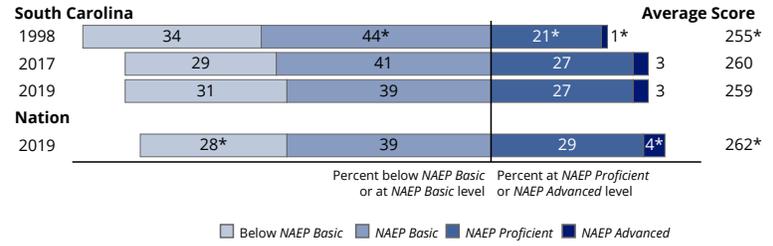


## Overall Results

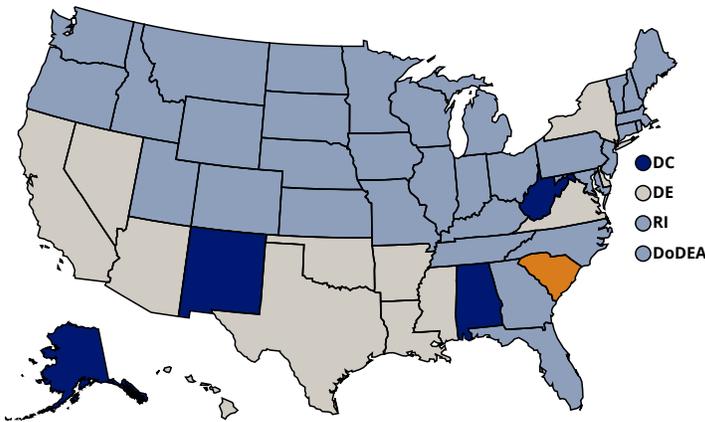
- In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in South Carolina was 259. This was lower than the average score of 262 for students in the nation.
- The average score for students in South Carolina in 2019 (259) was not significantly different from their average score in 2017 (260) and was higher than their average score in 1998 (255).
- The percentage of students in South Carolina who performed at or above the *NAEP Proficient* level was 29 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (30 percent) and was higher than that in 1998 (22 percent).
- The percentage of students in South Carolina who performed at or above the *NAEP Basic* level was 69 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (71 percent) and in 1998 (66 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.

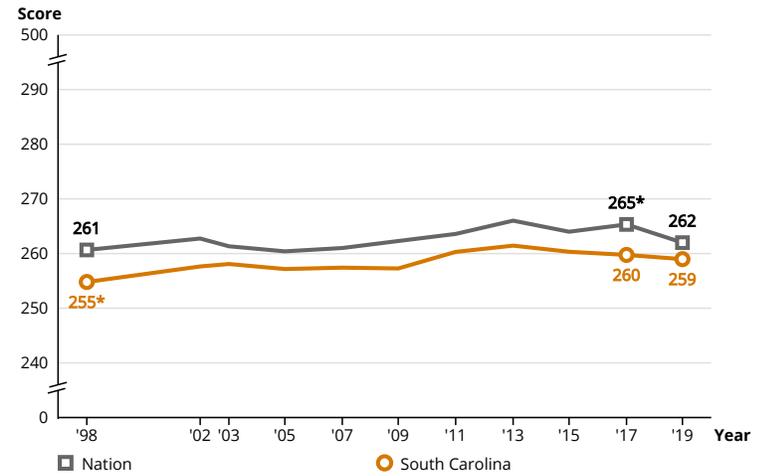
## Compare the Average Score in 2019 to Other States/Jurisdictions



In 2019, the average score in South Carolina (259) was  
  lower than those in 34 states/jurisdictions  
  higher than those in 5 states/jurisdictions  
  not significantly different from those in 12 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	
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	51	270	80	40	4
Black	32	242	51	13	1
Hispanic	11	253	64	24	1
Asian	2	†	†	†	†
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	†	†	†	†
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	†	†	†	†
Two or more races	4	259	69	28	1
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	50	253	63	24	2
Female	50	265	75	35	4
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>					
Eligible	58	249	59	19	1
Not eligible	42	273	82	43	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

- 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 South Carolina had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 12 points.
- In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 24 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (26 points).