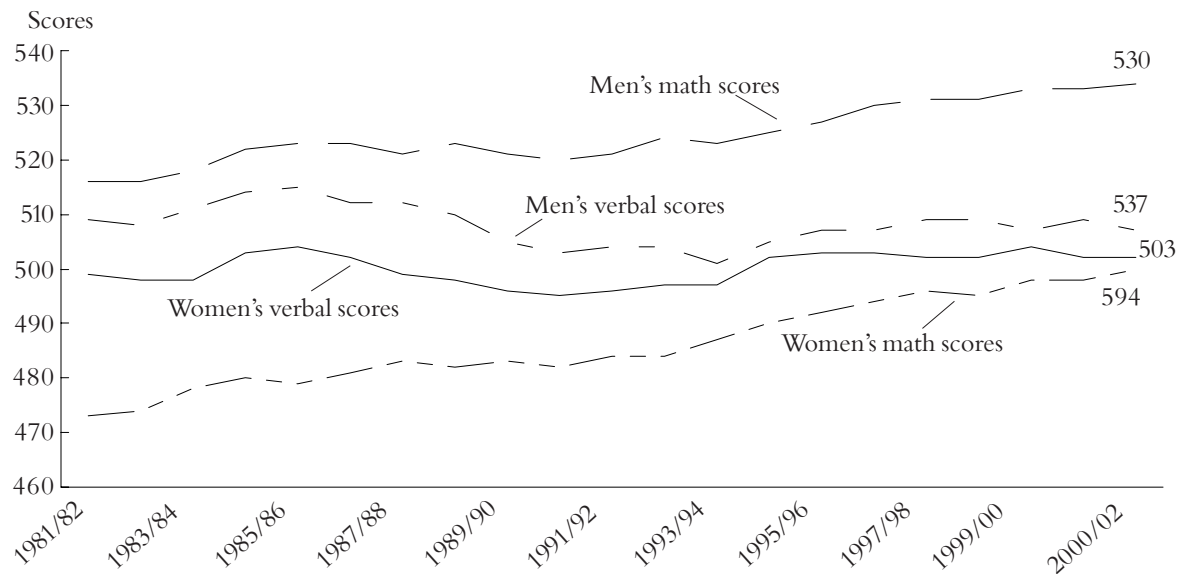


Figure 2-3 • SAT mathematics and verbal scores by sex, alternative years 1981/82–2001/02

Over the years, on average, women have not done as well on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SATs) as men. Between the early 1980s and 2001/02, math aptitude scores improved for both sexes, but the gender gap narrowed only slightly. Compared with the math scores, the gender gap in verbal aptitude scores was consistently much smaller over these two decades, although it narrowed scarcely at all at the end of the period.



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics 2002*, Table 134.

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