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# Understanding Your Scores

## Find your...

**Composite Score** **XX**

out of 36 possible points

**ENGLISH** **XX**

+

**MATHEMATICS** **XX**

+

**READING** **XX**

+

**SCIENCE** **XX**

divided by 4

We counted your correct answers on each test. We didn't take points off for wrong answers. Then, for each test, we converted your number of correct answers into a score that ranges from 1 to 36. Your Composite score is the average of your four test scores, rounded to the nearest whole number. If you left any test completely blank, that score is reported as a dash and no Composite score is computed.

## How You Compare to Other Students

Your ranks tell you the percentage of recent high school graduates who received a score that is the same as or lower than yours. For example, a rank of 55 for your Composite score means 55% of students earned that Composite score or below.

## Understanding Your Writing Scores

Two trained readers scored your essay from 1 to 6 in each of four writing domains. Each domain score represents the sum of the two readers' scores. Your writing score is calculated from your domain scores and is reported on a scale of 1–36. Your domain scores do not necessarily add up to your reported writing score. To learn more about this process, visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

<b>Writing</b>	<b>XX</b>
Ideas and Analysis	XX
Development and Support	XX
Organization	XX
Language Use and Conventions	XX

### A NOTE ABOUT TEST SCORES

No test can be absolutely precise, so think of your scores as a range rather than a single value. For example, for Composite scores, that range would be plus or minus one point; for the multiple-choice test scores, it would be plus or minus two points.

## What Your Scores Say About Your College Readiness

A score at or above the ACT College Readiness Benchmark indicates at least a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in first year college courses, such as English Composition, College Algebra, Social Sciences, and Biology.

## Compare your scores to the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks



## Readiness Scores and Indicators

Your report includes an English Language Arts (ELA) score (if you took the writing test), a STEM score, and indicators for Understanding Complex Texts and Progress Toward Career Readiness. You can find information about this at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

## Reporting Your Scores to Colleges

Your report lists the colleges you chose to receive your scores (if any). Compare your results to those of students who attend those colleges. A score report was also automatically sent to the high school you provided.

University of Omega (9521)  
Omega, CO  
[www.universityofomega.edu](http://www.universityofomega.edu)

Middle 50%  
between 18–24

Alpha University (9059)  
University Center, IA  
[www.alpha.edu](http://www.alpha.edu)

Middle 50%  
between 21–26

in top 25%

Beta Community College (8866)  
Clarkston, CO  
[www.betacc.edu](http://www.betacc.edu)

Middle 50%  
between 16–21

Majority  
in top 75%

2.49

Program A

Magna College (8905)  
Plainview, OH  
[www.magna.edu](http://www.magna.edu)

Middle 50%  
between 21–26

Majority  
in top 50%

2.71

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Your GPA is calculated on an unweighted 4.0 scale from the grades you reported when you registered.

If you want to send your scores to other colleges, you can order Additional Score Reports (ASRs) at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). To keep your scores confidential, ACT will not provide them to anyone by telephone, email, chat or fax.

### EXAMPLES OF HOW COLLEGES USE RESULTS ON THE ACT® TEST:

- ➔ Identify applicants who can benefit most from their programs.
- ➔ Place students in first-year courses.
- ➔ Help you develop an appropriate program of study.
- ➔ Help scholarship/loan agencies identify qualified candidates.

### Student Information

Composite Score	Class Rank	Calculated GPA	Sele
21	Top 25%	3.29	Acco

# Planning Your Education and Career

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## Your Future Begins Now

Turn your score report over. **College and Career Planning** helps you explore college majors and occupations, consider your options, and develop plans.

The information in this section is all about you. Majors and occupations you may want to explore have been listed here, because they are related to the interests you expressed or occupations you said you were considering.

Take a look at these sections of your report:

- Interest Inventory Results
- College Major Selected
- Occupational Field Selected

**NOTE:** if you took the test before September 2015, please refer to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for more information about understanding your scores.

## Next Steps

How can you find the best opportunities for you? Create a free account at [www.actprofile.org](http://www.actprofile.org) to:

- Explore occupations suggested by your interests. Career Areas related to your interests are listed on the back of your score report. Use ACT Profile's interactive Career Map, found under the Career tab, to find out more about the occupations in these Career Areas. You will find lots of information about occupations in these and other Career Areas.
- Explore college majors. The back of your score report lists the college major you selected, as well as related majors. ACT Profile has lots of information about the major you selected, and there are hundreds of majors to explore using the interactive Major Map found under the Education tab.

There is much more at [www.actprofile.org](http://www.actprofile.org). For example, you can find majors that fit your interests, find occupations that align with your values and abilities, and compare colleges.

## ACT Services

### REQUESTING A COPY OF YOUR TEST QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If you tested on one of the test dates below, you can order a Test Information Release (TIR) for \$20.00.

