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2014 AP Exam and SAT Scores

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Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Overview

- AP Exam: Standards-based exams given throughout the world
- In order to label a class “AP”, syllabi must be submitted and approved by The College Board
- Many colleges waive classes for students who earn a 3 or better on an AP exam
- These are college-level courses
- The highest possible score = 5

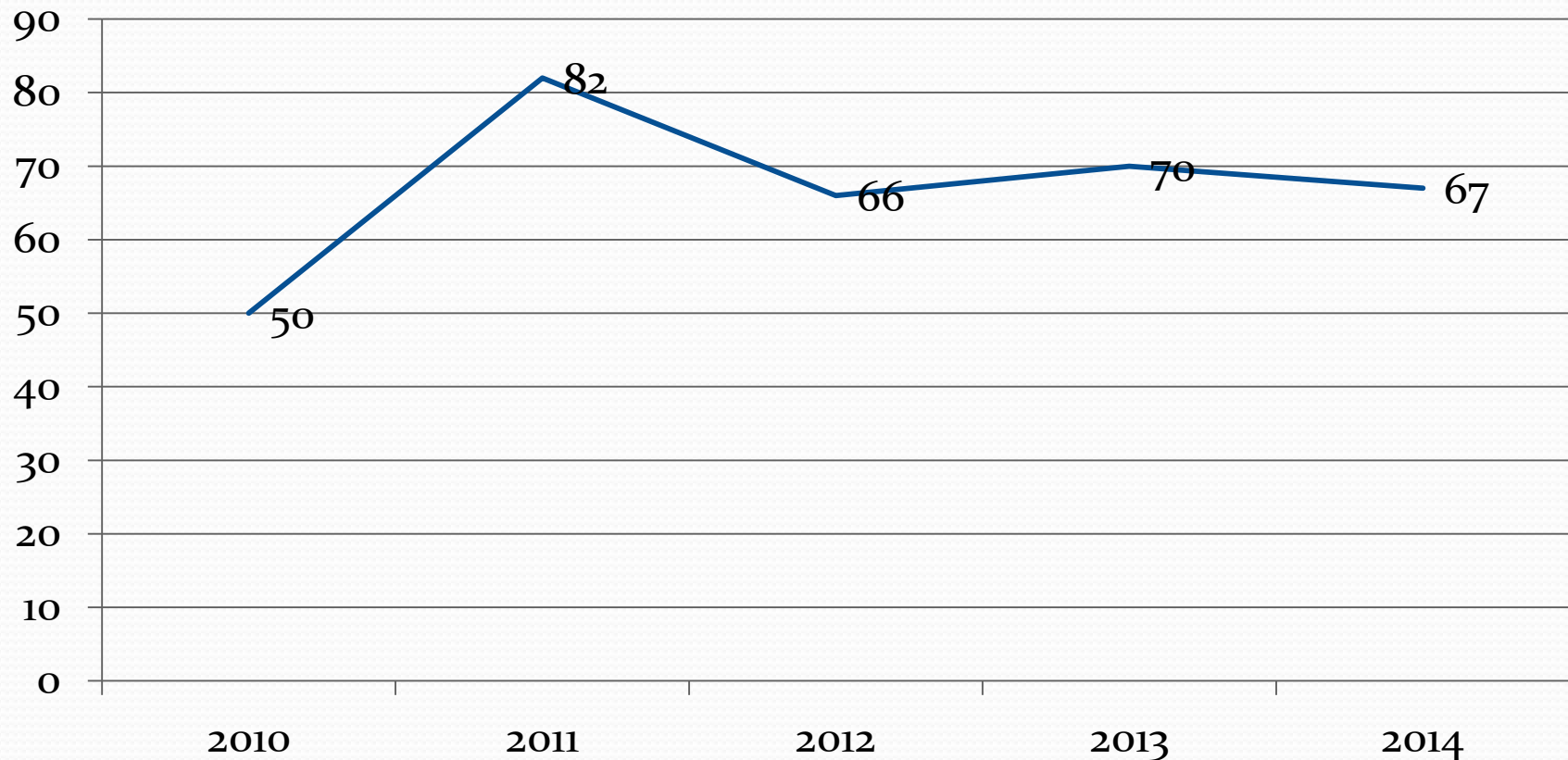
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2014 AP Scores

