

2021 New York State Test Results: New York City Grades 3-8

October 2021

3-8 NYC Test Takers in Math & ELA

In 2021, only 21.6% of students in Grades 3-8 took the ELA exam and only 20.5% took the Math exam. Asian students (32.1%) and White students (24.7%) were more likely to take the math exam than Black students (14.9%) and Latinx students (16.2%).

	Math			ELA		
	# enrolled in 3-8	# test takers	% test takers	# enrolled in 3-8	# test takers	% test takers
Total	417,422	85,531	20.5	417,417	90,162	21.6
Asian	74,241	23,809	32.1	74,264	25,420	34.2
Black	82,852	12,362	14.9	82,854	13,155	15.9
Latinx	169,088	27,443	16.2	169,033	28,401	16.8
Multi-Racial	9,407	1,991	21.2	9,406	2,155	22.9
Nat. Amer.	4,718	864	18.3	4,712	929	19.7
White	77,116	19,062	24.7	77,148	20,102	26.1
SWD	118,241	13,704	11.6	118,342	14,166	12.0
ELL	62,159	11,428	18.4	62,050	10,904	17.6

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Another way to look at the test takers is in terms of a distribution of demographic groups for total enrollment versus test takers. For example, while Asian students were 17.8% of enrollment in grades 3-8, they were 27.8% of test takers.

	Math			ELA		
	% of 3-8 enrollment	% test takers	% difference	% of 3-8 enrollment	% test takers	% difference
Total	100.0	20.5	-79.5	100.0	21.6	-78.4
Asian	17.8	27.8	+10.1	17.8	28.2	+10.4
Black	19.8	14.5	-5.4	19.8	14.6	-5.3
Latinx	40.5	32.1	-8.4	40.5	31.5	-9.0
Multi-Racial	2.3	2.3	+0.1	2.3	2.4	+0.1
Nat. Amer	1.1	1.0	-0.1	1.1	1.0	-0.1
White	18.5	22.3	+3.8	18.5	22.3	+3.8
SWD	28.3	16.0	-12.3	28.4	15.7	-12.6
ELL	14.9	13.4	-1.5	14.9	12.1	-2.8

2021 NYC Proficiency in Math and ELA, by Grade

In 2021, only 20.5% of students in grades 3-8 took the Math exam and 21.6% took the ELA exam. Results should NOT be compared across grade levels.

Math

	# test takers	% test takers	% Proficient
Grades 3-8	85,531	20.5	51.5
Grade 3	17,777	26.2	61.7
Grade 4	18,055	26.6	53.4
Grade 5	16,732	23.7	49.2
Grade 6	13,765	19.9	47.4
Grade 7	13,548	19.4	52.7
Grade 8	5,654	7.9	27.5

ELA

	# test takers	% test takers	% Proficient
Grades 3-8	90,162	21.6	63.8
Grade 3	17,434	25.6	66.3
Grade 4	17,694	26.1	68.1
Grade 5	16,572	23.5	53.6
Grade 6	13,768	19.9	69.3
Grade 7	13,906	19.9	60.7
Grade 8	10,788	15.0	65.0