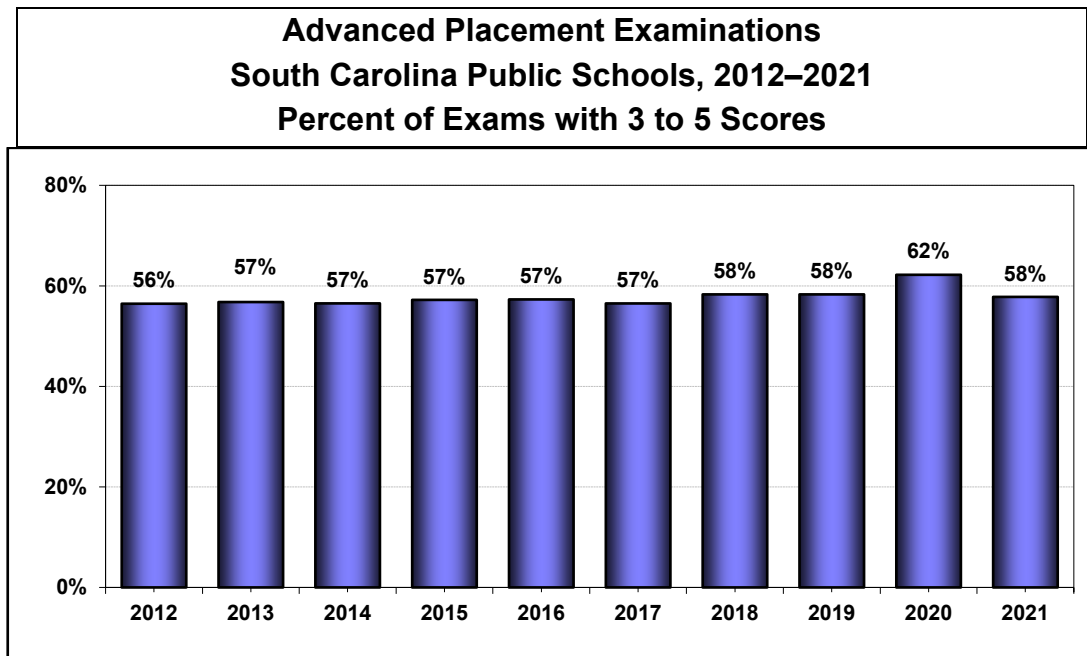


RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)* EXAMINATIONS 2021

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 2020–2021 school year.



