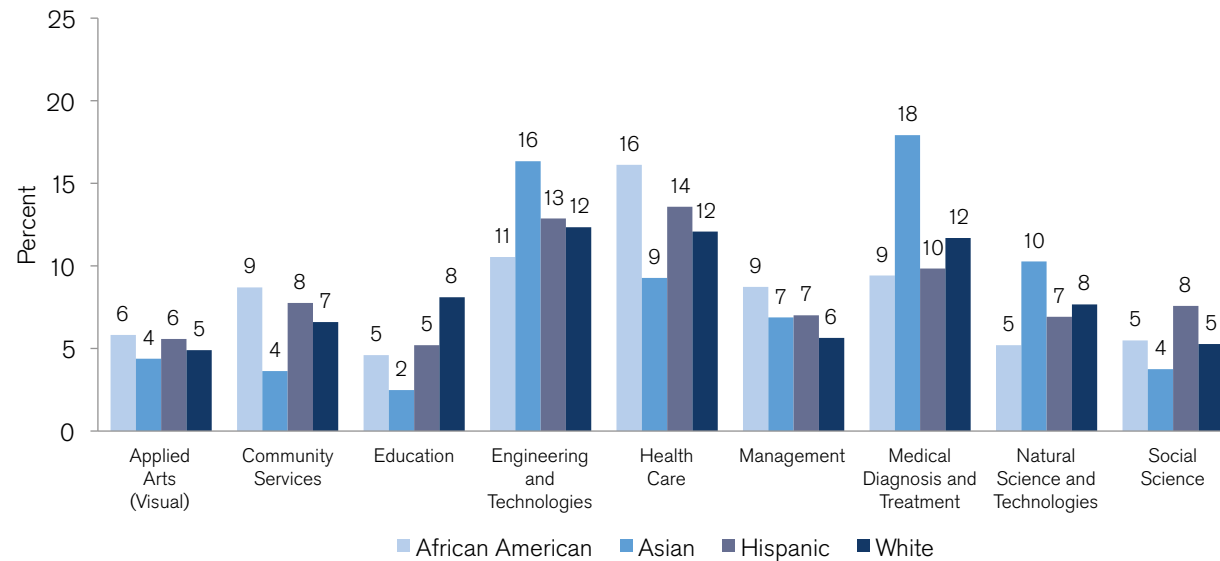


Career Interests by Occupational Field and Race/Ethnicity 2015

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Note: This graph is based on data from 1,077,950 ACT-tested 2015 high school graduates who reported an occupational choice and were very sure or fairly sure about their choice. Approximately 10% of 2015 high school graduates did not specify a category of career interest.

The career plans of ACT®-tested 2015 high school graduates tend to be similar across racial/ethnic groups.¹ ACT groups occupations into 26 occupational fields. The above chart includes nine occupational fields that were chosen by at least 5% of graduates who were very sure or fairly sure about their occupational choice.

Similar percentages of students from each racial/ethnic group are choosing many of the same occupational fields. Approximately 9%

or more of students in each race/ethnicity group are interested in engineering and technologies, health care, and medical diagnosis and treatment, though there are noticeable differences between groups. ■

¹ Similar patterns were observed for 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 ACT-tested graduates. See ACT Information Briefs 2012-9, 2012-35, 2013-25, and 2014-24.

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