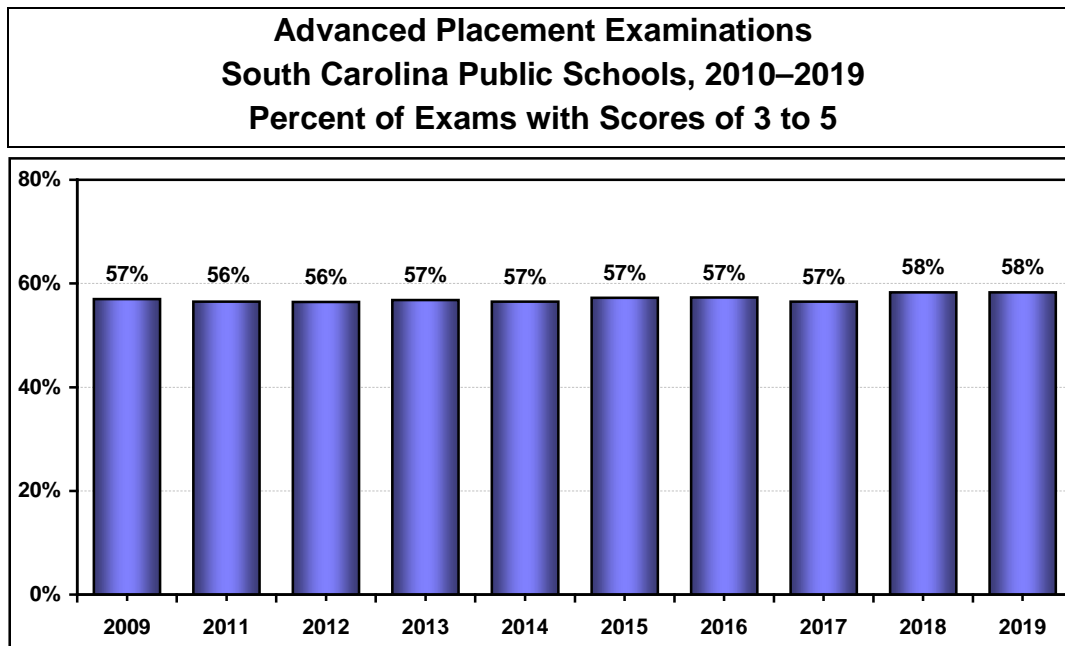


## RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)\* EXAMINATIONS 2019

### 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 2018–2019 school year.



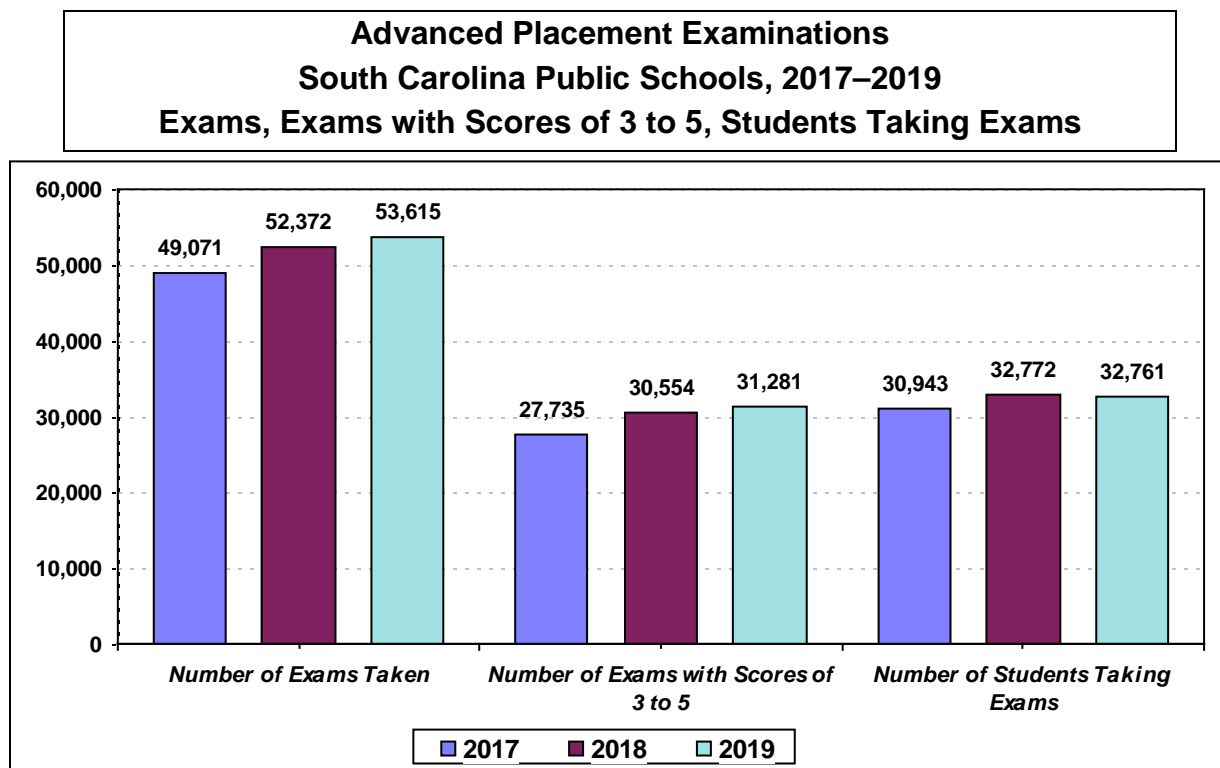
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The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 2019 was 58 percent (31,281 out of 53,615). For the nation, during the same period, the percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for public school students was 58 percent. The number of exams taken in South Carolina public schools rose from 52,372 in 2018 to 53,615 in 2019, an increase of 2.3 percent, but the number of test-takers dropped from 32,772 in 2018 to 32,761 in 2019, a decrease of less than 0.1 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 2019, 32,761 South Carolina public school students took 53,615 exams in 35 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 Biology.

