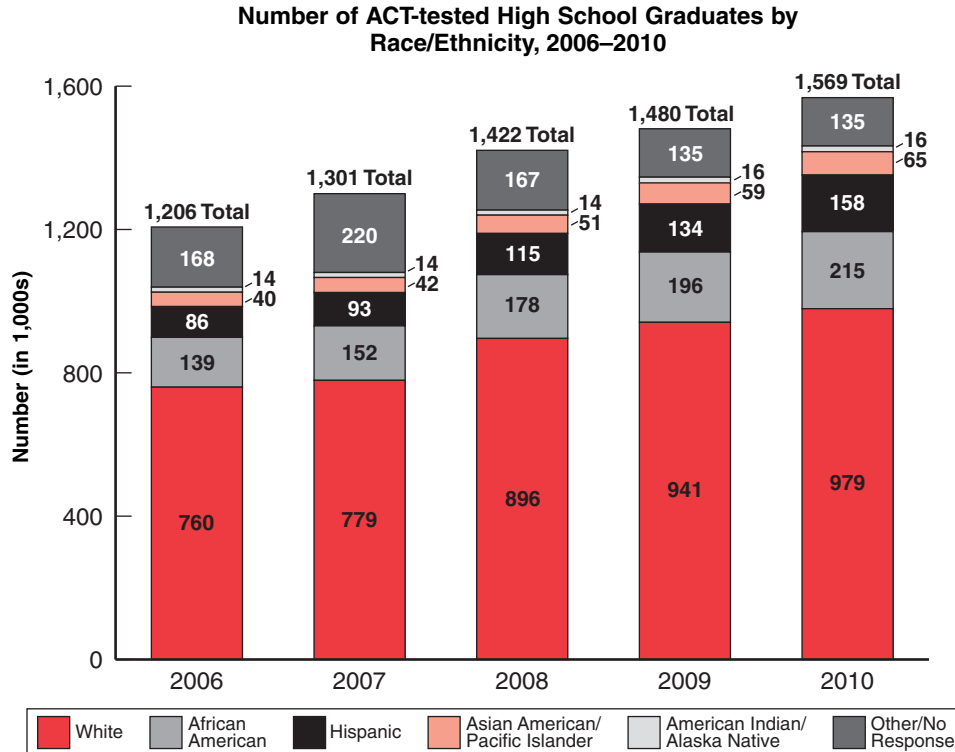


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Number of Graduates Who Took the ACT by Race/Ethnicity



About 363,000 more high school graduates completed the ACT in 2010 than in 2006, an increase of 30%.

In 2010, 62% of all ACT-tested graduates were White, 14% were African American, 10% were Hispanic, 4% were Asian American/Pacific Islander, 1% were American Indian/Alaska Native, and 9% were Other/No Response. From 2006 to 2010, the number of ACT-tested high school graduates increased from 1.206 million to 1.569 million students. Substantial numerical increases occurred for White students (increase of about 219,000), African American students (76,000), Hispanic students (72,000), and Asian American/Pacific Islander students (25,000). Proportionally, the largest increases were by Hispanic (84%) and Asian American/Pacific Islander students (about 63%).

Graph reads: In 2006, about 1,206,000 U.S. high school graduates had taken the ACT test at least once during their sophomore, junior, or senior year, of which about 760,000 were White and 139,000 were African American.

Note: Counts by race/ethnicity might not sum to total due to rounding.