



College Admissions Testing Participation Results for Graduating Seniors in Texas Public Schools, Class of 2011

This report presents SAT and ACT examination participation data for graduating seniors in Texas public schools. College admissions examination results are used by colleges and universities to make admissions decisions to place students in appropriate freshman courses, and to award scholarships. In Texas, moreover, public school results are used in determining eligibility for student exemptions from Texas Success Initiative assessment requirements and to acknowledge districts and campuses through the public school accountability system for high levels of performance.

Under the Gold Performance Acknowledgment (GPA) system, which was in effect through 2011, the SAT/ACT indicator had two components: (1) the percentage of special education graduates tested; and (2) the percentage of graduating examinees receiving SAT critical reading and mathematics combined scores of at least 1110 or ACT composite scores of at least 24 (Texas Education Agency [TEA], 2011; Texas Education Code §39.0721, 2007).

Participation Results for Texas Public Schools: SAT and ACT Combined

- A total of 182,281 Texas public high school graduates in the class of 2011 took the SAT, the ACT, or both examinations, an increase of 22,593 graduates from the previous class (Table 1). The overall participation rate for the class of 2011 (68.9%) was 6.3 percentage points higher than the rate for the class of 2010 (62.6%) (Table 1 on this page and Figure 1 on page 4).
- Among graduates in the class of 2011, Asians had the highest participation rate, at 96.2 percent, followed by multiracial students (76.9%), African Americans (76.0%), Whites (74.9%), Pacific Islanders (69.8%), American Indians (65.7%), and Hispanics (59.0%) (Table 2).

Class	Graduate	Examinee	Participation rate (%)
2001	194,494	122,417	62.9
2002	202,809	125,590	61.9
2003	214,483	133,755	62.4
2004	219,217	135,646	61.9
2005	213,765	140,003	65.5
2006	214,580	141,188	65.8
2007	214,516	146,396	68.2
2008	226,030	147,016	65.0
2009	238,346	146,648	61.5
2010	254,983	159,688	62.6
2011	264,439	182,287	68.9

Source. Primary data from

Group	Graduate	Examinee	Participatio
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Participation Results for Texas Public Schools: SAT

- A total of 147,960 graduates in the class of 2011 took the SAT examination (Table 5). The participation rate for the class of 2011 (56.0%) was 7.7 percentage points higher than the rate for the class of 2010 (48.3%).
- Among graduates in the class of 2011, Asians had the highest SAT participation rate, at 89.7 percent, followed by multiracial students (66.8%), African Americans (63.0%), Whites (62.1%), Pacific Islanders (60.2%), American Indians (54.2%), and Hispanics (45.3%) (Table 6).

Class	Graduate	Examinee	Participation rate (%)
2001	194,494	98,336	50.6
2002	202,809	101,083	49.8
2003	214,483	107,053	49.9
2004	219,217	109,209	49.8
2005	213,769	113,267	53.0
2006	214,580	112,657	52.5
2007	214,516	117,776	54.9
2008	226,030	116,689	51.6
2009	238,346	112,489	47.2
2010	254,983	123,154	48.3
2011	264,439	147,960	56.0

Source.

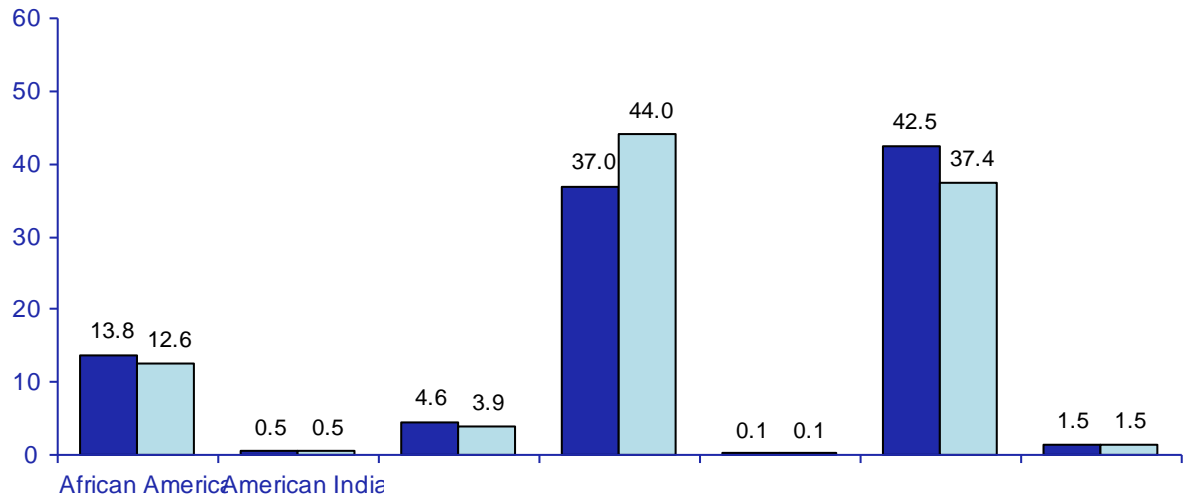
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Participation Results for Texas Public Schools: ACT

- A total of 91,943 graduates in the class of 2011 took the ACT examination (Table 8). The participation rate for the class of 2011 (34.8%) was 2.1 percentage points higher than the rate for the class of 2010 (32.7%).
- Among graduates in the class of 2011, Asians had the highest ACT participation rate, at 41.1 percent, followed by Whites (39.4%), African Americans (38.0%), Multiracial students (36.5%), American Indians (32.2%), Pacific Islanders (30.5%), and Hispanics (29.2%) (Table 9 on page 10).

Class	Graduate	Examinee	Participation rate (%)
2001			

Group



Source: Primary data from ACT, Inc., and Texas Education Agency.

Note: Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Percentages of examinees are based only on examinees who reported race/ethnicity information. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

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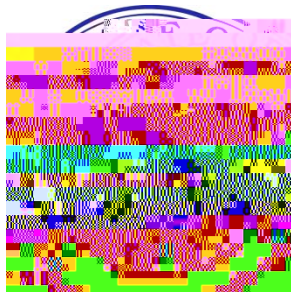
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