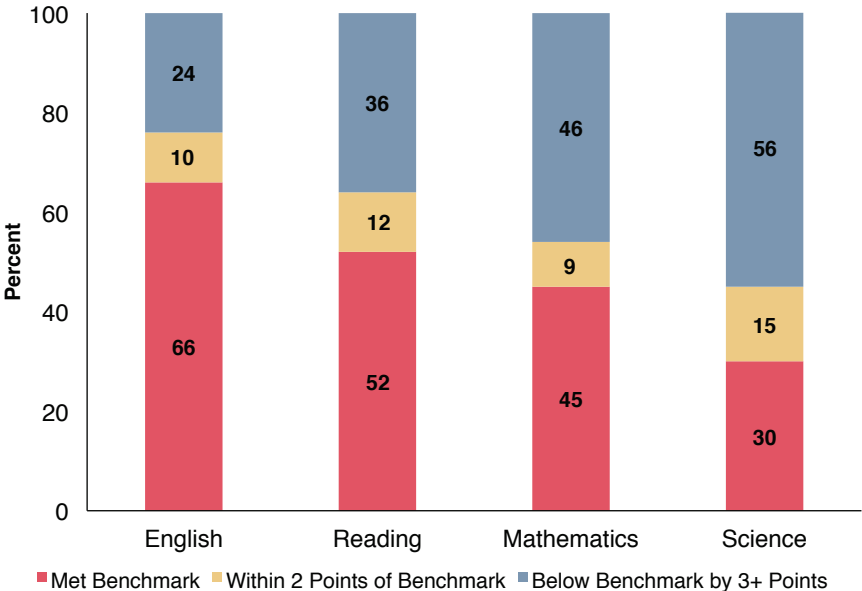


College Readiness

Percent of ACT-Tested High School Graduates by Benchmark Attainment and Subject, 2011



College Readiness Benchmarks—Attainment and Near Attainment

About 9% to 15% of graduates were within 2 scale points of meeting an ACT College Readiness Benchmark in 2011, depending on subject area. This represents approximately 148,000 to 236,000 additional students who were close to being college ready within a subject area.

In 2011, 45% 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 respective College Readiness Benchmark in the other subject areas were greater, including 10% of graduates in English, 12% in Reading, and 15% in Science.

Graph reads: In 2011, 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.