The Condition of STEM 2013

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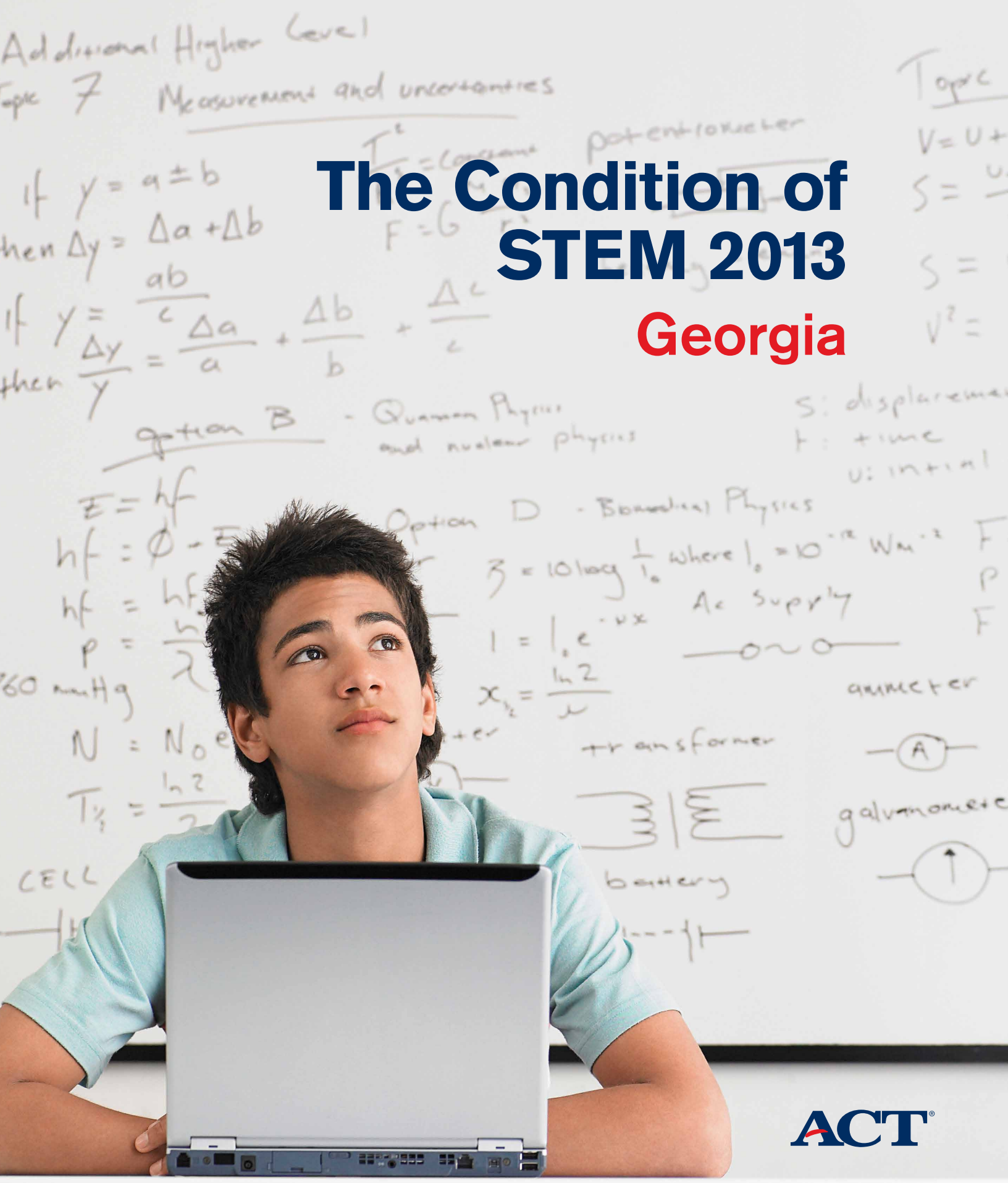

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ACT has been a leader in measuring college and career readiness trends for years. Each August, we release *The Condition of College & Career Readiness* (**www.act.org/newsroom/data/2013**), our annual report on the progress of the ACT-tested graduating class relative to college readiness. Nationally, 54.3% of the 2013 graduating class took the ACT® college readiness assessment. The continued increase of test takers enhances the breadth and depth of the data pool, providing a comprehensive picture of the current college readiness levels of the graduating class as well as offering a glimpse of the emerging national educational pipeline. It also allows us to review various aspects of the ACT-tested 2013 graduating class. This report reviews the graduating class in the context of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)-related fields. ACT is uniquely positioned to deliver this report for two key reasons. First is our commitment to science by the inclusion of subject-level science tests in our assessments. Second is a research-based measure of interests, the ACT Interest Inventory, with which we are able to determine student interest levels in specific STEM fields and, more importantly, readiness in math and science of those interested in STEM careers.

The report breaks the graduating class into four STEM-related cohorts:[1]

1. Students who have an **expressed** and **measured** interest in STEM.
2. Students who have an **expressed** interest only.
3. Students who have a **measured** interest only.
4. Students with no interest in STEM.

Essentially, a student who has an **expressed** interest in STEM is choosing a major or occupation (out of the 294 listed in the Standard Profile Section of the ACT) that corresponds with STEM fields. A **measured** interest utilizes the ACT Interest Inventory, an inventory delivered with the ACT that determines inherent interest in different occupations and majors. The ACT *College Choice Report* (**www.act.org/collegechoice/13-14**) details it is important to align students' expressed and measured interests relative to postsecondary enrollment. In this report, we will primarily review the academic achievement of students in each of these cohorts as measured by the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks.[2] Finally, we will look at academic achievement levels, particularly in math and science, by race/ethnicity, gender, parents' level of education, and educational aspirations.

Refining the Definition of STEM[3]

As ACT began to review how to properly define STEM for this report, we were struck by the inconsistency of definitions across the country. In order to maintain consistency and offer states the opportunity to use this report as a baseline for state-level STEM initiatives, we needed to create areas within the STEM fields. This categorization gives states and their STEM councils the flexibility they need and provides a forum for a national discussion on definitions and categorizations. We hope this report sparks such a discussion. The table on page 26 describes how ACT chose to categorize STEM, based on the occupations and majors listed on the ACT. We determined four key areas:

1. **Science**—Includes majors and occupations in the traditional hard sciences, as well as sciences involving the management of natural resources. Also includes science education.
2. **Computer Science and Mathematics**—Includes majors and occupations in the computer sciences, as well as general and applied mathematics. Also includes mathematics education.
3. **Medical and Health**—Includes majors and occupations in the health sciences and medical technologies.
4. **Engineering and Technology**—Includes majors and occupations in engineering and engineering technologies.

The report will show achievement levels in each of these four areas on a state and national level. Also, by request of STEM councils around the country, we have included the actual number of students interested in specific majors/occupations. We do this so that STEM councils and other state officials can measure the numbers of students in specific major/occupational pipelines. This will assist them in documenting success of STEM initiatives that focus on generating interest in specific STEM fields.

ACT's Commitment to STEM

In spring 2014, ACT will launch ACT Aspire™, an assessment system for grades 3–10. ACT Aspire will offer the same subjects as the ACT: English, reading, math, science, and writing. Based on the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards and aligned to the Common Core State Standards, ACT Aspire will provide an early indicator of statewide college and career readiness. To complement the information in this report, ACT will create a STEM score for students testing within the ACT Aspire system, giving educators a much earlier look at the STEM pipeline in their state. Our hope is to help educators, parents, and STEM councils and organizations around the country broaden STEM opportunities for students at all levels. This is a critical step if the United States is to remain a world leader, and ACT is committed to research and assessment practices that make greater STEM opportunities for students a reality.

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Key Findings

from the National *Condition of STEM 2013* Report

1. **Interest in STEM is high.** Almost half (48.3%) of students in the 2013 ACT-tested graduating class have an interest in STEM majors or occupations. While these are encouraging numbers, more must be done to *keep* these students engaged in STEM fields.
   - 23.4% of students had an **expressed** interest only in STEM. Intervention strategies for the students with an expressed interest only allow students to understand what takes place in a specific major or occupation and defines an educational plan for the student.
   - 8.5% of students had a **measured** interest only in STEM. ACT Interest Inventory results suggest an inherent interest in a STEM major or occupation, yet they have not expressed an interest in pursuing a STEM major. A wider net must be cast with the goal of guiding and nurturing students with an expressed and/or measured interest so they can understand how to experience success in STEM fields. More must be done to identify and foster this interest earlier in students' educational experiences.
2. **Achievement levels in math and science are highest when expressed and measured interest match.** ACT's *College Choice Report, Part 1*, released in November 2013, showed the importance an expressed and measured interest match has on students' progression into postsecondary education. We see the same influence on achievement levels in STEM. Across all four STEM areas, student achievement was highest for those with both expressed and measured interest, typically followed by expressed only and ending with measured only. Students interested in Engineering and Technology were most likely to meet the math and science Benchmarks. Overall Benchmark attainment percentages are consistent between expressed and measured interest, except in the area of math, meaning academically the difference between these groups is in math, not science. This raises the question of whether math proficiency dampens student interest or, more importantly, if it impacts whether a student enters any of the STEM fields.
3. **Surprisingly, more female than male students are interested in STEM, although the opposite is true among higher-achieving students.** The overall percent of females interested in STEM majors and occupations is a surprising 46%, of which the largest percentage (24%) are interested in nursing (LPN and BS/RN). Across all four STEM areas, however, males consistently outperformed females in math and science, with the exception of the females interested in Engineering and Technology. Females were more prevalent in the expressed and measured cohort, suggesting they have an inherent interest in STEM fields, which contradicts the low representation of women in the STEM fields.
4. **The academic achievement gap that exists in general for ethnically diverse students is even more pronounced among those interested in the STEM fields.** With the exception of Asian students, 61% of whom were interested in STEM, the number of ethnic minority students (African American, Hispanic, and Native American) interested in STEM fields is low, as are their achievement levels in math and science. Among African American students interested in STEM, the vast majority have an expressed interest only. Among measured interest only students, Hispanic students have a greater representation than other minority groups. A real opportunity exists for a meaningful discussion with these students on what STEM careers entail in terms of educational planning and achievement.
5. **Students interested in STEM have higher educational aspirations, and their parents are more likely to have attended college than those not interested in STEM.** There are significant differences in math and science achievement levels for students interested in attaining an associate's degree or lower versus those aspiring to attain a bachelor's degree or higher. A similar trend occurs in terms of parents' level of education, with significant differences in achievement levels in math and science occurring as parents' level of education increases. ACT's *The Condition of College and Career Readiness 2013: First-Generation Students* report, released in November 2013, also found troubling levels of academic achievement for first-generation students. Those first-generation students who are interested in STEM have only slightly higher achievement levels in both math and science. Essentially, stronger and earlier support structures and interventions related to career and educational planning and academic preparedness are needed to see real differences in these still-troubling numbers.

