Overall Results

- In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in Virginia was 262. This was not significantly different from the average score of 262 for students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Virginia in 2019 (262) was lower than their average score in 2017 (268) and in 1998 (266).
- The percentage of students in Virginia who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 33 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (37 percent) and in 1998 (33 percent).
- The percentage of students in Virginia who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 71 percent in 2019. This percentage was lower than that in 2017 (77 percent) and in 1998 (78 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2019 to Other States/ Jurisdictions

- In 2019, the average score in Virginia (262) was:
  - lower than those in 13 states/jurisdictions
  - higher than those in 11 states/jurisdictions
  - not significantly different from those in 27 states/jurisdictions

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

Results for Student Groups in 2019

- 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 (24 points).
- In 2019, Hispanic students had an average score that was 24 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was wider than that in 1998 (8 points).
- In 2019, female students in Virginia had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 17 points. This performance gap was wider than that in 1998 (10 points).
- In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 26 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (25 points).

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 26 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (25 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.