COURSE	ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE SCORE	EARNING A ₃ OR BETTER
English Language	23	2.7	11
English Literature	22	2.2	7
US History	17	2.2	6
Calculus AB	14	1.6	4
Biology	11	3.3	9
Environmental Science	21	3.0	13
Human Geography	1	4.0	1

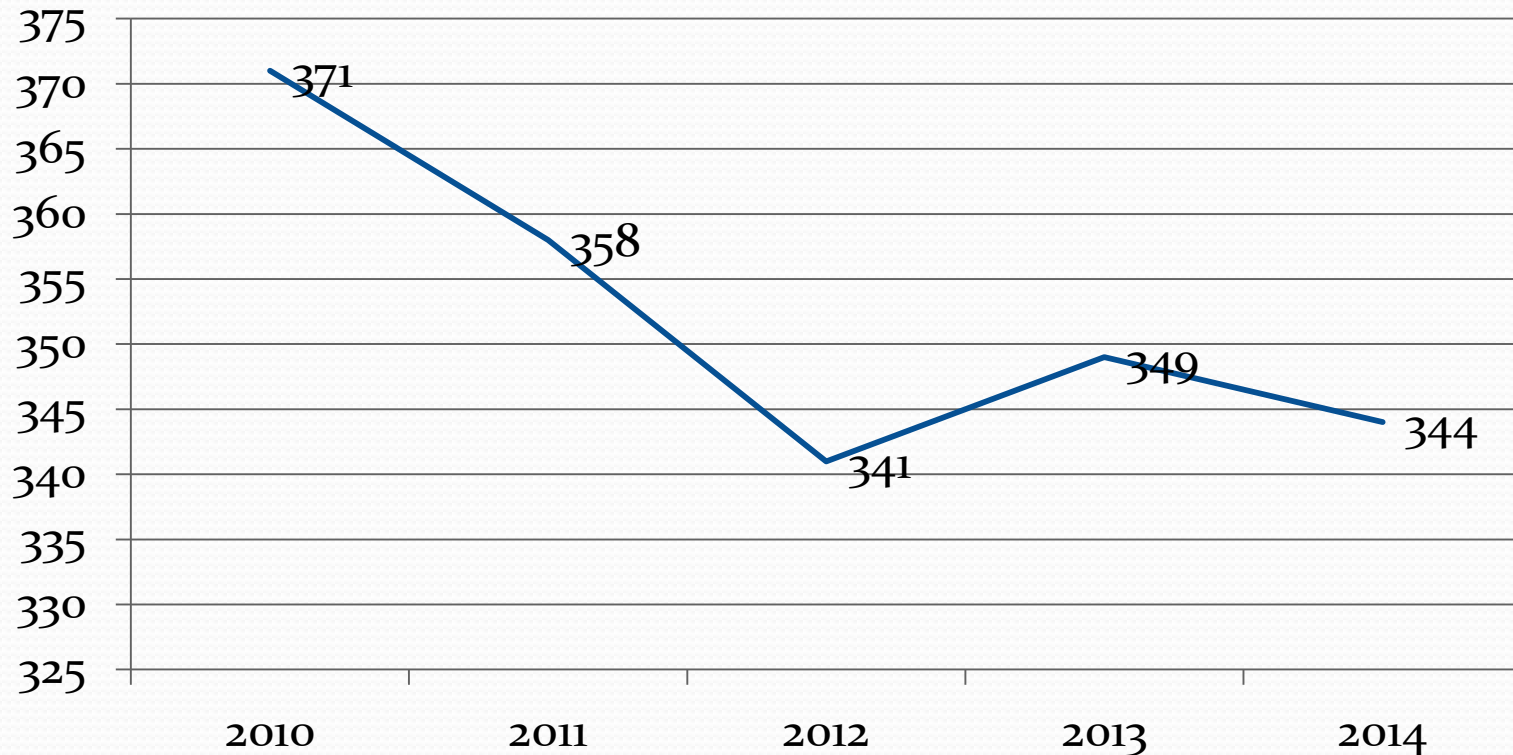
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Number of Students Taking AP Exams (2010 – 2014)



