

**Graduating Class 2017** 

Massachusetts



Code 229999 Massachusetts

Total Students in Report: 20,935

### New to your 2017 Profile Report

Though ACT will continue to report English, mathematics, reading, and science subject scores, beginning in September 2016, subscores such as rhetorical skills and arts/literature will be omitted. Instead, a comprehensive set of reporting categories aligned with ACT College and Career Readiness Standards and other standards that target college and career readiness will be included. This change will make it easier for students, parents, and educators to gain deeper insight into students' performance and better understand strengths and areas for improvement in each subject.

In this report, reporting category outcomes indicate the percentage of students with reporting category scores falling within associated ACT Readiness Ranges. These ranges reflect where a student who as met an associated ACT College Readiness Benchmark would typically perform in each reporting category.

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We are pleased to provide this 2017 Graduating Class ACT Profile Report. This report summarizes the preparation and performance of your 2017 graduates who took the ACT as sophomores, juniors, or seniors under standard- or extended-time conditions and achieved a college reportable composite score. The most recent set of test information is used in your report for students testing more than once.

### This report focuses on:

Performance - student test performance in the context of college readiness

Access - number of your graduates exposed to college entrance testing and the percent of race/ethnicity participation

Course Selection - percent of students pursuing a core curriculum

Course Rigor - impact of rigorous coursework on achievement

College Readiness - percent of students meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores in each content area

Awareness - extent to which student aspirations match performance

Articulation - colleges and universities to which your students send test results

Each year, test data for a school, district, and the state represents a different cohort of students. ACT encourages educators to focus on trends (3, 5, 10 years), not year-to-year changes. Such changes can represent normal – even expected – fluctuations. On the other hand, trend lines offer more insight into what is happening in a school, district, or the state.

Furthermore, ACT encourages educators to measure student performance in the context of college readiness measures. The focus should be on the number and percentage of students who met or exceeded ACT's College Readiness Benchmark Scores, a measure that is much more meaningful and understandable than an average composite score for a group of students.

### The ACT is a curriculum-based measure of college readiness. ACT components include:

Tests of academic achievement in English, math, reading, science, STEM, and writing (optional) High school grade and course information Student Profile Section Career Interest Inventory

### The ACT:

Every few years, ACT conducts the **ACT National Curriculum Survey** to ensure its curriculum-based assessment tools accurately measure the skills high school teachers teach and instructors of entry-level college courses expect. The ACT is the only college readiness test designed to reflect the results of such a survey.

ACT's **College and Career Readiness Standards** are sets of statements intended to help students, parents and educators understand the meaning of test scores. The standards relate test scores to the types of skills needed for success in high school and beyond. They serve as a direct link between what students have learned and what they are ready to do next. The ACT is the only college readiness test for which scores can be tied directly to standards. College and Career Readiness Standards to the Classroom interpretive guides can be found at <a href="https://www.act.org/content/act/en/education-and-career-planning/college-and-career-readiness-standards.html">www.act.org/content/act/en/education-and-career-planning/college-and-career-readiness-standards.html</a>.

Only the ACT reports **College Readiness Benchmark Scores** – A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses, which include English Composition, Algebra, Social Science, Biology and STEM. These scores were empirically derived based on the actual performance of students in college.

College Course/Course Area	<b>ACT Score</b>	Benchmark Score
English Composition	English	18
Algebra	Mathematics	22
Social Sciences	Reading	22
Biology	Science	23
STEM	STEM	26

For more information, go to www.act.org

#### **How to Improve Scores and Increase College Readiness**

56% of your students met all four ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores (Table 1.1). To improve students' scores and increase the percentage of students identified as college ready, ACT suggests:

PROVIDING ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS TO TAKE THE ACT: 20,935 of your students are included in this report (the 'cohort'). Increasing access insures that more students have the opportunity to consider college and allows the reader to use this report to evaluate how well courses and instructional programs are preparing students for college and work.

MAKING CORE CURRICULUM A PRIORITY: Emphasize the need for all students to develop college and work ready skills, regardless of postsecondary aspirations. 64% of the students in the cohort reported taking courses that would be considered 'Core or More' (Table 1.4).

MAKING SURE STUDENTS ARE TAKING THE RIGHT KINDS OF COURSES: Table 3.8 reports 1% of the cohort took less than three years of math courses. Of these students, 55% were college ready. 3% of the cohort reported taking a course sequence of Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. 31% of these students were college ready. In comparison, 78% of the students who took 3 or more years of math beyond Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry were college ready. Getting more students ready for Algebra prior to 9th grade will increase the chances that students will be prepared for and take advanced-level math courses.

Similarly, Table 3.8 reports 3% of the cohort took less than three years of natural science courses. 41% of these students were college ready. In comparison, 66% of students who took at least three years of science coursework were college ready.

EVALUATING RIGOR OF COURSES: Table 3.1 reports the percentage of students falling in each of the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards score ranges. For example, approximately 19% of the cohort fall into the lowest three Mathematics score ranges. To increase these students' achievement, identify the standards they should focus on next by accessing ACT's College and Career Readiness Standards at at www.act.org/content/act/en/education-and-career-planning/college-and-career-readiness-standards.html.

PLAN GUIDANCE ACTIVITIES BASED ON STUDENTS' CAREER AND COLLEGE ASPIRATIONS: Data in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 enable the reader to determine if aspirations are consistent with academic performance and whether, among students with similar aspirations, academic performance is consistent across racial/ethnic groups.

For more information on interpreting data in this report, or to learn how ACT can help your students improve their readiness for college and the workplace, contact ACT Customer Service at 319-337-1365 or customerservices@act.org.

# Section I Executive Summary

Beginning in August of 2013, all students whose scores are college reportable, both standard and extended time tests, are now included.

Also beginning in August 2013 Graduating Class data, College Readiness Benchmarks for Reading and Science were updated to reflect the most recent college coursework research.

To find the results of only standard time or extended time test takers, refer to Tables 1.8 and 1.9 on page 10.

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Figure 1.1. Average Composite Scores: 5 Years of Testing\*

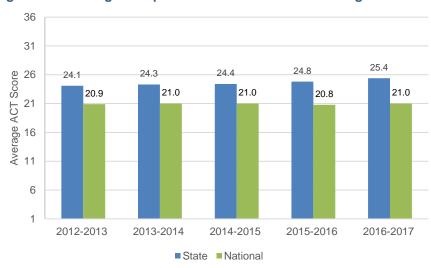


Figure 1.2. Percent Meeting 3 or 4 Benchmarks: 5 Years of Testing\*

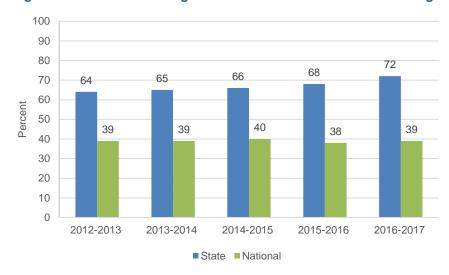


Figure 1.3. Percent Meeting STEM Benchmark: 5 Years of Testing\*

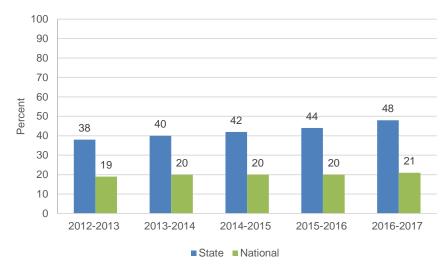
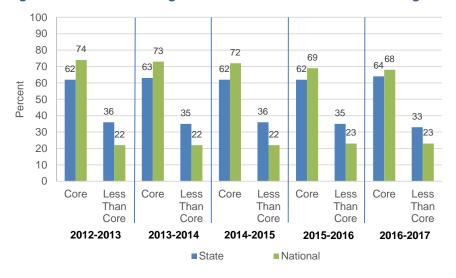


Figure 1.4. Percent Taking A Core Curriculum: 5 Years of Testing\*



<sup>\*</sup> Missing columns in above graphs reflect years in which no students were tested.

