North Dakota

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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 areport.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).
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.

More graduates are succeeding on AP Exams today compared to 10 years ago.

**Figure 1 | Growth in AP® participation and success**

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

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Number of Graduates: 6,450</th>
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<td>562</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>768</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>888</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>882</td>
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**Figure 2 | Participation in and success on AP Exams in the class of 2012**

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

| Discipline                  | Percentage of North Dakota Graduating Class | AP Exams
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<td>Total Number of Graduates: 6,450</td>
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*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

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<td>10</td>
<td>Computer Science A</td>
<td>12</td>
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*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

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

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.
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

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

** Success data omitted when fewer than five graduates took an AP Exam.
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

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

** Success data omitted when fewer than five graduates took an AP Exam.
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

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

**Success data omitted when fewer than five graduates took an AP Exam.**

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Figure 7 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success
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

27
Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander graduates in the class of 2012 took an AP Exam during high school

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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

816 white graduates in the class of 2012 took an AP Exam during high school
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