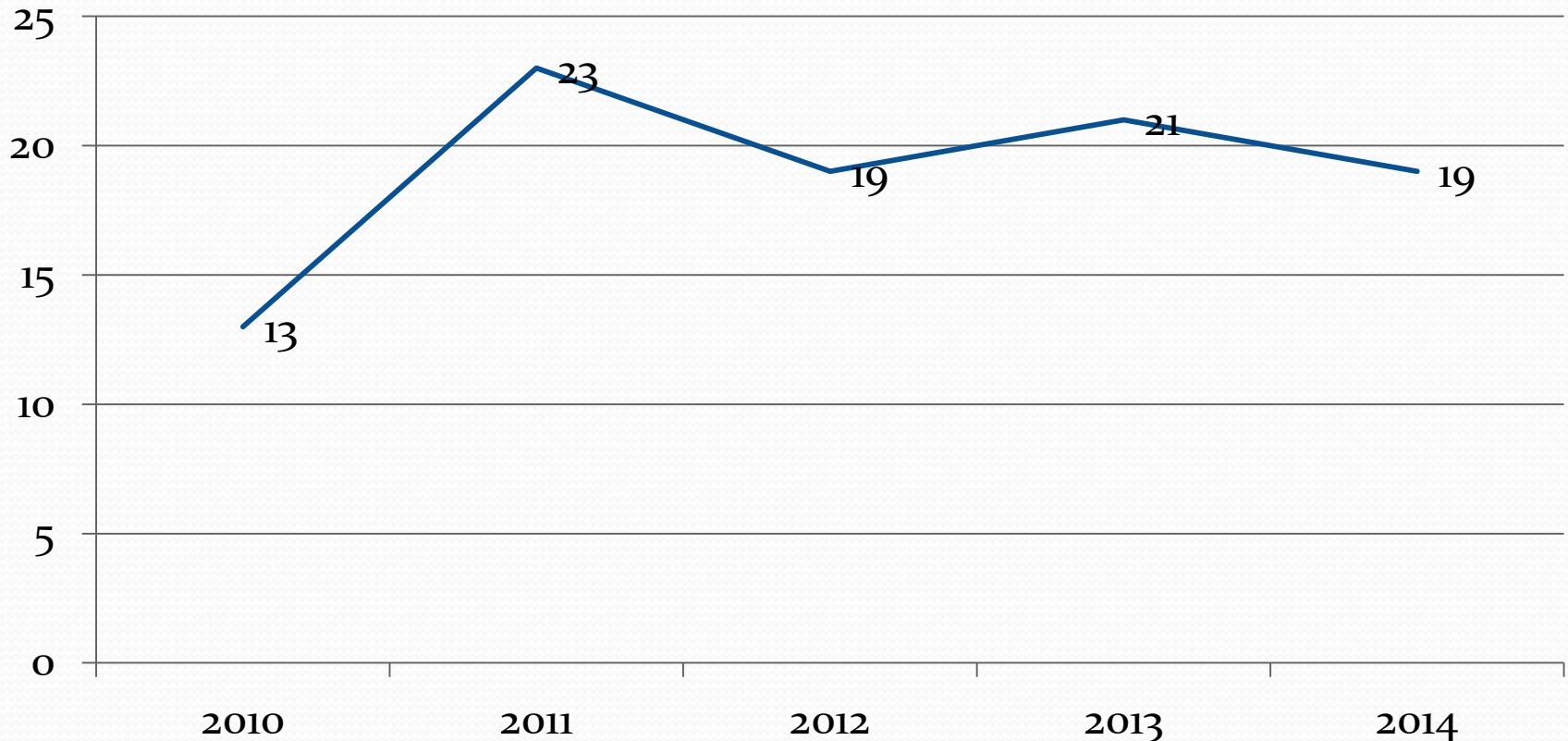
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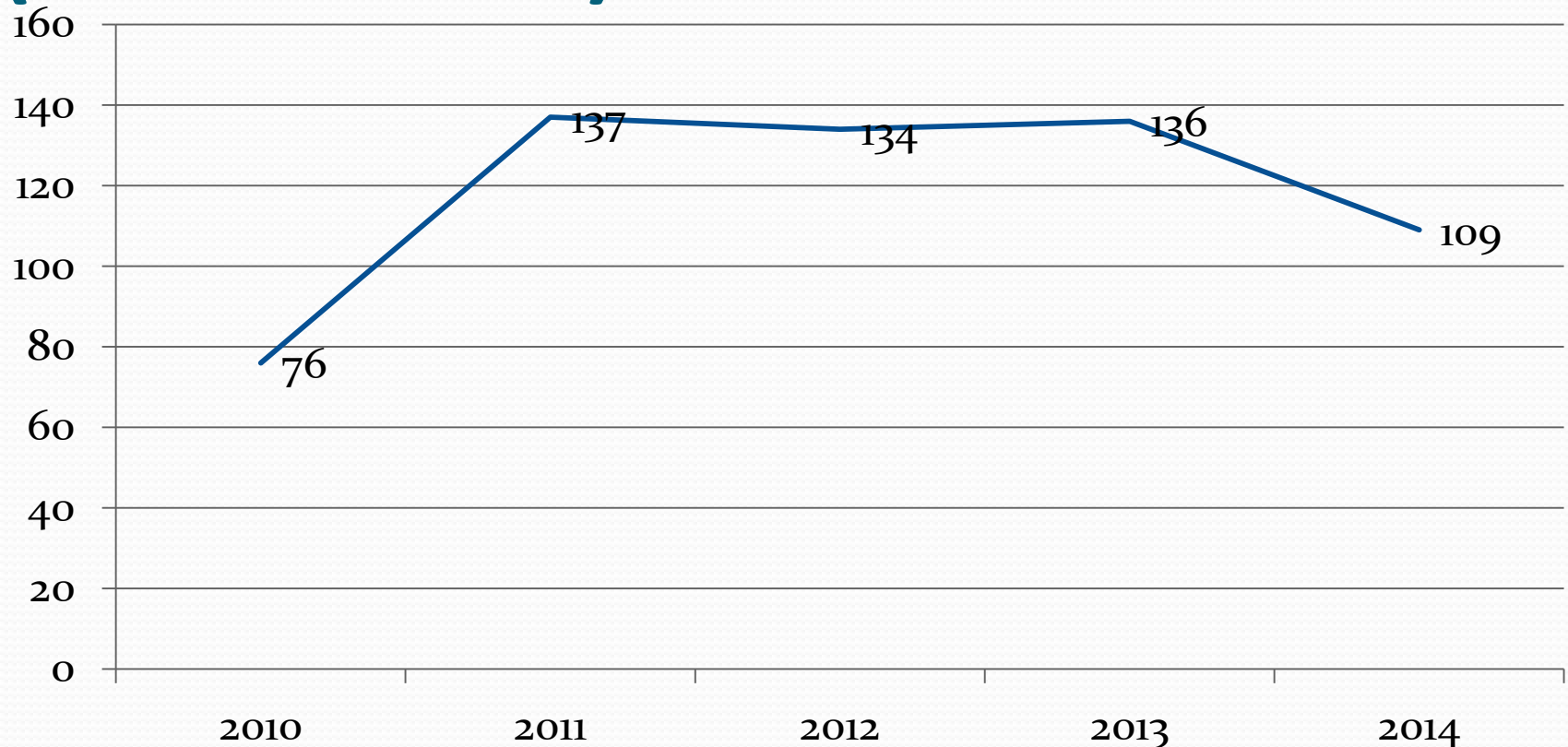
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Percentage of Students Taking at least one AP Exam (2010 – 2014)



