

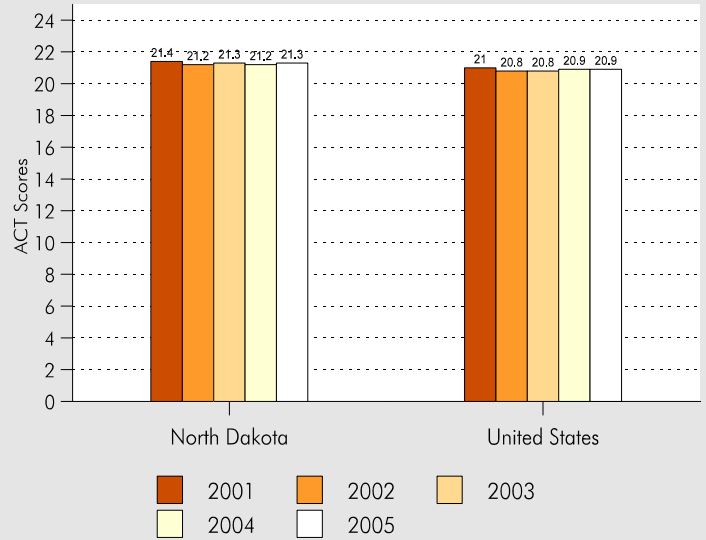
## ACT Scores for 2005 North Dakota Public High School Graduates

American College Testing (ACT) program scores are designed to predict a student's potential for success in college. According to ACT, Inc., 82 percent of North Dakota students graduating from public high school in the spring of 2005 took the ACT assessment during their sophomore, junior or senior year. This proportion is up from 75 percent in 1994. If a student was tested more than once, only the most recent test record was used.

Of the 2005 North Dakota public high school graduates who were tested, the average ACT composite score was 21.3 out of a possible 36. Nationally, the average composite score for 2005 graduates was slightly lower at 20.9 (based on the 40 percent of 2005 graduates nationwide who were tested) (Figure 1).

Within North Dakota, Griggs County had the highest average ACT composite score for 2005 graduates in the state at 23.0. Fifteen North Dakota counties had composite scores above the state average of 21.3. Two counties, Dickey and Williams, had the same score as the state average, and 34 counties had lower scores (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Average ACT Composite Scores for 2005 Public High School Graduates of North Dakota and the United States



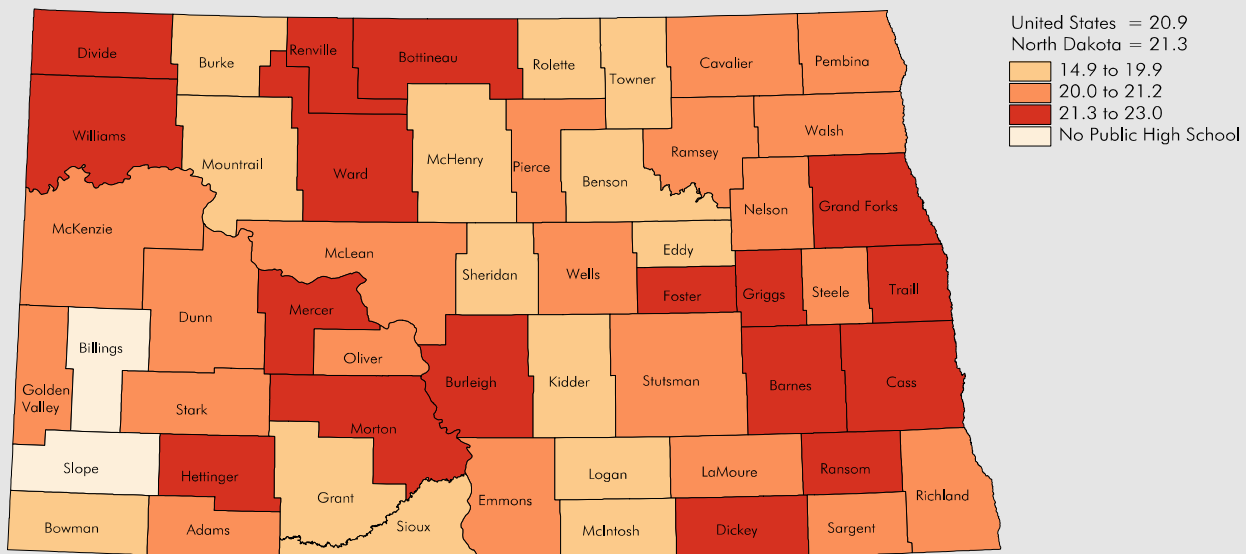
Note: The highest possible score is 36. Source: ACT, www.act.org

ACT has developed benchmarks to measure what it takes to be successful in standard first-year college courses in the areas of English, math, reading, and science. According to these benchmarks, 69.2 percent of ACT-tested 2005 North Dakota public high school graduates were ready for college English, 44.8 percent were ready for college math, 52.4 percent were ready for college reading, and 29.4 percent were ready for college science (Table 1). Visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for more information on college-readiness.

