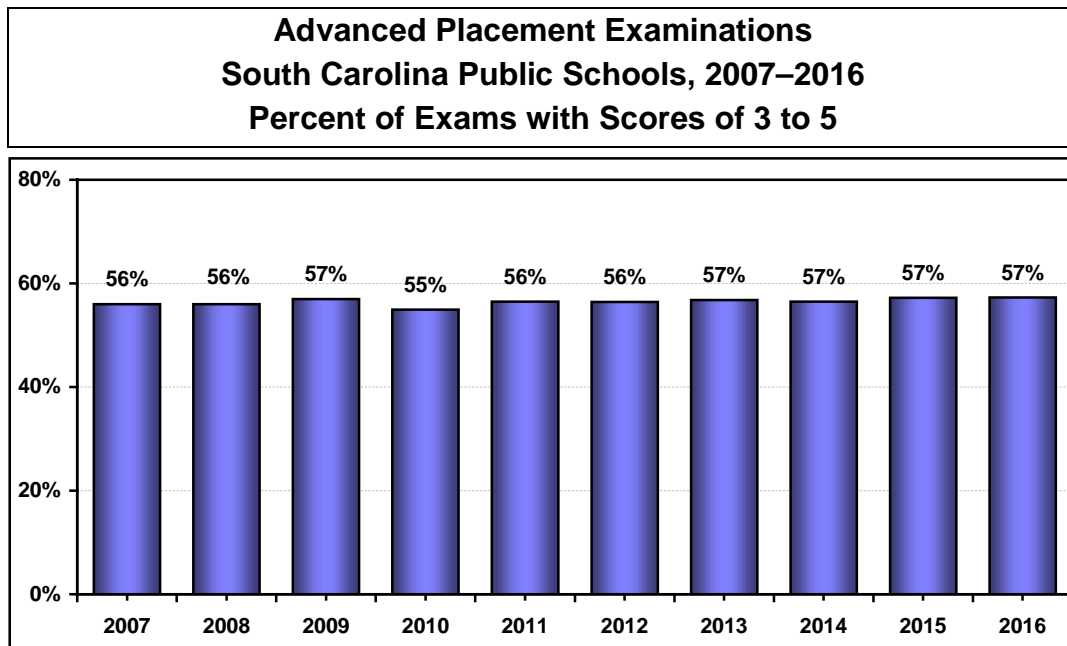


RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)* EXAMINATIONS 2016

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 2015–2016 school year.



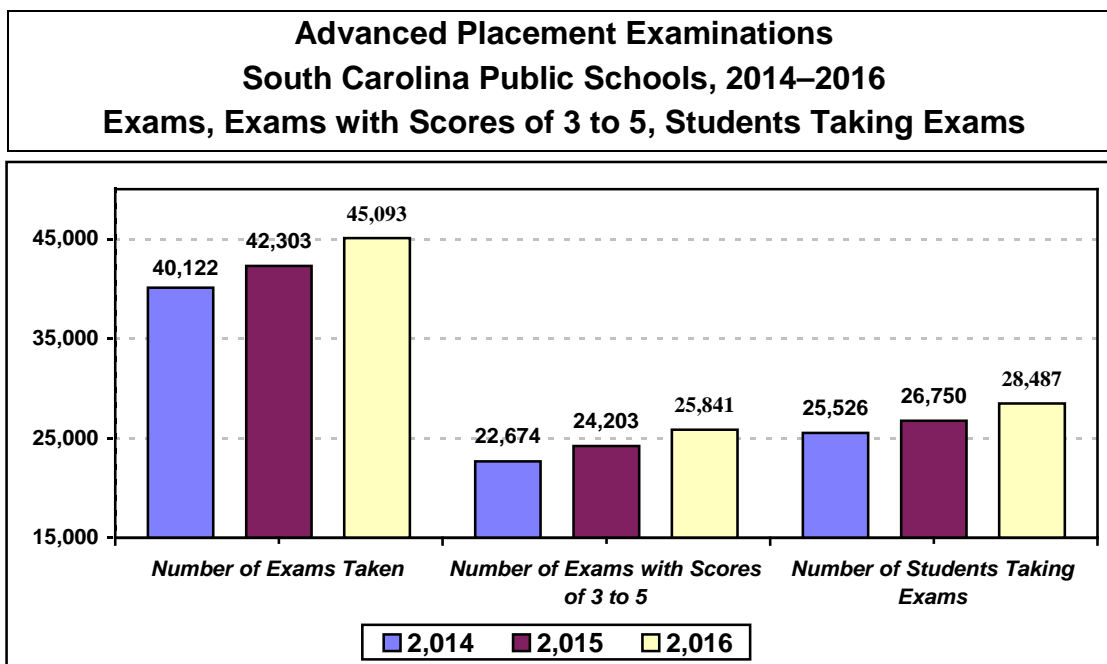
Source: Derived from data provided by The College Board.

The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 2016 was 57 percent (25,841 out of 45,093). For the nation, during the same period, the percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for public school students was 56 percent. The number of exams taken in South Carolina public schools rose from 42,303 in 2015 to 45,093 in 2016, an increase of 6.6 percent, and the number of test-takers rose from 26,750 in 2015 to 28,487 in 2016, an increase of 6.5 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 2016, 28,487 South Carolina public school students took 45,093 exams in 34 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, Human Geography, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, and Biology.

The following table provides information in alphabetical order on the AP exams that were taken by South Carolina public school students in 2016, the numbers of 3 to 5 scores, and the percentages of 3 to 5 scores. The SC Department of Education does not display performance data (--) for subgroups with fewer than five scores.

Advanced Placement Examinations South Carolina Public Schools, 2016			
Exam/Subject	Number of Exams	Number of 3 to 5 Scores	Percentage of 3 to 5 Scores
Art History	146	102	70%
Biology	2664	1742	65%
Calculus AB	2928	1760	60%
Calculus BC	936	754	81%
Chemistry	1247	629	50%
Chinese Language and Culture	1	--	--
Comparative Government and Politics	30	24	80%
Computer Science A	340	182	54%
English Language and Composition	6106	3289	54%
English Literature and Composition	4555	2451	54%
Environmental Science	939	523	56%
European History	1531	813	53%
French Language and Culture	39	28	72%
German Language and Culture	18	15	83%
Human Geography	4578	2433	53%
Italian Language and Culture	2	--	--
Latin	24	9	38%
Macroeconomics	1045	573	55%
Microeconomics	439	286	65%
Music Theory	247	132	53%
Physics 1	1142	447	39%
Physics 2	171	98	57%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	89	61	69%
Physics C: Mechanics	313	200	64%
Psychology	2623	1691	64%
Spanish Language	266	228	86%
Spanish Literature and Culture	3	--	--
Statistics	2164	1243	57%
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	421	385	91%
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	81	71	88%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	203	181	89%
United States Government and Politics	2328	1336	57%
United States History	5443	3022	56%
World History	2031	1127	55%

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