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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 career — as opposed to reporting exam results from a particular calendar year.

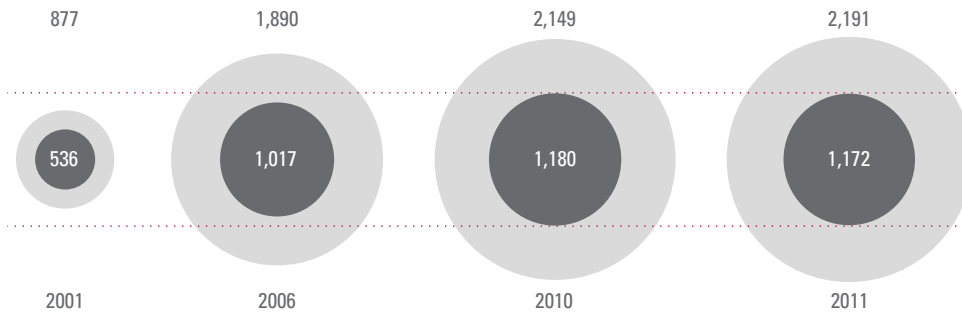
Additional data are available at areport.collegeboard.org.

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

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 at any point in high school



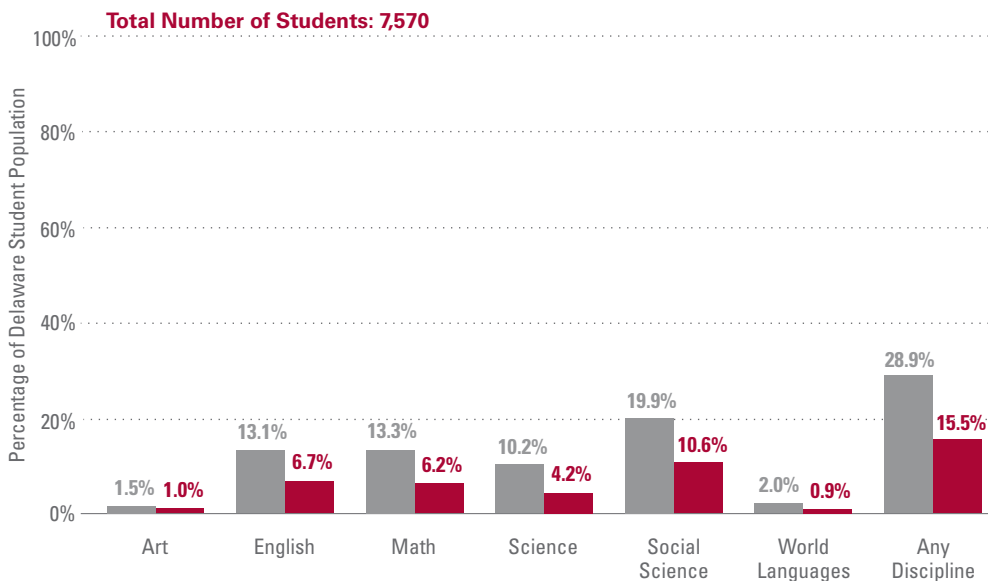
More graduates

are succeeding on AP Exams today than took them in 2001

Figure 2

Participation in and success on AP Exams in the class of 2011

- Percentage of graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- Percentage of graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam at any point in high school



