

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assesses reading in two content areas: reading for literary experience and to gain information. The NAEP reading scale ranges from 0 to 500.

Overall Reading Results for Rhode Island	Student Percentage at NAEP Achievement Levels																																								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2005, the average scale score for fourth-grade students in Rhode Island was 216. This was not significantly different from their average score in 2003 (216), and was not significantly different from their average score in 1992 (217).</li> <li>Rhode Island's average score (216) in 2005 was not significantly different from that of the Nation's public schools (217).</li> <li>Of the 52 states and other jurisdictions<sup>2</sup> that participated in the 2005 fourth-grade assessment, students' average scale scores in Rhode Island were higher than those in 10 jurisdictions, not significantly different from those in 14 jurisdictions, and lower than those in 27 jurisdictions.</li> <li>The percentage of students in Rhode Island who performed at or above the NAEP <i>Proficient</i> level was 30 percent in 2005. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2003 (29 percent), and was not significantly different from that in 1992 (28 percent).</li> <li>The percentage of students in Rhode Island who performed at or above the NAEP <i>Basic</i> level was 62 percent in 2005. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2003 (62 percent), and was not significantly different from that in 1992 (63 percent).</li> </ul>	<p>Rhode Island (public)</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>1992<sup>1</sup></td><td>37</td><td>35</td><td>22</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>1994<sup>1</sup></td><td>35</td><td>33</td><td>24</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>1998<sup>1</sup></td><td>35</td><td>33</td><td>25</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>1998</td><td>36</td><td>33</td><td>24</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>2002</td><td>35</td><td>33</td><td>25</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>2003</td><td>38</td><td>33</td><td>23</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>2005</td><td>38</td><td>32</td><td>23</td><td>7</td></tr> </table> <p>Nation (public)</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>2005</td><td>38</td><td>33</td><td>23</td><td>7</td></tr> </table> <p>Percent below <i>Basic</i>    Percent at <i>Basic</i>, <i>Proficient</i>, and <i>Advanced</i></p> <p>■ Below <i>Basic</i>    □ <i>Basic</i>    ■ <i>Proficient</i>    ■ <i>Advanced</i></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Accommodations were not permitted for this assessment.</p> <p>NOTE: The NAEP reading achievement levels correspond to the following scale points: <i>Below Basic</i>, 207 or lower; <i>Basic</i>, 208–237; <i>Proficient</i>, 238–267; <i>Advanced</i>, 268 or above.</p>	1992 <sup>1</sup>	37	35	22	5	1994 <sup>1</sup>	35	33	24	8	1998 <sup>1</sup>	35	33	25	7	1998	36	33	24	7	2002	35	33	25	8	2003	38	33	23	7	2005	38	32	23	7	2005	38	33	23	7
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Performance of NAEP Reporting Groups in Rhode Island						
Reporting groups	Percent of students	Average score	Percent below <i>Basic</i>	Percent of students at or above <i>Basic</i>	Percent at or above <i>Proficient</i>	Percent <i>Advanced</i>
Male	50	212	42	58	26	5
Female	50	221	34	66	34	9
White	72	224	30	70	36	9
Black	8	197	60	40	15	2
Hispanic	16	192	65	35	11	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	219	36	64	29	9
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch	37	197	59	41	13	2
Not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch	63 <sup>†</sup>	228	26	74	40	10

Average Score Gaps Between Selected Groups	Reading Scale Scores at Selected Percentiles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2005, male students in Rhode Island had an average score that was lower than that of female students by 9 points. In 1992, there was no significant difference between the average score of male and female students.</li> <li>In 2005, Black students had an average score that was lower than that of White students by 28 points. In 1992, the average score for Black students was lower than that of White students by 31 points.</li> <li>In 2005, Hispanic students had an average score that was lower than that of White students by 32 points. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1992, because reporting standards were not met. Therefore, the performance gap data are not reported.</li> <li>In 2005, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of poverty, had an average score that was lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch by 31 points. In 1998, the average score for students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch was lower than the score of those not eligible by 35 points.</li> <li>In 2005, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 50 points. In 1992, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 45 points.</li> </ul>	<p>Reading Scale Scores at Selected Percentiles</p> <p>Percentiles</p> <p>Legend: ■ Accommodations were not permitted, □ Accommodations were permitted</p> <p>75th Percentile: 1992 (240), 1994 (245), 1998 (244), 2002 (245), 2003 (242), 2005 (243)</p> <p>50th Percentile: 1992 (219), 1994 (223), 1998 (222), 2002 (222), 2003 (219), 2005 (219)</p> <p>25th Percentile: 1992 (195), 1994 (198), 1998 (197), 2002 (196), 2003 (193), 2005 (193)</p> <p>Scores at selected percentiles on the NAEP reading scale indicate how well students at lower, middle, and higher levels of the distribution performed.</p>

# The estimate rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

\* Significantly different from 2005.

† Significantly higher than 2003. ‡ Significantly lower than 2003.

<sup>1</sup> Comparisons (higher/lower/not different) are based on statistical tests. The .05 level was used for testing statistical significance. Performance comparisons may be affected by differences in exclusion rates across years for students with disabilities (5% nationally in 2005) and English language learners (2% nationally in 2005) in the NAEP samples. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages.

<sup>2</sup> "Other Jurisdictions" refers to the District of Columbia 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 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), selected years, 1992–2005 Reading Assessments.