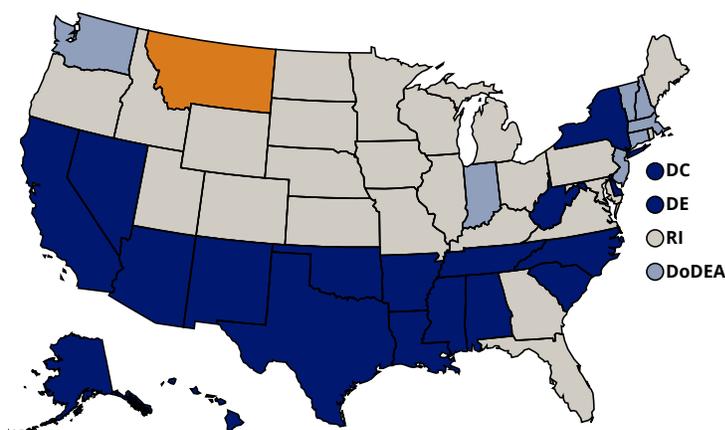


Overall Results

- In 2017, the average score of eighth-grade students in Montana was 267. This was higher than the average score of 265 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Montana in 2017 (267) was lower than their average score in 2015 (270) and in 1998 (271).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 35 percent in 2017. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2015 (37 percent) and was smaller than that in 1998 (40 percent).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 79 percent in 2017. This percentage was smaller than that in 2015 (82 percent) and in 1998 (83 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2017 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2017, the average score in Montana (267) was

- lower than those in 8 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 19 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 24 states/jurisdictions

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

Results for Student Groups in 2017

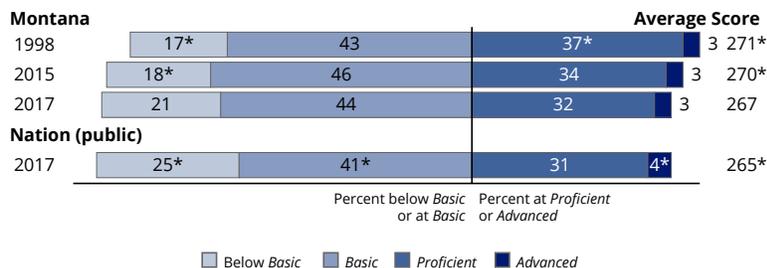
Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above		Percentage at
			Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	80	270	83	38	3
Black	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hispanic	4	259	72	25	1
Asian	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	10	246	57	14	#
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	3	261	74	27	2
Gender					
Male	51	261	74	28	1
Female	49	274	85	43	5
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	42	258	71	25	1
Not eligible	58	274	85	43	4

Rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

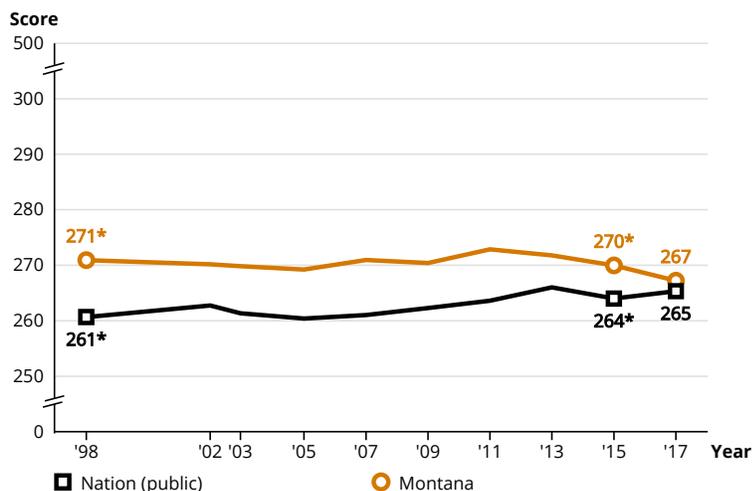
NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic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

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from state's results in 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

- Data are not reported for Black students in 2017, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2017, Hispanic students had an average score that was 11 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2017, female students in Montana had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 13 points.
- In 2017, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 15 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (17 points).