



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

# Results from 2014-15 Administrations of SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement Assessments

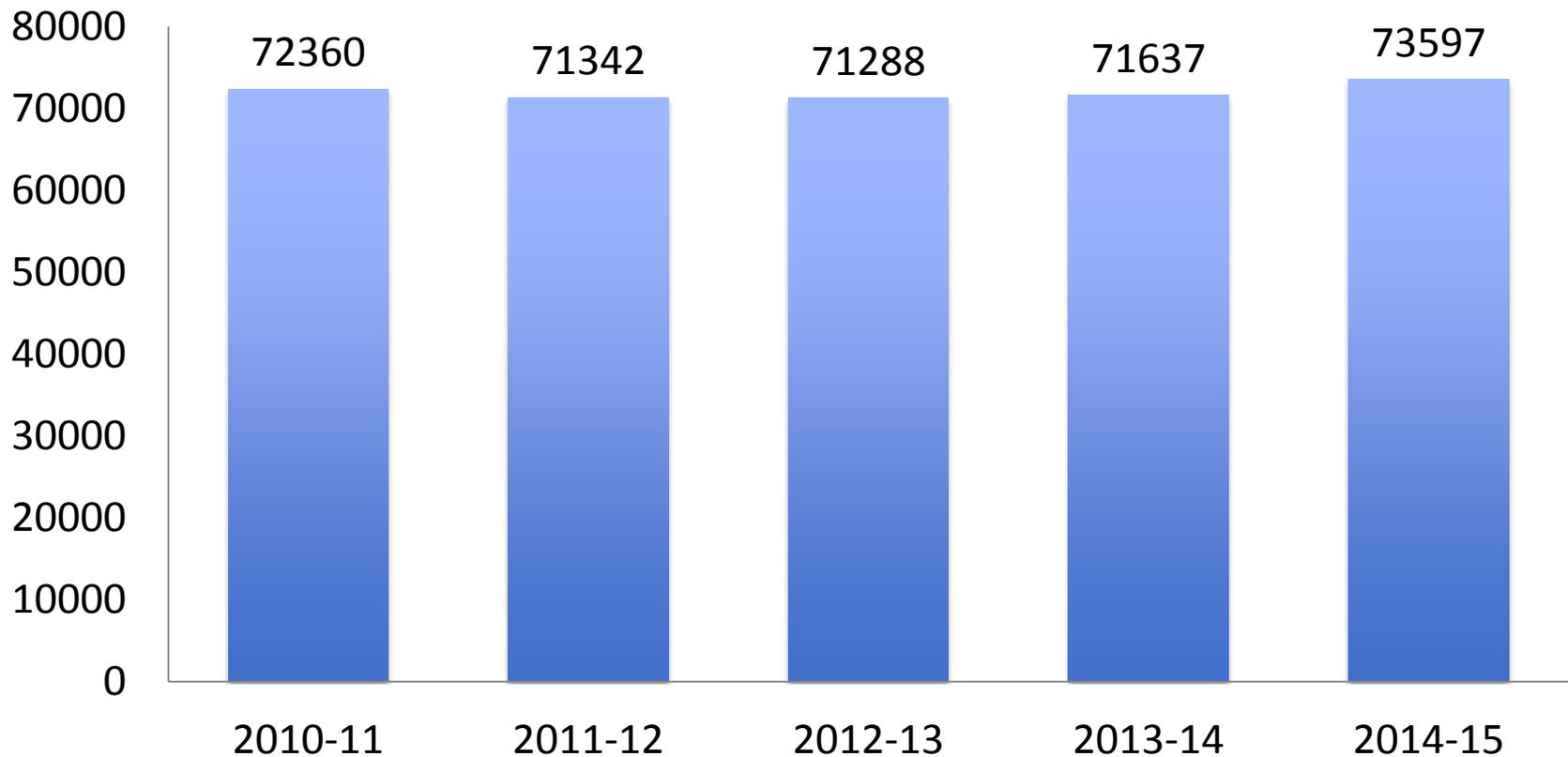
# Summary

- New Jersey's participation in College Readiness assessments is up significantly. SAT saw an increase of 2.7% with Hispanic students up 9% and African American student participation up 4.9%
- Approximately 80% of 2015 graduating seniors took the SAT; about 26% took the ACT.
- Performance on the SAT is steady. 2015 mean scores in Reading and Math were down a point or so, not unexpected given the rising participation rate.
- Achievement gaps are not narrowing on the SAT.
- Participation in Advanced Placement assessments showed a remarkable 7.5% increase in the count of unique test takers; a 10% increase in the number of tests taken.

