

College Readiness

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks—On Target and Attained

Except in Mathematics, the percentages of 10th graders meeting the Benchmarks were higher than the corresponding percentages of 8th graders. In Mathematics and Science, the percentages of high school graduates meeting the Benchmarks were higher than the corresponding percentages of 10th graders.

Twenty-six percent of 2013 ACT-tested graduates met all four ACT College Readiness Benchmarks, while only 21% of 2012–13 ACT Plan[®]-tested 10th graders and 16% of 2012–13 ACT 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 2013, 68% of 2012–13 ACT Explore–tested students met the ACT College Readiness Benchmark in English, while 73% of 2012–13 ACT Plan–tested students and 64% of 2013 ACT-tested graduates did so.

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

Percent of 2012–13 ACT Explore–Tested 8th Graders, 2012–13 ACT Plan–Tested 10th Graders, and 2013 ACT-Tested Graduates Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks, 2013

