

Appendix 4

Nebraska Scores on the ACT Test

| Table A4.1 | | | | | | |
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| Percentages of ACT-Tested Students Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks | | | | | | |
| Nebraska and National High School Graduating Classes | | | | | | |
| 2013 through 2023 | | | | | | |
| Year of High School Graduation | No. of Students Tested | | <i>% of ACT-Tested Students Meeting College Readiness Benchmarks</i> | | | |
| | | | English | | Mathematics | |
| | Nebraska | National | Nebraska | National | Nebraska | National |
| 2013 | 17,745 | 1,799,243 | 71% | 64% | 46% | 44% |
| 2014 | 17,768 | 1,845,787 | 72% | 64% | 45% | 43% |
| 2015 | 18,347 | 1,924,436 | 69% | 64% | 44% | 42% |
| 2016 | 18,598 | 2,090,342 | 68% | 61% | 43% | 41% |
| 2017 | 18,993 | 2,030,038 | 67% | 61% | 42% | 41% |
| 2018 | 24,516 | 1,914,817 | 56% | 60% | 35% | 40% |
| 2019 | 24,744 | 1,782,820 | 55% | 59% | 34% | 39% |
| 2020 | 24,973 | 1,670,497 | 54% | 58% | 34% | 37% |
| 2021 | 21,627 | 1,295,349 | 55% | 56% | 33% | 36% |
| 2022 | 24,370 | 1,349,644 | 51% | 53% | 30% | 31% |
| 2023 | 24,565 | 1,386,335 | 50% | 51% | 29% | 30% |
| Year of High School Graduation | <i>% of ACT-Tested Students Meeting College Readiness Benchmarks</i> | | | | | |
| | Reading | | Science | | Meeting All Four ACT Benchmark Scores | |
| | Nebraska | National | Nebraska | National | Nebraska | National |
| 2013 | 48% | 44% | 41% | 36% | 28% | 26% |
| 2014 | 48% | 44% | 42% | 37% | 29% | 26% |
| 2015 | 49% | 46% | 42% | 38% | 29% | 28% |
| 2016 | 48% | 44% | 40% | 36% | 28% | 26% |
| 2017 | 50% | 47% | 41% | 37% | 28% | 27% |
| 2018 | 40% | 46% | 33% | 36% | 22% | 27% |
| 2019 | 40% | 45% | 33% | 36% | 22% | 26% |
| 2020 | 38% | 45% | 31% | 36% | 22% | 26% |
| 2021 | 42% | 44% | 35% | 35% | 23% | 25% |
| 2022 | 37% | 41% | 31% | 32% | 20% | 22% |
| 2023 | 36% | 40% | 30% | 31% | 19% | 21% |
| <p><i>Note.</i> The benchmark scores for English (18), mathematics (22), reading (22), and science (23) were unchanged during the reporting period. Beginning with the 2018 graduating class, Nebraska students are tested using the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS ACT). This test is given to all students in the cohort minus one year (typically the 11th grade). However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ACT testing requirement was waived for the 2021 graduating class and not all 2022 graduates took the assessment. Data source: ACT, <i>High School Profile Report - Nebraska</i>, 2013 through 2023.</p> | | | | | | |

Table A4.2
Numbers and Percentages of ACT-Tested Students
by High School Curriculum Completed or Planned to Complete Before Graduation
2013 through 2023

| Year of High School Graduation | The Core or More | | Less Than the Core | | Did Not Report Courses Taken | | Total No. of Students |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| | No. of Students | % of Total | No. of Students | % of Total | No. of Students | % of Total | |
| 2013 | 13,851 | 78% | 3,372 | 19% | 522 | 3% | 17,745 |
| 2014 | 13,909 | 78% | 3,283 | 18% | 576 | 3% | 17,768 |
| 2015 | 13,943 | 76% | 3,489 | 19% | 915 | 5% | 18,347 |
| 2016 | 13,865 | 75% | 3,480 | 19% | 1,253 | 7% | 18,598 |
| 2017 | 14,384 | 76% | 3,501 | 18% | 1,108 | 6% | 18,993 |
| 2018 | 15,146 | 62% | 6,263 | 26% | 3,107 | 13% | 24,516 |
| 2019 | 14,415 | 58% | 6,181 | 25% | 4,148 | 17% | 24,744 |
| 2020 | 13,706 | 55% | 5,839 | 23% | 5,428 | 22% | 24,973 |
| 2021 | 8,984 | 42% | 3,131 | 14% | 9,512 | 44% | 21,627 |
| 2022 | 13,256 | 54% | 5,163 | 21% | 5,951 | 24% | 24,370 |
| 2023 | 11,533 | 47% | 4,695 | 19% | 8,337 | 34% | 24,565 |

Note. ACT, Inc. defines the core, college-preparatory high school curriculum (or what is simply called “the core”) as consisting of four years of English and three or more years each of social studies, science, and mathematics (beginning with Algebra I). Data is self-reported by the student. Beginning with the 2018 graduating class, Nebraska students are tested using the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS ACT). This test is given to all students in the cohort minus one year (typically the 11th grade). However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ACT testing requirement was waived for the 2021 graduating class and not all 2022 graduates took the assessment. Data source: ACT, *High School Profile Report - Nebraska*, 2013 through 2023.