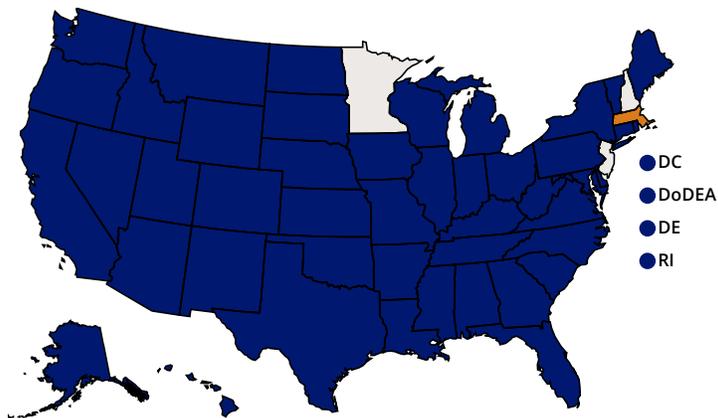


Overall Results

- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in Massachusetts was 297. This was higher than the average score of 281 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Massachusetts in 2015 (297) was lower than their average score in 2013 (301) and was higher than their average score in 2000 (279).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 51 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (55 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (30 percent).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 81 percent in 2015. This percentage was smaller than that in 2013 (86 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (70 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2015, the average score in Massachusetts (297) was

- lower than those in 0 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 48 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 3 states/jurisdictions

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

Results for Student Groups in 2015

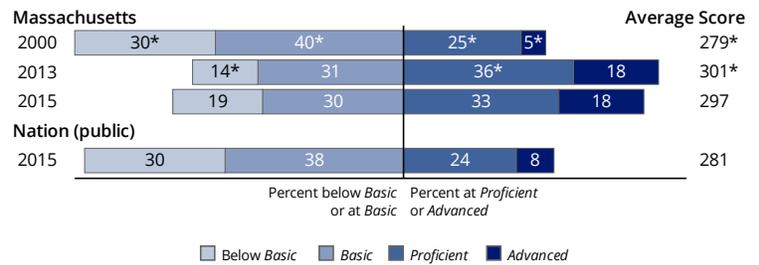
Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above Basic	Percentage at Proficient	Percentage at Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	66	304	88	59	20
Black	9	268	54	22	4
Hispanic	15	271	61	24	4
Asian	7	324	94	73	45
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	3	‡	‡	‡	‡
Gender					
Male	50	295	79	49	18
Female	50	299	83	53	18
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	43	279	67	31	7
Not eligible	57	311	92	66	27

Rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

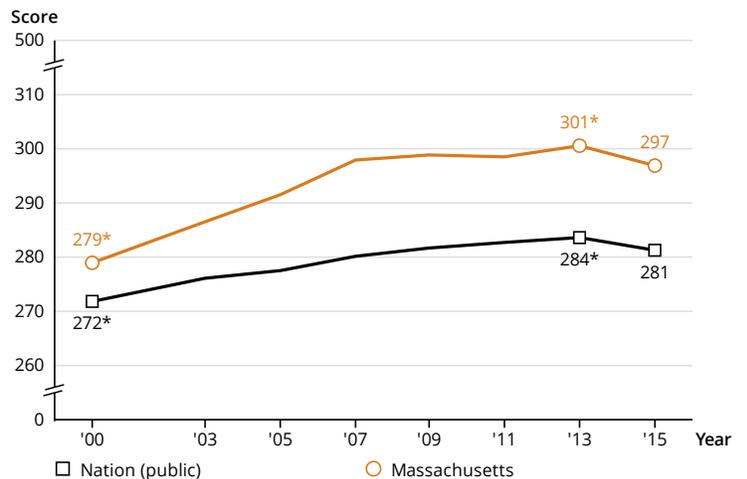
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic 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 36 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (26 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 2000 (37 points).
- In 2015, male students in Massachusetts 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 32 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (29 points).