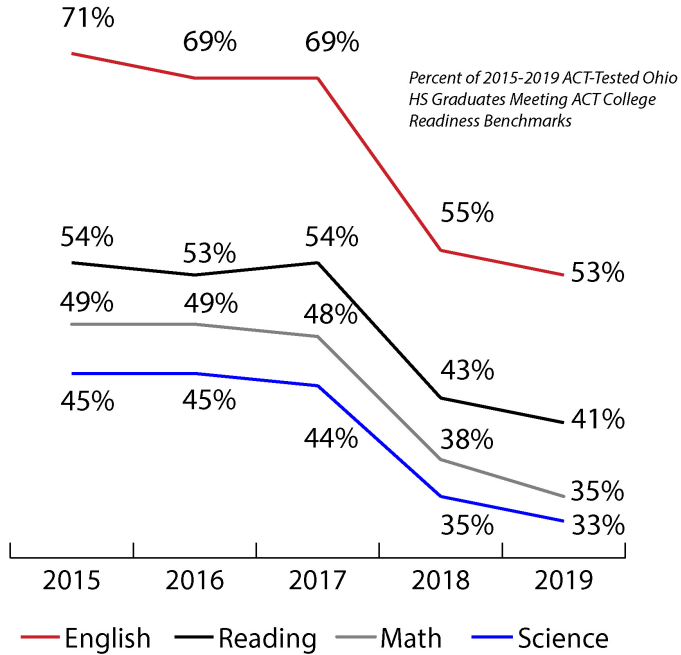


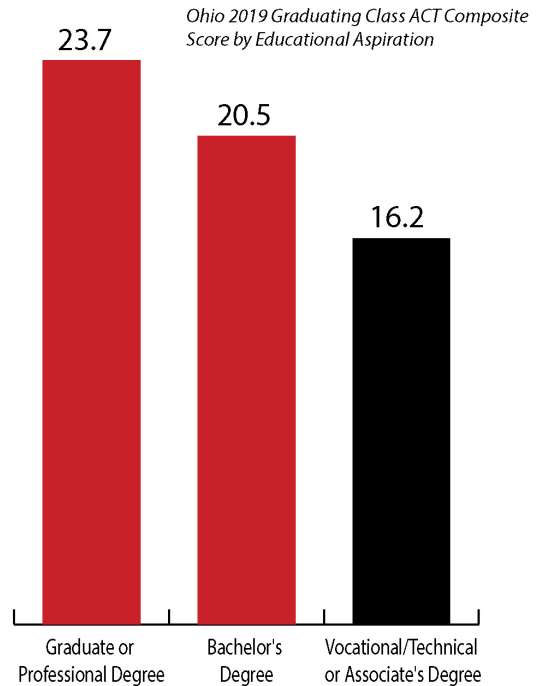
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Source: ACT, "The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2019", (2019)

Ohio's College Readiness Scores are Backsliding

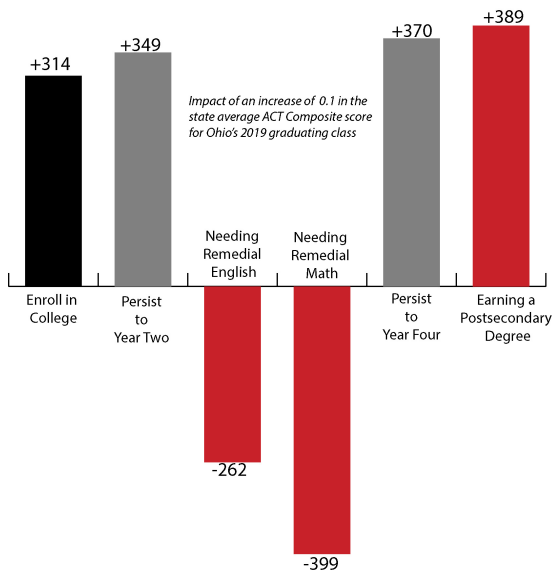
Over the course of the last five years, Ohio's ACT college readiness benchmarks have been decreasing at an increased rate. Recent changes in state policy have made the ACT test free, which has correlated with a noticeable change in test outcomes. [Ohio's 2019 graduating class](#), an estimated 100 percent (126,983 graduates) took the ACT test with a composite score average of 20.0, which is below the national average composite score of 20.7.



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Aspirations Indicate Increased Performance

Unsurprisingly, for the Ohio graduating class of 2019, students who **indicated aspirations of higher postsecondary education** score significantly higher than the state average. Potential first-generation college students are **even further behind** college-readiness indicators and should be a focus of policy.



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Impact of Score Improvements is Tangible

According to [ACT research estimates](#), a minor increase of 0.1 in Ohio's average ACT composite score for the 2019 graduating class would have resulted in tangible benefits to the state. These benefits include 314 more students enrolling in college, 399 fewer students needing remedial math, and an increase of 389 students earning a postsecondary degree.