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# AP® Report to the Nation

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### **About This Report**

This report provides educators and policymakers with information they can use to celebrate their successes, understand their unique challenges, and set meaningful goals to increase opportunity for all students. It's important to note that while AP® Exams are valid measures of students' content mastery of college-level studies in specific academic disciplines, AP results should never be used as the sole measure for gauging educational excellence and equity.

Because reliable demographic data for nonpublic schools are not available for all states, this report represents public school students only. Additionally, this report looks at students' entire experience with AP—tracking exams taken by graduates throughout their high school careers—as opposed to reporting exam results from a particular calendar year.

Additional data are available at apreport.collegeboard.org.

Note: Throughout this report, public high school graduates represent projections supplied in *Knocking at the College Door* (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, 2012).

The redesigned courses, Biology, Latin, and Spanish Literature and Culture, began in fall 2012, and the first AP Exam based on those redesigned courses was administered in May 2013. As a result, the data in this report reflect a blend of the old and redesigned exam results.

Missouri has made progress in recent years in improving student access and supporting student performance in AP®. Just as we do in the national report, we wanted to take an opportunity to applaud your efforts and offer additional strategies for your consideration.



#### **Current Picture**

Congratulations. You are already using these strategies to build a robust AP Program. You:

- Include AP in the state accountability system.
  - Establish AP participation and performance indicators.
- ✓ Have 6 districts that have earned a spot on the AP Honor Roll through their hard work and dedication to increasing participation and success in AP, particularly for underrepresented students. See page 5 for more details.
- Encourage your educators to participate in the development of the AP Program, such as by becoming AP Exam Readers or participating in course and exam development committees. See page 5 for more details.

## Opportunities

The following strategies have been proven effective. To build an even stronger AP program, you could:

- Create opportunities for other schools and districts to learn from your AP Honor Roll winners. ☐ Ensure that public colleges and universities develop AP Exam credit and placement policies based on institutional goals, alignment with corresponding courses, and objective outcomes research. ☐ Provide funding for teachers in underserved areas of the state to participate in professional development. ☐ Provide targeted assistance and resources to schools serving traditionally underserved populations. For example, funding for materials, supplies, outreach efforts, and tutoring programs. ☐ Clearly communicate how AP fits into state graduation requirements, and share information about funding opportunities that enable students to participate and succeed in AP. ☐ Provide resources to schools and districts to support research-based programs that build content knowledge and
- research-based programs that build content knowledge and skills—particularly in literacy and math—to prepare students for success in AP course work, and in college and careers.
- Communicate the state's AP STEM college scholarship opportunity directly to students.



## Highlights

The following information dives a little deeper into the details of your efforts.

#### Participation in the Development of AP

2013 Reading participants — Total: 208
Missouri represents 1.8% of all Readers

• AP High School Teachers: 89

• College and University Faculty: 119

2013 AP Professional Development Leaders - Total: 26

2013 AP Development Committee Members – Total: 5

Spanish Language Ladue Horton Watkins High School

Physics 2 Pembroke High School

Calculus St. Louis University High School

French Language and Culture Washington University

German Language and Culture Washington University in St. Louis

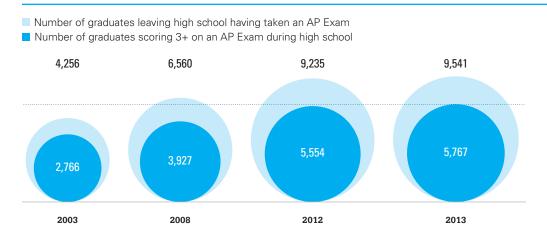
#### The AP Honor Roll

The AP Honor Roll recognizes and honors those outstanding school districts that simultaneously increase access to Advanced Placement® course work while increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Achieving both of these goals is the ideal scenario for a district's AP program because it indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit most from rigorous AP course work.

