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# Performance of ACT's 2021 Graduating Class by State and English Learner Status

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When students register to take the ACT, they answer several questions about their high school experiences and college plans, including the question “Do you receive English language services at school now?” Responses include “Yes,” “No,” and “I prefer not to respond.” This information, while self-reported, can be helpful for educators interested in disaggregating the performance of their English learner (EL) and non-EL students. This data byte provides average ACT scores and the percentages of students meeting each ACT College Readiness Benchmark for ACT's 2021 graduating class by state (national data are also provided) and self-reported EL status (EL, non-EL, and missing/NR, which includes both missing responses and “I prefer not to respond”).

Two important factors should be considered when comparing the performance of ELs and non-ELs in Tables 1 and 2: missing data and the percentage of students tested. Nationally, 43% of students' responses were missing or NR, but a much larger percentage of responses were missing (41%) than NR (2%), indicating that most of the missing data was due to students not completing the item rather than not wanting to share this information. It should also be noted that students participating in State and District testing were much more likely to have missing data (66%) than students participating in National testing (2%), which means that missing data was a bigger issue for states with larger percentages of students participating in State and District testing. It is important to consider missing data when interpreting the performance of ELs and non-ELs in a given state, as the students who reported their EL status may not be representative of all ACT-tested ELs and non-ELs in the state.

The estimated overall percentage of high school graduates tested is also provided for the nation and for each state in order to provide additional context for interpreting state-level performance. States with higher percentages of ACT-tested students tend to have scores that are more representative of the performance of all students within the state, whereas states with lower percentages of ACT-tested students tend to include more college-bound, higher-achieving students and tend to have higher average performance while being less representative of the performance of all students within the state. The percentage of students tested is calculated based on projections provided by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (Bransberger, Falkenstern, & Lane, 2020).

Additional information and data visualization tools for exploring the 2021 ACT-tested graduating class can be found at <https://act.org/content/act/en/research/services-and-resources/data-and-visualization/grad-class-database-2021.html#data-vis>.



**Table 1.** Average ACT Scores of 2021 ACT-Tested Graduates by EL Status and State

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Average scores				
				English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
National	35%	EL	75,838	16.3	17.5	17.6	17.8	17.4
National		Non-EL	663,734	22.1	21.7	23.3	22.3	22.5
National		Missing/NR	555,777	16.9	18.2	18.6	18.6	18.2
National		All students	1,295,349	19.6	19.9	20.9	20.4	20.3
Alabama	100%	EL	4,885	15.3	16.1	16.3	16.5	16.2
Alabama		Non-EL	27,830	20.6	19.3	21.2	20.4	20.5
Alabama		Missing/NR	21,203	16.3	16.7	17.2	17.2	17.0
Alabama		All students	53,918	18.4	18.0	19.2	18.8	18.7
Alaska	16%	EL	80	14.6	17.1	16.7	17.2	16.5
Alaska		Non-EL	853	21.7	22.0	24.1	22.3	22.6
Alaska		Missing/NR	309	14.3	17.1	16.0	16.5	16.1
Alaska		All students	1,242	19.4	20.5	21.6	20.6	20.6
Arizona	35%	EL	1,009	16.6	18.3	18.1	18.1	17.9
Arizona		Non-EL	8,574	21.8	22.1	23.2	22.2	22.4
Arizona		Missing/NR	18,127	17.2	18.8	19.1	18.9	18.6
Arizona		All students	27,710	18.6	19.8	20.3	19.9	19.8
Arkansas	99%	EL	2,612	15.7	16.6	16.5	17.2	16.6
Arkansas		Non-EL	17,409	20.6	19.5	21.1	20.7	20.6
Arkansas		Missing/NR	12,950	16.4	17.0	17.3	17.7	17.2
Arkansas		All students	32,971	18.6	18.3	19.3	19.2	19.0
California	5%	EL	682	22.0	22.5	22.3	22.1	22.4
California		Non-EL	17,909	27.6	26.7	27.9	26.6	27.3
California		Missing/NR	3,915	20.8	21.1	21.7	21.1	21.3
California		All students	22,506	26.2	25.6	26.6	25.5	26.1

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Average scores				
				English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Colorado	16%	EL	179	21.4	21.3	22.3	21.8	21.8
Colorado		Non-EL	5,678	25.6	24.7	26.4	25.1	25.6
Colorado		Missing/NR	4,418	20.4	21.0	21.7	21.2	21.2
Colorado		All students	10,275	23.3	23.0	24.3	23.4	23.6
Connecticut	9%	EL	94	22.5	23.0	22.7	22.4	22.8
Connecticut		Non-EL	3,528	27.9	26.5	28.4	26.7	27.5
Connecticut		Missing/NR	463	26.0	24.6	26.3	24.8	25.6
Connecticut		All students	4,085	27.5	26.2	28.0	26.4	27.2
Delaware	5%	EL	28	21.6	21.3	22.1	22.6	22.0
Delaware		Non-EL	408	26.0	24.6	27.2	25.1	25.8
Delaware		Missing/NR	68	27.1	24.9	27.8	25.3	26.5
Delaware		All students	504	25.9	24.5	27.0	25.0	25.7
District of Columbia	19%	EL	18					
District of Columbia		Non-EL	578	29.4	26.9	30.0	27.5	28.6
District of Columbia		Missing/NR	254	18.1	19.4	19.8	19.7	19.4
District of Columbia		All students	850	25.8	24.5	26.8	25.0	25.6
Florida	34%	EL	6,158	14.5	16.0	16.0	15.8	15.7
Florida		Non-EL	54,490	21.2	20.4	22.5	21.1	21.4
Florida		Missing/NR	12,546	17.3	17.8	18.9	18.0	18.1
Florida		All students	73,194	19.9	19.6	21.4	20.1	20.4
Georgia	24%	EL	1,218	17.5	18.8	18.9	19.0	18.7
Georgia		Non-EL	24,608	22.8	22.3	24.0	22.9	23.1
Georgia		Missing/NR	3,376	19.2	19.7	20.8	20.1	20.1
Georgia		All students	29,202	22.1	21.9	23.4	22.4	22.6

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Average scores				
				English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Hawaii	67%	EL	995	14.1	16.4	15.8	16.6	15.9
Hawaii		Non-EL	4,320	19.2	19.9	21.0	20.7	20.3
Hawaii		Missing/NR	4,654	15.1	16.8	16.9	17.2	16.6
Hawaii		All students	9,969	16.8	18.1	18.6	18.7	18.2
Idaho	16%	EL	217	18.6	20.2	20.7	20.3	20.1
Idaho		Non-EL	2,986	22.7	22.7	24.5	23.1	23.4
Idaho		Missing/NR	172	18.8	18.7	20.4	19.4	19.4
Idaho		All students	3,375	22.3	22.3	24.1	22.7	23.0
Illinois	19%	EL	951	22.1	21.7	22.5	22.0	22.2
Illinois		Non-EL	23,528	25.6	24.8	26.1	24.8	25.5
Illinois		Missing/NR	3,191	24.1	23.4	24.9	23.7	24.1
Illinois		All students	27,670	25.3	24.5	25.8	24.6	25.2
Indiana	14%	EL	487	18.0	19.6	19.4	19.4	19.2
Indiana		Non-EL	8,153	23.4	23.7	25.0	23.7	24.1
Indiana		Missing/NR	2,228	19.0	20.1	21.0	20.2	20.2
Indiana		All students	10,868	22.2	22.8	23.9	22.8	23.1
Iowa	47%	EL	711	17.8	19.1	19.5	19.7	19.1
Iowa		Non-EL	13,019	21.6	21.7	23.6	22.7	22.5
Iowa		Missing/NR	3,928	16.9	18.0	19.1	19.1	18.4
Iowa		All students	17,658	20.4	20.8	22.4	21.8	21.5
Kansas	79%	EL	2,020	16.4	17.9	18.0	18.4	17.8
Kansas		Non-EL	14,291	21.0	21.0	22.4	21.7	21.7
Kansas		Missing/NR	12,973	17.0	18.1	18.9	18.8	18.3
Kansas		All students	29,284	18.9	19.5	20.6	20.2	19.9

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Average scores				
				English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Kentucky	100%	EL	4,742	16.0	17.0	17.0	17.3	17.0
Kentucky		Non-EL	23,708	20.7	20.1	21.6	20.8	20.9
Kentucky		Missing/NR	22,001	17.2	17.8	18.3	18.1	18.0
Kentucky		All students	50,451	18.7	18.8	19.7	19.3	19.2
Louisiana	98%	EL	4,944	16.2	16.6	16.8	17.2	16.9
Louisiana		Non-EL	26,777	20.2	19.0	20.6	20.1	20.1
Louisiana		Missing/NR	18,380	15.5	16.3	16.7	16.9	16.4
Louisiana		All students	50,101	18.1	17.8	18.8	18.6	18.4
Maine	2%	EL	8					
Maine		Non-EL	252	26.1	24.7	27.4	25.3	26.0
Maine		Missing/NR	41	23.7	22.5	24.0	23.2	23.5
Maine		All students	301	25.7	24.4	26.8	25.0	25.6
Maryland	8%	EL	134	22.0	22.4	22.7	22.3	22.5
Maryland		Non-EL	4,749	25.9	24.6	26.7	25.0	25.7
Maryland		Missing/NR	587	24.9	23.7	25.8	24.2	24.8
Maryland		All students	5,470	25.7	24.5	26.5	24.9	25.5
Massachusetts	7%	EL	126	23.3	23.9	23.8	23.2	23.7
Massachusetts		Non-EL	4,909	28.1	27.3	28.9	27.2	28.0
Massachusetts		Missing/NR	641	24.8	24.4	25.9	24.7	25.1
Massachusetts		All students	5,676	27.6	26.9	28.4	26.8	27.6
Michigan	9%	EL	387	22.2	22.1	23.0	22.3	22.5
Michigan		Non-EL	8,202	25.5	24.8	26.0	24.9	25.4
Michigan		Missing/NR	748	22.8	22.5	23.8	22.7	23.1
Michigan		All students	9,337	25.1	24.5	25.7	24.6	25.1

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Average scores				
				English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Minnesota	60%	EL	1,282	16.9	19.2	18.7	19.4	18.7
Minnesota		Non-EL	18,535	22.8	23.4	24.5	23.8	23.8
Minnesota		Missing/NR	22,107	18.3	20.1	20.6	20.5	20.0
Minnesota		All students	41,924	20.2	21.5	22.2	22.0	21.6
Mississippi	100%	EL	3,718	15.1	16.1	16.1	16.6	16.1
Mississippi		Non-EL	16,623	19.4	18.6	20.0	19.5	19.5
Mississippi		Missing/NR	14,876	16.0	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.0
Mississippi		All students	35,217	17.5	17.6	18.4	18.3	18.1
Missouri	63%	EL	2,746	17.1	18.2	18.6	18.7	18.3
Missouri		Non-EL	28,292	21.4	21.0	22.7	21.8	21.8
Missouri		Missing/NR	14,492	17.5	18.2	19.2	19.0	18.6
Missouri		All students	45,530	19.9	19.9	21.3	20.7	20.6
Montana	70%	EL	240	16.9	18.4	18.7	18.8	18.3
Montana		Non-EL	1,515	22.3	22.3	23.9	22.9	23.0
Montana		Missing/NR	5,158	18.4	19.4	20.4	20.1	19.7
Montana		All students	6,913	19.2	20.0	21.1	20.7	20.4
Nebraska	86%	EL	877	17.3	18.3	18.4	18.7	18.3
Nebraska		Non-EL	10,095	21.9	21.6	23.0	22.2	22.3
Nebraska		Missing/NR	10,655	16.5	17.8	18.7	18.5	18.0
Nebraska		All students	21,627	19.1	19.6	20.7	20.2	20.0
Nevada	100%	EL	2,411	16.1	17.3	17.4	17.8	17.3
Nevada		Non-EL	10,794	20.1	20.2	21.5	20.8	20.8
Nevada		Missing/NR	22,348	15.2	16.6	16.7	16.9	16.5
Nevada		All students	35,553	16.7	17.7	18.2	18.2	17.8

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Average scores				
				English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
New Hampshire	4%	EL	26	24.4	24.5	25.0	23.3	24.4
New Hampshire		Non-EL	583	26.8	26.1	27.7	26.3	26.8
New Hampshire		Missing/NR	61	24.4	25.5	26.2	25.3	25.5
New Hampshire		All students	670	26.5	25.9	27.4	26.1	26.6
New Jersey	12%	EL	394	20.5	21.4	21.1	21.0	21.2
New Jersey		Non-EL	10,136	26.5	25.7	26.8	25.5	26.3
New Jersey		Missing/NR	2,831	21.4	21.4	22.2	21.1	21.6
New Jersey		All students	13,361	25.3	24.7	25.7	24.4	25.1
New Mexico	23%	EL	483	15.4	17.2	17.2	17.5	17.0
New Mexico		Non-EL	3,851	20.5	20.7	22.4	21.5	21.4
New Mexico		Missing/NR	410	17.3	18.3	19.4	19.1	18.7
New Mexico		All students	4,744	19.7	20.1	21.6	20.9	20.7
New York	9%	EL	404	22.3	22.9	23.0	22.7	22.9
New York		Non-EL	15,588	26.4	26.0	27.4	26.2	26.6
New York		Missing/NR	2,446	24.6	24.4	25.5	24.6	24.9
New York		All students	18,438	26.1	25.7	27.0	25.9	26.3
North Carolina	92%	EL	1,352	16.1	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.5
North Carolina		Non-EL	12,772	22.5	22.5	24.1	22.7	23.1
North Carolina		Missing/NR	90,713	16.6	18.5	18.8	18.8	18.3
North Carolina		All students	104,837	17.3	19.0	19.4	19.3	18.9
North Dakota	100%	EL	593	15.9	18.0	17.4	18.1	17.5
North Dakota		Non-EL	3,440	19.4	20.6	21.1	21.0	20.6
North Dakota		Missing/NR	3,383	17.4	19.0	19.3	19.5	18.9
North Dakota		All students	7,416	18.2	19.7	20.0	20.1	19.6

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Average scores				
				English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
Ohio	85%	EL	8,296	15.9	17.7	17.6	18.0	17.4
Ohio		Non-EL	45,802	21.1	21.4	22.6	21.9	21.9
Ohio		Missing/NR	60,665	16.9	18.4	18.7	18.6	18.2
Ohio		All students	114,763	18.5	19.5	20.2	19.8	19.6
Oklahoma	58%	EL	1,713	16.1	16.8	17.7	17.7	17.2
Oklahoma		Non-EL	18,515	20.4	19.5	21.9	20.7	20.7
Oklahoma		Missing/NR	6,692	16.4	16.8	18.1	17.7	17.4
Oklahoma		All students	26,920	19.1	18.7	20.7	19.8	19.7
Oregon	20%	EL	344	15.8	17.8	17.2	17.9	17.3
Oregon		Non-EL	3,882	21.9	22.0	23.6	22.7	22.7
Oregon		Missing/NR	4,180	17.7	18.8	19.4	19.4	19.0
Oregon		All students	8,406	19.6	20.3	21.3	20.8	20.6
Pennsylvania	7%	EL	373	20.8	21.6	21.4	21.2	21.4
Pennsylvania		Non-EL	8,264	25.6	24.9	26.5	25.1	25.7
Pennsylvania		Missing/NR	1,061	20.5	20.6	21.8	20.7	21.0
Pennsylvania		All students	9,698	24.8	24.3	25.8	24.5	25.0
Rhode Island	4%	EL	9					
Rhode Island		Non-EL	390	25.9	25.0	27.0	25.3	25.9
Rhode Island		Missing/NR	52	24.9	23.3	26.7	24.5	25.0
Rhode Island		All students	451	25.7	24.8	27.0	25.2	25.8
South Carolina	50%	EL	1,797	14.3	16.4	16.0	16.5	15.9
South Carolina		Non-EL	11,513	20.2	20.2	21.9	21.0	20.9
South Carolina		Missing/NR	13,041	15.4	17.2	17.3	17.4	16.9
South Carolina		All students	26,351	17.4	18.4	19.2	18.9	18.6



