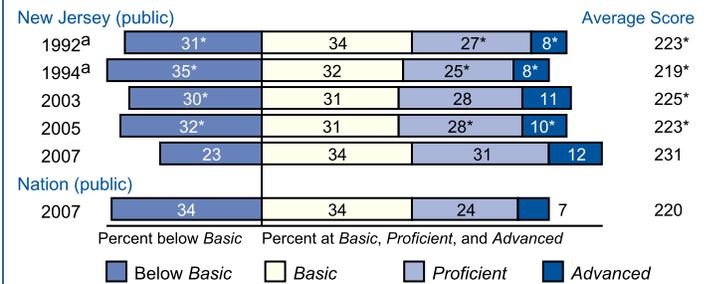


The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assesses reading in two content areas in grade 4: reading for literary experience and to gain information. The NAEP reading scale ranges from 0 to 500.

**Overall Reading Results for New Jersey**

- In 2007, the average scale score for fourth-grade students in New Jersey was 231. This was higher than their average score in 2005 (223) and was higher than their average score in 1992 (223).<sup>1</sup>
- New Jersey's average score (231) in 2007 was higher than that of the nation's public schools (220).
- Of the 52 states and other jurisdictions that participated in the 2007 fourth-grade assessment, students' average scale score in New Jersey was higher than those in 46 jurisdictions, not significantly different from those in 4 jurisdictions, and lower than that in 1 jurisdiction.<sup>2</sup>
- The percentage of students in New Jersey who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 43 percent in 2007. This percentage was greater than that in 2005 (37 percent) and was greater than that in 1992 (35 percent).
- The percentage of students in New Jersey who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 77 percent in 2007. This percentage was greater than that in 2005 (68 percent) and was greater than that in 1992 (69 percent).

**Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels and Average Score**



<sup>a</sup> Accommodations were not permitted for this assessment.

NOTE: The NAEP grade 4 reading achievement levels correspond to the following scale points: Below Basic, 207 or lower; Basic, 208–237; Proficient, 238–267; Advanced, 268 or above.

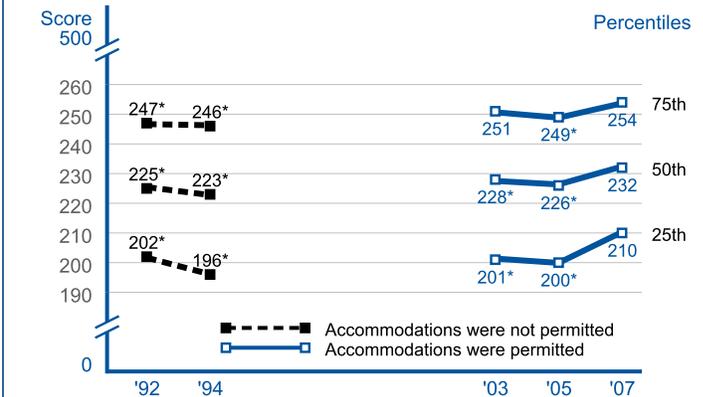
**Performance of NAEP Reporting Groups in New Jersey: 2007**

Reporting groups	Percent of students	Average score	Percent below Basic	Percent of students at or above		Percent Advanced
				Basic	Proficient	
Male	51	228 ↑	25 ↓	75 ↑	39	10
Female	49	234 ↑	21 ↓	79 ↑	47 ↑	14
White	59	238 ↑	14 ↓	86 ↑	52	15
Black	15	212 ↑	43 ↓	57 ↑	22	4
Hispanic	18	214 ↑	39 ↓	61 ↑	23	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	245	11	89	60	23
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Eligible for National School Lunch Program	27	210 ↑	44 ↓	56 ↑	20	3
Not eligible for National School Lunch Program	71	238 ↑	15 ↓	85 ↑	51 ↑	15

**Average Score Gaps Between Selected Groups**

- In 2007, male students in New Jersey had an average score that was lower than that of female students by 6 points. In 1992, the average score for male students was lower than that of female students by 5 points.
- In 2007, Black students had an average score that was lower than that of White students by 26 points. This performance gap was narrower than that of 1992 (35 points).
- In 2007, Hispanic students had an average score that was lower than that of White students by 24 points. This performance gap was narrower than that of 1992 (38 points).
- In 2007, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, a proxy for poverty, had an average score that was lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch by 27 points. In 2003, the average score for students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch was lower than the score of those not eligible by 30 points.
- In 2007, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 43 points. In 1992, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 45 points.

**Reading Scores at Selected Percentiles**



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

# Rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

\* Significantly different from 2007.

↑ Significantly higher than 2005. ↓ Significantly lower than 2005.

<sup>1</sup> Comparisons (higher/lower/narrower/wider/not different) are based on statistical tests. The .05 level was used for testing statistical significance. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages. 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 New Jersey were 5 percent and 2 percent in 2007, respectively. For more information on NAEP significance testing see <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/reading/interpret-results.asp#statistical>.

<sup>2</sup> "Jurisdictions" refers to states and 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 the National School Lunch Program, which provides free and reduced-price lunches, 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), various years, 1992–2007 Reading Assessments.