Overall Results

- In 2015, the average score of fourth-grade students in California was 140. This was lower than the average score of 153 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in California in 2015 (140) was not significantly different from their average score in 2009 (136).
- The percentage of students in California who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 24 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (22 percent).
- The percentage of students in California who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 63 percent in 2015. This percentage was greater than that in 2009 (58 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions

In 2015, the average score in California (140) was

- lower than those in 42 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 0 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 4 states/jurisdictions

5 states/jurisdictions did not participate in 2015

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

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results

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# Rounds to zero.

* 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)

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 2009 (35 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 2009 (36 points).
- In 2015, male students in California 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 35 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2009 (32 points).

NOTE: The NAEP science scale ranges from 0 to 300. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages.