



AVERAGE ACT® TEST SCORES BY STATE

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

AVERAGE SCORE BY SECTION



The table below classifies states by the percent of ACT-tested high school graduates, including the average Composite score and average ACT section scores. A best practice is to examine a cohort of states with percentages of tested students similar to your state, as modeled by the blue shading on the below table. The blue shading represents those states who tested nearly all of their 2025 graduates (90% and greater) with the ACT through statewide testing programs.

STATE	ESTIMATED % OF GRADUATES TESTED*	AVERAGE COMPOSITE SCORE	AVERAGE ENGLISH SCORE	AVERAGE MATH SCORE	AVERAGE READING SCORE	AVERAGE SCIENCE SCORE
Alabama	100	18.0	17.3	17.3	18.4	18.3
Kentucky	100	18.4	17.7	17.8	19.0	18.6
Louisiana	100	18.3	17.7	17.5	18.7	18.6
Mississippi	100	17.7	17.0	17.3	18.3	17.8
Nebraska	100	19.2	18.2	18.9	19.6	19.4
Nevada	100	17.2	16.0	16.8	17.8	17.6
Oklahoma	100	17.5	16.7	16.8	18.0	17.9
Tennessee	100	18.8	18.3	18.2	19.2	18.8
Wyoming	100	19.1	18.0	18.6	19.8	19.4
Arizona	99	17.7	16.8	17.7	17.9	18.0
Montana	98	19.4	18.4	19.1	19.9	19.7
Wisconsin	95	19.4	18.4	19.2	19.6	19.8
Arkansas	92	18.5	17.9	17.7	19.1	19.0
North Carolina	91	18.3	16.8	18.2	19.1	18.7
Utah	91	20.0	19.2	19.4	20.6	20.2
North Dakota	82	19.4	18.1	19.4	19.9	19.9
Kansas	73	19.1	17.9	18.7	20.0	19.4
Ohio	72	18.8	17.4	18.7	19.5	19.2
Missouri	70	19.8	18.7	19.2	20.7	20.0
Hawaii	68	17.5	16.1	17.3	18.3	17.9
Minnesota	68	20.6	19.1	20.4	21.4	21.1
South Dakota	60	21.0	19.8	20.7	21.8	21.2
Iowa	41	21.0	19.9	20.3	22.1	21.3
Florida	39	19.6	18.9	18.9	20.7	19.5
South Carolina	35	18.7	17.4	18.1	19.6	19.0
Georgia	23	21.4	20.6	20.7	22.4	21.4

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Texas	22	19.3	18.1	19.0	20.0	19.6
West Virginia	19	20.2	19.7	19.1	21.4	20.1
Illinois	16	23.1	22.8	22.6	23.7	22.8
Oregon	13	20.8	19.8	20.1	21.9	20.9
District of Columbia	10	27.6	27.9	26.0	29.1	27.0
Alaska	9	19.7	18.2	19.4	20.8	19.9
New Jersey	9	24.6	24.5	24.1	25.3	24.2
Colorado	8	24.7	24.3	23.9	25.7	24.3
Idaho	8	23.3	22.5	22.6	24.5	23.0
New Mexico	8	20.6	19.6	19.7	22.0	20.8
New York	8	25.9	25.3	25.4	26.7	25.7
Massachusetts	7	26.4	26.0	25.7	27.3	26.0
Connecticut	6	27.1	27.2	26.1	28.0	26.4
Indiana	6	23.5	22.6	23.3	24.5	23.3
Maryland	6	24.9	24.7	23.6	26.2	24.5
Vermont	6	23.9	23.2	22.8	25.5	23.6
Virginia	6	25.2	25.0	23.8	26.5	24.9
Michigan	5	24.6	24.4	23.9	25.4	24.3
Pennsylvania	5	24.5	24.0	23.8	25.4	24.2
Washington	5	24.8	24.4	24.0	26.0	24.4
California	4	26.4	26.3	25.7	27.4	25.8
Rhode Island	4	25.4	25.2	24.4	26.6	24.9
Delaware	3	25.2	24.8	24.0	26.8	24.7
New Hampshire	3	25.9	25.4	25.0	27.1	25.5
Maine	1	25.4	25.2	23.8	27.0	25.2
National	36	19.4	18.4	18.9	20.0	19.6

*Totals for graduating seniors were obtained from *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates*.
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