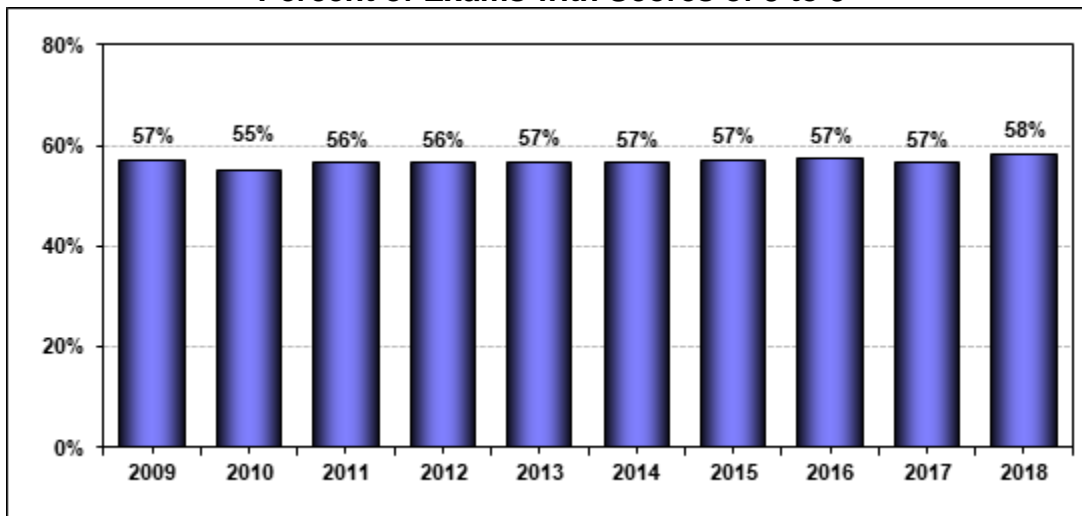


RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)* EXAMINATIONS 2018

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 2017–2018 school year.

**Advanced Placement Examinations
South Carolina Public Schools, 2009–2018
Percent of Exams with Scores of 3 to 5**



Source: Derived from data provided by The College Board.

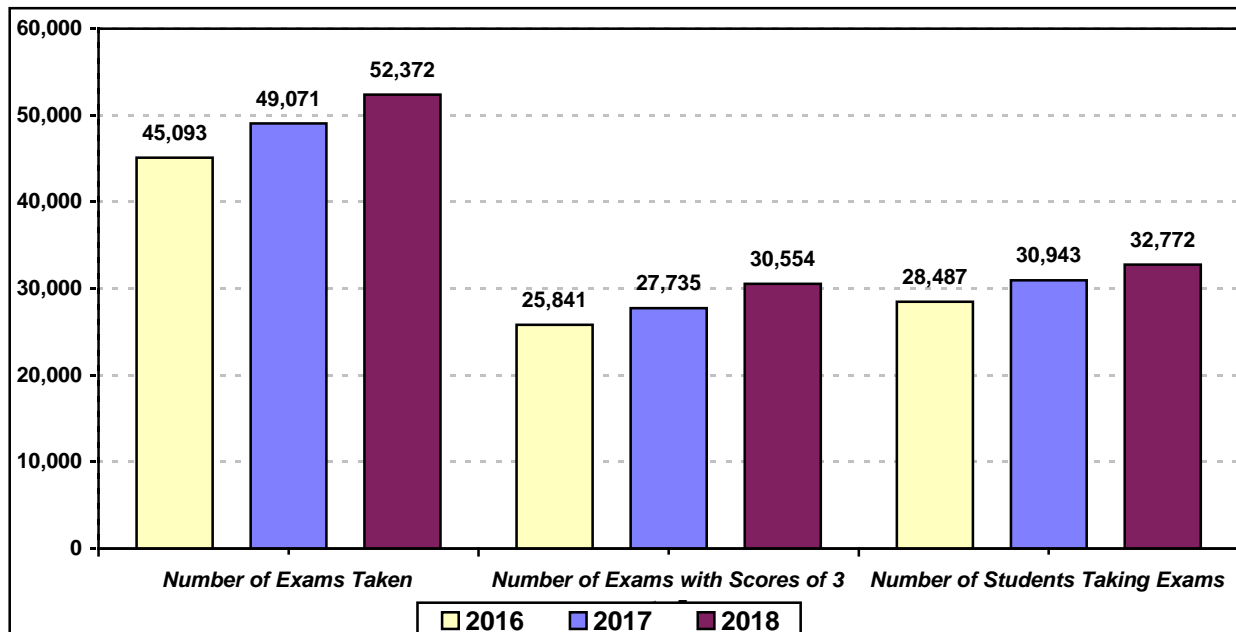
The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 2018 was 58 percent (30,554 out of 52,372). For the nation, during the same period, the percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for public school students was 57 percent. The number of exams taken in South Carolina public schools rose from 49,071 in 2017 to 52,372 in 2018, an increase of 6.7 percent, and the number of test-takers rose from 30,943 in 2017 to 32,772 in 2018, an increase of 5.9 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.

**Advanced Placement Examinations
South Carolina Public Schools, 2016–2018
Exams, Exams with Scores of 3 to 5, Students Taking Exams**



In 2018, 32,772 South Carolina public school students took 52,372 exams in 37 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 2018, 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, 2018**

Exam/Subject	Number of Exams	Number of 3 to 5 Scores	Percentage of 3 to 5 Scores
AP Capstone Research	63	52	83%
AP Capstone Seminar	355	306	86%
Art History	318	173	54%
Biology	3108	1981	64%
Calculus AB	3161	1786	57%
Calculus BC	1211	953	79%
Chemistry	1509	781	52%
Chinese Language and Culture	4		
Comparative Government and Politics	47	47	100%
Computer Science A	354	203	57%
Computer Science Principles	662	428	65%
English Language and Composition	6156	3623	59%
English Literature and Composition	4376	2162	49%
Environmental Science	1603	869	54%
European History	2024	1076	53%
French Language and Culture	70	50	71%
German Language and Culture	14	10	71%
Human Geography	5864	3294	56%
Italian Language and Culture	1		
Latin	37	19	51%
Macroeconomics	1155	619	54%
Microeconomics	625	429	69%
Music Theory	279	159	57%
Physics 1	1268	509	40%
Physics 2	138	103	75%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	69	42	61%
Physics C: Mechanics	180	124	69%
Psychology	3585	2332	65%
Spanish Language	363	302	83%
Spanish Literature and Culture	20	16	80%
Statistics	2491	1335	54%
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	430	379	88%
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	92	76	83%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	216	207	96%
United States Government and Politics	2499	1486	59%
United States History	6072	3413	56%
World History	1953	1205	62%

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