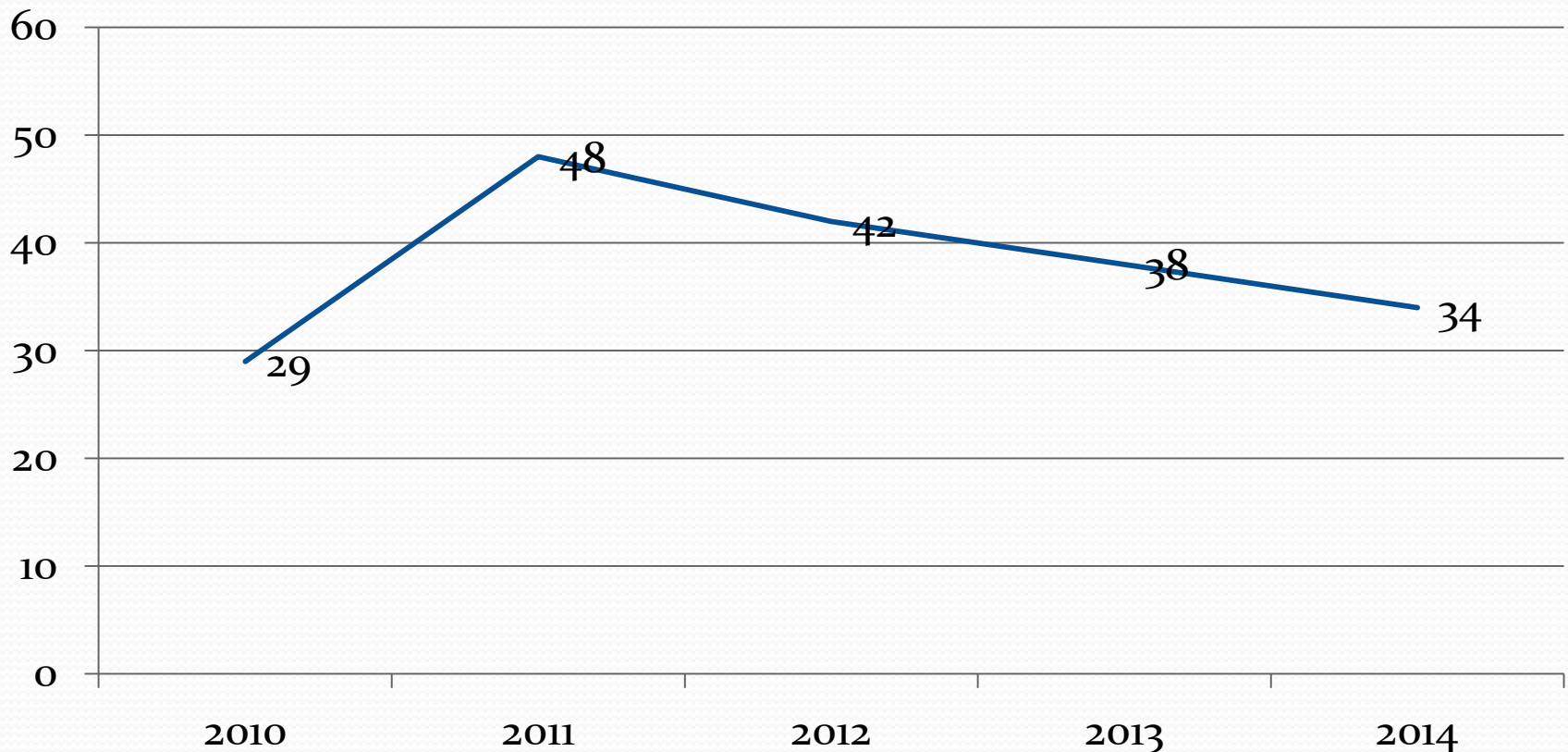
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Number of AP Exams Taken (2010 – 2014)



