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## Student Perceptions of Math Skills and Performance on the ACT® Mathematics Test

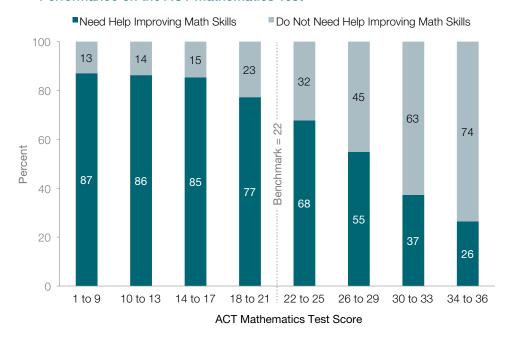
## **Information Brief**

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Over a quarter of ACT-tested 2013 high school graduates who scored 34 or higher on the ACT Mathematics Test reported that they need help improving their mathematical skills.

More than three-quarters of high school graduates who took the ACT® college readiness assessment in 2013 believe they need help improving their math skills. Even those students who met or exceeded the ACT College Readiness Benchmark for Mathematics¹ would like to boost their math skills: over 61% of students who scored 22 or higher on the ACT Mathematics Test reported they need help improving their math skills.

## Students Who Report Needing Help to Improve Mathematical Skills by Performance on the ACT Mathematics Test



Note: Based on data from 792,155 ACT-tested 2013 high school graduates who reported whether they need help improving mathematical skills.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The ACT College Readiness Benchmark for Math is 22. For more information about the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks, see *What Are the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks?* (September 2013).