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Table 1.1. Five Year Trends—Percent of Students Who Met College Readiness Benchmarks

	Number o	of Students												
	Te	sted	Eng	glish	Mathe	ematics	Rea	ading	Sci	ence	Met All Four			
Year	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National		
2013	16,058	1,799,243	84	64	72	44	66	44	55	36	46	26		
2014	16,651	1,845,787	85	64	72	43	65	44	58	37	47	26		
2015	19,617	1,924,436	85	64	71	42	67	46	61	38	51	28		
2016	20,298	2,090,342	85	61	74	41	71	44	61	36	53	26		
2017	20,935	2,030,038	88	61	75	41	75	47	65	37	56	27		

Table 1.2. Five Year Trends—Average ACT Scores

	Number o	of Students		Average ACT Scores											
	Te	sted	Eng	glish	Mathe	ematics	Rea	ading	Sci	ence	Composite				
Year	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National			
2013	16,058	1,799,243	23.8	20.2	24.4	20.9	24.4	21.1	23.2	20.7	24.1	20.9			
2014	16,651	1,845,787	24.0	20.3	24.6	20.9	24.5	21.3	23.5	20.8	24.3	21.0			
2015	19,617	1,924,436	24.2	20.4	24.6	20.8	24.6	21.4	23.8	20.9	24.4	21.0			
2016	20,298	2,090,342	24.4	20.1	24.9	20.6	25.3	21.3	24.1	20.8	24.8	20.8			
2017	20,935	2,030,038	25.4	20.3	25.3	20.7	25.9	21.4	24.7	21.0	25.4	21.0			

Table 1.3. Five Year Trends—Average ACT Scores Nationwide

	Number of Students			Average ACT Scores	<b>S</b>	
Year	Tested	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite
2013	1,799,243	20.2	20.9	21.1	20.7	20.9
2014	1,845,787	20.3	20.9	21.3	20.8	21.0
2015	1,924,436	20.4	20.8	21.4	20.9	21.0
2016	2,090,342	20.1	20.6	21.3	20.8	20.8
2017	2,030,038	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0

Table 1.4. Five Year Trends—Average ACT Scores by Level of Preparation

									Average A	ACT Scores				
	Num	ber of					i				ı	,	ı	
	Student	s Tested	Perd	cent <sup>2</sup>	Eng	glish	Mathe	ematics	Rea	ading	Sci	ence	Com	posite
	Core or		Core	Less									•	
	4	Less than	or	than	Core or	Less than	Core or	Less than	Core or	Less than	Core or	Less than	Core or	Less than
Year	More	Core	More	Core	More	Core	More	Core	More	Core	More	Core	More	Core
2013	9,979	5,708	62	36	24.1	23.3	24.6	24.3	24.7	24.0	23.4	23.0	24.3	23.8
2014	10,450	5,897	63	35	24.2	23.9	24.6	24.7	24.7	24.4	23.5	23.5	24.4	24.2
2015	12,172	7,052	62	36	24.3	24.1	24.6	24.7	24.8	24.5	23.8	23.9	24.5	24.4
2016	12,632	7,202	62	35	24.5	24.3	24.9	25.0	25.4	25.2	24.2	24.2	24.9	24.8
2017	13,307	6,912	64	33	25.6	25.2	25.4	25.5	26.0	25.8	24.7	24.8	25.6	25.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>"Core or More" results correspond to students taking four or more years of English AND three or more years each of math, social studies, and natural science.

Table 1.5. Five Year Trends—Percent and Average Composite Score by Race/Ethnicity

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Race/Ethnicity	N	%	Avg												
All Students	16,058	100	24.1	16,651	100	24.3	19,617	100	24.4	20,298	100	24.8	20,935	100	25.4
Black/African American	691	4	19.0	688	4	19.2	820	4	19.6	855	4	20.1	847	4	21.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	25	0	22.9	34	0	22.4	32	0	22.2	32	0	21.6	37	0	23.5
White	11,633	72	24.5	11,985	72	24.6	13,833	71	24.7	14,165	70	25.1	14,253	68	25.7
Hispanic/Latino	844	5	21.0	953	6	21.3	1,173	6	21.6	1,258	6	21.9	1,382	7	22.6
Asian	1,054	7	25.0	1,204	7	25.4	1,562	8	25.7	1,696	8	26.4	1,841	9	26.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	15	0	24.8	6	0	24.2	17	0	21.8	19	0	21.9	14	0	22.5
Two or more races	353	2	23.9	404	2	24.5	480	2	25.2	482	2	25.1	633	3	25.8
Prefer not to respond/No response	1,443	9	24.5	1,377	8	25.2	1,700	9	24.8	1,791	9	25.3	1,928	9	25.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Percent of all students tested. Numbers will not add up to 100% due to student non-response.

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Table 1.6. Five Year Trends—Achievement in STEM<sup>1</sup>

			All Tested Student	s		Students Meeting STEM Benchmarks					
	Number of										
	Students Tested	Avg. S	TEM Score	<b>Percent Meeting</b>	STEM Benchmark	Avg. Mathe	matics Score	Avg. Science Score			
Year			National	State	National	State	National	State	National		
2013	16,058 1,799,24	3 24.0	21.1	38	19	29.3	28.7	28.0	28.0		
2014	16,651 1,845,78	7 24.3	21.1	40	20	29.5	28.7	28.3	28.3		
2015	19,617 1,924,43	6 24.4	21.1	42	20	29.3	28.7	28.4	28.4		
2016	20,298 2,090,34	2 24.8	20.9	44	20	29.5	28.7	28.8	28.6		
2017	20,935 2,030,03	8 25.3	21.1	48	21	29.6	28.7	29.1	28.7		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The STEM score describes students' overall proficiency in mathematics and science.

Table 1.7. Proficiency In Understanding Complex Texts<sup>1</sup>

					-			Text Com	plexity	Proficienc	y Level							
		ı	Below P	roficient					Prof	icient					Above F	Proficient		
		N	Pei	rcent	Avg. F	Reading		N	Pei	cent	Avg. F	Reading		N	Pei	cent	Avg. F	Reading
Year	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National
2013	0	0					0	0					0	0				
2014	0	0					0	0					0	0				
2015	0	0					0	0					0	0				
2016	3,441	485,762	17	23	17.5	17.0	4,002	322,548	20	15	24.1	23.6	4,702	235,380	23	11	30.9	30.3
2017	4,802	999,708	23	49	17.9	16.2	7,109	596,096	34	29	24.2	23.4	8,970	427,075	43	21	31.5	30.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The text complexity indicator, beginning in Fall 2015, represents students' progress toward understanding complex written material often encountered in college and careers.