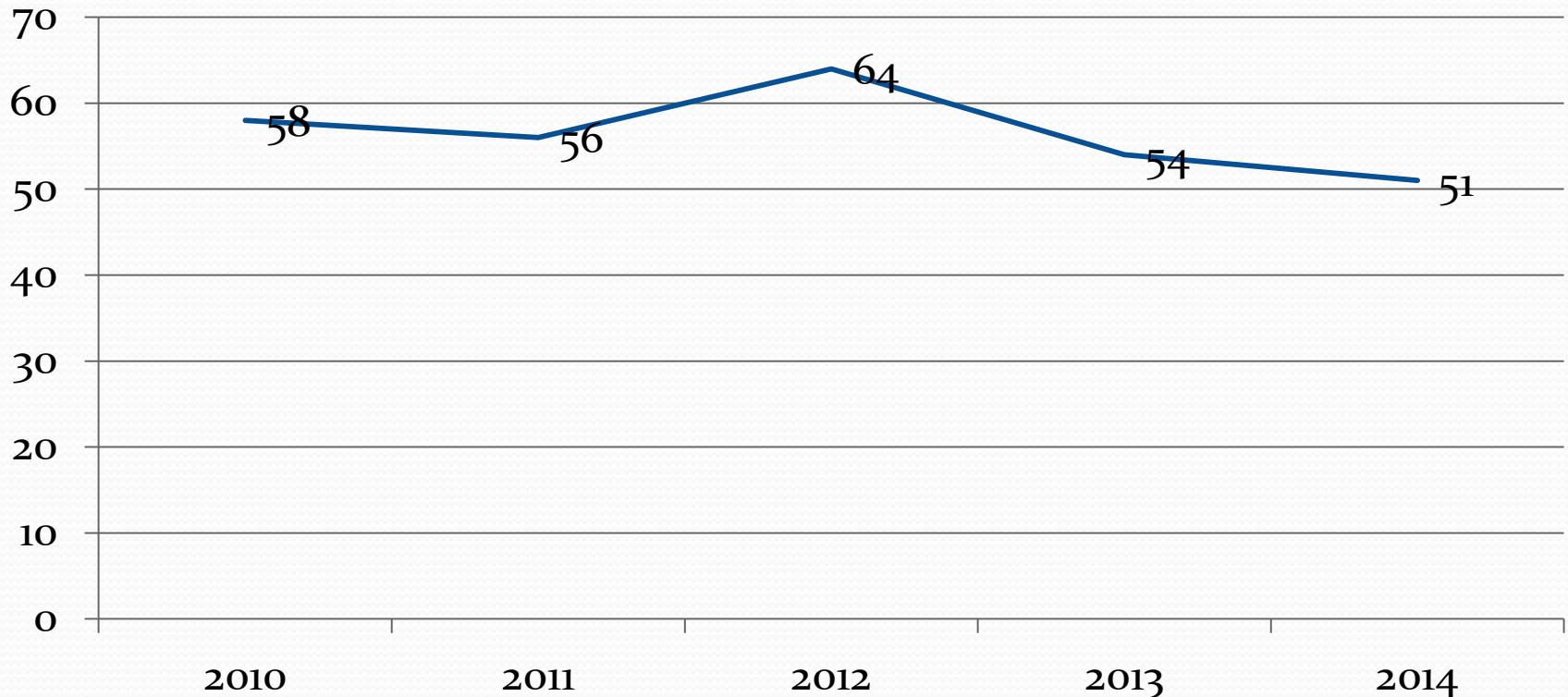
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Number of Students Earning a 3 or Better (2010 – 2014)