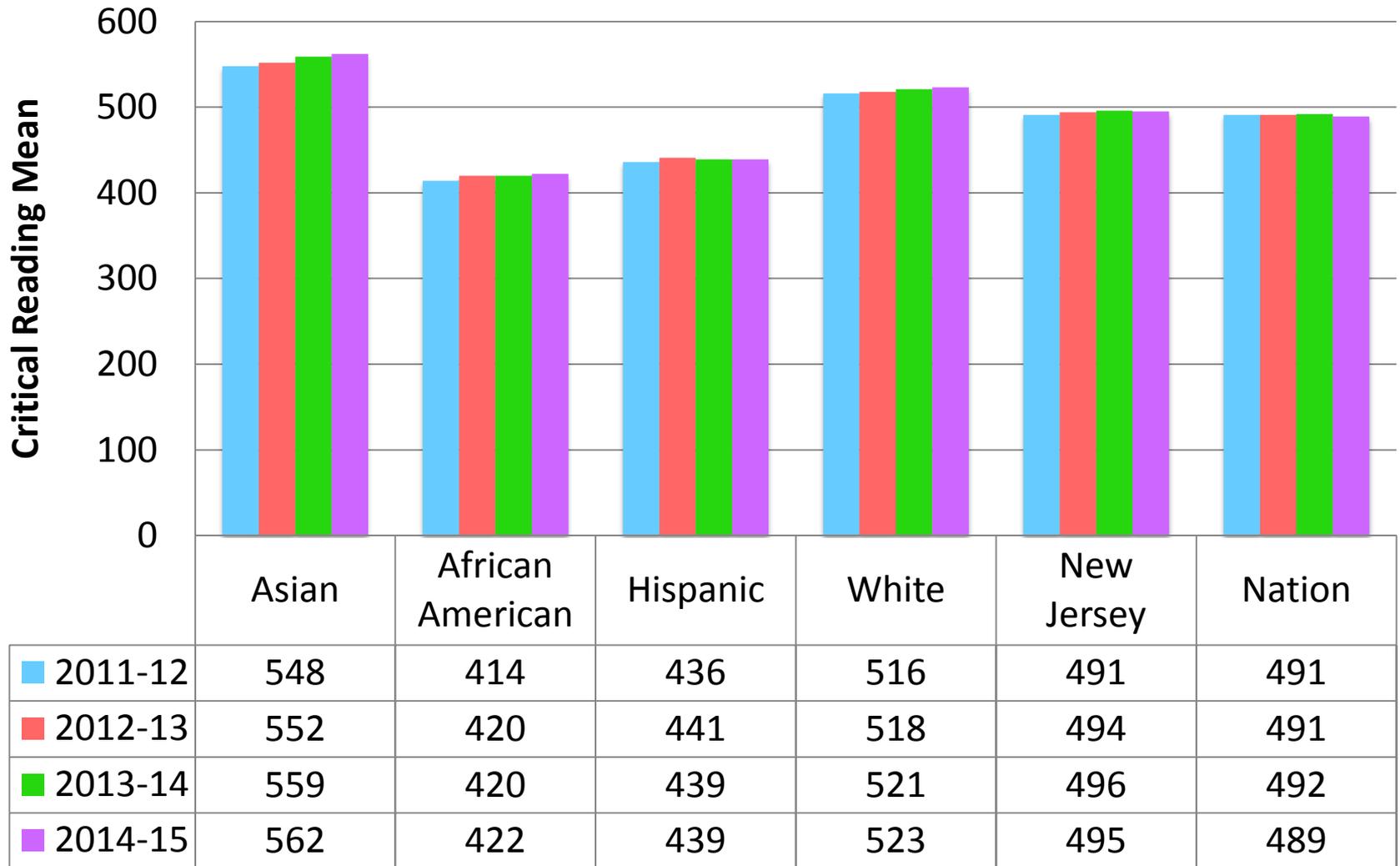
# Summary of Metrics of College and Career Readiness

