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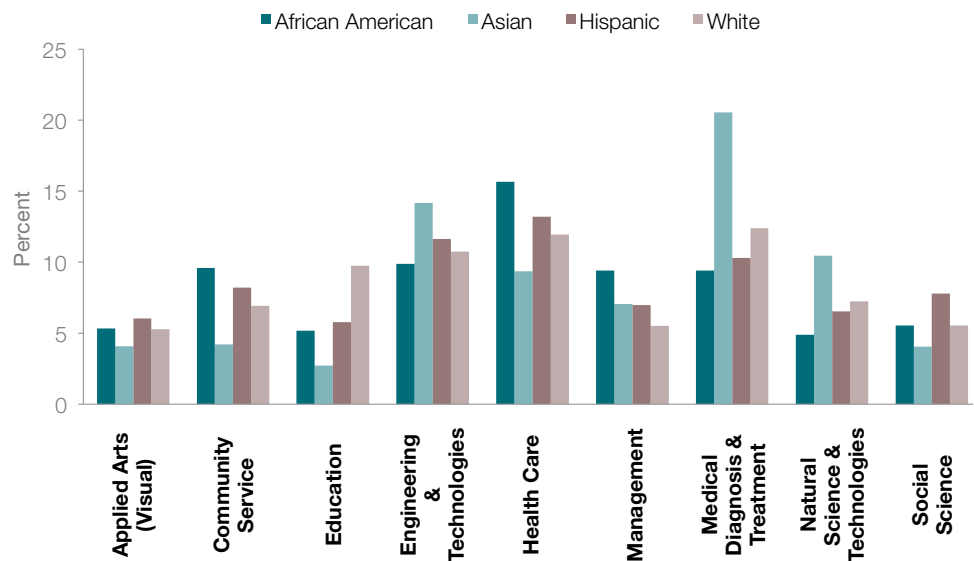
Asian students were more likely than students in the other racial/ethnic groups to select medical diagnosis and treatment as their future occupational field.

Career Interests by Occupational Field and Race/Ethnicity 2012

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The career plans of ACT-tested 2012 high school graduates are similar across racial/ethnic groups.¹ ACT groups occupations into 26 occupational fields. The chart below includes 9 occupational fields that were chosen by at least 5% of graduates who were very sure or fairly sure about their occupational choice. About 75% of ACT-tested graduates planned to work in one of these 9 fields.

Career Interests by Race/Ethnicity



Note: Data are based on 969,733 ACT-tested 2012 high school graduates who reported an occupational choice and were very sure or fairly sure about their choice. About 9 percent of those students were very sure or fairly sure about their choice but did not specify it.

Similar percentages of students from each racial/ethnic group are choosing many of the same occupational fields. More than 10% of students in each race/ethnicity group are interested in engineering and technologies, health care, or medical diagnosis and treatment fields.

¹ A similar pattern was observed in 2011, see ACT Information Brief 2012-9.

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