



FCAT Writing Mean Scores¹ Grades 4, 8, and 10

| Grade 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Category/Year | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000* | 2001* | 2002* |
| Writing to Explain | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Writing to Tell a Story | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Grade 4 Combined | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 |

| Grade 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Category/Year | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000* | 2001* | 2002* |
| Writing to Explain | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Writing to Convince | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| Grade 8 Combined | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 |

| Grade 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Category/Year | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000* | 2001* | 2002* |
| Writing to Explain | NA | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Writing to Convince | NA | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Grade 10 Combined | NA | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 |

* The 2000, 2001 and 2002 data are for all curriculum groups combined. All other data are for standard curriculum students only.