Overall Results

- In 2017, the average score of eighth-grade students in New Mexico was 256. This was lower than the average score of 265 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in New Mexico in 2017 (256) was not significantly different from their average score in 2015 (253) and in 1998 (258).
- The percentage of students in New Mexico who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 24 percent in 2017. This percentage was greater than that in 2015 (20 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (23 percent).
- The percentage of students in New Mexico who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 66 percent in 2017. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2015 (65 percent) and was smaller than that in 1998 (71 percent).

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Average Score</th>
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* Significantly different (p < .05) from state's results in 2017. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

Compare the Average Score in 2017 to Other States/Jurisdictions

- In 2017, the average score in New Mexico (256) was lower than those in 46 states/jurisdictions.
- New Mexico's average score was higher than that in 1 state/jurisdiction.
- New Mexico's average score was not significantly different from those in 4 states/jurisdictions.

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)

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 20 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (20 points).
- In 2017, female students in New Mexico had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 8 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 19 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (15 points).