



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

	10-Year Percentage Point Change	Percentage of Graduating Class	
		2005	2015
Massachusetts	13.7	17.8	31.5
Connecticut	13.4	17.0	30.4
Florida	13.4	17.3	30.7
Illinois	11.7	13.3	25.0
California	11.6	18.6	30.2
Colorado	11.6	16.2	27.8
District of Columbia	11.5	7.5	19.0
Virginia	11.2	18.6	29.8
Kentucky	11.1	7.9	19.0
Maryland	11.1	20.6	31.7
Minnesota	10.9	11.1	22.0
Wisconsin	10.9	13.8	24.7
Georgia	10.7	13.3	24.0
Rhode Island	10.6	7.9	18.5
New Jersey	10.4	15.7	26.1
Arkansas	10.2	7.7	17.9
Washington	10.0	12.6	22.6
Indiana	9.8	9.0	18.8
UNITED STATES	9.1	13.3	22.4
Vermont	9.0	14.8	23.8
Arizona	8.6	7.5	16.1
Michigan	8.4	11.2	19.6
Nevada	8.2	13.2	21.4
Pennsylvania	8.0	10.1	18.1
New Hampshire	7.8	11.8	19.6
Alabama	7.6	5.1	12.7
Texas	7.5	13.3	20.8
Maine	7.4	14.5	21.9
Ohio	7.4	9.4	16.8
South Carolina	7.3	12.9	20.2
Nebraska	7.1	4.2	11.3
Hawaii	6.8	7.4	14.2
Oregon	6.6	9.8	16.4
Utah	6.3	19.4	25.7
Iowa	6.2	6.5	12.7
North Carolina	6.2	15.5	21.7
Delaware	5.9	12.5	18.4
Louisiana	5.7	2.3	8.0
Missouri	5.7	5.6	11.3
Wyoming	5.6	5.8	11.4
New York	5.5	20.9	26.4
West Virginia	5.2	5.6	10.8
Kansas	4.9	6.1	11.0
North Dakota	4.9	6.0	10.9
New Mexico	4.6	8.5	13.1
Montana	4.0	9.7	13.7
Tennessee	4.0	7.7	11.7
South Dakota	3.8	8.7	12.5
Oklahoma	3.7	8.3	12.0
Alaska	3.5	12.8	16.3
Idaho	3.4	9.2	12.6
Mississippi	2.7	3.1	5.8

What do the data show?

Massachusetts

had a 13.7 point increase over 10 years in the percentage of public high school graduates earning a 3 or higher on an AP Exam, leading the nation.

9.1 point increase since 2005 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 2005 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.