Social science

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

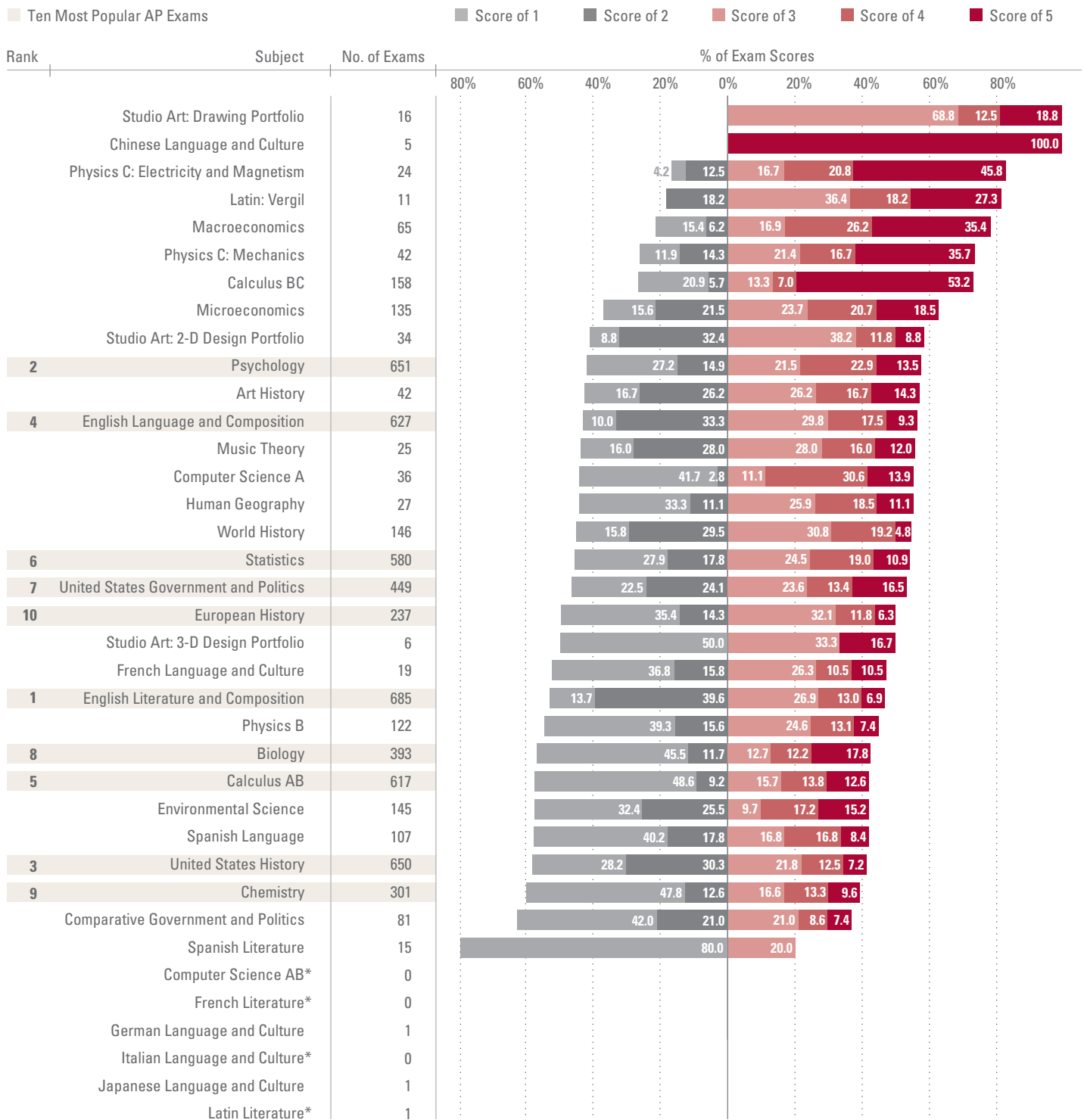
Subject Area Exams:

- Art: Art History, Music Theory, Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio and Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio
- English: English Language and Composition and English Literature and Composition
- Math: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science AB* and Statistics
- Science: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics B, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism and Physics C: Mechanics
- Social Science: Comparative Government and Politics, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History and World History
- World Languages: Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, French Literature*, German Language and Culture, Italian Language and Culture*, Japanese Language and Culture, Latin Literature*, Latin: Vergil, Spanish Language and Spanish Literature

* The AP Computer Science AB, French Literature, and Latin Literature Exams were last offered in May 2009. AP Italian Language and Culture was last offered in May 2009, and was reinstated in the 2011-12 school year.

