

Mapping State Proficiency Standards Onto the NAEP Scales: Variation and Change in State Standards for Reading and Mathematics, 2005-2009

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Reading

How do Connecticut's reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 map onto the NAEP scale?

| | NAEP scale equivalent | NAEP achievement level |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Grade 4 | 208 | Basic |
| Grade 8 | 243 | Basic |

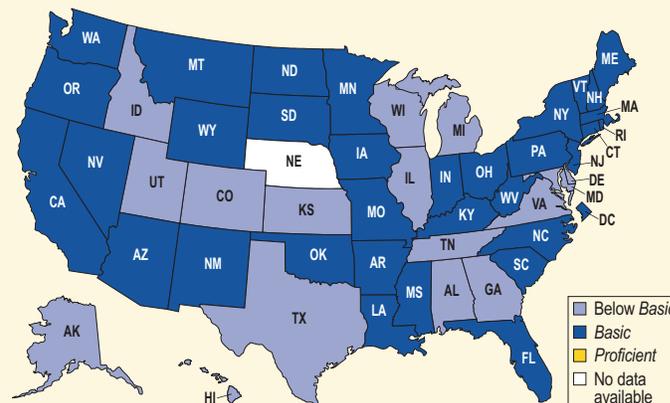
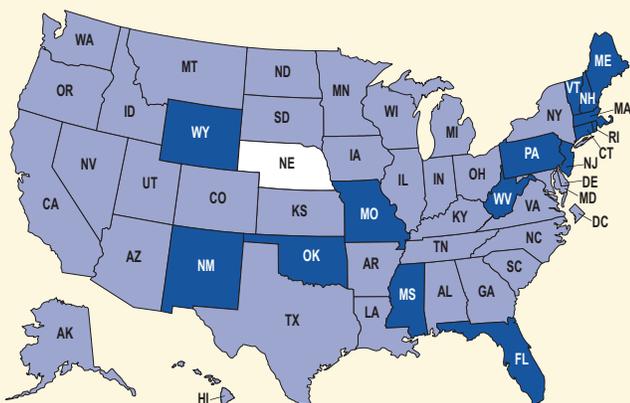
How do Connecticut's reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2005 and 2007 map onto the NAEP scale?

| | 2005 NAEP scale equivalent | 2005 NAEP achievement level | 2007 NAEP scale equivalent | 2007 NAEP achievement level |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grade 4 | 212 | Basic | 213 | Basic |
| Grade 8 | 242 | Basic | 245 | Basic |

How do Connecticut's reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 compare with those of other states when expressed in terms of NAEP achievement levels?

| | States below Basic | States at Basic | States at Proficient |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Grade 4 | 35 | 15 | 0 |

| | States below Basic | States at Basic | States at Proficient |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Grade 8 | 16 | 34 | 0 |



How do Connecticut's NAEP scale equivalent scores of reading standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 compare with those estimated for 2005 and 2007?

Changes from 2007

| | 2009 | 2007 | Change from 2007 | Comparable to 2007 |
|---------|------|------|------------------|--------------------|
| Grade 4 | 208 | 213 | -5.2 * | Yes |
| Grade 8 | 243 | 245 | -2.0 | Yes |

Changes from 2005

| | 2009 | 2005 | Change from 2005 | Comparable to 2005 |
|---------|------|------|------------------|--------------------|
| Grade 4 | 208 | 212 | -4.4 * | No |
| Grade 8 | 243 | 242 | 0.6 | No |

Although no substantive changes in the reading assessments from 2007 to 2009 were indicated by the state, the NAEP scale equivalent of its grade 4 standards decreased (the NAEP scale equivalent of its grade 8 standards did not change).

Connecticut made substantive changes to its reading assessments between 2005 and 2009; the NAEP scale equivalent of its grade 4 standards decreased but the NAEP scale equivalent of its grade 8 standards did not change.

* Statistically different from zero ($p < .05$).

