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CAT Score Vs Percentile

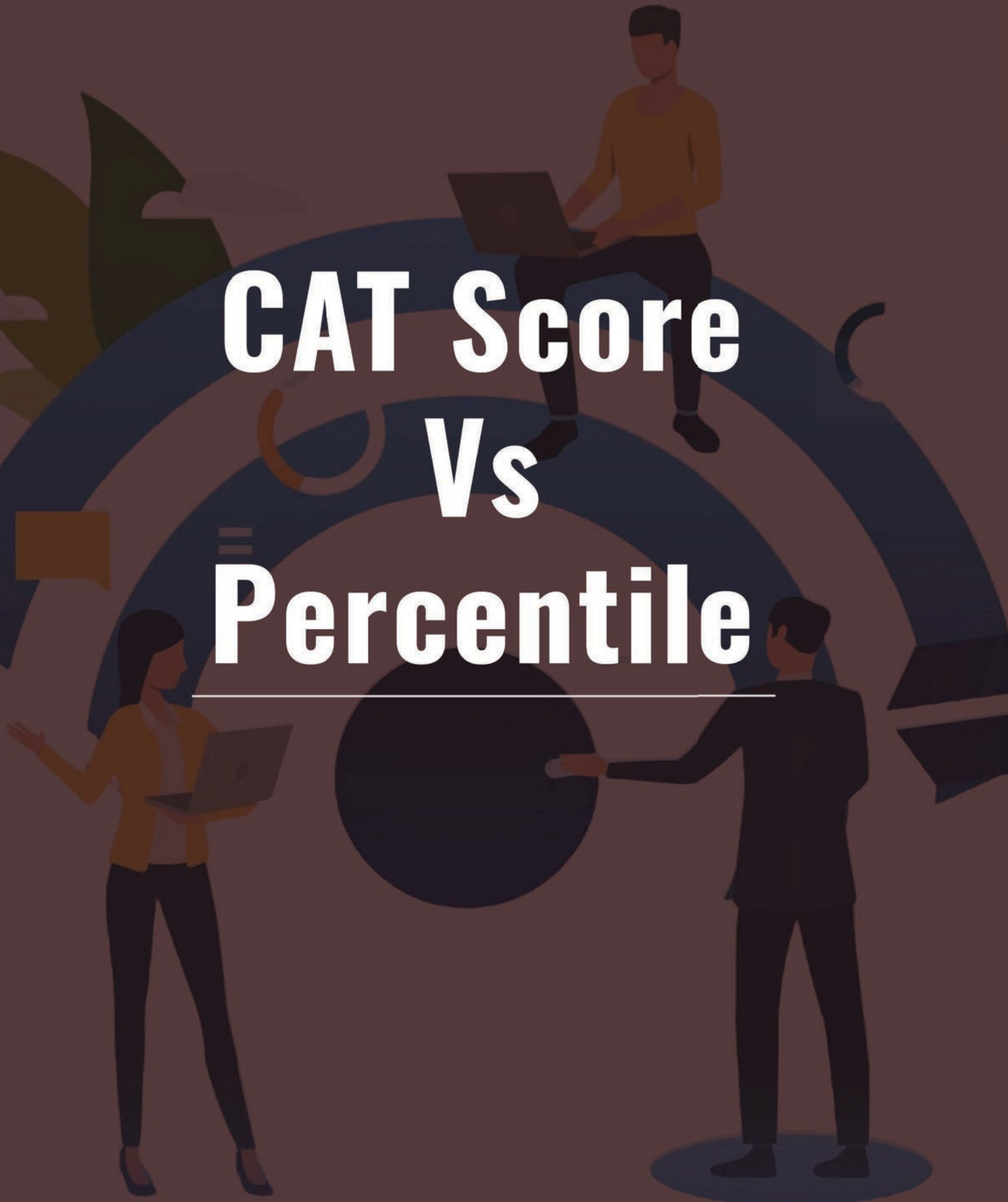


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CAT score vs percentile gives the candidates an idea of the CAT percentile they can get based on their CAT score. According to last year's data, CAT score of 74 to 86 fetches a 99+ CAT percentile. IIMs and top colleges accept CAT percentile of 95–99+ for [MBA admission](#). Candidates who are going to take [CAT exam](#) can check the CAT results and match their CAT score vs percentile. Also, check the CAT score and percentile calculation, the difference between the CAT score and CAT percentile, how the CAT percentile calculator functions, and much more on this page.



CAT Score vs Percentile

To understand CAT score vs percentile better, one must know all the important parameters around it. By doing this, one will get to know “how to calculate the CAT score and CAT percentile?” and they can clear up the confusion of CAT marks vs percentile.

