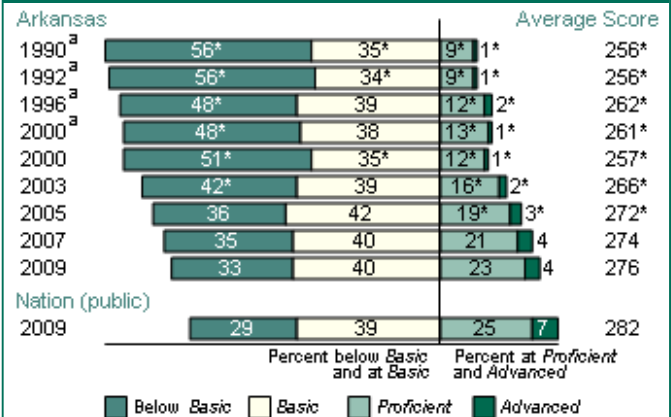


Overall Results

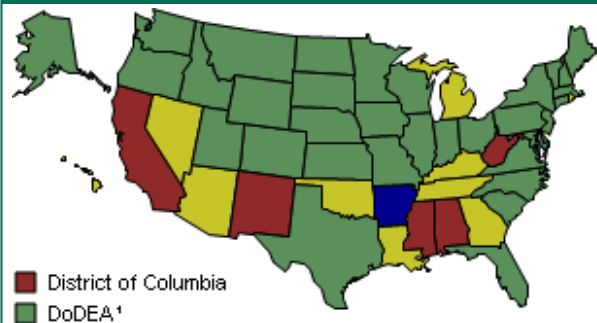
- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in Arkansas was 276. This was lower than the average score of 282 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Arkansas in 2009 (276) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (274) and was higher than their average score in 1990 (256).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in Arkansas at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 48 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 1990 (45 points).
- The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 27 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (24 percent) and was greater than that in 1990 (9 percent).
- The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 67 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (65 percent) and was greater than that in 1990 (44 percent).

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from state's results in 2009.
^a Accommodations not permitted.
 NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Compare the Average Score in 2009 to Other States/ Jurisdictions

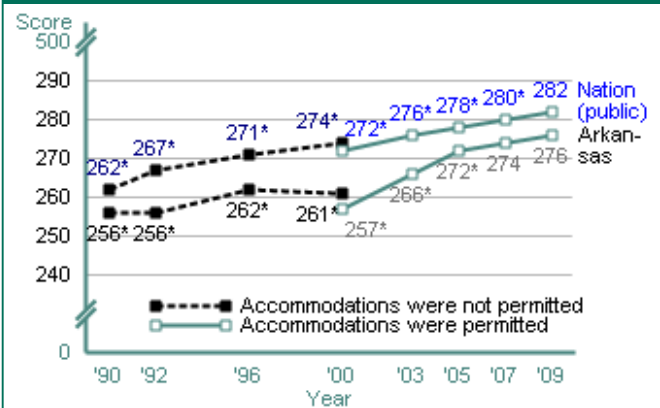


¹ Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

In 2009, the average score in **Arkansas** was

- lower than those in 35 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 6 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 10 states/jurisdictions

Compare the Average Score to Nation (public)



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from 2009.

Results for Student Groups in 2009

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above		Percent at Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
Gender¹					
Male	51	275	66	27	4
Female	49	277	68	27	5
Race/Ethnicity					
White	69	284	76	34	6
Black	21	251	36	8	#
Hispanic	8	269	63	15	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
National School Lunch Program¹					
Eligible	53	264	54	15	1
Not eligible	47	290	81	40	8

Rounds to zero. ‡ 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, and the "Unclassified" category for race/ethnicity are not displayed.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2009, female students in Arkansas had an average score that was not significantly different from that of male students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1990 (2 points).
- In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 34 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1990 (34 points).
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 15 points lower than that of White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1990, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2009, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of poverty, had an average score that was 26 points lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1996 (24 points).