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Attainment of College and Career Readiness

Expressed and Measured Interest

- 48,505 of your graduates, which is an estimated 51% of your graduating class, took the ACT.*
- 7,087 of your graduates have an expressed and measured interest in STEM.

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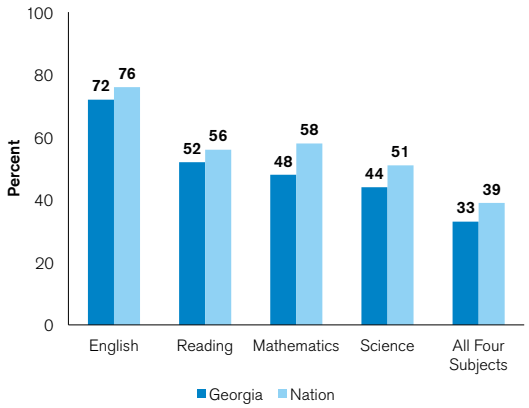

Expressed Interest Only

- 13,340 of your graduates have an expressed interest only in STEM.

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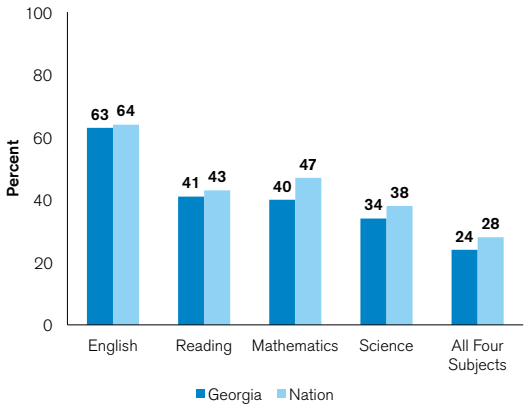

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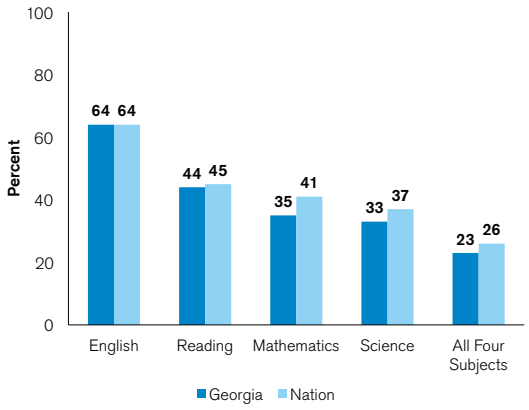

No Interest

- 24,786 of your graduates have no interest in STEM.

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	English	Reading	Mathematics	Science	All Four
Georgia	62%	42%	34%	30%	21%
Nation	61%	41%	38%	31%	22%

* Totals for graduating seniors were obtained from *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates*, 8th edition.

Note: Percents in this report may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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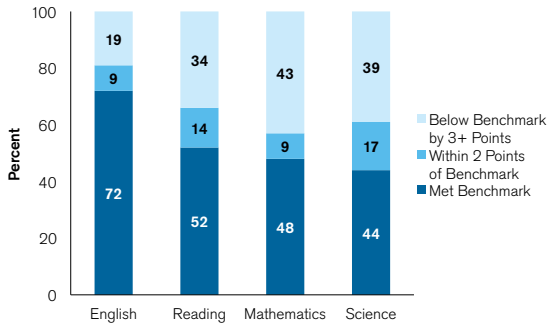

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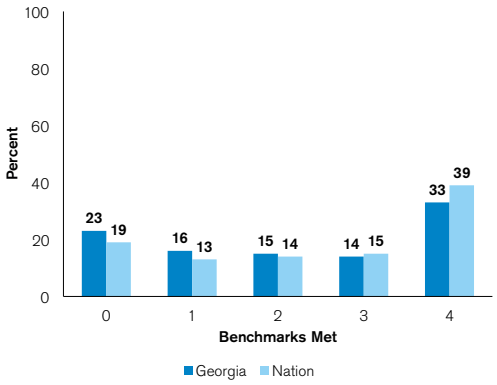

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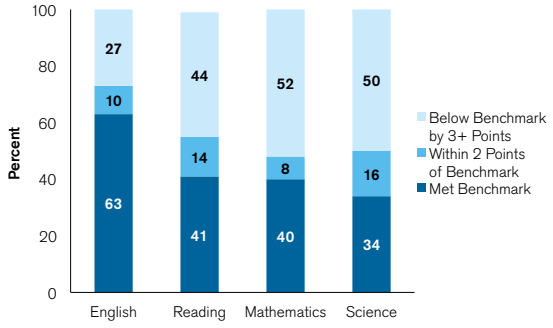

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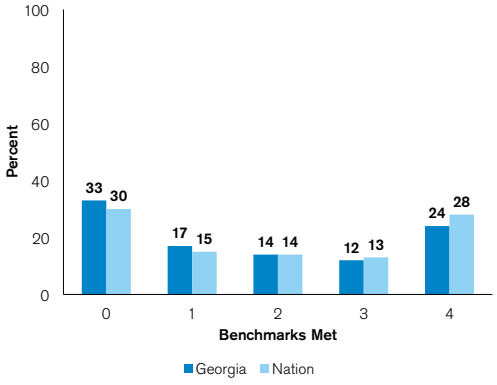

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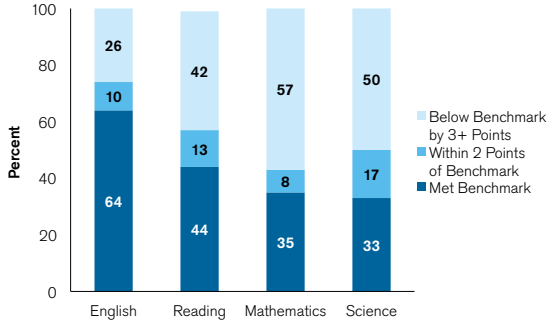

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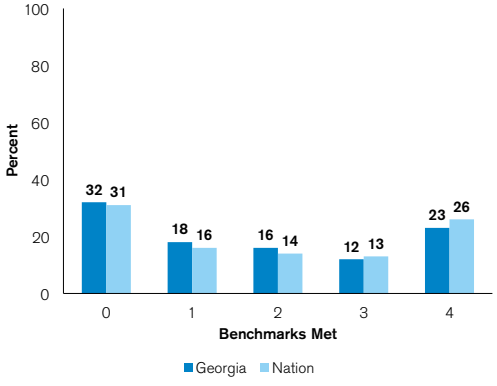

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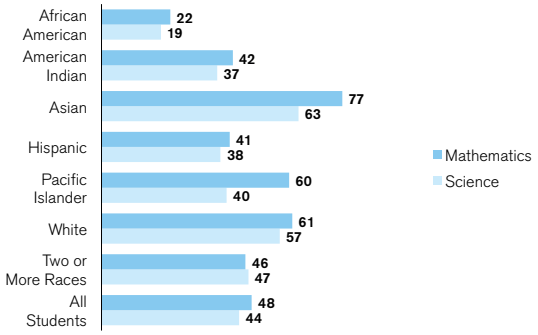

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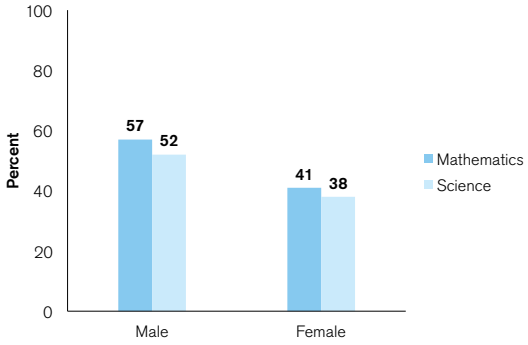

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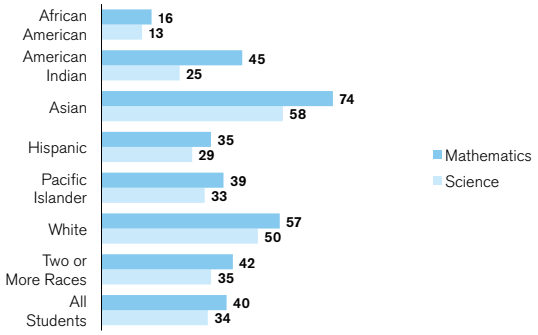

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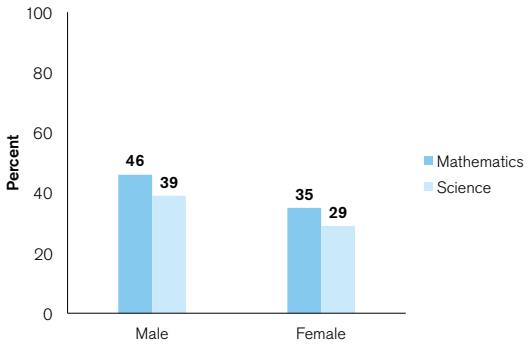

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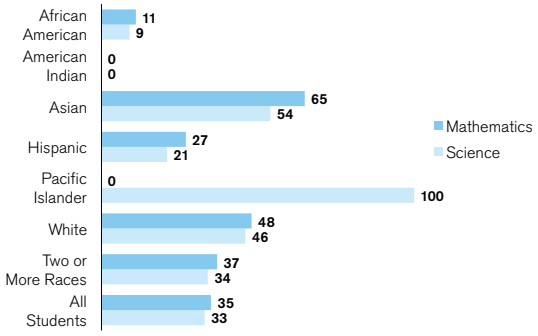

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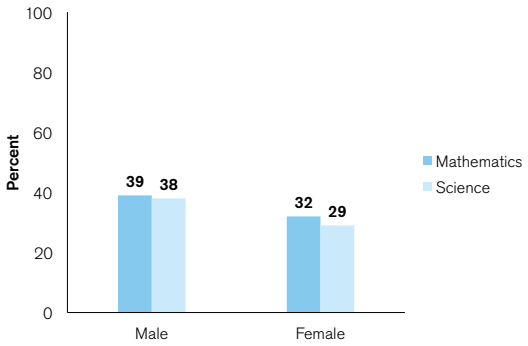