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South Dakota	55%	EL	429	17.6	18.9	19.6	19.7	19.0
South Dakota		Non-EL	4,665	21.0	21.7	22.9	22.3	22.1
South Dakota		Missing/NR	373	17.2	18.7	19.4	19.2	18.8
South Dakota		All students	5,467	20.5	21.2	22.4	21.9	21.6
Tennessee	100%	EL	3,831	16.2	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.0
Tennessee		Non-EL	34,395	21.8	20.4	22.3	21.3	21.6
Tennessee		Missing/NR	35,069	16.0	16.7	17.4	17.2	17.0
Tennessee		All students	73,295	18.7	18.5	19.7	19.1	19.1
Texas	23%	EL	4,208	15.9	17.8	17.4	18.0	17.4
Texas		Non-EL	47,612	21.7	21.9	23.3	22.4	22.4
Texas		Missing/NR	37,128	15.7	17.8	17.6	18.0	17.4
Texas		All students	88,948	18.9	20.0	20.6	20.3	20.1
Utah	86%	EL	2,770	17.3	18.6	18.8	19.0	18.6
Utah		Non-EL	19,753	21.6	21.5	23.1	22.2	22.2
Utah		Missing/NR	17,201	18.0	18.7	19.7	19.4	19.1
Utah		All students	39,724	19.7	20.1	21.3	20.8	20.6
Vermont	4%	EL	10					
Vermont		Non-EL	158	25.6	24.4	27.4	25.3	25.8
Vermont		Missing/NR	62	21.2	21.2	23.8	22.6	22.3
Vermont		All students	230	24.2	23.4	26.2	24.5	24.7
Virginia	9%	EL	150	20.8	21.9	21.4	21.7	21.6
Virginia		Non-EL	7,621	25.6	24.6	26.6	25.2	25.7
Virginia		Missing/NR	525	24.8	23.8	26.0	24.4	24.9
Virginia		All students	8,296	25.5	24.5	26.5	25.1	25.5

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Washington	7%	EL	225	16.3	18.1	18.4	17.9	17.8
Washington		Non-EL	3,876	25.4	25.1	26.7	25.3	25.8
Washington		Missing/NR	1,293	16.4	18.1	18.5	18.6	18.0
Washington		All students	5,394	22.9	23.1	24.4	23.4	23.6
West Virginia	30%	EL	528	18.1	18.0	19.4	19.1	18.8
West Virginia		Non-EL	4,557	21.0	19.9	22.2	21.1	21.1
West Virginia		Missing/NR	347	19.3	19.1	20.8	19.8	19.9
West Virginia		All students	5,432	20.6	19.6	21.8	20.8	20.8
Wisconsin	96%	EL	3,656	16.6	18.2	17.9	18.7	18.0
Wisconsin		Non-EL	20,975	21.2	21.6	22.3	22.2	21.9
Wisconsin		Missing/NR	39,188	17.9	19.1	19.4	19.6	19.1
Wisconsin		All students	63,819	18.9	19.9	20.3	20.4	20.0
Wyoming	91%	EL	288	16.9	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.3
Wyoming		Non-EL	2,773	20.1	20.4	22.0	21.2	21.1
Wyoming		Missing/NR	2,247	17.1	18.3	19.2	19.0	18.5
Wyoming		All students	5,308	18.6	19.4	20.7	20.2	19.8

*Note.* Results are not reported for any groups containing fewer than 20 students to protect students’ privacy. NR refers to the response option “I prefer not to respond.”