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Percentage of Students Earning a 3 or Better (2009 – 2014)



AP Trends

- The number of students taking at least one AP course decreased last year but has increased this year.
- The average scores went up slightly in US History and Calculus – two areas of focus.
- The Biology and APES scores are still very strong.
- The English scores are hovering.
- In order to raise scores, 5 teachers have received College Board training in the past few years.

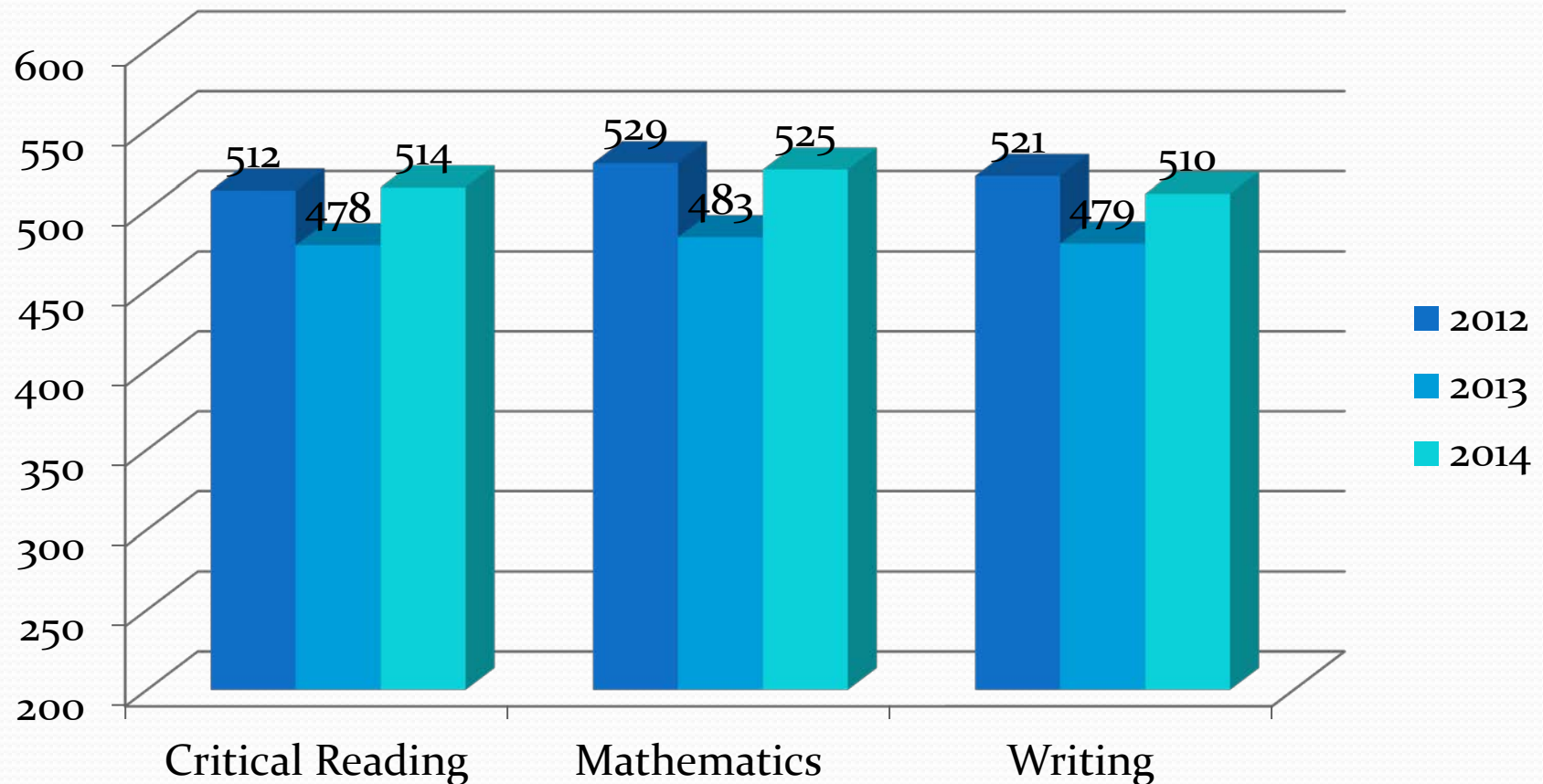
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Overview

- Nationally normed and standardized test
- Tests student's basic knowledge and skill in the areas of reading, mathematics and writing
- Evaluates how a student thinks, reasons and communicates
- SAT scores are still an essential part of the admissions process
- Maximum possible score: 2400 (800 each in critical reading, mathematics and writing)

