



Average ACT Scores by State

Graduating Class of 2023

The below table classifies states by the percent of ACT-tested high school graduates, including the average Composite score and percent meeting ACT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks by subject.

A best practice is to compare states where the same or similar percentages of graduates were tested (e.g., Alabama 100% and Mississippi 100%, or Minnesota 68% and Missouri 66%).

State	Estimated % of Graduates Tested*	Average Composite Score	% Meeting English Benchmark (18)	% Meeting Reading Benchmark (22)	% Meeting Math Benchmark (22)	% Meeting Science Benchmark (23)
Alabama	100	18.0	42	30	18	21
Kentucky	100	18.7	49	36	23	24
Louisiana	100	18.2	47	32	19	22
Mississippi	100	17.6	41	26	16	16
Nevada	100	17.2	36	27	16	18
Oklahoma	100	17.8	42	30	16	19
Tennessee	100	18.4	47	33	23	23
Wyoming	100	19.0	48	37	25	27
Arizona	98	17.7	40	29	22	20
Montana	98	18.8	44	36	26	27
Arkansas	96	18.6	48	33	21	25
Nebraska	96	19.2	50	36	29	30
Wisconsin	95	19.4	51	38	31	32
North Carolina	90	18.5	41	36	25	26
Utah	90	19.9	55	44	32	33
North Dakota	89	19.6	52	40	32	31
Ohio	82	19.2	47	38	29	30
Kansas	74	19.4	50	40	28	30
Minnesota	68	20.8	56	47	39	41
Missouri	66	19.8	54	42	30	33
Hawaii	64	17.9	40	30	19	22
South Dakota	59	21.1	63	49	43	41
Iowa	48	20.8	61	50	37	40
Florida	46	18.9	50	37	25	26
South Carolina	40	18.8	46	37	25	26
Georgia	28	21.3	64	51	40	40

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West Virginia	26	20.3	65	45	29	30
Texas	23	19.3	49	39	30	30
District of Columbia	17	26	84	77	69	70
Illinois	16	24.5	85	70	63	61
Alaska	15	20.2	56	47	33	34
New Mexico	14	20.2	56	46	32	34
Oregon	13	20.9	58	49	37	41
Idaho	12	23	77	64	56	52
New Jersey	10	24.4	81	68	63	60
Colorado	9	24.5	86	71	63	63
New York	9	25.3	85	74	69	67
Connecticut	8	26.4	91	80	75	74
Indiana	8	22.9	74	61	57	52
Massachusetts	8	26.4	90	80	75	73
Virginia	8	24.6	83	72	61	63
Maryland	7	24.5	82	71	59	61
Michigan	7	24.4	84	68	63	61
Pennsylvania	6	23.9	79	67	60	59
Vermont	6	23.6	80	69	52	62
Washington	6	24.5	78	71	61	61
New Hampshire	5	25.2	86	73	67	66
Rhode Island	5	24.5	85	68	64	59
California	4	25.7	84	74	69	68
Delaware	4	24.8	87	71	62	62
Maine	2	24.8	89	71	63	66
National	37	19.5	51	40	30	31

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