Figure 3

Score distribution of AP Exams taken by the class of 2011 during high school*



* Percentages do not always equal 100% due to rounding.

* The AP Computer Science AB, French Literature, and Latin Literature Exams were last offered in May 2009. AP Italian Language and Culture was last offered in May 2009, and was reinstated in the 2011-12 school year.

Courses with fewer than five exam-takers were omitted from the data for the class of 2011.

Low Income

Figure 4
Trends in AP Exam participation and success

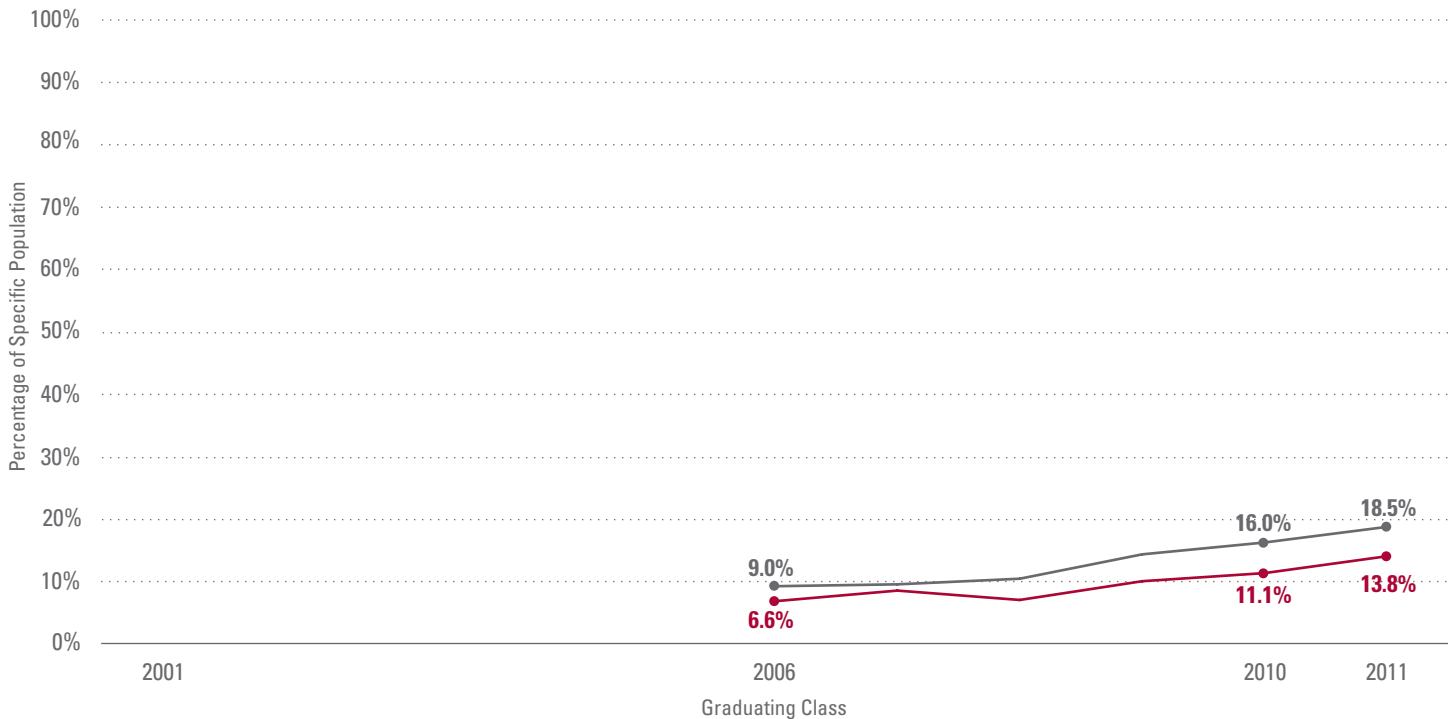
The percentage or number of ...

- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam at any point in high school

... who are from low-income backgrounds

1,177

exams were taken
by low-income
graduates in the
class of 2011



| | 2001 | 2006 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| ● | N/A | 170 | 343 | 406 |
| ● | N/A | 67 | 131 | 162 |

At time of press, the numbers of low-income students for each graduating class and for low-income exam-takers prior to the class of 2006 were not available.

Black/African American

Figure 5
Trends in AP Exam participation and success

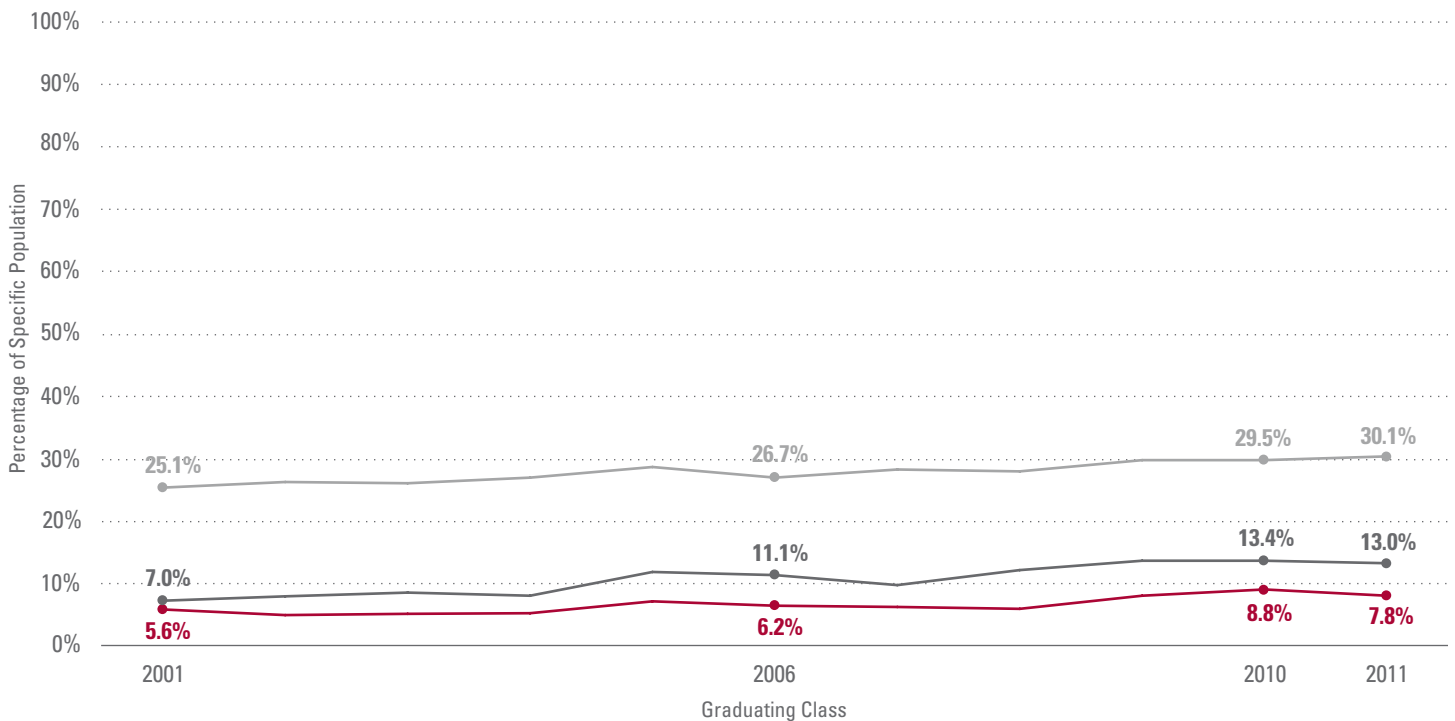
The percentage or number of ...

