

National Norms for ACT Writing and ELA Scores
Reported During the 2020-2021 Reporting Year

Score	ELA	Writing
36	100	
35	99	
34	99	
33	99	
32	99	
31	97	
30	95	
29	92	
28	89	
27	86	
26	83	
25	80	
24	77	
23	73	
22	68	
21	63	
20	58	
19	52	
18	47	
17	41	
16	36	
15	30	
14	24	
13	19	
12	15	100
11	10	99
10	7	99
9	4	96
8	2	90
7	1	66
6	1	51
5	1	28
4	1	15
3	1	5
2	1	2
1	1	
Mean:	19.5	6.5
SD:	6.4	1.8

Note: These national norms are the source of the U.S. Ranks for the ACT ELA and Writing scores displayed on ACT reports during the 2020-2021 reporting year. These norms with a sample size of 2,370,670, are based on 2018, 2019 and 2020 graduates. Writing scores earned prior to September 2016 are not represented by this table.