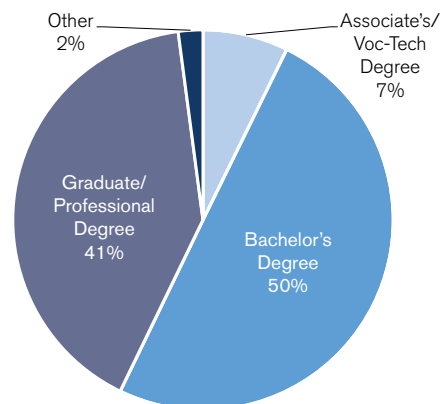


ACT College Readiness Benchmark Attainment by Educational Aspirations 2015

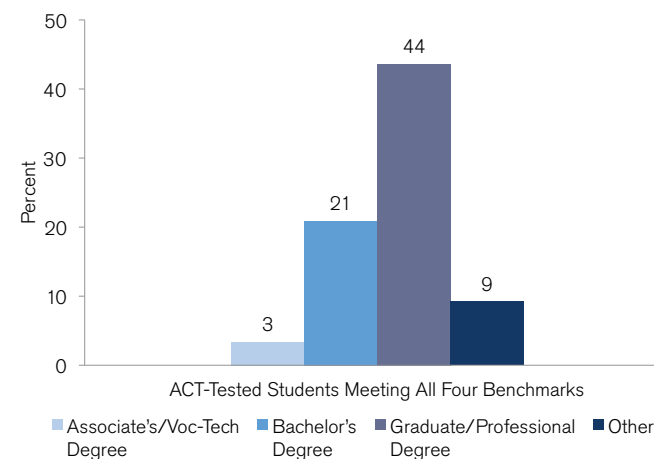
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Educational Aspirations of All ACT-Tested Students

- About 50% of 2015 ACT-tested high school graduates aspire to attain a bachelor's degree, but only about 21% of these students met all four ACT College Readiness Benchmarks.
- Over 43% of 2015 high school graduates who aspire to attain a graduate or professional degree met all four Benchmarks.



Percentage of Students Meeting All Four College Readiness Benchmarks by Educational Aspirations



Note: Data based on 1,685,229 ACT®-tested 2015 high school graduates who reported educational aspirations. Approximately 12% of 2015 graduates did not indicate educational aspirations.

The vast majority (98%) of high school graduates in 2015 who took the ACT® test reported that they aspire to attain at least an associate's degree (see pie chart). The bar chart shows how attainment of all four ACT College Readiness Benchmarks in English, mathematics, reading, and science among ACT-tested 2015 high school graduates varies with educational aspirations. The percentage of students who met all four ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

varies substantially by category of planned degree attainment. These results are consistent with prior findings from ACT-tested 2013 and 2014 high school graduates.¹ ■

¹ See ACT Information Briefs 2013-28 and 2014-27.

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