



AVERAGE ACT® TEST SCORES BY STATE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

PERCENT OF STUDENTS MEETING BENCHMARKS BY SECTION



The table below classifies states by the percent of ACT-tested high school graduates, including the average Composite score and percent meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by section. A best practice is to examine a cohort of states with similar percentages of tested graduates (e.g., states testing between 0% and 25% of graduates, or states testing between 75% and 100% of graduates).

STATE	ESTIMATED % OF GRADUATES TESTED*	AVERAGE COMPOSITE SCORE	% MEETING ENGLISH BENCHMARK (18)	% MEETING MATH BENCHMARK (22)	% MEETING READING BENCHMARK (22)	% MEETING SCIENCE BENCHMARK (23)
Alabama	100	18.0	43	18	30	21
Arizona	100	17.7	41	22	28	19
Kentucky	100	18.6	48	23	36	24
Louisiana	100	18.2	46	20	32	22
Mississippi	100	17.7	42	17	27	17
Nevada	100	17.2	37	15	25	18
Oklahoma	100	17.6	40	15	29	17
Tennessee	100	18.8	50	25	36	26
Wyoming	100	19.1	49	26	37	28
Montana	97	19.5	53	31	41	31
Arkansas	95	18.5	48	19	32	24
Nebraska	95	19.1	49	28	36	28
Wisconsin	94	19.4	52	30	37	32
North Carolina	89	18.5	42	25	35	26
Utah	89	20.0	57	32	43	34
North Dakota	87	19.6	53	32	39	32
Ohio	78	19.0	46	28	38	28
Kansas	72	19.3	50	27	39	29
Minnesota	66	20.7	56	39	46	40
Missouri	65	19.8	53	30	42	32
Hawaii	62	17.7	38	18	29	19
South Dakota	58	21.1	63	43	50	42
Florida	44	19.0	50	25	39	27
Iowa	43	21.0	63	37	51	41
South Carolina	40	18.7	46	24	36	27
Georgia	27	21.2	63	39	51	40

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Texas	22	19.4	50	30	39	30
West Virginia	22	20.4	66	29	47	32
District of Columbia	17	26.7	88	70	82	72
Illinois	14	24.5	85	63	68	60
Alaska	13	19.9	55	33	47	35
Oregon	13	21.1	61	38	51	41
New Mexico	12	20.0	54	30	45	31
Idaho	10	23.3	77	57	65	53
New Jersey	10	24.1	79	60	65	57
Colorado	8	24.7	85	65	72	63
Connecticut	8	26.5	90	74	79	73
New York	8	25.4	85	70	73	68
Virginia	8	24.8	85	60	73	64
Indiana	7	23.3	76	59	63	54
Massachusetts	7	26.1	87	72	77	71
Maryland	6	24.7	83	59	71	61
Michigan	6	24.5	85	63	69	62
Vermont	6	23.6	81	52	66	55
Pennsylvania	5	24.3	81	62	68	60
Washington	5	24.5	78	61	69	61
Delaware	4	25.0	87	64	72	62
New Hampshire	4	25.9	88	70	78	70
Rhode Island	4	25.4	88	69	75	67
California	3	26.5	88	73	79	72
Maine	2	25.0	86	64	76	67
National	36	19.4	51	29	40	30

*Totals for graduating seniors were obtained from *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates*. © December 2020 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.