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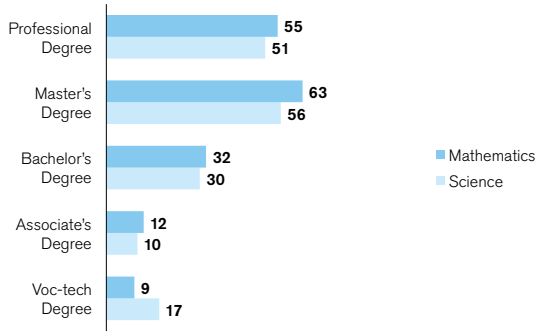

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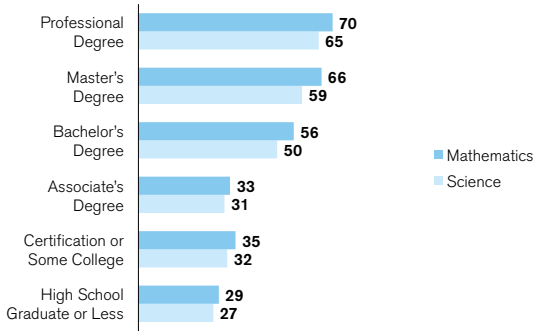

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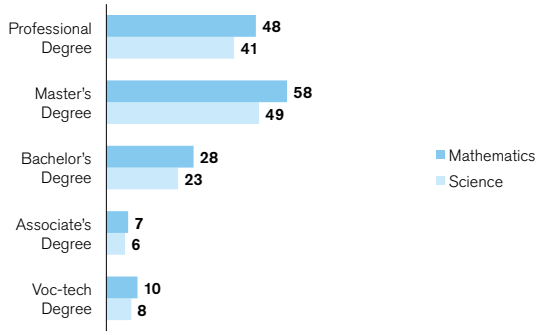

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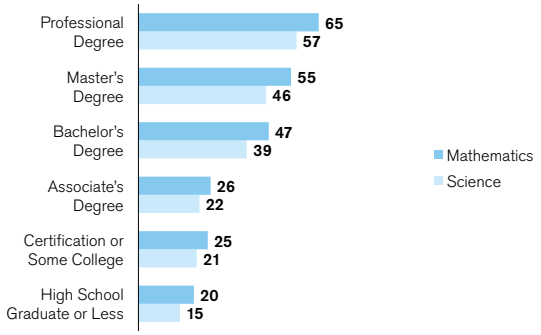

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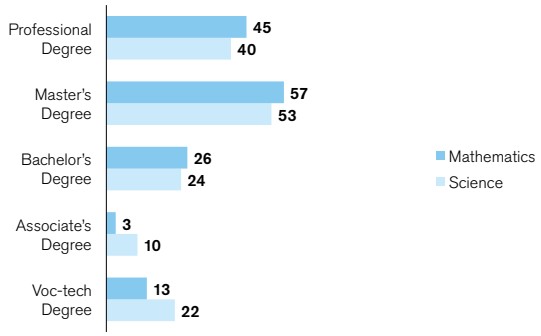

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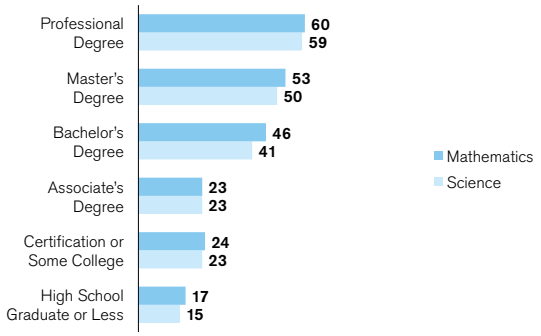

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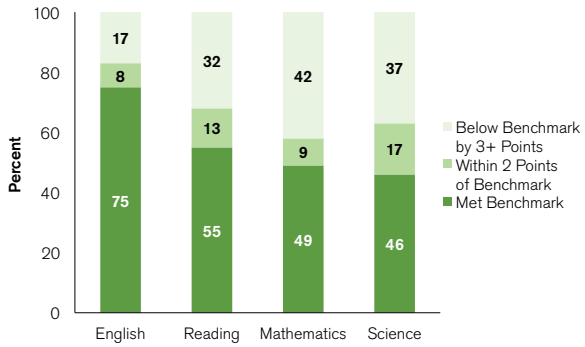

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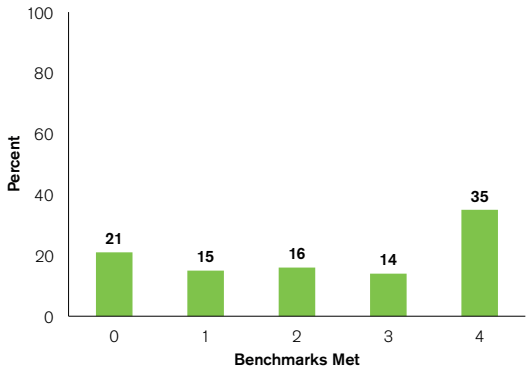

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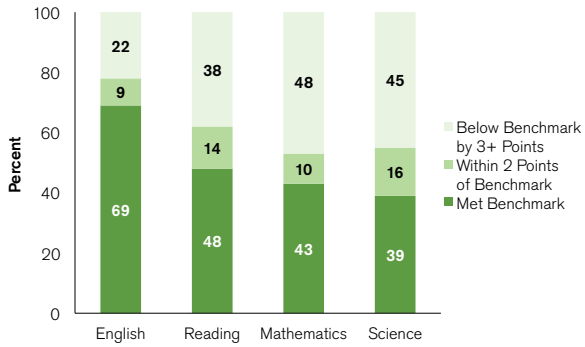

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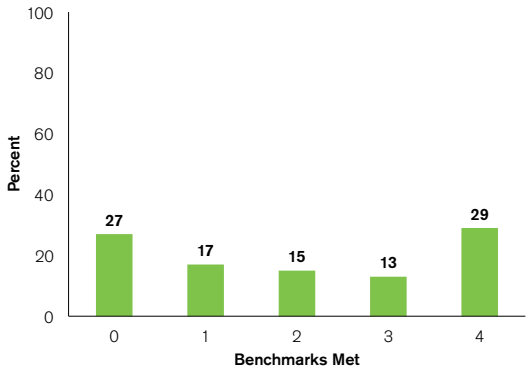

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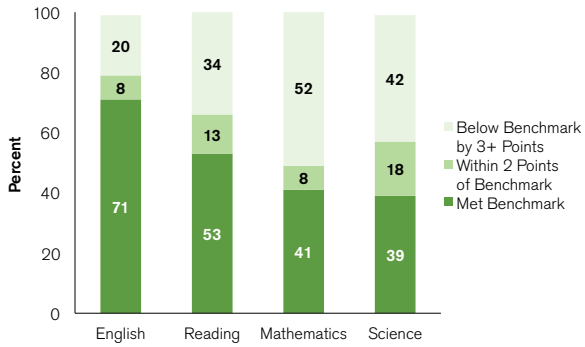

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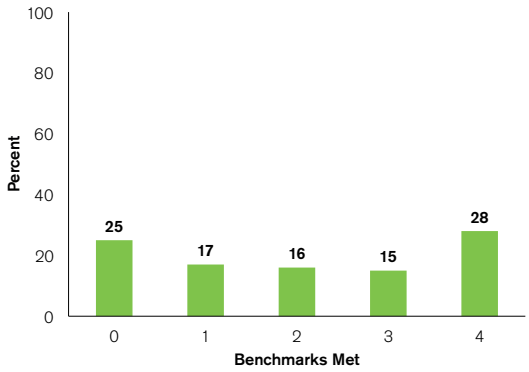

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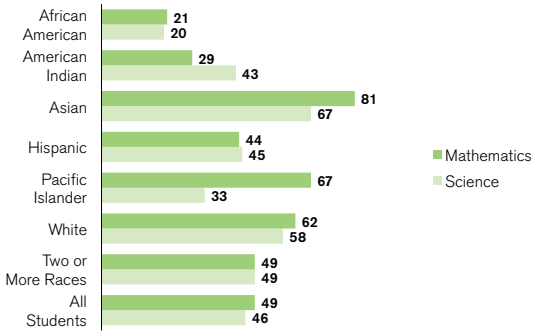

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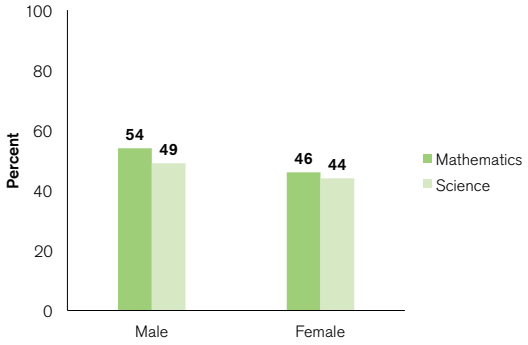

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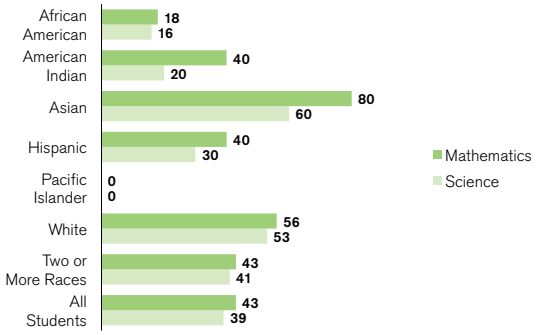

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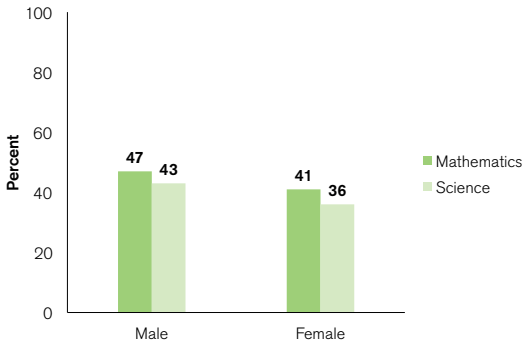

