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Wisconsin improves participation and performance on AP

Advanced Placement results part of SAT data from the College Board

MADISON — Wisconsin improved both public school student participation and performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams administered last May.

The state had a 5.7 percent increase in participation from the prior year with 42,783 public school students taking 72,637 AP exams, an increase of 2,326 student test-takers. Nationally, nearly 2.4 million students took almost 4.3 million AP exams. The exams are scored on a scale of one through five, with scores of three or higher generally receiving college credit, advanced standing, or both at many colleges and universities. Wisconsin students had 65.9 percent of their exams scored three or higher compared to 65.5 percent in 2016. Nationally, 56.0 percent of 2017 exams were scored three or above. Disparities in achievement among student groups by race and ethnicity are apparent both in Wisconsin and nationally.

2017 Advanced Placement Program Public Schools		
	Wisconsin	Nation
Number of AP Test-Takers	42,783	2,381,172
Number of Exams	72,637	4,264,077
Number of Scores 3-5	47,890	2,389,928
Percent Earning Scores of 3-5	65.9	56.0

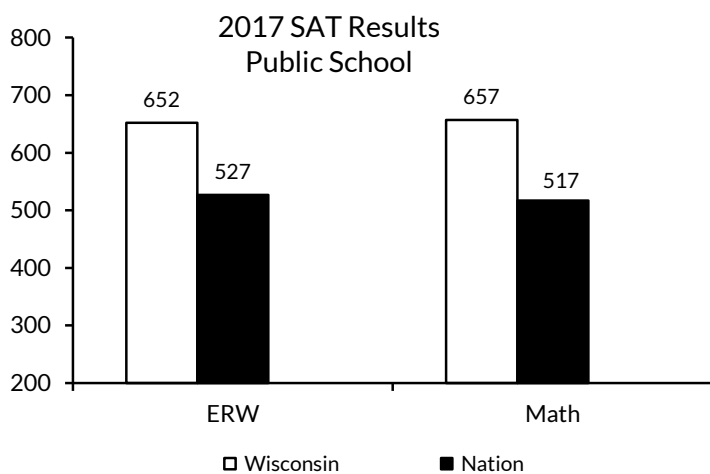
“Congratulations to all those students who demonstrated their college readiness by taking advanced coursework and succeeding on Advanced Placement exams,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “The AP program is a great opportunity to get a jump start on requirements or electives for technical college and university studies. We need to continue efforts to extend opportunities for rigorous coursework to all students and support their success.”

The preliminary AP results accompanied the College Board’s national release of results for SAT college and career readiness exams. Wisconsin had 1,252 public school students in the class of 2017 who took the SAT at least once during their high school career. Results for these students were considerably higher than their peers nationally. Wisconsin’s ERW (evidence-based reading and writing) score was 652, compared to a national score of 527. The mathematics score for Wisconsin 2017 graduates was 657 compared to 517 nationally. The SAT is scored on a scale of 200 to 800.

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NOTES: School- and district-level Advanced Placement data for 2016-17 is not currently available on the WISEdash Public Portal. This news release is available electronically at https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017_81.pdf.

2017 SAT and Preliminary AP Results



	ERW*	Math	Total	Test Takers
Wisconsin	652	657	1309	1,252
Nation	527	517	1044	1,426,258

*Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

Wisconsin AP Performance Public Schools

Year	Number of Test-Takers	Number of AP Exams
1997	9,421	13,676
1998	10,500	15,465
1999	11,127	16,730
2000	12,604	19,012
2001	13,736	20,815
2002	14,882	22,850
2003	16,034	25,070
2004	17,768	27,984
2005	18,896	29,890
2006	21,058	33,124
2007	22,656	36,094
2008	24,200	38,698
2009	24,768	39,785
2010	26,727	43,268
2011	28,520	46,647
2012	30,467	50,307
2013	33,737	56,270
2014	35,242	59,099
2015	38,000	64,339
2016	40,457	68,316
2017	42,783	72,637

Source: The College Board

AP Participation by Racial and Ethnic Group – 2016-17 Public Schools

Wisconsin

	Test-Takers	Number of Exams	Number of Scores 3-5	Percent of Scores 3-5
American Indian	119	171	82	48.0
Asian	2,122	4,267	2,832	66.4
Black or African American	1,203	1,823	419	23.0
Hispanic or Latino	3,055	4,812	2,393	49.7
Pacific Islander	33	53	29	54.7
White	34,386	58,433	40,227	68.8
Two or More Races	1,356	2,326	1,486	63.9
Other	5	10	5	50.0
No Response	504	742	417	56.2
TOTAL	42,783	72,637	47,890	65.9