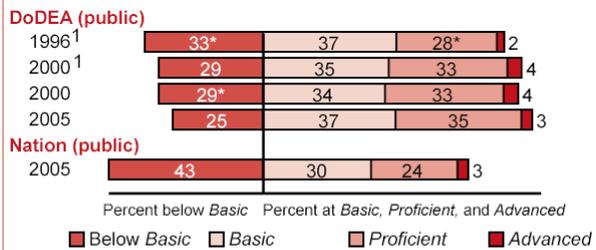


The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assesses science in two major dimensions: Fields of Science (Earth, Physical, and Life) and Knowing and Doing Science (Conceptual Understanding, Scientific Investigation, and Practical Reasoning). The NAEP science scale ranges from 0 to 300. Scales are created separately for each grade.

Overall Science Results for DoDEA

- In 2005, the average scale score for eighth-grade students in DoDEA was 160. This was higher than their average score in 2000 (158), and was higher than their average score in 1996 (155).¹
- DoDEA's average score (160) in 2005 was higher than that of the nation's public schools (147).
- Of the 44 states and one jurisdiction that participated in the 2005 eighth-grade assessment, students' average scale score in DoDEA was higher than those in 34 jurisdictions, not significantly different from those in 9 jurisdictions, and lower than that in 1 jurisdiction.²
- The percentage of students in DoDEA who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 38 percent in 2005. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2000 (36 percent), and was greater than that in 1996 (30 percent).
- The percentage of students in DoDEA who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 75 percent in 2005. This percentage was greater than that in 2000 (71 percent), and was greater than that in 1996 (67 percent).

Student Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels



¹ Accommodations were not permitted for this assessment.

NOTE: The NAEP grade 8 science achievement levels correspond to the following scale points: Below *Basic*, 142 or lower; *Basic*, 143–169; *Proficient*, 170–207; *Advanced*, 208 or above.

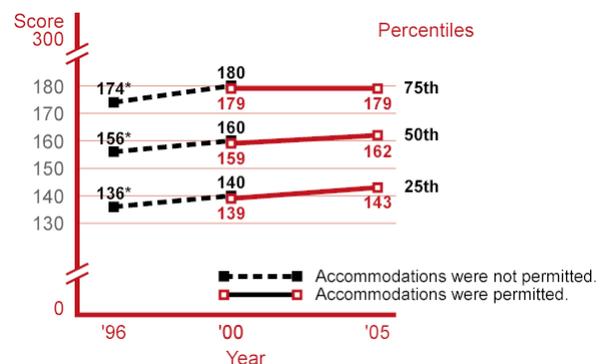
Performance of NAEP Reporting Groups in DoDEA: 2005

Reporting groups	Percent of students	Average score	Percent below <i>Basic</i>	Percent of students at or above <i>Basic</i>	Percent <i>Proficient</i>	Percent <i>Advanced</i>
Male	50	162	24	76	41	4
Female	50	158 [†]	27	73	35	2
White	46	168	16	84	48	5
Black	19	143	49	51	14	#
Hispanic	14 [†]	160	26	74	37	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	161	22	78	40	2
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch	#	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch	#	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡

Average Score Gaps Between Selected Groups

- In 2005, male students in DoDEA had an average score that was higher than that of female students by 4 points. In 1996, the average score for male students was higher than that of female students by 4 points.
- In 2005, Black students had an average score that was lower than that of White students by 25 points. In 1996, the average score for Black students was lower than that of White students by 24 points.
- In 2005, Hispanic students had an average score that was lower than that of White students by 8 points. This performance gap was narrower than that of 1996 (14 points).
- Data are not reported for students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch in DoDEA in 2005, because reporting standards were not met. Therefore, the performance gap results are not reported.
- In 2005, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 36 points. In 1996, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 38 points.

Science Scale Scores at Selected Percentiles



Scores at selected percentiles on the NAEP science scale indicate how well students at lower, middle, and higher levels performed.

The estimate rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

* Significantly different from 2005.

† Significantly higher than 2000. ‡ Significantly lower than 2000.

¹ Comparisons (higher/lower/not different) are based on statistical tests. The .05 level was used for testing statistical significance. Comparisons across jurisdictions and comparisons with the nation or within a jurisdiction across years may be affected by differences in exclusion rates for students with disabilities (SD) and English language learners (ELL). The exclusion rates for SD and ELL in DoDEA were 1 percent and 1 percent in 2005, respectively. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages.

² "Jurisdiction" refers to states and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding and because the "Information not available" category for free/reduced-price school lunch and the "Unclassified" category for race/ethnicity are not displayed. Visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states/> for additional results and detailed information.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 1996, 2000, and 2005 Science Assessments.