

Average ACT Scores by State Graduating Class 2018

2018 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 South Carolina 100%; or Kansas 71% and Arizona 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	19.1	51	35	23	24
Arkansas	100	19.4	53	36	27	26
Kentucky	100	20.2	59	43	33	32
Louisiana	100	19.2	53	35	24	25
Mississippi	100	18.6	47	29	21	20
Missouri	100	20	56	41	33	32
Montana	100	20	52	41	35	32
Nebraska	100	20.1	56	40	35	33
Nevada	100	17.7	38	27	21	18
North Carolina	100	19.1	46	35	31	25
Ohio	100	20.3	55	43	38	35
Oklahoma	100	19.3	50	39	26	26
South Carolina	100	18.3	42	30	24	20
Tennessee	100	19.6	54	38	28	28
Utah	100	20.4	58	43	36	34
Wisconsin	100	20.5	59	42	40	36
Wyoming	100	20	55	41	33	33
Minnesota	99	21.3	60	48	47	42
North Dakota	98	20.3	57	43	39	34
Hawaii	89	18.9	48	32	28	24
South Dakota	77	21.9	68	54	49	46
Kansas	71	21.6	67	52	44	41
Iowa	68	21.8	70	54	44	45
New Mexico	67	19.4	48	37	28	27
Arizona	66	19.2	47	35	32	27
Florida	66	19.9	53	43	32	29

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West Virginia	65	20.3	61	46	30	32
Georgia	53	21.4	65	49	40	38
Illinois	43	23.9	82	64	61	55
Oregon	42	21.3	63	49	43	40
Texas	41	20.6	56	44	39	35
Idaho	36	22.3	73	58	49	46
Alaska	33	20.8	60	49	42	36
District of Columbia	32	23.6	70	60	54	51
Indiana	32	22.5	73	57	53	47
Maryland	31	22.5	69	57	50	47
New Jersey	31	23.7	79	63	62	53
Colorado	30	23.9	82	65	61	57
California	27	22.7	72	56	53	46
New York	27	24.5	83	68	67	62
Connecticut	26	25.6	90	75	71	67
Massachusetts	25	25.5	88	74	74	66
Vermont	24	24.1	83	69	63	60
Virginia	24	23.9	80	66	60	57
Washington	24	22.2	65	54	52	47
Michigan	22	24.4	84	67	65	60
Pennsylvania	20	23.5	80	64	60	55
Delaware	17	23.8	79	64	59	56
New Hampshire	16	25.1	88	73	72	64
Rhode Island	15	24.2	85	69	64	58
Maine	7	24	84	69	64	56
National	55	20.8	60	46	40	36

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