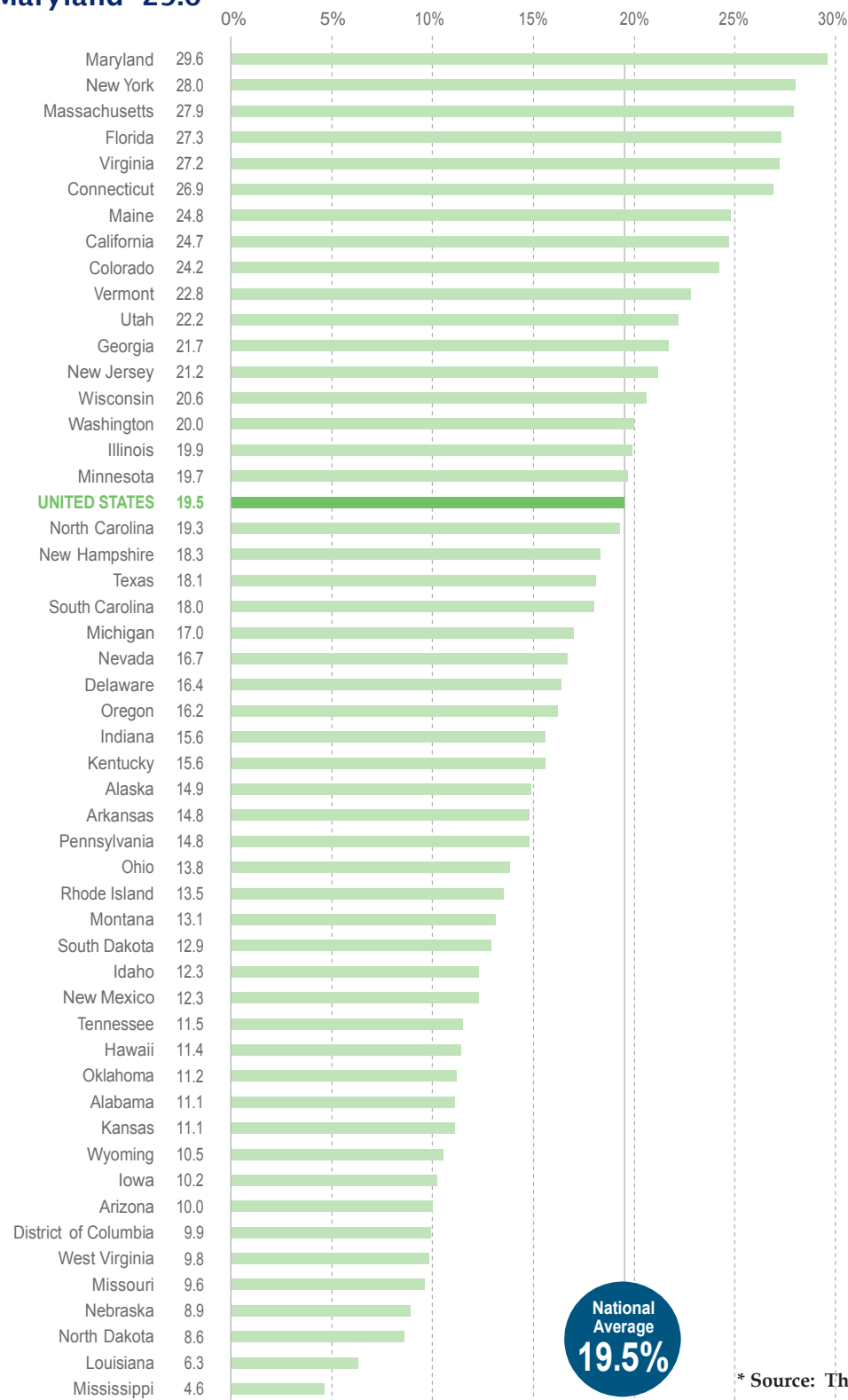


Maryland Leads the Nation in AP Performance*

Maryland 29.6



National Average
19.5%

* Source: The 9th Annual AP® Report to the Nation

“Because of the better choices we’ve made together to invest in our children’s future, we’ve built the number one public schools in the nation. Thanks to our hardworking students, our dedicated educators and our outstanding parents, Maryland’s high school students have achieved the nation’s best performance on AP exams for seven years in a row – outperforming their peers and gaining the skills they need to learn, earn, and grow in the future.”

