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### Utah Students Rank Fifth in Nation for Success on AP Exams

*22.7 Percent of Class of 2021 Earned College Credit Through AP While in High School*

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah’s class of 2021 took 39,500 AP exams during their secondary school years and earned college credit with a score of 3, 4 or 5 67.7 percent of the time, tying Utah with Pennsylvania for fifth highest passing rate in the nation, according to [data released](#) by College Board. Only South Dakota (68.7 percent), New Hampshire (68.6 percent), New Jersey (68.3), and Connecticut (68.1 percent) did better, the College Board noted.

Of the 44,660 members of the class of 2021, 14,361 took an AP exam; 10,155 of them – or 22.7 percent of the class – did well enough to earn college credit, College Board Reported.

“We are pleased to see our students stretching themselves academically and succeeding” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson. “We look forward to next year’s results in light of the just passed [House Bill 390](#) which offers assistance to students who are struggling financially to take AP exams and enroll in early college and concurrent enrollment programs.”

Link to the report: <https://schools.utah.gov/file/91cdf876-d30c-4e73-8fcf-ae9856794e9a>.

<https://schools.utah.gov/file/ad4bfde0-18ad-4715-bc1a-ce0c5d3fd996>

Here more results released by College Board:

### Utah's Most Popular AP Exams in 2021

	# Exam Taken	% 3, 4, 5
English Language/Composition	4,809	68.1
Human Geography	4,554	64.4
United States History	4,191	62.7
World History: Modern	2,682	62.9
Calculus AB	2,586	64.3
English Literature/Composition	2,528	64.3
Psychology	2,422	74.2
U.S. Government & Politics	1,911	67.8
Statistics	1,882	80.7
Biology	1,693	68.7

### Utah Student Participation in AP Exams

	2011	2016	2020	2021
Number Taking Exams	9,777	12,504	14,271	14,361
Number Scoring 3 or Higher	6,861	8,611	9,756	10,155
% Graduates Scoring 3 or Higher	22.2	22.1	22.6	22.7