- The CAT question paper consist of 66 questions from VARC (22), Quantitative Ability (24), and LRDI (20), for a total score of 198.
- For every correct response, three marks are allotted and for every incorrect answer, one mark is deducted. There is no negative marking for unattempted/ unanswered and non-MCQs (TITA).
- CAT percentile is a related score that shows the percentage of candidates who are behind you.
- The CAT score vs percentile data outlines what CAT marks can fetch you and what percentile.



CAT Score vs Percentile 2024: Section-wise and Overall (Expected)

Check out the section-wise CAT 2024 score vs percentile in the table below.

CAT 2024 Score vs Percentile (Expected)				
CAT DILR Score	CAT VARC Score	CAT QA Score	Overall CAT Score	CAT Percentile
29-30	42-44	30-32	100-102	100
25-27	40	25-28	80	99+
18-20	28-30	20-22	55	95+
15-17	22-24	15-17	45-48	90+
13-14	20-22	12-14	39-41	85+
11-12	18-20	10-12	35-37	80+



CAT Exam: Section-wise Questions Distribution and Marks

Section name	Number of questions	Time allotted (In minutes)	Marks (+3 for the correct answer and -1 for every incorrect answer)
Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC)	24	40	72
Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR)	20	40	60
Quantitative Aptitude (QA)	22	40	40



CAT 2023 vs CAT 2022 Score vs Percentile: Comparative Analysis

Percentile	CAT Scaled Score (2023)	CAT Scaled Score (2022)
100	138.59	145.83
99.95	106.95	115
99.90	101.43	109.9
99.50	84.29	92.87
99	76.02	83.64
98	66.68	73.88
96.6	59.99	65.4
95.5	56.41	59.75
93	52.35	53
90	45.16	48.44
85	42.29	41.32
80	41.19	36.02
70	38.94	28.5-29

CAT Score vs Percentile 2024

The CAT raw score of 78 to 108 will make a CAT percentile of 99+. The actual [CAT score vs percentile](#) analysis will be available after the declaration of CAT results. Based on the analysis of CAT score vs percentile candidates will be shortlisted and selected for the MBA admission. The range of the CAT cut-off percentile accepted by the top MBA colleges will be different from one to another.



CAT Score vs Percentile 2023

CAT score vs percentile 2023 evaluated the individual performance of the CAT exam takers also the performance of the candidates among all other test takers. As per the [CAT score vs percentile 2023](#) analysis, the CAT score achieved above 56 is considered to be a CAT percentile of 95 and above. CAT score vs percentile 2024 is expected to change from previous years based on the difficulty level of the exam, the number of applicants and the reservation policy.



CAT Score vs Percentile 2023: Section-wise

On the basis of the difficulty level of the CAT exam, the same was moderate to difficult. Here we have provided last year's CAT score vs percentile section-wise as per experts and students. Candidates can expect CAT 2024 score vs percentile will be on similar line or a bit higher, since this year CAT registrations increased as compared to last year.

Percentile	VARC Score	DILR Score	QA Score	Overall Score
99.5	42	30	30	86
99	36	25	25	74
95	30	20	22	52
90	24	14	13	42
80	20	11	9	35
70	18	9	7	30

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CAT Score vs Percentile 2022

The comparative analysis of [CAT score vs percentile 2022](#) is quite different from 2024 and 2023. Candidates with a CAT score ranging from 48 to 144 made a CAT percentile of 95 to 100. From the year-wise CAT score vs percentile analysis, the required CAT raw score to achieve a CAT percentile above 95 increases year by year due to the higher level of competition and difficulty level of the CAT exam.



CAT Score vs Percentile 2022: Section-wise

Percentile	VARC	DILR	QA	Overall Score
99.5	43	32	38	93
99	39	29	33	84
90	23	15	17	49
80	18	11	12	36
70	13	8	9	28



CAT Score vs Percentile 2021: Section-wise

Check out the section-wise CAT score vs percentile 2021.

Percentile	VARC	DILR	QA	Overall Score
99.5	49	37	40	107
99	45	34	34	97
90	28	20	18	60
80	22	15	12	45



Determinants of CAT Score vs Percentile Calculation

The CAT score vs percentile analysis will be done on the basis of these elements. Check below to know how the CAT cutoff score vs percentile is calculated.

CAT Raw Score

CAT raw score is the score that the candidates get after implementing the CAT marking scheme. The CAT raw score can also be calculated by using the CAT response sheet and answer key.

How to calculate CAT score

To calculate the CAT score, candidates can follow the below-mentioned process:

- For MCQs: CAT Raw Score $-3 \times$ (Number of correct answers) $- 1 \times$ (number of wrong answers)
- For Non-MCQs: CAT Raw Score $- 3 \times$ (Number of correct answers)
- Final Raw Score: CAT raw score for MCQ + CAT raw score for non-MCQ

Candidate	Questions Answered	Correct Answers	Wrong Answers	Marks for Correct Answers	Marks for Wrong Answers	CAT Score
ABC	66	40	26	$40 \times 3 = 120$	$26 \times 1 = 26$	$120 - 26 = 94$
XYZ	54	50	4	$50 \times 3 = 150$	$4 \times 1 = 4$	$150 - 4 = 146$

CAT scaled score

What is CAT scaled score- CAT is a computer-based test that is conducted each year on a rotational basis by IIMs for providing admissions to the MBA and other managerial programmes at the IIMs in India and other B-schools. CAT 2024 will be held in three sessions, which means the normalisation process will take place. Scores after normalization are called scaled score in CAT. The percentile of candidates is calculated based on the scaled CAT score.

