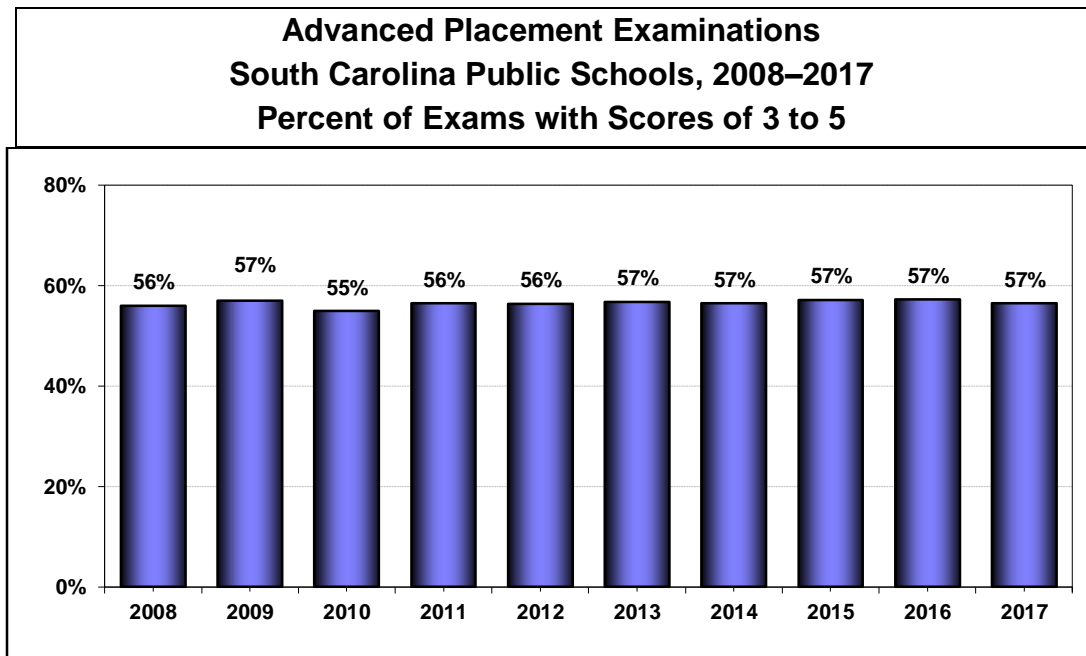


RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)* EXAMINATIONS 2017

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 2016–2017 school year.



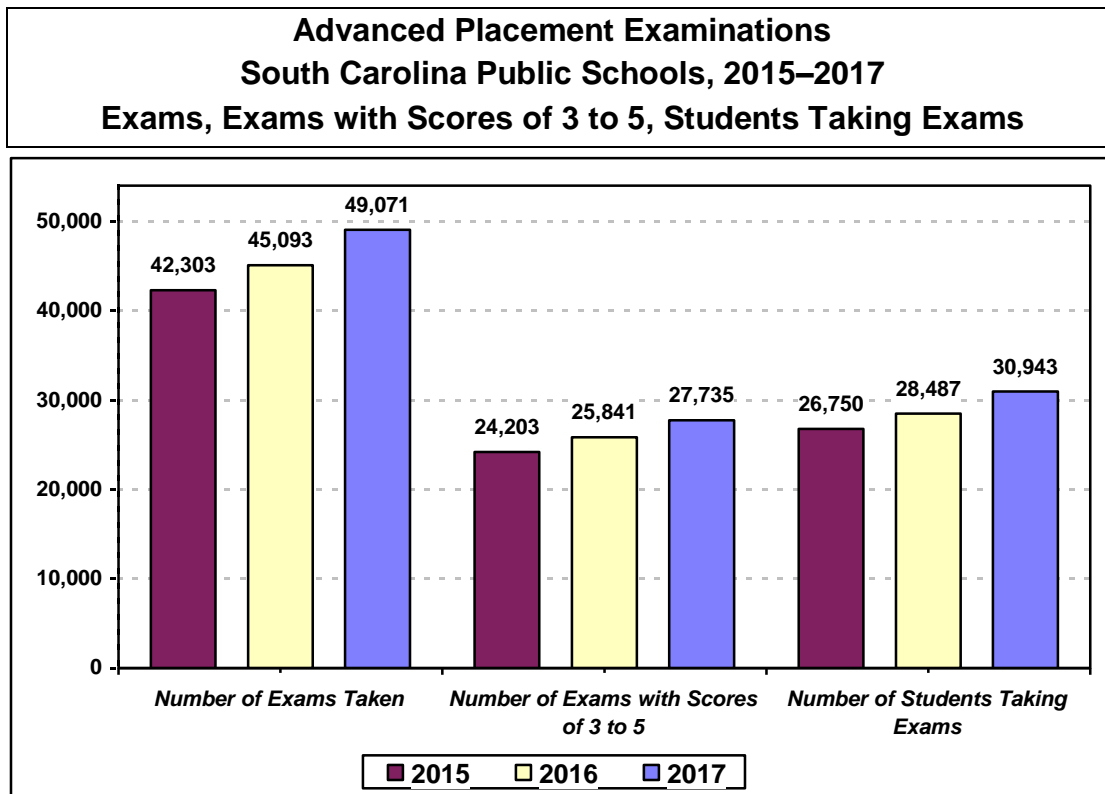
Source: Derived from data provided by The College Board.

The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 2017 was 57 percent (27,735 out of 49,071). 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 45,093 in 2016 to 49,071 in 2017, an increase of 8.8 percent, and the number of test-takers rose from 28,487 in 2016 to 30,943 in 2017, an increase of 8.6 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 2017, 30,943 South Carolina public school students took 49,071 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, Psychology, and Calculus AB.

The following table provides information in alphabetical order on the AP exams that were taken by South Carolina public school students in 2017, 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, 2017			
Exam/Subject	Number of Exams	Number of 3 to 5 Scores	Percentage of 3 to 5 Scores
AP Capstone Seminar	84	66	78.57%
Art History	162	101	62.35%
Biology	2964	1996	67.34%
Calculus AB	3068	1771	57.72%
Calculus BC	1070	843	78.79%
Chemistry	1446	776	53.67%
Chinese Language and Culture	4	--	--
Comparative Government and Politics	25	23	92.00%
Computer Science A	412	215	52.18%
Computer Science Principles	333	267	80.18%
English Language and Composition	6049	3327	55.00%
English Literature and Composition	4425	2316	52.34%
Environmental Science	1400	764	54.57%
European History	1897	1098	57.88%
French Language and Culture	91	50	54.95%
German Language and Culture	24	14	58.33%
Human Geography	5541	2647	47.77%
Latin	30	12	40.00%
Macroeconomics	960	542	56.46%
Microeconomics	551	371	67.33%
Music Theory	302	159	52.65%
Physics 1	1102	437	39.66%
Physics 2	160	103	64.38%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	67	44	65.67%
Physics C: Mechanics	236	168	71.19%
Psychology	3278	2068	63.09%
Spanish Language	331	293	88.52%
Statistics	2226	1097	49.28%
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	412	357	86.65%
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	97	81	83.51%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	259	236	91.12%
United States Government and Politics	2263	1264	55.86%
United States History	5765	2992	51.90%
World History	2037	1233	60.53%

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