Table 1.8. Average ACT College Reportable Scores by Test Session Duration

	Student Group	Test Session				Aver	age ACT Sco	ores	
	Student Group	Duration	N	Percent	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite
		Standard Time	19,453	93	25.5	25.4	25.8	24.7	25.5
	State	Extended Time	1,482	7	24.5	23.9	26.2	24.5	24.9
_		Total	20,935	100	25.4	25.3	25.9	24.7	25.4
		Standard Time	1,927,386	95	20.5	20.8	21.5	21.1	21.1
	National	Extended Time	102,652	5	17.5	18.5	19.5	18.9	18.7
		Total	2,030,038	100	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0

Table 1.9. Percent of Students Who Met College Readiness Benchmark Scores by Test Session Duration

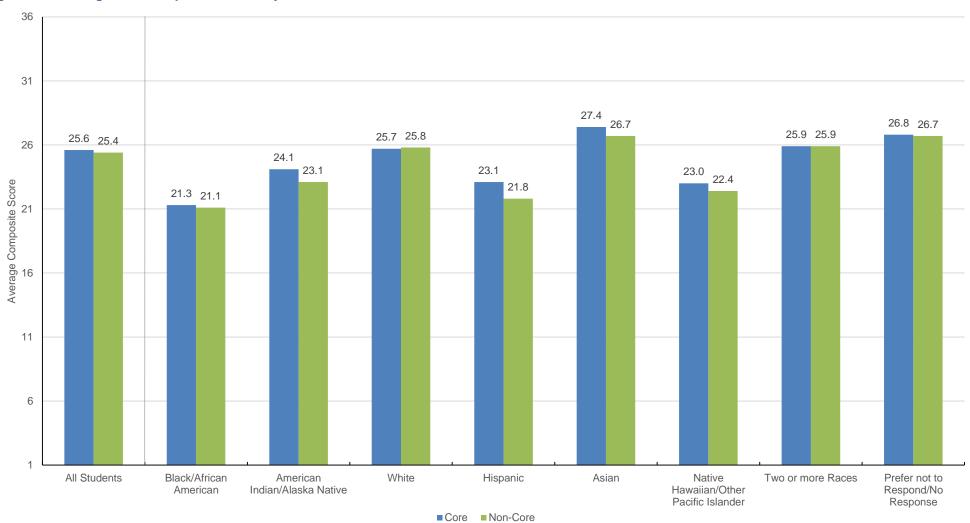
	Student Group	Test Session		Per	cent of Stude	ents	Met
	Student Group	Duration	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	All Four
		Standard Time	89	76	75	65	57
	State	Extended Time	80	63	72	61	51
		Total	88	75	75	65	56
Ī		Standard Time	63	41	48	38	28
	National	Extended Time	42	25	36	26	19
		Total	61	41	47	37	27

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### Section II Academic Achievement

Beginning with the Graduating Class of 2013, all students whose scores are college reportable, both standard and extended time tests, are now included. Also beginning with the 2013 Graduating Class data, College Readiness Benchmarks for Reading and Science were updated to reflect the most recent college coursework research.

Figure 2.1. Average ACT Composite Scores by Race and Core Curriculum Status\*



<sup>\*</sup>Missing columns reflect combinations of race/ethnicity and core course-taking status in which one or both indicators are missing.

Table 2.1. ACT Score Distributions, Cumulative Percents (CP<sup>1</sup>), and Score Averages

ACT Scale	Eng	lish	Mathe	matics	Rea	ding	Scie	ence	Comp	osite	ST	EM	ACT Scale
Score	N	СР	N	CP	N	СР	N	СР	N	СР	N	СР	Score
36	542	100	352	100	801	100	496	100	109	100	298	100	36
35	1,569	97	629	98	718	96	504	98	524	99	492	99	35
34	958	90	518	95	1,136	93	650	95	714	97	577	96	34
33	891	85	698	93	1,125	87	794	92	815	94	596	93	33
32	522	81	776	90	1,152	82	230	88	934	90	778	91	32
31	675	79	756	86	1,134	76	694	87	1,085	85	872	87	31
30	1,059	75	901	82	1,051	71	856	84	1,138	80	946 83		30
29	755	70	1,012	78	978	66	934	80	1,182	75	1,060	78	29
28	809	67	1,636	73	950	61	972	75	1,228	69	1,277	73	28
27	981	63	1,943	65	792	57	981	71	1,234	63	1,524	67	27
26	936	58	1,701	56	921	53	1,454	66	1,378	57	1,630	60	26
25	1,480	54	1,409	48	946	49	1,299	59	1,462	51	1,656	52	25
24	1,315	47	1,558	41	1,284	44	1,998	53	1,540	44	1,574 44		24
23	1,492	40	918	34	1,281	38	1,718	43	1,336	36	1,380	37	23
22	1,198	33	980	29	1,471	32	1,667	35	1,261	30	1,180	30	22
21	1,141	27	566	25	862	25	1,094	27	1,013	24	1,053	24	21
20	999	22	759	22	872	21	1,233	22	987	19	930	19	20
19	605	17	823	18	717	17	730	16	795	14	923	15	19
18	533	14	847	14	665	13	834	13	605	11	663	10	18
17	490	12	869	10	477	10	494	9	515	8	598	7	17
16	523	9	730	6	455	8	448	6	401	5	419	4	16
15	504	7	331	3	323	5	282	4	321	3	264	2	15
14 13	297 184	5 3	157 52	1	312 213	4 2	174 168	3 2	191 98	2 1	147 58	1	14 13
12	167	2	6	1	170	1	98	1	96 42	1	31	1	12
11	150	1	4	1	50	1	57	1	21	1	4	1	11
10	92	1	4	1	33	1	39		5	1	4	1	10
9	37	1	0	1	22	1	27		1		1	1	9
8	19	1	0	1	13	1	3	1	0		0	1	8
7	7	1	0	1	5	1	3	1 1	0	1	0	1	7
6	1	1	0	1	3	1	1 1	1 1	0		0	1 1	6
5	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	5
4	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4
3	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	3
2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Avg (SD)	25.4	(6.4)	25.3	(5.4)	25.9	(6.2)	24.7	(5.5)	25.4	(5.3)	25.3	(5.1)	Avg (SD)

<sup>1</sup>CP is the cumulative percent of students at or below a score point.

Note: Shaded portions of columns identify the students who met/exceeded the ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores.

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Total Students in Report: 20,935

Figure 2.2. English Reporting Categories<sup>1</sup>

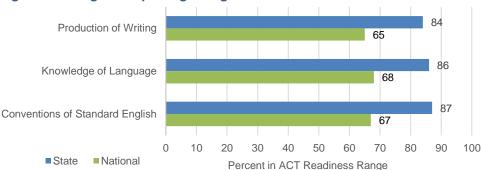


Figure 2.4. Reading Reporting Categories<sup>1</sup>

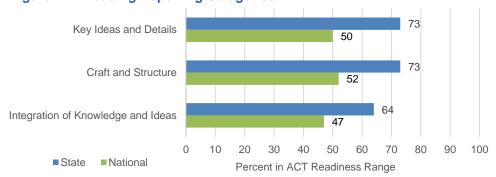


Figure 2.5. Science Reporting Categories<sup>1</sup>

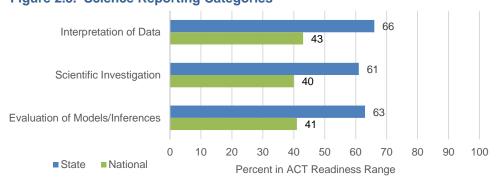
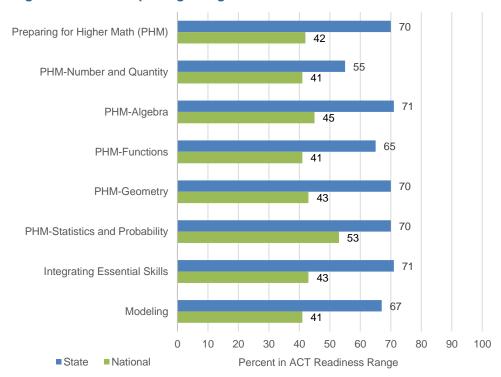


Figure 2.3. Math Reporting Categories<sup>1</sup>



The charts on this page show the percent of students whose reporting category scores fall within associated ACT Readiness Ranges. ACT Readiness Ranges reflect where a student who has met a particular subject area's ACT College Readiness Benchmark would typically perform within the associated reporting category.