- Governor Martin O’Malley



For the Seventh consecutive year, Maryland Ranks #1 in Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Performance

For a seventh year in a row, Maryland ranked first nationwide in the percentage of public school students scoring 3 or higher on at least one AP exam. A score of 3 or higher on the 5-point scale is considered mastery of college-level work. The College Board said this was the seventh consecutive year that Maryland has led the nation in AP success. Last year, College Board data determined that Maryland led the nation for the fourth consecutive year, but a review of revised state enrollment data from the past decade caused the organization to recalculate its findings.

“On behalf of the College Board, I want to thank the state’s leadership for its vision, determination, and courage. One of the greatest challenges for educators over the next few years will be to ensure excellence and equity at the heights of academic achievement, and Maryland is well ahead of the game.”

- David Coleman
College Board President

Maryland also continues to show strong gains in the number of students taking an AP exam, and is one of the first states in AP history to have more than 40 percent (48.2%) of its seniors take at least one AP test. While Maryland seniors taking AP exams in Mathematics and Science disciplines (18.8% and 19.2% of the graduated seniors respectively) continue to increase from previous years, History and Social Sciences had the greatest number of graduates scoring a three or higher (21.4%).

Additionally, Maryland has dramatically increased AP participation among minority students. Both participation and achievement on AP exams has been increasing for Hispanic students in Maryland, and 8.3 percent of Hispanic graduates earned a score of 3 or higher. While no state has overcome the gap for African American students, 11.4 percent of Maryland test-takers scoring a 3 or higher were African American. That’s the nation’s 4th largest percentage among states!

It is our goal to ensure that our high schools offer the most challenging curricula available to all of our students, and these results prove our work is making a difference. We must ensure that all children have these opportunities, as well as the tools, to be successful in the future.