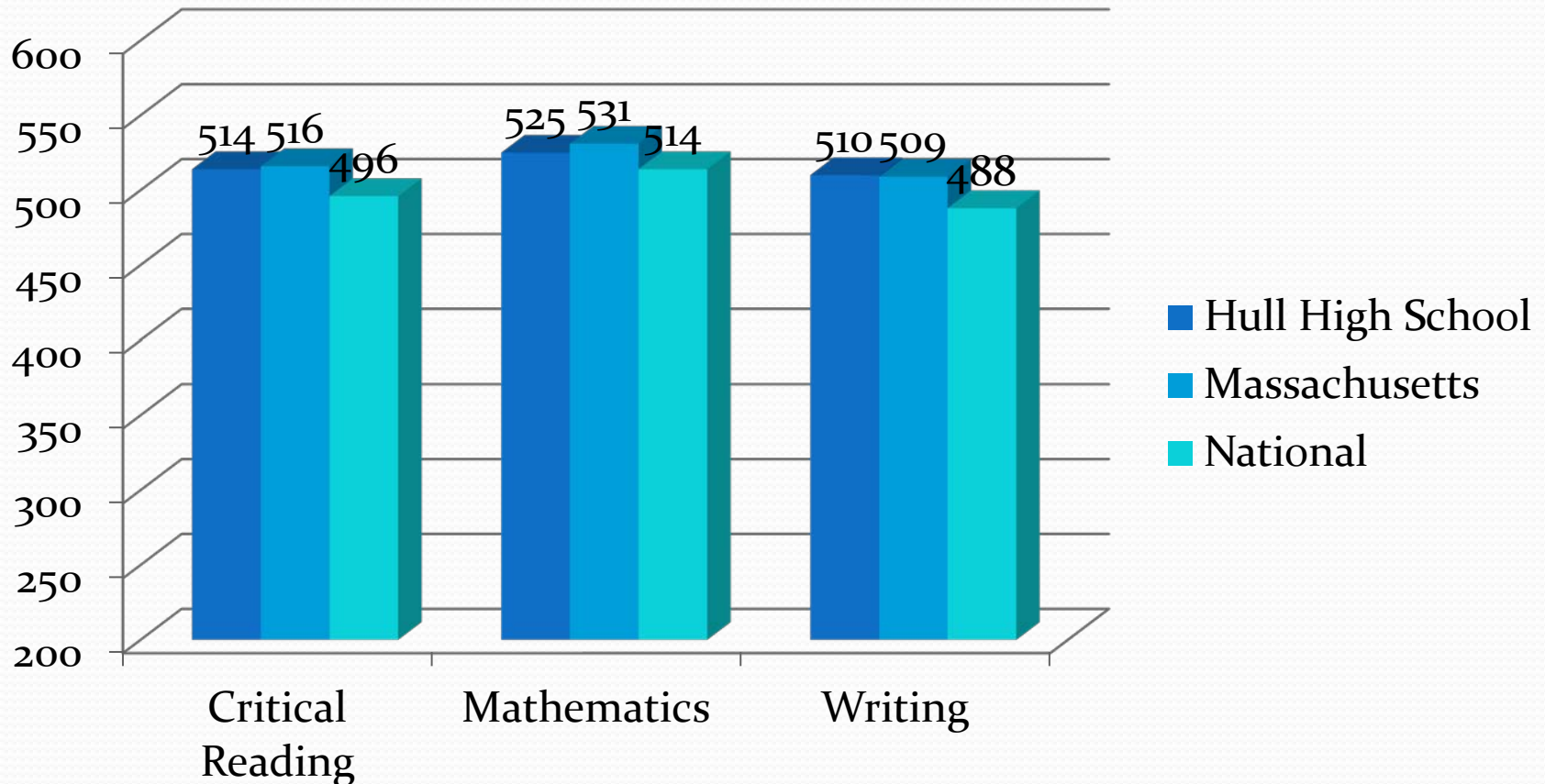
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Mean SAT Scores (2012 – 2014)



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Mean SAT Scores Comparison (2014)



SAT Trends

- We believed that last years decline in scores was an aberration and we were correct.
- Our goal is to have HHS students score at or above the Massachusetts state average and we are close.
- To increase scores:
 - We have introduced an SAT prep course taught by an English and a mathematics teacher
 - All English teachers are using SAT vocabulary books, and;
 - We will be offering free on-line SAT prep courses to all students