



AP[®] Cohort Data Report

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024



**ILLINOIS
SUPPLEMENT**

About the Data

This report offers a measure of participation and performance that shows success on the Advanced Placement® (AP®) Exam in the overall context of equity and access.

Data Notes:

1. Supplements A, C, D, and E represent only public school students because no central source of enrollment and demographic data is available for nonpublic schools. Supplements B and F represent both public and nonpublic school students.
2. References to the total number of high school graduates represent projections supplied in *Knocking at the College Door* (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, 2020).
3. Students in the graduating class of 2024 experienced 2 years of interrupted learning. Take caution interpreting the data. Observed declines in participation and performance are commonly attributed to the need for schools to close or to shift to remote learning. They occur, overall, in relation to the amount of in-person learning that was disrupted.
4. Due to the update of high school graduate projections by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) in 2020, figures in this report shouldn't be compared to figures in previous reports.
5. Figures displaying student race/ethnicity in this report should be compared with caution to figures in previous reports, as it is optional for students to provide this information.

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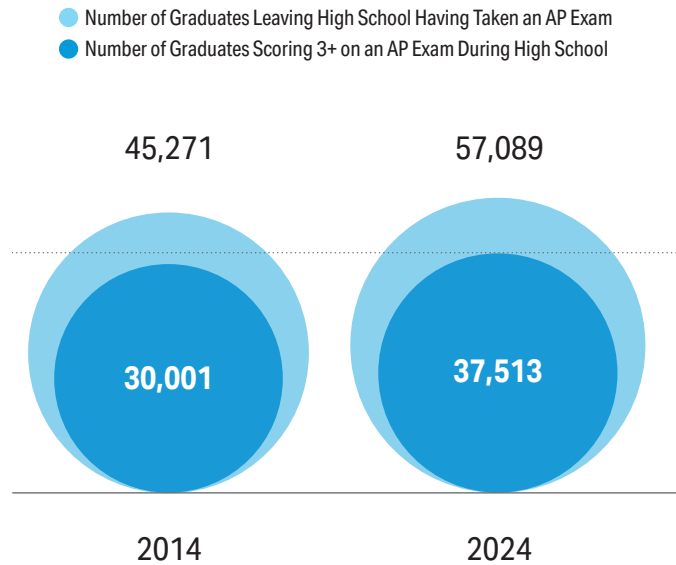
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SUPPLEMENT A

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Number of Illinois Public School Graduates Taking and Scoring a 3 or Higher on an AP Exam During High School



SUPPLEMENT B

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Potential Cost Savings for Illinois Students (Public and Nonpublic Schools) and Families

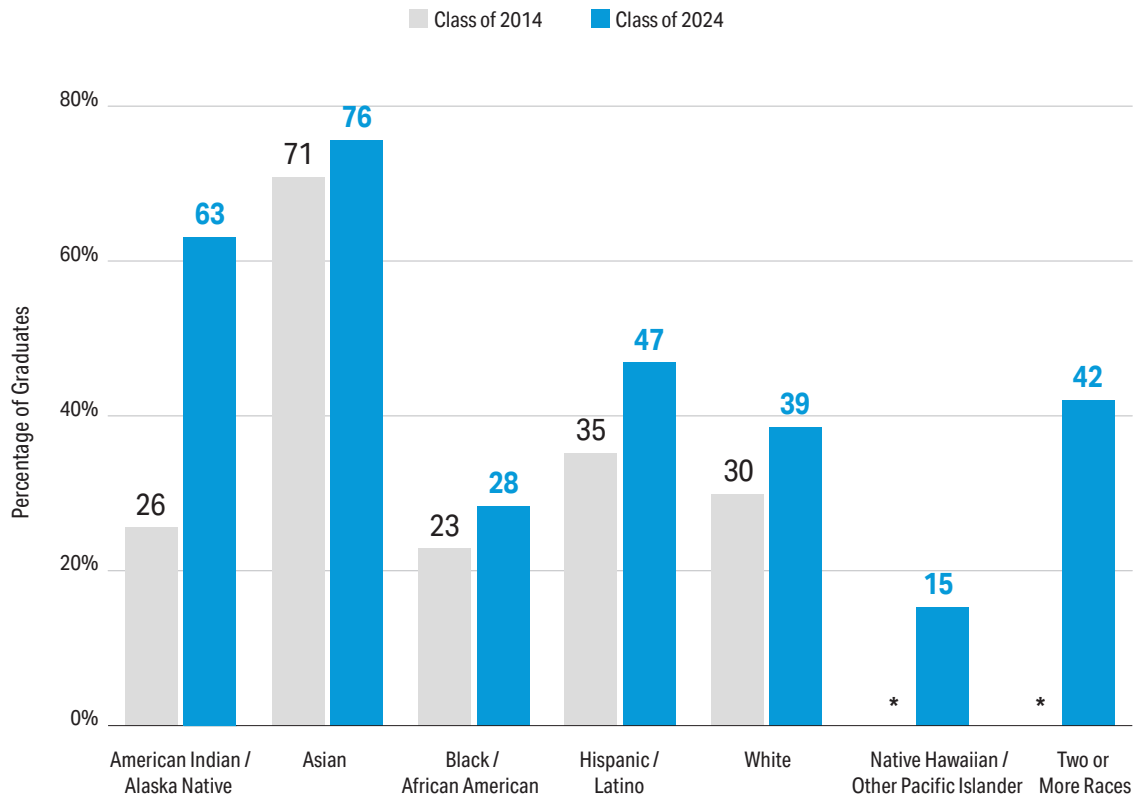
In Illinois, public and private high school students earned **172,936 qualifying AP scores** of 3, 4, or 5 in 2024. These scores translate into **an estimated 518,808 potential college credits**. At a cost of **\$510.67** per college credit, the **potential tuition and fee savings** to Illinois students and families is **\$264,939,681**.