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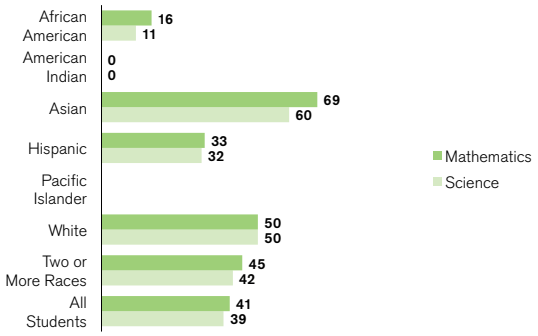

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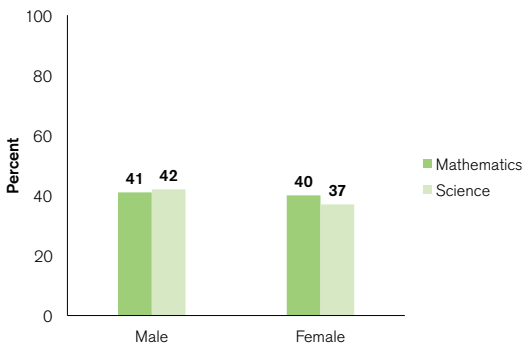

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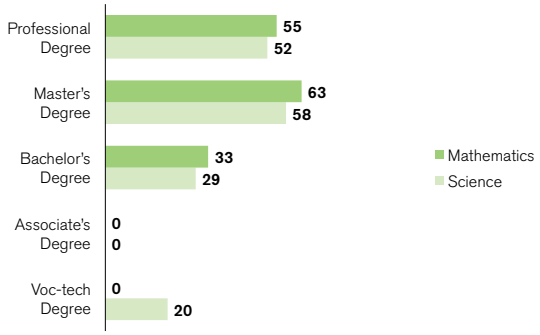

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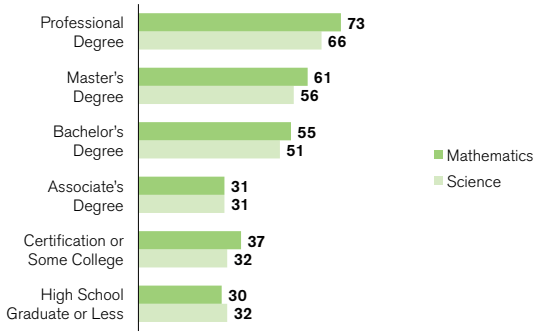

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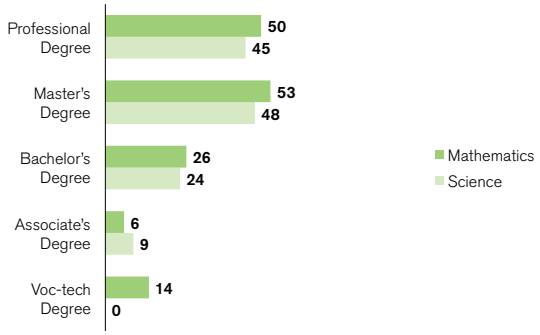

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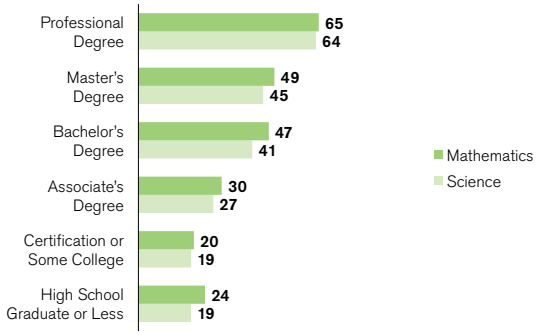

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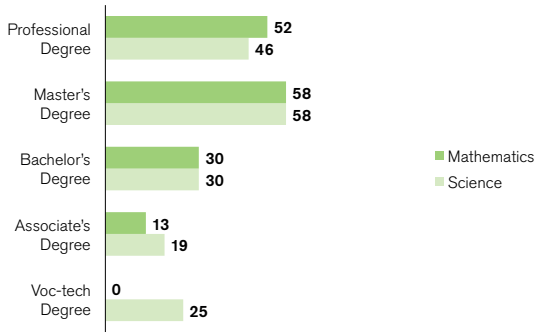

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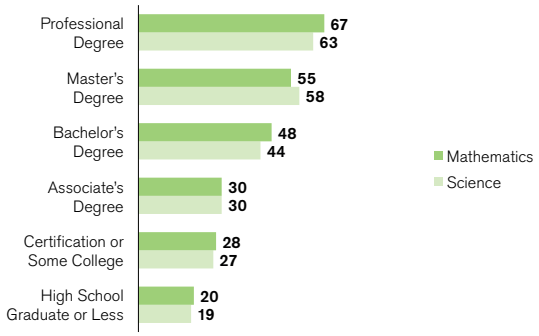

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Science

Majors/Occupations

Science Majors/Occupations	Georgia	
	Expressed and Measured Interest	Expressed Interest Only
Agronomy and Crop Science	6	14
Animal Sciences	67	134
Astronomy	36	28
Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology	26	31
Biochemistry and Biophysics	303	270
Biology, General	612	599
Cell/Cellular Biology	142	154
Chemistry	252	205
Ecology	15	19
Environmental Science	23	34
Food Sciences and Technology	4	14
Forestry	13	36
Genetics	71	62
Geological and Earth Sciences	26	29
Horticulture Science	2	14
Marine/Aquatic Biology	191	179
Microbiology and Immunology	66	54
Natural Resources Conservation, General	8	13
Natural Resources Management	6	13
Physical Sciences, General	51	71
Physics	76	98
Science Education	21	12
Wildlife and Wildlands Management	30	70
Zoology	148	161

Computer Science and Mathematics

Majors/Occupations

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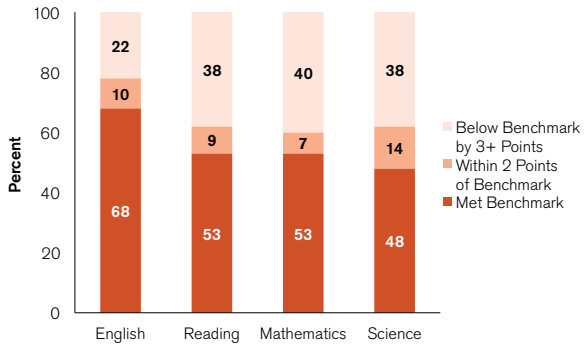

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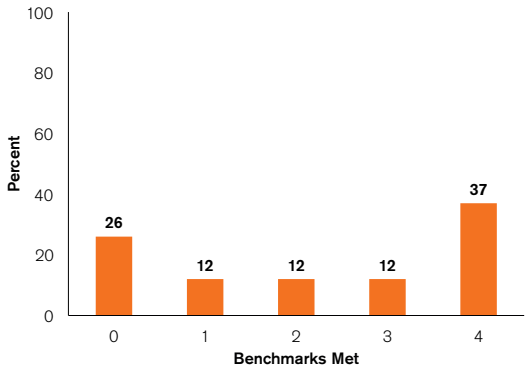

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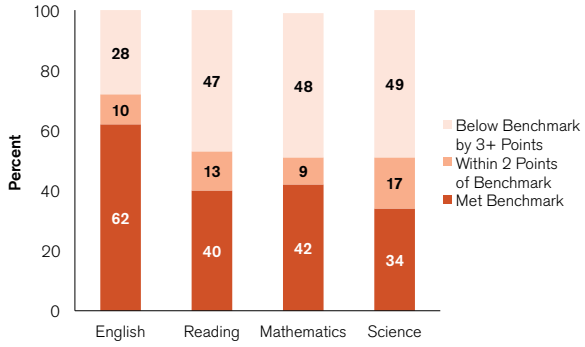

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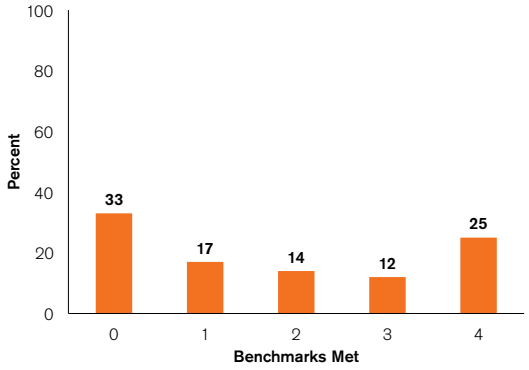

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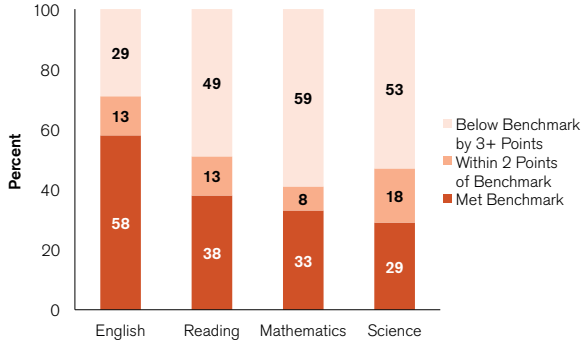

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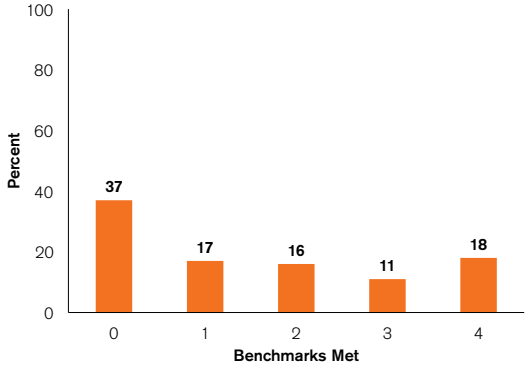

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Computer Science and Mathematics

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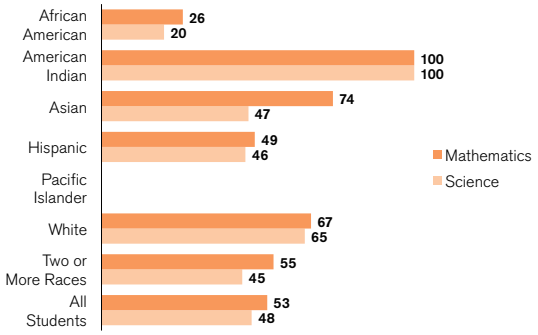

