

Average ACT Scores by State Graduating Class 2019

2019 State Percent of ACT-Tested High School Graduates, Average Composite Score, and Percent Meeting 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 Kansas 72% and Iowa 66%).

State	Percent of Graduates Tested*	Average Composite Score	Percent Meeting English Benchmark	Percent Meeting Reading Benchmark	Percent Meeting Math Benchmark	Percent Meeting Science Benchmark
Alabama	100	18.9	50	34	22	24
Arkansas	100	19.3	53	35	26	25
Kentucky	100	19.8	56	40	29	29
Louisiana	100	18.8	51	32	22	24
Mississippi	100	18.4	46	29	20	19
Montana	100	19.8	51	40	34	32
Nebraska	100	20	55	40	34	33
Nevada	100	17.9	38	27	22	19
North Carolina	100	19	45	34	31	26
Ohio	100	20	53	41	35	33
Oklahoma	100	18.9	48	35	23	24
Tennessee	100	19.4	52	35	27	27
Utah	100	20.3	57	42	37	34
Wisconsin	100	20.3	56	40	39	36
Wyoming	100	19.8	53	39	31	30
North Dakota	96	19.9	52	38	34	32
Minnesota	95	21.4	61	48	47	42
Missouri	82	20.8	62	45	37	36
Hawaii	80	19	46	32	29	26
South Carolina	78	18.8	46	33	27	25
South Dakota	75	21.6	66	52	47	45
Arizona	73	19	45	34	31	25
Kansas	72	21.2	64	49	42	39
Iowa	66	21.6	67	52	44	44
New Mexico	63	19.3	47	37	27	26
Florida	54	20.1	56	45	33	31

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Georgia	49	21.4	65	50	40	39
West Virginia	49	20.8	67	49	33	34
Oregon	42	21.1	60	48	42	39
Texas	39	20.5	55	44	38	35
Alaska	38	20.1	55	44	35	31
Illinois	35	24.3	84	66	63	57
District of Columbia	32	23.5	68	60	54	52
Idaho	31	22.5	73	59	51	47
Indiana	29	22.5	72	57	54	47
Maryland	28	22.3	68	56	48	47
Colorado	27	23.8	81	64	61	56
New Jersey	25	24.2	81	65	64	56
Washington	24	22.1	63	54	51	45
California	23	22.6	70	55	52	46
Connecticut	22	25.5	89	75	70	66
New York	22	24.5	81	69	67	63
Massachusetts	21	25.5	87	74	73	65
Virginia	21	24	80	67	60	57
Vermont	20	24.1	83	70	62	59
Michigan	19	24.4	84	68	65	60
Pennsylvania	17	23.6	78	64	59	55
New Hampshire	14	25	87	72	70	64
Delaware	13	24	81	66	60	56
Rhode Island	12	24.7	87	74	64	59
Maine	6	24.3	85	70	66	57
National	52	20.7	59	45	39	36

* Totals for graduating seniors were obtained from *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates*, 9th edition.
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