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, 2008).
More graduates are succeeding on AP Exams today than ever before.
Figure 3 | Score distributions of AP Exams taken by the class of 2012 during high school

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<th>Ten Most Popular AP Exams</th>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>No. of Exams</th>
<th>% of Exam Scores</th>
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<td>United States History</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

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

2,443 exams were taken by low-income graduates in the class of 2012

Figure 4 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success

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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

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

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

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<td>2002</td>
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<td>3,266</td>
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American Indian/Alaska Native

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

Figure 7 | Trends in AP Exam participation and success

65
American Indian/Alaska Native graduates in the class of 2012 took an AP Exam during high school

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Asian/Asian American Pacific Islander

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

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

8,689 white graduates in the class of 2012 took an AP Exam during high school
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