- students in the graduating class
- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam at any point in high school

... who are black/African American

284

black/African American graduates in the class of 2011 took an AP Exam during high school



| | 2001 | 2006 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ● | 1,661 | 1,895 | 2,263 | 2,278 |
| ● | 61 | 209 | 287 | 284 |
| ● | 30 | 63 | 104 | 91 |

Hispanic/Latino

Figure 6
Trends in AP Exam participation and success

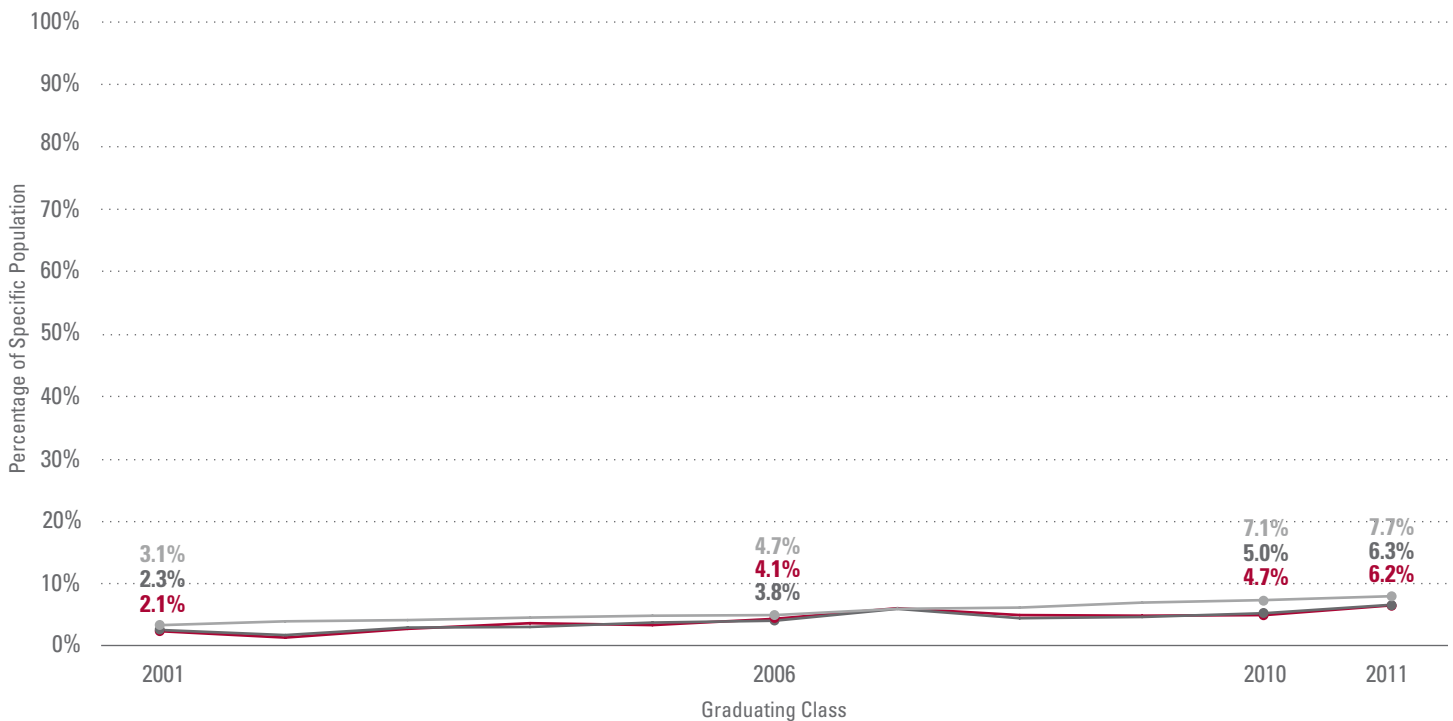
The percentage or number of ...