<sup>1</sup>Reporting Categories are reported only for testing events beginning September 2016.

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Table 2.2. Average ACT Composite Scores for Race/Ethnicity by Level of Preparation

Student		Number of	Percent Taking	Average ACT Co	omposite Score	
Group	Race/Ethnicity	Students Tested	Core or More <sup>1</sup>	Core or More	Less Than Core	
	All Students	20,935	64	25.6	25.4	
	Black/African American	847	60	21.3	21.1	
	American Indian/Alaska Native	37	65	24.1	23.1	
	White	14,253	66	25.7	25.8	
State	Hispanic/Latino	1,382	62	23.1	21.8	
	Asian	1,841	55	27.4	26.7	
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isl.	14	43	23.0	22.4	
	Two or More Races	633	64	25.9	25.9	
	Prefer not/No Response	1,928	54	26.8	26.7	
	All Students	2,030,038	68	22.1	18.9	
	Black/African American	256,756	63	17.9	16.0	
	American Indian/Alaska Native	16,135	54	18.7	16.4	
	White	1,062,439	72	23.4	20.2	
National	Hispanic/Latino	347,906	66	19.8	17.4	
	Asian	96,097	78	25.0	22.5	
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isl.	6,503	58	20.0	16.5	
	Two or More Races	86,119	68	22.2	19.3	
	Prefer not/No Response	158,083	46	22.6	18.3	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>"Core or More" results correspond to students taking four or more years of English AND three or more years each of math, social studies, and natural science.

Table 2.3. Average ACT Scores by Race/Ethnicity

Student									
Group	Race/Ethnicity	N	Percent	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite	STEM
	All Students	20,935	100	25.4	25.3	25.9	24.7	25.4	25.3
	Black/African American	847	4	21.0	21.2	21.8	20.4	21.2	21.1
	American Indian/Alaska Native	37	0	22.3	23.8	24.1	23.0	23.5	23.6
	White	14,253	68	25.7	25.4	26.2	24.9	25.7	25.4
State	Hispanic/Latino	1,382	7	22.1	22.5	23.3	22.1	22.6	22.5
	Asian	1,841	9	26.3	28.6	26.2	26.2	26.9	27.7
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isl.	14	0	21.9	22.1	22.9	22.4	22.5	22.4
	Two or More Races	633	3	26.0	25.4	26.3	25.1	25.8	25.5
	Prefer not/No Response	1,928	9	26.0	25.6	26.4	25.2	25.9	25.7
	All Students	2,030,038	100	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0	21.1
	Black/African American	256,756	13	16.0	17.1	17.4	17.4	17.1	17.5
	American Indian/Alaska Native	16,135	1	16.1	17.6	18.0	18.0	17.5	18.0
	White	1,062,439	52	22.1	21.9	23.0	22.3	22.4	22.3
National	Hispanic/Latino	347,906	17	17.7	18.9	19.3	19.1	18.9	19.2
	Asian	96,097	5	23.7	25.2	23.9	24.0	24.3	24.9
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isl.	6,503	0	17.2	18.6	18.6	18.7	18.4	18.9
	Two or More Races	86,119	4	20.6	20.7	21.9	21.2	21.2	21.2
	Prefer not/No Response	158,083	8	19.5	20.1	20.8	20.3	20.3	20.5

Table 2.4. Average ACT Composite Scores for Gender by Level of Preparation

Student Group	Gender	Number of	Percent Taking	Average ACT Composite Score			
Student Group	Gender	Students Tested	Core or More <sup>1</sup>	Core or More	Less Than Core		
	Males	9,529	65	25.9	25.9		
State	Females	11,405	62	25.3	25.1		
	No Response	1	0				
	Males	939,730	66	22.3	18.7		
National	Females	1,047,170	71	21.9	19.3		
	No Response	43,138	27	19.0	16.5		

<sup>1&</sup>quot;Core or More" results correspond to students taking four or more years of English AND three or more years each of math, social studies, and natural science.

Table 2.5. Average ACT Scores by Gender

Student Group	Gender	N	Percent	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite	STEM
	Males	9,529	46	25.2	26.1	25.8	25.3	25.7	26.0
State	Females	11,405	54	25.5	24.7	26.0	24.2	25.2	24.7
	No Response	1	0	23.0	29.0	26.0	27.0	26.0	28.0
	Males	939,730	46	19.9	21.2	21.2	21.3	21.0	21.5
National	Females	1,047,170	52	20.8	20.4	21.8	20.8	21.1	20.8
	No Response	43,138	2	16.4	17.8	17.9	18.1	17.7	18.2

#### **Table 2.6. ACT Score Quartile Values**

Quartile	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite
Q3 (75th Percentile)	30	29	31	28	30
Q2 (50th Percentile)	25	26	26	24	25
Q1 (25th Percentile)	21	22	22	21	22

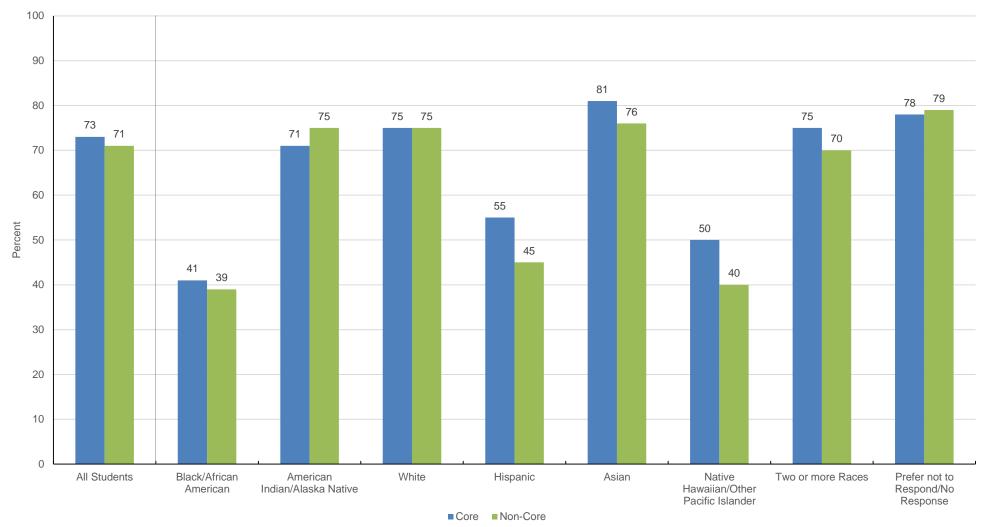
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### Section III College and Career Readiness and the Impact of Course Rigor

Beginning with the Graduating Class of 2013, all students whose scores are college reportable, both standard and extended time tests, are now included. Also beginning with the 2013 Graduating Class data, College Readiness Benchmarks for Reading and Science were updated to reflect the most recent college coursework research.

