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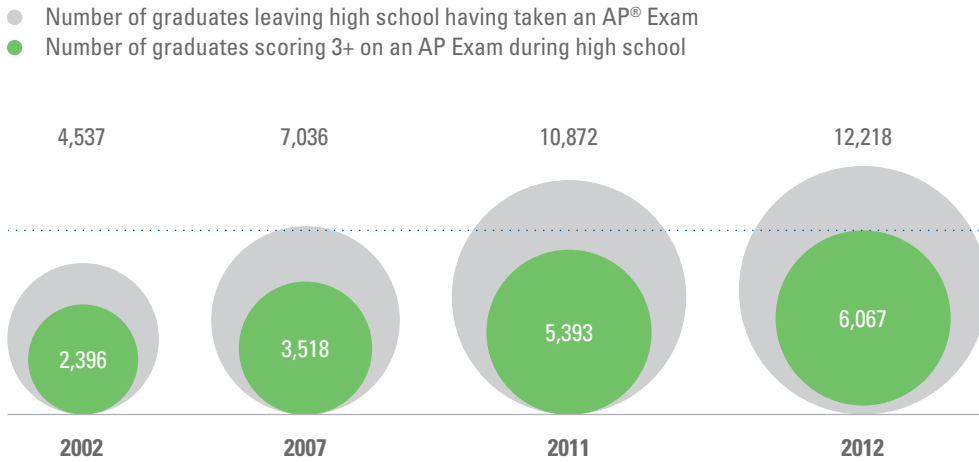
This report provides educators and policymakers with information they can use to celebrate their successes, understand their unique challenges, and set meaningful goals to increase opportunity for all students. It's important to note that while AP Exams are valid measures of students' content mastery 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](https://apreport.collegeboard.org).

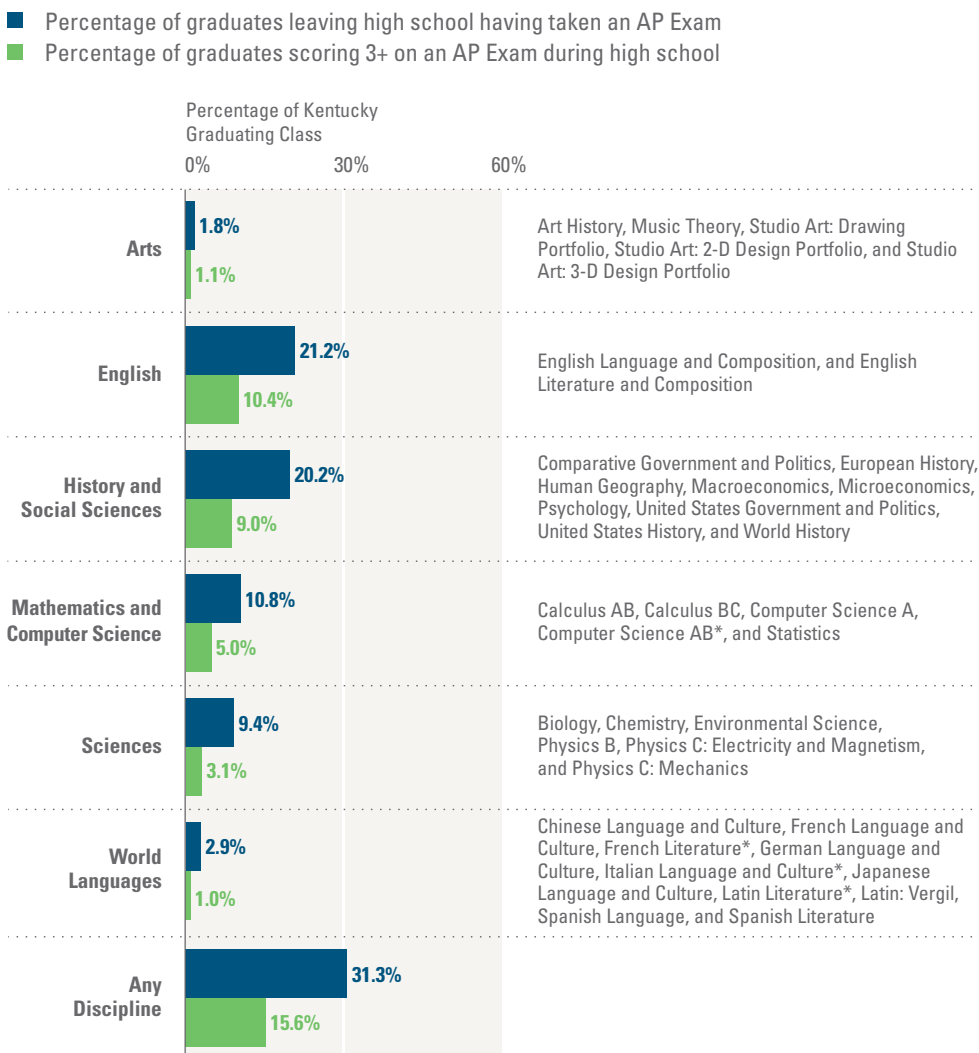
Note: Throughout this report, public high school graduates represent projections supplied in *Knocking at the College Door* (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, 2008).