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- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam at any point in high school

... who are Hispanic/Latino

139

Hispanic/Latino graduates in the class of 2011 took an AP Exam during high school



| | 2001 | 2006 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| ● | 208 | 334 | 546 | 584 |
| ● | 20 | 72 | 108 | 139 |
| ● | 11 | 42 | 56 | 73 |

American Indian/ Alaska Native

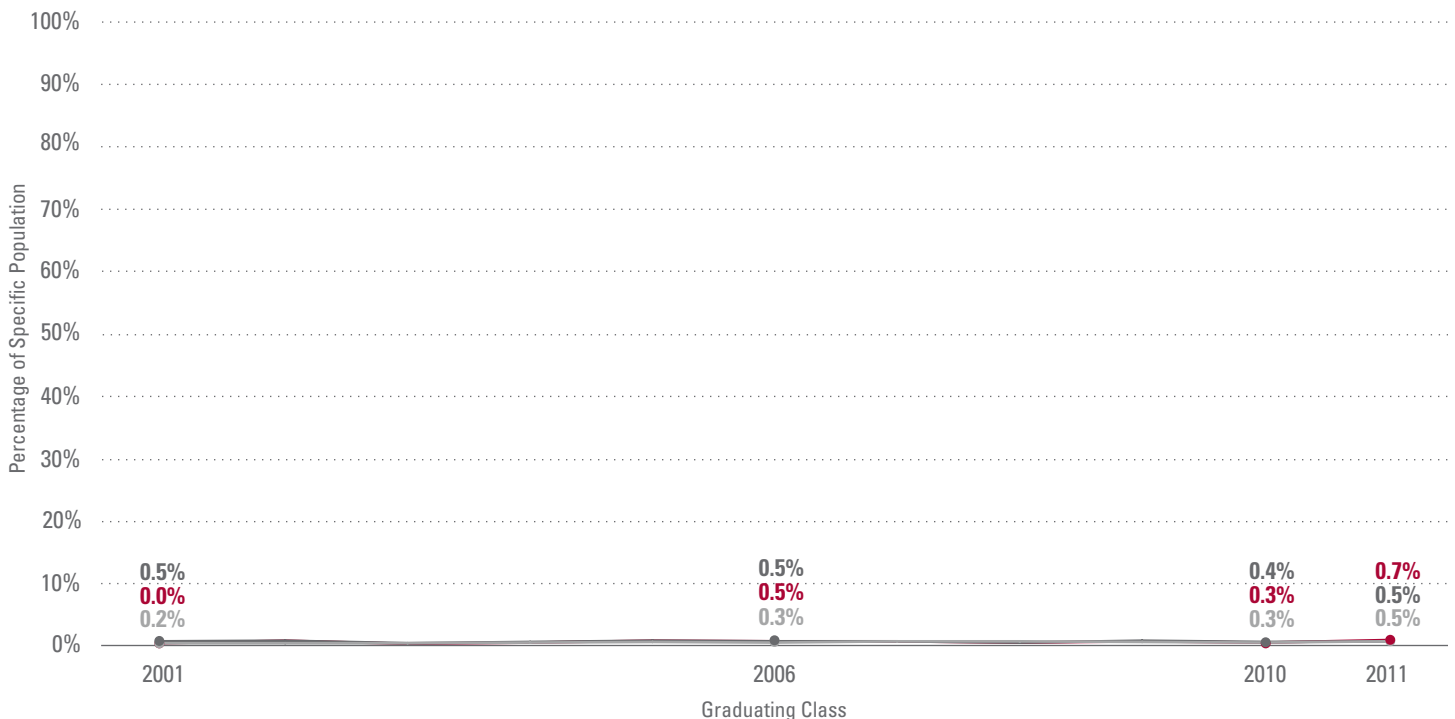
Figure 7
Trends in AP Exam participation and success

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 at any point in high school

... who are American Indian/Alaska Native

12
American Indian/
Alaska Native
graduates in the
class of 2011 took
an AP Exam during
high school



| | 2001 | 2006 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| ● | 15 | 22 | 22 | 41 |
| ● | 4 | 9 | 8 | 12 |
| ● | * | 5 | 4 | 8 |