- As measured by students achieving a composite score  $\geq 1550$  on the SAT, approximately 44% of the students who took the SAT met the College Board determination for College and Career Readiness.
- As measured by the ACT's definition of students meeting the benchmarks in all four areas of the ACT, approximately 43% of the students who took the ACT met the determination for College and Career Readiness.
- NAEP's 2013 assessment for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students demonstrated that 41% of New Jersey's students met their determination for College and Career Readiness in Language Arts. (2015 NAEP data is due to be released in October.)

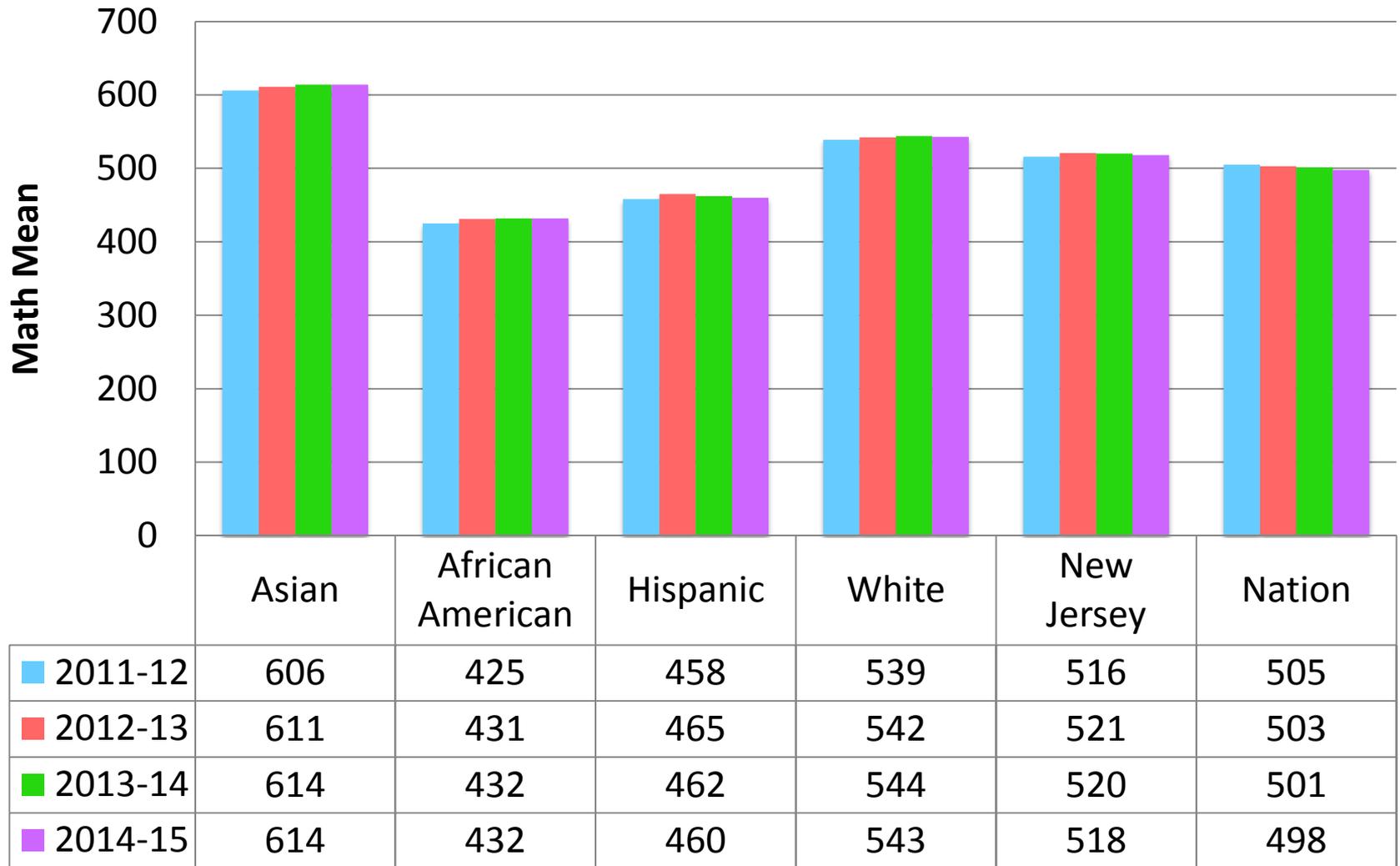
# SAT Participation: Count of Test Takers



