

College Readiness Benchmarks—On Target and Attained

For all subjects, the percentages of 10th graders meeting the Benchmarks were higher than the corresponding percentages of 8th graders. With the exception of English, the percentages of high school graduates meeting the Benchmarks were equal to or higher than the corresponding percentages of 10th graders.

A quarter (25%) of 2012 ACT-tested graduates met all four College Readiness Benchmarks, while only 20% of 2011–12 PLAN®-tested 10th graders and 12% of 2011–12 EXPLORE®-tested students did so. Across the grade levels, only the English Benchmark was met by more than 50% of all tested students.

Graph reads: In 2012, 65% of 2011–12 EXPLORE-tested students met the College Readiness Benchmark in English, while 70% of 2011–12 PLAN-tested students and 67% of 2012 ACT-tested graduates did so.

Note: Data here are cross sectional and not longitudinal, reflecting three different groups of students.

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Percent of 2011–12 EXPLORE-Tested 8th Graders, 2011–12 PLAN-Tested 10th Graders, and 2012 ACT-Tested Graduates Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks, 2012

