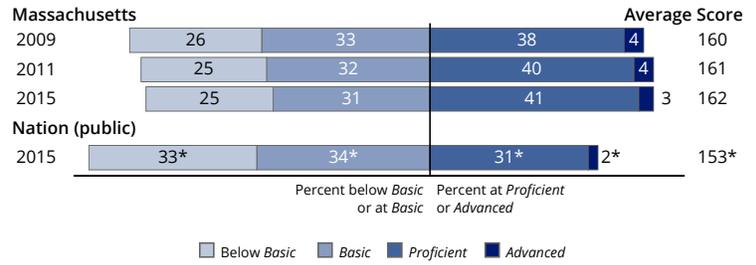


Overall Results

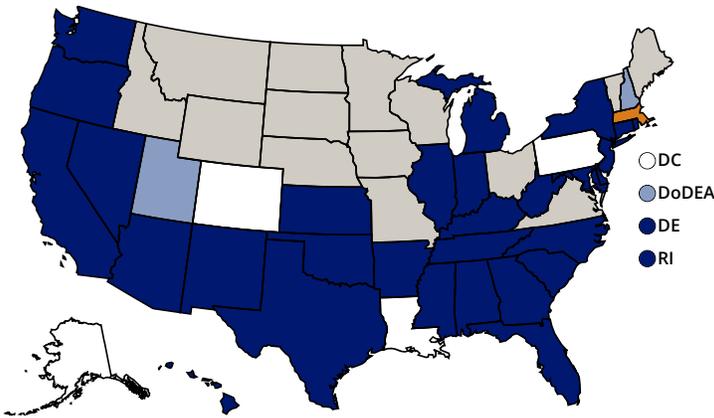
- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in Massachusetts was 162. This was higher than the average score of 153 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Massachusetts in 2015 (162) was not significantly different from their average score in 2011 (161) and in 2009 (160).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 44 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (44 percent) and in 2009 (41 percent).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 75 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (75 percent) and in 2009 (74 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.

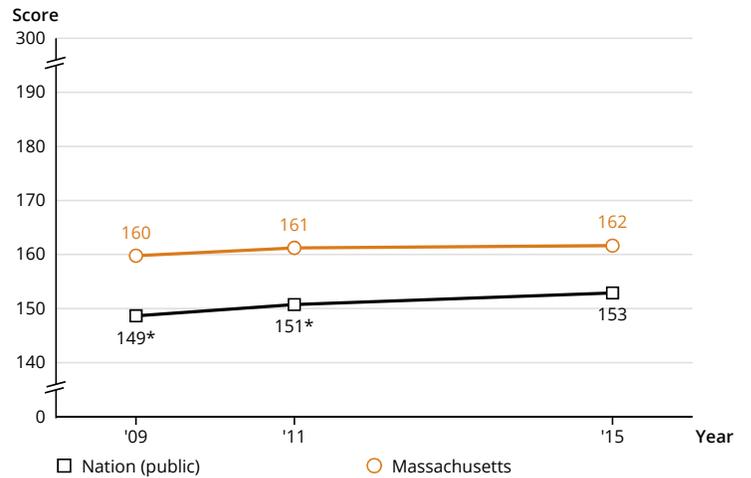
Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions



- In 2015, the average score in Massachusetts (162) was
 - lower than those in 3 states/jurisdictions
 - higher than those in 29 states/jurisdictions
 - not significantly different from those in 14 states/jurisdictions
- 5 states/jurisdictions did not participate in 2015

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

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)



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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	170	85	53	4
Black	9	134	45	13	#
Hispanic	15	136	46	16	1
Asian	7	174	86	61	8
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	3	‡	‡	‡	‡
Gender					
Male	50	164	76	47	4
Female	50	160	74	41	3
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	43	145	57	24	1
Not eligible	57	175	89	60	5

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 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 34 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2009 (35 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 30 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2009 (32 points).