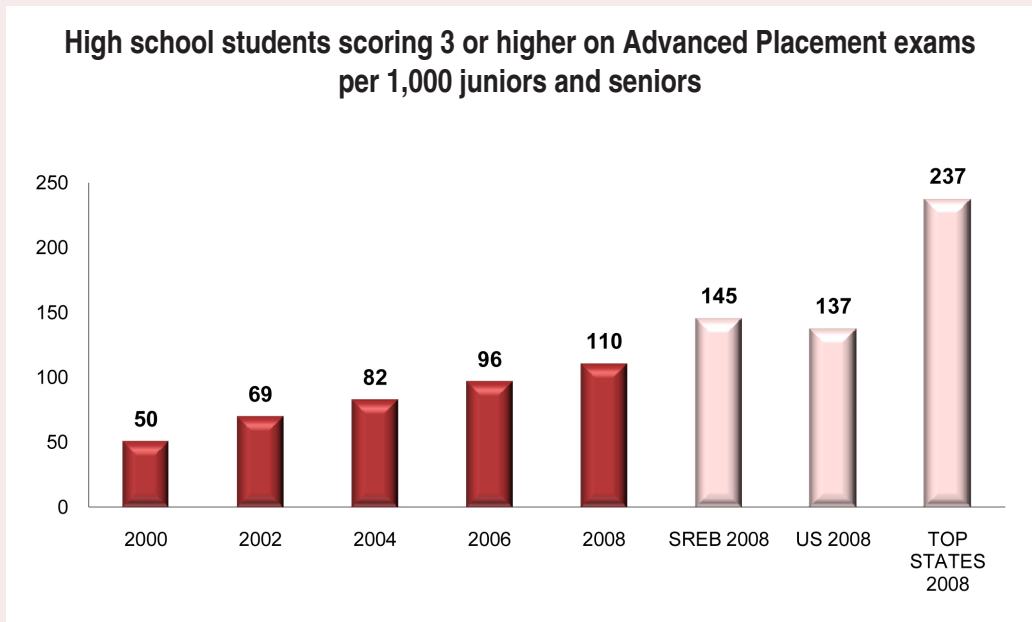




## Advanced Placement

Status: Making progress



Source: The College Board, as reported in *Measuring Up 2008: The State Report Card on Higher Education*

### Highlights

- More Kentucky students are taking AP exams and scoring well enough to earn college credit. Kentucky's performance on this indicator has improved 15% since 2006.
- Though improving, Kentucky fell short of its goal to equal the SREB 2006 average of 131 in 2008.
- In 2007, there were 13,246 AP examinees in Kentucky, a 14% increase over the previous year. These examinees took 20,787 subject tests, and 9,913 of these received scores of 3 or higher.
- In Kentucky, 11,395 test-takers were white, 555 were Asian/Pacific Islander, 551 were African American, and 228 were Hispanic.
- In 2005, the National Governor's Association awarded grants of \$500,000 to Kentucky and five other states to improve AP performance. Kentucky uses the award for teacher professional development, AP expansion, and test fee waivers for low-income students.

### About this measure

Advanced Placement (AP) exams, administered by the College Board, offer a standardized measure of high school students' ability to successfully complete college-level work. Currently, AP courses are offered in 34 subjects, including biology, chemistry, physics, statistics, English literature, and U.S. history. Kentucky's public colleges and universities award credit for a score of 3 or higher on a 5-point scale.

This indicator is derived from *Measuring Up: The State Report Card on Higher Education*, which is updated every other year (the next update is 2010). The measure represents a ratio where the numerator is the number of AP subject tests taken by juniors and seniors with scores of 3 and above (in 2007) and the denominator is the total number of juniors and seniors in Kentucky (in 2006-07). The indicator focuses attention on the need for greater access to and success in AP courses.