



# ACS USNCO

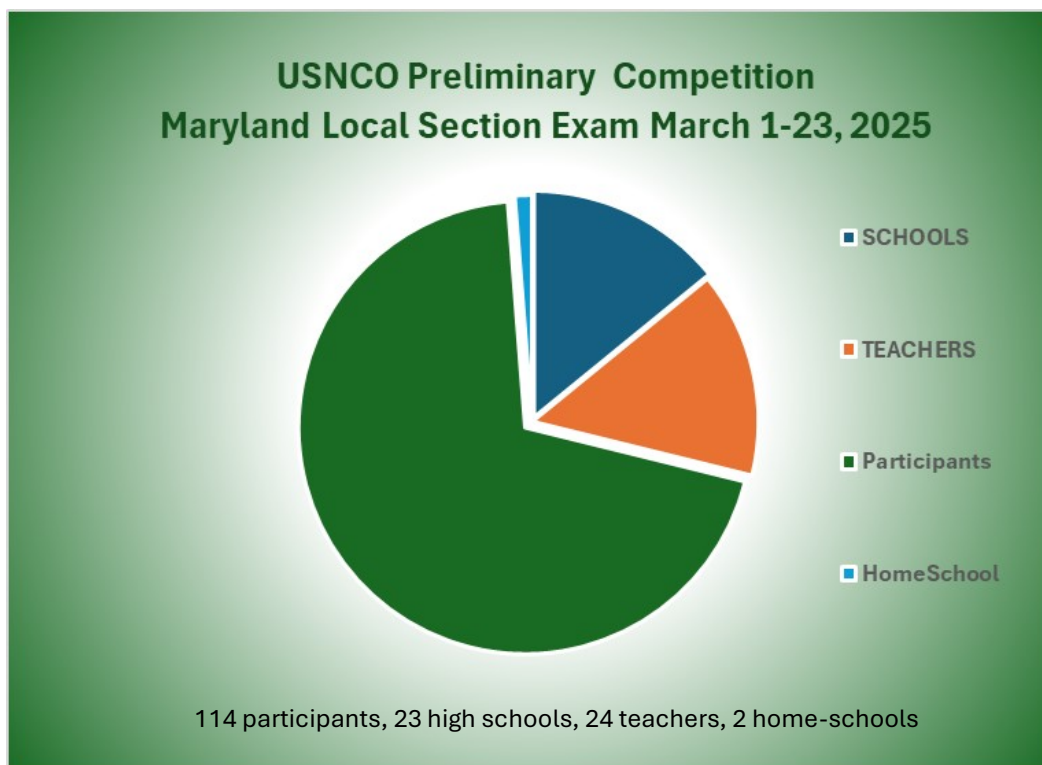
## U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad

### SUCCESSFUL

## MARYLAND LOCAL SECTION PRELIMINARY EXAM

Congratulations to all participants, parents, teachers, and schools, you made it possible to have a successful chemistry competition this year. For the longest time we did not have a large number of participants like this year, 2025. One hundred and fourteen participants took the Maryland Local Section Exam during the month of March to compete for 14 available seats for the National Chemistry Olympiad.

Students began to register for the competition in November 2024. The number of participants increased in January and February 2025 and even after the registration day was closed, we had requests from more participants. These students were approved; however, it is important to follow the guidelines of the competition and hopefully in the future students will register on time. One important part of our goal in preparing students for careers in the chemistry field is discipline and registering on time is part of this discipline.



What does it mean only 14 seats for USNCO? The number of available nominees depends on the number of ACS members in our local section. In 2025 we have an increase in membership, and this is reflected in the opportunities we give to talented students to compete at the national level and consequently to compete at the international level, IChO. Thanks to the increase in memberships two additional students can be selected to compete in the 2025-USNCO. We wish all the Olympian, the best of luck. We are proud of their commitment and their representation of the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society, nationally.

Report: **2025-USNCO Maryland Local Exam**

114 participants, 23 high schools, 24 teachers, 2 home-schools

**Participants** grades 9-12

**Schools:** Maryland local section area\*

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**Maryland Local Exam:** March 1, 2025, to March 23, 2025

**US National Chemistry Olympiad:** April 3, 2025, to April 16, 2025

**Volunteers:** Parents, Teachers and Coordinator

**Chemistry competition:** Online using Soft Exam from ACS, Virtual Exam via ZOOM with ACS coordinator and In-person Exam with teachers

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