#### 4th Annual Honor Roll Districts in Missouri: 6

Archdiocese of St. Louis\*
Francis Howell School District R3
Kirkwood School District R-7\*
McDonald County School District R1
Rockwood R-6 School District
Wentzville School District R4\*

## FIGURE 1 Growth in AP® Participation and Success



# **More graduates**

are succeeding on AP Exams today than took them in 2003

### FIGURE 2 Participation in and Success on AP Exams in the Class of 2013

- Percentage of graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- Percentage of graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam during high school

# Percentage of Missouri Graduating Class 0% 30% 609

#### 1.1% Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing, Studio Art: Arts 2-D Design, and Studio Art: 3-D Design 0.7% English Language and Composition, and **English** English Literature and Composition Comparative Government and Politics, European History, 10.5% History and Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, Social Sciences United States History, and World History **Mathematics and** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, and Statistics **Computer Science** Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics B, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, **Sciences** and Physics C: Mechanics Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and 0.8% Culture, German Language and Culture, Italian Language World Languages and Culture\*, Japanese Language and Culture, Latin, 0.5% Spanish Language, and Spanish Literature and Culture 15.8% Any **Discipline** 9.5%

## Total Number of Graduates: 60,432

# **History and Social Sciences**

had the greatest number of students achieving a score of 3 or higher

<sup>\*</sup> AP Italian Language and Culture was discontinued after the 2008-09 school year, and was reinstated in 2011-12.

## FIGURE 3 Score Distributions of AP Exams Taken by the Class of 2013 During High School

ank	Subject	No. of Exams	ı				% of	Exam S	cores+				
1			100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100
	Chinese Language and Culture	6		:					16.7				83.3
	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	58	:	:	:		1.7	12.1	10.3	37.9		37.9	
	German Language and Culture	109					5	.5 11.0	26.6		33.0	23.9	
	Physics C: Mechanics	184					7	'.1 9.8	21.7	28.3		33.2	
	Calculus BC	496		:			1	1.7 7.1	17.9	18.8		44.6	:
	Human Geography	139	:	:	:	:	9.4	12.2	25.2	24.5		28.8	:
4	Psychology	2,365					10.	4 11.1	18.4	29.5		30.6	:
	Computer Science A	133						16.5 5.3	20.3	33	.1	24.8	
	Microeconomics	295		:	:		5.1	16.9	23.4		34.9	19.7	:
	Studio Art: Drawing	124					4.0	19.4		44.4	2.1	20.2	
	Comparative Government and Politics	355					7.6	15.8	16.3	32.1		28.2	
	Art History	165					1	7.0 7.3	23.6		34.5	17.6	
	Studio Art: 2-D Design	152				3.9		23.7		39.5	24.3	8.6	
	Physics B	581					16.0	11.7	25.1	25.1		22.0	
	Macroeconomics	275		:			13.5	14.5	18.2	35	.3	18.5	:
	European History	986	:	:	:	:	19.	8 10.4		35.4	21.1 13	3.3	:
	Studio Art: 3-D Design	45				2.2		28.9		44.4	20.0	4.4	
	French Language and Culture	118				1.7		30.5	·	38.1 1	6.9 12.	.7	
10	Statistics	1,013					20.1	15.7	26.8	22.9	14.5		
1	English Language and Composition	3,059	:	:	:	11.	0	26.0	27.1	22.4	13.5	:	:
6	Calculus AB	1,636					26.0	11.9	16.6	19.9	25.6		
	Latin	28				10.7		28.6	25.0	10.7	25.0		
3	United States Government and Politics	2,476				14.	5	25.9	26.6	17.9	15.0		
8	Biology	1,333					20.6	20.0	25.0	22.7	11.7		
	Music Theory	191				12.0		30.9	25.7	14.1	17.3		
2	English Literature and Composition	2,839				12.9	•	30.3	28.	8 19.8	8.2		:
7	World History	1,569	:	:	:	20	0.1	24.0	26.7	17.3	11.9	:	:
9	Chemistry	1,131					30.4	14.3	18.7	20.0	16.6		
	Spanish Language	251				20.	7	25.9	18.3	19.1 1	5.9		
5	United States History	2,226				19.8		27.0	21.2	21.4 10	.5		
	Environmental Science	550				3	3.3	22.5	16.4	20.7 7.1	_		:
	Italian Language and Culture*	0				:	- 1		:		:		:
	Japanese Language and Culture	1					:		:		:	:	:
	Spanish Literature and Culture	0							:		:	:	:

<sup>+</sup> Due to rounding, percentages do not always add up to 100.0.

