



Cobb County School District Testing Brief

ACT

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	2012	2013
Cobb # of Test Takers	3,571	3,651
Cobb Avg. Combined Score	22.2	22.1
State Avg. Combined Score	20.7	20.7
National Avg. Combined Score	21.1	20.9

- Cobb’s scores exceeded those of the state and national in all sections of the ACT, including English, Math, Reading, Science, and the Composite score, for the eighth consecutive year.
- 3,651 Cobb students participated in the ACT during their junior or senior year of high school. Of these students, 74% demonstrated readiness for college level coursework in English, 53% in Reading, 49% in Math, and 43% in Science. Overall, 32% are college ready in all content areas.
- Students taking a more rigorous course of study in high school tend to have higher scores than those taking a minimum curricular sequence. Students taking four or more years of math scored more than 5 points higher on the ACT than students taking less than three years of math.
- Four high schools had composite scores higher than 24.0 points (Walton - 25.8, Pope – 25.2, Wheeler - 24.6, Lassiter - 24.3).
- Nine high schools had composite scores higher than the national average (Walton, - 25.8, Pope - 25.2, Wheeler 24.6, Lassiter – 24.3, Harrison – 23.1, Kennesaw Mtn - 23.1, Allatoona – 22.1, Kell – 22.0, Hillgrove 21.4)
- On the optional Writing Test, the average combined score for Cobb test takers was 21.8 compared to the State average of 20.4

The ACT also published [The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2013](#), which provides a wealth of information about this year’s ACT results and how different groups of students performed across all 50 states.

**Cobb County School District
Five Year Comparison
American College Testing (ACT) Assessment Scores
For College Bound Seniors
2009-2013**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NATIONAL</u>	<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>COBB</u>	<u>Exceeded NAT Avg</u>	<u>Exceeded GA Avg</u>
<u>Composite</u>					
2013	20.9	20.7	22.1	Yes	Yes
2012	21.1	20.7	22.2	Yes	Yes
2011	21.1	20.6	22.4	Yes	Yes
2010	21.0	20.7	22.2	Yes	Yes
2009	21.1	20.6	22.1	Yes	Yes
<u>English</u>					
2013	20.2	20.2	21.8	Yes	Yes
2012	20.5	20.1	21.8	Yes	Yes
2011	20.6	20.1	22.1	Yes	Yes
2010	20.5	20.1	21.8	Yes	Yes
2009	20.6	20.1	21.8	Yes	Yes
<u>Math</u>					
2013	20.9	20.3	21.7	Yes	Yes
2012	21.1	20.6	22.0	Yes	Yes
2011	21.1	20.7	22.5	Yes	Yes
2010	21.0	20.7	22.3	Yes	Yes
2009	21.0	20.6	22.2	Yes	Yes
<u>Reading</u>					
2013	21.1	21.2	22.6	Yes	Yes
2012	21.3	21.0	22.6	Yes	Yes
2011	21.3	20.8	22.6	Yes	Yes
2010	21.3	20.9	22.4	Yes	Yes
2009	21.4	20.9	22.5	Yes	Yes
<u>Science</u>					
2013	20.7	20.5	21.8	Yes	Yes
2012	20.9	20.5	21.9	Yes	Yes
2011	20.9	20.3	21.9	Yes	Yes
2010	20.9	20.5	21.8	Yes	Yes
2009	20.9	20.3	21.5	Yes	Yes

Note: Scale 1 - 36

Students Taking the ACT:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
National	1,480,469 (45%)	1,568,835 (46%)	1,623,112 (47%)	1,666,017 (*)	1,799,243 (*)
Georgia	36,165 (32%)	39,436 (35%)	42,929 (38%)	47,169 (54%)	48,505 (*)
Cobb County	2,748 (35%)	2,929 (37%)	3,249 (41%)	3,571 (53%)	3,651 (*)

Note: Percentages as of 2012 reflect test takers among cohort graduating seniors

* Data not available

**Cobb County School District
2013 ACT Average Composite Scores
By Common Course Sequences**

<u>Course Sequence</u>	<u>Cobb ACT Composite</u>	<u>State ACT Composite</u>
<u>English</u>		
Eng 9, Eng 10, Eng 11, Eng 12, Other English	21.9	20.5
Eng 9, Eng 10, Eng 11, Eng 12 (Min. Core)	21.9	20.2
Less than 4 years of English	18.5	18.3
<u>Mathematics</u>		
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, Trig, Calc	23.2	21.7
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, Trig, Other Adv Math	21.1	20.0
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, Trig	20.1	18.6
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom, Other Adv Math	18.8	18.6
Alg 1, Alg 2, Geom (Min. Core)	18.2	17.2
Other combinations of 3 or more years Math	19.4	19.8
Less than 3 years of Math	18.3	17.6
<u>Social Science</u>		
US Hist, World Hist, Am Govt, Other Hist	22.7	22.6
US Hist, World Hist, Am Govt (Min. Core)	17.7	19.9
Other combinations of 3 or more yrs Soc Sci	21.7	20.5
Less than 3 years of Soc Sci	20.8	20.5
<u>Natural Science</u>		
Gen Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics	21.7	21.0
Biology, Chemistry, Physics	23.3	23.2
Gen Science, Biology, Chemistry (Min. Core)	19.9	19.2
Other combinations of 3 or more yrs Nat Sci	18.1	18.1
Less than 3 years of Nat Sci	19.1	17.4