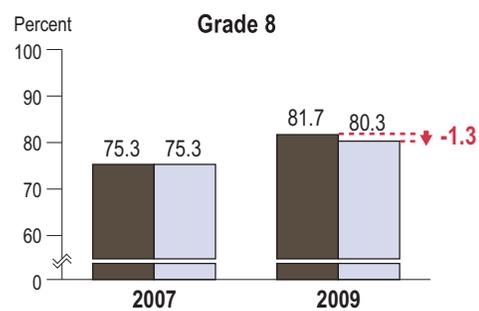
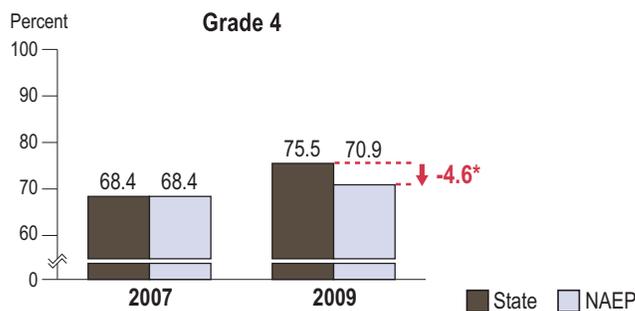
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Reading

Do NAEP and the Connecticut reading assessments show the same changes in the proportion of students meeting the state proficiency standards from 2007 to 2009?

In grade 4, Connecticut state assessment results showed a more positive change in achievement than NAEP results. In grade 8, state assessment and NAEP results showed similar changes.

| | State percent at the standard in 2007 | State percent at the standard in 2009 | Change from 2007 to 2009 | NAEP percent at the 2007 standard in 2007 | NAEP percent at the 2007 standard in 2009 | Change from 2007 to 2009 | Difference between NAEP and state measures of change |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|
| Grade 4 | 68.4 | 75.5 | 7.1 | 68.4 | 70.9 | 2.5 | -4.6 * |
| Grade 8 | 75.3 | 81.7 | 6.3 | 75.3 | 80.3 | 5.0 | -1.3 |



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NOTE: Significance tests were performed only for the difference between NAEP and state measures of change.

Changes to Connecticut's reading assessments between 2007 and 2009

| | No significant changes | Changed cut scores | Changed the period of administration | Changed assessment items | Used entirely different assessment | Realigned to new content standards | Changed proficiency standards | Changed accommodation policy | Changed re-test policy | Changed test contractors | Other changes |
|---------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Grade 4 | Yes | | | | | | | | | | Yes |
| Grade 8 | Yes | | | | | | | | | | Yes |

Composition of Connecticut's main reading test in 2008-09

| | Multiple choice | | Short constructed response | | Extended constructed response | | Performance tasks | | Other | |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | Number of items | Proportion of score | Number of items | Proportion of score | Number of items | Proportion of score | Number of items | Proportion of score | Number of items | Proportion of score |
| Grade 4 | 66 | 80% | 8 | 20% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Grade 8 | 69 | 78% | 10 | 22% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

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Mathematics

How do Connecticut's mathematics standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 map onto the NAEP scale?

| | NAEP scale equivalent | NAEP achievement level |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Grade 4 | 214 | Basic |
| Grade 8 | 251 | below Basic |

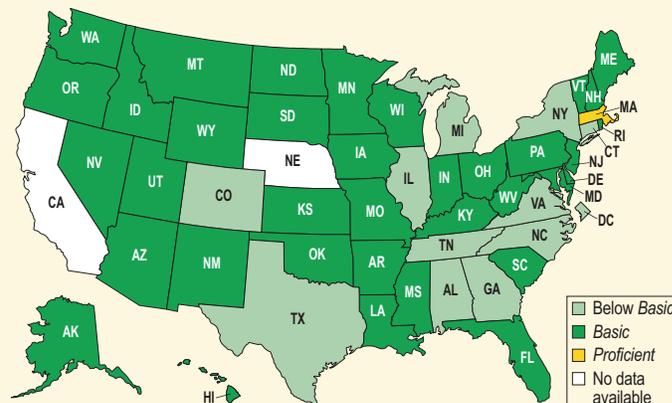
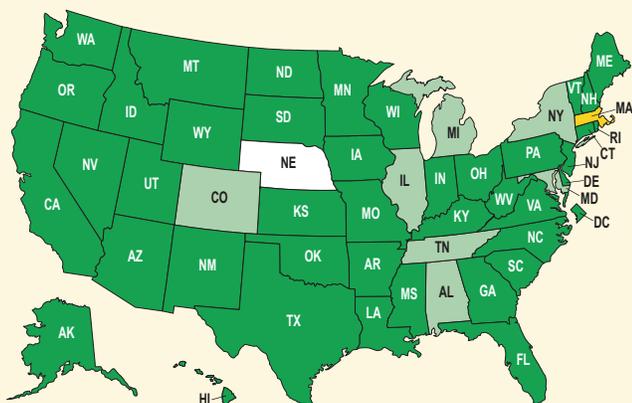
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| | 2005 NAEP scale equivalent | 2005 NAEP achievement level | 2007 NAEP scale equivalent | 2007 NAEP achievement level |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grade 4 | 221 | Basic | 220 | Basic |
| Grade 8 | 257 | below Basic | 252 | below Basic |

