

THE TABLE BELOW COMPARES AVERAGE ACT SCORES FOR STUDENTS WHO REPORTED THEY COMPLETED OR PLANNED TO COMPLETE THE RECOMMENDED CORE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM WITH THOSE WHO HAD NOT. PLEASE NOTE THAT STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT DEFINITION OF THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSES AND MAY, THEREFORE, PUBLISH REPORTS SHOWING SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DATA. SEE APPENDIX FOR DEFINITION OF CORE.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - AVERAGE ACT SCORES BY LEVEL OF ACADEMIC PREPARATION

| | NUMBER CORE/LESS | PERCENT CORE/LESS | ENGLISH CORE/LESS | MATH CORE/LESS | READING CORE/LESS | SCI REAS CORE/LESS | COMPOSITE CORE/LESS | |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1997-98 | 606406 | 354306 | 61/ 36 | 21.5/18.6 | 22.0/18.9 | 22.4/19.7 | 22.0/19.6 | 22.1/19.3 |
| 1998-99 | 615545 | 367537 | 60/ 36 | 21.6/18.7 | 21.8/18.9 | 22.4/19.8 | 21.9/19.6 | 22.0/19.4 |
| 1999-00 | 645513 | 376645 | 61/ 35 | 21.5/18.8 | 21.8/19.0 | 22.4/19.8 | 21.9/19.7 | 22.0/19.5 |
| 2000-01 | 645258 | 369921 | 60/ 35 | 21.5/18.8 | 21.7/19.0 | 22.2/19.8 | 21.8/19.8 | 21.9/19.5 |
| 2001-02 | 643596 | 397544 | 58/ 36 | 21.4/18.4 | 21.6/18.8 | 22.2/19.5 | 21.7/19.4 | 21.8/19.2 |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - AVERAGE ACT SCORES FOR TOTAL GROUP

| | NUMBER | ENGLISH | MATH | READING | SCI REAS | COMPOSITE |
|---------|---------|---------|------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1997-98 | 995039 | 20.4 | 20.8 | 21.4 | 21.1 | 21.0 |
| 1998-99 | 1019053 | 20.5 | 20.7 | 21.4 | 21.0 | 21.0 |
| 1999-00 | 1065138 | 20.5 | 20.7 | 21.4 | 21.0 | 21.0 |
| 2000-01 | 1069772 | 20.5 | 20.7 | 21.3 | 21.0 | 21.0 |
| 2001-02 | 1116082 | 20.2 | 20.6 | 21.1 | 20.8 | 20.8 |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ACT SCORE QUARTILE VALUES FOR TOTAL GROUP

| | ENGLISH | MATH | READING | SCI REAS | COMPOSITE |
|-------------------------------|---------|------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Q3 (75TH PERCENTILE) | 24.1 | 24.3 | 25.7 | 23.6 | 24.1 |
| Q2 (50TH PERCENTILE - MEDIAN) | 20.1 | 19.6 | 20.9 | 20.4 | 20.5 |
| Q1 (25TH PERCENTILE) | 16.1 | 16.5 | 16.2 | 17.8 | 17.2 |

QUARTILE VALUES ARE INTERPOLATED AND ARE BASED UPON CALCULATED STUDENT PERCENTILE RANKS WHICH MAY DIFFER FROM THE CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGES REPORTED IN TABLES 4 AND 5 OF THIS REPORT.