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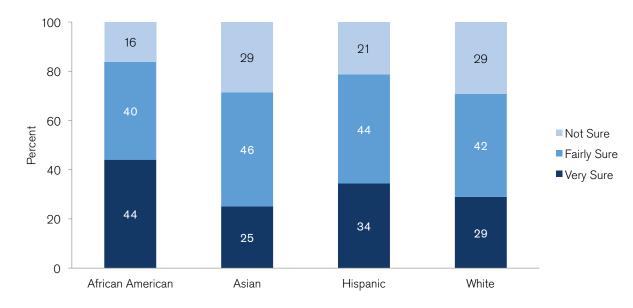
- 29% of white and Asian high school students are not sure which career they will pursue.
- Only 16% of African
   American high school
   students are not sure which
   career they will pursue.

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## **Strength of Career Interests by Race/Ethnicity 2015**

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Strength of Career Interests by Race/Ethnicity



Note: This graph is based on data from 1,607,507 ACT-tested 2015 high school graduates who reported strength of career intentions. Approximately 5% did not indicate strength of their career choice.

Among ACT®-tested 2015 high school graduates, African American and Hispanic students are more certain of their career intentions than white or Asian students.¹ African American students have particularly strong career intentions—44% of African American students in the

class of 2015 indicated that they are "very sure" of their career choice.

<sup>1</sup> Similar patterns were observed for 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 ACT-tested graduates. See ACT Information Briefs 2012-8, 2012-34, 2013-24, and 2014-23