Figure 1 | Growth in AP® participation and success



**More graduates** are succeeding on AP Exams today than took them in 2002

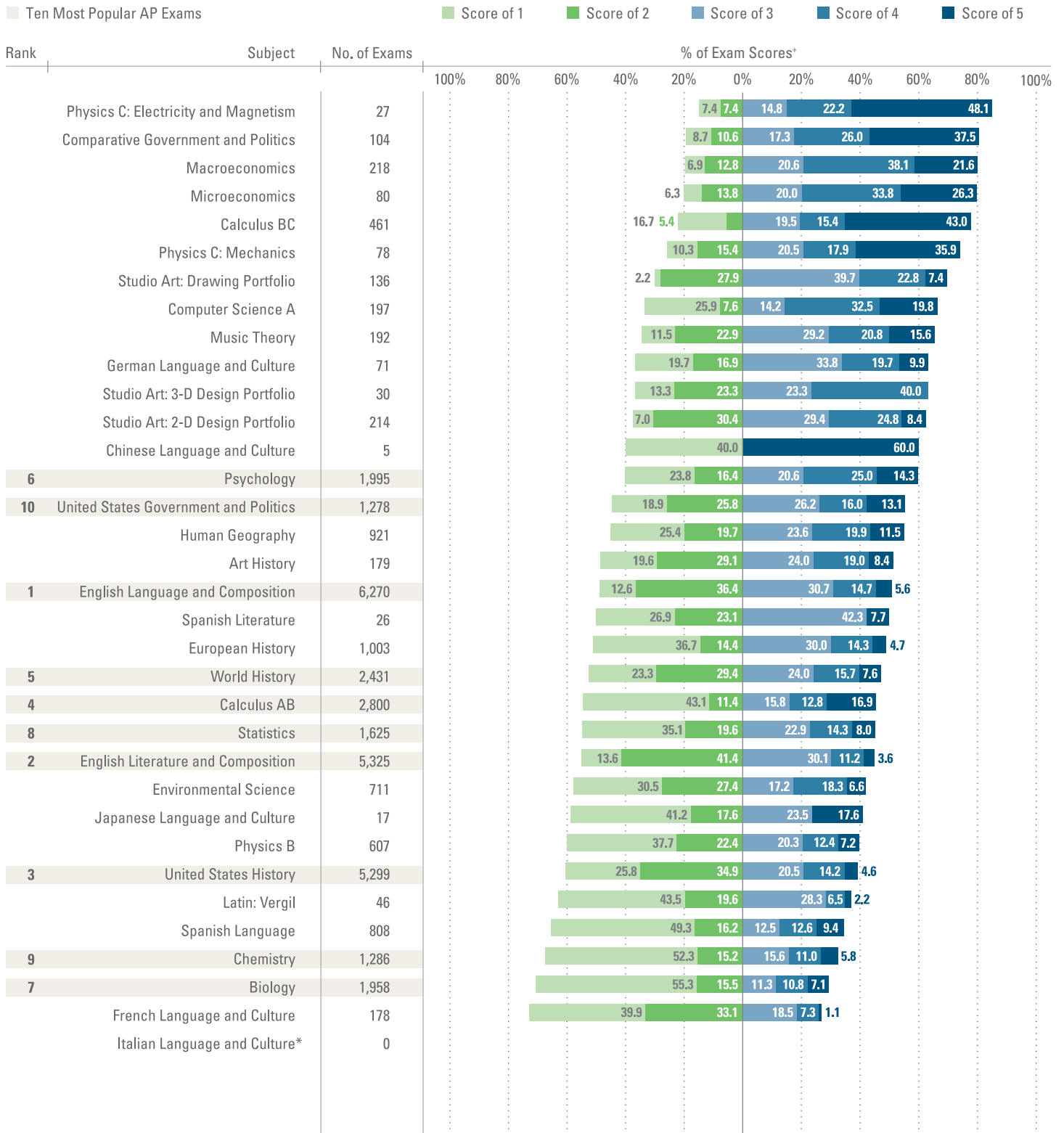
Figure 2 | Participation in and success on AP Exams in the class of 2012



