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# NEBRASKA STUDENTS EXCEED NATIONAL AVERAGES ON SAT

Nebraska students earned significantly higher scores than their peers nationally on the SAT which measures a student's college and career readiness in reading, writing, and math. This year 680 Nebraska students took the SAT (about 3%) and the number is growing every year. More than 7.3 million test takers completed the SAT or a PSAT-related assessment nationally, an increase of nearly 10% since 2016.

Nebraska's mean total score was 1253 compared to the national mean score of 1060. Nebraska's mean score for Evidence-Based reading and writing was 629 and the mean score for math was 625 compared to mean scores of 533 and 527 nationally.

In the class of 2017, 79% of Nebraska students who took the SAT met or exceeded the new College and Career Readiness benchmarks, showing they are likely ready to take and succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing college courses. Only 46% of students nationally met the benchmarks.

This is the first year of performance results on the new SAT measurements and sets the baseline for SAT performance going forward. Students score between 200-800 on each section, with a possible perfect combined score of 1600.

One Nebraska student, Justin Xiong of Millard North High School in Omaha, achieved a perfect score.

A complete report on the SAT can be found at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>.

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