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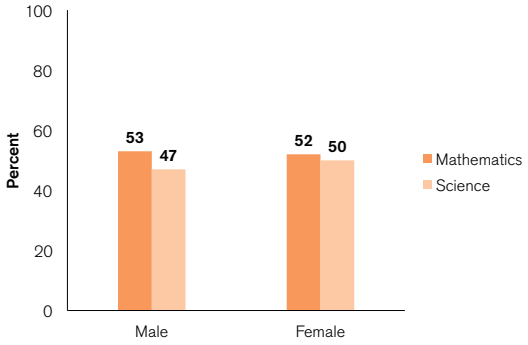

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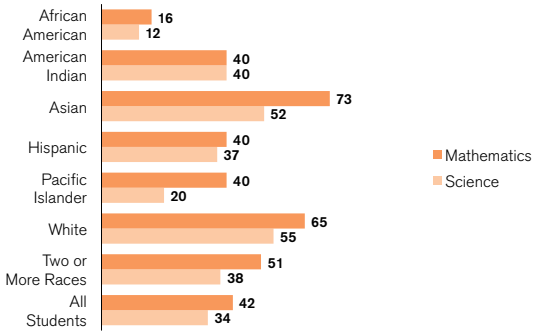

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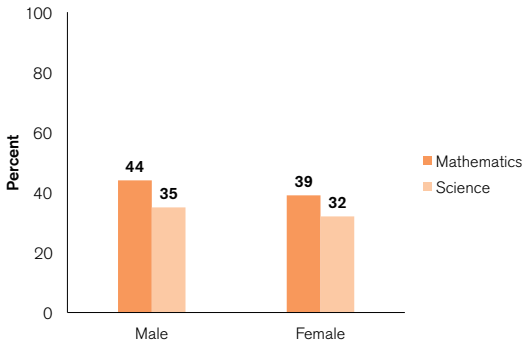

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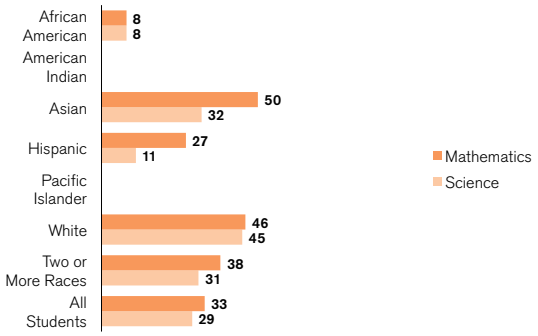

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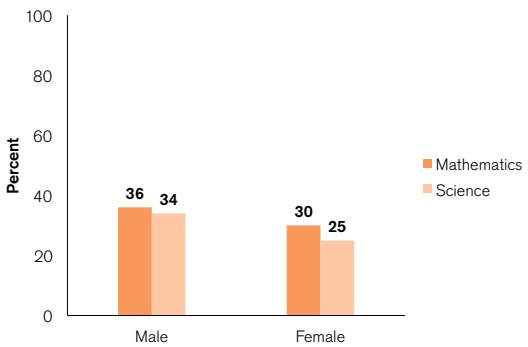

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Computer Science and Mathematics

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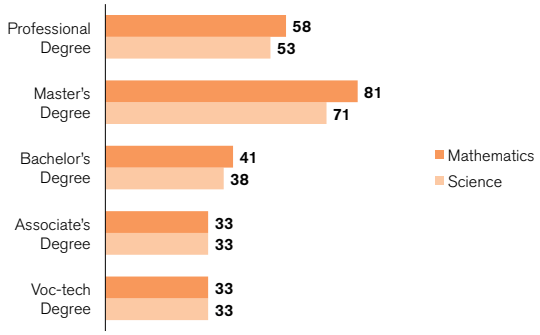

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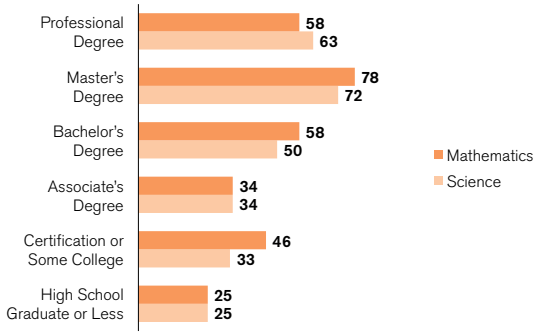

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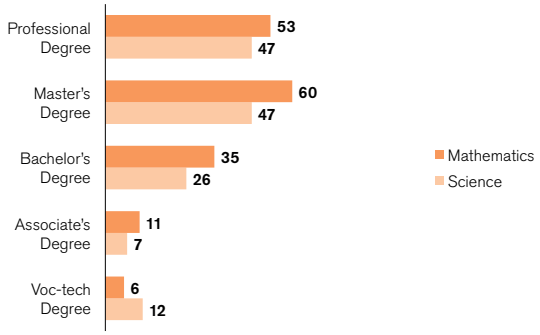

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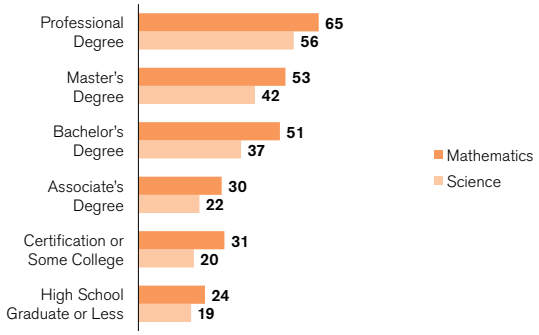

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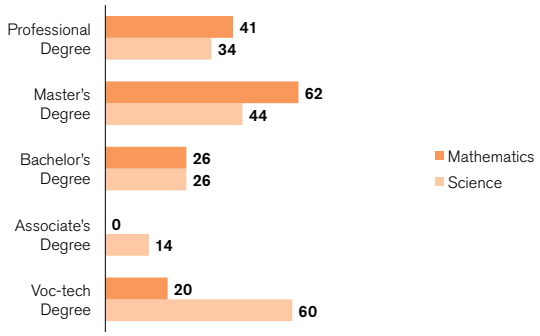

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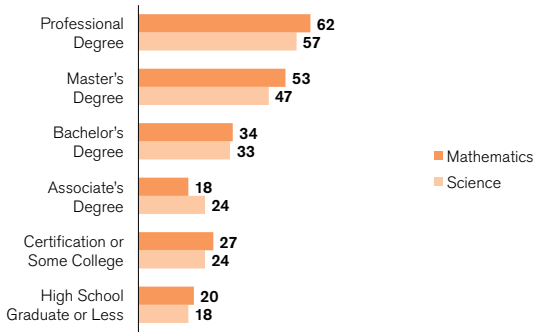

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Majors/Occupations

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Actuarial Science	3	17
Applied Mathematics	12	56
Business/Management Quantitative Methods, General	17	172
Computer and Information Sciences, General	33	123
Computer Network/Telecommunications	16	85
Computer Science and Programming	167	420
Computer Software and Media Application	49	180
Computer System Administration	10	31
Data Management Technology	0	11
Information Science	13	22
Management Information Systems	6	75
Mathematics Education	10	96
Mathematics, General	13	85
Statistics	3	20
Webpage Design	7	74

Medical and Health

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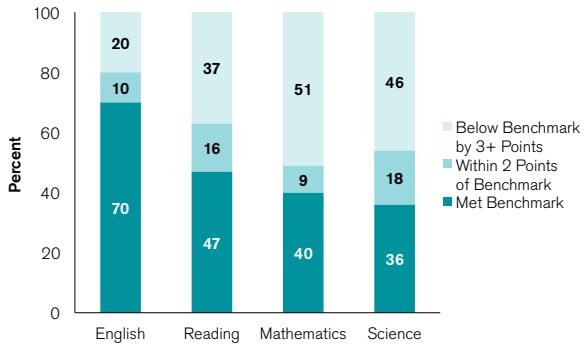

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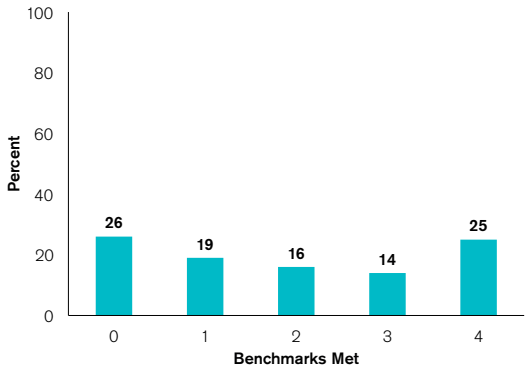

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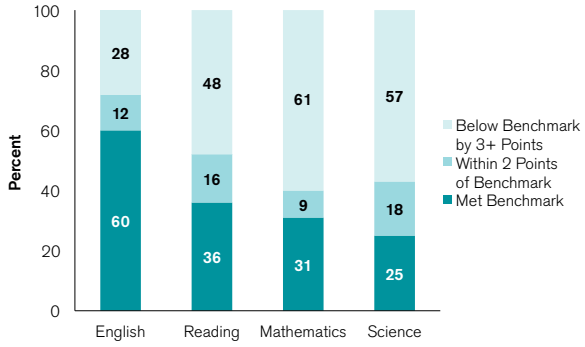

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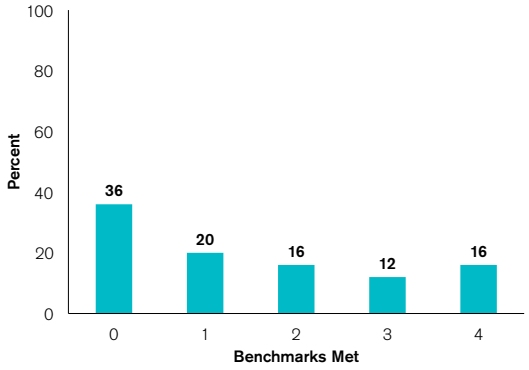

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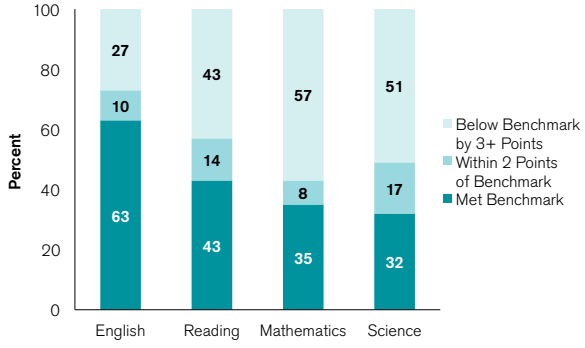

