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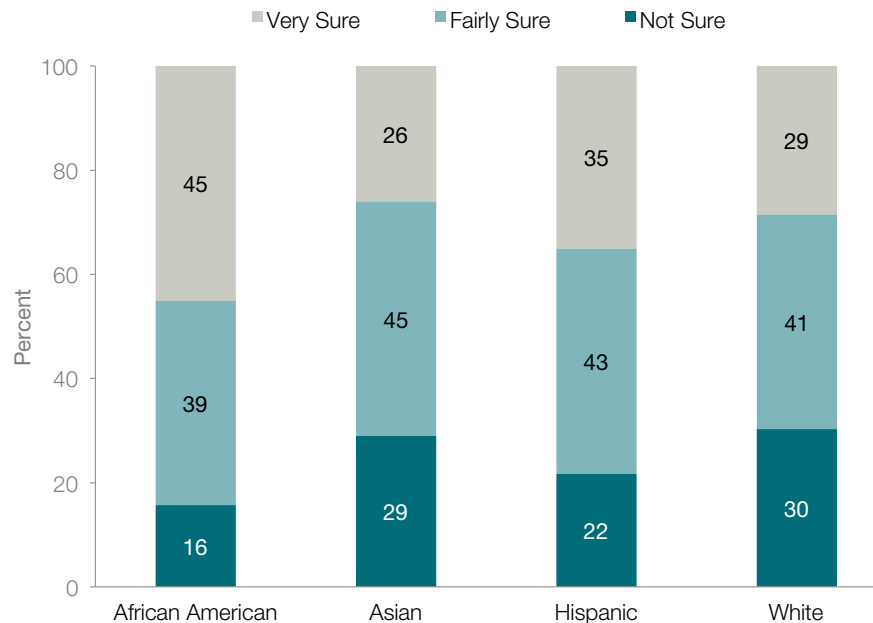
- 30% of White and 29% of Asian students are not sure what career they will pursue.
- Only 16% of African American students are not sure what career they will pursue.

Strength of Career Interests by Race/Ethnicity 2012

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Among ACT-tested 2012 high school graduates, African American and Hispanic students are more certain of their career intentions than are White and Asian students.¹ African American students have particularly strong career intentions—45% of African American graduates are very sure of their career choice.

Strength of Career Intentions by Race/Ethnicity



Note: Data are from 1,448,045 ACT-tested 2012 high school graduates. Approximately 4 percent did not indicate strength of their career choice.

¹ A similar pattern was observed for 2011 ACT-tested graduates, see ACT Information Brief 2012-8.



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