Who’s Taking AP Computer Science?

Enrollment in AP Computer Science

The AP Computer Science (CS) program has existed for over 30 years, but AP CS has the smallest enrollment of all AP programs. In fact, the 37,327 students that took the AP CS test represented less than 1% of all AP tests taken in the US in 2014.

Representation of Women and Students of Color

In recent years the number of students taking the AP Computer Science exam has been on the rise, but white male students continue to represent a disproportionately high percentage of all AP CS test takers. Only 20% of AP CS tests were taken by women, despite the fact that women took 54% of all the AP tests given in 2014.

The demographics are so skewed that in some states there were no students of color or women to take the test-- in **2014 there were 13 states that didn’t have a single Black student take the exam, 7 states that didn’t have any Hispanic test takers, and 2 states that didn’t have any women sit for the test.**

At Code.org we believe the demographics of the students who take AP CS should match the demographics of the whole student body. Making this a reality depends on all students having meaningful access to CS courses.

*all graphs and data are from 2014 AP test data released by the College Board*