Graduating Class 2017

Figure 3.1. Percent of Students Meeting 3 or 4 College Readiness Benchmarks by Core College Curriculum Status\*



<sup>\*</sup>Missing columns reflect combinations of race/ethnicity and core course-taking status in which one or both indicators are missing.

Table 3.1. Percent of Students in College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) Score Ranges

Student	CCRS	Eng	ılish 💮 💮 💮	Mathe	matics	Rea	ding	Scie	ence
Group	Range	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
	33 to 36	3,960	19	2,197	10	3,780	18	2,444	12
	28 to 32	3,820	18	5,081	24	5,265	25	3,686	18
	24 to 27	4,712	23	6,611	32	3,943	19	5,732	27
State	20 to 23	4,830	23	3,223	15	4,486	21	5,712	27
	16 to 19	2,151	10	3,269	16	2,314	11	2,506	12
	13 to 15	985	5	540	3	848	4	624	3
	01 to 12	477	2	14	0	299	1	231	1
	33 to 36	136,676	7	61,071	3	141,382	7	79,636	4
	28 to 32	180,218	9	192,088	9	276,868	14	159,638	8
	24 to 27	304,755	15	404,500	20	287,704	14	371,660	18
National	20 to 23	454,612	22	329,804	16	472,133	23	580,793	29
	16 to 19	372,731	18	686,547	34	426,969	21	513,876	25
	13 to 15	307,497	15	332,337	16	274,775	14	227,206	11
	01 to 12	273,549	13	23,691	1	150,207	7	97,229	5

Table 3.2. Percent of Students Who Met College Readiness Benchmark Scores by Gender

Student Group	Gender		Met			
Student Group	Gender	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	All Four
	Males	87	79	74	69	60
State	Females	89	72	76	61	53
	No Response	100	100	100	100	100
	Males	59	44	46	40	29
National	Females	65	39	49	35	26
	No Response	37	19	24	18	10

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Table 3.3. Percent of Students Who Met ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores by Race/Ethnicity

Student			English Benchmark=18	Mathematics Benchmark=22	Reading Benchmark=22	Science Benchmark=23	All Four	STEM Benchmark=26
Group	Race/Ethnicity	N	%	%	%	%	%	%
•	All Students	20,935	88	75	75	65	56	48
	Black/African American	847	69	47	50	32	25	18
	American Indian/Alaska Native	37	81	62	76	62	46	35
	White	14,253	91	77	78	67	59	49
State	Hispanic/Latino	1,382	72	55	59	46	37	29
	Asian	1,841	88	89	74	73	64	66
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isl	14	71	50	57	43	43	36
	Two or More Races	633	90	76	77	67	60	50
	Prefer Not to Respond	1,928	87	75	76	67	59	52
	All Students	2,030,038	61	41	47	37	27	21
	Black/African American	256,756	33	13	20	11	6	4
	American Indian/Alaska Native	16,135	34	16	25	15	8	5
	White	1,062,439	74	51	58	47	35	26
National	Hispanic/Latino	347,906	46	26	33	22	14	10
	Asian	96,097	76	70	62	58	48	46
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isl	6,503	43	26	29	21	15	11
	Two or More Races	86,119	64	40	50	38	27	20
	Prefer Not to Respond	158,083	54	36	42	34	25	20

Table 3.4. Likely ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) Level Based Upon ACT Composite Score<sup>1</sup>

Student				Average
Group	ACT NCRC Level <sup>2</sup>	N	%	Composite
	Gold or Higher	11,803	56	29.3
State	Silver	8,052	38	21.3
State	Bronze	1,011	5	15.0
	Needs Improvement	69	0	11.5
	Gold or Higher	538,392	27	28.5
National	Silver	984,772	49	20.3
National	Bronze	440,158	22	14.7
	Needs Improvement	66,716	3	11.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The ACT Composite scores associated with a 50% chance of earning each ACT NCRC level or higher are: 13 for Bronze, 17 for Silver, 25 for Gold, and 35 for Platinum. Based on those cut scores, students who earned an ACT Composite score of less than 13 would be classified as 'Needs Improvement', 13 to 16 as 'Bronze', 17 to 24 as 'Silver', and 25 or above as 'Gold or Higher' in the table above. For comparison, individual student score reports classify those who scored 12-13, 14-17, and 18 and higher as making progress toward Bronze, Silver, and Gold certificates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Additional information on the ACT NCRC can be found at www.act.org.

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Table 3.5. College Readiness Benchmark Percent and Average ACT Scores by Overall High School Curriculum

Student	Curriculum	N	English Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite⁴		STEM			
Group	Taken <sup>1</sup>	14	%	Avg	%	Avg	%	Avg	%	Avg	%	Avg	%	Avg
	Core or More <sup>2</sup>	13,307	90	25.6	76	25.4	77	26.0	65	24.7	57	25.6	48	25.3
State	Less than Core	6,912	87	25.2	76	25.5	74	25.8	66	24.8	57	25.4	50	25.4
	Missing <sup>3</sup>	716	72	22.6	57	22.9	57	23.7	50	22.9	39	23.1	34	23.2
	Core or More	1,376,479	70	21.6	48	21.7	54	22.6	44	21.9	33	22.1	25	22.1
National	Less than Core	464,989	46	17.9	26	18.8	33	19.3	24	19.1	16	18.9	11	19.2
	Missing	188,570	37	16.5	20	17.9	27	18.2	20	18.3	12	17.9	9	18.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Curriculum Taken" reflects overall high school curriculum in this table.

Table 3.6. College Readiness Benchmark Percent and Average ACT Scores by Content-Specific Curriculum

Student	Curriculum		English			Mathematics			Reading			Science		
Group	Taken <sup>1</sup>	N	%	Avg	N	%	Avg	N	%	Avg	N	%	Avg	
	Core or More <sup>2</sup>	19,907	89	25.5	20,062	76	25.4	13,838	76	25.9	19,576	66	24.9	
State	Less than Core	322	75	22.9	167	55	23.2	6,387	75	26.0	648	41	21.6	
	Missing <sup>3</sup>	706	72	22.5	706	56	22.9	710	57	23.7	711	50	22.9	
	Core or More	1,749,083	65	20.9	1,754,759	44	21.2	1,634,115	51	22.0	1,601,572	42	21.7	
National	Less than Core	109,158	34	15.9	96,952	8	16.3	218,140	34	19.5	248,948	17	18.2	
	Missing	171,797	39	16.7	178,327	21	18.0	177,783	28	18.3	179,518	20	18.4	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Curriculum Taken" reflects content-specific curriculum in this table.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Core or More" results correspond to students taking four or more years of English AND three or more years each of math, social studies, and natural science.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Zero years or no coursework information reported in one or more content areas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Composite College Readiness Benchmark % results reflect students who met all four subject-area benchmarks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Core or More" results correspond to students taking four or more years of English or three or more years of math, social studies, or natural science, respectively.

For instance, Reading "Core or More" results correspond to students taking three or more years of social studies, regardless of courses taken in other content areas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Zero years or no coursework information reported in the specified content area.

