ACT Scores Over Time by Race/Ethnicity

Average ACT Composite scores for Asian and White graduates increased between 2007 and 2011. African American and Hispanic graduates' average ACT Composite scores remained essentially the same, while that of American Indian graduates declined by 0.3 scale point.

Asian graduates had the highest average ACT Composite scores and the largest score increase (+1.0 scale point).

Average ACT Composite scores for White graduates increased by 0.3 point. These score changes have occurred as more students from each racial/ethnic group have taken the ACT.

Graph reads: Between 2007 and 2011, the average ACT Composite score for Asian high school graduates increased from 22.6 to 23.6.

Note: Race/ethnicity categories changed to reflect updated US Department of Education reporting requirements.

Academic Performance

Average ACT Composite Test Scores by Race/Ethnicity, 2007–2011