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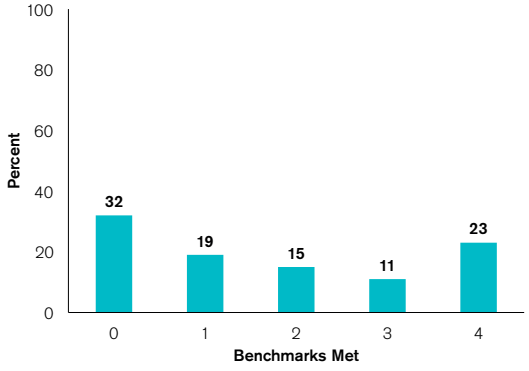

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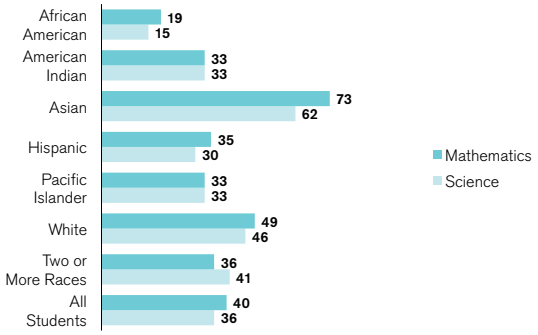

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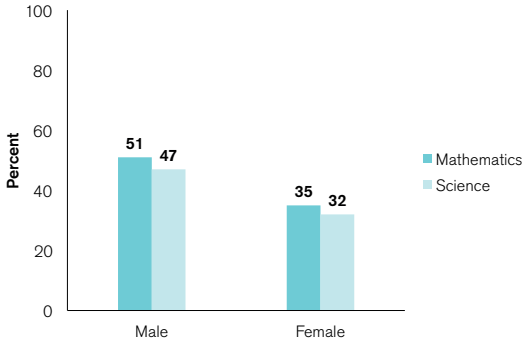

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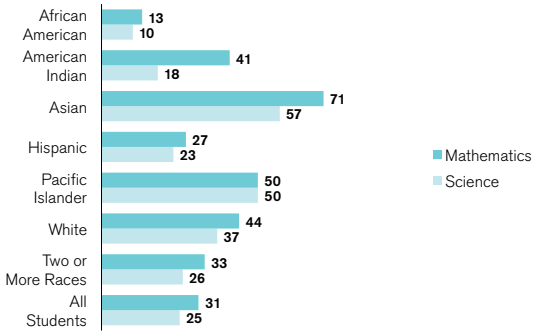

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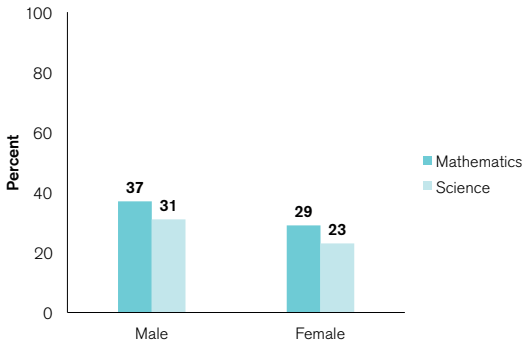

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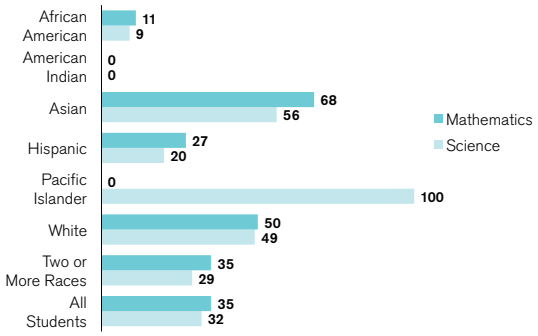

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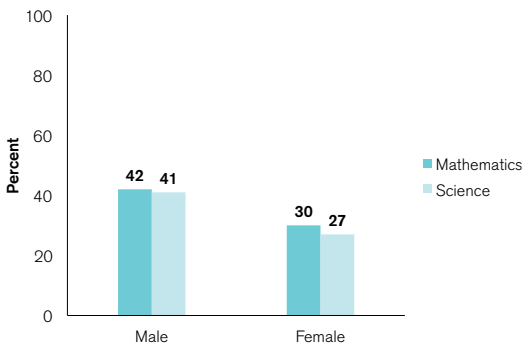

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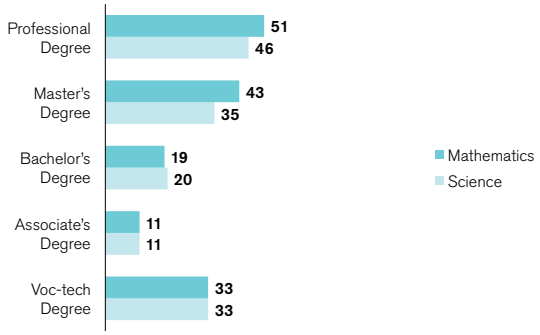

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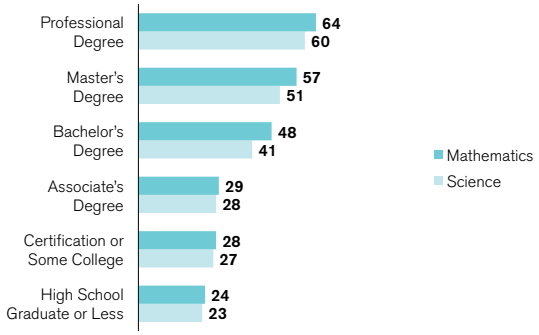

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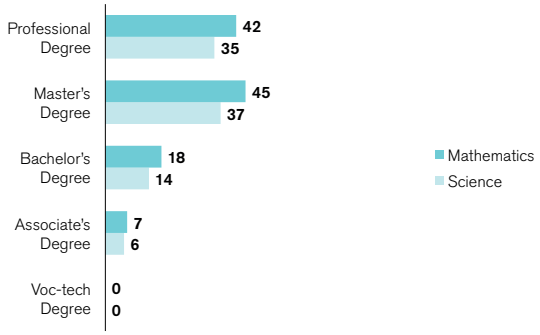

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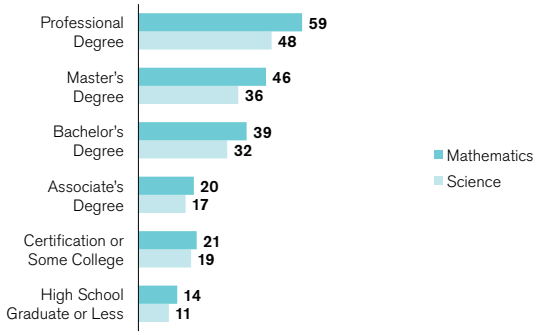

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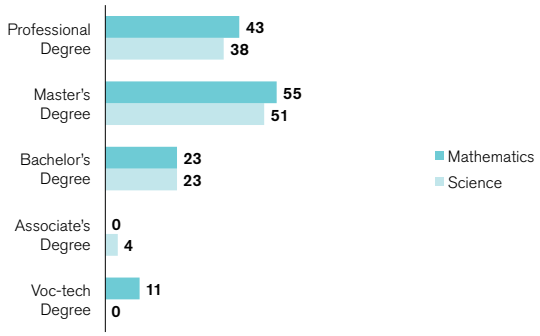

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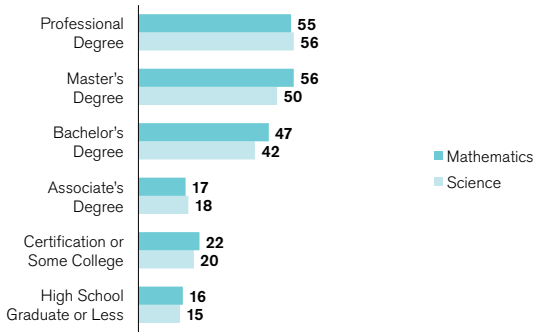

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Medical and Health

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Athletic Training	156	654
Chiropractic (Pre-Chiropractic)	13	27
Dentistry (Pre-Dentistry)	100	260
Emergency Medical Technology	20	50
Food and Nutrition	7	50
Health/Medical Technology, General	82	151
Medical Laboratory Technology	22	28
Medical Radiologic Technology	76	218
Medicine (Pre-Medicine)	1,013	1,037
Nuclear Medicine Technology	5	11
Nursing, Practical/Vocational (LPN)	67	186
Nursing, Registered (BS/RN)	792	1,819
Optometry (Pre-Optometry)	25	22
Osteopathic Medicine	3	5
Pharmacy (Pre-Pharmacy)	245	380
Physical Therapy (Pre-Physical Therapy)	227	723
Physician Assisting	71	118
Respiratory Therapy Technology	4	18
Surgical Technology	55	65
Veterinarian Assisting/Technology	19	49
Veterinary Medicine (Pre-Vet)	153	189

Engineering and Technology

Majors/Occupations

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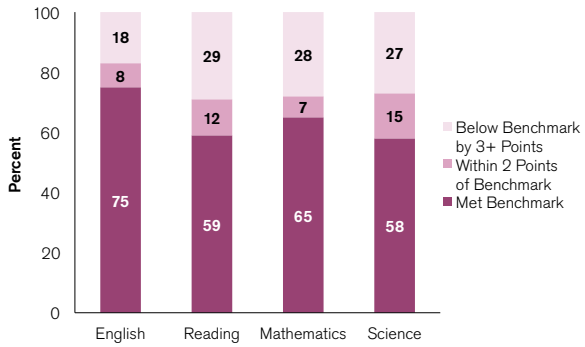

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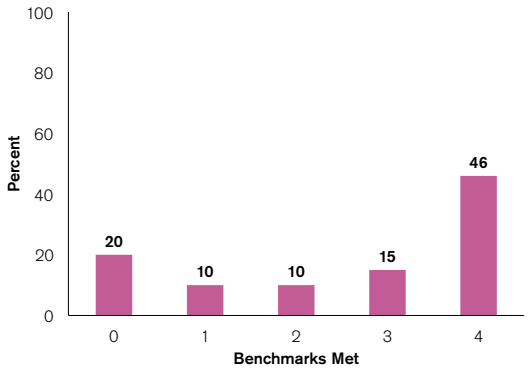

