

Table 121.—Average student proficiency in geography and U.S. history, by selected characteristics and grade level: 2001

Selected characteristics of students	Percentage distribution of 12th-graders in geography	Geography scores			Percentage distribution of 12th-graders in U.S history	U.S. History scores		
		4th-graders	8th-graders	12th-graders		4th-graders	8th-graders	12th-graders
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All students	100 —	209 (1.0)	262 (0.9)	285 (0.8)	100 —	209 (1.0)	262 (0.8)	287 (1.0)
Sex								
Male	48 (0.8)	212 (1.1)	264 (1.0)	287 (0.9)	49 (0.6)	209 (1.1)	264 (0.9)	288 (1.3)
Female	52 (0.8)	207 (1.2)	260 (1.1)	282 (0.8)	51 (0.6)	209 (1.2)	261 (0.9)	286 (0.9)
Race/ethnicity								
White, non-Hispanic	70 (0.3)	222 (1.0)	273 (1.0)	291 (0.9)	70 (0.4)	220 (1.1)	271 (0.8)	292 (1.0)
Black, non-Hispanic	13 (0.3)	181 (1.8)	234 (1.7)	260 (1.4)	13 (0.2)	188 (1.8)	243 (1.8)	269 (1.5)
Hispanic	12 (0.2)	184 (2.8)	240 (1.7)	270 (1.5)	12 (0.2)	186 (2.5)	243 (1.5)	274 (1.7)
Asian/Pacific Islander	5 (0.2)	212 (2.7)	266 (2.5)	286 (2.9)	5 (0.2)	213 (2.7)	267 (3.4)	295 (4.6)
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1 (0.2)	199 (3.6)	261 (5.8)	288 —	1 (0.2)	197 (6.9)	249 (4.5)	277 —
Region								
Northeast	20 (0.9)	214 (2.8)	266 (2.4)	286 (2.8)	21 (0.9)	215 (2.5)	269 (1.9)	289 (3.4)
Southeast	21 (1.2)	207 (2.1)	260 (2.0)	281 (1.0)	22 (1.2)	208 (2.6)	261 (2.0)	284 (1.7)
Central	27 (0.6)	219 (1.8)	270 (2.5)	287 (1.3)	26 (0.6)	217 (2.0)	267 (1.7)	289 (1.4)
West	31 (1.4)	200 (2.5)	255 (1.5)	283 (1.3)	31 (1.5)	200 (2.3)	255 (1.3)	286 (1.6)
Parents' level of education								
Not high school graduate	7 (0.4)	— —	241 (1.7)	269 (1.7)	7 (0.4)	— —	243 (2.3)	269 (1.5)
Graduated high school	19 (0.7)	— —	253 (1.2)	276 (0.9)	19 (0.6)	— —	253 (1.1)	274 (1.0)
Some college	25 (0.7)	— —	266 (1.0)	284 (0.9)	25 (0.7)	— —	265 (1.0)	286 (0.8)
Graduated college	46 (1.1)	— —	274 (0.9)	293 (1.1)	46 (1.2)	— —	275 (0.8)	298 (1.3)
Free/reduced price lunch eligibility								
Eligible	16 (1.0)	186 (1.7)	242 (1.4)	269 (1.6)	16 (0.9)	189 (1.6)	245 (1.2)	271 (1.3)
Not eligible	64 (2.2)	221 (1.2)	270 (1.1)	287 (1.0)	64 (2.2)	220 (1.4)	269 (0.9)	289 (1.2)
Not available	21 (2.4)	218 (2.5)	266 (1.8)	289 (1.5)	21 (2.5)	217 (2.8)	268 (2.0)	295 (2.0)

—Not available.

NOTE: These test scores are from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). As with the NAEP reading scale, these scales range from 0 to 500. However, the distribution of scores varies by subject. Therefore, direct score comparisons among the subjects should be avoided. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress NAEP, *The Nation's Report Card: U.S. History 2001* and *The Nation's Report Card: Geography 2001*, prepared by Educational Testing Service. (This table was prepared July 2002.)