The Nation's Report Card

Reading
2013 State Snapshot Report

Nation (Public)
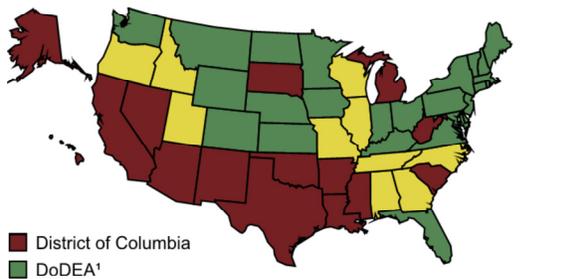**Grade 4**
Public Schools

Overall Results

- In 2013, the average score of fourth-grade students in the nation was 221. This was the average score of 221 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in the nation in 2013 (221) was not significantly different from their average score in 2011 (220) and was higher than their average score in 1992 (215).
- The score gap between higher performing students in the nation (those at the 75th percentile) and lower performing students (those at the 25th percentile) was 47 points in 2013. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1992 (48 points).
- The percentage of students in the nation who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 34 percent in 2013. This percentage was greater than that in 2011 (32 percent) and in 1992 (27 percent).
- The percentage of students in the nation who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 67 percent in 2013. This percentage was greater than that in 2011 (66 percent) and in 1992 (60 percent).

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results

National Public — Average Score

Year	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Average Score
1992[a]	40*	33	21*	6*	215*
1994[a]	41*	30*	21*	7	212*
1998[a]	39*	31*	23*	6*	215*
1998	42*	30*	21*	6*	213*
2002	38*	32*	23*	6*	217*
2003	38*	32*	23*	7*	216*
2005	38*	33	23*	7*	217*
2007	34*	34*	24*	7*	220*
2009	34*	34*	24*	7*	220*
2011	34*	34	25*	7*	220
2013	33	33	26	8	221

Percent below *Basic* or at *Basic* — Percent at *Proficient* or *Advanced*

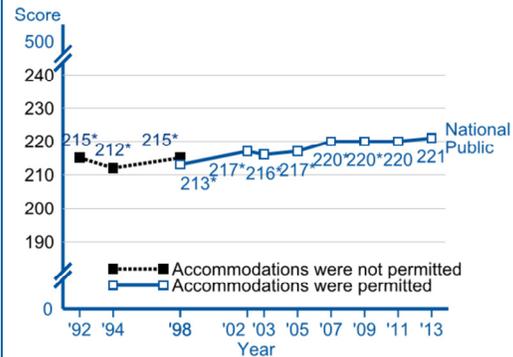Legend: ▉ Below *Basic* □ *Basic* ▨ *Proficient* ▉ *Advanced*

* Significantly different (*p* < .05) from nation's results in 2013. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.
[a] Accommodations not permitted. For information about NAEP accommodations, see http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.aspx.

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

Compare the Average Score in 2013 to Other States/Jurisdictions

■ District of Columbia
■ DoDEA[1]

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

In 2013, the average score in **the nation** (221) was
- ■ lower than those in 26 states/jurisdictions
- ■ higher than those in 16 states/jurisdictions
- ■ not significantly different from those in 10 states/jurisdictions

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)

Score values by year: 215*, 212*, 215* (Accommodations were not permitted); 213*, 217*, 216*, 217*, 220*, 220*, 220, 221 (Accommodations were permitted) — National Public

Legend:
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Year: '92 '94 '98 '02 '03 '05 '07 '09 '11 '13

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Results for Student Groups in 2013

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above Basic	Percentages at or above Proficient	Percent at Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	51	231	79	45	11
Black	15	205	50	17	2
Hispanic	25	207	52	19	3
Asian	5	237	81	53	18
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	206	52	22	4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	210	56	25	5
Two or more races	3	225	71	39	10
Gender					
Male	51	217	64	31	7
Female	49	224	70	37	9
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	54	207	53	20	3
Not eligible	46	236	83	51	14

Rounds to zero.

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, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2013, Black students had an average score that was 26 points lower than White students. This performance gap was narrower than that in 1992 (32 points).
- In 2013, Hispanic students had an average score that was 24 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1992 (28 points).
- In 2013, female students in the nation had an average score that was higher than male students by 7 points.
- In 2013, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 29 points lower than students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (30 points).