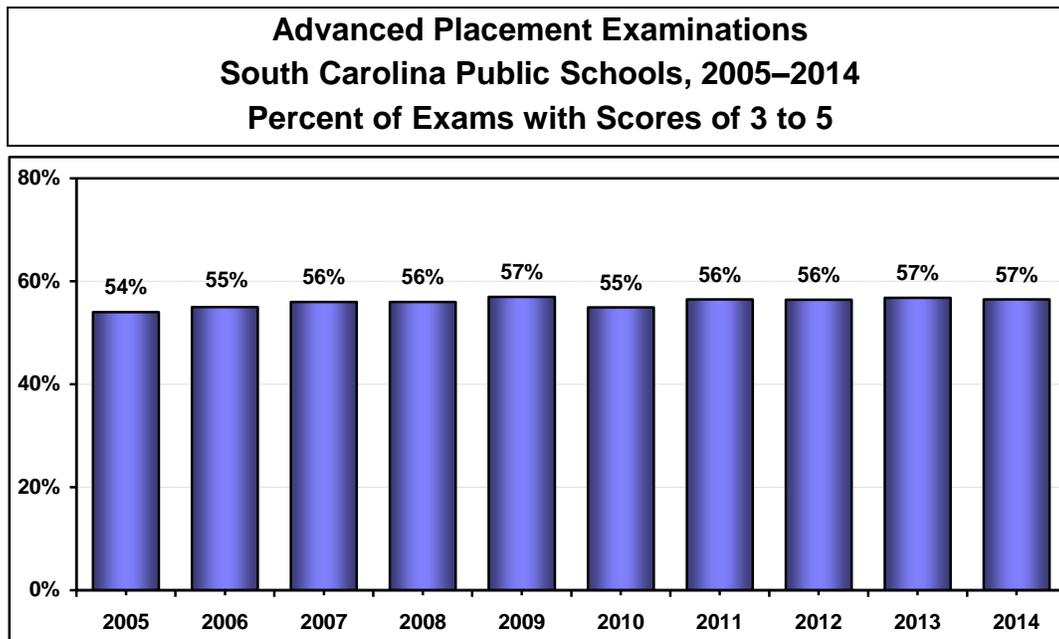


## 2014 RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)\* EXAMINATIONS

### Advanced Placement Results

Since 1984, each school district in South Carolina has been required to provide Advanced Placement (AP) courses in all secondary schools that include grade eleven or twelve. These classes prepare students for the national AP examinations. Students who score 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam are, in many instances, considered qualified to receive credit for the equivalent course(s) at colleges and universities that give credit for AP exams. The data in this document are presented for high school students who participated in AP courses in the state's public schools and took at least one AP exam during the 2013–2014 school year.



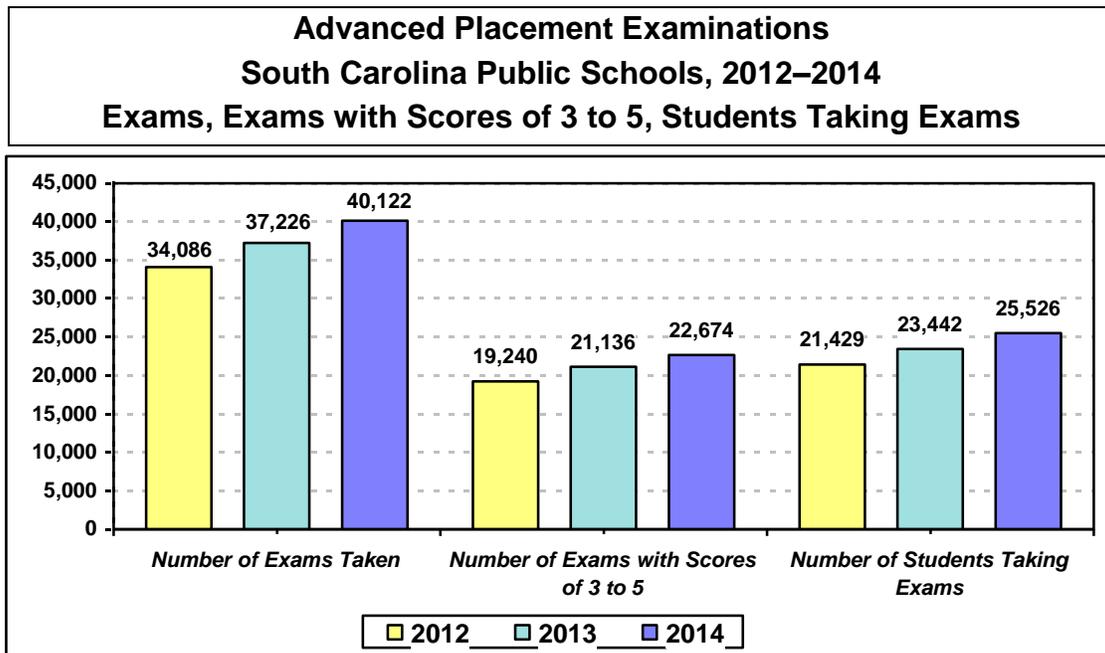
Source: Derived from data provided by The College Board.

The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 2014 was 57 percent (22,674 out of 40,112). For the nation, during the same period, the percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for public school students was 57 percent. The number of exams taken in South Carolina public schools rose from 37,226 in 2013 to 40,122 in 2014, an increase of 7.8 percent, and the number of test-takers rose from 23,442 in 2013 to 25,526 in 2014, an increase of 8.9 percent.

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The following chart provides information on the number of AP exams taken, the number of exams with scores of 3 to 5, and the number of public school students taking exams in South Carolina public schools during the past three years.



In 2014, 25,526 South Carolina public school students took 40,122 exams in 31 AP exam areas (students could take more than one test). The six most-taken AP exams were, in order, English Language and Composition, United States History, English Literature and Composition, Human Geography, Calculus AB, and Psychology.

The following table provides information in alphabetical order on the AP exams that were taken by South Carolina public school students in 2014, the numbers of 3 to 5 scores, and the percentages of 3 to 5 scores. The SC Department of Education does not provide performance data (--) for subgroups smaller than five in the scores category.

<b>Advanced Placement Examinations South Carolina Public Schools, 2014</b>			
<b>Exam/Subject</b>	<b>Number of Exams</b>	<b>Number of 3 to 5 Scores</b>	<b>Percentage of 3 to 5 Scores</b>
Art History	243	120	49%
Biology	2071	1330	64%
Calculus AB	2884	1570	54%
Calculus BC	925	691	75%
Chemistry	1206	599	50%
Chinese Language and Culture	1	--	--
Comparative Government and Politics	55	50	91%
Computer Science A	319	181	57%
English Language and Composition	5214	2864	55%
English Literature and Composition	4306	2337	54%
Environmental Science	748	411	55%
European History	1643	866	53%
French Language and Culture	29	24	83%
German Language and Culture	18	9	50%
Human Geography	4054	2034	50%
Latin	10	--	--
Macroeconomics	917	499	54%
Microeconomics	320	228	71%
Music Theory	208	134	64%
Physics B	457	286	63%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	73	54	74%
Physics C: Mechanics	270	163	60%
Psychology	2135	1398	65%
Spanish Language	234	182	78%
Statistics	2083	1210	58%
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	302	234	77%
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	86	53	62%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	205	173	84%
United States Government and Politics	1987	1014	51%
United States History	5214	2869	55%
World History	1905	1087	57%

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