**English** had the greatest number of graduates scoring a 3 or higher

\* The AP Computer Science AB, French Literature, and Latin Literature Exams were last offered in the 2008-09 school year. 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 2012 during high school



\* Due to rounding, percentages do not always add up to 100.0.

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

Discontinued subjects, as well as those with fewer than five AP Exam takers, were omitted from this figure.

# Low Income

Figure 4 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success

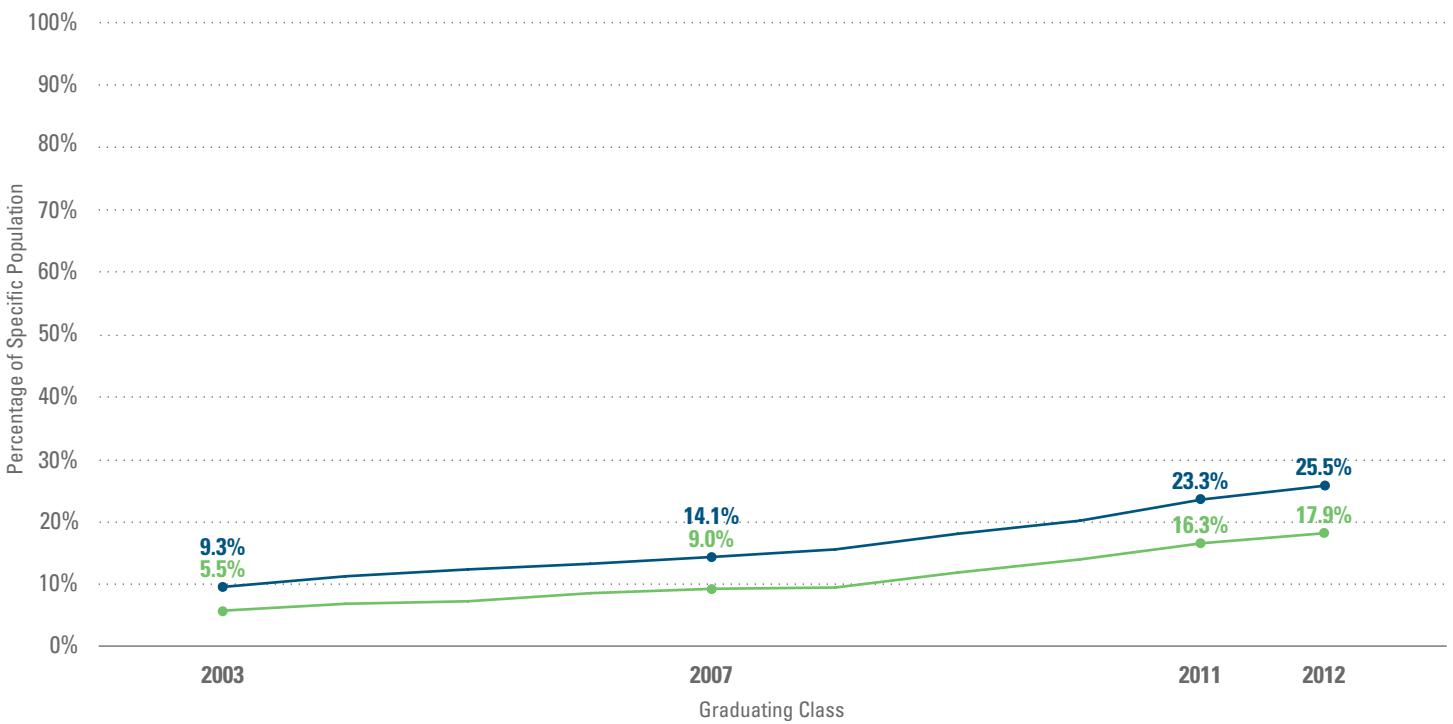
The percentage or number of ...