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

Asian/Asian American/ Pacific Islander

Figure 8
Trends in AP Exam participation and success

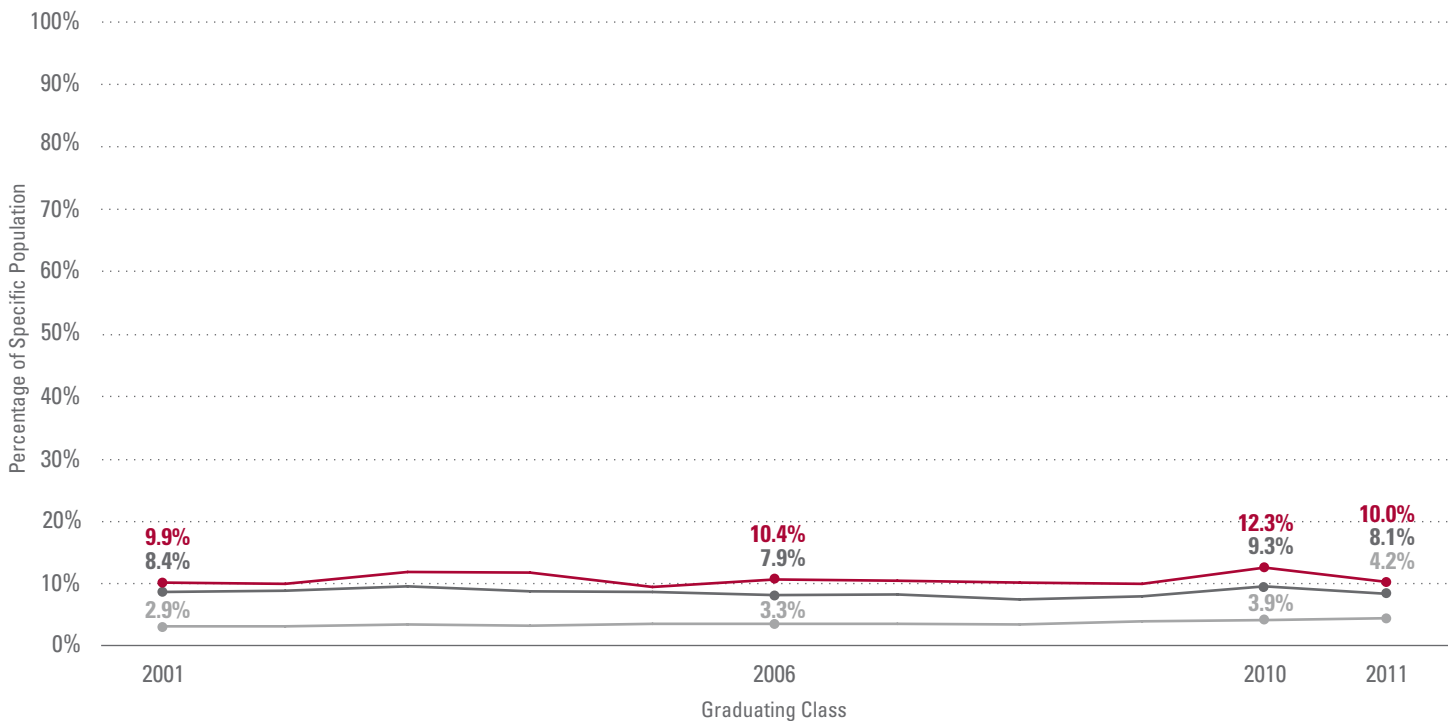
The percentage or number of ...