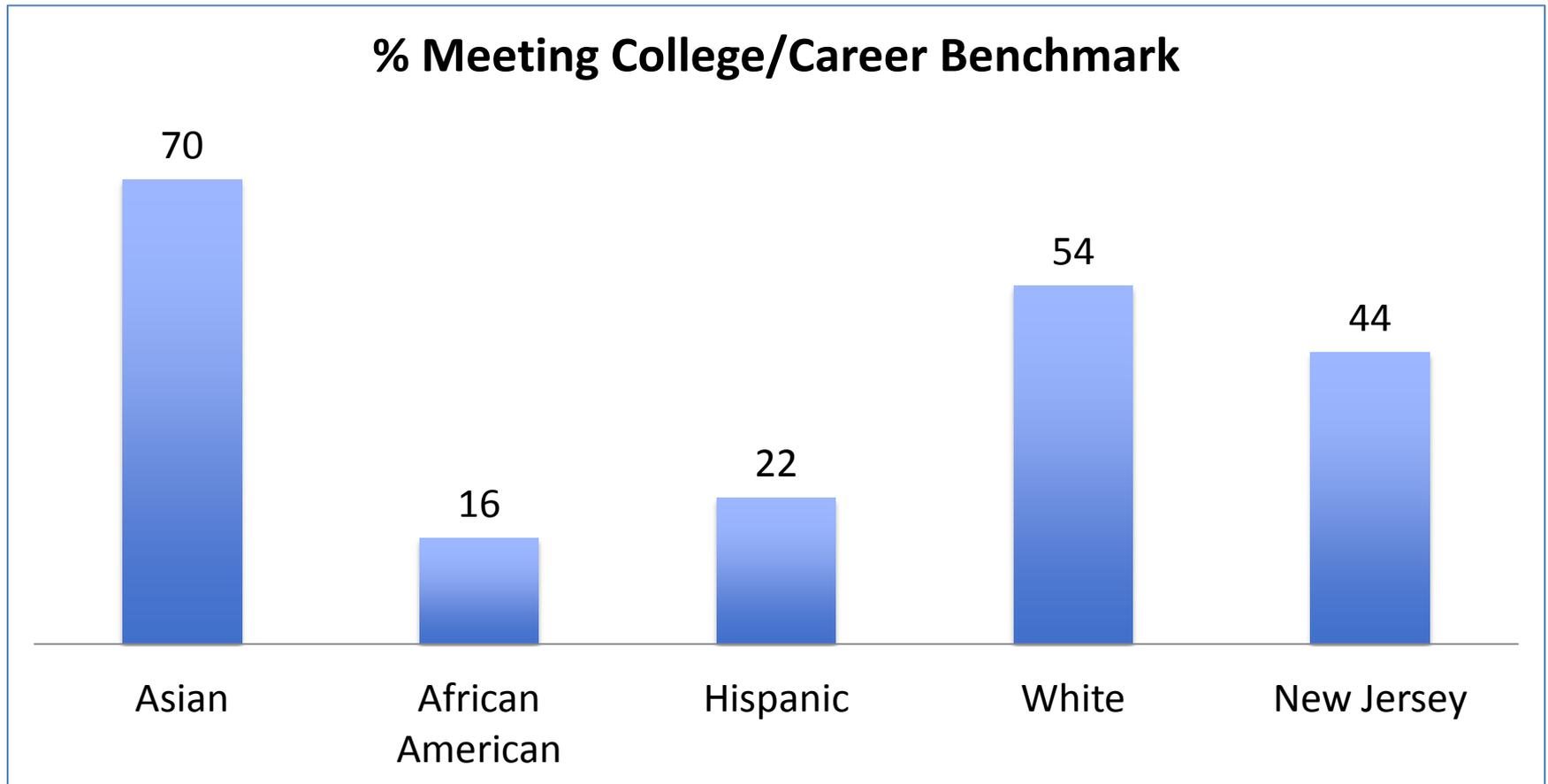
# SAT: Reading Performance



# SAT: Math Performance

