



1-Year Percentage Point Change in the Percentage of Graduates Earning a 3 or Higher on an AP® Exam During High School, by State

	1-Year Percentage Point Change	Percentage of Graduating Class	
		2014	2015
District of Columbia	4.0	15.0	19.0
Massachusetts	2.1	29.4	31.5
Georgia	1.8	22.2	24.0
Louisiana	1.8	6.2	8.0
North Dakota	1.7	9.2	10.9
Alaska	1.6	14.7	16.3
Rhode Island	1.5	17.0	18.5
Illinois	1.4	23.6	25.0
North Carolina	1.3	20.4	21.7
Alabama	1.2	11.5	12.7
New Hampshire	1.2	18.4	19.6
New Jersey	1.2	24.9	26.1
California	1.1	29.1	30.2
Kentucky	1.1	17.9	19.0
New Mexico	1.1	12.0	13.1
Pennsylvania	1.1	17.0	18.1
South Carolina	1.1	19.1	20.2
Wisconsin	1.1	23.6	24.7
Arkansas	1.0	16.9	17.9
Colorado	1.0	26.8	27.8
Arizona	0.9	15.2	16.1
Oregon	0.9	15.5	16.4
Tennessee	0.9	10.8	11.7
Minnesota	0.8	21.2	22.0
Missouri	0.8	10.5	11.3
Ohio	0.8	16.0	16.8
UNITED STATES	0.8	21.6	22.4
Florida	0.7	30.0	30.7
Hawaii	0.7	13.5	14.2
Indiana	0.7	18.1	18.8
Mississippi	0.7	5.1	5.8
Nebraska	0.7	10.6	11.3
Wyoming	0.7	10.7	11.4
Maine	0.6	21.3	21.9
Texas	0.6	20.2	20.8
Washington	0.6	22.0	22.6
West Virginia	0.6	10.2	10.8
Iowa	0.5	12.2	12.7
Nevada	0.5	20.9	21.4
Oklahoma	0.5	11.5	12.0
Utah	0.5	25.2	25.7
Delaware	0.4	18.0	18.4
Connecticut	0.3	30.1	30.4
Michigan	0.2	19.4	19.6
Kansas	-0.1	11.1	11.0
Maryland	-0.1	31.8	31.7
Montana	-0.1	13.8	13.7
Vermont	-0.1	23.9	23.8
New York	-0.2	26.6	26.4
Virginia	-0.2	30.0	29.8
South Dakota	-0.3	12.8	12.5
Idaho	-0.5	13.1	12.6

What do the data show?

District of Columbia

had a 4.0 point increase since 2014 in the percentage of public high school graduates earning a 3 or higher on an AP® Exam, leading the nation.

0.8 point increase since 2014 in the percentage of U.S. public high school graduates scoring 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

This figure represents U.S. public school students and looks at students' entire high school experience with AP (i.e., exams taken by members of the class of 2014 and the class of 2015 throughout their time in high school). References to the total number of high school graduates are projections supplied in *Knocking at the College Door* (WICHE, 2012). States with a tie in the rankings are listed alphabetically.