Please note: This report assumes a student earns three college credits for a qualifying score of 3, 4, or 5. Average 2024-25 in-state tuition and fees at public four-year institutions in Illinois are based on Figure CP-6 of *Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2024*.

SUPPLEMENT C

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Percentage of Illinois Public School Graduates Taking an AP Exam During High School, by Race/Ethnicity



The number of graduates in the classes of 2014 and 2024 are sourced from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

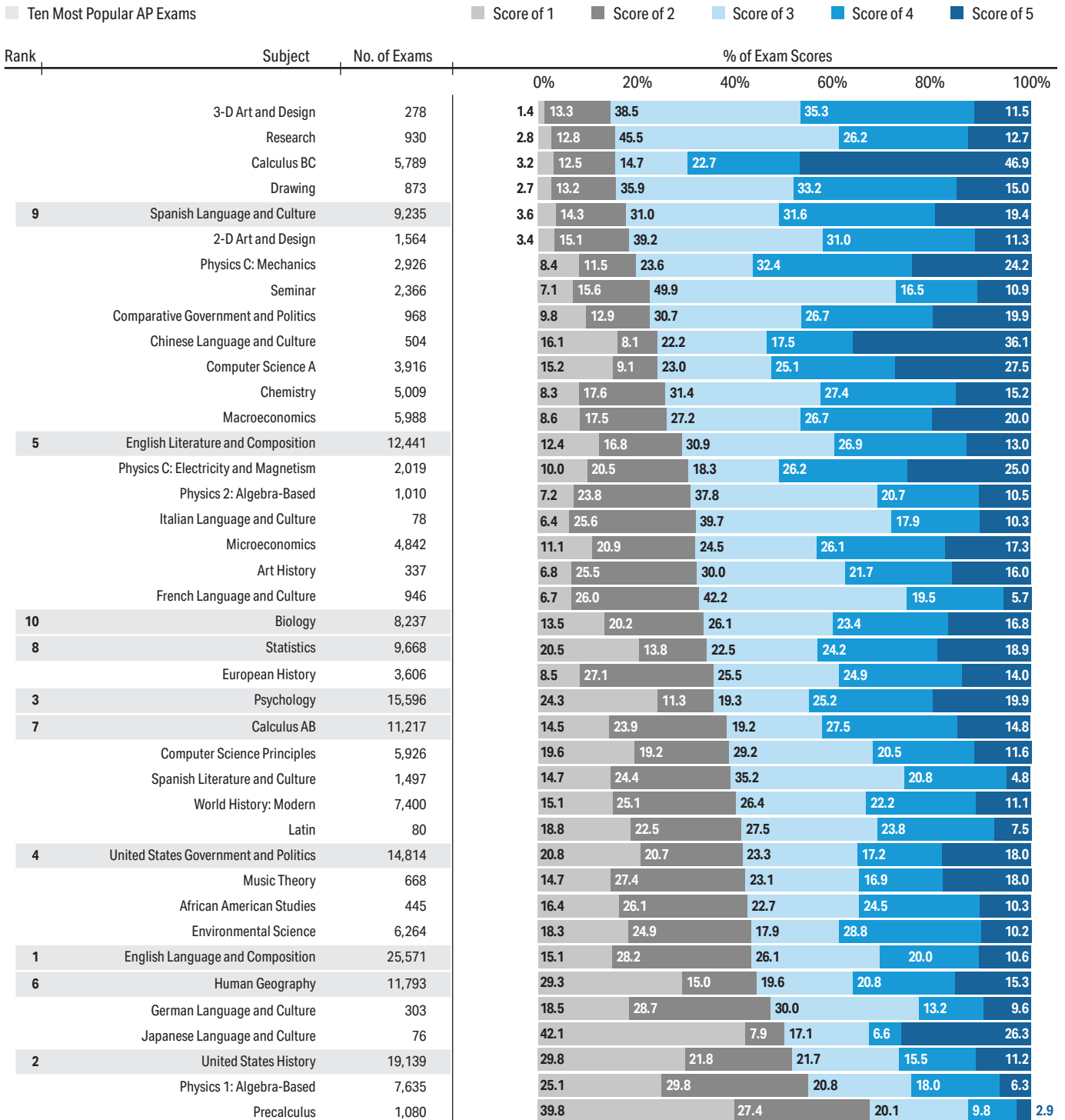
* Data for Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander and Two or More Races aren't available prior to 2016. WICHE began making projections for these racial/ethnic categories starting in their 2020 release.