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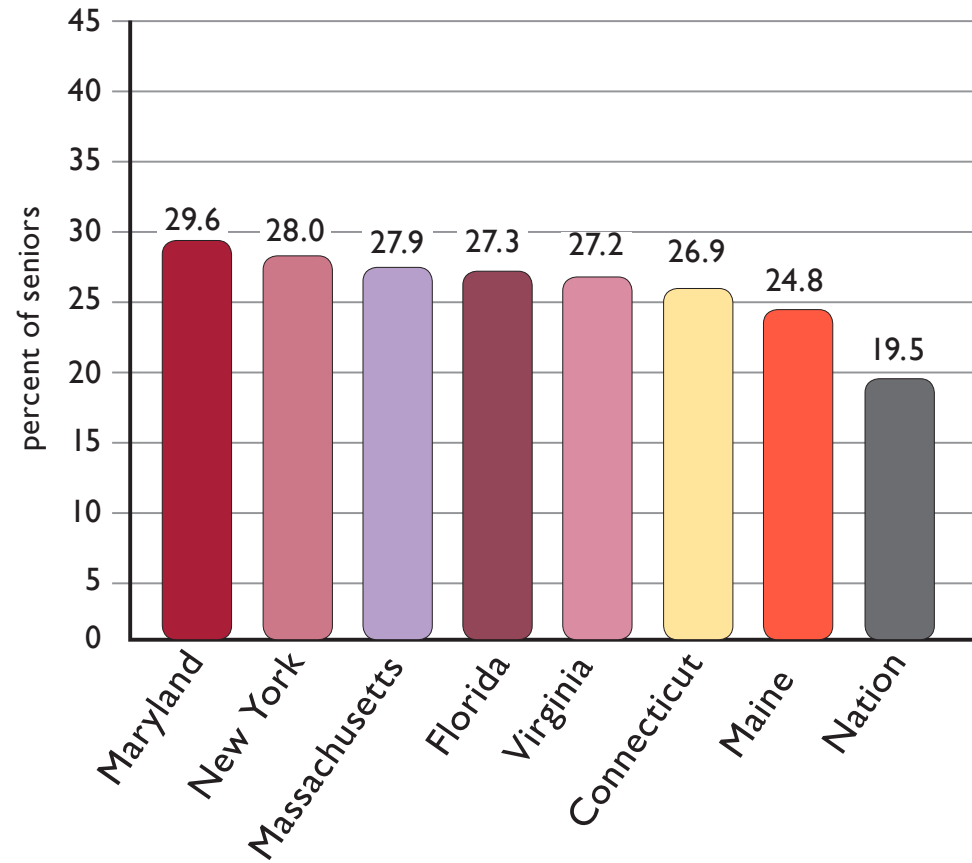
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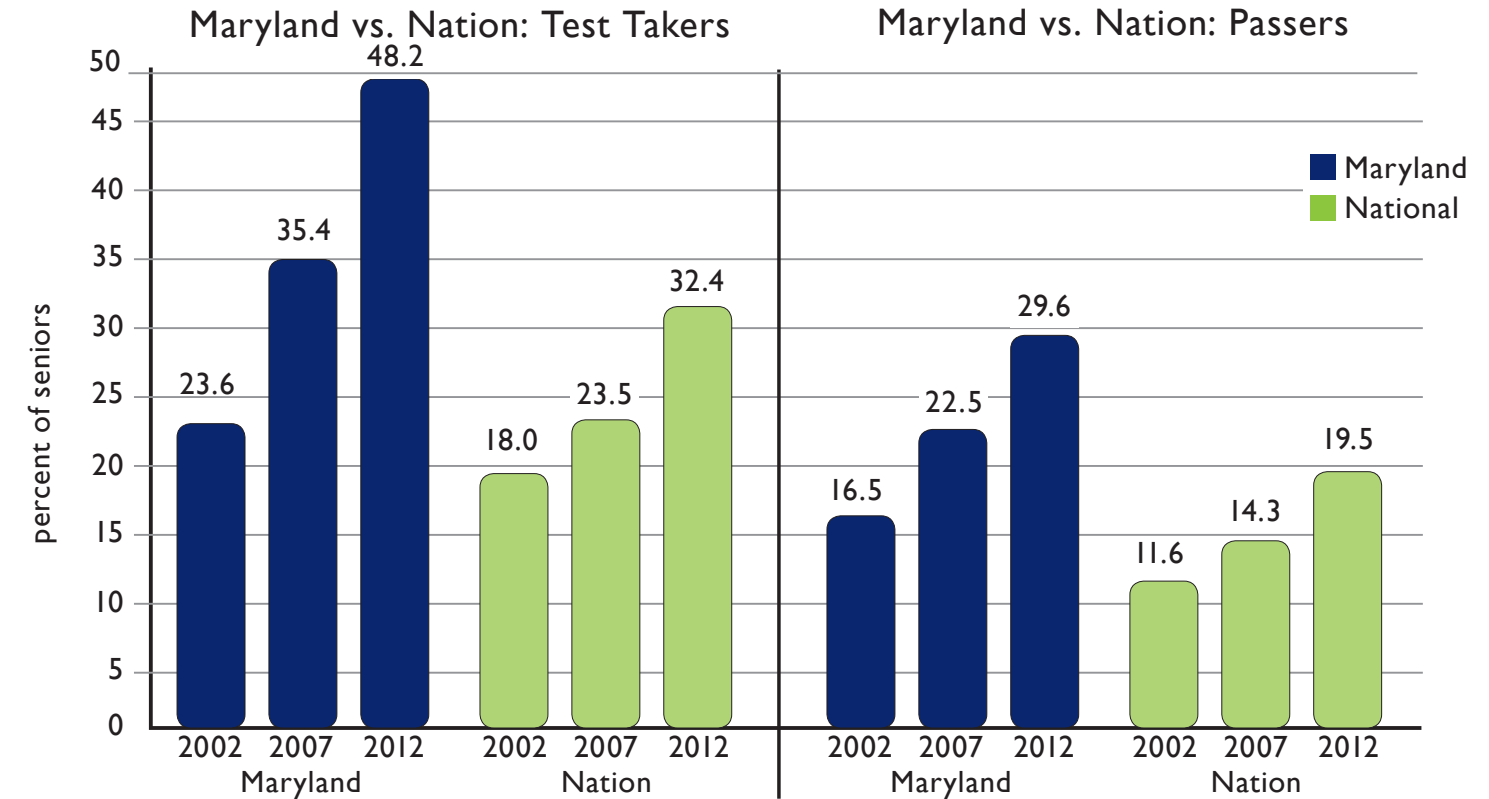
Maryland is #1 in the percentage of graduating seniors who scored a 3 or higher (out of a scale of 5) on an AP exam.

