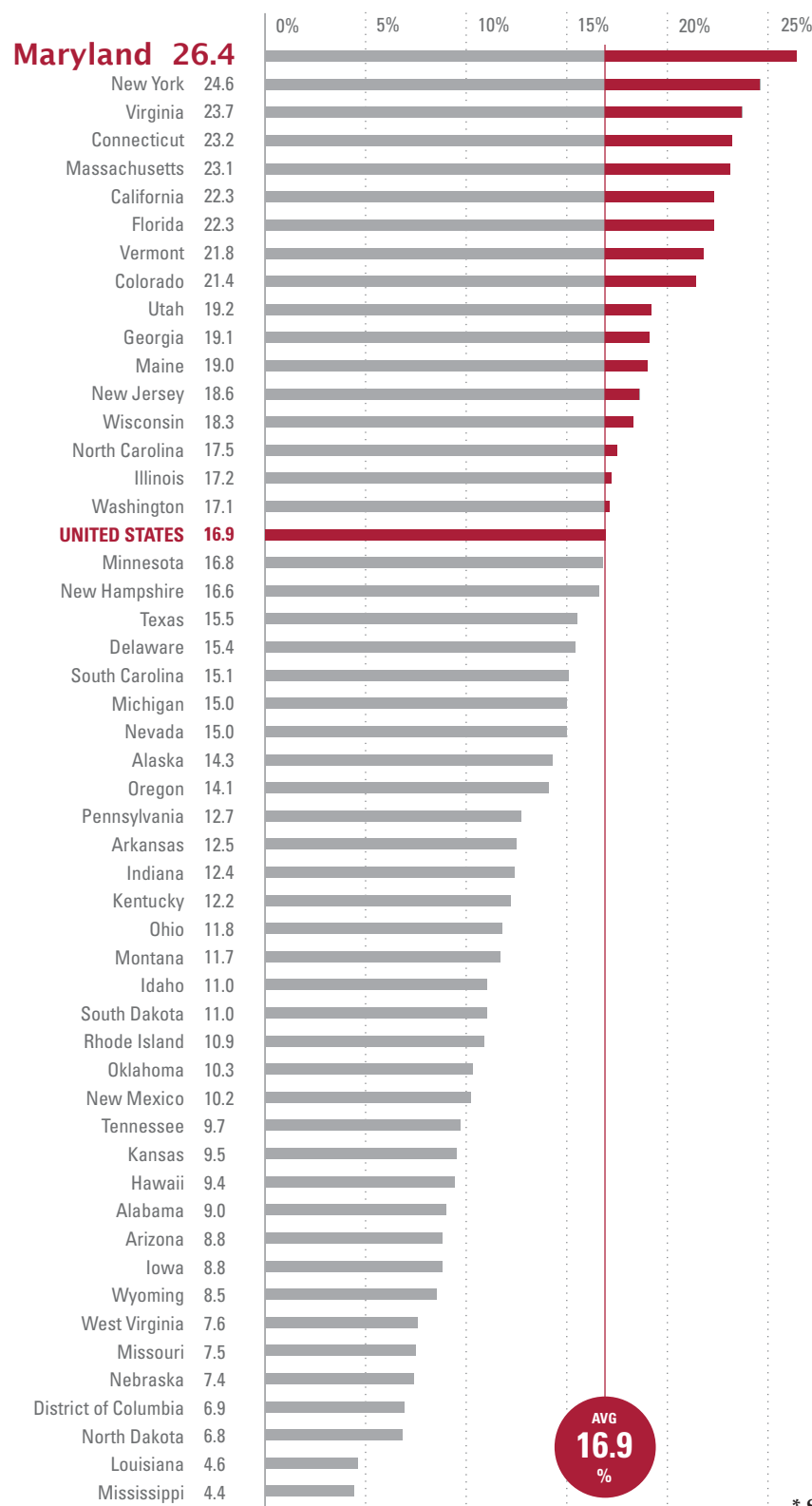


# Maryland Leads the Nation in AP Performance\*



“ Maryland is committed to strong educational programs for our children, and these results show once again that our priority investments are paying off. ”

- Governor Martin O'Malley

“ Maryland ranked No. 1 in the nation for the third year in a row in high school graduates who passed Advanced Placement exams, the result of a decade-long push to encourage students to prepare for the rigorous college-level exams. ”

- The Washington Post

\* Source: The 7th Annual AP® Report to the Nation

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

For a third 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.

