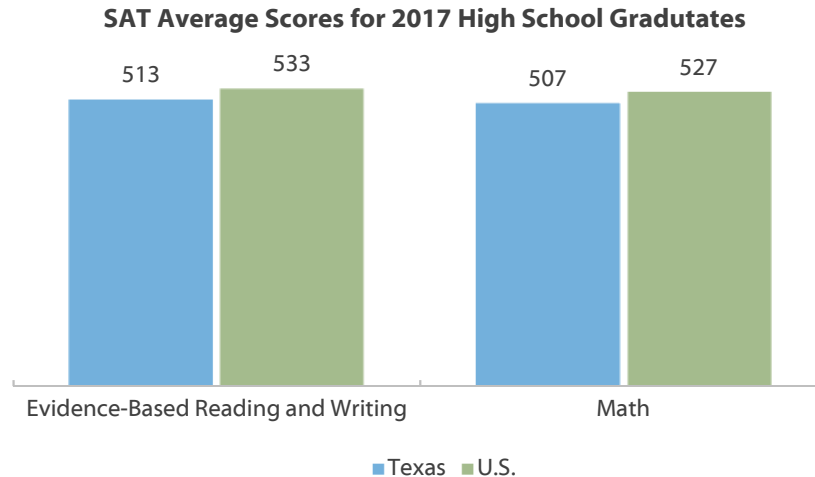
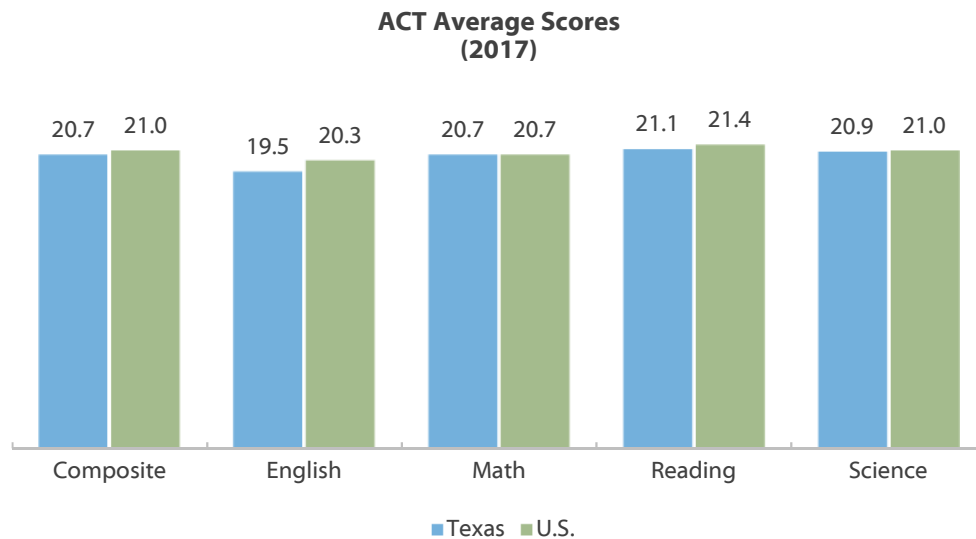


Texas ACT Scores Comparable to the Nation, SAT Scores Lag Behind



More than 200,000 Texas high school seniors and 1.7 million high school seniors nationwide — well over half the total graduating class for both groups — took the SAT in the 2015–2016 school year. Average SAT scores are lower in Texas compared to the U.S. in both categories.



The American College Test (ACT) is less popular in Texas than the SAT but may be gaining in popularity. Forty-five percent of 2016-2017 Texas high school graduates took the ACT, up from 37 percent since 2013. Nationally, 60 percent of high school graduates took the exam. While average ACT composite scores in Texas have often lagged slightly behind national averages, the average composite score for Texas graduates has roughly mirrored that of the nation as a whole in recent few years, with slight variations in each subject area.

Source: SAT: The College Board, SAT Data & Reports, College-Bound Seniors 2017 (<https://reports.collegeboard.org/pdf/2017-total-group-sat-suite-assessments-annual-report.pdf>); ACT: ACT, National and State Scores 2017 (<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/research/condition-of-college-and-career-readiness-2017.html>).