Table 3.7. College Readiness Benchmark (CRB) Percent and Average ACT Scores by Common Course Patterns

Table 3.7. College Readiness Benchmark (CRB) Percent and Average ACT Scores by Common Course Patterns											
Course Pattern			State			li de la companya de	National	1			
		Percent Taking	Avg ACT	Percent Who Met		Percent Taking	Avg ACT	Percent Who Met			
ENGLISH COURSE PATTERN	N	Pattern	English	Benchmark	N	Pattern	English	Benchmark			
Eng 9, Eng 10, Eng 11, Eng 12, & Other English	5,354	26	25.7	90	372,397	18	22.0	72			
Eng 9, Eng 10, Eng 11, Eng 12	14,553	70	25.5	89	1,376,686	68	20.6	64			
Less than 4 years of English	322	2	22.9	75	109,158	5	15.9	34			
Zero years / no English courses reported	706	3	22.5	72	171,797	8	16.7	39			
		Percent Taking	Avg ACT	Percent Who Met		Percent Taking	Avg ACT	Percent Who Met			
MATHEMATICS COURSE PATTERN	N	Pattern	Math	Benchmark	N	Pattern	Math	Benchmark			
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, Trig, & Calc	2,249	11	26.5	84	117,096	6	23.2	62			
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, Trig, & Other Adv Math	1,350	6	23.1	66	152,416	8	21.5	51			
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, & Trig	667	3	21.2	46	113,080	6	18.9	26			
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, & Other Adv Math	2,184	10	21.5	50	364,399	18	19.3	29			
Other comb of 4 or more years of Math	11,823	56	26.8	85	684,625	34	23.8	64			
Alg 1, Alg 2, & Geom	554	3	19.6	31	217,043	11	16.9	10			
Other comb of 3 or 3.5 years of Math	1,235	6	24.3	70	106,100	5	19.6	32			
Less than 3 years of Math	167	1	23.2	55	96,952	5	16.3	8			
Zero years / no Math courses reported	706	3	22.9	56	178,327	9	18.0	21			
		Percent Taking	Avg ACT	Percent Who Met		Percent Taking	Avg ACT	Percent Who Met			
SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSE PATTERN	N	Pattern	Reading	Benchmark	N	Pattern	Reading	Benchmark			
US Hist, World Hist, Am Gov, & Other Hist	968	5	26.3	76	52,959	3	22.1	51			
Other comb of 4 or more years Social Science	5,988	29	25.9	76	934,153	46	22.6	55			
US Hist, World Hist, & Am Gov	795	4	25.4	73	120,831	6	19.7	35			
Other comb of 3 or 3.5 years of Social Science	6,087	29	26.0	77	526,172	26	21.6	48			
Less than 3 years of Social Science	6,387	31	26.0	75	218,140	11	19.5	34			
Zero years / no Social Science courses reported	710	3	23.7	57	177,783	9	18.3	28			
		Percent Taking	Avg ACT	Percent Who Met		Percent Taking	Avg ACT	Percent Who Met			
NATURAL SCIENCE COURSE PATTERN	N	Pattern	Science	Benchmark	N	Pattern	Science	Benchmark			
Gen Sci <sup>1</sup> , Bio, Chem, & Phys	13,385	64	25.1	68	809,286	40	22.4	48			
Bio, Chem, Phys	4,086	20	25.4	70	225,060	11	23.2	53			
Gen Sci <sup>1</sup> , Bio, Chem	1,893	9	22.1	45	513,247	25	20.2	30			
Other comb of 3 years of Natural Science	212	1	22.9	47	53,979	3	19.1	24			
Less than 3 years of Natural Science	648	3	21.6	41	248,948	12	18.2	17			
Zero years / no Natural Science courses reported	711	3	22.9	50	179,518	9	18.4	20			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes General, Physical and Earth Sciences.

Table 3.8. College Readiness Benchmark (CRB) Percent and Average ACT Scores for Gender by Common Course Patterns

Table 3.8. College Readiness Benchmark (CRB) Percent and Average ACT Scores for Gender by Common Course Patterns												
Course Pattern		All Students				Males			Females			
			ACT	% Who Met			ACT	% Who Met			ACT	% Who Met
ENGLISH COURSE PATTERN	N	Percent	English	Benchmark	N	Percent	English	Benchmark	N	Percent	English	Benchmark
Eng 9, Eng 10, Eng 11, Eng 12, & Other English	5,354	26	25.7	90	2,215	23	25.6	88	3,139	28	25.8	90
Eng 9, Eng 10, Eng 11, Eng 12	14,553	70	25.5	89	6,701	70	25.4	88	7,852	69	25.5	89
Less than 4 years of English	322	2	22.9	75	161	2	23.1	74	161	1	22.8	77
Zero years / no English courses reported	706	3	22.5	72	452	5	22.1	72	253	2	23.4	72
			ACT	% Who Met			ACT	% Who Met			ACT	% Who Met
MATHEMATICS COURSE PATTERN	N	Percent	Math	Benchmark	N	Percent	Math	Benchmark	N	Percent	Math	Benchmark
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, Trig, & Calc	2,249	11	26.5	84	918	10	27.2	88	1,331	12	26.0	82
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, Trig, & Other Adv Math	1,350	6	23.1	66	470	5	23.6	70	880	8	22.9	64
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, & Trig	667	3	21.2	46	260	3	21.6	50	407	4	20.9	44
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, & Other Adv Math	2,184	10	21.5	50	725	8	21.8	53	1,459	13	21.3	49
Other comb of 4 or more years of Math	11,823	56	26.8	85	5,957	63	27.4	87	5,866	51	26.3	83
Alg 1, Alg 2, & Geom	554	3	19.6	31	200	2	19.4	34	354	3	19.6	30
Other comb of 3 or 3.5 years of Math	1,235	6	24.3	70	472	5	25.2	76	763	7	23.8	67
Less than 3 years of Math	167	1	23.2	55	77	1	24.4	62	90	1	22.2	49
Zero years / no Math courses reported	706	3	22.9	56	450	5	22.8	57	255	2	22.9	56
			ACT	% Who Met			ACT	% Who Met			ACT	% Who Met
SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSE PATTERN	N	Percent	Reading	Benchmark	N	Percent	Reading	Benchmark	N	Percent	Reading	Benchmark
US Hist, World Hist, Am Gov, & Other Hist	968	5	26.3	76	486	5	25.7	75	482	4	26.8	78
Other comb of 4 or more years Social Science	5,988	29	25.9	76	2,958	31	25.8	75	3,030	27	25.9	77
US Hist, World Hist, & Am Gov	795	4	25.4	73	377	4	25.3	73	418	4	25.4	74
Other comb of 3 or 3.5 years of Social Science	6,087	29	26.0	77	2,599	27	26.0	76	3,488	31	26.1	77
Less than 3 years of Social Science	6,387	31	26.0	75	2,656	28	26.1	75	3,731	33	25.9	75
Zero years / no Social Science courses reported	710	3	23.7	57	453	5	23.1	54	256	2	24.9	63
			ACT	% Who Met			ACT	% Who Met			ACT	% Who Met
NATURAL SCIENCE COURSE PATTERN	N	Percent	Science	Benchmark	N	Percent	Science	Benchmark	N	Percent	Science	Benchmark
Gen Sci <sup>1</sup> , Bio, Chem, & Phys	13,385	64	25.1	68	6,286	66	25.8	72	7,099	62	24.6	65
Bio, Chem, Phys	4,086	20	25.4	70	1,843	19	26.3	76	2,243	20	24.6	65
Gen Sci <sup>2</sup> , Bio, Chem	1,893	9	22.1	45	606	6	22.1	45	1,287	11	22.1	45
Other comb of 3 years of Natural Science	212	1	22.9	47	113	1	23.1	50	99	1	22.6	42
Less than 3 years of Natural Science	648	3	21.6	41	226	2	21.7	42	422	4	21.5	41
Zero years / no Natural Science courses reported	711	3	22.9	50	455	5	22.8	49	255	2	23.1	52

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes General, Physical and Earth Sciences.

