

**Table 260. Proficiency Levels on Selected NAEP Tests for Students in Public Schools, by State: 2005**

[Represents percent of public school students scoring at or above basic and proficient levels. Basic denotes mastery of the knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at a given grade level. Proficient represents solid academic performance. Students reaching this level demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter. For more detail see <<http://www.nagb.org/pubs/pubs.html>>. Based on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests which are administered to a representative sample of students in public schools, private schools, and Department of Defense schools. Data shown here are for public school students only]

State	Grade 4 Math		Grade 8 Math		Grade 4 Reading		Grade 8 Reading	
	At or above basic	At or above proficient	At or above basic	At or above proficient	At or above basic	At or above proficient	At or above basic	At or above proficient
<b>U.S. average . . . . .</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>29</b>
Alabama . . . . .	66	21	53	15	53	22	63	22
Alaska . . . . .	77	34	69	29	58	27	70	26
Arizona . . . . .	70	28	64	26	52	24	65	23
Arkansas . . . . .	78	34	64	22	63	30	69	26
California . . . . .	71	28	57	22	50	21	60	21
Colorado . . . . .	81	39	70	32	69	37	75	32
Connecticut . . . . .	84	42	70	35	71	38	74	34
Delaware . . . . .	84	36	72	30	73	34	80	30
District of Columbia . . . . .	45	10	31	7	33	11	45	12
Florida . . . . .	82	37	65	26	65	30	66	25
Georgia . . . . .	76	30	62	23	58	26	67	25
Hawaii . . . . .	73	27	56	18	53	23	58	18
Idaho . . . . .	86	40	73	30	69	33	76	32
Illinois . . . . .	74	32	68	29	62	29	75	31
Indiana . . . . .	84	38	74	30	64	30	73	28
Iowa . . . . .	85	37	75	34	67	33	79	34
Kansas . . . . .	88	47	77	34	66	32	78	35
Kentucky . . . . .	75	26	64	23	65	31	75	31
Louisiana . . . . .	74	24	59	16	53	20	64	20
Maine . . . . .	84	39	74	30	71	35	81	38
Maryland . . . . .	79	38	66	30	65	32	69	30
Massachusetts . . . . .	91	49	80	43	78	44	83	44
Michigan . . . . .	79	38	68	29	63	32	73	28
Minnesota . . . . .	88	47	79	43	71	38	80	37
Mississippi . . . . .	69	19	52	14	48	18	60	18
Missouri . . . . .	79	31	68	26	67	33	76	31
Montana . . . . .	85	38	80	36	71	36	82	37
Nebraska . . . . .	80	36	75	35	68	34	80	35
Nevada . . . . .	72	26	60	21	52	21	63	22
New Hampshire . . . . .	89	47	77	35	74	39	80	38
New Jersey . . . . .	86	45	74	36	68	37	80	38
New Mexico . . . . .	65	19	53	14	51	20	62	19
New York . . . . .	81	36	70	31	69	33	75	33
North Carolina . . . . .	83	40	72	32	62	29	69	27
North Dakota . . . . .	89	40	81	35	72	35	83	37
Ohio . . . . .	84	43	74	33	69	34	78	36
Oklahoma . . . . .	79	29	63	21	60	25	72	25
Oregon . . . . .	80	37	72	34	62	29	74	33
Pennsylvania . . . . .	82	41	72	31	69	36	77	36
Rhode Island . . . . .	76	31	63	24	62	30	71	29
South Carolina . . . . .	81	36	71	30	57	26	67	25
South Dakota . . . . .	86	41	80	36	70	33	82	35
Tennessee . . . . .	74	28	61	21	59	27	71	26
Texas . . . . .	87	40	72	31	64	29	69	26
Utah . . . . .	83	37	71	30	68	34	73	29
Vermont . . . . .	87	44	78	38	72	39	79	37
Virginia . . . . .	83	39	75	33	72	37	78	36
Washington . . . . .	84	42	75	36	70	36	75	34
West Virginia . . . . .	75	25	60	18	61	26	67	22
Wisconsin . . . . .	84	40	76	36	67	33	77	35
Wyoming . . . . .	87	43	76	29	71	34	81	36

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2005 Mathematics and Reading Assessments. See Internet site <<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>> (accessed 15 March 2006).