

Five-Year Trends for ACT-Tested Graduates

The average score on the ACT college-entrance exam has risen from 20.9 to 21.1 on a 36-point scale since 2004, even as the racial and ethnic make-up of the ACT-taking graduating class has changed.

	2004			2005			2006			2007			2008		
	Number	%	Avg.	Number	%	Avg.	Number	%	Avg.	Number	%	Avg.	Number	%	Avg.
All Students	1,171,460	100	20.9	1,186,251	100	20.9	1,206,455	100	21.1	1,300,599	100	21.2	1,421,941	100	21.1
African-American/Black	131,925	11	17.1	138,964	12	17.0	139,118	12	17.1	152,412	12	17.0	178,417	13	16.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	12,507	1	18.8	13,695	1	18.7	13,635	1	18.8	14,044	1	18.9	14,380	1	19.0
Caucasian American/White	787,870	67	21.8	781,581	66	21.9	760,084	63	22.0	779,147	60	22.1	895,588	63	22.1
Hispanic	78,584	7	18.5	83,447	7	18.6	85,796	7	18.6	93,137	7	18.7	114,697	8	18.7
Asian-American/Pacific Islander	39,337	3	21.9	39,284	3	22.1	39,867	3	22.3	42,257	3	22.6	51,368	4	22.9
Other/No Response	121,237	10	20.9	129,280	11	20.9	167,955	14	21.1	219,602	17	21.6	167,491	12	21.7