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**Graduating Class 2017** 

Total Students in Report: 20,935

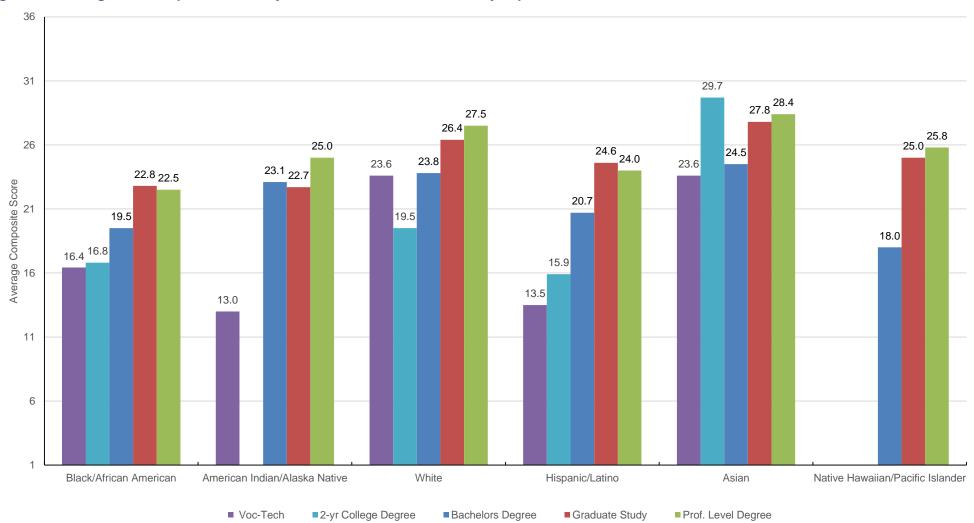
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### Section IV Career and Educational Aspirations

Beginning with the Graduating Class of 2013, all students whose scores are college reportable, both standard and extended time tests, are now included. Also beginning with the 2013 Graduating Class data, College Readiness Benchmarks for Reading and Science were updated to reflect the most recent college coursework research.

Figure 4.1. Average ACT Composite Scores by Race and Student Postsecondary Aspirations\*



<sup>\*</sup>Missing columns reflect combinations of race/ethnicity and postsecondary aspiration in which one or both indicators are missing.

Table 4.1. Distribution of Planned Educational Majors for All Students by College Plans

	All Students			Plan on 2	Years or Less	of College	Plan on 4 Years or More of College			
Planned Educational Major	$N^1$	Percent <sup>2</sup>	Avg ACT Comp	N	Percent	Avg ACT Comp	N	Percent	Avg ACT Comp	
Agriculture & Natural Resources Conservation	164	1	25.0	3	2	23.3	144	1	24.7	
Architecture	166	1	25.0	0	0		143	1	25.1	
Area, Ethnic, & Multidisciplinary Studies	39	0	26.8	1	1	17.0	31	0	27.2	
Arts: Visual & Performing	777	4	24.6	6	5	18.7	665	4	24.7	
Business	2,933	14	24.4	39	30	21.3	2,572	15	24.4	
Communications	406	2	23.9	3	2	21.7	362	2	23.9	
Community, Family, & Personal Services	116	1	21.2	0	0		107	1	21.1	
Computer Science & Mathematics	858	4	27.6	6	5	23.8	726	4	27.4	
Education	580	3	22.8	5	4	16.6	527	3	22.8	
Engineering	1,937	9	27.0	5	4	20.4	1,718	10	26.9	
Engineering Technology & Drafting	145	1	24.7	2	2	20.5	134	1	24.8	
English & Foreign Languages	347	2	27.4	1	1	34.0	289	2	27.3	
Health Administration & Assisting	225	1	21.2	4	3	18.3	187	1	21.5	
Health Sciences & Technologies	2,621	13	24.3	8	6	19.1	2,376	14	24.3	
Philosophy, Religion, & Theology	39	0	25.6	0	0		33	0	25.8	
Repair, Production, & Construction	22	0	19.6	5	4	16.8	16	0	21.1	
Sciences: Biological & Physical	2,271	11	26.8	8	6	20.3	2,036	12	26.8	
Social Sciences & Law	1,683	8	25.3	6	5	24.8	1,504	9	25.3	
Undecided	5,056	24	26.1	28	21	21.8	3,705	21	25.9	
No Response	548	3	23.3	0	0		26	0	24.0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>2-Year and 4-Year "N" counts do not reflect "Missing" and "Other" college plans, therefore they may not add up to the N count for All Students.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Percent of students tested within College Plan groups (All Students, 2-Year, 4-Year).

Table 4.2. Average ACT Composite Scores for Racial/Ethnic Groups by Post-Secondary Educational Aspirations

All Racial/Ethnic Groups Educational Degree Combined		Black/African American		American Indian/ Alaska Native		White		Hispanic/Latino		
Aspirations	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Voc-Tech	78	22.4	5	16.4	1	13.0	45	23.6	4	13.5
2-yr College Degree	53	18.8	6	16.8	0		28	19.5	11	15.9
Bachelors Degree	6,773	23.5	221	19.5	13	23.1	5,185	23.8	414	20.7
Graduate Study	5,892	26.4	135	22.8	6	22.7	4,418	26.4	324	24.6
Prof. Level Degree	4,637	27.0	286	22.5	10	25.0	2,795	27.5	406	24.0
Other	207	23.6	17	19.8	1	26.0	115	24.0	16	20.4
No Response	3,295	25.9	177	20.7	6	23.8	1,667	27.0	207	21.5

All Racial/Ethnic Groups  Educational Degree Combined		Asian			lawaiian/ Islander	Two or n	nore races	Prefer not to respond/ No Response		
Aspirations	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Voc-Tech	78	22.4	16	23.6	0		3	19.7	4	24.0
2-yr College Degree	53	18.8	3	29.7	0		2	17.0	3	17.7
Bachelors Degree	6,773	23.5	420	24.5	6	18.0	192	24.3	322	24.0
Graduate Study	5,892	26.4	426	27.8	3	25.0	168	26.9	412	26.9
Prof. Level Degree	4,637	27.0	600	28.4	4	25.8	180	26.4	356	28.0
Other	207	23.6	27	24.9	0		10	23.4	21	25.6
No Response	3,295	25.9	349	26.6	1	29.0	78	26.5	810	25.4