Through TIR, you receive a list of your answers, a copy of the multiple-choice test questions, and the answer key. If you took the writing test, you also receive a copy of the writing prompt, scoring guidelines, and scores assigned to your essay. You also receive information about ordering a photocopy of your answer document (including your essay if you took writing).

- Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 (March 12, 2016)
- Thursday, April 7 through Monday, April 11, 2016 (July 9, 2016)
- Saturday, June 11, 2016 (Sept 11, 2016)

If you ordered TIR when you registered, materials are mailed about 4 weeks **after** scores are reported. You can also order TIR for three months after you test by the deadlines in parentheses. Download the order form: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

This service is not offered on any other test dates or through other testing programs (e.g., International, State and District, Special). If for any reason ACT has to replace the test form scheduled for use at your test center, this offer becomes void, and ACT will refund your fee for this service.

### REQUESTING HAND-SCORING

You can ask ACT to hand-score your multiple-choice responses and/or rescore your writing test essay.

**Within 3 months** of receiving your scores, submit your request in writing to:

ACT Student Services  
PO Box 414  
Iowa City, IA 52243-0414

Include your name, address, and date of birth, **plus** ACT ID, test date, and test location from your score report. Enclose a check payable to ACT Student Services for the applicable fee: \$50.00 for either multiple-choice or writing, or \$100.00 for both.

ACT will inform you by letter of the results of the hand-scoring about 3–5 weeks after receiving your request. If a scoring error is discovered, your scores will be changed and corrected reports will be released to you and all previous score recipients at no charge. Your hand-scoring fee will also be refunded.

(If you choose, you may request to be present for a hand-scoring of your multiple-choice responses—without access to the test questions—at an ACT-designated location. Additional fees will apply.)

### CORRECTING ERRORS ON YOUR REPORT

If you think there is an error in information other than your scores or you want to change information (e.g., address change), **within 3 months** of receiving your scores, write to:

ACT Student Services  
PO Box 414  
Iowa City, IA 52243-0414

If an error is found to have been made by ACT and requires you to retest, it will be at the expense of ACT. If an error is found to have been made by ACT and does not involve retesting, corrected score reports will be sent to you and all previous score recipients at no charge. If an error is not found to be made by ACT and you wish to send corrected reports, you must request and pay for Additional Score Reports.

#### Security Hotline

If you have concerns about the security of the tests, please report them at [www.act.ethicspoint.com](http://www.act.ethicspoint.com) or 877.777.7296.

The following is a selection of ACT policies for your reference. For more complete information about scoring and reporting, please see ACT's Terms and Conditions: Testing Rules and Policies for the ACT® at [www.actstudent.org/regist/terms.html](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/terms.html). For more complete information about any of ACT's policies, see [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

## PRIVACY POLICY AND NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

ACT collects personally identifying information when you register for one of our assessments and our processing of such information, including collection, use, transfer, and disclosure is described in the **ACT Privacy Policy** ([www.act.org/privacy.html](http://www.act.org/privacy.html)).

Notice to International Examinees: Your personally identifying information may be transferred outside of your home country to the United States to ACT or a third party service provider for processing and will be subject to use and disclosure under the laws of the United States. It may also be accessible to law enforcement and national security authorities in the United States. You voluntarily register for or take an ACT assessment and in doing so you provide personally identifying information to us, some of which is mandatory. If you do not provide certain personally identifying information which is mandatory, such as name, gender, address and date of birth, you

may not be able to complete your registration for the ACT assessment. For a full description of our Privacy Policy and practices please review the ACT Privacy Policy ([www.act.org/privacy.html](http://www.act.org/privacy.html)). When you register for an ACT assessment, you consent to the ACT Privacy Policy, which is incorporated into these Terms and Conditions by reference, including consenting to the collection of personally identifying information and its subsequent use and disclosure. Any questions about the ACT Privacy Policy or this notice should be directed to our Data Protection Official, Vice President, Data Management at [DPO@act.org](mailto:DPO@act.org).

## NON-SCORING AND CANCELLING SCORES

The ACT is intended to be delivered under standardized conditions. If any irregularity is encountered before, during, or after the administration of the test (that is, in the course of the testing process) ACT will decide which of the following actions to take, and its decisions are final: (1) if you engage in suspected or confirmed prohibited behavior, ACT may (a) dismiss you on test day and void your answer document, (b) choose not to score your answer document, or (c) void or cancel your score; (2) initiate an **Individual Score Review**; (3) declare a **Compromise/Disruption in the Testing Process**; or (4) determine that the scores were not affected by the irregularity and take no action. Testing irregularities include, but are not limited to: (1) evidence of prohibited

behavior on test day, (2) evidence that you may have falsified your identity, (3) impersonation, (4) unusual similarities in the answers of examinees at the same test center, (5) evidence of possible advance access to test content, (6) other indicators that the test scores may not accurately reflect your level of educational achievement, (7) errors in handling or processing registration records, (8) errors in preparing, handling, shipping, or scoring test materials or answer documents, (9) errors in reporting scores, or (10) evidence of other disruptions or compromises in the testing process.

