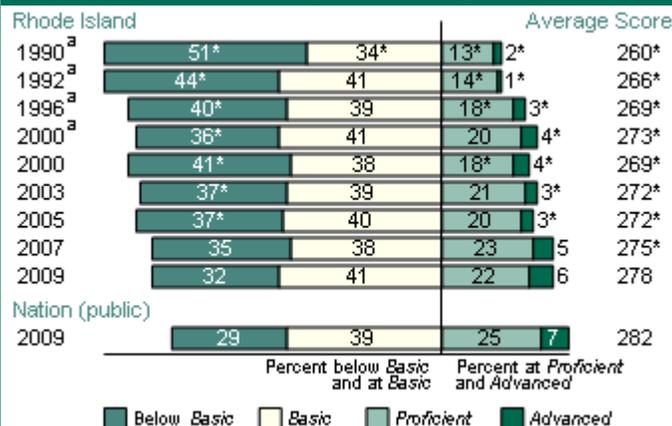


**Overall Results**

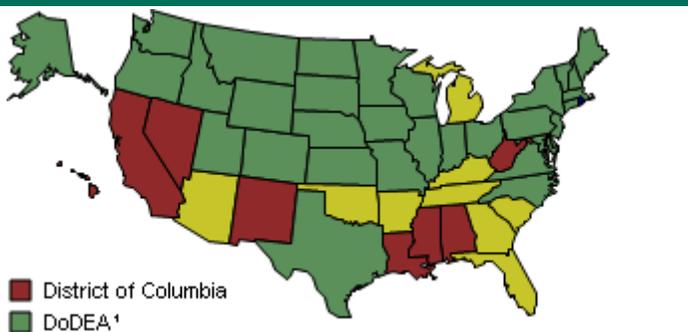
- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in Rhode Island was 278. This was lower than the average score of 282 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Rhode Island in 2009 (278) was higher than their average score in 2007 (275) and was higher than their average score in 1990 (260).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in Rhode Island at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 47 points. This performance gap was narrower than that of 1990 (50 points).
- The percentage of students in Rhode Island who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 28 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (28 percent) and was greater than that in 1990 (15 percent).
- The percentage of students in Rhode Island who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 68 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (65 percent) and was greater than that in 1990 (49 percent).

**Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results**



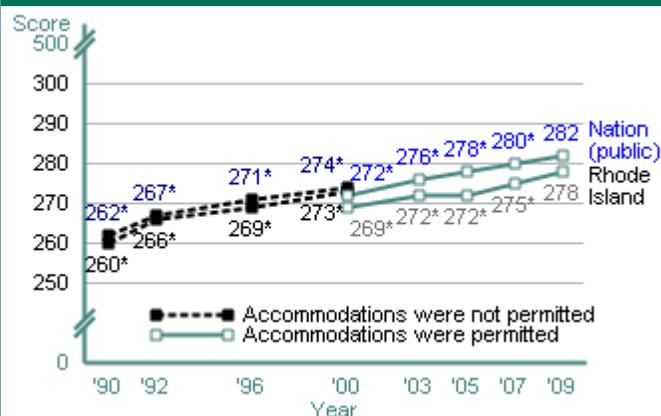
\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from state's results in 2009.  
<sup>a</sup> Accommodations not permitted.  
 NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

**Compare the Average Score in 2009 to Other States/ Jurisdictions**



<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).  
 In 2009, the average score in **Rhode Island** was  
 ■ lower than those in 33 states/jurisdictions  
 ■ higher than those in 9 states/jurisdictions  
 ■ not significantly different from those in 9 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	
<b>Gender<sup>1</sup></b>					
Male	51	278	68	29	6
Female	49	278	69	26	5
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	7	286	77	35	7
Black	9	256	45	8	1
Hispanic	1	255	43	8	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	292	85	40	10
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
<b>National School Lunch Program<sup>1</sup></b>					
Eligible	3	261	51	12	2
Not eligible	62	288	79	37	8

‡ 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, male students in Rhode Island had an average score that was not significantly different from that of female students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1990 (3 points).
- In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 30 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1990 (37 points).
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 31 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was narrower than that in 1990 (38 points).
- 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 (27 points).