Overall Results

- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in Tennessee was 278. This was not significantly different from the average score of 281 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Tennessee in 2015 (278) was not significantly different from their average score in 2013 (278) and was higher than their average score in 2000 (262).
- The percentage of students in Tennessee who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 29 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (28 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (16 percent).
- The percentage of students in Tennessee who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 68 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (69 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (52 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions

In 2015, the average score in Tennessee (278) was

- lower than those in 27 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 6 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 18 states/jurisdictions

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Results for Student Groups in 2015

Score Gaps for Student Groups

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Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results

Tennessee

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Percentage below Basic or at Basic

- 2* 5
- 3* 6
- 2* 8

Average Score

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- 2013 278
- 2015 278

Nation (public)

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Average Score

- 2015 281

Percentage below Basic or at Basic

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- 3* 5
- 2* 3

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Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)

- * Significantly different (p < .05) from state’s results in 2015. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

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