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

... who are from low-income backgrounds

# 7,821

exams were taken by low-income graduates in the class of 2012



	2003	2007	2011	2012
●	479	995	2,529	3,114
●	145	318	881	1,086

At time of press, the numbers of low-income students for each graduating class and for low-income AP Exam takers prior to the class of 2003 were not available.

# Black/African American

Figure 5 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success

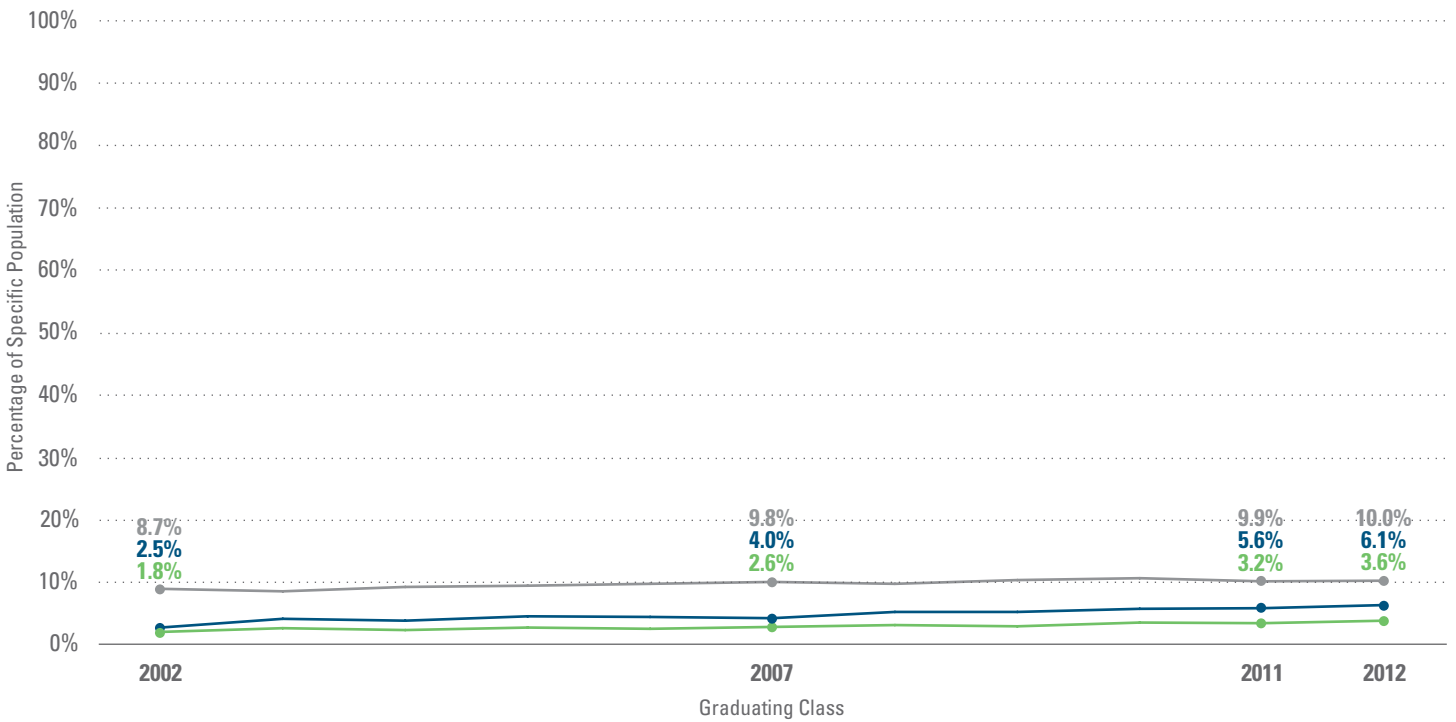
The percentage or number of ...

