

Advanced Placement Examination Results in Texas and the United States, 2012-13 and 2013-14

This report presents Advanced Placement (AP) examination participation and performance data for students in Texas and the United States in public and nonpublic schools combined. AP examination results are used by colleges and universities to make class placement decisions and to award college credit to incoming students who meet qualifying standards on the examinations.

Results presented in this report were obtained from summary reports released annually by the College Board. For additional information about AP examinations and results

reported by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Division of Research and Analysis, including definitions of terms and explanations of calculations, please see *Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate General Information, 2012-13 and 2013-14* (TEA, 2015b), and *Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Glossary of Terms, 2012-13 and 2013-14* (TEA, 2015c). AP and International Baccalaureate results for Texas public schools are presented in the report *Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Examination Results in Texas Public Schools, 2012-13 and 2013-14* (TEA, 2015a).

Advanced Placement Results for Texas and the United States

- In 2013-14, a total of 238,161 students in Texas public and nonpublic schools took 434,001 Advanced Placement (AP) examinations (Table 1). Texas ranked second in the nation in both number of AP examinees and number of AP examinations taken for both 2012-13 and 2013-14 (Table 3 on page 4). Between 2012-13 and 2013-14, the number of AP examinations taken increased by 9.0 percent in Texas, compared to 6.1 percent across the United States.
- The number and percentage of AP examinations with scores in the 3-5 range increased in both Texas and the United States as a whole between 2012-13 and 2013-14 (Table 1).
- In the 2013-14 school year, the percentage of AP examinees who reported their race/ethnicity to the College Board as African American, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander, or Hispanic was considerably higher in Texas (59.4%) than across the United States (38.9%) (Table 2). In large part, the difference reflects the higher percentage of Hispanic AP examinees in Texas (40.1%), compared to the United States (17.8%).
- In 2013-14, the three AP examinations with the largest numbers of test takers in Texas were English Language and Composition, United States History, and World History (Table 4 on page 8). The three AP examinations with the largest numbers of test takers in the United States were English Language and Composition, United States History, and English Literature and Composition.
- Compared to the United States, Texas had higher percentages of examinees with scores in the 3-5 range on 3 out of 34 examinations: European History, Chinese Language and Culture, and Italian Language and Culture (Table 4 on page 8).

Table 1
Advanced Placement (AP) Examination Trends, Texas and the United States, 2003-04 Through 2013-14

Year	Examinees		Examinations		Examinations with scores of 3-5		Scores in 3-5 range (%)	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
2003-04	101,115	1,081,102	183,130	1,852,700	93,321	1,138,455	51.0	61.4
2004-05	112,263	1,197,439	204,403	2,065,045	99,428	1,225,845	48.6	59.4
2005-06	122,969	1,312,523	224,168	2,266,038	108,824	1,345,521	48.5	59.4
2006-07	135,130	1,432,169	246,096	2,476,962	116,809	1,460,806	47.5	59.0
2007-08	147,241	1,546,020	270,466	2,674,296	125,779	1,534,686	46.5	57.4
2008-09	158,993	1,653,962	287,756	2,860,912	138,276	1,672,594	48.1	58.5
2009-10	179,320	1,802,144	325,571	3,134,686	153,539	1,802,472	47.2	57.5
2010-11	198,272	1,926,204	360,735	3,365,617	163,705	1,936,054	45.4	57.5
2011-12	207,321	2,046,377	374,091	3,594,696	179,021	2,114,995	47.9	58.8
2012-13	218,325	2,160,331	398,130	3,824,691	190,042	2,239,916	47.7	58.6
2013-14	238,161	2,281,499	434,001	4,056,283	211,192	2,380,263	48.7	58.7

Source: Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2013a, 2013b, 2014a, 2014b).

Note: Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees.

Table 2
Advanced Placement (AP) Examinees, by Grade Level, Race/Ethnicity, and Gender, Texas and the United States, 2012-13 and 2013-14