The following table provides information in alphabetical order on the AP exams that were taken by South Carolina public school students in 2019, 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.

| <b>Advanced Placement Examinations<br/>South Carolina Public Schools, 2019</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> |
| AP Capstone Research   | 221                    | 162                            | 73.3%                              |
| AP Capstone Seminar  | 1043                   | 912                            | 87.4%                              |
| Art History  | 249                    | 145                            | 58.2%                              |
| Biology  | 3446                   | 2276                           | 66.1%                              |
| Calculus AB  | 2861                   | 1690                           | 59.1%                              |
| Calculus BC  | 1252                   | 978                            | 78.1%                              |
| Chemistry  | 1388                   | 708                            | 51.0%                              |
| Chinese Language and Culture   | 8                      | 7                              | 87.5%                              |
| Comparative Government and Politics  | 52                     | 41                             | 78.9%                              |
| Computer Science A   | 345                    | 203                            | 58.8%                              |
| Computer Science Principles  | 1082                   | 698                            | 64.5%                              |
| English Language and Composition   | 5893                   | 3130                           | 53.1%                              |
| English Literature and Composition   | 3943                   | 2050                           | 52.0%                              |
| Environmental Science  | 2042                   | 1032                           | 50.5%                              |
| European History   | 2125                   | 1104                           | 52.0%                              |
| French Language and Culture  | 132                    | 90                             | 68.2%                              |
| German Language and Culture  | 11                     | 5                              | 45.5%                              |
| Human Geography  | 5694                   | 2969                           | 52.1%                              |
| Latin  | 27                     | 8                              | 29.6%                              |
| Macroeconomics   | 1138                   | 757                            | 66.5%                              |
| Microeconomics   | 894                    | 658                            | 73.6%                              |
| Music Theory   | 243                    | 145                            | 59.7%                              |
| Physics 1  | 1186                   | 493                            | 41.6%                              |
| Physics 2  | 138                    | 101                            | 73.2%                              |
| Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism   | 118                    | 77                             | 65.3%                              |
| Physics C: Mechanics   | 281                    | 211                            | 75.1%                              |
| Psychology   | 3648                   | 2182                           | 59.8%                              |
| Spanish Language   | 497                    | 390                            | 78.5%                              |
| Statistics   | 2446                   | 1226                           | 50.1%                              |
| Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio   | 378                    | 338                            | 89.4%                              |
| Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio   | 96                     | 71                             | 74.0%                              |
| Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio  | 244                    | 236                            | 96.7%                              |
| United States Government and Politics  | 2571                   | 1653                           | 64.3%                              |
| United States History  | 5787                   | 3224                           | 55.7%                              |
| World History  | 2136                   | 1311                           | 61.4%                              |

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