



Statewide Comparison of FCAT Writing Average Scores¹ Grades 4, 8, and 10 1993-2009²

Grade 4

Category/Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Writing to Explain	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.0	3.8	3.8	4.0
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	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.0
Grade 4 Combined ³	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.6	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.0

Grade 8

Category/Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Writing to Explain	3.2	2.7	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3
Writing to Convince	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.3
Grade 8 Combined ³	3.0	2.7	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3

Grade 10

Category/Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Writing to Explain	NA	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.8	-	3.9
Writing to Convince	NA	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8
Grade 10 Combined ³	NA	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9 ⁴	3.8

¹ FCAT Writing is formerly known as FCAT Writing+, Florida Writes!, and the Florida Writing Assessment Program (FWAP).

² Beginning in 2000, averages are for all curriculum groups combined. Previous averages are for standard curriculum students only.

³ From 2006 – 2008, combined essay averages only include students with overall scores on FCAT Writing+. Individual essay averages for all years include all students who completed the essay.

⁴ Grade 10 students were asked to respond to only one prompt in 2008.