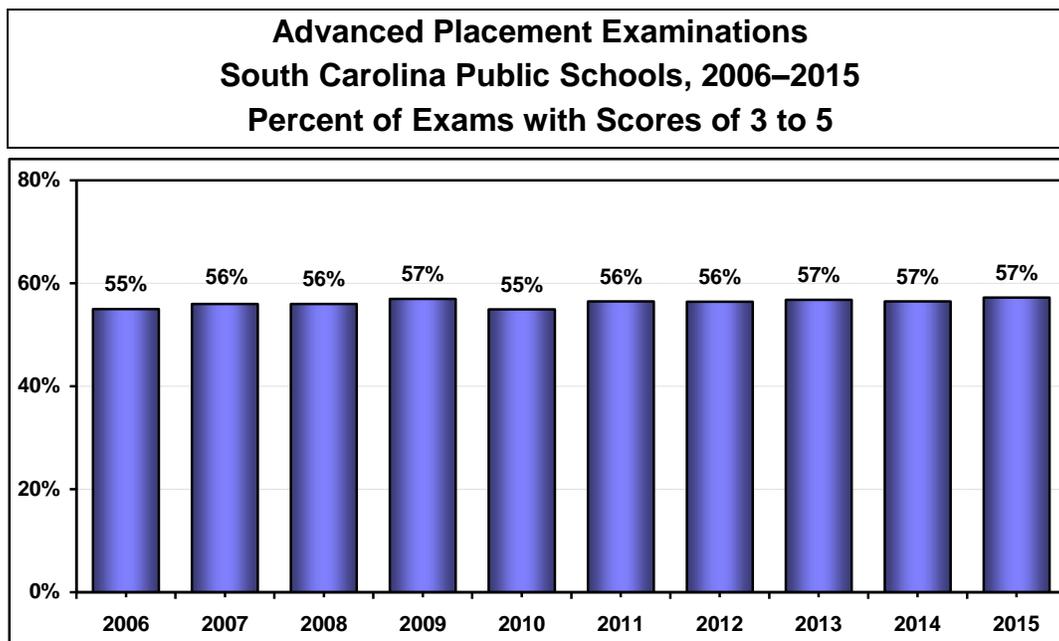


RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)* EXAMINATIONS 2015

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 2014–2015 school year.



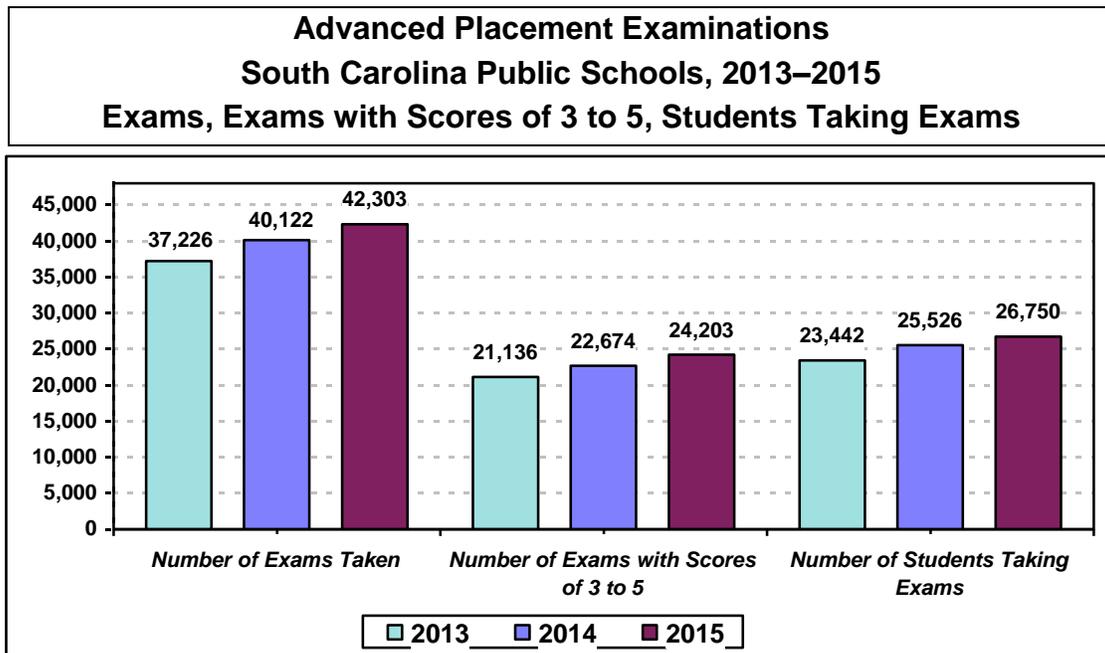
Source: Derived from data provided by The College Board.

The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 2015 was 57 percent (24,203 out of 42,303). 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 40,122 in 2014 to 42,303 in 2015, an increase of 5.4 percent, and the number of test-takers rose from 25,526 in 2014 to 26,750 in 2015, an increase of 4.8 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 2015, 26,750 South Carolina public school students took 42,303 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 Psychology.

The following table provides information in alphabetical order on the AP exams that were taken by South Carolina public school students in 2015, the numbers of 3 to 5 scores, and the percentages of 3 to 5 scores. The SC Department of Education does not provide performance data (--) for subgroups smaller than five in the scores category.

Advanced Placement Examinations South Carolina Public Schools, 2015			
Exam/Subject	Number of Exams	Number of 3 to 5 Scores	Percentage of 3 to 5 Scores
Art History	201	98	49%
Biology	2216	1465	66%
Calculus AB	2826	1619	57%
Calculus BC	1010	742	73%
Chemistry	1305	687	53%
Chinese Language and Culture	1	--	--
Comparative Government and Politics	43	34	79%
Computer Science A	262	168	64%
English Language and Composition	5914	3235	55%
English Literature and Composition	4334	2362	55%
Environmental Science	887	499	56%
European History	1634	1031	63%
French Language and Culture	68	49	72%
German Language and Culture	16	11	69%
Human Geography	4366	2276	52%
Japanese Language and Culture	1	--	--
Latin	25	15	60%
Macroeconomics	950	492	52%
Microeconomics	368	260	71%
Music Theory	238	168	71%
Physics 1	813	326	40%
Physics 2	176	82	47%
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	44	34	77%
Physics C: Mechanics	224	156	70%
Psychology	2539	1772	70%
Spanish Language	227	175	77%
Spanish Literature and Culture	11	10	91%
Statistics	2113	1198	57%
Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio	351	294	84%
Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio	78	65	83%
Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio	183	150	82%
United States Government and Politics	2162	1074	50%
United States History	4916	2689	55%
World History	1801	965	54%

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