

ACT Scores Over Time by Race/Ethnicity

Average ACT Composite scores for African American, Asian, Hispanic, and White graduates increased between 2008 and 2012. That of American Indian graduates declined by 0.6 scale point.

Asian graduates had the highest average ACT Composite scores and the largest score increase (+0.7 scale point). Average ACT Composite scores for White graduates increased by 0.3 point. Average ACT Composite scores for Hispanic graduates increased by 0.3 point. Average ACT Composite scores for African American graduates increased by 0.1 point. Average ACT Composite scores for American Indian graduates declined by 0.6 scale point. These score changes have occurred as more students from each racial/ethnic group have taken the ACT.

Graph reads: Between 2008 and 2012, the average ACT Composite score for Asian high school graduates increased from 22.9 to 23.6.

Note: Race/ethnicity categories changed in 2011 to reflect updated US Department of Education reporting requirements.

Academic Performance

Average ACT Composite Test Scores by Race/Ethnicity, 2008–2012

