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# 2015 WYOMING SENIORS SHOW IMPROVEMENT ON ACT

CHEYENNE - A higher percentage of Wyoming high school seniors are prepared for college and career, according to reports released today by ACT, Inc. *The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2015* shows the Wyoming graduating class of 2015 had an average composite score of 20.2 on the ACT, a slight increase from the year before, and the percent of Wyoming students meeting college readiness benchmarks in all subject areas went up significantly to 22 percent.

## 2015 ACT BENCHMARKS AND AVERAGE SCORES

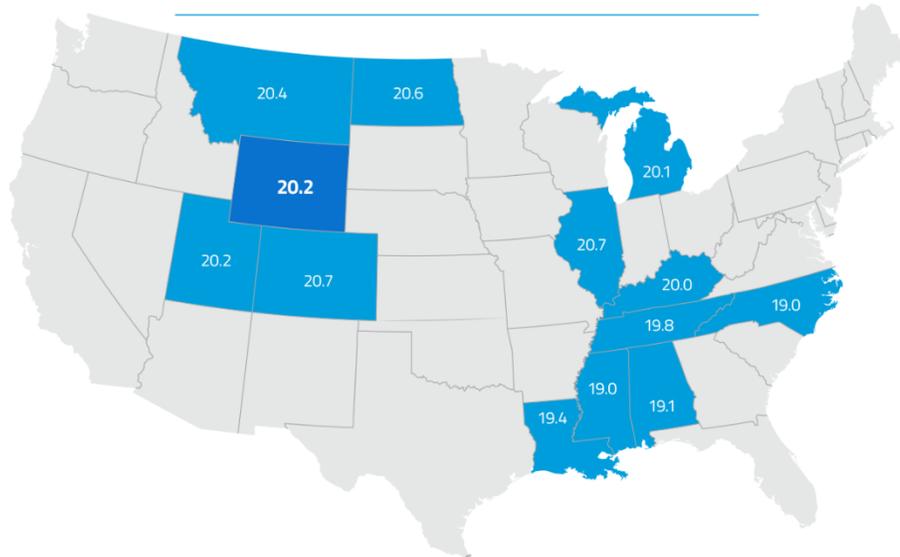
	2015	2014	2013
<b>AVERAGE ACT SCORES</b>			
ENGLISH	19.4	19.3	18.6
MATHEMATICS	19.9	19.9	19.7
READING	20.6	20.6	20.2
SCIENCE	20.4	20.2	20.0
COMPOSITE	20.2	20.1	19.8
<b>PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO MET COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARKS</b>			
ENGLISH	60	59	55
MATHEMATICS	36	34	33
READING	40	40	39
SCIENCE	34	31	30
MET ALL FOUR	22	20	20

Wyoming state law requires all students to take the ACT as juniors. Beginning with the graduating class of 2013, all students whose scores are college reportable, both standard and extended time tests, are now included in the reports.

Wyoming Department of Education Chief Academic Officer Brent Bacon says having the data on all Wyoming students helps to keep educators focused on making sure all students have opportunities after high school, “Basically, it sets the needle and we know we’re moving in the right direction, but we do need to improve.”

Wyoming is among 13 states that has results for 100 percent of graduating seniors.

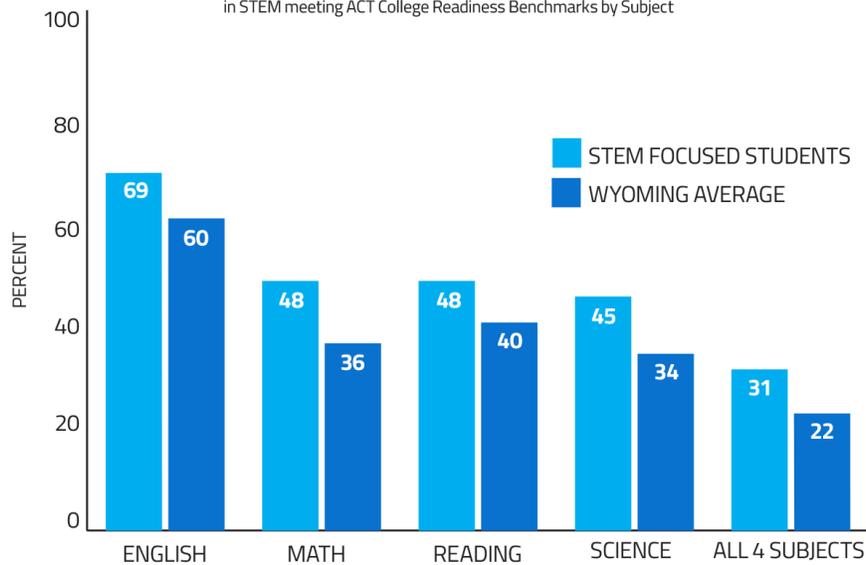
## 2015 STATE AVERAGE COMPOSITE ACT SCORE



Bacon says the reports also show the positive impact Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) can have on all subject areas. Wyoming students that indicated an interest in STEM majors or occupations met more readiness benchmarks.

## 2015 ACT STEM STUDENT BENCHMARKS

Percent of 2015 ACT-tested high school graduates with an interest in STEM meeting ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by Subject



“STEM is really helping our kids,” added Bacon. “We’re able to compete nationally and we’re preparing for college and the workforce in Wyoming.”

The Wyoming Readiness Report and ACT Profile Report can be found at: <http://act.org/newsroom/data/2015/states/wyoming.html>.

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