

THE TABLE BELOW COMPARES AVERAGE ACT SCORES FOR STUDENTS WHO REPORTED THEY COMPLETED OR PLANNED TO COMPLETE THE RECOMMENDED CORE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM WITH THOSE WHO HAD NOT. PLEASE NOTE THAT STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT DEFINITION OF THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSES AND MAY, THEREFORE, PUBLISH REPORTS SHOWING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DATA. SEE APPENDIX FOR DEFINITION OF CORE.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - AVERAGE ACT SCORES BY LEVEL OF ACADEMIC PREPARATION

	NUMBER CORE/LESS		PERCENT CORE/LESS	ENGLISH CORE/LESS	MATH CORE/LESS	READING CORE/LESS	SCIENCE CORE/LESS	COMPOSITE CORE/LESS
1999-00	645513	376645	61/ 35	21.5/18.8	21.8/19.0	22.4/19.8	21.9/19.7	22.0/19.5
2000-01	645258	369921	60/ 35	21.5/18.8	21.7/19.0	22.2/19.8	21.8/19.8	21.9/19.5
2001-02	643596	397544	58/ 36	21.4/18.4	21.6/18.8	22.2/19.5	21.7/19.4	21.8/19.2
2002-03	667526	410753	57/ 35	21.4/18.5	21.6/18.9	22.2/19.7	21.7/19.5	21.8/19.3
2003-04	661290	405328	56/ 35	21.5/18.7	21.7/19.1	22.3/19.8	21.7/19.6	21.9/19.4

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - AVERAGE ACT SCORES FOR TOTAL GROUP

	NUMBER	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
1999-00	1065138	20.5	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0
2000-01	1069772	20.5	20.7	21.3	21.0	21.0
2001-02	1116082	20.2	20.6	21.1	20.8	20.8
2002-03	1175059	20.3	20.6	21.2	20.8	20.8
2003-04	1171460	20.4	20.7	21.3	20.9	20.9

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ACT SCORE QUARTILE VALUES FOR TOTAL GROUP

	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
Q3 (75TH PERCENTILE)	24.5	24.4	25.5	23.7	24.3
Q2 (50TH PERCENTILE - MEDIAN)	20.2	19.6	20.9	20.7	20.6
Q1 (25TH PERCENTILE)	16.1	16.6	16.4	17.9	17.3

QUARTILE VALUES ARE INTERPOLATED AND ARE BASED UPON CALCULATED STUDENT PERCENTILE RANKS WHICH MAY DIFFER FROM THE CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGES REPORTED IN TABLES 4 AND 5 OF THIS REPORT.