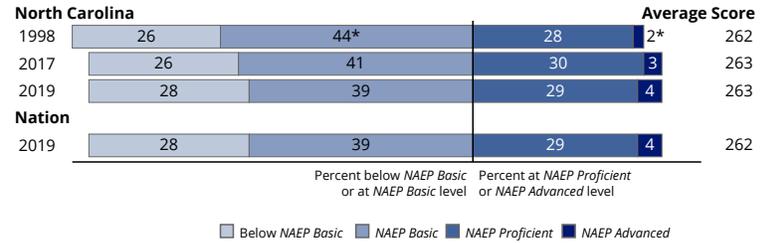


Overall Results

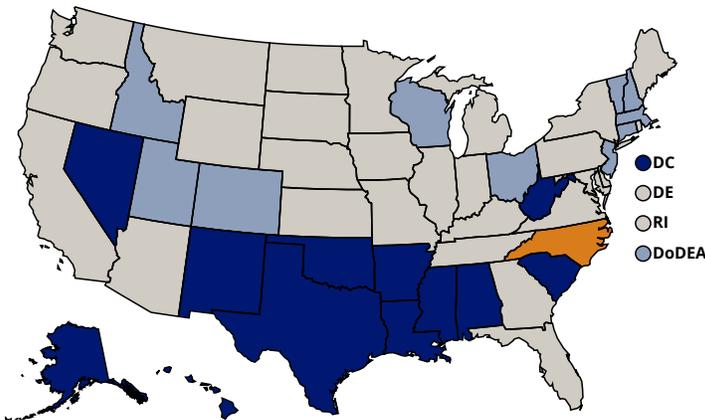
- In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in North Carolina was 263. This was not significantly different from the average score of 262 for students in the nation.
- The average score for students in North Carolina in 2019 (263) was not significantly different from their average score in 2017 (263) and in 1998 (262).
- The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the *NAEP Proficient* level was 33 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (33 percent) and in 1998 (30 percent).
- The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the *NAEP Basic* level was 72 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (74 percent) and in 1998 (74 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.

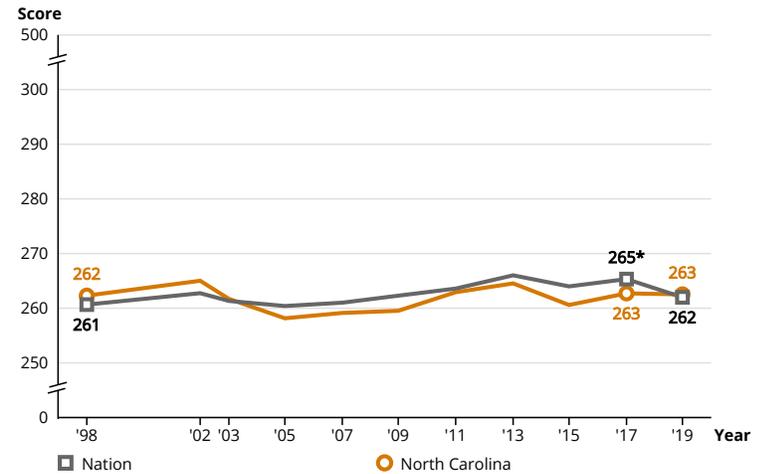
Compare the Average Score in 2019 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2019, the average score in North Carolina (263) was
 ■ lower than those in 11 states/jurisdictions
 ■ higher than those in 13 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	50	272	82	42	6
Black	24	244	54	14	1
Hispanic	17	256	66	28	3
Asian	3	285	86	60	16
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	249	58	18	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	4	264	76	28	4
Gender					
Male	51	256	66	27	3
Female	49	269	78	39	6
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	43	249	60	20	1
Not eligible	57	273	81	42	6

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

- In 2019, Black students had an average score that was 28 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (25 points).
- In 2019, Hispanic students had an average score that was 17 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 North Carolina had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 13 points.
- In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 23 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (24 points).