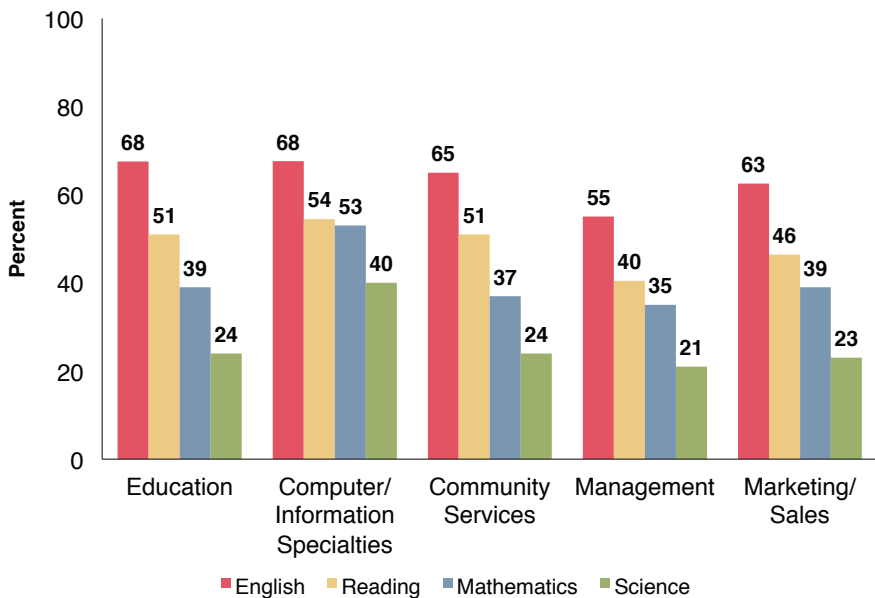


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**Percent of ACT-Tested High School Graduates Meeting
ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by Career Field, 2012**



College Readiness Benchmarks by Career Field

For each of the 2020 projected five fastest-growing career fields, less than half of the 2012 high school graduates interested in careers in these fields met the ACT College Readiness Benchmark in Science, and in only one field, Computer/Information Specialties, did 50% or more meet the Mathematics Benchmark. For none of the five career fields did at least 50% of the 2012 graduates meet all four Benchmarks.

Across all five career fields, graduates were most likely to meet the English Benchmark, followed by meeting the Reading and Mathematics Benchmarks, respectively. Graduates were least likely to meet the Science Benchmark in all five career fields.

Graph reads: In 2012, 68% of all ACT-tested high school graduates who indicated a career interest in Education met the College Readiness Benchmark in English.