

The State of STEM in Your State – 2017



NEW MEXICO STATE REPORT

The average STEM score for New Mexico's graduating class of 2017 was **20**.

Percentage of all New Mexico ACT-tested HS Graduates Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by Subject

| | Math | Science | STEM |
|---------------------------------------|------|---------|------|
| Met Benchmark | 29% | 28% | 12% |
| Within 1-2 Points of Benchmark | 9% | 16% | 9% |

New Mexico College Readiness Benchmark Percentages by Race/Ethnicity

| Race | Math | Science | STEM |
|------------------|------|---------|------|
| 2 or More Races | 32% | 34% | 15% |
| White | 49% | 49% | 26% |
| Pacific Islander | 28% | 17% | 6% |
| Hispanic | 22% | 20% | 7% |
| Asian | 60% | 47% | 33% |
| Native American | 10% | 9% | 2% |
| Black | 23% | 19% | 8% |

The data in this report represent all ACT-tested students in New Mexico's 2017 graduating class.

Tomorrow's STEM Workforce in New Mexico

7,725 New Mexico students, or 57%, had an interest in STEM, but only 2,930 (22%) had **both** an expressed interest (they plan to pursue a STEM major or career) and a measured interest (their ACT Interest Inventory score pointed to a STEM field).

New Mexico's future STEM educator pipeline may be in danger—only 18 students planned to enter math education, and only 9 science education.