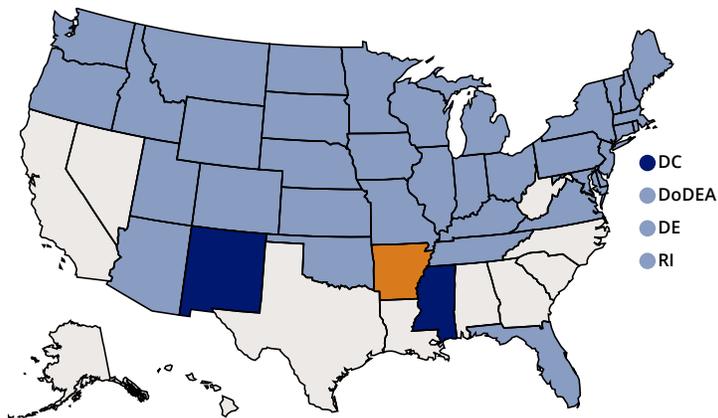


Overall Results

- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in Arkansas was 259. This was lower than the average score of 264 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Arkansas in 2015 (259) was not significantly different from their average score in 2013 (262) and in 1998 (256).
- The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 27 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (30 percent) and in 1998 (23 percent).
- The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 70 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (73 percent) and in 1998 (68 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2015, the average score in Arkansas (259) was

- lower than those in 37 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 3 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 11 states/jurisdictions

DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

Results for Student Groups in 2015

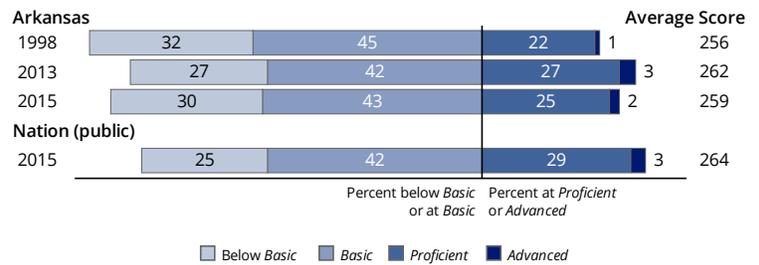
Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above Basic	Percentage at Proficient	Percentage at Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	63	266	78	33	3
Black	22	238	47	8	#
Hispanic	10	255	68	21	2
Asian	2	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Gender					
Male	51	252	63	21	1
Female	49	265	78	32	3
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	60	250	61	17	1
Not eligible	39	273	85	42	4

Rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

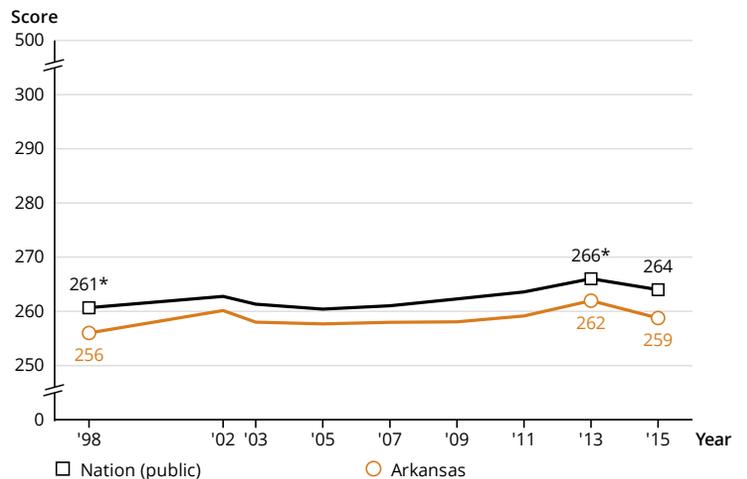
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



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

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from 2015. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2015, Black students had an average score that was 28 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (29 points).
- In 2015, Hispanic students had an average score that was 11 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2015, female students in Arkansas had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 13 points.
- In 2015, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 23 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (21 points).