**Table 2.** Percent of 2021 ACT-Tested Graduates Meeting ACT Benchmarks by EL Status and State

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Percent meeting Benchmark			
				English	Math	Reading	Science
National	35%	EL	75,838	36	18	23	17
National		Non-EL	663,734	72	48	57	48
National		Missing/NR	555,777	40	23	30	23
National		All students	1,295,349	56	36	44	35
Alabama	100%	EL	4,885	27	8	13	8
Alabama		Non-EL	27,830	63	31	44	33
Alabama		Missing/NR	21,203	34	12	20	13
Alabama		All students	53,918	48	21	32	23
Alaska	16%	EL	80	24	18	18	19
Alaska		Non-EL	853	71	52	60	49
Alaska		Missing/NR	309	24	18	17	15
Alaska		All students	1,242	56	41	47	38
Arizona	35%	EL	1,009	38	24	27	20
Arizona		Non-EL	8,574	71	52	58	48
Arizona		Missing/NR	18,127	44	27	33	25
Arizona		All students	27,710	52	35	41	32
Arkansas	99%	EL	2,612	30	10	16	12
Arkansas		Non-EL	17,409	65	32	44	35
Arkansas		Missing/NR	12,950	36	13	23	16
Arkansas		All students	32,971	51	23	34	26
California	5%	EL	682	67	54	50	48
California		Non-EL	17,909	91	79	80	75
California		Missing/NR	3,915	57	42	47	40
California		All students	22,506	84	72	74	68

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Percent meeting Benchmark			
				English	Math	Reading	Science
Colorado	16%	EL	179	74	48	51	40
Colorado		Non-EL	5,678	90	71	76	69
Colorado		Missing/NR	4,418	63	43	49	40
Colorado		All students	10,275	78	59	64	56
Connecticut	9%	EL	94	72	53	61	49
Connecticut		Non-EL	3,528	94	80	84	78
Connecticut		Missing/NR	463	85	67	72	64
Connecticut		All students	4,085	92	78	82	76
Delaware	5%	EL	28	71	43	54	50
Delaware		Non-EL	408	86	68	77	69
Delaware		Missing/NR	68	90	69	79	71
Delaware		All students	504	86	66	76	68
District of Columbia	19%	EL	18				
District of Columbia		Non-EL	578	93	82	87	81
District of Columbia		Missing/NR	254	37	33	35	31
District of Columbia		All students	850	76	66	70	66
Florida	34%	EL	6,158	21	10	15	10
Florida		Non-EL	54,490	67	40	53	41
Florida		Missing/NR	12,546	41	21	31	21
Florida		All students	73,194	59	34	46	35
Georgia	24%	EL	1,218	44	27	31	25
Georgia		Non-EL	24,608	76	53	61	52
Georgia		Missing/NR	3,376	54	33	42	32
Georgia		All students	29,202	72	50	58	48

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				English	Math	Reading	Science
Hawaii	67%	EL	995	20	11	14	10
Hawaii		Non-EL	4,320	57	33	45	36
Hawaii		Missing/NR	4,654	28	13	21	14
Hawaii		All students	9,969	40	22	31	23
Idaho	16%	EL	217	53	36	41	33
Idaho		Non-EL	2,986	77	56	64	54
Idaho		Missing/NR	172	56	25	38	24
Idaho		All students	3,375	75	53	61	51
Illinois	19%	EL	951	74	47	54	44
Illinois		Non-EL	23,528	89	70	74	67
Illinois		Missing/NR	3,191	82	58	66	57
Illinois		All students	27,670	88	68	72	65
Indiana	14%	EL	487	51	33	36	28
Indiana		Non-EL	8,153	81	64	68	59
Indiana		Missing/NR	2,228	54	37	44	34
Indiana		All students	10,868	74	57	62	52
Iowa	47%	EL	711	47	27	33	25
Iowa		Non-EL	13,019	73	48	59	50
Iowa		Missing/NR	3,928	39	21	32	25
Iowa		All students	17,658	64	41	52	44
Kansas	79%	EL	2,020	37	19	25	19
Kansas		Non-EL	14,291	68	44	53	43
Kansas		Missing/NR	12,973	40	22	32	23
Kansas		All students	29,284	53	32	42	32

