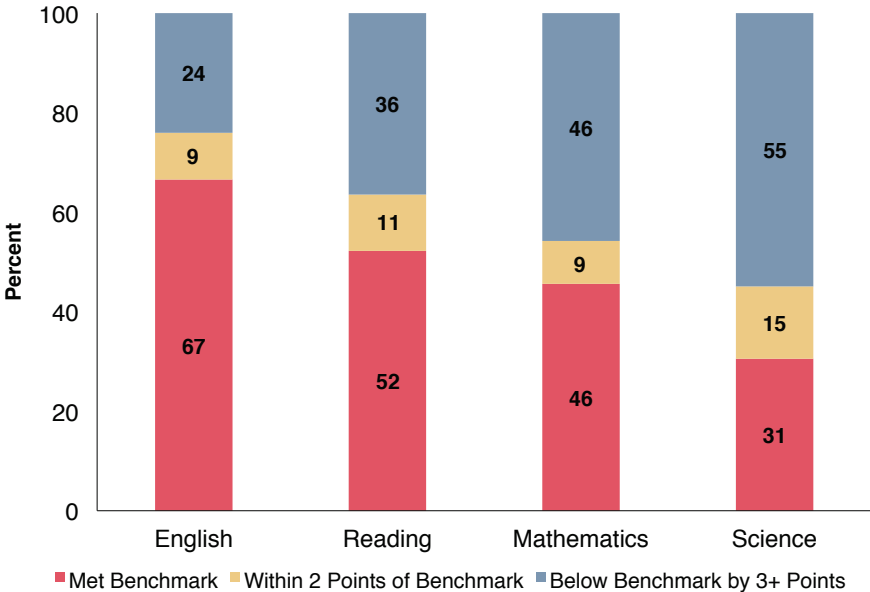


College Readiness

Percent of ACT-Tested High School Graduates by Benchmark Attainment and Subject, 2012



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 2012, depending on subject area. This represents approximately 150,000 to 250,000 additional students who were close to being college ready within a subject area.

In 2012, 46% 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 the same or greater, including 9% of graduates in English, 11% in Reading, and 15% in Science.

Graph reads: In 2012, 67% of ACT-tested high school graduates met the College Readiness Benchmark in English, while 9% 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.