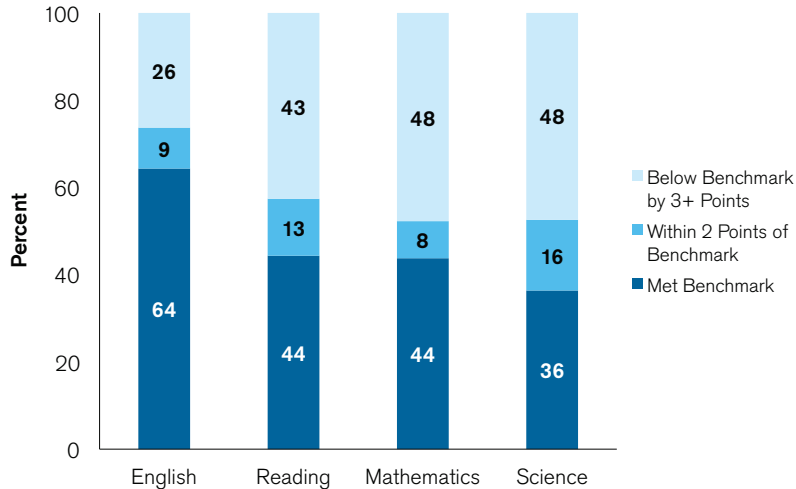


College Readiness

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks—Attainment and Near Attainment

Percent of ACT-Tested High School Graduates by Benchmark Attainment and Subject, 2013



About 8% to 16% of graduates were within 2 scale points of meeting an ACT College Readiness Benchmark in 2013, depending on subject area. This represents approximately 150,000 to 290,000 additional students who were close to being college ready within a subject area.

In 2013, 44% of graduates met the Mathematics Benchmark, while another 8% were within 2 scale points of doing so. The percentages of students within 2 scale points of the respective ACT College Readiness Benchmark in the other subject areas were greater, including 9% of graduates in English, 13% in Reading, and 16% in Science.

Graph reads: In 2013, 64% of ACT-tested high school graduates met the ACT College Readiness Benchmark in English, while 9% scored 1 or 2 points below the Benchmark, and 26% scored 3 points or more below the Benchmark.

Note: Columns may not sum to 100% due to rounding.