Examinee group	Number		Percent		Change from previous year (percentage-point)	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
2012-13						
9th/10th grade	64,474	491,344	29.5	22.7	1.2	0.8
11th grade	78,249	798,912	35.8	37.0	-1.0	-0.3
12th grade	66,820	823,450	30.6	38.1	-0.6	-0.8
11th/12th grade	145,069	1,622,362	66.4	75.1	-1.6	-1.2
African American	16,928	170,603	7.8	7.9	0.1	0.2
American Indian	1,268	12,070	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	23,430	269,442	10.7	12.5	0.7	0.6
Hispanic	87,008	372,621	39.9	17.2	1.4	1.1
White	82,572	1,227,244	37.8	56.8	-0.1	0.2
Other ethnicity	4,932	75,274	2.3	3.5	0.4	0.4
Not stated	2,187	33,077	1.0	1.5	-2.5	-2.6
Female	121,014	1,202,979	55.4	55.7	-0.3	-0.3
Male	97,311	957,352	44.6	44.3	0.3	0.3
Total	218,325	2,160,331	100	100	n/a ^a	n/a
2013-14						
9th/10th grade	72,278	536,319	30.3	23.5	0.8	0.8
11th grade	83,922	836,583	35.2	36.7	-0.6	-0.3
12th grade	70,575	845,002	29.6	37.0	-1.0	-1.1
11th/12th grade	154,497	1,681,585	64.9	73.7	-1.6	-1.4
African American	18,925	184,336	7.9	8.1	0.2	0.2
American Indian	1,332	12,883	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	25,688	285,173	10.8	12.5	0.1	0.0
Hispanic	95,439	406,104	40.1	17.8	0.2	0.6
White	88,890	1,279,275	37.3	56.1	-0.5	-0.7
Other ethnicity	5,214	77,452	2.2	3.4	-0.1	-0.1
Not stated	2,673	36,276	1.1	1.6	0.1	0.1
Female	131,662	1,274,933	55.3	55.9	-0.1	0.2
Male	106,499	1,006,566	44.7	44.1	0.1	-0.2
Total	238,161	2,281,499	100	100	n/a	n/a

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2013a, 2013b, 2014a, 2014b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aNot applicable.

Table 3
Advanced Placement (AP) Examination Results, Grades 11 and 12, by State and for the United States, 2012-13 and 2013-14

State	Enrollment		Examinees		Examinations	
	Number	Taking at least 1 AP exam (%)	Number	Change from previous year (%)	Number	Scoring 3-5 (%)
2012-13						
Alabama	95,839	23.2	22,194	10.8	39,916	40.4
Alaska	19,412	14.3	2,785	3.8	4,570	62.7
Arizona	151,435	20.1	30,479	7.1	53,138	56.7
Arkansas	62,001	40.5	25,140	6.3	43,760	31.8
California	898,814	37.6	337,624	5.3	632,571	59.6
Colorado	116,700	34.8	40,590	8.4	67,460	59.7
Connecticut	82,600	37.3	30,829	4.9	56,838	73.0
Delaware	17,380	35.3	6,127	6.0	11,081	54.9
District of Columbia	7,350	77.2	5,674	8.7	9,880	50.8
Florida	350,655	54.9	192,393	3.3	344,996	48.3
Georgia	205,876	40.4	83,156	6.7	141,528	55.5
Hawaii	22,201	34.5	7,669	5.5	11,741	51.5
Idaho	39,093	14.6	5,708	3.8	9,723	66.2
Illinois	259,903	35.6	92,616	8.4	167,102	65.0
Indiana	141,825	29.8	42,230	2.2	67,777	49.4
Iowa	69,568	15.9	11,084	6.1	17,628	62.8
Kansas	66,813	14.7	9,817	3.8	15,339	61.6
Kentucky	86,732	36.0	31,254	6.4	51,174	50.4
Louisiana	83,112	16.6	13,786	41.4	20,328	42.4
Maine	26,759	31.5	8,430	2.2	14,051	60.2
Maryland	121,436	53.6	65,060	3.6	122,726	61.5
Massachusetts	135,554	38.5	52,151	8.1	93,959	70.7
Michigan	228,250	24.1	55,012	4.5	89,598	66.0
Minnesota	135,442	28.6	38,772	3.8	64,709	65.0
Mississippi	59,909	10.1	6,069	-2.6	9,032	36.9
Missouri	129,162	16.1	20,802	6.8	34,248	65.1
Montana	19,936	15.9	3,162	1.1	4,868	63.6
Nebraska	42,574	15.4	6,544	13.5	11,117	55.8
Nevada	55,520	26.1	14,509	11.3	25,479	48.9
New Hampshire	29,415	22.1	6,514	3.9	10,596	72.6

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2013a, 2014a).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees and enrollees.