- 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 black/African American

# 745

black/African American graduates in the class of 2012 took an AP Exam during high school



	2002	2007	2011	2012
●	3,151	3,781	3,912	3,882
●	114	281	608	745
●	43	90	170	217

# Hispanic/Latino

Figure 6 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success

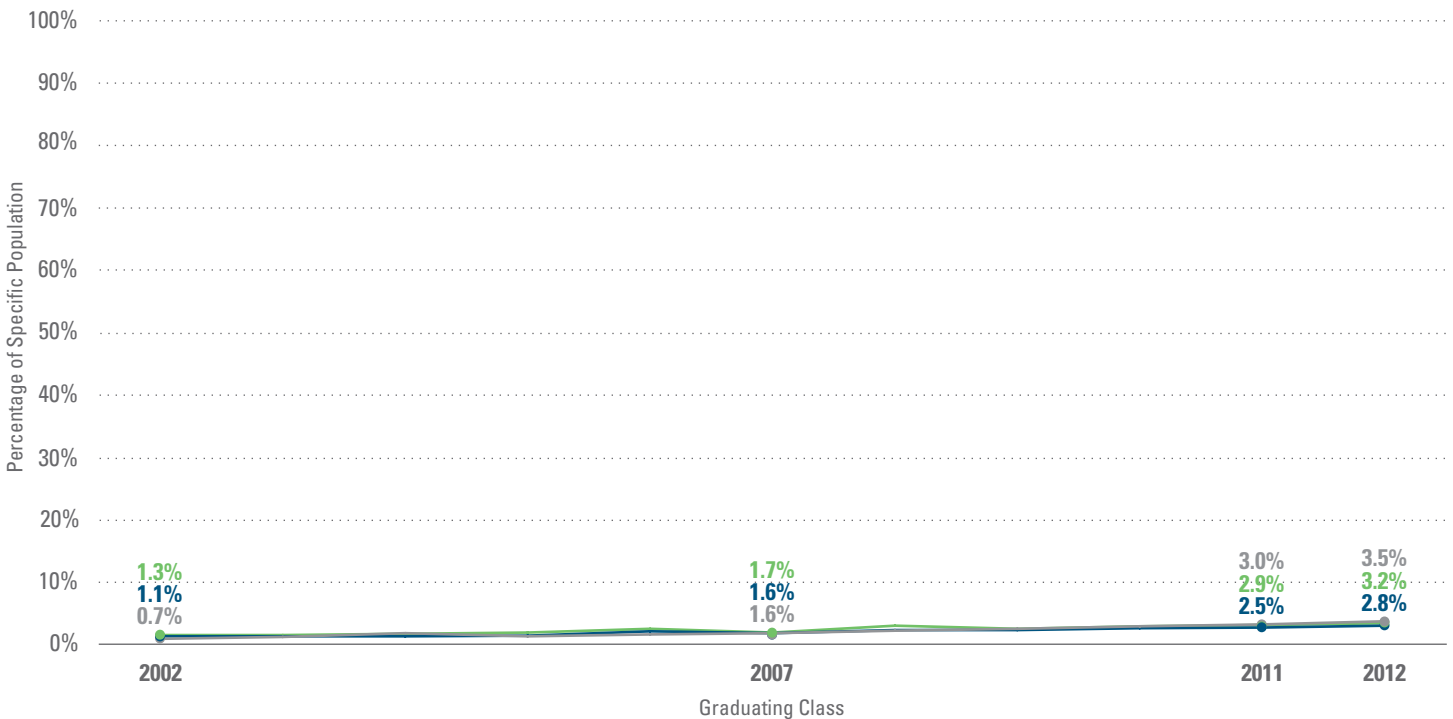
The percentage or number of ...

