

## EDITORIAL

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### Strong Correlations

#### What do SAT scores really tell us?

Family Income	Reading	Math	Writing	Total	Diff.
Less than - \$20,000/year	434	456	430	1320	-
\$20,000 - \$40,000/year	462	473	453	1388	+68
\$40,000 - \$60,000/year	488	496	477	1461	+141
\$60,000 - \$80,000/year	502	510	490	1502	+182
\$80,000 - \$100,000/year	514	525	504	1543	+223
\$100,000 - \$120,000/year	522	534	512	1568	+248
\$120,000 - \$140,000/year	526	537	517	1580	+260
\$140,000 - \$160,000/year	533	546	525	1604	+284
\$160,000 - \$180,000/year	535	548	529	1612	+292
More than \$200,000/year	554	570	552	1676	+356
Correlation between income and SAT score (Spearman Rho):	.988**	.952**	.891**	.564*	

\*=  $p < .05$

\*\*=  $p < .001$

## References

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