Year-to-year comparisons describing American Indian or Alaska Native student participation should be interpreted cautiously. A new tribal affiliation field was added for 2023, improving the accuracy of these data for that and subsequent years.

SUPPLEMENT D

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Score Distributions of AP Exams Taken by the Illinois Public School Class of 2024 During High School



Notes: Due to rounding, percentages don't always add up to 100.0.

Score distributions for subjects with fewer than five AP Exam takers were omitted from this figure.

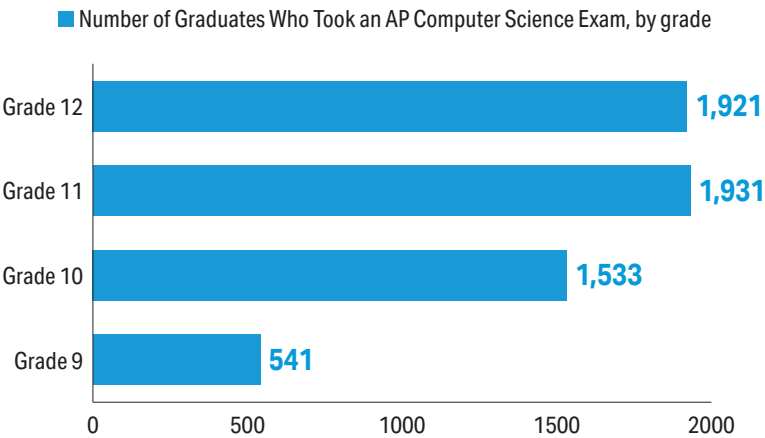
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Expanding Access: AP Courses by Grade for Illinois Class of 2024

The AP Program encourages educators to make equitable access a guiding principle for their AP courses and give all willing and academically prepared students the opportunity to participate in AP. Schools are encouraged to make every effort to ensure that their AP classes reflect the diversity of their student population. Recent feedback from educators reinforces that the intentional instructional design of the following courses extends the invitation to students who would otherwise be unlikely to choose AP courses.

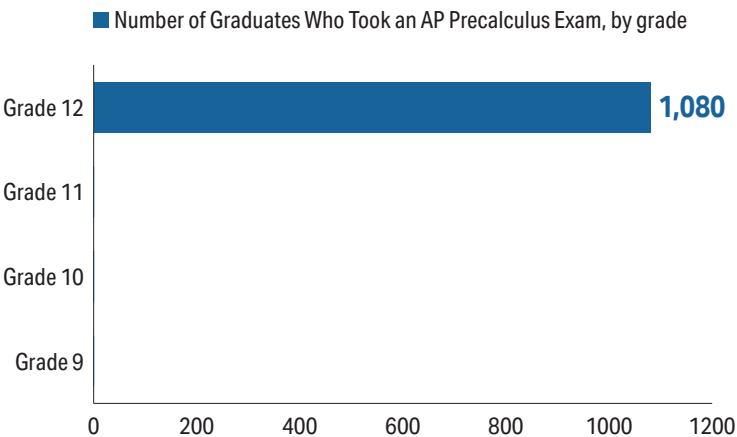
AP Computer Science Principles

Since the course’s introduction, participation in AP computer science has tripled from 58,000 to 175,000 exams, transforming the pipeline to the study of computer science and STEM with career-relevant, project based work.