How do Connecticut's mathematics standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 compare with those of other states when expressed in terms of NAEP achievement levels?

| | States below Basic | States at Basic | States at Proficient |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Grade 4 | 7 | 42 | 1 |

| | States below Basic | States at Basic | States at Proficient |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Grade 8 | 12 | 36 | 1 |



How do Connecticut's NAEP scale equivalent scores of mathematics standards for proficient performance at grades 4 and 8 in 2009 compare with those estimated for 2005 and 2007?

Changes from 2007

| | 2009 | 2007 | Change from 2007 | Comparable to 2007 |
|---------|------|------|------------------|--------------------|
| Grade 4 | 214 | 220 | -6.4 * | Yes |
| Grade 8 | 251 | 252 | -1.1 | Yes |

Changes from 2005

| | 2009 | 2005 | Change from 2005 | Comparable to 2005 |
|---------|------|------|------------------|--------------------|
| Grade 4 | 214 | 221 | -7.3 * | No |
| Grade 8 | 251 | 257 | -5.7 * | No |

Although no substantive changes in the mathematics assessments from 2007 to 2009 were indicated by the state, the NAEP scale equivalent of its grade 4 standards decreased (the NAEP scale equivalent of its grade 8 standards did not change).

Connecticut made substantive changes to its mathematics assessments between 2005 and 2009, and the NAEP scale equivalent of its standards at both grades decreased.

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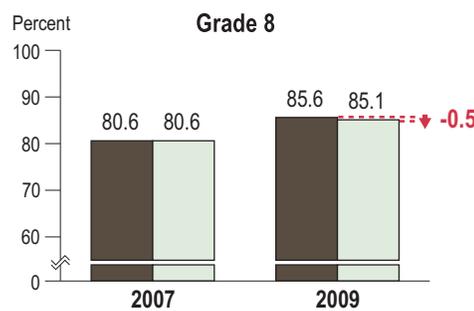
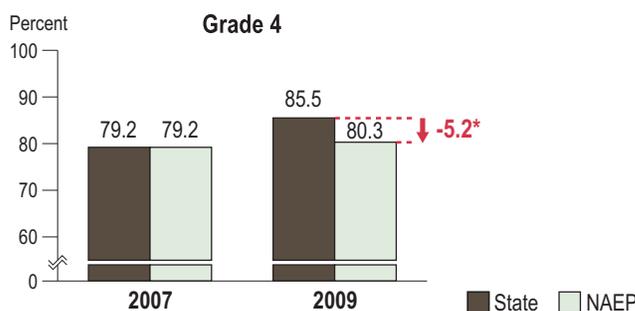
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| | State percent at the standard in 2007 | State percent at the standard in 2009 | Change from 2007 to 2009 | NAEP percent at the 2007 standard in 2007 | NAEP percent at the 2007 standard in 2009 | Change from 2007 to 2009 | Difference between NAEP and state measures of change |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|
| Grade 4 | 79.2 | 85.5 | 6.3 | 79.2 | 80.3 | 1.1 | -5.2 * |
| Grade 8 | 80.6 | 85.6 | 5.0 | 80.6 | 85.1 | 4.5 | -0.5 |



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Changes to Connecticut's mathematics assessments between 2007 and 2009

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| Grade 4 | Yes | | | | | | | | | | Yes |
| Grade 8 | Yes | | | | | | | | | | Yes |

Composition of Connecticut's main mathematics test in 2008-09

| | Multiple choice | | Short constructed response | | Extended constructed response | | Performance tasks | | Other | |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | Number of items | Proportion of score | Number of items | Proportion of score | Number of items | Proportion of score | Number of items | Proportion of score | Number of items | Proportion of score |
| Grade 4 | 80 | 73% | 14 | 22% | 2 | 5% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Grade 8 | 61 | 42% | 34 | 40% | 2 | 4% | 0 | 0% | 20 | 14% |

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