## 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 <br> Meeting English Benchmark | Percent <br> Meeting <br> Reading Benchmark | Percent <br> Meeting Math Benchmark | Percent <br> 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 |
| lowa | 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 |

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[^0]:    * Totals for graduating seniors were obtained fromKnocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates 9th edition. Copyright December 2016 by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