Subjects with fewer than five AP  $\operatorname{\mathsf{Exam}}$  takers were omitted from this figure.

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# Low Income

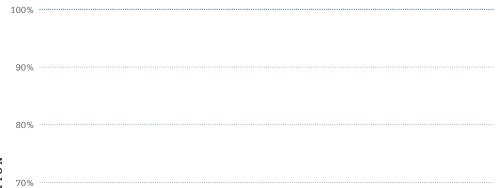
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#### The percentage or number of ...

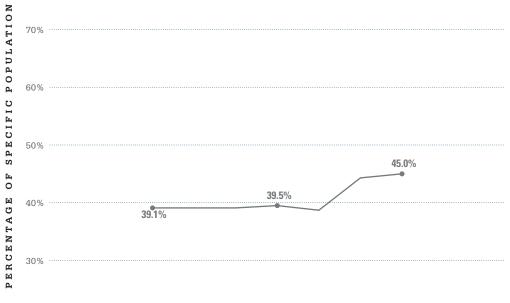
- K-12 students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch\*
- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam who are from low-income backgrounds
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam during high school who are from low-income backgrounds

# 3,709

AP Exams were taken by low-income graduates in the class of 2013









- \*Estimates reflect the percentage of K–12 public school students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics: 2008* (Table 42), *2009* (Table 42), *2010* (Table 44), *2011* (Table 45), and *2012* (Table 46).
- \*\*The numbers of students in the graduating classes who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch are not available.

# Black/African American

## FIGURE 5 Trends in AP Exam Participation and Success

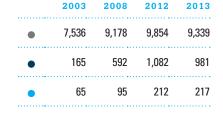
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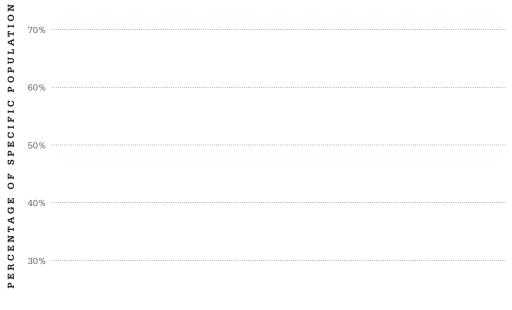
- students in the graduating class
- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam during high school
- ... who are black/African American

# 90%

black/African American graduates in the class of 2013 took an AP Exam during high school

981







# Hispanic/Latino

## FIGURE 6 Trends in AP Exam Participation and Success

#### The percentage or number of ...

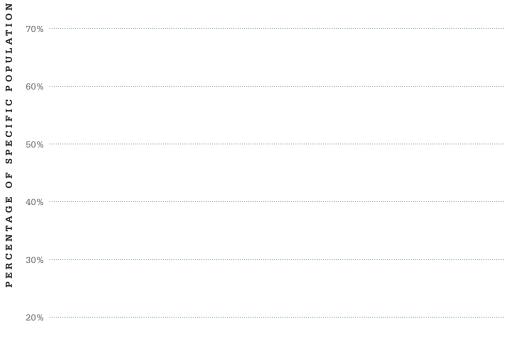
- students in the graduating class
- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam during high school
- ... who are Hispanic/Latino

343

Hispanic/Latino graduates in the class of 2013 took an AP Exam during high school



