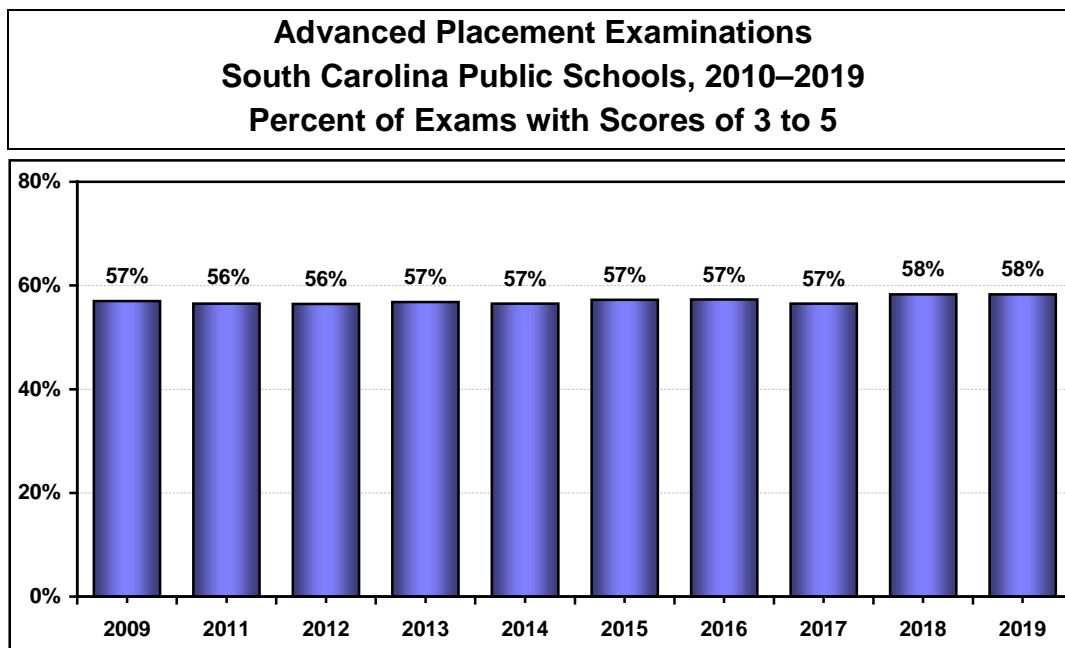


RESULTS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)* EXAMINATIONS 2019

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.



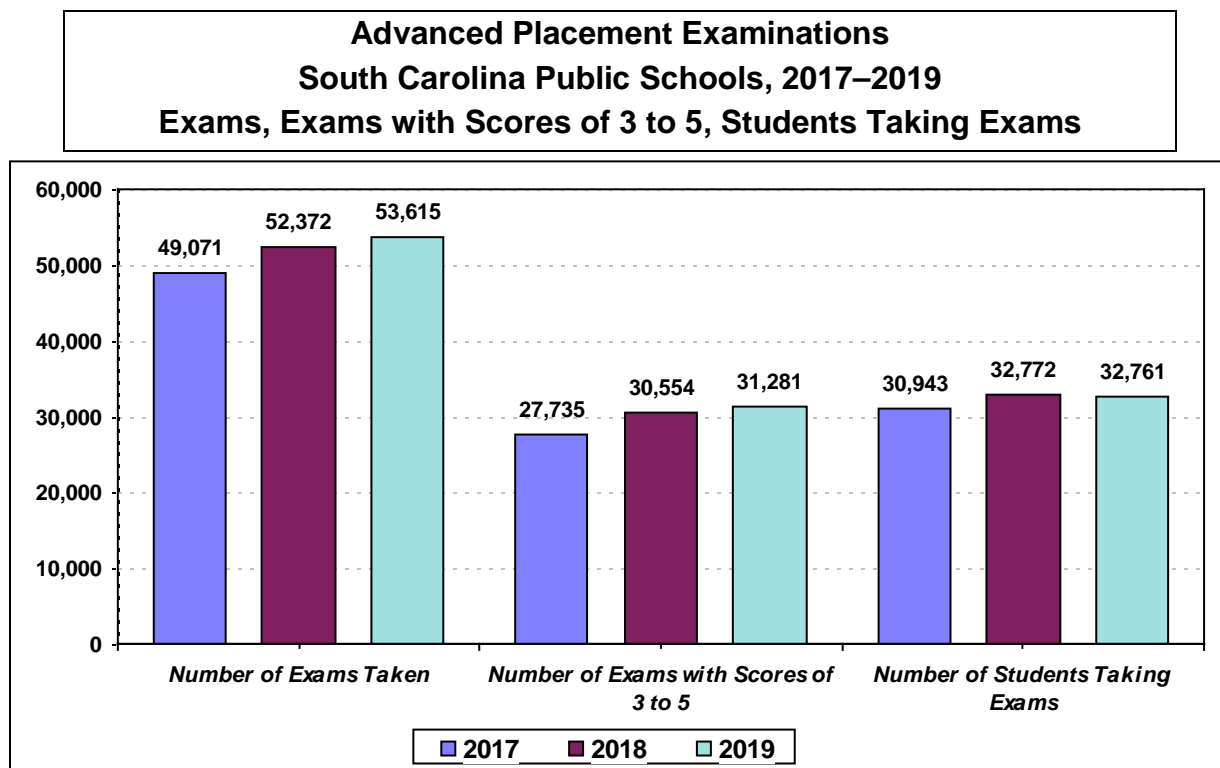
Source: Derived from data provided by The College Board.

The percentage of examinations with scores of 3 or higher for South Carolina public school students in 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.

Advanced Placement Examinations South Carolina Public Schools, 2019			
Exam/Subject	Number of Exams	Number of 3 to 5 Scores	Percentage of 3 to 5 Scores
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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