

SAT–ACT Score Comparisons

SAT to ACT		ACT to SAT	
SAT Score Verbal +Math	ACT Composite Score	ACT Composite Score	SAT Score Verbal +Math
1600	36	36	1600
1560–1590	35	35	1580
1510–1550	34	34	1520
1460–1500	33	33	1470
1410–1450	32	32	1420
1360–1400	31	31	1380
1320–1350	30	30	1340
1280–1310	29	29	1300
1240–1270	28	28	1260
1210–1230	27	27	1220
1170–1200	26	26	1180
1130–1160	25	25	1140
1090–1120	24	24	1110
1060–1080	23	23	1070
1020–1050	22	22	1030
980–1010	21	21	990
940–970	20	20	950
900–930	19	19	910
860–890	18	18	870
810–850	17	17	830
760–800	16	16	780
710–750	15	15	740
660–700	14	14	680
590–650	13	13	620
520–580	12	12	560
500–510	11	11	500

Points to Note

- Equivalent scores are those with the same percentile ranks for a common group of test-takers.
- A concordance table is dependent upon the sample used to establish the relationship between two sets of scores. Other available SAT—ACT tables use different samples of colleges and students than this table, resulting in slightly different equivalent scores. For this reason, the best concordance table is one that is established for and used by a specific institution.
- Data in this table are based on 103,525 test-takers who took both the SAT and the ACT between October 1994 and December 1996.
- SAT scores do not cover the full range of the ACT scale due to differences in how percentiles are distributed at the top and bottom of the two scales.
- Although the new SAT will have significant changes that will more closely align the test with current instructional practices, the new SAT field trial research has conclusively demonstrated that scores on the new critical reading section will be comparable to scores on the current verbal section, and scores on the new math section will be comparable to scores on the current math section. Therefore, current concordance tables can still be used to compare new SAT and ACT scores.

Source References:

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