- 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

# 348

Hispanic/Latino graduates in the class of 2012 took an AP Exam during high school



	2002	2007	2011	2012
●	249	616	1,178	1,349
●	51	111	271	348
●	32	59	155	197

# American Indian/ Alaska Native

Figure 7 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success

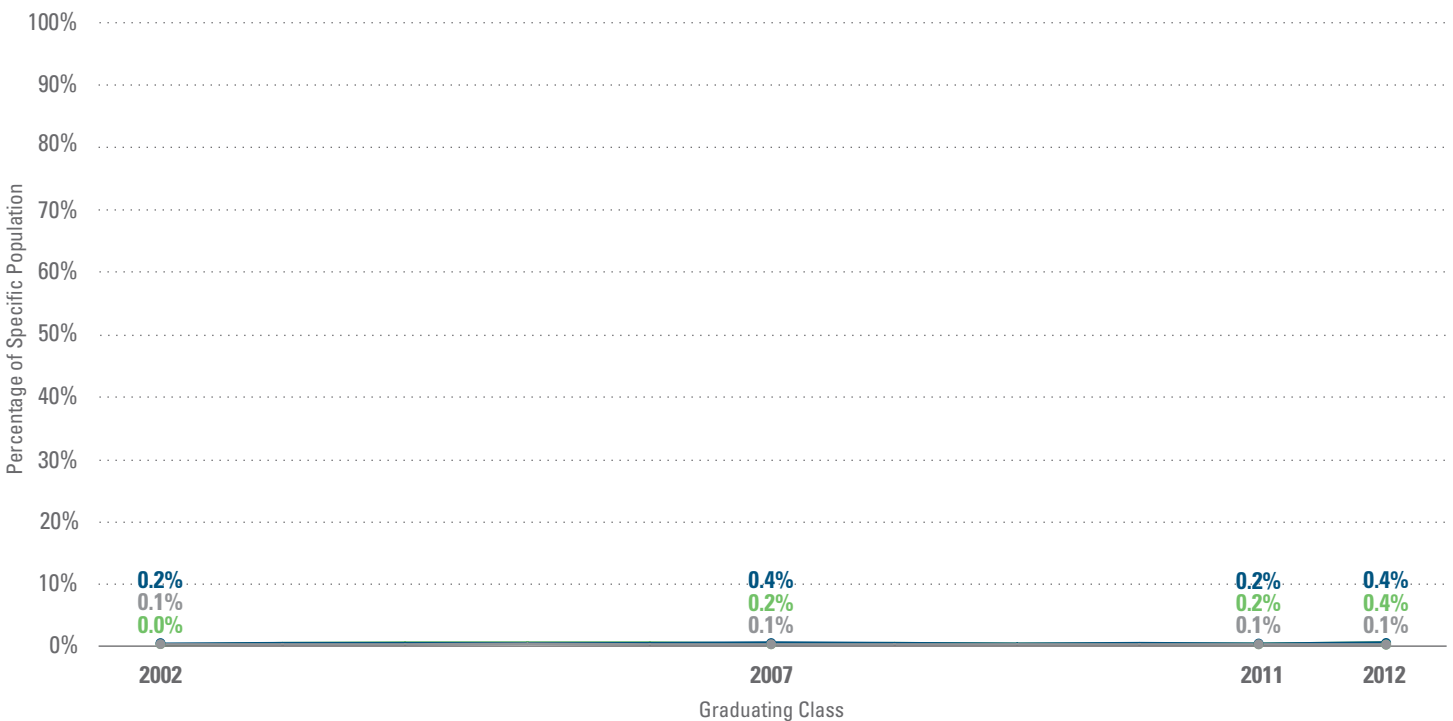
The percentage or number of ...

