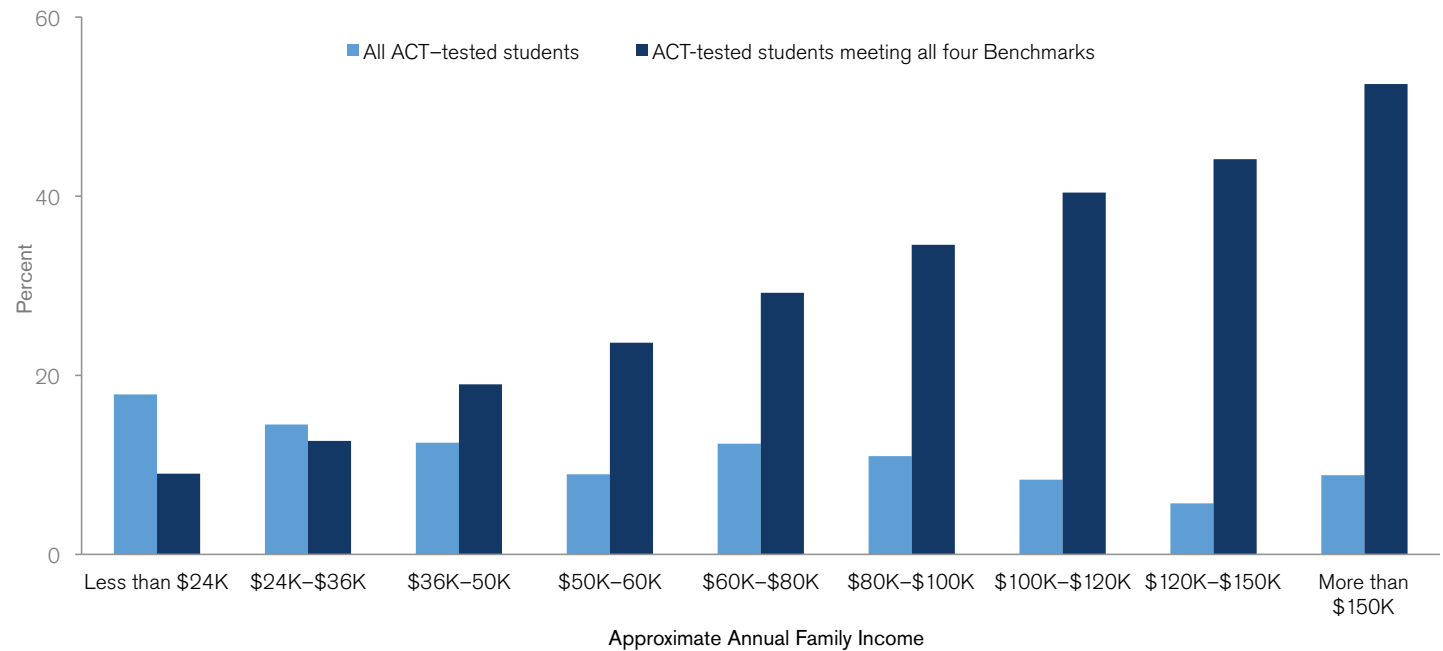


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Note: Based on data from 1,340,663 high school graduates who took The ACT in 2014 and reported family income. This count reflects a nonresponse rate of 27% and may not be representative of the underlying population of ACT-tested high school graduates.

Academic success and socioeconomic status are known to be strongly related. This chart shows the distribution of students' self-reported family income as well as their attainment of the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks in all four subject areas (English, mathematics, reading and science) by annual family income level. The

distribution is consistent with prior findings.¹ About 45% of 2014 high school graduates who took The ACT® have annual family incomes less than \$50,000. ■

¹ See ACT Information Briefs [2012-1](#), [2012-32](#), and [2013-23](#).

Attainment of ACT College Readiness Benchmarks is related to family income:

- About 24% of students with family incomes between \$50,000 and \$60,000 met all four Benchmarks. Nine percent of students with family incomes less than \$24,000 did so.
- The Benchmark attainment level for students in the \$120,000–\$150,000 range is almost twice that for students in the \$50,000–\$60,000 range.