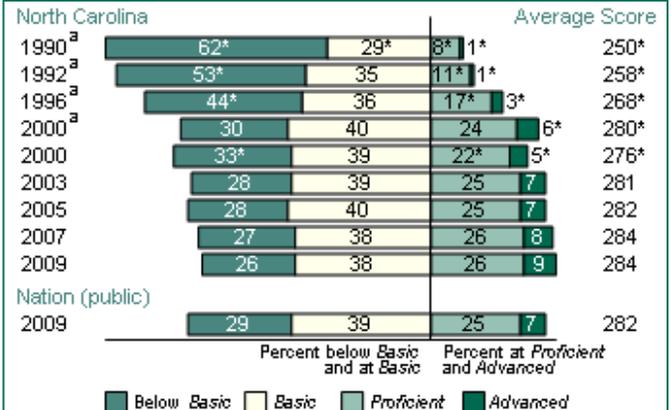


Overall Results

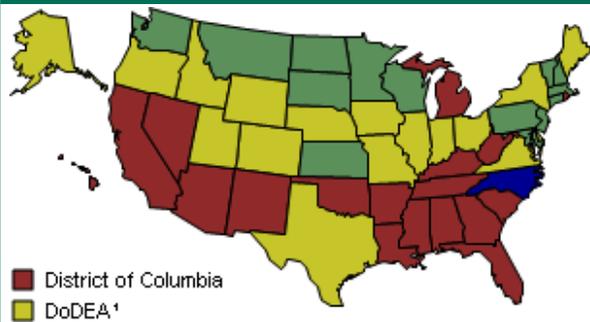
- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in North Carolina was 284. This was higher than the average score of 282 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in North Carolina in 2009 (284) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (284) and was higher than their average score in 1990 (250).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in North Carolina at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 50 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 1990 (50 points).
- The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 36 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (34 percent) and was greater than that in 1990 (9 percent).
- The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 74 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (73 percent) and was greater than that in 1990 (38 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

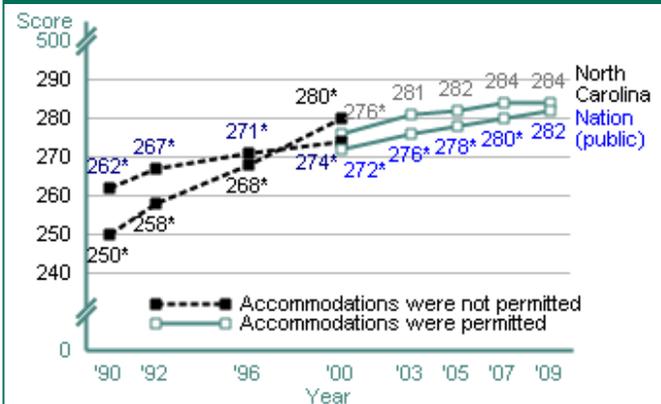


¹ Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

In 2009, the average score in **North Carolina** was

- lower than those in 14 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 19 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 18 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	284	73	37	9
Female	49	284	75	34	9
Race/Ethnicity					
White	55	297	85	49	14
Black	28	262	53	12	1
Hispanic	10	274	67	24	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	311	87	65	36
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	256	45	14	2
National School Lunch Program¹					
Eligible	44	268	58	18	3
Not eligible	54	298	86	50	15

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 North Carolina 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 (1 point).¹
- 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 (30 points).
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 23 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 30 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 (27 points).