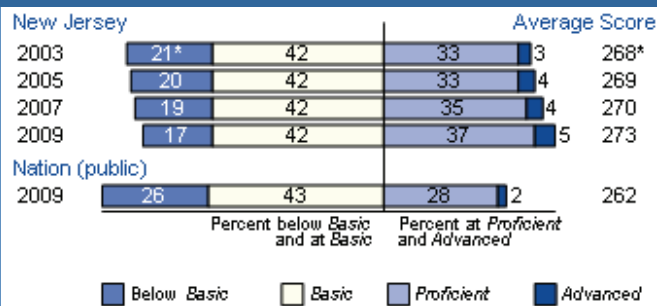


**Overall Results**

- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in New Jersey was 273. This was higher than the average score of 262 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in New Jersey in 2009 (273) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (270) and was higher than their average score in 2003 (268).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in New Jersey at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 41 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 2003 (43 points).
- The percentage of students in New Jersey who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 42 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (39 percent) and was greater than that in 2003 (37 percent).
- The percentage of students in New Jersey who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 83 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (81 percent) and was greater than that in 2003 (79 percent).

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



\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from state's results in 2009.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

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

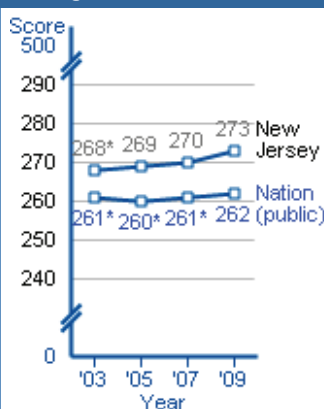


\* Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

In 2009, the average score in **New Jersey** was

- lower than that in 0 state/jurisdiction
- higher than those in 42 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 9 states/jurisdictions

**Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)**



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

**Results for Student Groups in 2009**

Reporting Groups	Percent of Avg. students score		Percentages at or above		Percent at Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
Gender					
Male	50	269	80	36	3
Female	50	277	87	47	6
Race/Ethnicity					
White	60	281	92	51	6
Black	16	250	60	17	1
Hispanic	16	256	68	20	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	291	95	64	13
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	26	253	65	18	#
Not eligible	72	279	90	49	6

# 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 New Jersey had an average score that was higher than that of male students.
- In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 31 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2003 (29 points).
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 25 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2003 (28 points).
- In 2009, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low income, had an average score that was 27 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 2003 (30 points).

NOTE: Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), various years, 2003–2009 Reading Assessments.