## Overall Results

- In 2011, the average score of eighth-grade students in Massachusetts was 299. This was higher than the average score of 283 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Massachusetts in 2011 (299) was not significantly different from their average score in 2009 (299) and was higher than their average score in 1992 (273).
- In 2011, the score gap between students in Massachusetts at the 75 th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 46 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 1992 (48 points).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 51 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (52 percent) and was greater than that in 1992 ( 23 percent).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 86 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (85 percent) and was greater than that in 1992 ( 63 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2011 to Other States/Jurisdictions

${ }^{1}$ Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools).
In 2011, the average score in Massachusetts (299) was

- lower than that in 0 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 51 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 0 state/jurisdiction

Results for Student Groups in 2011

| Reporting groups | Percent of students | Avg. score | Percentages at or above |  | Percent at Advanced |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Basic | Proficient |  |
| Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 73 | 304 | 91 | 58 | 17 |
| Black | 8 | 275 | 65 | 26 | 4 |
| Hispanic | 13 | 273 | 64 | 21 | 3 |
| Asian | 4 | 321 | 94 | 73 | 39 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | \# | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | \# | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ |
| Two or more races | 2 | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ |
| Gender |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 51 | 299 | 85 | 52 | 17 |
| Female | 49 | 298 | 86 | 51 | 14 |
| National School Lunch Program |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eligible | 33 | 280 | 72 | 29 | 5 |
| Not eligible | 67 | 308 | 92 | 62 | 21 |

\# Rounds to zero. $\ddagger$ Reporting standards not met.
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the
"Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which
provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African
American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin.


* Significantly different ( $p<.05$ ) from state's results in 2011. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.
a Accommodations not permitted. For information about NAEP accommodations, see
http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.asp.
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

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## Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2011, Black students had an average score that was 29 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1992 ( 34 points).
- In 2011, Hispanic students had an average score that was 31 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1992 (38 points).
- In 2011, male students in Massachusetts had an average score that was not significantly different from female students.
- In 2011, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 28 points lower than students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1996 (30 points).

