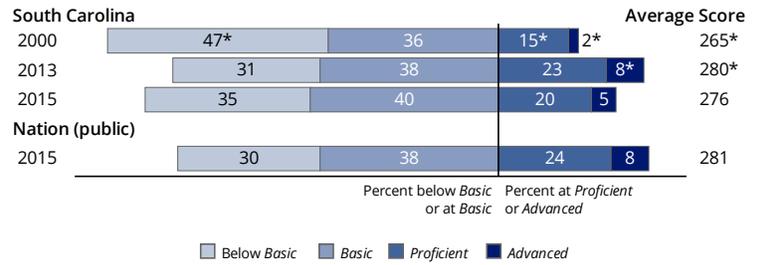


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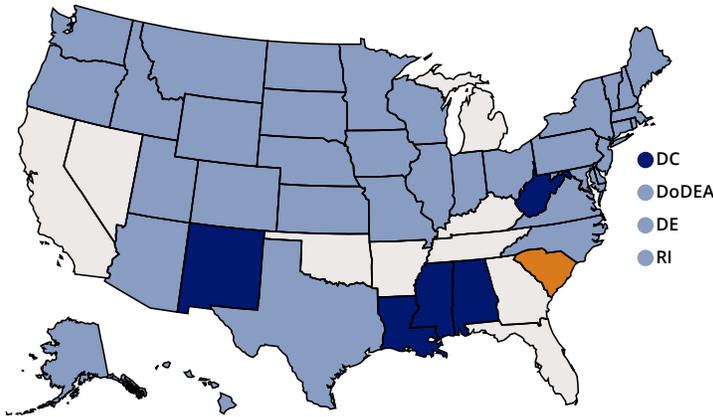
- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in South Carolina was 276. This was lower than the average score of 281 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in South Carolina in 2015 (276) was lower than their average score in 2013 (280) and was higher than their average score in 2000 (265).
- The percentage of students in South Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 26 percent in 2015. This percentage was smaller than that in 2013 (31 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (17 percent).
- The percentage of students in South Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 65 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (69 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (53 percent).

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.

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions

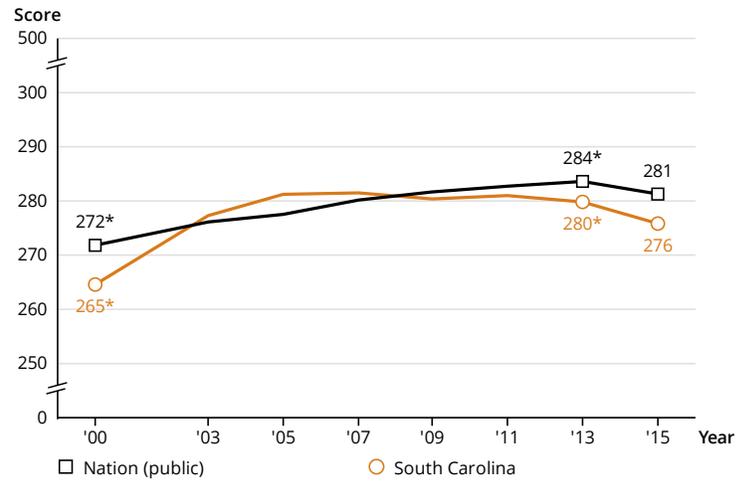


In 2015, the average score in South Carolina (276) was

- lower than those in 36 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 6 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 9 states/jurisdictions

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

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)



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

Results for Student Groups in 2015

Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above Basic	Percentage at or above Proficient	Percentage at Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	56	288	80	36	7
Black	34	256	42	8	1
Hispanic	6	272	62	22	5
Asian	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	3	‡	‡	‡	‡
Gender					
Male	50	275	64	25	6
Female	50	277	67	27	4
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	57	264	53	14	2
Not eligible	43	291	82	41	10

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.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2015, Black students had an average score that was 31 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (30 points).
- In 2015, Hispanic students had an average score that was 15 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 2000, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2015, male students in South Carolina had an average score that was not significantly different from that for female students.
- In 2015, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 27 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (29 points).