OVERALL RESULTS
- In 2022, the average score of eighth-grade students in District of Columbia was 250. This was lower than the average score of 259 for students in the nation.
- The average score for students in District of Columbia in 2022 (250) was not significantly different from their average score in 2019 (250) and was higher than their average score in 1998 (236).
- The percentage of students in District of Columbia who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 22 percent in 2022. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2019 (23 percent) and was greater than that in 1998 (11 percent).
- The percentage of students in District of Columbia who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 57 percent in 2022. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2019 (58 percent) and was greater than that in 1998 (44 percent).

COMPARE THE AVERAGE SCORE IN 2022 TO OTHER STATES/JURISDICTIONS

GRAPH DETAILS: In 2022, the average score = 259 for the Nation and 250 for District of Columbia. In 2019, the average score = 259 for the Nation and 250 for District of Columbia; District of Columbia scores are significantly different from 2022.

RESULTS FOR STUDENT GROUPS IN 2022

SCORE GAPS FOR STUDENT GROUPS
- In 2022, Black students had an average score that was 54 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for White students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2022, Hispanic students had an average score that was 50 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for White students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2022, male students in District of Columbia had an average score that was lower than that for female students by 11 points.
- In 2022, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) had an average score that was 43 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was wider than 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.