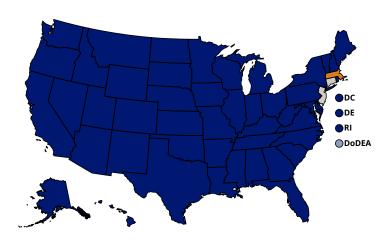


Overall Results

- In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in Massachusetts was 273. This was higher than the average score of 262 for students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Massachusetts in 2019 (273) was lower than their average score in 2017 (278) and was higher than their average score in 1998 (269).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 45 percent in 2019. This percentage was lower than that in 2017 (49 percent) and was higher than that in 1998 (38 percent).
- The percentage of students in Massachusetts who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 81 percent in 2019. This percentage was lower than that in 2017 (85 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (79 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2019 to Other States/ **Iurisdictions**



In 2019, the average score in Massachusetts (273) was

lower than those in 1 state/jurisdiction

higher than those in 48 states/jurisdictions

not significantly different from those in 2 states/jurisdictions

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

Results for Student Groups in 2019

	Percentage of	Avg.	Percentage at or above NAEP		Percentage at NAEP
Reporting Groups	students	score	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	62	279	87	51	8
Black	9	259	71	26	2
Hispanic	18	251	63	22	1
Asian	7	292	92	67	16
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	#	#	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	#	‡
Two or more races	4	277	79	51	11
Gender					
Male	50	267	77	39	5
Female	50	279	86	51	9
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	27	253	64	24	2
Not eligible	72	281	87	53	9

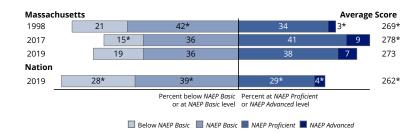
Rounds to zero

* Rounds of 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.

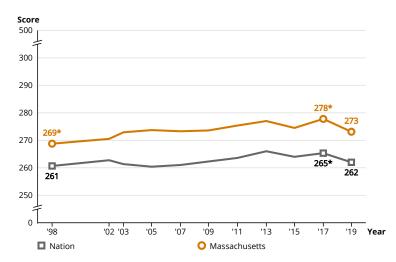
NAEP Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



^{*} Significantly different (p < .05) from state's results in 2019. Significance tests were performed using

NOTE: NAEP achievement levels are to be used on a trial basis and should be interpreted and used with caution. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation



* Significantly different (p < .05) from 2019. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2019, Black students had an average score that was 21 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (27 points).
- In 2019, Hispanic students had an average score that was 29 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (32 points).
- In 2019, female students in Massachusetts had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 11 points.
- In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 28 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (29 points).



NOTE: The NAEP reading scale ranges from 0 to 500. Results presented in this report are based on public school students only. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages. Score gap results for "White," "Black," and "Hispanic" presented in this report are based on the 6-category race/ethnicity variable with data available starting in early 1990s. Read more about how to interpret NAEP results from the reading assessment at interpret results. For more information and additional comparisons please visit the Nation's Report Card and NAEP Data Explorer. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), various years, 1998-2019 Reading