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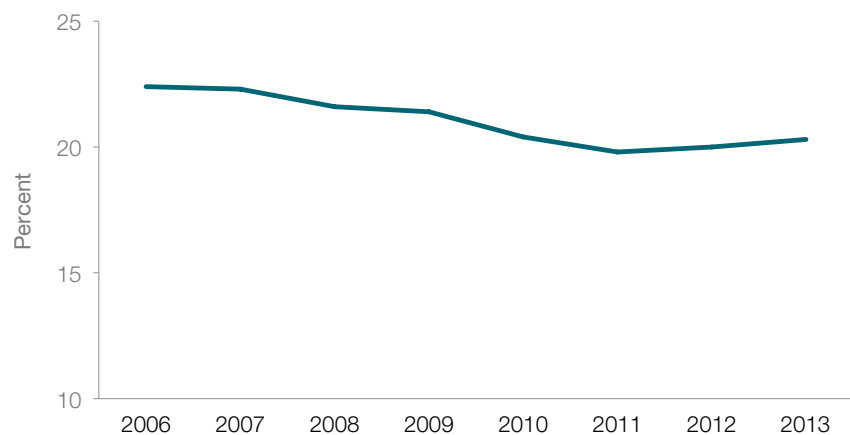
Working 20 Hours or More Per Week While in College

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Less than a quarter of all ACT test takers report that they plan to work 20 or more hours per week during college.

Past ACT research showed that despite the economic struggles faced by many US families in recent years, the percentage of students planning to work 11 or more hours per week during college has declined since 2006.¹ The following chart shows the percentage of high school graduates from 2006 to 2013 who took the ACT® college readiness assessment and who planned to work 20 or more hours per week during college. In 2006, 22.4% of students reported that they planned to work 20 or more hours while attending college. The percentage declined between 2006 and 2011, when it reached a low of 19.8%, but has risen slightly in the last 2 years.

Percentage of ACT-Tested High School Graduates Planning to Work 20 or More Hours per Week in College, 2006–2013



Note: Data are limited to students who indicated that they were planning on attending college.

¹ See ACT Information Brief 2013-16.

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