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 (43.4%) of its seniors take at least one AP test. Maryland leads the nation with the largest percentage of all seniors taking AP exams in Mathematics and Science disciplines (16.9% and 16.6% of the graduated seniors respectively).

Additionally, Maryland has dramatically increased AP participation among minority students. Maryland has eliminated the “equity and excellence” gap among Hispanic students as 7.7 percent of students earned a score of 3 or higher, actually exceeding their overall school enrollment of 7.1 percent. While no state has overcome the gap for African American students, 9.9 percent of Maryland test-takers scoring a 3 or higher were African American. That’s the nation’s 5th largest percentage!

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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“ Under Dr. Grasmick’s leadership, Maryland leads the nation with the highest percentage of public school seniors succeeding in AP for the third straight year in a row. Maryland students are rising to the challenge set by educators across the state and, as a result, more students graduate high school armed with the tools to succeed in college and beyond. ”

- Gaston Caperton  
College Board President



Nancy S. Grasmick  
State Superintendent of Schools

James H. DeGraffenreidt, Jr.  
President, Maryland State Board of Education

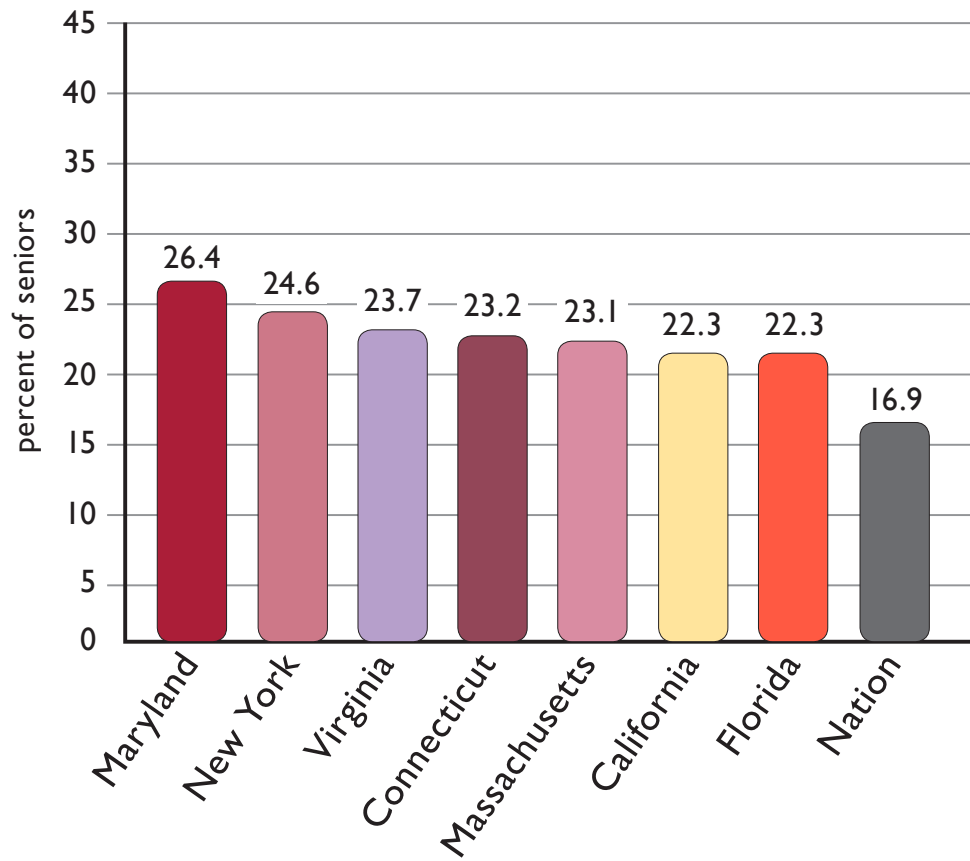
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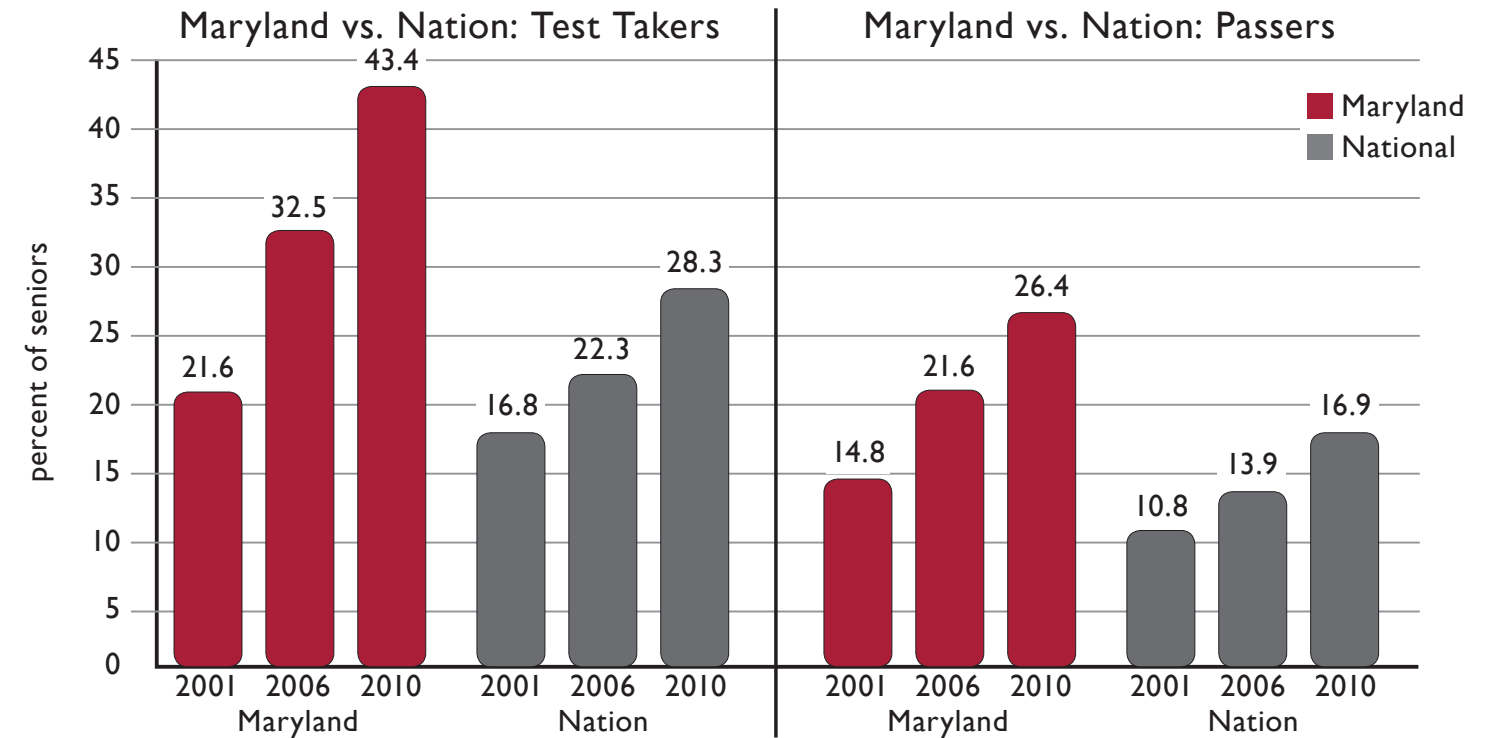
**Maryland is #1 in the percentage of graduating seniors who scored a 3 or higher (out of a scale of 5) on an AP exam.**

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.

