

## High School Coursetaking

**Table SA-14. Percentage of Advanced Placement (AP) examinations with a score of 3.0 or greater, by subject and race/ethnicity: 1997–2005**

Subject and race/ethnicity	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All exams	64.5	64.1	63.5	63.7	61.3	63.1	61.5	61.5	59.4
White	65.5	65.5	65.4	66.2	64.1	66.4	64.9	65.1	63.4
Black	35.9	35.1	34.6	33.8	31.2	33.2	31.8	31.6	28.6
Hispanic	61.1	59.5	57.4	55.9	52.5	52.5	50.5	50.1	46.7
Asian/Asian American	67.0	66.3	65.0	65.0	63.2	65.0	64.1	64.2	63.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	51.0	50.9	49.6	50.5	44.4	46.0	45.2	46.3	44.2
Biology	67.3	60.1	65.0	64.2	58.0	64.3	58.6	60.8	61.0
White	68.9	62.5	67.0	67.0	61.7	68.2	62.1	64.5	64.5
Black	35.9	32.3	35.9	33.1	26.9	32.1	28.6	29.6	30.2
Hispanic	46.5	38.0	42.1	39.3	33.9	38.2	33.7	35.9	35.6
Asian/Asian American	72.3	66.7	70.7	70.1	63.7	69.3	64.3	66.9	68.7
American Indian/Alaska Native	58.0	51.7	54.9	52.1	42.6	48.2	41.5	40.6	43.3
Calculus AB	59.3	65.8	63.4	63.2	63.6	67.0	65.6	59.0	57.6
White	60.5	67.9	65.7	66.2	66.7	70.3	68.9	62.3	61.1
Black	31.7	36.1	33.7	34.4	33.6	37.3	36.6	30.1	28.4
Hispanic	42.2	46.4	45.5	43.2	42.4	45.3	43.9	36.8	35.4
Asian/Asian American	64.3	68.9	66.3	64.8	66.0	69.1	69.0	62.9	62.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	50.1	54.7	49.6	48.3	47.1	52.1	47.5	42.4	42.1
Chemistry	58.1	57.8	56.9	58.0	57.4	56.9	56.2	56.4	55.4
White	58.7	58.5	57.9	58.9	58.8	58.3	58.7	58.1	57.0
Black	29.1	27.1	28.0	30.8	28.3	27.3	25.6	27.7	25.1
Hispanic	35.3	36.7	30.0	32.7	31.8	31.9	29.9	31.0	31.1
Asian/Asian American	63.9	63.9	62.1	64.9	65.1	64.7	62.4	64.5	64.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	38.5	36.1	38.6	35.7	38.9	38.2	34.9	42.3	34.4
English literature and composition	68.9	68.1	68.2	68.1	63.1	66.0	62.6	64.9	61.9
White	72.1	71.6	72.4	73.5	68.1	71.6	68.0	71.4	68.7
Black	36.0	35.0	35.1	33.1	30.2	31.3	30.5	30.2	26.2
Hispanic	46.8	46.5	44.6	42.9	37.5	39.6	38.3	38.5	36.3
Asian/Asian American	70.0	69.8	67.6	69.7	63.3	65.9	63.4	64.4	63.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	55.1	51.9	52.2	56.3	42.9	47.7	45.1	49.0	42.9
Physics B	59.8	65.9	61.8	58.2	58.7	59.4	59.8	57.0	59.2
White	61.1	68.7	64.9	61.8	62.4	63.4	63.2	61.4	63.3
Black	33.1	35.5	28.2	25.1	24.0	25.9	26.9	23.1	22.6
Hispanic	41.8	41.2	35.3	32.6	33.4	32.7	35.3	30.7	31.7
Asian/Asian American	61.1	65.3	62.5	57.9	59.4	59.8	61.6	57.1	63.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	46.7	56.9	41.1	49.5	43.0	47.7	42.1	44.9	45.3
U.S. history	54.7	53.7	50.8	53.9	50.9	53.7	51.6	56.7	50.4
White	56.2	55.1	52.9	57.2	54.6	57.6	55.8	61.3	55.1
Black	29.3	29.1	25.5	28.3	25.1	28.3	25.2	29.6	23.8
Hispanic	38.0	35.8	31.3	32.0	27.6	30.1	27.7	31.7	27.4
Asian/Asian American	58.4	57.6	53.6	55.6	53.5	57.2	54.9	61.2	56.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	37.9	42.3	38.0	42.7	38.9	37.6	37.8	42.1	36.7

NOTE: Total averages for all examinations and by subject area include other race/ethnicity categories not separately shown. Biology, calculus AB, chemistry, English literature and composition, physics B, and U.S. history are some of the most frequently taken AP exams. The grades for all AP exams range from 1.0 to 5.0, with 5.0 being the highest score. Data reported are for all students who completed an AP exam. The College Board collects racial/ethnic information based on the categories American Indian/Alaska Native; Asian/Asian American; Black/Afro-American; Latino: Chicano/Mexican, Puerto Rican, Other Latino; White; and Other. Hispanic refers to the sum of all Latino subgroups. Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity.

SOURCE: The College Board, Advanced Placement Program. (1997–2005). *National Summary Reports*.