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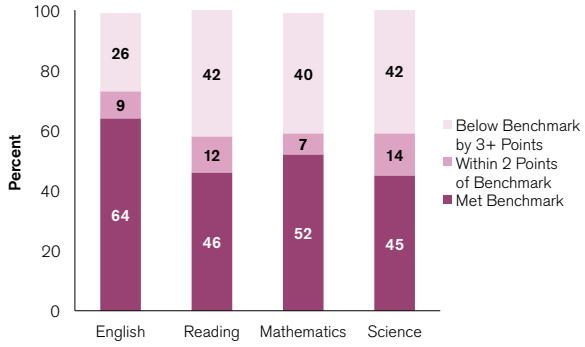

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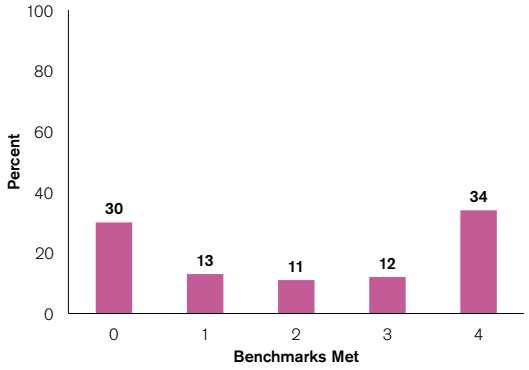

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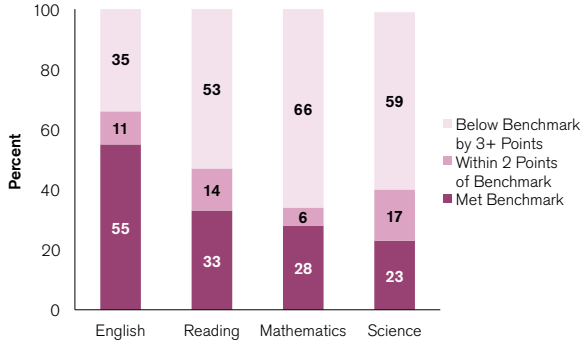

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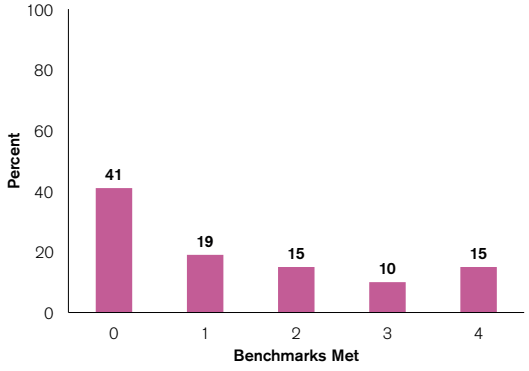

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Engineering and Technology

Majors/Occupations

Expressed and Measured Interest

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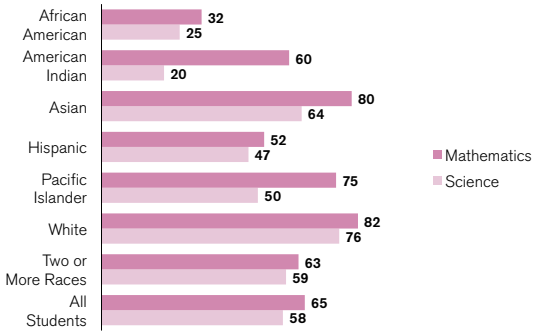

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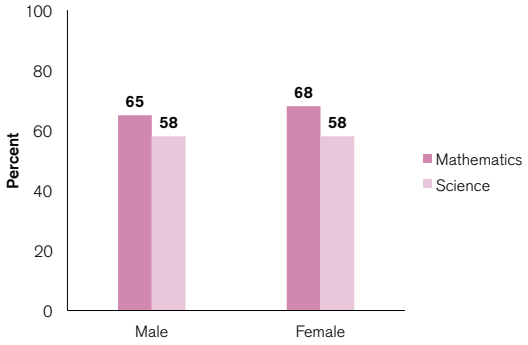

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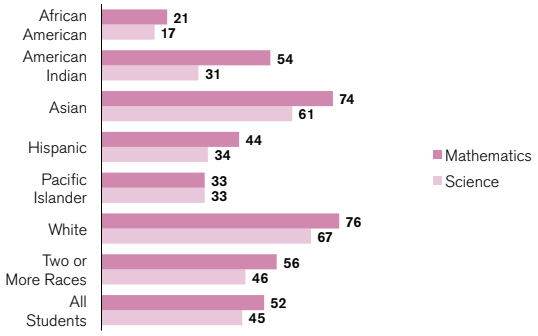

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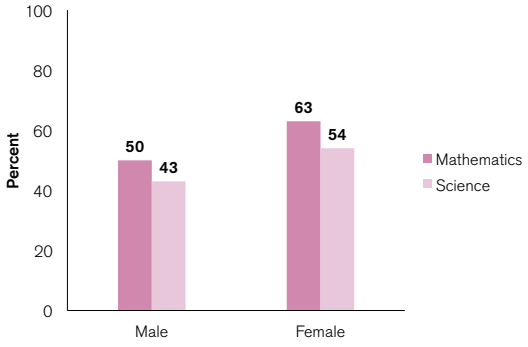

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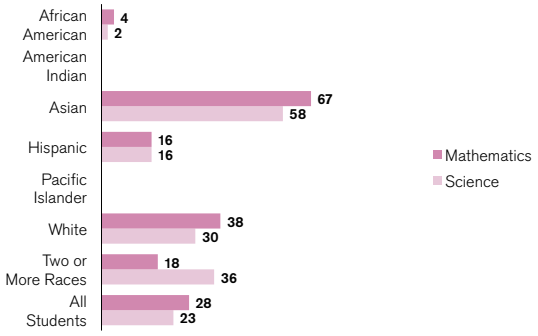

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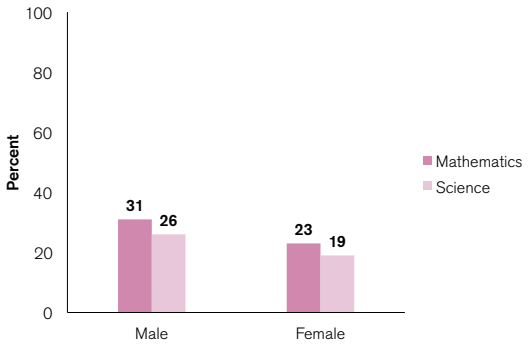

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Majors/Occupations

Expressed and Measured Interest

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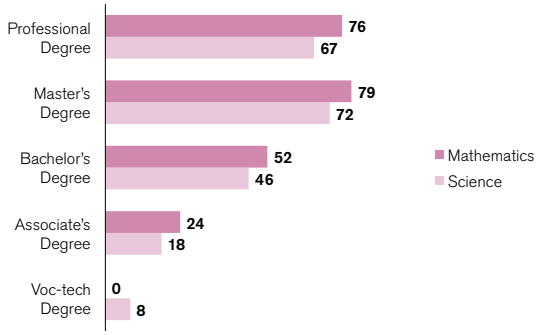

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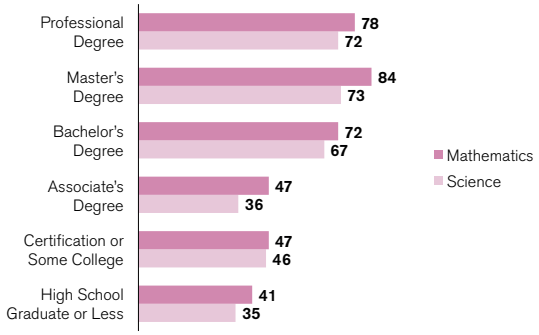

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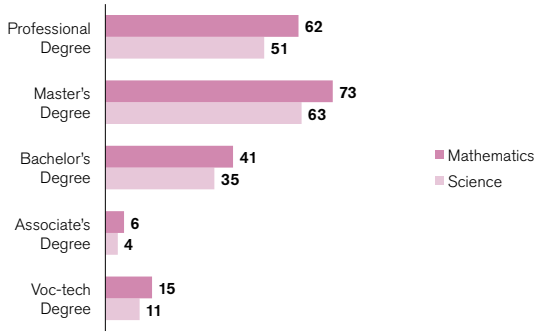

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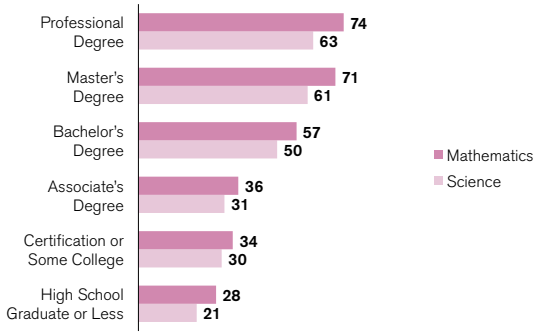

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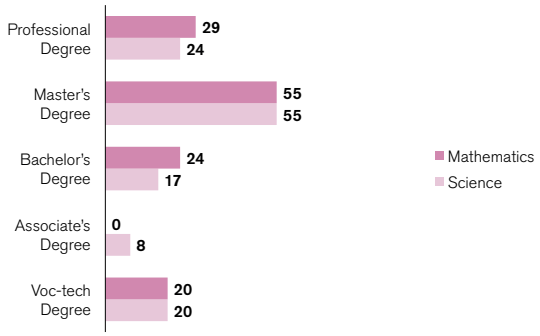

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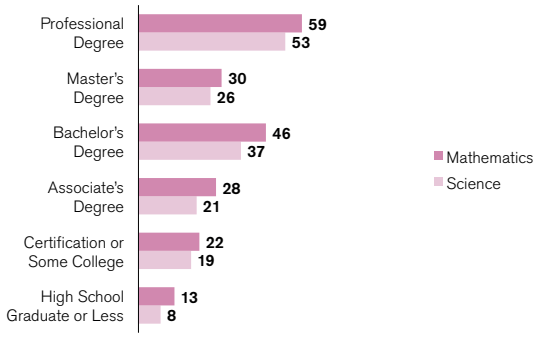

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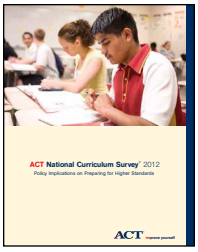
Engineering and Technology