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Advanced Placement (AP) Examination Results, Grades 11 and 12, by State and for the United States, 2012-13 and 2013-14

State	Enrollment		Examinees		Examinations	
	Number	Taking at least 1 AP exam (%)	Number	Change from previous year (%)	Number	Scoring 3-5 (%)
New Jersey	188,968	31.3	59,073	7.0	111,363	73.0
New Mexico	42,276	20.4	8,635	-4.1	13,365	44.4
New York	361,894	39.3	142,196	2.7	245,002	65.9
North Carolina	194,681	29.3	57,120	6.1	107,317	60.9
North Dakota	14,534	11.5	1,665	13.3	2,295	65.5
Ohio	226,841	25.5	57,937	7.7	99,156	67.1
Oklahoma	75,423	21.0	15,825	4.3	27,015	48.8
Oregon	83,850	19.8	16,566	4.6	26,158	61.4
Pennsylvania	262,440	23.3	61,160	7.4	105,120	68.0
Rhode Island	20,342	27.9	5,683	13.4	9,824	61.0
South Carolina	88,398	29.0	25,667	9.0	41,246	57.8
South Dakota	17,657	15.4	2,714	2.7	4,326	65.3
Tennessee	133,001	20.1	26,733	7.3	44,583	59.7
Texas	593,463	36.8	218,325	5.3	398,130	47.7
Utah	81,735	27.0	22,088	8.0	35,721	67.1
Vermont	11,519	32.5	3,746	-0.5	6,433	67.9
Virginia	174,834	44.3	77,528	1.5	149,918	61.1
Washington	159,304	27.8	44,270	5.1	75,915	60.9
West Virginia	37,205	18.8	6,985	6.1	11,486	43.0
Wisconsin	133,635	27.6	36,829	10.1	61,335	67.7
Wyoming	12,036	11.7	1,406	0.1	2,050	60.3
U.S.	6,675,302	32.4	2,160,331	5.6	3,824,691	58.6
2013-14						
Alabama	94,669	26.4	25,001	12.6	45,434	38.1
Alaska	18,221	16.2	2,952	6.0	5,012	61.1
Arizona	140,848	23.2	32,673	7.2	57,161	57.1
Arkansas	61,845	42.5	26,265	4.5	45,547	32.4
California	943,526	37.4	352,519	4.4	663,862	59.7

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2013a, 2014a).

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Advanced Placement (AP) Examination Results, Grades 11 and 12, by State and for the United States, 2012-13 and 2013-14

State	Enrollment		Examinees		Examinations	
	Number	Taking at least 1 AP exam (%)	Number	Change from previous year (%)	Number	Scoring 3-5 (%)
Colorado	114,226	38.5	44,027	8.5	73,555	60.4
Connecticut	79,376	40.4	32,101	4.1	59,128	72.9
Delaware	16,418	39.3	6,453	5.3	11,476	55.3
District of Columbia	6,352	88.5	5,619	-1.0	10,213	51.8
Florida	364,126	53.8	196,028	1.9	356,964	49.4
Georgia	204,180	44.0	89,806	8.0	154,176	55.8
Hawaii	22,002	34.9	7,683	0.2	11,969	55.0
Idaho	37,927	14.9	5,664	-0.8	9,556	65.9
Illinois	276,611	35.9	99,171	7.1	179,579	64.6
Indiana	147,109	30.2	44,390	5.1	72,958	50.9
Iowa	66,808	18.0	12,029	8.5	18,860	62.7
Kansas	62,610	15.5	9,702	-1.2	15,305	62.6
Kentucky	85,495	39.3	33,589	7.5	54,948	50.5
Louisiana	79,492	23.4	18,591	34.9	26,734	37.9
Maine	25,714	33.4	8,594	1.9	14,666	60.7
Maryland	115,123	57.4	66,034	1.5	124,096	62.0
Massachusetts	133,162	41.8	55,656	6.7	100,493	70.2
Michigan	220,151	26.1	57,510	4.5	94,043	65.8
Minnesota	130,349	31.4	40,877	5.4	67,830	65.5
Mississippi	57,148	12.9	7,370	21.4	11,164	36.5
Missouri	124,747	17.9	22,392	7.6	36,458	65.9
Montana	17,609	19.0	3,337	5.5	5,309	63.2
Nebraska	41,397	15.5	6,405	-2.1	10,986	56.5
Nevada	57,951	26.9	15,607	7.6	27,473	51.0
New Hampshire	27,336	23.1	6,307	-3.2	10,507	74.7
New Jersey	178,756	35.0	62,534	5.9	119,049	72.9
New Mexico	39,968	22.7	9,056	4.9	14,238	43.1
New York	367,217	40.4	148,457	4.4	256,910	65.3
North Carolina	190,024	33.6	63,924	11.9	119,264	57.7
North Dakota	13,625	11.0	1,497	-10.1	2,081	68.8

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2013a, 2014a).

