

Appendix table 1-4  
**Students at or above basic and proficient levels in mathematics and science, grades 4, 8, and 12, by sex:**  
**1996 and 2000**  
 (Percent)

Variable	1996			2000		
	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
<b>Mathematics</b>						
At or above basic						
Male.....	65*	62*	70*	70	67	66
Female.....	63*	63	69*	68	65	64
At or above proficient						
Male.....	24*	25*	18	28	29	20
Female.....	19*	23	14	24	25	14
<b>Science</b>						
At or above basic						
Male.....	68	62	60*	69	64	54
Female.....	67	61	55	64	57	51
At or above proficient						
Male.....	31	31*	25	33	36	21
Female.....	27	27	17	26	27	16

\*Significantly different from 2000.

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), *The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2000*, NCES 2001-517 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, 2001); and NCES, *The Nation's Report Card: Science 2000*, NCES 2003-453 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, 2003).

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