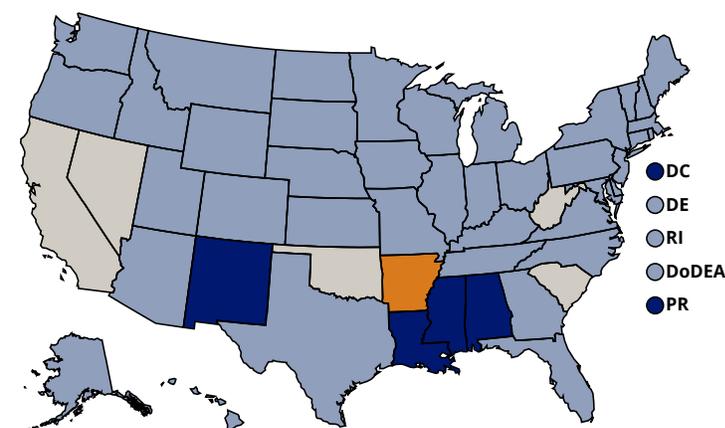


## Overall Results

- In 2017, the average score of eighth-grade students in Arkansas was 274. This was lower than the average score of 282 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Arkansas in 2017 (274) was not significantly different from their average score in 2015 (275) and was higher than their average score in 2000 (257).
- The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 25 percent in 2017. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2015 (25 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (13 percent).
- The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 62 percent in 2017. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2015 (66 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (49 percent).

## Compare the Average Score in 2017 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2017, the average score in Arkansas (274) was

- lower than those in 41 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 6 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 5 states/jurisdictions

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

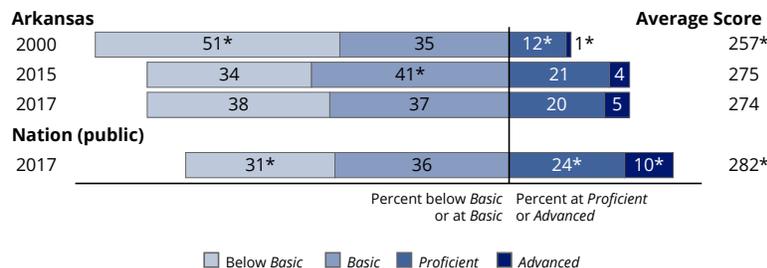
## Results for Student Groups in 2017

Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above		Percentage at Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	64	282	71	33	7
Black	19	248	32	6	1
Hispanic	12	267	58	15	2
Asian	2	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	2	‡	‡	‡	‡
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	51	274	62	27	7
Female	49	273	63	24	4
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>					
Eligible	62	263	51	15	2
Not eligible	38	291	80	42	10

‡ Reporting standards not met.

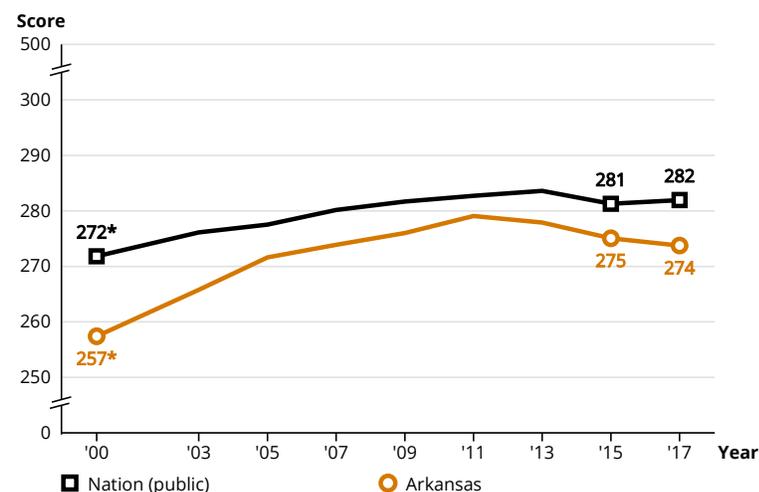
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

## Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from state's results in 2017. 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 2017. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

## Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2017, Black students had an average score that was 33 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (41 points).
- In 2017, 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 2017, male students in Arkansas had an average score that was not significantly different from that for female students.
- In 2017, 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 (25 points).