- 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 American Indian/Alaska Native

# 43

American Indian/  
Alaska Native  
graduates in the  
class of 2012 took  
an AP Exam during  
high school



	2002	2007	2011	2012
●	31	55	41	32
●	9	25	25	43
●	1	8	10	22



# Asian/Asian American/ Pacific Islander

Figure 8 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success

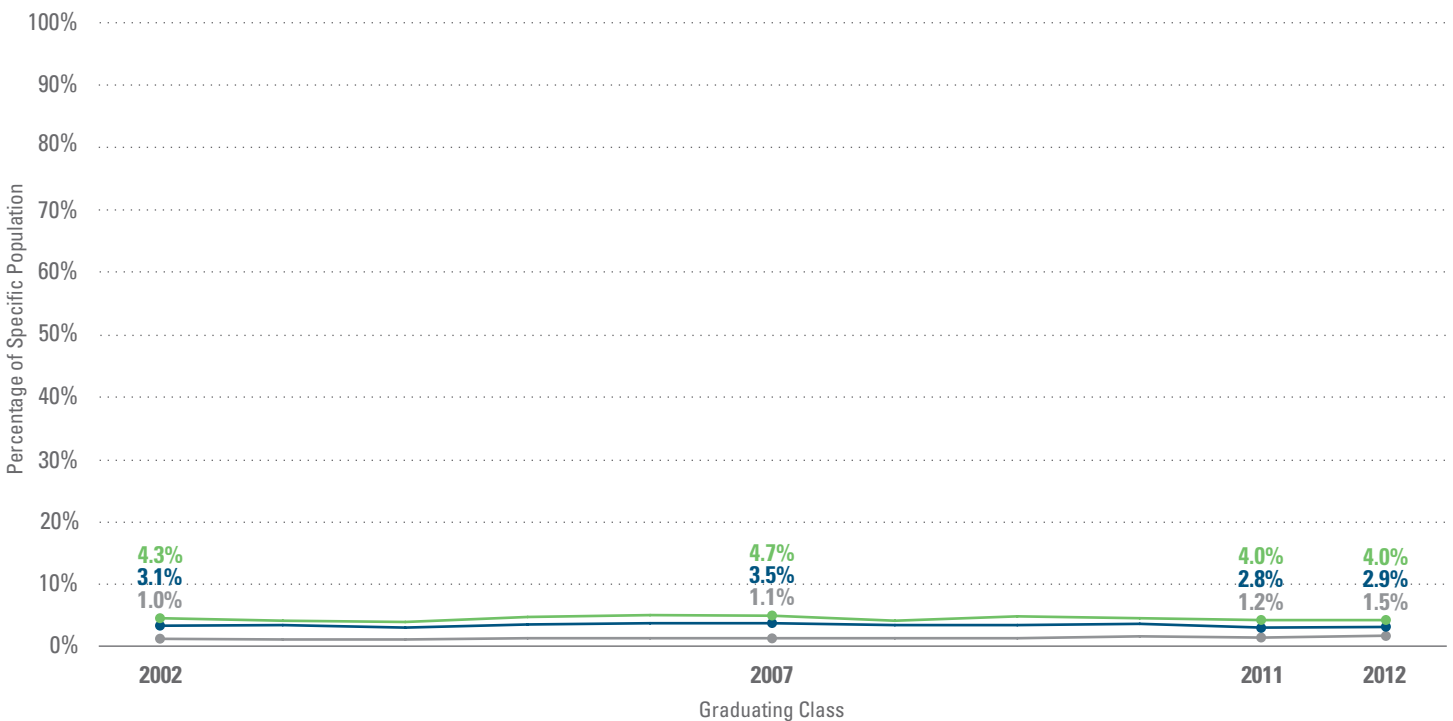
The percentage or number of ...

