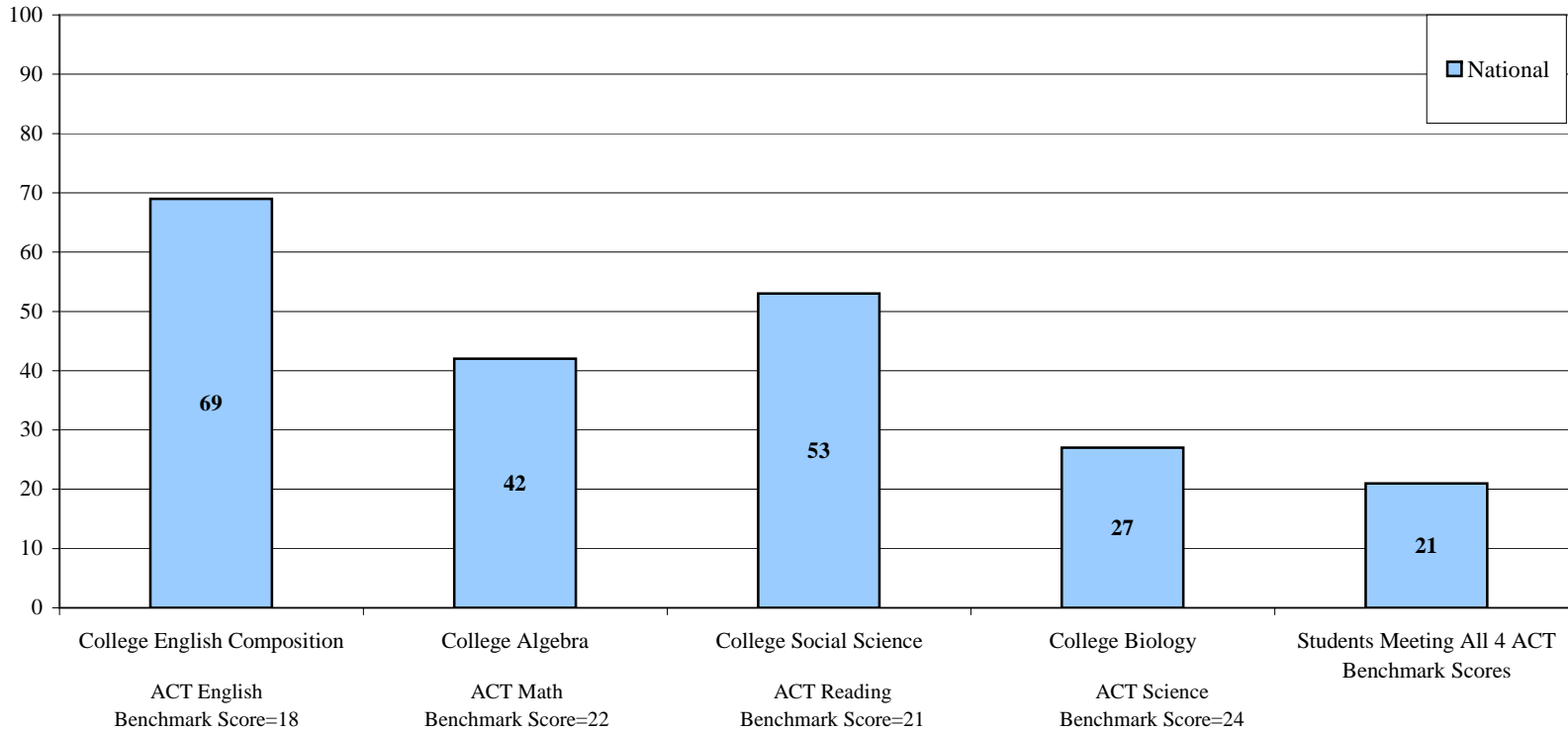


Section I

Executive Summary

Figure 1.1. Percent of ACT-Tested Students Ready for College-Level Coursework



A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college course.

Table 1.1. Five Year Trends—Percent of Students Meeting College Readiness Benchmarks

Grad Year	Number of Students Tested National	Percent Meeting Benchmarks				
		English National	Mathematics National	Reading National	Science National	Meeting All Four National
2002	1,116,082	67	39	53	26	20
2003	1,175,059	67	40	52	26	20
2004	1,171,460	68	40	52	26	21
2005	1,186,251	68	41	51	26	21
2006	1,206,455	69	42	53	27	21

Table 1.2. Five Year Trends—Average ACT Scores (this table omitted in National report)

Table 1.3. Five Year Trends—Average ACT Scores Nationwide

Grad Year	Number of Students Tested	Average ACT Scores				
		English	Mathematics	Reading	Science	Composite
2002	1,116,082	20.2	20.6	21.1	20.8	20.8
2003	1,175,059	20.3	20.6	21.2	20.8	20.8
2004	1,171,460	20.4	20.7	21.3	20.9	20.9
2005	1,186,251	20.4	20.7	21.3	20.9	20.9
2006	1,206,455	20.6	20.8	21.4	20.9	21.1

Table 1.4. Five Year Trends—Average ACT Scores by Level of Preparation

Grad Year	Number of Students Tested		Percent ¹		Average ACT Scores									
	Core or More	Less than Core	Core or More	Less than Core	English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
					Core or More	Less than Core	Core or More	Less than Core	Core or More	Less than Core	Core or More	Less than Core	Core or More	Less than Core
2002	643,596	397,544	58	36	21.4	18.4	21.6	18.8	22.2	19.5	21.7	19.4	21.8	19.2
2003	667,526	410,753	57	35	21.4	18.5	21.6	18.9	22.2	19.7	21.7	19.5	21.8	19.3
2004	661,290	405,328	56	35	21.5	18.7	21.7	19.1	22.3	19.8	21.7	19.6	21.9	19.4
2005	658,430	406,763	56	34	21.6	18.8	21.7	19.1	22.2	19.8	21.7	19.6	21.9	19.5
2006	647,298	413,888	54	34	21.6	19.0	21.8	19.4	22.3	20.1	21.7	19.7	22.0	19.7

¹Percent of all students tested. Numbers will not add up to 100% due to student non-response.

Table 1.5. Five-Year Trends—Number, Percentage, and Average Composite Score for ACT-Tested Graduates by Race/Ethnicity

	2002			2003			2004			2005			2006		
	N	%	Avg	N	%	Avg	N	%	Avg	N	%	Avg	N	%	Avg
All Students	1,116,082	100	20.8	1,175,059	100	20.8	1,171,460	100	20.9	1,186,251	100	20.9	1,206,455	100	21.1
African American/Black	120,311	11	16.8	129,507	11	16.9	131,925	11	17.1	138,964	12	17.0	139,118	12	17.1
American Indian/Alaskan Native	11,895	1	18.6	12,127	1	18.7	12,507	1	18.8	13,695	1	18.7	13,635	1	18.8
Caucasian American/White	773,933	69	21.7	804,858	68	21.7	787,870	67	21.8	781,581	66	21.9	760,084	63	22.0
Hispanic	66,770	6	18.4	75,449	6	18.5	78,584	7	18.5	83,447	7	18.6	85,796	7	18.6
Asian American/Pacific Islander	36,732	3	21.6	39,102	3	21.8	39,337	3	21.9	39,284	3	22.1	39,867	3	22.3
Other/No Response	106,441	10	20.3	114,016	10	20.6	121,237	10	20.9	129,280	11	20.9	167,955	14	21.1