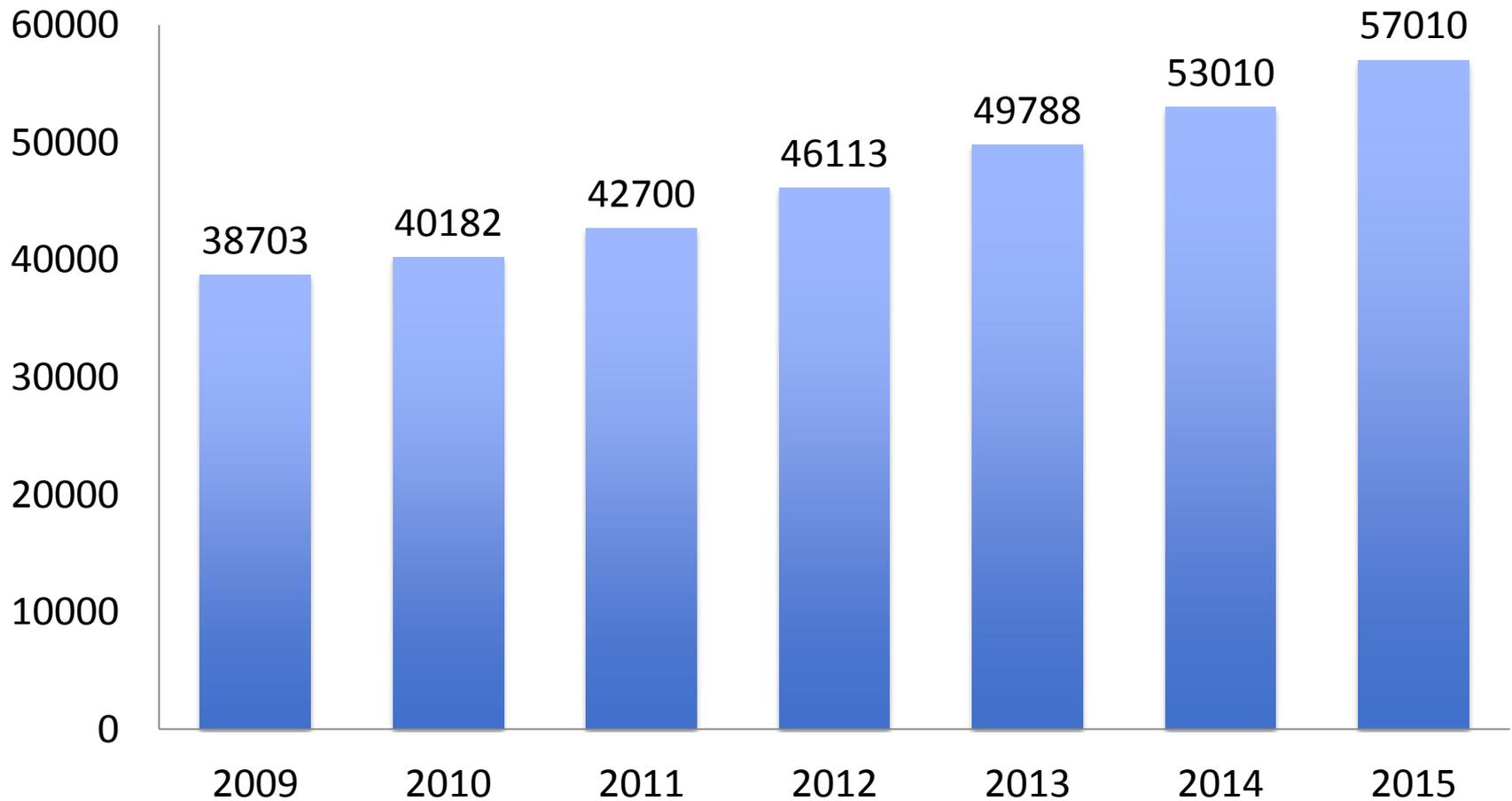


# SAT: College/Career Readiness

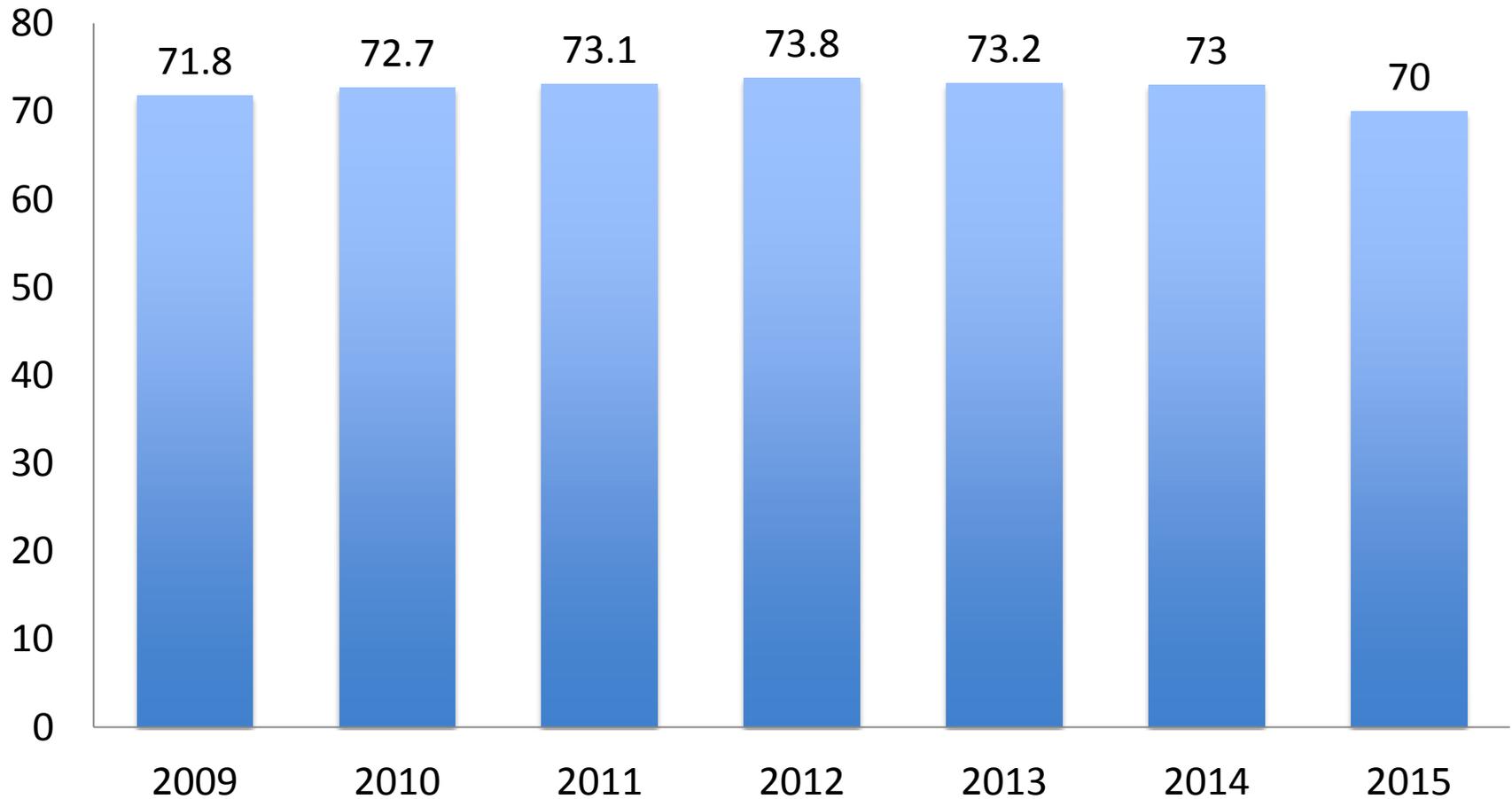


- Percent meeting benchmark in 2012 – 43%
- Percent meeting benchmark in 2013 – 43%
- Percent meeting benchmark in 2014 – 45%

