
1986	729,606	1,000,748	72.9%
1987	777,444	1,080,426	72.0%
1988	842,322	1,134,364	74.3%
1989	855,171	1,088,223	78.6%
1990	817,096	1,093,833	74.7%
1991	796,983	1,032,685	77.2%
1992	832,217	1,034,131	80.5%
1993	875,603	1,044,465	83.8%
1994	891,714	1,050,386	84.9%
1995	945,369	1,067,993	88.5%
1996	924,663	1,084,725	85.2%
1997	959,301	1,127,021	85.1%
1998	995,039	1,172,779	84.8%
1999	1,019,053	1,220,130	83.5%
2000	1,065,138	1,260,278	84.5%
2001	1,069,772	1,276,320	83.8%
2002	1,116,082	1,327,831	84.1%
2003	1,175,059	1,406,324	83.6%
2004	1,171,460	1,419,007	82.6%
2005	1,186,251	1,475,263	80.4%
2006	1,206,455	1,465,744	82.3%
2007	1,300,599	1,494,531	87.0%
2008	1,421,941	1,518,859	93.6%
2009	1,480,469	1,530,128	96.8%
2010	1,568,835	1,547,990 / 1,597,329*	101.3% / 98.2%*
2011	1,623,112	1,647,123	98.5%
2012	1,666,017	1,664,479	100.1%
2013	1,799,243!	1,660,047	108.4%
2014	1,845,787!	1,672,395	110.4%
2015	1,924,436!	1,698,521	113.3%
2016	2,090,342!	1,637,589+	127.6%
2017	2,030,038!	1,715,481++	118.3%
2018	1,914,817!	2,136,539??	??

* Once it saw that the number of ACT-takers was larger, based on a historically consistent measure, the College Board revised the number taking the SAT upward by including more exam administrations

! Prior to 2013, ACT reports did not include test-takers who had been granted accommodations, such as extra time

+ Does not include a small percentage of 2016 seniors who took the “redesigned” SAT.

++ Does not include 2017 seniors who took the “old” SAT

?? Not clear whether College Board used different basis for calculating testing volume

source: ACT and College Board annual “College Bound Seniors” reports since 1991. U.S. Department of Education, Nat’l. Center for Educational Statistics data for earlier years. Calculations by FairTest.