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Advanced Placement (AP) Examination Results, Grades 11 and 12, by State and for the United States, 2012-13 and 2013-14

State	Enrollment		Examinees		Examinations	
	Number	Taking at least 1 AP exam (%)	Number	Change from previous year (%)	Number	Scoring 3-5 (%)
Ohio	221,488	27.8	61,655	6.4	106,784	66.5
Oklahoma	77,812	21.1	16,453	4.0	28,345	48.2
Oregon	80,689	21.2	17,107	3.3	27,010	61.6
Pennsylvania	255,098	25.2	64,374	5.3	112,436	68.7
Rhode Island	19,387	30.5	5,907	3.9	10,331	62.6
South Carolina	87,738	31.5	27,655	7.7	43,968	57.7
South Dakota	15,192	18.1	2,756	1.5	4,708	67.7
Tennessee	126,945	22.5	28,557	6.8	48,080	59.6
Texas	627,095	38.0	238,161	9.1	434,001	48.7
Utah	78,915	29.3	23,142	4.8	36,589	67.2
Vermont	10,641	37.2	3,954	5.6	6,639	67.6
Virginia	170,515	45.5	77,614	0.1	152,155	61.9
Washington	154,852	30.4	47,146	6.5	79,567	61.3
West Virginia	35,356	20.5	7,259	3.9	12,022	43.1
Wisconsin	126,154	30.5	38,431	4.3	64,398	68.1
Wyoming	11,546	13.1	1,508	7.3	2,246	58.7
U.S.	6,661,541	34.2	2,281,499	5.6	4,056,283	58.7

Source. Primary data from College Board. See, for example, College Board (2013a, 2014a).

Note. Data are based on both public and nonpublic school examinees and enrollees.

Table 4
Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations and Scores, by Subject, Texas and the United States,
2012-13 and 2013-14

Examination	Examinations				Scores			
	Number		Percent		Scoring in		Mean score	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	3-5 range (%)		Texas	U.S.
2012-13								
English Language and Composition	59,039	469,008	14.8	12.3	43.1	54.9	2.4	2.8
United States History	47,396	439,552	11.9	11.5	39.2	53.7	2.3	2.8
World History	42,944	227,350	10.8	5.9	39.7	48.6	2.3	2.5
English Literature and Composition	36,830	378,237	9.3	9.9	49.0	57.7	2.6	2.8
Spanish Language	26,077	133,502	6.5	3.5	66.4	70.2	3.2	3.3
Government and Politics: U.S.	25,813	254,573	6.5	6.7	36.1	51.6	2.2	2.7
Calculus AB	19,909	270,721	5.0	7.1	48.3	58.9	2.6	2.9
Economics: Macroeconomics	19,302	100,496	4.8	2.6	36.1	53.1	2.2	2.8
Human Geography	14,289	112,940	3.6	3.0	51.5	52.7	2.7	2.7
Biology	13,751	197,578	3.5	5.2	51.9	62.9	2.6	2.9
Statistics	13,027	163,864	3.3	4.3	50.9	57.7	2.6	2.8
Psychology	12,630	232,588	3.2	6.1	59.6	67.2	2.9	3.2
Environmental Science	10,220	117,051	2.6	3.1	44.4	48.1	2.5	2.6
Chemistry	9,206	132,269	2.3	3.5	50.3	58.0	2.6	2.9
Physics B	8,973	83,756	2.3	2.2	46.0	61.3	2.4	2.9
Calculus BC	7,575	95,147	1.9	2.5	73.9	80.5	3.5	3.8
Computer Science A	3,979	29,555	1.0	0.8	61.7	66.9	3.0	3.2
Physics C: Mechanics	3,941	39,702	1.0	1.0	64.1	73.7	3.1	3.4
Spanish Literature and Culture	3,691	17,975	0.9	0.5	73.3	75.6	3.1	3.2
European History	3,287	108,019	0.8	2.8	70.0	63.8	3.0	2.8
Economics: Microeconomics	2,717	58,503	0.7	1.5	51.3	65.6	2.7	3.1
Studio Art: 2D Design	2,329	24,059	0.6	0.6	78.7	78.9	3.3	3.3
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	2,236	17,354	0.6	0.5	58.9	68.2	3.1	3.4
Art History	2,086	22,161	0.5	0.6	54.3	60.4	2.7	2.9
Music Theory	2,000	17,877	0.5	0.5	58.2	60.9	2.9	3.0
Studio Art: Drawing	1,545	15,949	0.4	0.4	73.4	78.3	3.2	3.3
French Language and Culture	1,132	18,580	0.3	0.5	61.1	76.2	2.9	3.3
Chinese Language and Culture	498	8,078	0.1	0.2	94.6	93.9	4.5	4.4
Studio Art: 3D Design	459	4,086	0.1	0.1	63.0	67.5	2.9	3.0
Latin	442	6,642	0.1	0.2	61.3	66.7	2.9	3.1

Source. Primary data from College Board (2013a, 2013b, 2014a, 2014b).

