The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2014

College readiness by the numbers

57% of the 2014 high school grad class

31% met zero ACT College Readiness Benchmarks
16% met only one ACT College Readiness Benchmark
14% met just two ACT College Readiness Benchmarks
13% met exactly three ACT College Readiness Benchmarks
26% met all four ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

37% met ACT Science Benchmark
43% met ACT Math Benchmark
44% met ACT Reading Benchmark
64% met ACT English Benchmark

Average ACT Composite score is 21.0 on a scale of 1 to 36

What is readiness?
ACT defines it as the acquisition of the knowledge and skills a student needs to enroll and succeed in credit-bearing first-year courses at a postsecondary institution (such as a 2- or 4-year college, trade school, or technical school) without the need for remediation.

How does ACT measure college readiness?
By measuring the empirical minimum scores needed on the ACT subject area tests to indicate:

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.

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