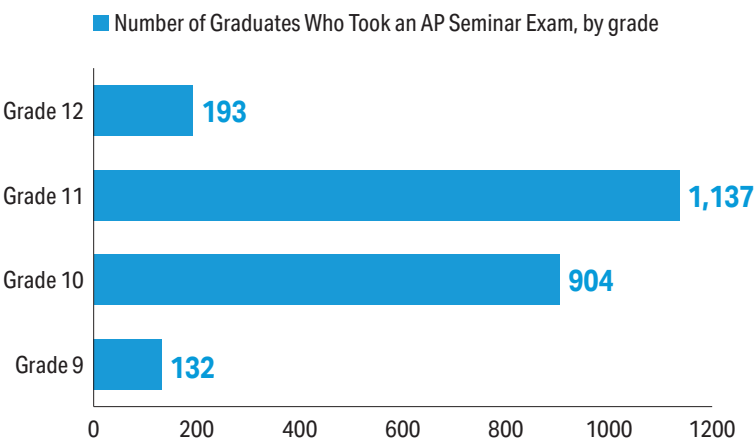
AP Precalculus

Introduced in 2023-24, AP Precalculus is the largest course launch of any AP course in history. It’s designed for any student who has taken Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. That means **any precalculus student can be an AP Precalculus student.**



AP Seminar

A diverse group of students take AP Seminar and exam scores are more similar across White, Black, and Hispanic students than among many other AP courses. 10th graders who take AP Seminar go on to earn higher scores on AP English, history, and government exams taken in 11th and 12th grades.



“[AP Computer Science Principles is a] great course that’s appropriate for a wide range of students, regardless of previous computer science experience.”

— AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES TEACHER

“I LOVE the AP Precalculus course. I think the [course materials are] interesting and full of genuinely important math ideas. I am so grateful for the support of the AP Precalculus community.”

—AP PRECALCULUS TEACHER

“This is my favorite class to teach! Every single year, I have students reach out to me to tell me that it’s by far the most relevant and applicable/transferrable class they’ve taken in their high school career.”

—AP SEMINAR TEACHER



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Illinois Highlights (Public and Nonpublic Schools)

Participation in the Development of AP

2024 AP Reading Participants: **960**

- AP high school teachers: **733**
- College and university faculty members: **227**

2024 AP Professional Learning Leaders: **46**

2024 AP Development Committee Members: **14**

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| Monmouth College | Chemistry |
| Augustana College | Comparative Government and Politics |
| Riverside Brookfield High School | Computer Science Principles |
| Glenbrook South High School | Environmental Science |
| New Trier High School | Environmental Science |
| Maine Township High School District 207 | Italian Language and Culture |
| Northwestern University | Microeconomics |
| York Community High School | Microeconomics |
| Prairie Ridge High School | Physics 1: Algebra-Based |
| Mount Prospect High School | Psychology |
| Lane Tech College Prep High School | Seminar |
| Northwestern University | Spanish Literature and Culture |
| Northwestern University | U.S. Government and Politics |
| University of Chicago | French Language and Culture |

AP Capstone

Illinois public high schools participating in AP Capstone™ in the 2023-24 school year: **84**

Illinois public high school students in the graduating class of 2024 earned the following awards:

- AP Capstone Diploma™: **494**
- AP Seminar and Research Certificate™: **309**

SUPPLEMENT F CONTINUED

AP School Honor Roll

Number of Illinois schools eligible: **557**

Number of schools recognized on Honor Roll: **179**

Percent of schools recognized on Honor Roll: **32%**

- Percent of schools earning Bronze recognition: **9%**
- Percent of schools earning Silver recognition: **11%**
- Percent of schools earning Gold recognition: **7%**
- Percent of schools earning Platinum recognition: **5%**

Percent of Honor Roll recipients earning additional AP Access Award: **45%**

To see the complete list of Illinois AP School Honor Roll recipients, visit:

apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/scores/awards/school-districts-awards/ap-school-honor-roll-recipients

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