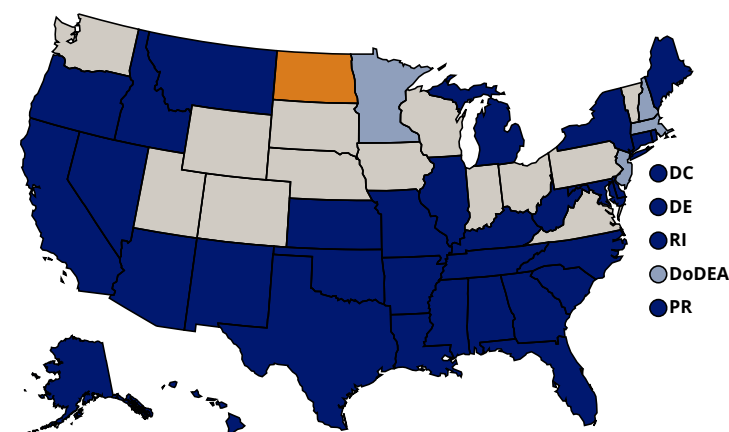## Overall Results

- In 2017, the average score of eighth-grade students in North Dakota was 288. This was higher than the average score of 282 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in North Dakota in 2017 (288) was not significantly different from their average score in 2015 (288) and was higher than their average score in 2000 (282).
- The percentage of students in North Dakota who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 40 percent in 2017. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2015 (39 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (30 percent).
- The percentage of students in North Dakota who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 78 percent in 2017. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2015 (80 percent) and in 2000 (76 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2017 to Other States/Jurisdictions

In 2017, the average score in North Dakota (288) was
- lower than those in 5 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 34 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 13 states/jurisdictions

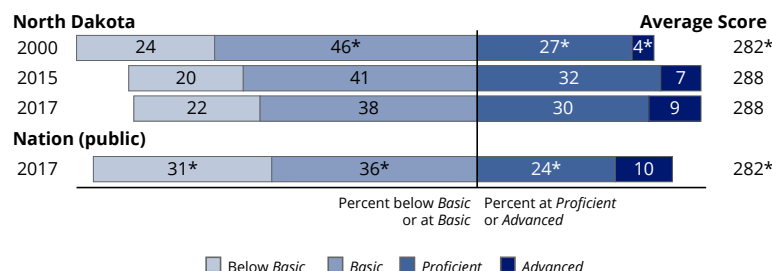DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results

North Dakota — Average Score

Year	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Average Score
2000	24	46*	27*	4*	282*
2015	20	41	32	7	288
2017	22	38	30	9	288

Nation (public)

Year	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Average Score
2017	31*	36*	24*	10	282*

Percent below *Basic* or at *Basic* | Percent at *Proficient* or *Advanced*

Legend: Below *Basic* | *Basic* | *Proficient* | *Advanced*

* 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)

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Results for Student Groups in 2017

Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above Basic	Percentage at or above Proficient	Percentage at Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	79	294	84	45	11
Black	4	252	40	7	1
Hispanic	4	270	65	16	2
Asian	2	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	9	262	49	15	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Gender					
Male	51	288	77	40	10
Female	49	288	79	40	8
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	30	269	59	20	3
Not eligible	70	296	86	48	12

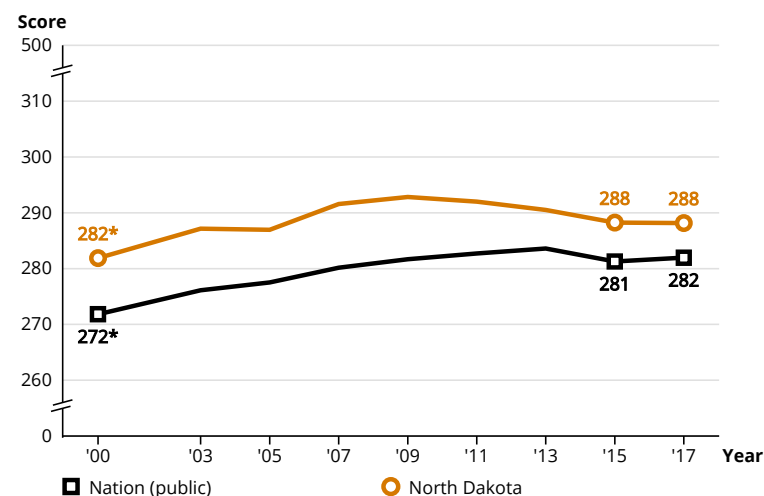\# Rounds to zero.
‡ Reporting standards not met.
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic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

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2017, Black students had an average score that was 42 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Black students in 2000, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2017, Hispanic students had an average score that was 24 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 North Dakota 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 wider than that in 2000 (16 points).