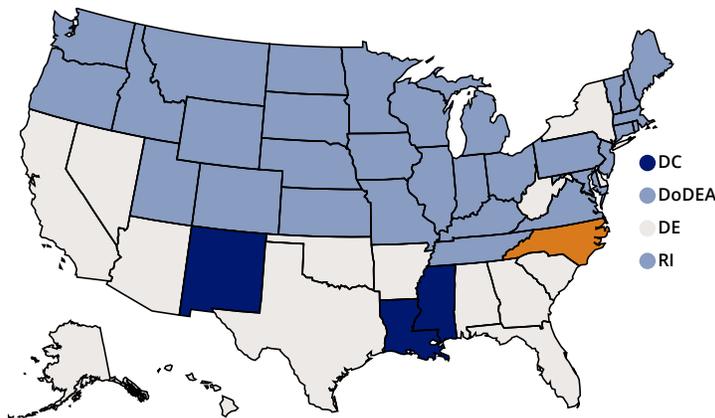


### Overall Results

- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in North Carolina was 261. This was lower than the average score of 264 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in North Carolina in 2015 (261) was lower than their average score in 2013 (265) and was not significantly different from their average score in 1998 (262).
- The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 30 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (33 percent) and in 1998 (30 percent).
- The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 72 percent in 2015. This percentage was smaller than that in 2013 (76 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (74 percent).

### Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2015, the average score in North Carolina (261) was

- lower than those in 32 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 4 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 15 states/jurisdictions

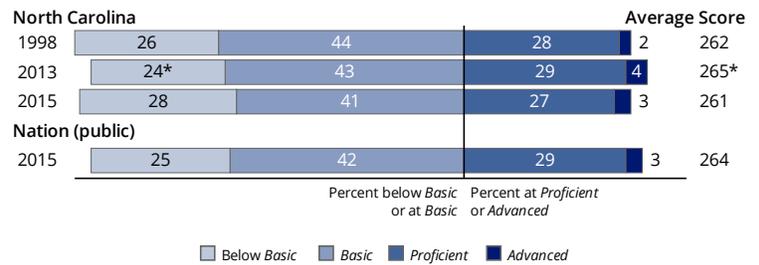
DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

### Results for Student Groups in 2015

Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above Basic	Percentage at Proficient	Percentage at Advanced
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	52	271	81	40	5
Black	25	243	54	13	1
Hispanic	16	252	66	21	1
Asian	3	279	87	55	7
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	250	56	27	4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	3	269	81	37	2
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	51	254	66	24	2
Female	49	268	78	37	5
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>					
Eligible	57	249	61	18	1
Not eligible	42	277	86	48	7

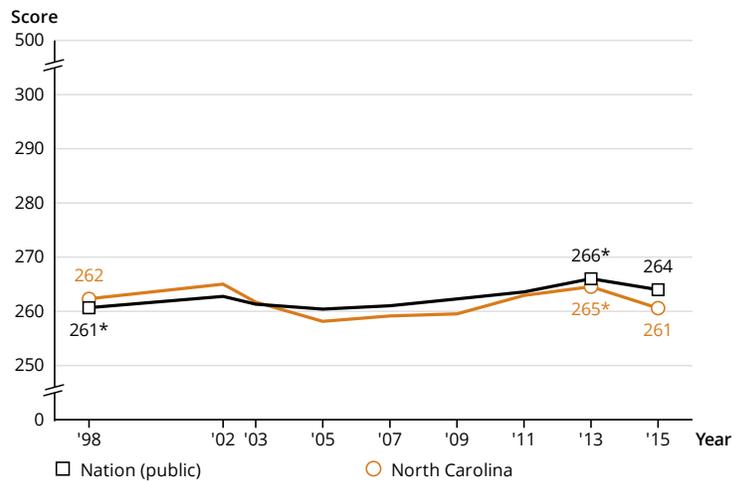
# Rounds to zero.  
‡ Reporting standards not met.  
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic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

### Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from state's results in 2015. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.  
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 27 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (25 points).
- In 2015, Hispanic students had an average score that was 19 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 North Carolina had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 14 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 28 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (24 points).