- students in the graduating class
- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam at any point in high school

... who are Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander

178

Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander graduates in the class of 2011 took an AP Exam during high school



| | 2001 | 2006 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| ● | 195 | 235 | 302 | 318 |
| ● | 74 | 149 | 200 | 178 |
| ● | 53 | 106 | 145 | 117 |

White

Figure 9
Trends in AP Exam participation and success

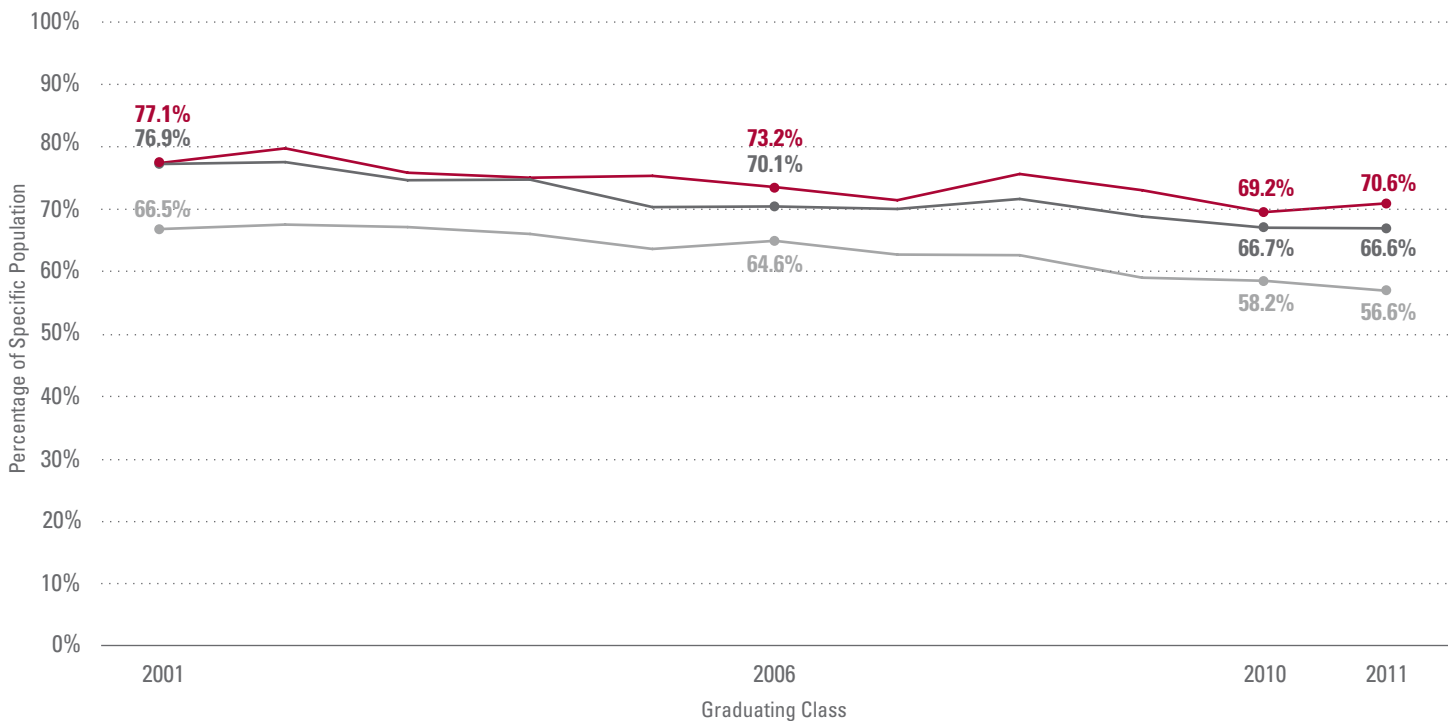
The percentage or number of ...

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- graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam
- graduates scoring 3+ on an AP Exam at any point in high school

... who are white

1,460

white graduates in the class of 2011 took an AP Exam during high school



| | 2001 | 2006 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ● | 4,400 | 4,582 | 4,458 | 4,282 |
| ● | 674 | 1,325 | 1,433 | 1,460 |
| ● | 413 | 744 | 816 | 827 |



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