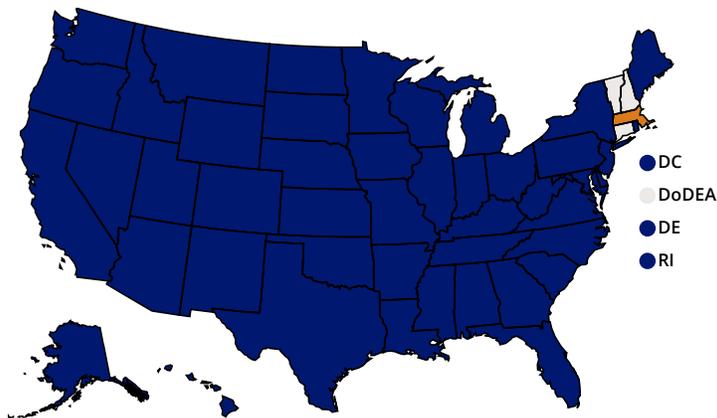


Overall Results

- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in Massachusetts was 274. This was higher than the average score of 264 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Massachusetts in 2015 (274) was not significantly different from their average score in 2013 (277) and was higher than their average score in 1998 (269).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 46 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (48 percent) and was greater than that in 1998 (38 percent).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 83 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (84 percent) and in 1998 (79 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2015, the average score in Massachusetts (274) was

- lower than those in 0 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 47 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 4 states/jurisdictions

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

Results for Student Groups in 2015

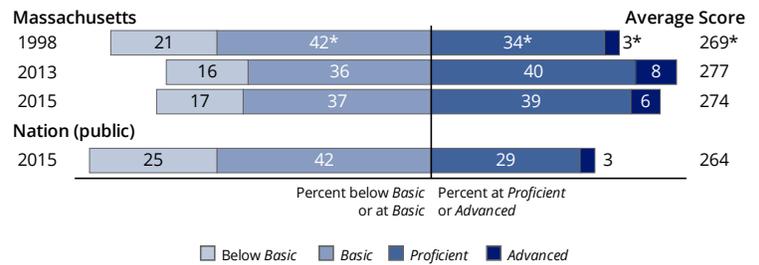
Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above Basic	Percentage at Proficient	Percentage at Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	67	281	90	53	7
Black	9	252	63	18	1
Hispanic	14	249	61	17	#
Asian	7	290	89	64	19
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	3	279	83	48	14
Gender					
Male	50	271	80	41	4
Female	50	278	86	50	8
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	44	260	71	28	3
Not eligible	56	286	92	59	9

Rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

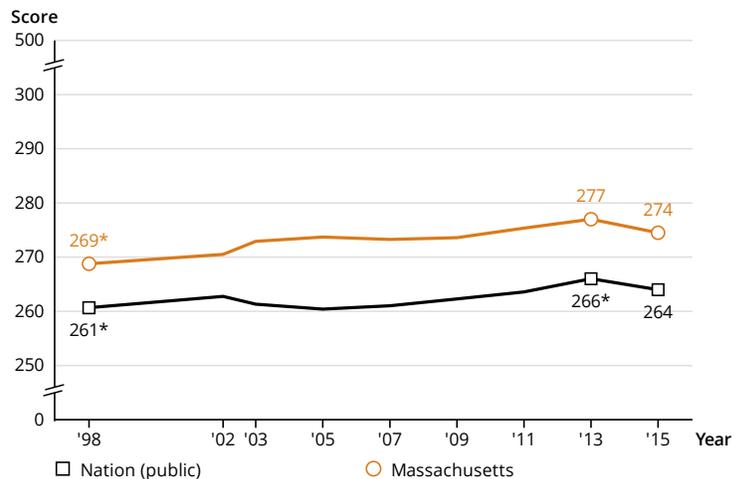
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic 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 29 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (27 points).
- In 2015, Hispanic students had an average score that was 32 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (32 points).
- In 2015, female students in Massachusetts had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 8 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 25 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (29 points).