# AP: Count of Testers

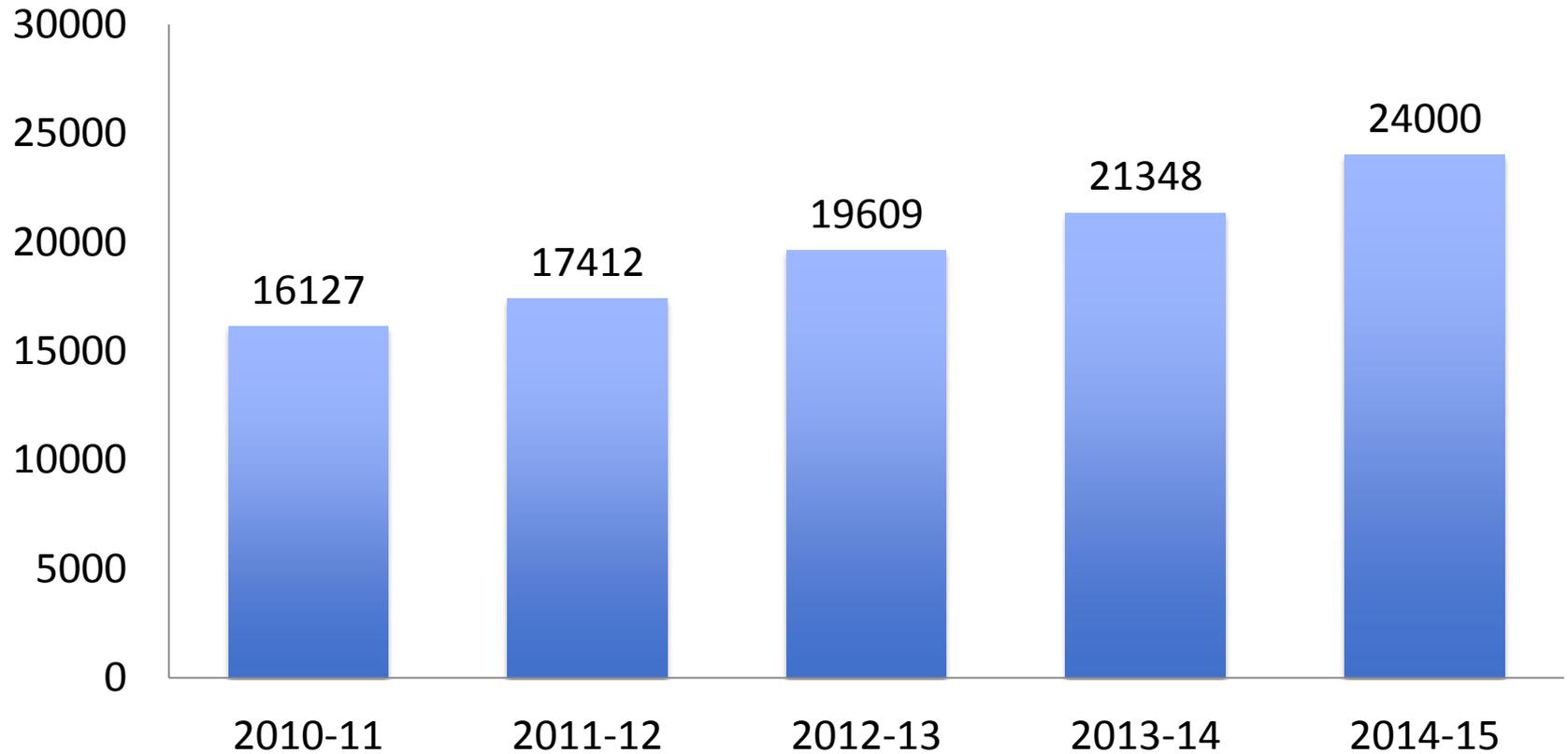


# AP: % of Tests $\geq 3$

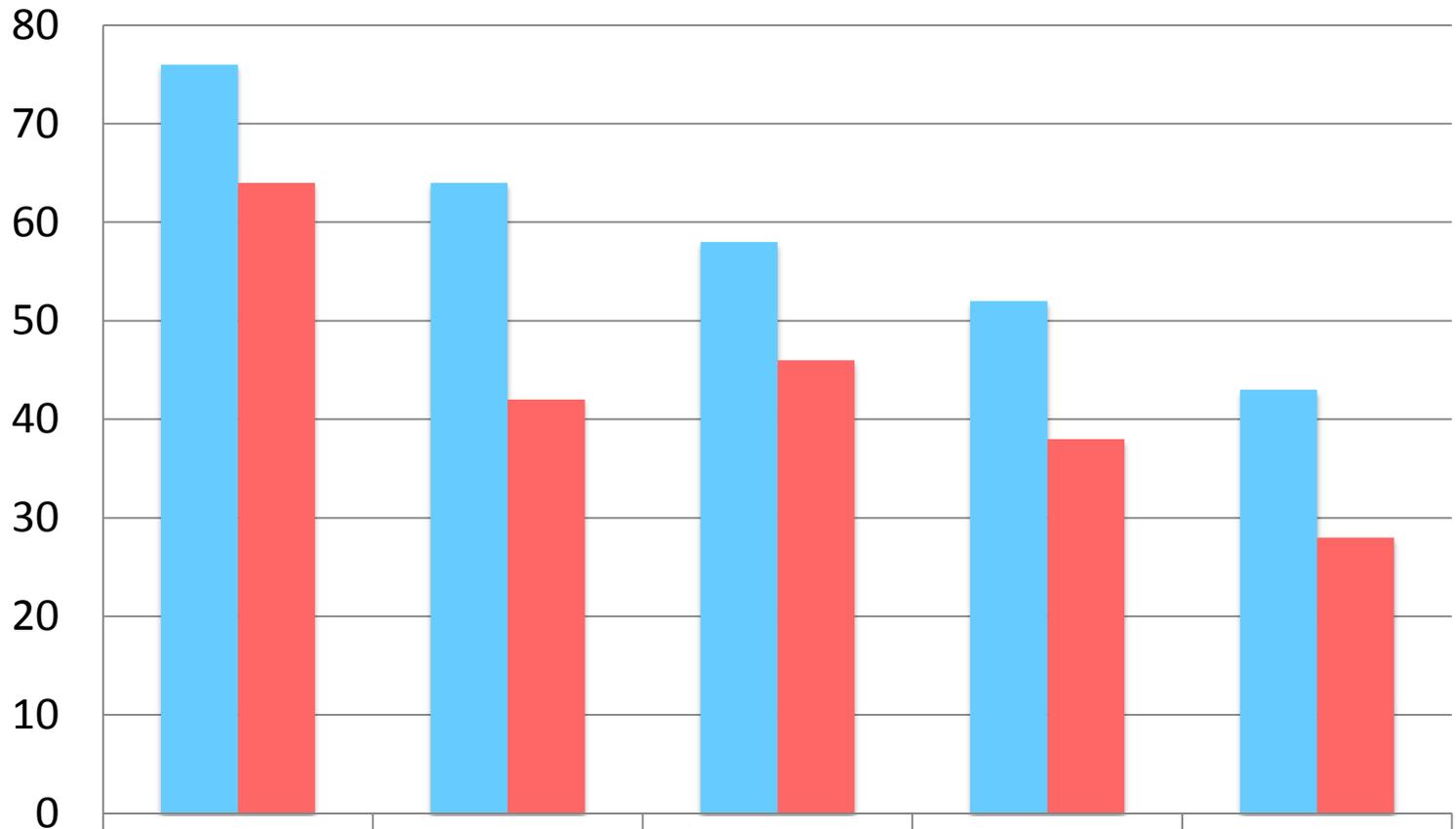


- Growth of 5.4% in tests scoring three or higher (77,452)

# ACT: 2015 Graduating Seniors



# ACT: % Meeting Benchmarks



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| ■ New Jersey | 76 | 64 | 58 | 52 | 43 |
| ■ Nation     | 64 | 42 | 46 | 38 | 28 |