Majors/Occupations

Engineering and Technology Majors/Occupations	Georgia	
	Expressed and Measured Interest	Expressed Interest Only
Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering Technology	19	37
Aerospace/Aeronautical Engineering	187	305
Agricultural/Bioengineering	8	34
Architectural Drafting/CAD Technology	2	32
Architectural Engineering	19	101
Architectural Engineering Technology	6	16
Architecture, General	32	205
Automotive Engineering Technology	16	30
Biomedical Engineering	163	154
Chemical Engineering	115	150
Civil Engineering	81	248
Civil Engineering Technology	10	26
Computer Engineering	108	322
Computer Engineering Technology	33	158
Construction Engineering/Management	12	74
Construction/Building Technology	1	8
Drafting/CAD Technology, General	2	8
Electrical, Electronic, and Communication Engineering	93	276
Electrical/Electronics Engineering Technology	19	72
Electromechanical/Biomedical Engineering Technology	6	3
Engineering (Pre-Engineering), General	80	245
Engineering Technology, General	13	55
Environmental Control Technologies	4	6
Environmental Health Engineering	21	32
Industrial Engineering	25	90
Industrial Production Technologies	1	9
Mechanical Drafting/CAD Technology	10	18
Mechanical Engineering	245	690
Mechanical Engineering Technology	12	34
Military Technologies	6	18
Nuclear Engineering	28	38
Quality Control and Safety Technologies	0	3
Surveying Technology	1	2

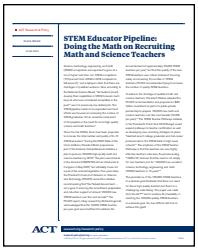
ACT STEM Research

As a nonprofit educational research organization, ACT is committed to producing research that focuses on key issues in education and workforce development. Our goal is to serve as a data resource. We strive to provide policymakers with the information they need to inform education and workforce development policy and to give educators the tools they need to lead more students toward college and career success. What follows are some of ACT's recent and most groundbreaking research studies related to STEM. To review these studies, go to **www.act.org/research/summary**.



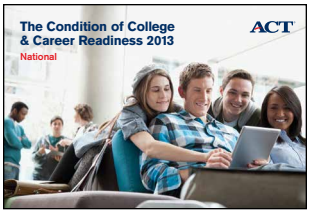
ACT National Curriculum Survey®

The ACT National Curriculum Survey is a nationwide survey of educational practices and expectations. Conducted every three to five years by ACT, the survey collects data about what entering college students should know and be able to do to be ready for college-level coursework in English, math, reading, and science. The survey can be found at **www.act.org/research-policy/national-curriculum-survey**.



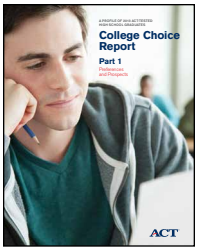
STEM Educator Pipeline: Doing the Math on Recruiting Math and Science Teachers

This report uses data from the ACT college readiness assessment to examine the feasibility of producing 100,000 high-quality math and science teachers in the next decade and finds that there is an insufficient number of graduates interested in and capable of math and science teaching to meet the 100,000 high-quality teacher goal. The report can be found at **www.act.org/research/policymakers/reports/stempipeline.html**.



The Condition of College & Career Readiness

Using ACT scores and the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks, *The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2013* provides a series of graphics highlighting the college and career readiness of the ACT-tested high school class of 2013. This report is updated annually, and the 2013 report can be found at **www.act.org/newsroom/data/2013**.



College Choice Report, Part 1: Preferences and Prospects

The *College Choice Report* provides enrollment managers and other college administrators with information about student patterns during the college choice process of the 2013 high school graduates who took the ACT. The focus of this year's report is students' selection of a college major or program of study. The report can be found at **www.act.org/collegechoice/13-14**.

STEM Resources

ACT has connected with state STEM councils across the country to identify valuable STEM-related resources. These are the top resources suggested by STEM experts.

STEM Premier™

STEM Premier is a virtual platform that connects STEM students with higher education and the workforce. Students can showcase their skills, get ranked and rated, receive guidance, and find STEM scholarships while colleges, technical schools, and corporations can identify, track, and recruit STEM Premier talent.

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National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 to promote the progress of science; to advance national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure national defense.

www.nsf.gov

STEMconnector®

STEMconnector is the one-stop shop for keeping up with trends in STEM education. Its website features profiles of all 50 states and more than 6,000 organizations and an informative blog. STEMconnector sends a free daily newsletter, the STEMdaily®, to more than 12,000 thought leaders.

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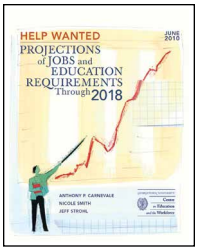

Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements Through 2018

This report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce connects education and training to careers.

www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gppi/hpi/cew/pdfs/fullreport.pdf

USA Science and Engineering Festival

The USA Science and Engineering Festival attracts thousands of K–12 students, parents, teachers, and STEM professionals in the largest national celebration of STEM. The third annual conference will be held April 24–27, 2014, in Washington, DC.

www.usasciencefestival.org

USNews.com

USNews.com has comprehensive coverage on STEM trends in education and careers. Its national leadership conference, US News STEM Solutions, is where employers and educators meet to effect change, take action, and make an impact.

www.usnews.com/news/stem-solutions

ACT-Defined STEM Majors and Occupations by Area

Science Majors/Occupations
Agronomy and Crop Science
Animal Sciences
Astronomy
Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology
Biochemistry and Biophysics
Biology, General
Cell/Cellular Biology
Chemistry
Ecology
Environmental Science
Food Sciences and Technology
Forestry
Genetics
Geological and Earth Sciences
Horticulture Science
Marine/Aquatic Biology
Microbiology and Immunology
Natural Resources Conservation, General
Natural Resources Management
Physical Sciences, General
Physics
Science Education
Wildlife and Wildlands Management
Zoology
Computer Science and Mathematics Majors/Occupations
Actuarial Science
Applied Mathematics
Business/Management Quantitative Methods, General
Computer and Information Sciences, General
Computer Network/Telecommunications
Computer Science and Programming
Computer Software and Media Application
Computer System Administration
Data Management Technology
Information Science
Management Information Systems
Mathematics Education
Mathematics, General
Statistics
Webpage Design
Medical and Health Majors/Occupations
Athletic Training
Chiropractic (Pre-Chiropractic)
Dentistry (Pre-Dentistry)
Emergency Medical Technology
Food and Nutrition
Health/Medical Technology, General
Medical Laboratory Technology
Medical Radiologic Technology
Medicine (Pre-Medicine)
Nuclear Medicine Technology
Nursing, Practical/Vocational (LPN)
Nursing, Registered (BS/RN)
Optometry (Pre-Optometry)
Osteopathic Medicine
Pharmacy (Pre-Pharmacy)
Physical Therapy (Pre-Physical Therapy)
Physician Assisting
Respiratory Therapy Technology
Surgical Technology
Veterinarian Assisting/Technology
Veterinary Medicine (Pre-Vet)
Engineering and Technology Majors/Occupations
Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering Technology
Aerospace/Aeronautical Engineering
Agricultural/Bioengineering
Architectural Drafting/CAD Technology
Architectural Engineering
Architectural Engineering Technology
Architecture, General
Automotive Engineering Technology
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Civil Engineering Technology
Computer Engineering
Computer Engineering Technology
Construction Engineering/Management
Construction/Building Technology
Drafting/CAD Technology, General
Electrical, Electronic, and Communication Engineering
Electrical/Electronics Engineering Technology
Electromechanical/Biomedical Engineering Technology
Engineering (Pre-Engineering), General
Engineering Technology, General
Environmental Control Technologies
Environmental Health Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Industrial Production Technologies
Mechanical Drafting/CAD Technology
Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Military Technologies
Nuclear Engineering
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Endnotes

1. Students were assigned to one of four STEM cohorts: Expressed and Measured, Expressed Only, Measured Only, or No STEM Interest. These cohorts were based on the pairing of Expressed and Measured STEM interest types, where:
   - Students with expressed STEM interest planned on a STEM major or occupation following high school.
   - Students with measured STEM interest had a highest ACT Interest Inventory score in Science or had a highest ACT Interest Inventory score in Technology and a second-highest score in Science.

   Within each STEM cohort, students were also assigned to one of four STEM areas: Science, Computer Science and Mathematics, Medical and Health, or Engineering and Technology. STEM areas for students in the Expressed and Measured Interest cohort and the Expressed Interest Only cohort were based on the STEM area of students' planned major. If planned major was not STEM, then the STEM area of their planned occupation was used. For students in the Measured Interest Only cohort, STEM area was based on a crosswalk between ACT Interest Inventory score profile and planned major. The crosswalk was created from a national sample of undergraduate students with a declared major and a grade point average of at least 2.0. (For more information about the crosswalk, go to **www.act.org/emtrends/12/interestmajor.html**.) By definition, students in the No STEM Interest cohort could not be assigned a STEM area.

2. The ACT College Readiness Benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses. Based on a nationally stratified sample, the Benchmarks are median course placement values for these institutions and represent a typical set of expectations. The ACT College Readiness Benchmarks are:

College Course	Subject Area Test	ACT College Readiness Benchmark
English Composition	English	18
Social Sciences	Reading	22
College Algebra	Mathematics	22
Biology	Science	23

3. When individuals register for the ACT, they are asked to choose a college major they plan to enter as well as an occupational choice from a list of 294 major and occupational titles. Of these 294 titles, 93 have been identified as STEM related. Assignment of ACT titles to STEM titles was conducted by an expert panel of ACT staff members with knowledge of labor market trends and postsecondary academic programs. Panel decisions were informed by three sources of information: (1) STEM-designated occupations from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), (2) STEM-designated degree programs from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and (3) ACT Interest Inventory score profiles for students planning to enter the major/occupation. ACT titles were assigned to STEM when both the corresponding BLS and ICE titles were included in STEM or when the corresponding BLS title was included in STEM and the profile of measured interests of students planning to enter this occupation peaked on the Science and Technology scale. These two guidelines accounted for 89 of the 93 ACT titles assigned to STEM. The remaining four titles were assigned to STEM based on the judged intensiveness of their math and science coursework (major) or work tasks (occupation). ACT titles in the Social Sciences were excluded from this STEM list because many STEM taxonomies do not include majors and occupations in this field.

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This report can be found at
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