

# The State of STEM in Your State – 2017



## OHIO STATE REPORT

The average STEM score for Ohio's graduating class of 2017 was **22.1**.

### Percentage of all Ohio ACT-tested HS Graduates Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by Subject

	Math	Science	STEM
<b>Met Benchmark</b>	48%	44%	24%
<b>Within 1-2 Points of Benchmark</b>	9%	17%	13%

### Ohio College Readiness Benchmark Percentages by Race/Ethnicity

Race	Math	Science	STEM
2 or More Races	39%	37%	17%
White	55%	50%	28%
Pacific Islander	43%	38%	23%
Hispanic	34%	31%	14%
Asian	69%	58%	47%
Native American	33%	27%	13%
Black	15%	12%	4%

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

### Tomorrow's STEM Workforce in Ohio

46,244 Ohio students, or 50%, had an interest in STEM, but only 16,718 (18%) 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).

Ohio's future STEM educator pipeline may be in danger—only 312 students planned to enter math education, and only 117 science education.

# OHIO STEM STUDENT PROFILE

---

## Camille Volk

Revere High School, *class of 2018*

### ***In what grade did you first become interested in a STEM field?***

Seventh Grade

### ***What sparked your interest in STEM?***

My uncle is a surgeon and he took me to the operating room to do robotic surgery on a banana. I can report that the banana lived and fully recovered!

### ***How do you picture your future, in higher education and career?***

I plan to study chemical engineering, after which I will work as a chemical engineer or pursue additional education in the medical field.

### ***What challenges do STEM students face when following through with their interest in STEM fields?***

My school district offers a number of science AP classes, but I needed to be creative to pursue my passion. I took required classes such as physical education and English outside of school so I could take chemistry, biology, and physics at school.

ACT thanks STEMPremier for sharing student STEM profiles for this report.



**STEMPremier**®