



Average ACT Scores by State

Graduating Class of 2020

2020 estimated state percent of ACT-tested high school graduates, average Composite score, and percent meeting ACT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks by subject

The best practice is to compare states where the same or similar percentages of graduates were tested (e.g., Alabama 100% and Mississippi 100%, or Arizona 71% and Iowa 68%).

State	Estimated Percent of Graduates Tested*	Average Composite Score	Percent Meeting English Benchmark	Percent Meeting Reading Benchmark	Percent Meeting Math Benchmark	Percent Meeting Science Benchmark
Alabama	100	18.8	48	33	22	24
Arkansas	100	19	52	34	24	26
Kentucky	100	19.5	53	38	28	29
Louisiana	100	18.7	49	31	22	24
Mississippi	100	18.2	45	27	18	20
Montana	100	19.9	51	39	35	30
Nebraska	100	19.9	54	38	34	31
Nevada	100	17.9	39	28	21	21
North Carolina	100	18.8	43	35	28	27
Ohio	100	19.9	52	41	34	33
Oklahoma	100	18.7	47	35	22	23
Tennessee	100	19.3	53	35	26	27
Utah	100	20.2	56	44	34	34
Wisconsin	100	20.1	54	41	35	35
Wyoming	100	19.7	52	38	31	29
North Dakota	94	19.6	50	37	33	31
Minnesota	92	21.3	59	48	46	42
Hawaii	82	18.5	42	32	25	24
Kansas	82	20.4	57	43	36	34
Missouri	78	20.7	60	45	36	36
South Carolina	76	18.4	43	32	23	24
Arizona	71	19.1	46	35	31	26
South Dakota	70	21.7	67	53	48	44
Iowa	68	21.1	62	50	40	40
New Mexico	56	19.3	47	37	26	27

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Florida	46	20.6	60	47	36	35
Georgia	43	21.7	67	52	43	41
Oregon	42	21	59	49	41	38
Texas	38	20.2	54	42	36	34
West Virginia	38	20.9	67	48	35	36
Alaska	33	20.1	54	44	37	33
District of Columbia	33	23.1	67	57	52	50
Illinois	31	24.7	85	69	66	60
Idaho	28	22.7	74	61	52	49
Colorado	25	23.7	80	65	59	57
Indiana	25	22.6	72	58	55	47
New Jersey	23	24.4	81	66	64	57
Vermont	23	23.3	75	63	56	56
New York	20	24.9	83	71	69	63
Washington	20	22.9	68	59	54	50
California	19	23.3	74	60	56	50
Connecticut	19	25.9	90	76	72	68
Maryland	19	23.8	78	65	56	54
Virginia	19	24.4	82	69	62	60
Massachusetts	18	26	89	76	75	69
Michigan	17	24.6	85	69	67	60
Pennsylvania	15	23.7	79	64	60	55
New Hampshire	12	25.7	90	74	74	67
Delaware	11	24.2	84	67	58	58
Rhode Island	11	24.8	87	72	66	61
Maine	5	24.9	86	72	65	62
National	49	20.6	58	45	37	36

*Totals for graduating seniors were obtained from *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates*, 9th edition. © December 2016 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.