A score of 3 or higher is considered "college mastery level" on the AP exams, and many higher education institutions award college credit for high school students scoring in that range.



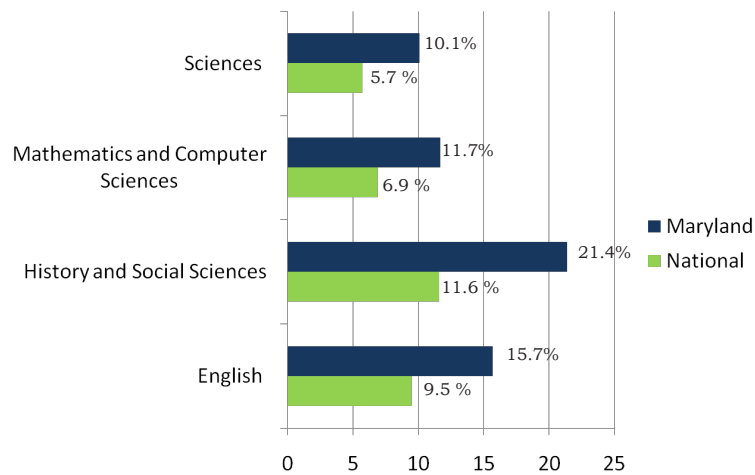
GROWTH: Maryland is a leader in increasing AP Test Takers & Passers

- Maryland is one of the first states in the nation to have 48.2% of its graduating seniors take at least one AP exam. The national average is 32.4%.
- In 2002, Maryland had just 16.5% of its seniors scoring in the college mastery rank. That number has risen 13.1 points over the past decade, the largest rate of improvement in the nation.
- All 24 Maryland school systems have at least a 20% participation rate among high school seniors, and 16 systems have 30% or greater.

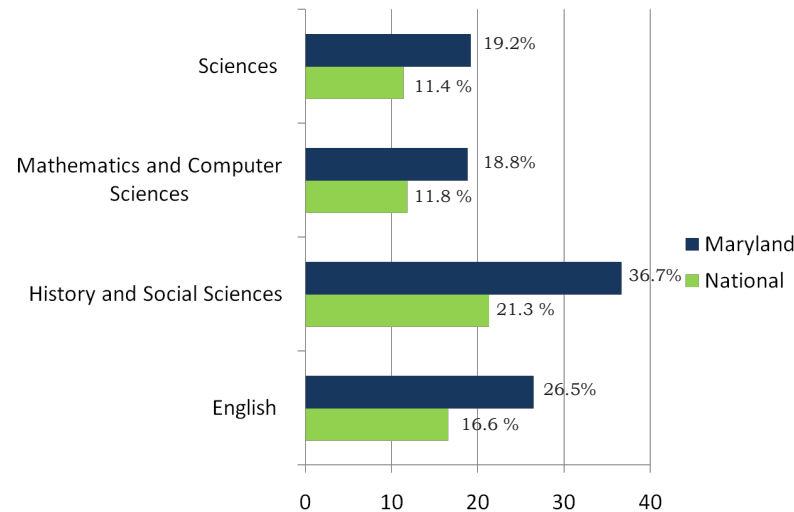


Class of 2012: Core Subject Areas More Maryland students took and passed AP exams with a 3 or higher than the National average

Graduates Scoring 3+ on an AP Exam



Graduates leaving high school having taken an AP Exam



History and social sciences had the greatest number of graduates scoring a 3 or higher.

More graduates are succeeding on AP Exams today than took them in 2002.

EQUITY: Maryland is making gains in closing the achievement gap among minorities.

- Maryland has the fourth highest percentage among states of African American students scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam with 11.4 percent of the population receiving a grade of 3 or higher.
- Maryland has closed the equity and excellence gap in AP achievement for the Hispanic/Latino population. While Hispanics were 7.1 percent of the Maryland population last year, 7.7 percent of the seniors who scored 3 or higher on an AP exam were Hispanic.

