

Texas Public College Enrollment by Advanced Placement (AP) Courses: About the Data

<p>Purpose</p>	<p>The Advanced Placement (AP) program benefits students in a number of ways. High school students who participate in AP courses and associated examinations are exposed to college-level academic content and skills and are challenged to complete more rigorous assignments. Even without taking the examinations or without achieving qualifying examination scores, students who receive high school credit for AP courses may receive more consideration in the college admissions process than students who have not completed advanced high school courses.</p> <p>This report shows the college enrollment rates of Texas public high school graduates by the number of AP courses completed. It also displays the rates at which students are enrolled in 2-year versus 4-year colleges by the number of AP courses completed. College enrollment numbers and percents include enrollment in Texas public higher education institutions that offer 2-year and/or 4-year degrees during the 16 months following high school graduation. Data are reported at the state level, the regional Education Service Center (ESC or Region) level, by district type, and by district enrollment size. High school graduation data for Texas public school districts, which include charter schools, were used in this report.</p> <p>For information on AP and International Baccalaureate (IB) examination results, see the Division of Accountability Research annual report on AP and IB examination results in Texas public schools http://www.tea.state.tx.us/acctres/ap_ib_index.html .</p>
<p>Data Source</p>	<p>Data used for this report come from the Texas Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). College enrollment data consist of THECB enrollment data from Texas public 2-year and 4-year higher education institutions.</p> <p>In data tables, a “.” indicates that there are no data.</p>
<p>Data Elements</p>	
<p>Advanced Placement (AP)</p>	<p>The AP program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. It is designed to enroll high school students in college-level courses. AP courses are developed locally and taught by high school teachers, based on course information provided by the College Board.</p>
<p>Number of AP Courses</p>	<p>Range of the number of AP courses completed: 0 AP courses, or 1 to 3 AP courses, or 4 to 7 AP courses, or 8 to 11 AP courses, or greater than 11 AP courses.</p>

