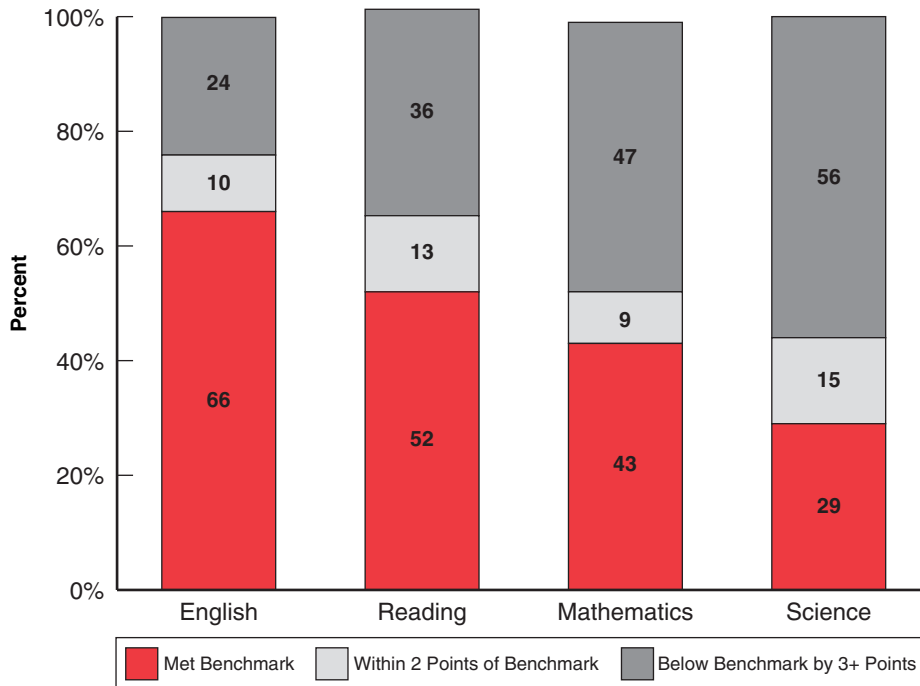


College Readiness

College Readiness Benchmarks—Attainment and Near-Attainment

Percent of ACT-tested High School Graduates by Benchmark Attainment and Subject, 2010



An additional 9% to 15% of graduates were within 2 scale points of meeting an ACT College Readiness Benchmark in 2010, depending on subject area. This represents an additional 146,000 to 234,000 students who are close to being college ready, depending on subject area.

In 2010, 43% of graduates met the Mathematics Benchmark, while another 9% were within 2 scale points of doing so. The percentages of students within 2 scale points of the Benchmark in the other subject areas are greater, including 10% of graduates in English, 13% in Reading, and 15% in Science.

Graph reads: In 2010, 66% of ACT-tested high school graduates met the College Readiness Benchmark in English, while 10% scored 1 or 2 points below the Benchmark, and 24% scored 3 points or more below the Benchmark.

Note: Columns may not sum to 100% due to rounding.