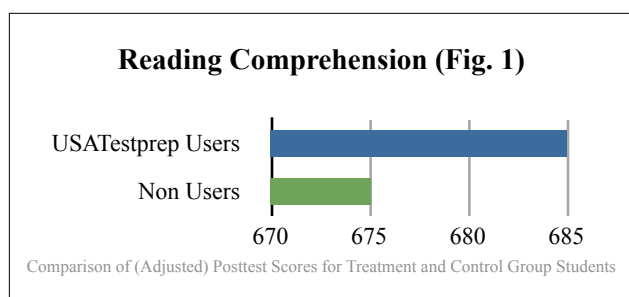


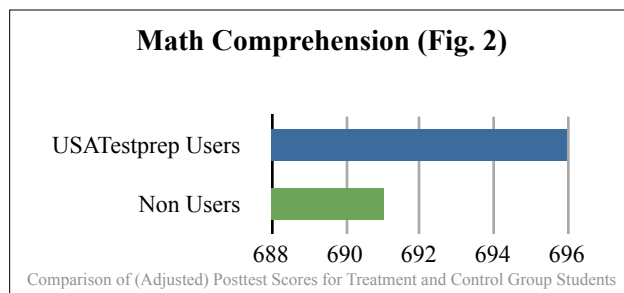
A Study of the Impact of USATestprep Use on Student Achievement

During the 2010-2011 school year, an independent research firm conducted a year-long, multi-site study with approximately 1,100 9th, 10th and 11th grade students, in approximately 40 classrooms, in South Carolina and Alabama. The goal of the study was to evaluate the impact of USATestprep on student achievement. A quasi-experimental design was used to compare two groups of students, similar in ability. The Treatment Group consisted of students who used USATestprep; the Control Group consisted of students who did not use USATestprep. The students in both groups were administered a pre-test at the beginning of the year and a post-test at the end of the year to evaluate the impact of USATestprep use on their Reading Comprehension and Mathematics skills.



Reading. Students using USATestprep (Treatment Group) showed statistically greater gains in Reading Comprehension than the Control Group (Fig. 1). This means that, on average, students using USATestprep showed about a year's more growth in Reading than their peers in classes where USATestprep was not used.

Mathematics. Students using USATestprep (Treatment Group) also showed statistically greater gains in Mathematics than the Control Group (Fig. 2). This means that, on average, students using USATestprep showed nearly a half a year's more growth in Mathematics than their peers in classes where USATestprep was not used (data based on normative student data reported by Harcourt, 2002).



Based on a year-long, multi-state study, students using USATestprep to improve their academic skills showed substantially greater growth in both Reading and Mathematics than students who did not use USATestprep. Students using USATestprep showed about one half to one year more academic growth than students who did not use USATestprep. The study also found that USATestprep is equally effective for males and females and for students of different ethnic backgrounds. The findings of this study provide substantial support for the effectiveness of USATestprep in improving student Reading Comprehension and Mathematics skills.