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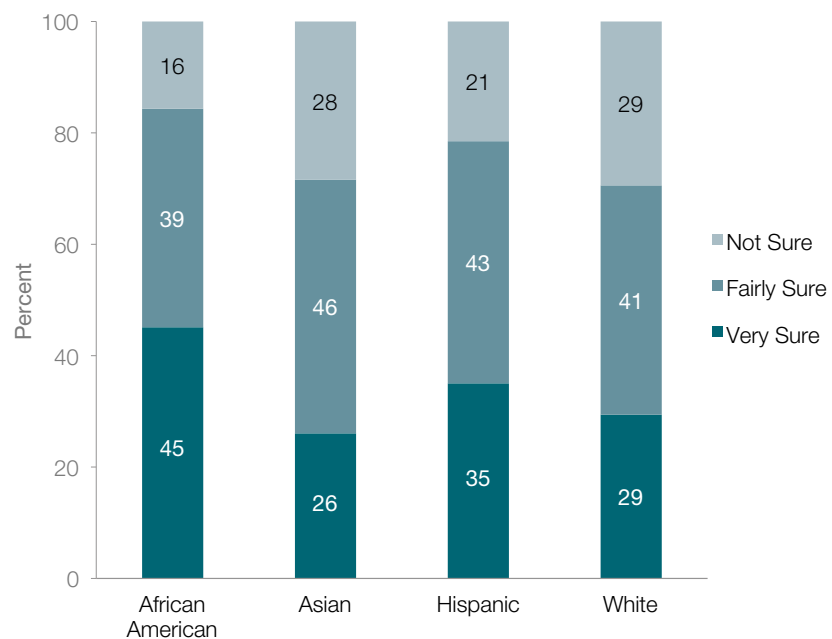
- 29% of White and 28% of Asian high school students are not sure what career they will pursue.
- Only 16% of African American high school students are not sure what career they will pursue.

Strength of Career Interests by Race/Ethnicity 2013

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Among ACT-tested 2013 high school graduates, African American and Hispanic students are more certain of their career intentions than White and Asian Students.¹ African American students have particularly strong career intentions – 45% of African American students in the Class of 2013 indicated that they are “very sure” of their career choice.

Strength of Career Intentions by Race/Ethnicity



Note: Based on data from 1,531,935 ACT-tested 2013 high school graduates who reported strength of career intentions. Approximately 5% did not indicate strength of their career choice.

¹ Similar patterns were observed for both 2011 and 2012 ACT-tested graduates. See ACT Information Briefs 2012-8 and 2012-34.

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