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Percent meeting Benchmark			
				English	Math	Reading	Science
Kentucky	100%	EL	4,742	33	13	19	12
Kentucky		Non-EL	23,708	65	36	47	36
Kentucky		Missing/NR	22,001	41	20	28	19
Kentucky		All students	50,451	51	27	36	26
Louisiana	98%	EL	4,944	36	12	19	13
Louisiana		Non-EL	26,777	63	28	42	31
Louisiana		Missing/NR	18,380	30	11	20	14
Louisiana		All students	50,101	48	20	31	23
Maine	2%	EL	8				
Maine		Non-EL	252	88	74	81	69
Maine		Missing/NR	41	80	63	61	61
Maine		All students	301	87	72	77	69
Maryland	8%	EL	134	69	54	55	43
Maryland		Non-EL	4,749	87	68	75	67
Maryland		Missing/NR	587	85	61	71	60
Maryland		All students	5,470	86	67	74	65
Massachusetts	7%	EL	126	71	60	57	58
Massachusetts		Non-EL	4,909	94	84	86	81
Massachusetts		Missing/NR	641	80	64	70	63
Massachusetts		All students	5,676	92	81	83	79
Michigan	9%	EL	387	76	52	56	49
Michigan		Non-EL	8,202	89	71	74	67
Michigan		Missing/NR	748	76	55	61	50
Michigan		All students	9,337	87	68	72	65

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Percent meeting Benchmark			
				English	Math	Reading	Science
Minnesota	60%	EL	1,282	41	30	30	26
Minnesota		Non-EL	18,535	76	62	65	59
Minnesota		Missing/NR	22,107	49	37	41	35
Minnesota		All students	41,924	61	48	52	45
Mississippi	100%	EL	3,718	27	8	12	8
Mississippi		Non-EL	16,623	56	25	37	26
Mississippi		Missing/NR	14,876	33	12	21	15
Mississippi		All students	35,217	43	18	28	19
Missouri	63%	EL	2,746	41	22	28	20
Missouri		Non-EL	28,292	69	43	53	43
Missouri		Missing/NR	14,492	44	23	34	25
Missouri		All students	45,530	59	35	46	36
Montana	70%	EL	240	42	25	33	20
Montana		Non-EL	1,515	74	54	62	53
Montana		Missing/NR	5,158	51	32	40	32
Montana		All students	6,913	56	36	44	36
Nebraska	86%	EL	877	44	22	27	24
Nebraska		Non-EL	10,095	73	48	56	49
Nebraska		Missing/NR	10,655	40	20	29	23
Nebraska		All students	21,627	55	33	42	35
Nevada	100%	EL	2,411	36	17	23	16
Nevada		Non-EL	10,794	62	37	48	36
Nevada		Missing/NR	22,348	29	13	20	12
Nevada		All students	35,553	39	20	29	20

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				English	Math	Reading	Science
New Hampshire	4%	EL	26	81	69	69	54
New Hampshire		Non-EL	583	90	76	80	73
New Hampshire		Missing/NR	61	79	69	72	66
New Hampshire		All students	670	89	75	79	71
New Jersey	12%	EL	394	59	48	44	40
New Jersey		Non-EL	10,136	89	74	76	69
New Jersey		Missing/NR	2,831	65	46	50	39
New Jersey		All students	13,361	83	67	70	62
New Mexico	23%	EL	483	28	13	20	13
New Mexico		Non-EL	3,851	64	40	51	41
New Mexico		Missing/NR	410	42	21	35	21
New Mexico		All students	4,744	58	36	47	37
New York	9%	EL	404	73	57	58	55
New York		Non-EL	15,588	89	78	80	76
New York		Missing/NR	2,446	81	65	68	62
New York		All students	18,438	88	76	77	73
North Carolina	92%	EL	1,352	36	21	25	17
North Carolina		Non-EL	12,772	74	55	64	51
North Carolina		Missing/NR	90,713	38	25	33	24
North Carolina		All students	104,837	43	29	36	27
North Dakota	100%	EL	593	33	24	22	17
North Dakota		Non-EL	3,440	59	41	44	39
North Dakota		Missing/NR	3,383	45	29	33	28
North Dakota		All students	7,416	51	35	37	32