### *PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR*

ACT has sole authority for determining whether to take action regarding prohibited behavior, whether suspected or confirmed, and its decisions are final.

**If ACT takes action due to prohibited behavior, the individuals who engaged in the prohibited behavior will not have their answer documents scored or will have their scores cancelled; will forfeit their registration for that test date; and will have no right to refunds or appeals.**

### *INDIVIDUAL SCORE REVIEWS*

**ACT reserves the right to cancel test scores when there is reason to believe the scores are invalid.**

If ACT decides to conduct an Individual Score Review, it makes reasonable efforts to notify you if your score is under review. The notice includes information about why ACT has started the Individual Score Review and options available for resolving it. More information regarding the Individual Score Review process will be provided to you if ACT opens an Individual Score Review regarding your score.

For Individual Score Reviews, the final and exclusive remedy available for you to appeal or otherwise challenge a decision by ACT to cancel your test score is binding arbitration through written submissions to the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”), unless both you and ACT agree to submit the matter to an alternative arbitration forum. By agreeing to arbitration, you are waiving your right to have your dispute heard by a judge or jury.

### ***COMPROMISES/DISRUPTIONS IN THE TESTING PROCESS***

ACT takes steps that are intended to ensure that test registrations are correctly processed, and that tests and answer documents are properly handled and scored. In the unlikely event that an error occurs that compromises or disrupts the testing process, ACT will examine the situation and determine whether it needs to take action, including not scoring answer documents or cancelling scores.

If ACT determines that it needs to take action in response to compromises or disruptions in the testing

process, ACT will either correct the error, if ACT believes correction is possible; offer each affected person the option to retest at no additional fee (normally on a future national test date); or offer a refund. Decisions made by ACT regarding compromises or disruptions in the testing process are final. If ACT offers a retest and you select that option (or it is selected for you in State and District testing), you must retake all four multiple-choice tests to produce a valid Composite score. If you took the Writing Test on the original test date, you may also need to retake the Writing Test in addition to the four multiple-choice tests to produce a valid English Language Arts score.

Special Instructions for State and District testing: In the event of compromises/disruptions in the testing process, ACT may offer each affected person the option to retest at no additional fee or it may cancel the test event without an option for retest.

### **The remedies listed in this Non-Scoring and Cancelling Scores section are the exclusive remedies for anyone affected by irregularities in the testing process, regardless of cause.**

It is important that ACT ensure that reported scores are not affected by an irregularity, and that ACT inform anyone who has received a score report that the score may not accurately reflect a person’s academic achievement and skills. You therefore agree that ACT may notify score recipients if there is an investigation into the validity of your reported test score and if your score is cancelled. You also

agree that ACT may disclose details about a test security investigation to score recipients and to anyone who may be able to assist with an investigation conducted by ACT, such as law enforcement, state departments of education, and local school officials. You agree that ACT will have no liability for exercising any of these rights.

ACT will not be liable to test takers, schools, school districts, or anyone else for any damages that are caused by or arise from any irregularity, including but not limited to failure by test administration personnel or students to comply with ACT test administration policies or procedures, or that are caused by or arise from the actions of any third parties.

### **FEE PAYMENTS**

Services ordered via our website or by telephone require payment by credit card. All other fee payments must be made in US dollars drawn on a US or US affiliate bank. International money orders payable in US dollars may be used. We cannot accept personal checks drawn on accounts outside the United States.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

We regularly prepare reports on the technical characteristics of the ACT tests. You may obtain copies from:

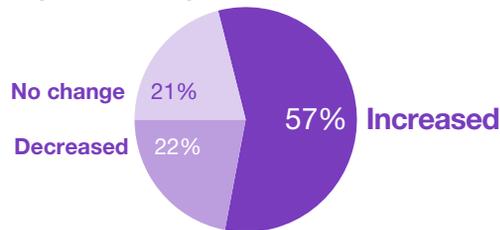
ACT Student Services  
PO Box 1008  
Iowa City, IA 52243-1008

# Should You Test Again?

## Consider retesting if one or more of the following applies to you:

- Did you have any problems during the tests, like misunderstanding the directions or feeling ill?
- Do you think your scores do not accurately represent your abilities?
- Are your ACT scores not what you expected based on your high school grades?
- Have you taken more coursework or an intensive review in the areas covered?
- Do you want to apply to a college that requires or recommends the writing test?

### Expected Composite Score on a Retest



## How often can you test?

The following restrictions apply to a retest—even if your scores are cancelled by you or by ACT:

- You can test only once on a given ACT test date (National, International, State and District).
- You can take the ACT a maximum of 12 times.

## One test date per report

- If you test more than once, you choose which test date or set of scores to send to colleges.
- All scores from a test date are reported as a set. ACT does not create new records by combining scores from different test dates.
- If you want to report your writing score, all scores from that test date will be reported.

Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for more information.