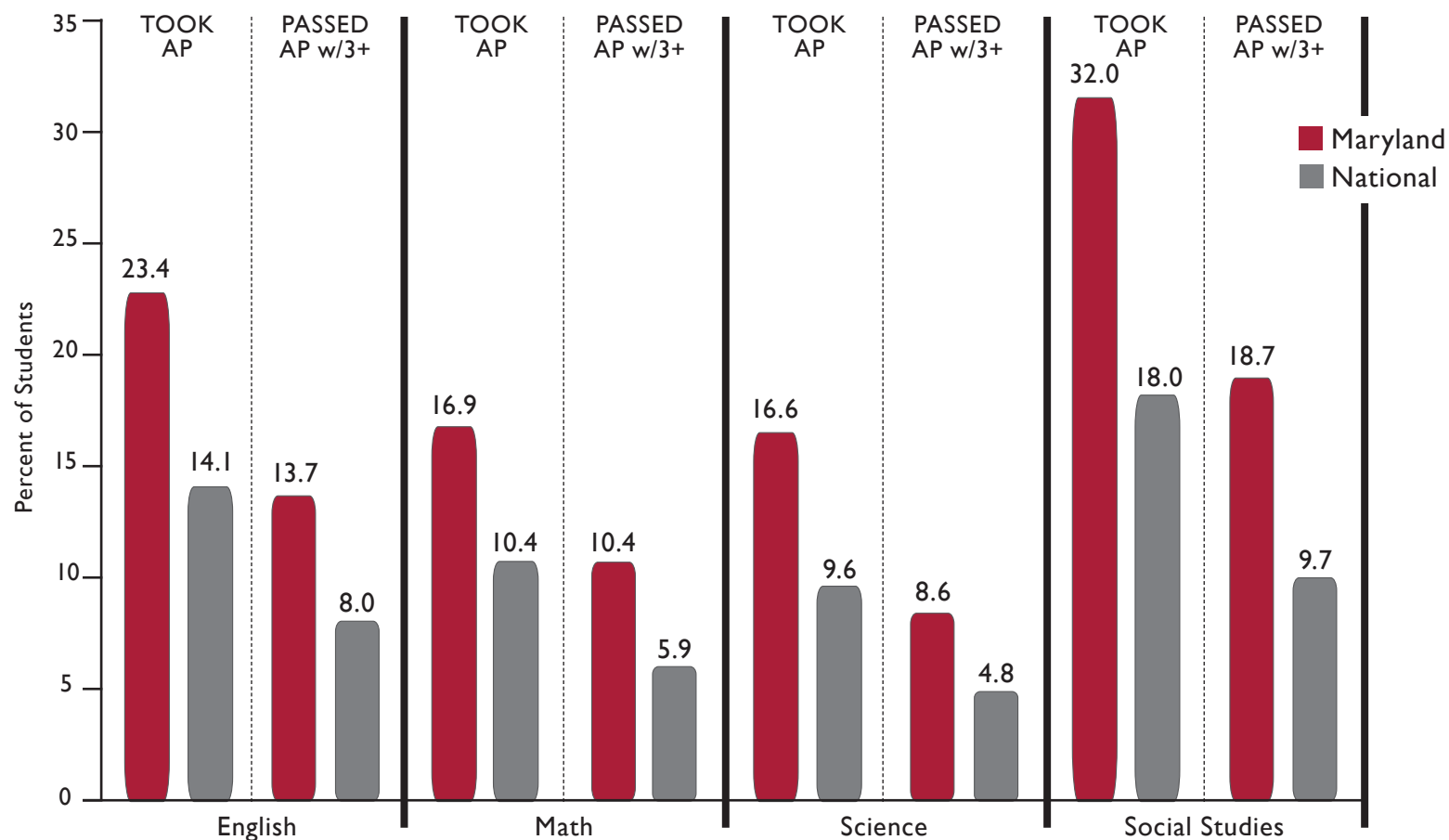


## GROWTH: Maryland is a leader in increasing AP Test Takers & Passers

- Maryland is one of the first states in the nation to have 43.4% of its graduating seniors take at least one AP exam. The national average is 28.3%.
- Maryland is third in the nation for the greatest 5-year increase in percentage of students scoring 3 or higher on an AP exam.
- Twenty-two of Maryland's twenty-four systems have at least a 20 percent or greater participation rate among seniors, and sixteen have 30 percent or greater.



**Class of 2010: Core Subject Areas**  
**More Maryland students took and passed AP exams with a 3 or higher than the National average**



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

- Maryland has the fifth highest percentage of African American students scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam with nearly 10 percent (9.9%) of the population receiving a grade of 3 or higher.
- Maryland is one of sixteen states recognized for having eliminated 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.