- 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 Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander

# 360

Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander graduates in the class of 2012 took an AP Exam during high school



	2002	2007	2011	2012
●	350	432	489	589
●	142	248	299	360
●	104	165	216	240

# White

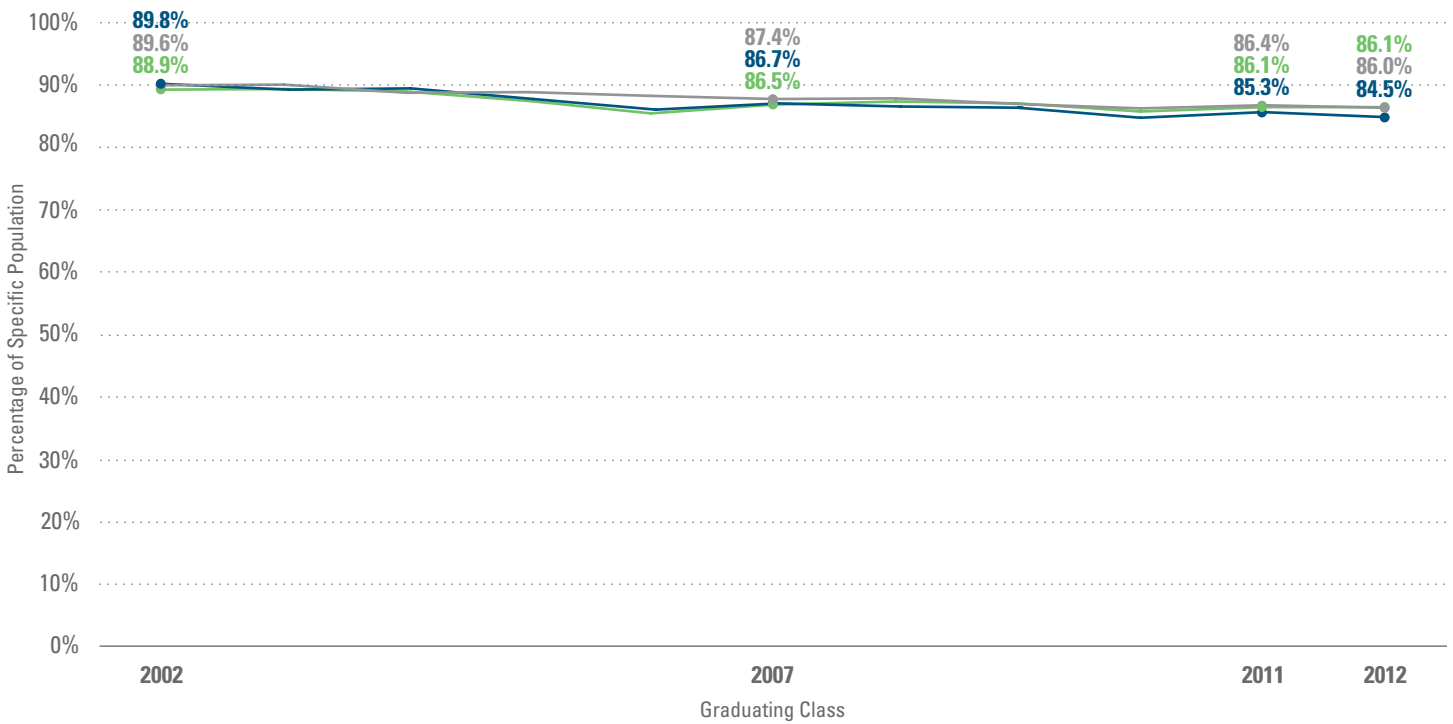
Figure 9 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success

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 white

**10,321**  
 white graduates in  
 the class of 2012  
 took an AP Exam  
 during high school



	2002	2007	2011	2012
●	32,556	33,740	34,082	33,548
●	4,076	6,103	9,269	10,321
●	2,130	3,044	4,642	5,224



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