Figure 2. Average ACT Composite Scores for 2005 North Dakota Public High School Graduates by County

Note: The county reflects the location in which the student attended high school.

Source: ACT, Department of Program Evaluation and Institutional Research Services, Research Division.



**Table 1. ACT-Tested 2005 Public High School Graduates Meeting the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks**

Note: "--" indicates that data are not available. The county reflects the location in which the student attended high school. For more information on ACT College Readiness Benchmarks, visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

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North Dakota Counties	Average ACT Composite Scores (Highest possible score=36)	Percent of ACT-Tested 2005 Graduates Meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks (%)			
		English	Math	Reading	Science
United States	20.9	67.9	40.6	51.4	26.5
North Dakota	21.3	69.2	44.8	52.4	29.4
Adams	20.9	63.3	36.7	56.7	30.0
Barnes	21.6	74.4	34.1	56.1	26.8
Benson	18.5	44.8	27.6	39.7	17.2
Billings	--	--	--	--	--
Bottineau	21.5	71.6	46.3	49.3	31.3
Bowman	19.8	61.3	38.7	37.1	22.6
Burke	19.9	52.6	26.3	57.9	15.8
Burleigh	21.4	72.2	43.2	52.7	29.5
Cass	22.3	77.3	54.0	60.1	37.9
Cavalier	21.0	66.7	31.8	48.5	22.7
Dickey	21.3	66.1	42.4	52.5	30.5
Divide	21.9	65.8	52.6	52.6	26.3
Dunn	20.8	70.5	38.6	54.5	22.7
Eddy	19.8	59.4	34.4	37.5	18.8
Emmons	20.4	70.6	45.1	51.0	19.6
Foster	21.5	60.4	47.2	56.6	37.7
Golden Valley	20.6	68.3	48.8	48.8	29.3
Grand Forks	22.1	78.5	54.5	58.3	37.6
Grant	19.0	50.0	34.6	38.5	26.9
Griggs	23.0	81.0	85.7	61.9	52.4
Hettinger	21.4	72.9	45.8	56.3	31.3
Kidder	19.5	51.4	32.4	45.9	24.3
LaMoure	21.0	66.2	39.4	47.9	26.8
Logan	18.7	41.2	14.7	35.3	11.8
McHenry	19.9	50.0	31.9	41.7	19.4
McIntosh	19.6	55.6	29.6	44.4	25.9
McKenzie	21.0	67.3	55.1	51.0	18.4
McLean	20.6	67.8	43.8	49.6	22.3
Mercer	21.9	75.0	53.2	61.5	32.1
Morton	21.7	72.1	48.4	54.8	34.7
Mountrail	19.5	56.5	33.9	38.7	17.7
Nelson	20.2	52.0	32.0	40.0	26.0
Oliver	21.1	73.9	34.8	69.6	34.8
Pembina	20.6	71.3	40.4	44.7	22.3
Pierce	20.5	52.0	44.0	42.0	22.0
Ramsey	21.1	63.7	50.0	53.2	25.8
Ransom	21.9	73.8	55.7	52.5	32.8
Renville	21.9	75.0	45.5	54.5	36.4
Richland	20.6	61.5	38.5	45.6	24.3
Rolette	18.1	41.5	20.3	26.3	11.0
Sargent	21.2	75.0	41.1	51.8	17.9
Sheridan	18.0	38.1	19.0	33.3	9.5
Sioux	14.9	14.3	0.0	14.3	0.0
Slope	--	--	--	--	--
Stark	21.2	62.2	46.6	49.2	28.0
Steele	20.7	60.6	42.4	42.4	12.1
Stutsman	21.1	64.9	42.3	53.6	25.8
Towner	19.6	37.1	31.4	34.3	25.7
Traill	21.7	75.3	44.9	56.2	30.3
Walsh	20.5	64.5	38.0	43.0	25.6
Ward	21.5	73.0	48.7	55.0	32.6
Wells	20.4	64.5	32.3	48.4	21.0
Williams	21.3	73.7	45.5	51.6	27.7