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				English	Math	Reading	Science
Ohio	85%	EL	8,296	33	19	24	17
Ohio		Non-EL	45,802	67	47	55	45
Ohio		Missing/NR	60,665	39	24	32	23
Ohio		All students	114,763	50	33	40	31
Oklahoma	58%	EL	1,713	35	12	23	14
Oklahoma		Non-EL	18,515	64	31	50	36
Oklahoma		Missing/NR	6,692	37	13	27	16
Oklahoma		All students	26,920	55	26	42	29
Oregon	20%	EL	344	33	20	24	17
Oregon		Non-EL	3,882	70	51	60	51
Oregon		Missing/NR	4,180	45	27	37	28
Oregon		All students	8,406	56	38	47	38
Pennsylvania	7%	EL	373	67	51	44	41
Pennsylvania		Non-EL	8,264	88	72	77	69
Pennsylvania		Missing/NR	1,061	60	38	49	37
Pennsylvania		All students	9,698	84	67	73	64
Rhode Island	4%	EL	9				
Rhode Island		Non-EL	390	89	71	79	68
Rhode Island		Missing/NR	52	90	63	77	69
Rhode Island		All students	451	89	70	79	67
South Carolina	50%	EL	1,797	23	11	16	10
South Carolina		Non-EL	11,513	62	38	50	38
South Carolina		Missing/NR	13,041	30	16	24	16
South Carolina		All students	26,351	43	25	35	26

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South Dakota	55%	EL	429	48	25	36	24
South Dakota		Non-EL	4,665	69	49	55	48
South Dakota		Missing/NR	373	39	27	35	28
South Dakota		All students	5,467	65	46	52	45
Tennessee	100%	EL	3,831	37	14	20	14
Tennessee		Non-EL	34,395	71	39	51	41
Tennessee		Missing/NR	35,069	35	12	23	16
Tennessee		All students	73,295	52	25	36	28
Texas	23%	EL	4,208	33	20	23	17
Texas		Non-EL	47,612	69	49	57	48
Texas		Missing/NR	37,128	33	20	25	19
Texas		All students	88,948	52	35	42	34
Utah	86%	EL	2,770	44	28	31	24
Utah		Non-EL	19,753	71	48	57	47
Utah		Missing/NR	17,201	48	27	35	27
Utah		All students	39,724	59	38	46	37
Vermont	4%	EL	10				
Vermont		Non-EL	158	91	67	84	72
Vermont		Missing/NR	62	66	52	65	52
Vermont		All students	230	83	62	77	66
Virginia	9%	EL	150	64	48	47	41
Virginia		Non-EL	7,621	87	69	76	68
Virginia		Missing/NR	525	82	63	71	63
Virginia		All students	8,296	86	68	75	67

State	Percent tested	EL status	Count	Percent meeting Benchmark			
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Washington	7%	EL	225	34	23	30	22
Washington		Non-EL	3,876	83	71	74	68
Washington		Missing/NR	1,293	35	22	30	24
Washington		All students	5,394	70	57	62	55
West Virginia	30%	EL	528	49	19	30	21
West Virginia		Non-EL	4,557	71	34	52	38
West Virginia		Missing/NR	347	57	28	42	28
West Virginia		All students	5,432	68	32	49	36
Wisconsin	96%	EL	3,656	39	23	23	22
Wisconsin		Non-EL	20,975	70	49	52	49
Wisconsin		Missing/NR	39,188	48	31	34	31
Wisconsin		All students	63,819	55	37	39	36
Wyoming	91%	EL	288	43	25	32	22
Wyoming		Non-EL	2,773	63	40	50	38
Wyoming		Missing/NR	2,247	42	23	32	26
Wyoming		All students	5,308	53	32	42	32

*Note.* Results are not reported for any groups containing fewer than 20 students to protect students’ privacy. NR refers to the response option “I prefer not to respond.”

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