TABLE III

**Cobb County School District
2013 ACT Average Composite Scores
By School**

Area/School	Percentage Tested			Number of Students Tested			English			Mathematics			Reading			Science			Composite		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
National	--	--	--	1,623,112	1,666,017	1,799,243	20.6	20.5	20.2	21.1	21.1	20.2	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.9	20.9	20.7	21.1	21.1	20.9
Georgia	0.35	38%	38%	42,929	47,169	48,505	20.1	20.1	20.2	20.7	20.6	20.2	20.8	21.0	21.0	20.3	20.5	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7
Cobb County	37%	41%	51%	2,929	3,571	3,651	22.1	21.8	21.8	22.0	22.0	21.7	22.6	22.6	22.6	21.9	21.9	21.8	22.4	22.2	22.1
Allatoona	34.7%	40.8%	45.8%	106	195	191	21.4	21.2	21.8	21.4	21.4	21.1	22.2	22.6	23.1	21.6	21.8	21.9	21.8	21.8	22.1
Campbell	35.6%	44.5%	45.7%	210	223	200	20.1	20.1	18.8	20.6	20.7	19.6	20.8	20.8	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.7	20.5	20.6	19.6
Harrison	47.9%	54.8%	51.3%	279	302	276	23.1	23.0	23.3	23.8	23.0	22.7	23.3	23.5	23.4	22.7	22.9	22.8	23.4	23.2	23.1
Hillgrove	39.7%	44.4%	69.9%	223	248	297	21.0	22.0	21.1	21.1	21.9	20.9	21.6	23.1	22.0	21.0	21.8	21.1	21.3	22.3	21.4
Kell	37.4%	43.6%	51.1%	180	200	188	22.3	21.0	21.6	22.8	21.4	21.9	23.6	22.1	22.0	22.2	21.6	21.8	22.9	21.7	22.0
Kennesaw Mtn.	42.8%	54.6%	55.7%	281	235	245	22.2	23.3	23.0	22.9	23.4	22.7	23.0	24.1	23.3	22.5	23.7	23.0	22.8	23.8	23.1
Lassiter	54.0%	65.1%	66.3%	293	286	311	23.9	24.3	24.1	24.7	24.8	24.0	24.2	25.0	24.6	23.4	23.9	23.9	24.1	24.6	24.3
McEachern	26.6%	34.6%	46.4%	162	204	216	19.6	17.8	18.5	19.7	17.7	17.8	20.2	18.7	19.3	19.9	18.9	18.4	20.0	18.5	18.6
North Cobb	36.4%	44.4%	49.4%	237	307	289	20.7	19.9	20.7	20.3	19.8	19.9	21.6	21.2	21.3	20.7	20.7	20.6	21.0	20.5	20.7
Osborne	17.0%	18.3%	26.6%	59	93	90	16.2	15.5	16.1	17.7	16.9	17.3	16.3	16.8	17.7	17.5	17.0	17.5	17.0	16.7	17.3
Pebblebrook	24.7%	43.3%	61.0%	170	147	194	17.7	17.9	17.7	18.5	18.1	17.6	18.5	18.9	19.1	18.2	18.6	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.2
Pope	47.7%	54.0%	62.8%	247	245	268	25.2	24.5	25.4	25.7	24.6	24.7	25.0	25.0	25.5	24.1	23.8	24.6	25.1	24.6	25.2
South Cobb	27.0%	36.0%	44.7%	150	162	172	18.6	18.2	17.9	18.8	18.5	18.2	18.7	19.2	19.5	18.3	18.5	18.3	18.7	18.7	18.6
Sprayberry	29.9%	30.6%	47.4%	121	150	167	20.4	20.7	19.7	21.2	20.9	20.5	21.8	21.9	20.9	21.0	21.0	20.7	21.2	21.3	20.6
Walton	63.1%	58.3%	61.1%	374	395	384	25.6	25.6	25.9	25.7	26.0	25.9	25.6	25.7	26.3	24.5	24.6	24.8	25.5	25.6	25.8
Wheeler	31.6%	36.6%	36.7%	155	178	159	24.4	22.9	24.4	24.9	23.6	24.4	25.0	24.0	25.0	24.2	23.2	24.1	24.8	23.5	24.6

Note: Scores are based on a scale of 1 - 36
 -- Percentages not available at the time of this release
 ACT High School Profile Report not available for schools with less than 25 participants

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	5-Year	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
All	22.1	22.2	22.4	22.2	22.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Black	18.8	18.3	18.6	18.7	18.5	-0.3	-0.5	0.3	0.1	-0.2
Am Ind	23.8	20.9	17.4	20.4	19.7	-4.1	-2.9	-3.5	3.0	-0.7
White	23.4	23.9	24.2	24.1	24.0	0.6	0.5	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Hisp	19.9	20.5	20.9	20.4	20.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	-0.5	0.1
Asian	24.2	24.6	24.8	25.1	25.7	1.5	20.2	0.2	0.3	20.2
Multi	21.3	20.7	22.0	22.8	21.6	0.3	-0.6	20.7	0.8	20.2

