

The bottom line on SAT scores in one chart. By Valerie Strauss, Washington Post, October 9, 2013

Here, in one chart, is pretty much everything you need to know about who does and doesn't perform well on the SAT. Kids from the wealthiest families do the best, and the kids from the poorest families do the worst. This pattern applies to virtually every high-stakes standardized test that is given to kids.

The chart, which shows national average SAT scores by income band for students in the high school class of 2013, was done by the non-profit [National Center for Fair and Open Testing](#), known as FairTest, which is dedicated to ending the misuse of standardized tests.

| | Critical Reading | Math | Writing | Total |
|-----------------------|------------------|------|---------|-------|
| \$ 0 - \$20,000 | 435 | 462 | 429 | 1326 |
| \$20,000 – \$40,000 | 465 | 482 | 455 | 1402 |
| \$40,000 – \$60,000 | 487 | 500 | 474 | 1461 |
| \$60,000 – \$80,000 | 500 | 511 | 486 | 1497 |
| \$80,000 – \$100,000 | 512 | 524 | 499 | 1535 |
| \$100,000 – \$120,000 | 522 | 536 | 511 | 1569 |
| \$120,000 – \$140,000 | 526 | 540 | 515 | 1581 |
| \$140,000 – \$160,000 | 533 | 548 | 523 | 1604 |
| \$160,000 – \$200,000 | 539 | 555 | 531 | 1625 |
| More than \$200,000 | 565 | 586 | 563 | 1714 |