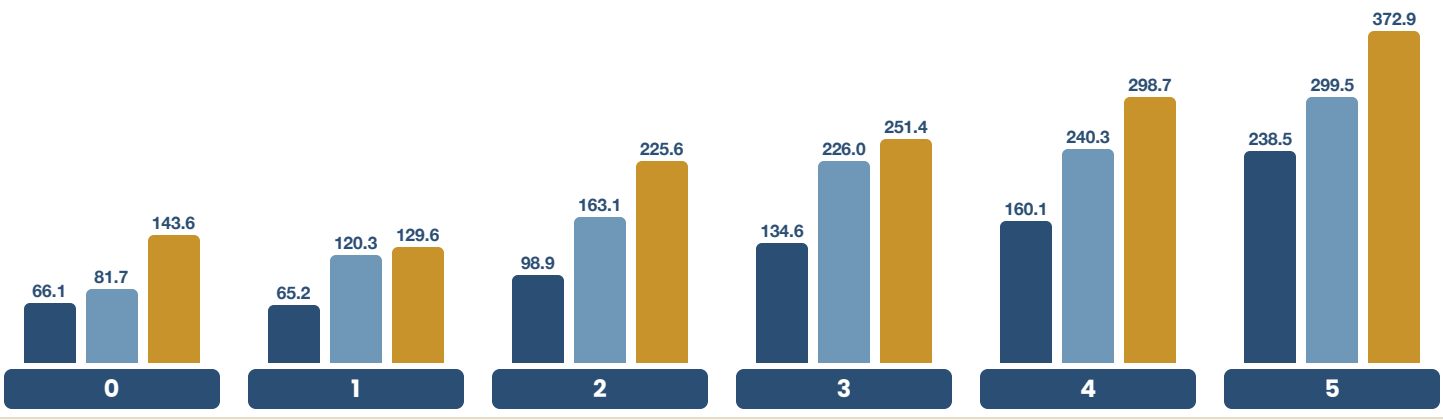
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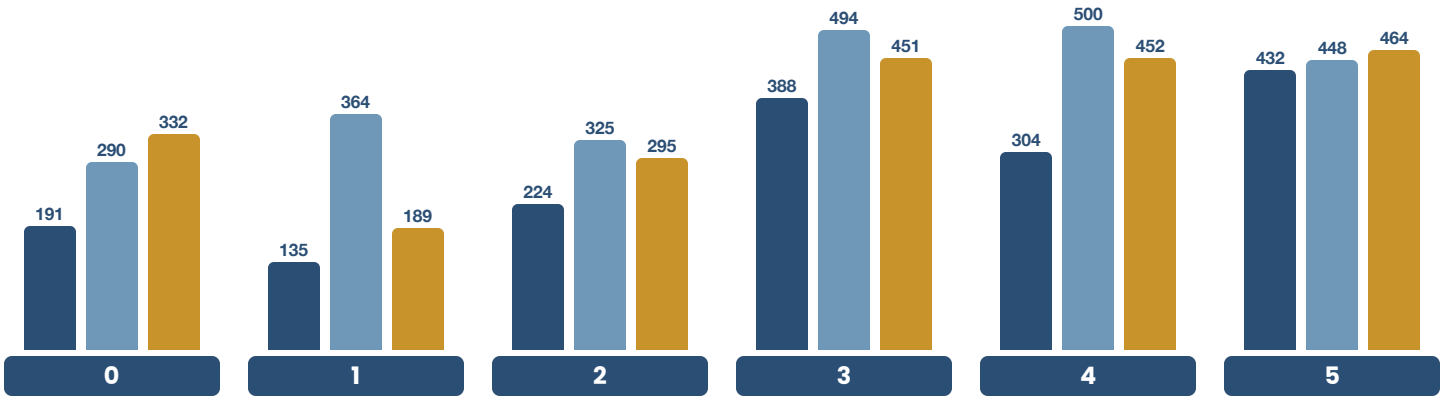
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A – AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORDS PER PAPER



Average number of words per paper. From score 1 to score 5, papers run longer in every band.

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EXACT NUMBERS BY GRADE • STAAR ECR

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EACH CELL: AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORDS, SHORTEST TO LONGEST

GRADE	SCORE 0 n=6	SCORE 1 n=6	SCORE 2 n=6	SCORE 3 n=9	SCORE 4 n=6	SCORE 5 n=6
Grade 3	**35.0** words shortest 13, longest 63 words	**52.8** words shortest 25, longest 102 words	**99.0** words shortest 48, longest 224 words	**116.3** words shortest 50, longest 248 words	**141.0** words shortest 84, longest 179 words	**183.5** words shortest 98, longest 235 words
Grade 4	**71.0** words shortest 22, longest 186 words	**55.8** words shortest 21, longest 89 words	**103.3** words shortest 50, longest 164 words	**132.3** words shortest 57, longest 326 words	**133.2** words shortest 75, longest 194 words	**244.7** words shortest 180, longest 432 words
Grade 5	**92.2** words shortest 22, longest 191 words	**86.8** words shortest 37, longest 135 words	**94.3** words shortest 37, longest 161 words	**155.2** words shortest 71, longest 388 words	**206.0** words shortest 96, longest 304 words	**287.3** words shortest 242, longest 336 words
Grade 6	**73.8** words shortest 23, longest 135 words	**78.5** words shortest 27, longest 142 words	**135.8** words shortest 49, longest 325 words	**176.6** words shortest 56, longest 292 words	**243.7** words shortest 128, longest 500 words	**225.3** words shortest 118, longest 391 words
Grade 7	**53.7** words shortest 26, longest 122 words	**167.2** words shortest 54, longest 364 words	**151.7** words shortest 71, longest 284 words	**244.2** words shortest 76, longest 449 words	**259.5** words shortest 98, longest 484 words	**345.3** words shortest 230, longest 441 words
Grade 8	**117.7** words shortest 21, longest 290 words	**115.3** words shortest 43, longest 162 words	**201.8** words shortest 93, longest 317 words	**257.3** words shortest 52, longest 494 words	**217.8** words shortest 139, longest 325 words	**327.8** words shortest 279, longest 448 words
English I	**143.3** words shortest 28, longest 294 words	**128.2** words shortest 81, longest 189 words	**240.8** words shortest 111, longest 295 words	**248.9** words shortest 86, longest 404 words	**283.5** words shortest 205, longest 366 words	**364.5** words shortest 234, longest 445 words
English II	**143.8** words shortest 21, longest 332 words	**131.0** words shortest 107, longest 152 words	**210.3** words shortest 110, longest 287 words	**254.0** words shortest 93, longest 451 words	**313.8** words shortest 173, longest 452 words	**381.3** words shortest 240, longest 464 words

Reading the table. Each cell pools that grade and score point across 2024, 2025, and 2026. Method: each paper length is the count of whitespace separated tokens in the student text exactly as transcribed, and score point 0 papers include blank and very short papers counted as they stand.