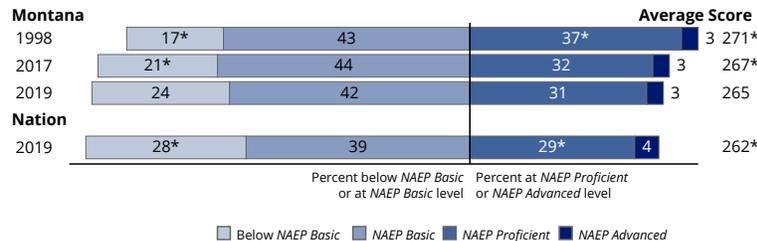


Overall Results

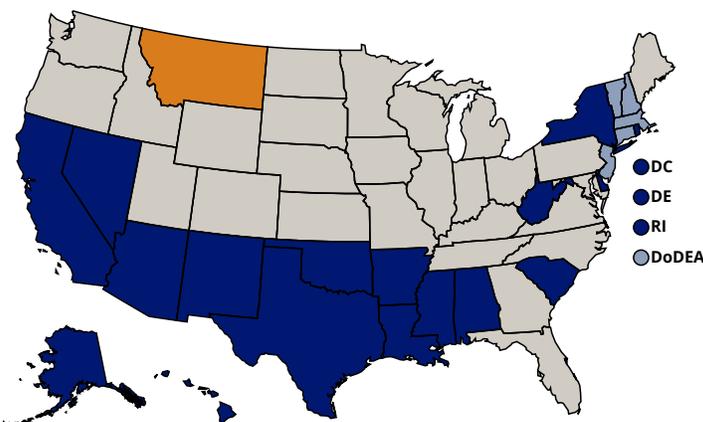
- In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in Montana was 265. This was higher than the average score of 262 for students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Montana in 2019 (265) was lower than their average score in 2017 (267) and in 1998 (271).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the *NAEP Proficient* level was 34 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (35 percent) and was lower than that in 1998 (40 percent).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the *NAEP Basic* level was 76 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



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from state's results in 2019. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.
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.

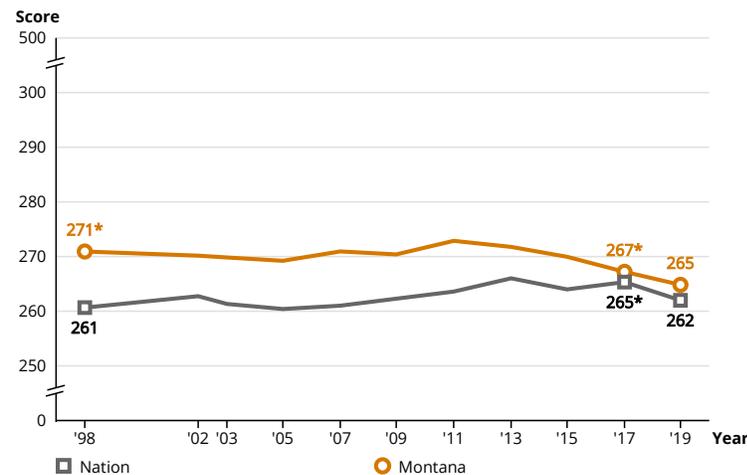
Compare the Average Score in 2019 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2019, the average score in Montana (265) was
 lower than those in 6 states/jurisdictions
 higher than those in 18 states/jurisdictions
 not significantly different from those in 27 states/jurisdictions

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

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation



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

Results for Student Groups in 2019

Reporting Groups	Percentage of students	Avg. score	Percentage at or above NAEP		Percentage at NAEP Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
Race/Ethnicity					
White	79	269	80	38	3
Black	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hispanic	5	257	68	25	2
Asian	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	11	239	49	15	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	3	262	73	33	2
Gender					
Male	50	258	69	27	2
Female	50	272	83	41	4
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	43	253	65	24	1
Not eligible	57	273	84	42	5

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.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- Data are not reported for Black students in 2019, because reporting standards were not met.
- 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 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2019, female students in Montana had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 14 points.
- In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 20 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (17 points).