Overall Results

- In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in Maine was 265. This was higher than the average score of 262 for students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Maine in 2019 (265) was lower than their average score in 2017 (269) and in 1998 (271).
- The percentage of students in Maine who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 36 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (39 percent) and was lower than that in 1998 (41 percent).
- The percentage of students in Maine who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 75 percent in 2019. This percentage was lower than that in 2017 (79 percent) and in 1998 (83 percent).

NAEP Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results

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Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation

- In 2019, Black students had an average score that was 30 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Black students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 1999, female students in Maine had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 13 points.
- In 1999, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 18 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (17 points).

Score Gaps for Student Groups

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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.