	2003	2008	2012	2013
•	867	1,498	2,116	2,193
•	69	214	310	343
•	48	112	160	183





# American Indian/ Alaska Native

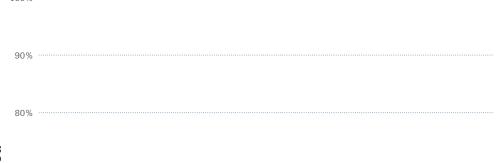
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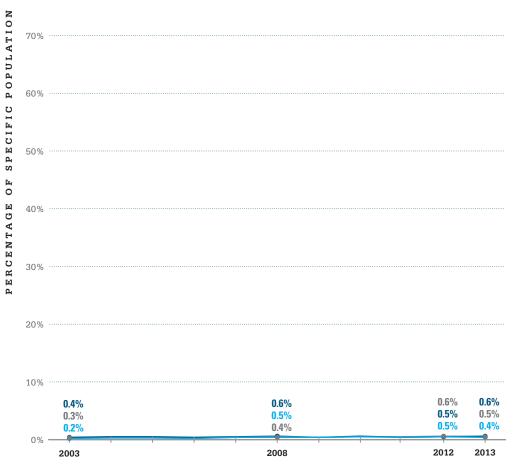
- students in the graduating class
- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam during high school
- ... who are American Indian/Alaska Native



American Indian/Alaska Native graduates in the class of 2013 took an AP Exam during high school



	2003		2012	
•	153		345	
•	16	42	50	62
•	6	21	28	24



# Asian/Asian American/ Pacific Islander

FIGURE 8 Trends in AP Exam Participation and Success

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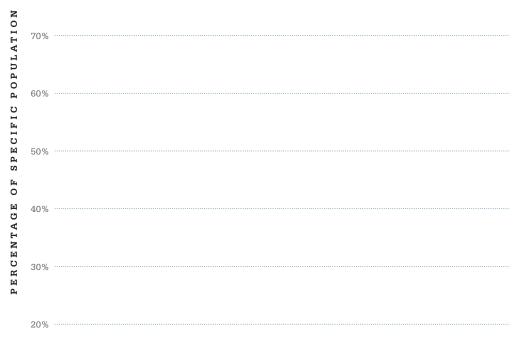
- students in the graduating class
- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam during high school
- ... who are Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander

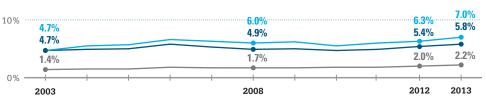
## **550**

Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander graduates in the class of 2013 took an AP Exam during high school

90%	
80%	

	2003	2008	2012	2013
•	800	1,024	1,235	1,350
•	200	319	500	550
•	130	237	350	404





# White

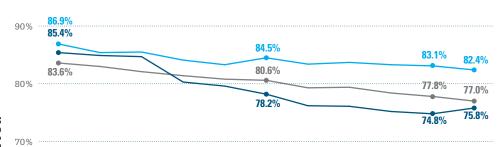
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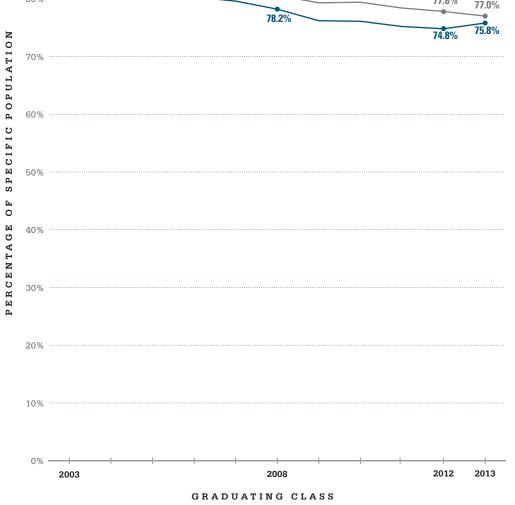
- students in the graduating class
- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam during high school
- ... who are white

7,232

white graduates in the class of 2013 took an AP Exam during high school









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