

GOAL 3: Student Achievement and Citizenship

State Indicator 12. Advanced Placement Performance

Have states¹ increased the number of Advanced Placement examinations receiving a grade of 3 or higher (per 1,000 11th and 12th graders)?

↑	Better	50 states and the U.S.
↔	No Change	0 states
↓	Worse	1 state

Update

Improvement over time

Between 1991 and 1999, the U.S. and 50 states (out of 51) significantly increased the numbers of Advanced Placement examinations receiving a grade of 3 or higher (per 1,000 11th and 12th graders):

1. Alabama	14. Illinois	27. Montana	40. Rhode Island
2. Alaska	15. Indiana	28. Nebraska	41. South Carolina
3. Arizona	16. Iowa	29. Nevada	42. South Dakota
4. Arkansas	17. Kansas	30. New Hampshire	43. Tennessee
5. California	18. Kentucky	31. New Jersey	44. Texas
6. Colorado	19. Louisiana	32. New Mexico	45. Utah
7. Connecticut	20. Maine	33. New York	46. Vermont
8. Delaware	21. Maryland	34. North Carolina	47. Virginia
9. District of Columbia	22. Massachusetts	35. North Dakota	48. Washington
10. Florida	23. Michigan	36. Ohio	49. West Virginia
11. Georgia	24. Minnesota	37. Oklahoma	50. Wisconsin
12. Hawaii	25. Mississippi	38. Oregon	
13. Idaho	26. Missouri	39. Pennsylvania	

Highest-performing states*

States with the highest numbers of Advanced Placement examinations receiving a grade of 3 or higher (per 1,000 11th and 12th graders):

	(1999)
District of Columbia	244
New York	155
Virginia	152
Connecticut	148
Utah	144
U.S.	97

* Top 5 states (out of 51).

Most-improved states

States that made the greatest gains in the numbers of Advanced Placement examinations receiving a grade of 3 or higher (per 1,000 11th and 12th graders):

	(1991)	(1999)	Change*
District of Columbia	177	244	+67
Connecticut	83	148	+64
Massachusetts	82	142	+60
New Jersey	81	139	+59
New York	97	155	+58

* Differences between the first two columns may differ slightly from the figures reported in the "change" column due to rounding.

¹ The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.