

Scholastic Aptitude Test Summary

SAT summary data is at best a snapshot of general high school student performance at a macro level. Since SAT tests are not linked to our curriculum, they are not useful as detailed measures of student learning. Still, there are important issues into which SAT results give us some insight.

Average SAT scores may indicate the relative academic strength of various groups (e.g. CHS students compared to state averages, black students compared to white students). It is important to remember, however, that factors such as parent education and household income have been shown to account for a significant amount of the variability among groups on the SAT measure.

A note about how SAT scores are reported: The averages shown in the following tables represent the SAT scores of students by graduating class. Some students take the SAT as juniors, some as seniors, and some more than once. These data include only each student's latest score, and are grouped according to the student's graduating class, regardless of the year in which the test was taken.

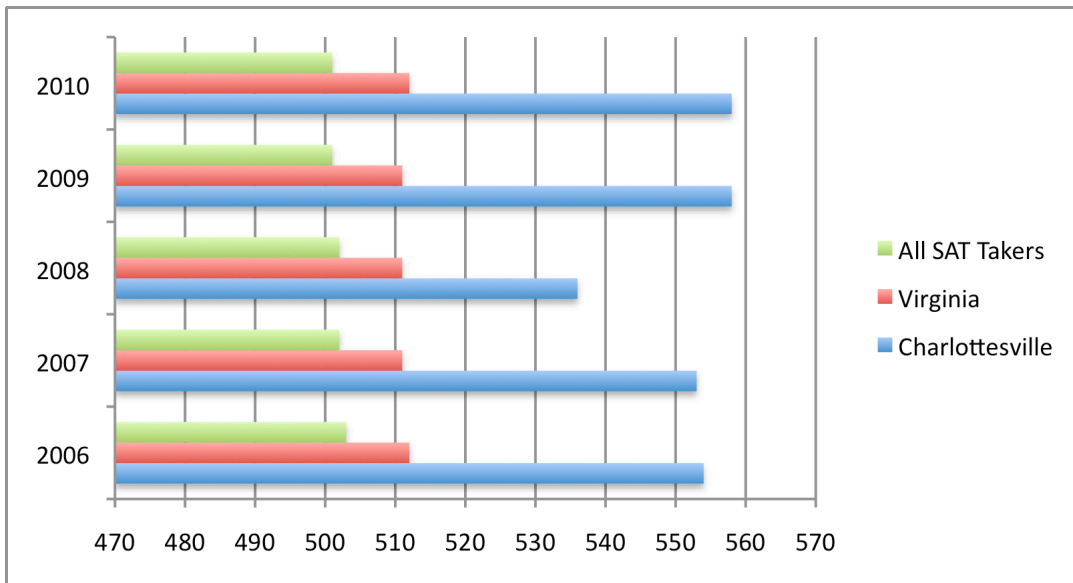
In a September 14, 2010 story entitled "Students' SAT Scores Stay in Rut", the Wall Street Journal reported that the average SAT reading score nationwide for 2010 was 501, unchanged from 2009. The average math score increased by just one point (515 to 516), and dropped in writing from 493 to 492.

The highest nonwhite percentage of test takers in the history of the SAT was posted in 2010 at 42 percent. Nationally, the gap in average reading between white and black subgroups was 99 points (528 and 429 respectively).

In Charlottesville, the average critical reading score has also remained at the 2009 level of 558, 46 points above the Virginia average. The average SAT score for CHS students in math jumped 10 points this year to 538, its highest point over a five-year period.

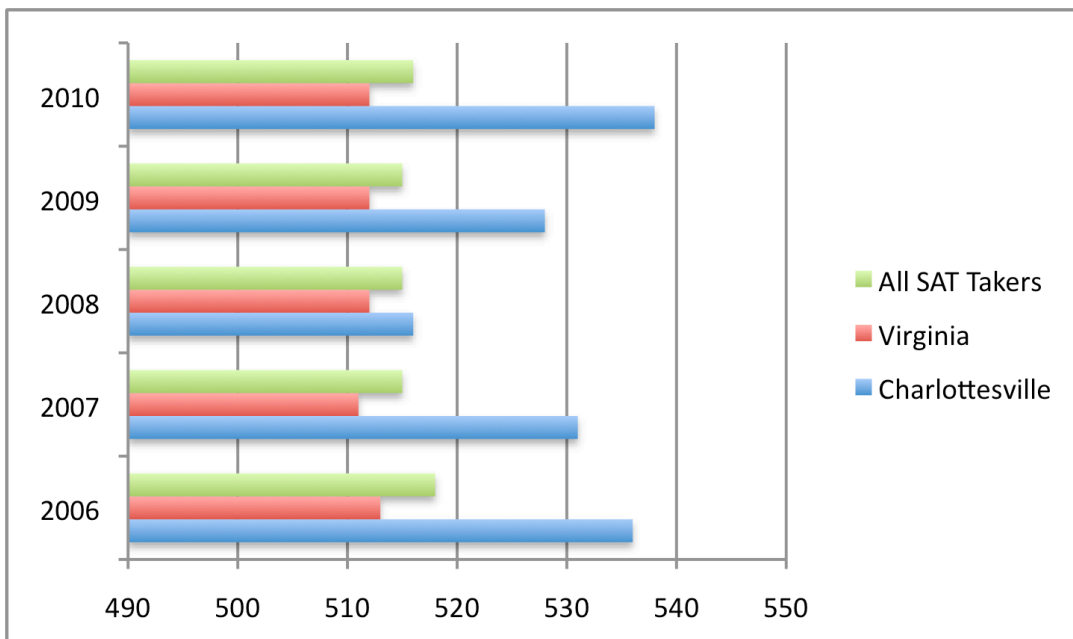
Average SAT Scores Over 5 Years: READING

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Charlottesville	554	553	536	558	558
Virginia	512	511	511	511	512
All SAT Takers	503	502	502	501	501



Average SAT Scores Over 5 Years: MATH

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Charlottesville	536	531	516	528	538
Virginia	513	511	512	512	512
All SAT Takers	518	515	515	515	516



Average SAT Scores Over 5 Years: WRITING

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Charlottesville	543	539	531	545	538
Virginia	500	498	499	498	497
All SAT Takers	497	494	494	493	492