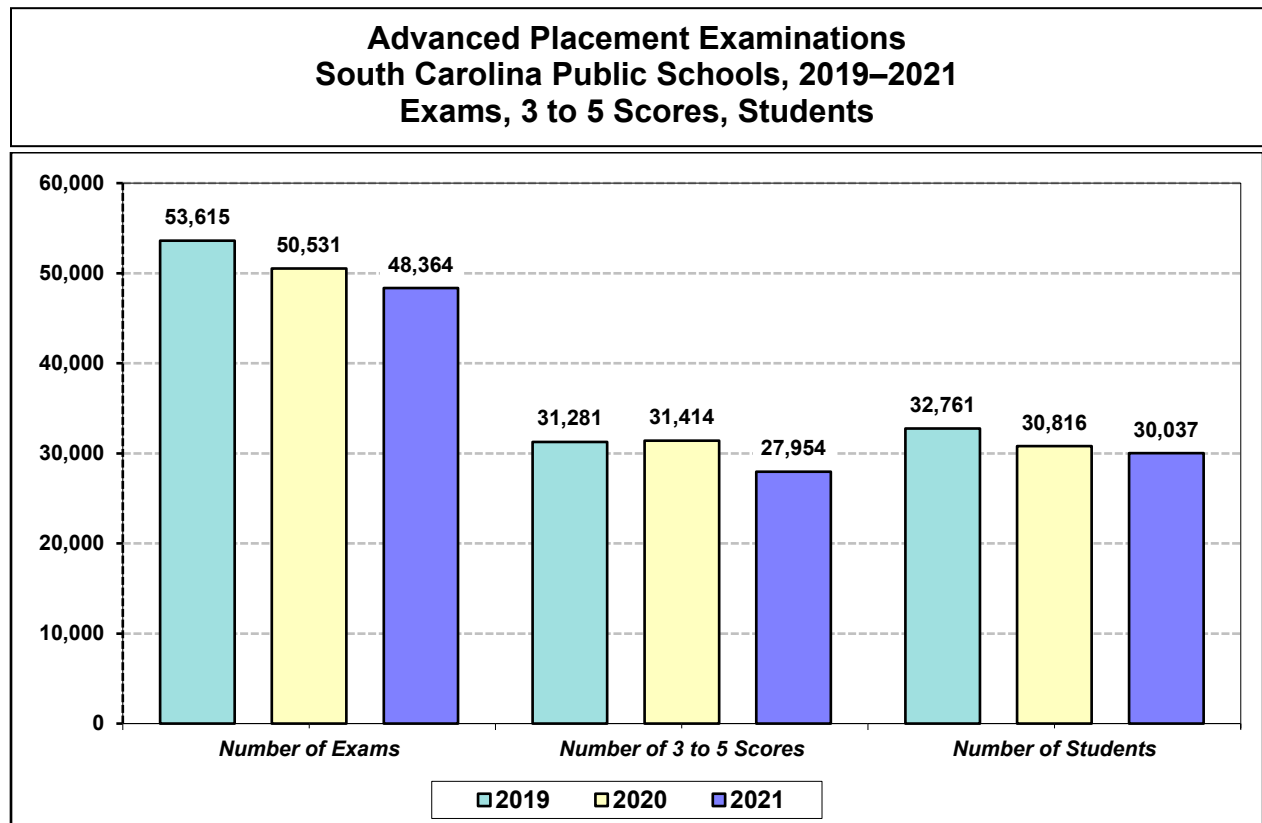
Source: Derived from data provided by The College Board.

The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 2021 was 58 percent (27,954 out of 48,364). For the nation, during the same period, the percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for public school students was 54 percent. The number of exams taken in South Carolina public schools dropped from 50,531 in 2020 to 48,364 in 2021, and the number of test-takers dropped from 30,816 in 2020 to 30,037 in 2021.

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



In 2021, SC public school students took exams in 36 AP exam areas (students could take more than one test). The six most-taken AP exams were, in order, Human Geography, United States History, English Language and Composition, Psychology, English Literature and Composition, 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 2021, 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, 2021

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Exam/Subject	Number of Exams	Number of 3 to 5 Scores	Percentage of 3 to 5 Scores
2-D Art and Design	334	317	94.9%
3-D Art and Design	57	45	79.0%
AP Capstone Research	658	553	84.0%
AP Capstone Seminar	1054	995	94.4%
Art History	291	144	49.5%
Biology	2548	1661	65.2%
Calculus AB	2770	1563	56.4%
Calculus BC	1145	850	74.2%
Chemistry	1167	557	47.7%
Chinese Language and Culture	9	7	77.8%
Comparative Government and Politics	45	39	86.7%
Computer Science A	377	231	61.3%
Computer Science Principles	1676	1088	64.9%
Drawing	231	205	88.7%
English Language and Composition	5101	3151	61.8%
English Literature and Composition	3052	1498	49.1%
Environmental Science	1725	996	57.7%
European History	1677	874	52.1%
French Language and Culture	80	55	68.8%
German Language and Culture	23	8	34.8%
Human Geography	5382	3050	56.7%
Latin	8	--	--
Macroeconomics	979	520	53.1%
Microeconomics	516	309	59.9%
Music Theory	245	146	59.6%
Physics 1	836	377	45.1%
Physics 2	111	69	62.2%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	75	52	69.3%
Physics C: Mechanics	254	169	66.5%
Psychology	3636	1783	49.0%
Spanish Language	406	308	75.9%
Spanish Literature and Culture	14	8	57.1%
Statistics	1960	1067	54.4%
United States Government and Politics	2226	1331	59.8%
United States History	5138	2534	49.3%
World History: Modern	2558	1393	54.5%

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