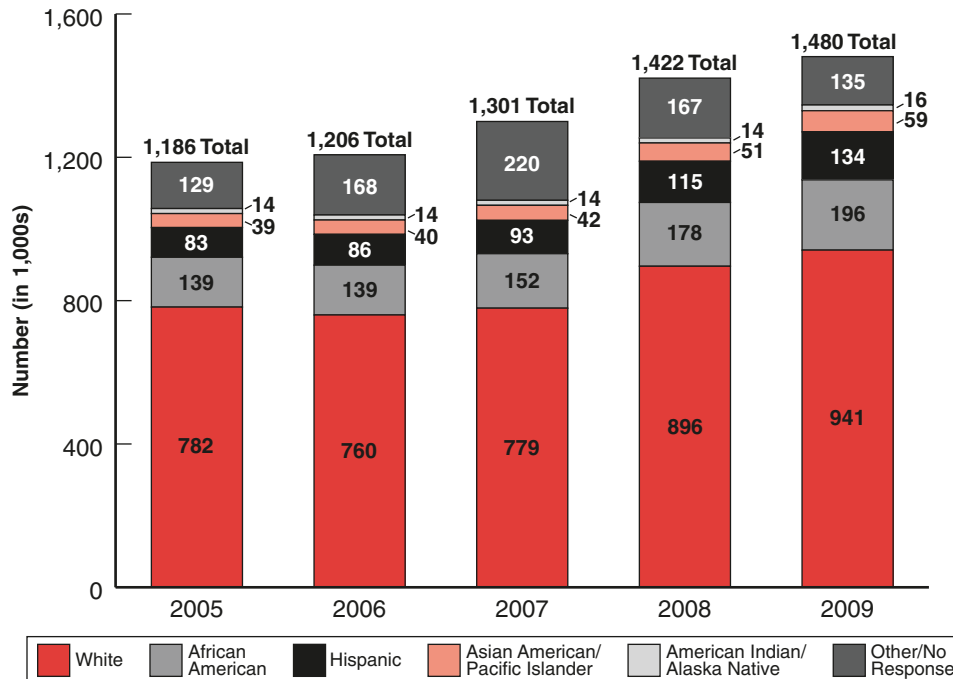


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Number of Graduates Who Took the ACT by Race/Ethnicity

Number of ACT-tested High School Graduates by Race/Ethnicity, 2005–2009



About 294,000 more high school graduates completed the ACT in 2009 than in 2005, an increase of 25%.

In 2009, 64% of all ACT-tested graduates were White, 13% were African American, 9% were Hispanic, 4% were Asian American/Pacific Islander, 1% were American Indian/Alaska Native, and 9% were Other/No Response. From 2005 to 2009, the number of ACT-tested high school graduates increased from 1.186 million to 1.480 million students. Numerical increases occurred with White students (increase of about 160,000), African American students (+57,000), Hispanic students (+50,000), Asian American/Pacific Islander students (+20,000), and American Indian/Alaska Native students (+2,000). Proportionally, the largest increases were by Hispanic (60%) and Asian American/Pacific Islander students (50%).

Graph reads: In 2005, 1,186,000 U.S. high school graduates had taken the ACT test at least once during their sophomore, junior, or senior year; of that number, 782,000 were White and 139,000 were African American.