Table 4.3. Students' Score Report Preferences at Time of Testing

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					Percent of Students in							
		Number of Students					College Readiness Standards Ranges					
				2nd-6th								
Name	State	Total	1st Choice	Choice	01-12	13-15	16-19	20-23	24-27	28-32	33-36	
UNIV OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST	Massachusetts	1,123	378	745	0	1	11	21	31	27	8	
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	603	179	424	0	1	7	15	29	36	12	
BOSTON UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	499	144	355	0	2	9	17	31	36	5	
UNIV OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL	Massachusetts	393	93	300	0	3	17	27	29	19	6	
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	New Hampshire	309	60	249	0	2	13	33	30	19	2	
BOSTON COLLEGE	Massachusetts	305	100	205	1	2	6	18	28	39	7	
WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INST	Massachusetts	257	77	180	0	0	4	13	28	42	12	
TUFTS UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	241	85	156	0	0	6	10	27	42	15	
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	Vermont	240	59	181	0	1	4	20	34	34	7	
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	Connecticut	237	53	184	0	1	7	24	35	27	7	
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND	Rhode Island	234	46	188	1	0	11	38	33	15	2	
UNIV OF MASSACHUSETTS-DARTMOUTH	Massachusetts	217	35	182	1	8	28	31	22	8	1	
UNIV OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON	Massachusetts	216	54	162	1	6	26	30	25	10	2	
BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	193	45	148	1	9	36	27	19	7	0	
WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	188	51	137	0	8	38	32	16	5	1	
SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	173	37	136	1	12	31	36	15	6	0	
BROWN UNIVERSITY	Rhode Island	172	75	97	1	0	3	6	22	42	26	
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY	Connecticut	161	37	124	0	2	10	32	35	20	2	
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	156	44	112	0	1	8	27	42	20	3	
HARVARD COLLEGE	Massachusetts	139	55	84	0	1	7	9	19	44	19	
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE THE	Maine	133	31	102	1	5	10	34	33	15	2	
WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	Massachusetts	130	39	91	1	2	17	23	35	19	3	
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	New York	126	43	83	0	1	3	10	29	45	12	
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE	Rhode Island	126	25	101	0	2	7	26	37	25	2	
WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	120	28	92	1	4	35	42	14	4	0	
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY	Rhode Island	118	23	95	2	2	11	39	33	12	2	
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY	New York	116	25	91	0	0	8	23	38	28	3	
NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER	Indiana	114	80	34	0	3	12	25	32	21	7	
FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY	Massachusetts	111	25	86	0	14	38	32	14	3	0	
MASSACHUSETTS COLL PHARM/HLTH SCIENCES	Massachusetts	106	37	69	0	2	19	37	23	18	2	
All Other Institutions		8,136	2,202	5,934	0	3	12	23	27	27	8	
Total		15,392	4,265	11,127	0	3	12	23	28	26	8	

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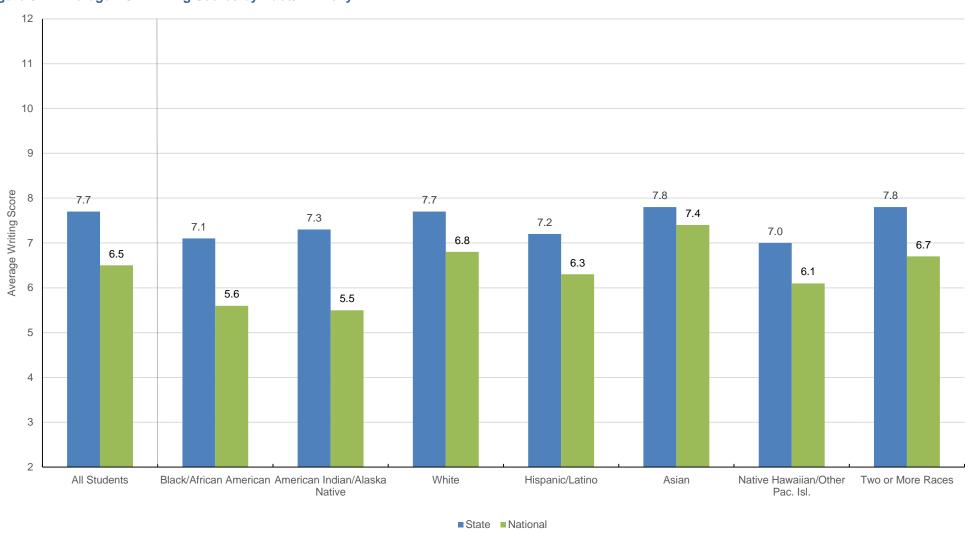
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# Section V Optional Writing Test Results

Beginning with the Graduating Class of 2013, all students whose scores are college reportable, both standard and extended time tests, are now included. Also beginning with the 2013 Graduating Class data, College Readiness Benchmarks for Reading and Science were updated to reflect the most recent college coursework research.

Figure 5.1. Average ACT Writing Scores by Race/Ethnicity\*



<sup>\*</sup>Missing columns reflect race/ethnicity groupings that are missing.
Results based on students with ACT Writing scores from test events beginning September 2015. Score scale is 2-12.

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Table 5.1. Average ACT English Language Arts and Constituent Scores by Race/Ethnicity and Gender for Students Who Took ACT Writing<sup>1</sup>

Table 3.1. Average AOT English			Average ACT Scores							
		N	Writing		English		Reading		English Language Arts	
	State National		State National		State National		State National		State	National
All Students	16,465	1,090,621	7.7	6.5	25.9	20.9	26.4	22.0	24.6	20.2
Black/African American	671	125,357	7.1	5.6	21.5	16.2	22.2	17.7	21.1	16.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	26	7,357	7.3	5.5	22.6	15.9	24.2	17.9	22.3	16.0
White	10,992	525,822	7.7	6.8	26.4	22.8	26.8	23.8	25.0	21.8
Hispanic/Latino	1,113	218,012	7.2	6.3	22.4	18.1	23.5	19.7	21.9	18.1
Asian	1,587	72,490	7.8	7.4	26.9	24.5	26.6	24.7	25.2	23.3
Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isl.	12	4,270	7.0	6.1	22.7	17.5	23.8	18.8	22.0	17.5
Two or More Races	497	48,148	7.8	6.7	26.4	21.2	26.6	22.5	24.9	20.6
Prefer not/No Response	1,567	89,165	7.7	6.4	26.6	20.6	26.9	21.7	25.1	19.8
Males	7,384	496,038	7.6	6.3	25.8	20.6	26.3	21.8	24.5	19.8
Females	9,080	568,720	7.8	6.8	26.0	21.4	26.4	22.4	24.8	20.8
No Response	1	25,863	6.0	5.5	23.0	16.4	26.0	18.0	21.0	16.3

Results based on students with ACT writing scores with test events beginning September 2015. The writing score range is 2-12 (i.e., the rounded average of the four domain scores).

Table 5.2. Average ACT English and Writing Scores by Race/Ethnicity and Gender for Students Who Took ACT Writing<sup>1</sup>

			Average ACT Scores							
						English /				
		N	Eng	glish	Wri	iting	Writing Combined			
	State	National	State	National	State	National	State	National		
All Students	44	3,655	27.2	23.5	7.8	6.8	25.4	22.0		
Black/African American	1	200	24.0	18.5	8.0	6.1	23.0	17.6		
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	14	•	19.9		5.9		18.6		
White	30	2,049	26.2	24.1	7.3	6.9	24.4	22.5		
Hispanic/Latino	3	588	27.7	18.4	8.0	5.8	26.0	17.2		
Asian	5	367	31.0	29.5	8.8	8.1	29.0	27.5		
Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Isl.	0	2	•	21.5		6.0		20.0		
Two or More Races	0	123		24.6		6.9		22.8		
Prefer not/No Response	5	312	29.4	25.5	9.2	6.9	28.4	23.5		
Males	18	1,700	27.4	23.6	7.8	6.6	25.7	21.9		
Females	26	1,955	27.0	23.5	7.7	6.9	25.3	22.0		
No Response	0	0								

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Results based on students with ACT writing scores with test events prior to September 2015. The writing score range is 2-12.