



## Average ACT Scores by State Graduating Class of 2021

The table below classifies states by the percent of graduates tested and shows the average Composite score and the percent of students meeting ACT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks by subject. Nationally, 35% of 2021 graduates took the ACT.

The best practice is to compare states where the same or similar percentages of graduates were tested (e.g., Alabama 100% and Mississippi 100%, or Arizona 35% and Florida 34%).

State	Estimated Percent of Graduates Tested*	Average Composite Score	Percent Meeting English Benchmark	Percent Meeting Reading Benchmark	Percent Meeting Math Benchmark	Percent Meeting Science Benchmark
Alabama	100	18.7	48	32	21	23
Kentucky	100	19.2	51	36	27	26
Mississippi	100	18.1	43	28	18	19
Nevada	100	17.8	39	29	20	20
North Dakota	100	19.6	51	37	35	32
Tennessee	100	19.1	52	36	25	28
Arkansas	99	19.0	51	34	23	26
Louisiana	98	18.4	48	31	20	23
Wisconsin	96	20.0	55	39	37	36
North Carolina	92	18.9	43	36	29	27
Wyoming	91	19.8	53	42	32	32
Nebraska	86	20.0	55	42	33	35
Utah	86	20.6	59	46	38	37
Ohio	85	19.6	50	40	33	31
Kansas	79	19.9	53	42	32	32
Montana	70	20.4	56	44	36	36
Hawaii	67	18.2	40	31	22	23
Missouri	63	20.6	59	46	35	36
Minnesota	60	21.6	61	52	48	45
Oklahoma	58	19.7	55	42	26	29
South Dakota	55	21.6	65	52	46	45
South Carolina	50	18.6	43	35	25	26
Iowa	47	21.5	64	52	41	44
Arizona	35	19.8	52	41	35	32
Florida	34	20.4	59	46	34	35

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2021 estimated state percent of ACT-tested high school graduates, average Composite score, and percent meeting ACT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks by subject

State	Estimated Percent of Graduates Tested*	Average Composite Score	Percent Meeting English Benchmark	Percent Meeting Reading Benchmark	Percent Meeting Math Benchmark	Percent Meeting Science Benchmark
West Virginia	30	20.8	68	49	32	36
Georgia	24	22.6	72	58	50	48
New Mexico	23	20.7	58	47	36	37
Texas	23	20.1	52	42	35	34
Oregon	20	20.6	56	47	38	38
District of Columbia	19	25.6	76	70	66	66
Illinois	19	25.2	88	72	68	65
Alaska	16	20.6	56	47	41	38
Colorado	16	23.6	78	64	59	56
Idaho	16	23	75	61	53	51
Indiana	14	23.1	74	62	57	52
New Jersey	12	25.1	83	70	67	62
Connecticut	9	27.2	92	82	78	76
Michigan	9	25.1	87	72	68	65
New York	9	26.3	88	77	76	73
Virginia	9	25.5	86	75	68	67
Maryland	8	25.5	86	74	67	65
Massachusetts	7	27.6	92	83	81	79
Pennsylvania	7	25	84	73	67	64
Washington	7	23.6	70	62	57	55
California	5	26.1	84	74	72	68
Delaware	5	25.7	86	76	66	68
New Hampshire	4	26.6	89	79	75	71
Rhode Island	4	25.8	89	79	70	67
Vermont	4	24.7	83	77	62	66
Maine	2	25.6	87	77	72	69
National	35	20.3	56	44	36	35

\*Totals for graduating seniors were obtained from *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates – December 2020*. Copyright © December 2020 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.