

Table 118. Percent of students at or above selected U.S. history proficiency levels, by grade level and selected characteristics of students: 2001

Selected characteristic of students 1	Percentage of 4th-graders				Percentage of 8th-graders				Percentage of 12th-graders			
	Below basic 2	At or above basic 3	At or above proficient 4	At advanced 5	Below basic 6	At or above basic 7	At or above proficient 8	At advanced 9	Below basic 10	At or above basic 11	At or above proficient 12	At advanced 13
All students	33 (1.1)	67 (1.1)	18 (1.0)	2 (0.5)	36 (0.9)	64 (0.9)	17 (0.8)	2 (0.3)	57 (1.2)	43 (1.2)	11 (0.9)	1 (0.4)
Sex												
Male	34 (1.3)	66 (1.3)	19 (1.2)	2 (0.7)	35 (1.1)	65 (1.1)	18 (1.0)	2 (0.3)	55 (1.6)	45 (1.6)	12 (1.1)	1 (0.5)
Female	32 (1.4)	68 (1.4)	17 (1.1)	2 (0.4)	37 (1.2)	63 (1.2)	15 (0.8)	1 (0.4)	59 (1.3)	41 (1.3)	10 (0.9)	1 (0.3)
Race/ethnicity												
White, non-Hispanic	21 (1.3)	79 (1.3)	24 (1.4)	3 (0.7)	25 (1.0)	75 (1.0)	21 (1.1)	2 (0.4)	51 (1.4)	49 (1.4)	13 (1.0)	1 (0.4)
Black, non-Hispanic	56 (2.1)	44 (2.1)	6 (1.0)	# (0.3)	62 (2.4)	38 (2.4)	4 (0.8)	# (—)	80 (1.5)	20 (1.5)	3 (0.6)	# (—)
Hispanic	58 (3.0)	42 (3.0)	7 (1.1)	1 (0.3)	60 (1.7)	40 (1.7)	5 (0.7)	# (0.2)	74 (2.4)	26 (2.4)	5 (1.1)	# (—)
Asian/Pacific Islander	29 (3.8)	71 (3.8)	19 (3.2)	3 (1.9)	32 (3.8)	68 (3.8)	20 (3.6)	2 (0.8)	47 (5.1)	53 (5.1)	21 (6.0)	5 (2.3)
American Indian/ Alaska Native	47 (6.4)	53 (6.4)	12 (4.6)	4 (—)	50 (7.1)	50 (7.1)	8 (3.5)	1 (—)	66 (7.2)	34 (—)	1 (—)	# (—)
Region												
Northeast	27 (3.1)	73 (3.1)	23 (2.9)	3 (1.1)	28 (2.2)	72 (2.2)	22 (2.1)	2 (0.8)	55 (3.8)	45 (3.8)	13 (3.2)	2 (—)
Southeast	34 (2.7)	66 (2.7)	16 (2.2)	2 (1.2)	38 (2.3)	62 (2.3)	16 (1.3)	2 (0.4)	61 (2.3)	39 (2.3)	10 (1.3)	1 (0.3)
Central	25 (2.3)	75 (2.3)	24 (2.4)	3 (1.1)	29 (2.2)	71 (2.2)	19 (1.5)	2 (0.5)	54 (2.2)	46 (2.2)	11 (1.3)	1 (0.4)
West	41 (2.5)	59 (2.5)	13 (1.2)	1 (0.4)	45 (1.7)	55 (1.7)	12 (1.3)	1 (0.2)	58 (2.2)	42 (2.2)	11 (1.5)	1 (0.4)
Parents' highest level of education												
Not high school graduate	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	59 (3.3)	41 (3.3)	3 (1.8)	# (—)	80 (2.1)	20 (2.1)	2 (0.7)	# (—)
Graduated high school	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	48 (1.7)	52 (1.7)	7 (1.0)	# (—)	74 (1.3)	26 (1.3)	4 (0.8)	# (0.1)
Some college	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	30 (1.3)	70 (1.3)	14 (1.3)	1 (0.3)	61 (1.3)	39 (1.3)	8 (0.7)	1 (0.2)
Graduated college	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	— (—)	22 (1.0)	78 (1.0)	27 (1.1)	3 (0.5)	42 (1.5)	58 (1.5)	18 (1.5)	2 (0.8)
Free/reduced price lunch eligibility												
Eligible	53 (1.7)	47 (1.7)	6 (0.8)	1 (0.2)	59 (1.4)	41 (1.4)	6 (0.7)	# (0.2)	77 (1.8)	23 (1.8)	3 (0.7)	# (—)
Not eligible	21 (1.7)	79 (1.7)	25 (1.6)	3 (0.8)	27 (1.2)	73 (1.2)	20 (1.2)	2 (0.3)	55 (1.5)	45 (1.5)	11 (1.1)	1 (0.6)
Not available	25 (2.8)	75 (2.8)	24 (2.9)	3 (1.1)	30 (2.4)	70 (2.4)	22 (2.1)	3 (0.6)	47 (2.9)	53 (2.9)	17 (2.3)	2 (0.6)

—Not available
Rounds to zero.

NOTE: Includes public and private schools. Excludes persons unable to be tested due to limited proficiency in English or due to a disability (and the accommodations provided were not sufficient to enable the test to properly reflect the students' writing proficiency). Beginning in 2002, the NAEP national sample was obtained by aggregating the samples from each state, rather than by obtaining an independently selected national sample. As

a consequence, the size of the national sample increased, and smaller differences between years or between types of students were found to be statistically significant than would have been detected in previous assessments. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

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