

## **Arkansas**

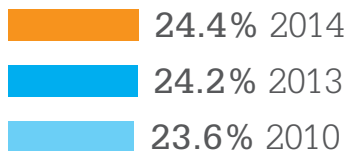
Increasing the number of students who graduate from high school ready for college and career is a unifying priority for educators from every state. The College Board believes that its programs can be a platform to expand access to opportunities — through scholarships, challenging course work, fee waivers, and much more — and to propel students into college and career. Our programs — PSAT/NMSQT®, SAT®, and AP® — work together to provide actionable results, drive instructional next steps for individual students, and provide targeted policies for states and districts. Below is a summary of the 2014-15 PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, and AP participation and performance results in Arkansas.<sup>1</sup>

### **ALL SCHOOLS' PARTICIPATION RESULTS**

#### **PSAT/NMSQT®**

In 2014, 19,822 students benefited from taking the PSAT/NMSQT, compared to 19,377 in 2013 and 17,422 in 2010.

→ **24.4%** were underrepresented minority students, compared to 24.2% in 2013 and 23.6% in 2010.



→ Last October, **32.7%** of 10th-graders and **19.3%** of 11th-graders took the PSAT/NMSQT.<sup>2</sup>

1. PSAT/NMSQT data reflect the October 2010, 2013, and 2014 administrations. SAT data reflect the graduating classes of 2011, 2014, and 2015. AP data reflect the May 2011, 2014, and 2015 administrations.

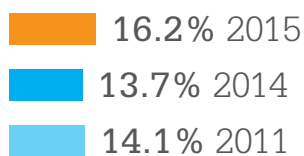
2. Participation rates are based on WICHE grade-level enrollment projections (<http://www.wiche.edu/knocking-8th>).

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## SAT<sup>®</sup>

In Arkansas, 1,207 or 4.1% of students from the class of 2015 took the SAT, compared to 1,222 students (4.2%) in last year's graduating class and 1,345 (4.5%) in the class of 2011.<sup>3</sup>

→ **16.2%** were underrepresented minority students, compared to 13.7% in 2014 and 14.1% in 2011.

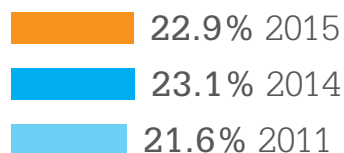


→ **9.4%** took the test using a fee waiver, compared to 9.3% in 2014 and 6.4% of the class of 2011.

## AP<sup>®</sup>

In Arkansas, 26,500 students took an AP Exam in 2015, compared to 26,265 in 2014 and 22,023 in 2011.

→ **22.9%** were underrepresented minority students, compared to 23.1% in 2014 and 21.6% in 2011.



→ **26.8%** were low-income students, compared to 28.2% in 2014 and 23.1% in 2011.

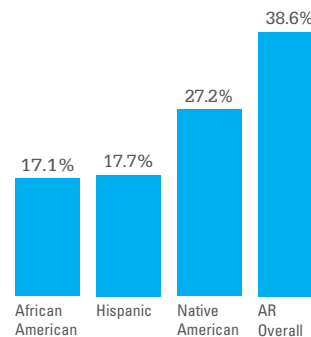
In Arkansas, students took 46,061 AP Exams in 2015, compared to 45,547 in 2014 and 37,527 in 2011.

## ALL SCHOOLS' PERFORMANCE RESULTS

### PSAT/NMSQT®

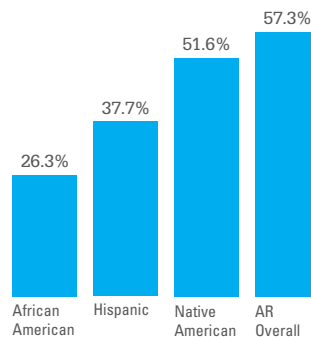
In Arkansas, 4,793 (38.6%) 10th-grade PSAT/NMSQT® takers in 2014 were on track for college readiness.

- **17.1%** of 10th-grade African American PSAT/NMSQT takers met the benchmark.
- **17.7%** of 10th-grade Hispanic PSAT/NMSQT takers met the benchmark.
- **27.2%** of 10th-grade Native American PSAT/NMSQT takers met the benchmark.



In Arkansas, 3,766 (57.3%) 11th-grade PSAT/NMSQT® takers in 2014 were on track for college readiness.

- **26.3%** of 11th-grade African American PSAT/NMSQT takers met the benchmark.
- **37.7%** of 11th-grade Hispanic PSAT/NMSQT takers met the benchmark.
- **51.6%** of 11th-grade Native American PSAT/NMSQT takers met the benchmark.



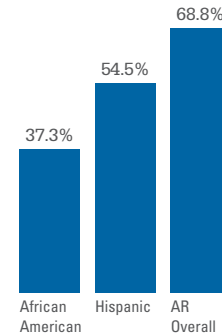
In Arkansas, 3,325 10th-grade PSAT/NMSQT takers in 2014 demonstrated potential to succeed in at least one AP course, including 1,268 in an AP STEM subject.

In Arkansas, 332 underrepresented minority 10th-grade PSAT/NMSQT takers showed potential for AP success, including 97 in an AP STEM subject.

# SAT<sup>®</sup>

In Arkansas, 831 (68.8%) SAT takers in the class of 2015 met the SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmark.

- **37.3%** of African American SAT takers met the benchmark.
- **54.5%** of Hispanic SAT takers met the benchmark.



# AP<sup>®</sup>

In Arkansas, 9,093 students scored 3 or higher on an AP<sup>®</sup> Exam in 2015, compared to 8,993 in 2014 and 7,246 in 2011.

- **34.3%** of AP Exam takers scored 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam in May 2015.
- **12.2%** of African American AP Exam takers scored 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam.
- **38.3%** of Hispanic AP Exam takers scored 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam.
- **33.5%** of Native American AP Exam takers scored 3 or higher on at least one AP Exam.
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