

Table 121.—Average student proficiency in geography and U.S. history, by selected characteristics: 1994

Selected characteristics of students	Geography scores			History scores			
	Percentage distribution of 12th-graders in geography	4th-graders	8th-graders	12th-graders	4th-graders	8th-graders	12th-graders
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total	100 —	206 (1.2)	260 (0.7)	285 (0.7)	205 (1.0)	259 (0.6)	286 (0.8)
Sex							
Male	50 (1.0)	208 (1.4)	262 (0.9)	288 (0.8)	203 (1.5)	259 (0.8)	288 (0.8)
Female	50 (1.0)	203 (1.4)	258 (0.8)	281 (0.9)	206 (1.1)	259 (0.7)	285 (0.9)
Race							
White	74 (0.3)	218 (1.5)	270 (0.8)	291 (0.8)	215 (1.2)	267 (0.8)	292 (0.8)
Black	12 (0.4)	168 (2.5)	229 (1.7)	258 (1.4)	177 (1.6)	239 (1.4)	265 (1.5)
Hispanic	8 (0.2)	183 (2.5)	239 (1.9)	268 (1.5)	180 (2.7)	243 (1.3)	267 (1.6)
Parents' level of education							
Not high school graduate	7 (0.4)	186 (3.7)	238 (1.7)	263 (1.2)	177 (3.3)	241 (1.3)	263 (1.4)
Graduated high school	22 (0.8)	197 (2.5)	250 (1.2)	274 (1.1)	197 (1.8)	251 (0.8)	276 (1.1)
Some college	25 (0.7)	216 (2.5)	265 (1.0)	286 (1.0)	214 (2.1)	264 (0.8)	287 (1.2)
Graduated college	44 (1.2)	216 (1.6)	272 (1.0)	294 (0.9)	216 (1.2)	270 (0.8)	296 (0.9)
Type of school							
Public	89 (1.0)	204 (1.4)	258 (0.8)	283 (0.8)	203 (1.2)	257 (0.7)	284 (0.8)
Private schools	11 (1.0)	221 (2.2)	276 (1.3)	294 (1.6)	222 (1.9)	278 (1.1)	299 (1.3)
Catholic schools	6 (0.9)	222 (2.6)	276 (1.6)	291 (3.0)	221 (2.5)	279 (1.5)	298 (2.2)
Other private	4 (0.6)	220 (3.8)	276 (2.6)	298 (2.0)	224 (3.1)	277 (2.1)	299 (2.2)
Region							
Northeast	21 (0.5)	203 (2.7)	266 (1.9)	284 (1.6)	204 (2.4)	266 (1.7)	289 (1.9)
Southeast	23 (0.8)	200 (2.5)	252 (1.6)	278 (1.1)	201 (1.9)	251 (1.3)	282 (1.4)
Central	28 (0.7)	215 (3.2)	268 (1.6)	289 (1.8)	212 (2.6)	266 (1.3)	288 (1.4)
West	29 (0.7)	205 (1.7)	255 (1.8)	286 (1.9)	202 (2.1)	256 (1.1)	286 (1.6)

—Data not applicable.

NOTE.—These test scores are from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). As with the NAEP reading scale, these scales range from 0 to 500. However, the distribution of scores varies by subject. Therefore, direct score comparisons among the subjects should be avoided. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *National Assessment of Educational Progress, 1994 U.S. History Report Card*, and *The Geography Report Card*, prepared by Educational Testing Service. (This table was prepared May 1999.)