



Average ACT Scores by State

Graduating Class of 2022

The table below classifies states by the percent of ACT-tested high school graduates, including the average Composite score and percent meeting ACT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks by subject.

The best practice is to compare states where the same or similar percentages of graduates were tested (e.g., Alabama 100% and Mississippi 100%, or Minnesota 69% and Missouri 66%).

State	Estimated Percent of Graduates Tested*	Average Composite Score	Average English Score	Average Math Score	Average Reading Score	Average Science Score
Alabama	100	18	17.3	17.4	18.5	18.2
Louisiana	100	18.1	17.6	17.4	18.6	18.3
Mississippi	100	17.8	17.2	17.4	18.2	18
Nevada	100	17.3	16.1	17.1	17.8	17.6
Tennessee	100	18.6	18	18.1	19	18.6
Wyoming	100	19.2	18.1	18.9	20	19.5
Kentucky	96	18.6	17.8	18	19.2	18.7
North Dakota	96	19.2	17.9	19.1	19.7	19.6
Montana	94	19.3	18	19	20.1	19.5
Nebraska	94	19.4	18.6	19.1	19.8	19.6
Oklahoma	94	17.9	17	17.3	18.6	18.2
Arkansas	93	18.8	18.3	18.1	19.2	19.1
Wisconsin	93	19.4	18.3	19.3	19.7	19.8
Utah	91	19.9	18.9	19.4	20.6	20.2
North Carolina	88	18.5	17.1	18.5	19.2	18.8
Ohio	82	19.4	18.2	19.2	20	19.7
Kansas	73	19.9	18.9	19.4	20.6	20.1
Minnesota	69	21	19.7	20.7	21.7	21.4
Missouri	66	20.2	19.5	19.5	21	20.4
Arizona	64	18.4	17.3	18.5	18.8	18.5
South Dakota	58	21.5	20.5	21.2	22.2	21.7
Hawaii	53	18.8	17.6	18.6	19.4	19.1
Iowa	49	21.4	20.4	20.6	22.3	21.6
Florida	46	19	18.5	18.4	20	18.8
South Carolina	40	18.9	17.8	18.5	19.6	19.1

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Georgia	30	21.6	21	20.8	22.5	21.5
West Virginia	28	20.5	20.2	19.4	21.4	20.4
Texas	22	19.8	18.7	19.5	20.4	19.9
New Mexico	20	19.8	18.7	19.1	20.9	20.1
District of Columbia	18	26.9	27.4	25.2	28.2	26
Illinois	18	24.5	24.8	23.7	25.2	24
Colorado	15	23.2	23	22.4	24	23
Idaho	15	22.8	22.3	22.2	23.7	22.6
Alaska	14	20.4	19.3	20	21.4	20.4
Indiana	13	22.8	22.1	22.5	23.7	22.5
New Jersey	12	24.6	24.9	23.9	25.1	24
New York	10	25.3	25.2	24.6	26	25
Connecticut	9	26.3	26.8	25.3	27.1	25.7
Massachusetts	9	26.5	26.6	25.6	27.3	25.8
Virginia	9	24.6	24.6	23.5	25.7	24.3
Maryland	8	24.4	24.6	23	25.4	23.9
Michigan	8	24.6	24.7	23.9	25.2	24.2
Vermont	8	23.7	23.4	22.4	25	23.5
Oregon	7	23	22.5	22	24.2	22.8
Pennsylvania	7	24.4	24.3	23.7	25.2	24
Washington	7	24.6	24.3	23.6	25.6	24.3
Delaware	5	24.9	25.3	23.6	26.1	24.3
New Hampshire	5	25.7	25.7	25	26.5	25.2
Rhode Island	5	25.2	25.3	24	26.2	24.7
California	4	26.5	26.9	25.6	27.3	25.8
Maine	2	25.1	25.2	23.7	26.2	24.6
National	36	19.8	19	19.3	20.4	19.9

*Totals for graduating seniors were obtained from *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates*, 9th edition. © December 2016 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