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Examination	Examinations				Scores			
	Number		Percent		Scoring in		Mean score	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	3-5 range (%)		Texas	U.S.
Government and Politics: Comparative	349	19,255	0.1	0.5	49.9	59.0	2.7	3.0
German Language and Culture	337	4,557	0.1	0.1	58.8	75.9	2.9	3.4
Japanese Language and Culture	94	1,855	<0.1	<0.1	62.8	72.9	3.1	3.4
Italian Language and Culture	27	1,852	<0.1	<0.1	92.6	68.1	4.3	3.2
2013-14								
English Language and Composition	63,875	497,416	14.7	12.3	44.1	55.7	2.5	2.8
United States History	52,192	459,197	12.0	11.3	38.3	52.4	2.3	2.8
World History	47,513	242,793	10.9	6.0	43.8	54.2	2.4	2.7
English Literature and Composition	39,395	390,088	9.1	9.6	45.9	54.8	2.5	2.8
Government and Politics: U.S.	27,656	269,850	6.4	6.7	36.6	50.7	2.2	2.6
Spanish Language	25,312	133,680	5.8	3.3	84.7	89.2	3.5	3.7
Calculus AB	20,866	281,653	4.8	6.9	48.8	58.3	2.6	2.9
Economics: Macroeconomics	20,467	109,251	4.7	2.7	39.9	56.7	2.3	2.8
Human Geography	18,893	134,691	4.4	3.3	50.5	51.7	2.6	2.6
Biology	15,077	207,466	3.5	5.1	51.5	63.9	2.6	2.9
Statistics	14,866	178,014	3.4	4.4	53.9	59.2	2.7	2.9
Psychology	13,821	252,673	3.2	6.2	56.3	65.3	2.8	3.1
Environmental Science	11,741	128,829	2.7	3.2	41.5	47.2	2.4	2.6
Chemistry	10,501	140,358	2.4	3.5	42.9	51.6	2.4	2.7
Physics B	9,708	87,495	2.2	2.2	45.7	59.3	2.4	2.8
Calculus BC	8,081	102,135	1.9	2.5	74.9	81.5	3.6	3.8
Computer Science A	4,551	37,327	1.0	0.9	55.7	60.9	2.8	3.0
Physics C: Mechanics	4,409	43,549	1.0	1.1	67.4	76.2	3.2	3.5
Spanish Literature and Culture	4,241	19,282	1.0	0.5	67.9	73.5	2.9	3.1
European History	3,297	108,554	0.8	2.7	64.0	59.3	2.8	2.6
Economics: Microeconomics	2,914	64,346	0.7	1.6	44.2	64.4	2.4	3.0
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	2,539	18,543	0.6	0.5	60.6	69.3	3.1	3.5
Studio Art: 2D Design	2,521	25,930	0.6	0.6	73.7	78.3	3.2	3.3
Art History	2,135	22,639	0.5	0.6	54.1	59.4	2.7	2.8
Music Theory	2,048	17,411	0.5	0.4	60.1	62.4	3.0	3.1
Studio Art: Drawing	1,616	16,314	0.4	0.4	75.9	77.2	3.2	3.3
French Language and Culture	1,253	19,202	0.3	0.5	63.1	76.2	2.9	3.3
Chinese Language and Culture	549	8,669	0.1	0.2	95.1	93.4	4.4	4.4
Latin	493	6,523	0.1	0.2	61.9	65.8	2.8	3.0
Studio Art: 3D Design	490	4,168	0.1	0.1	67.1	67.1	3.0	3.0

Source. Primary data from College Board (2013a, 2013b, 2014a, 2014b).

Note. Data are based on public and nonpublic school examinees. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

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Table 4 (continued)
Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations and Scores, by Subject, Texas and the United States,
2012-13 and 2013-14

Examination	Examinations				Scores			
	Number		Percent		Scoring in 3-5 range (%)		Mean score	
	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.	Texas	U.S.
Government and Politics: Comparative	446	19,394	0.1	0.5	54.7	61.4	2.8	3.1
German Language and Culture	362	4,698	0.1	0.1	53.3	71.2	2.7	3.2
Japanese Language and Culture	134	1,942	<0.1	<0.1	56.7	72.7	2.9	3.4
Italian Language and Culture	39	2,203	<0.1	0.1	97.4	68.0	4.3	3.2

Source. Primary data from College Board (2013a, 2013b, 2014a, 2014b).

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