To sum up, the scaled score in CAT is the sum total of the marks obtained by a candidate after the normalization in all three sections namely [Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension \(VARC\)](#), [Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning \(DILR\)](#), and [Quantitative Aptitude \(QA\)](#).

CAT Percentile

What is CAT percentile- A CAT percentile is a measure that indicates the percentage of candidates below a candidate in the merit list. For example, if a candidate secures a position at the 90 percentile refers that about 90 percent of candidates competing with that candidate in the test have scored less than him/her. In other words, the CAT percentile is a measure of categorizing candidates based on their performance.

Hence, test takers who secured 90 percentile or above in CAT refer to the top 10 percent of the candidates on the merit list. The percentile secured according to marks obtained is only an indication of the candidate's position. However, this does not tell the exact marks scored on the test.



How is CAT score converted to CAT percentile?

The conversion of the CAT score to the percentile involves three stages. Firstly, the CAT raw score is calculated on the basis of candidates' performance. After that, the CAT raw score is normalized to get the candidate's scaled score, and then the scaled score determines the CAT percentile. The CAT scorecard does not show the raw score; it only mentions the CAT scaled score and percentile for each section, along with the overall CAT score.

1. **CAT raw score-** The CAT raw score is calculated manually through individual CAT response sheets, which are released along with the CAT official answer key.
2. **Conversion of raw score to CAT scaled score-** As there are 3 slots in the CAT exam, the difficulty level of all of the CAT slots might be different. Because of this, the CAT raw score undergoes a normalization process to determine the CAT scaled score.
3. **Conversion of scaled score to CAT percentile-** The CAT scaled score of the candidates will be determined to provide relative data as to how ahead a particular CAT aspirant is as compared to other test takers.



How is CAT percentile calculated

The percentile in CAT 2024 will be calculated on the basis of the scaled score of each section from which questions will be asked as well as the overall scaled score. CAT result 2024 cum CAT scorecard is out that will indicate sectional as well as the overall scaled score and the CAT percentile of candidates.

Now let us take an example and understand how is CAT percentile is calculated. Here the VARC section is just taken as an example with regard to the calculation of percentile.

Step 1: The first step is calculating the total number of candidates (N) who are likely to appear for the IIM Entrance Exam, in both sessions i.e. in the forenoon and afternoon session.

Step 2: Allot Rank (r) on the basis of the scaled score obtained in the VARC section to all the candidates who appeared in CAT. If two or more candidates score the same marks in the section, then assign identical ranks to the candidates.

Step 3: Calculate the percentile score (P) of a candidate with rank (r) in the VARC section as:

$$P = \left(\frac{(N-r)}{N} \right) \times 100$$

Step 4: Now, round off the calculated percentile score (P) of a candidate up to two decimal points only. For example, all percentile scores greater than or equal to 89.995 are rounded off to 90

Follow the same methodology for computing the overall CAT percentile scores and for percentile scores of other sections.

CAT Score vs Percentile: Key Difference

Check out the key difference between CAT score vs percentile.

Particulars	CAT Score	CAT Percentile
Nature	Absolute	Relative
Scale	Raw	Standard
Calculation	The cumulative score of the candidate obtained in all three sections	Percentage of candidates who secured less than you
Use	Use to determine the percentile of the candidate	Used for final call and in the MBA admission process



CAT Percentile Predictor

Apart from above mentioned CAT percentile calculation method, candidates can calculate their CAT percentile by using a predictor tool. The accuracy of the CAT 2024 percentile predictor depends on the details provided by the CAT aspirant. While analyzing the CAT percentile, the tool considers the difficulty level of the CAT exam slot, expert analysis, and student feedback to predict the CAT 2024 percentile.

Candidates can use the CAT percentile predictor free tool introduced by Careers360 which is easy to use and one will get to know their MBA admission chances in IIMs or other top B-schools.

[Use CAT percentile predictor tool by Careers360](#)

How to use CAT percentile predictor 2024?

Careers360's CAT score calculator is easy to use. Follow the provided steps:

- Open the Careers360's CAT percentile predictor tool link
- Enter the required CAT exam details such as
 - Expected CAT score
 - VARC, DILR, and QA score (optional)
 - CAT registration number (optional)
 - Date of birth (optional)
 - Mobile number
- After entering the required details, click on the 'Predict My Percentile' tab
- The CAT result prediction report will be sent to candidates' registered mobile number