In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in Kentucky was 278. This was lower than the average score of 281 for students in the nation.

The average score for students in Kentucky in 2019 (278) was not significantly different from their average score in 2017 (278) and was higher than their average score in 2000 (270).

The percentage of students in Kentucky who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 29 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (29 percent) and was higher than that in 2000 (20 percent).

The percentage of students in Kentucky who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 67 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (65 percent) and was higher than that in 2000 (60 percent).

In 2019, Black students had an average score that was 26 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (22 points).

In 2019, Hispanic students had an average score that was 12 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 2000, because reporting standards were not met.

In 2019, male students had an average score that was 26 points lower than that for female students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (3 points).

In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 26 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (26 points).