

## Appendix 4

### Nebraska Scores on the ACT Test

<b>Table A4.1</b>						
<b>Percentages of ACT-Tested Students Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks</b>						
<b>Nebraska and National High School Graduating Classes</b>						
<b>2015 through 2025</b>						
Year of High School Graduation	No. of Students Tested		<i>% of ACT-Tested Students Meeting College Readiness Benchmarks</i>			
			<b>English</b>		<b>Mathematics</b>	
	<b>Nebraska</b>	National	<b>Nebraska</b>	National	<b>Nebraska</b>	National
2015	<b>18,347</b>	1,924,436	<b>69%</b>	64%	<b>44%</b>	42%
2016	<b>18,598</b>	2,090,342	<b>68%</b>	61%	<b>43%</b>	41%
2017	<b>18,993</b>	2,030,038	<b>67%</b>	61%	<b>42%</b>	41%
2018	<b>24,516</b>	1,914,817	<b>56%</b>	60%	<b>35%</b>	40%
2019	<b>24,744</b>	1,782,820	<b>55%</b>	59%	<b>34%</b>	39%
2020	<b>24,973</b>	1,670,497	<b>54%</b>	58%	<b>34%</b>	37%
2021	<b>21,627</b>	1,295,349	<b>55%</b>	56%	<b>33%</b>	36%
2022	<b>24,370</b>	1,349,644	<b>51%</b>	53%	<b>30%</b>	31%
2023	<b>24,565</b>	1,386,335	<b>50%</b>	51%	<b>29%</b>	30%
2024	<b>24,581</b>	1,374,791	<b>49%</b>	51%	<b>28%</b>	29%
2025	<b>24,160</b>	1,380,130	<b>50%</b>	50%	<b>28%</b>	29%
Year of High School Graduation	<i>% of ACT-Tested Students Meeting College Readiness Benchmarks</i>					
	<b>Reading</b>		<b>Science</b>		<b>Meeting All Four ACT Benchmark Scores</b>	
	<b>Nebraska</b>	National	<b>Nebraska</b>	National	<b>Nebraska</b>	National
2015	<b>49%</b>	46%	<b>42%</b>	38%	<b>29%</b>	28%
2016	<b>48%</b>	44%	<b>40%</b>	36%	<b>28%</b>	26%
2017	<b>50%</b>	47%	<b>41%</b>	37%	<b>28%</b>	27%
2018	<b>40%</b>	46%	<b>33%</b>	36%	<b>22%</b>	27%
2019	<b>40%</b>	45%	<b>33%</b>	36%	<b>22%</b>	26%
2020	<b>38%</b>	45%	<b>31%</b>	36%	<b>22%</b>	26%
2021	<b>42%</b>	44%	<b>35%</b>	35%	<b>23%</b>	25%
2022	<b>37%</b>	41%	<b>31%</b>	32%	<b>20%</b>	22%
2023	<b>36%</b>	40%	<b>30%</b>	31%	<b>19%</b>	21%
2024	<b>36%</b>	40%	<b>28%</b>	30%	<b>18%</b>	20%
2025	<b>36%</b>	39%	<b>30%</b>	30%	<b>18%</b>	20%
<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 11<sup>th</sup> 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>, 2015 through 2025.</p>						

**Table A4.2**  
**Numbers and Percentages of ACT-Tested Students**  
**by High School Curriculum Completed or Planned to Complete Before Graduation**  
**2015 through 2025**

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	
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
2024	11,375	46%	5,035	20%	8,171	33%	24,581
2025	10,683	44%	4,756	20%	8,721	36%	24,160

*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 11<sup>th</sup> 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*, 2015 through 2025.