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## Academic Outcomes

# Mathematics Performance of Students in Grades 4 and 8 

## In 2007, students in grades 4 and 8 showed improvements from all previous assessments at all mathematics achievement levels.

Testing accommodations (e.g., extended time, small group testing) for children with disabilities and limited-English-proficient students were not permitted in 1990 and 1992, and students were tested with and without accommodations in 1996.
NOTE: The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) has assessed the mathematical abilities of students in grades 4 and 8 in public and private schools since 1990.NAEP mathematics scores range from 0 to 500. The achievement levels define what students should know and be able to do: Basic indicates partial mastery of fundamental skills;Proficient indicates demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter; and Advanced indicates superior performance. The percentage of students at or above Proficient includes students at the Advanced achievement level. Similarly, the percentage of students at or above Basic includes students at the Basic, those at the Proficient, and those at the Advanced achievement levels. See supplemental note 4 for more information on NAEP. Calculations are based on unrounded numbers. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.
SOURCE:U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), selected years, 1990-2007 Mathematics Assessments, NAEP Data Explorer.

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The percentages of 4th- and 8th-grade students at or above Basic, at or above Proficient, and at Advanced achievement levels were higher in 2007 than the percentages for all previous mathematics assessments ${ }^{1}$ (see supplemental table 13-1). For example, the percentage of 4th-grade students at or above Proficient increased by 3 percentage points from 2005 to 2007 and tripled from 1990 to 2007 ( 13 vs. 39 percent). For 8th-grade students, the percentage scoring at or above Proficient increased by 2 percentage points from 2005 to 2007 and doubled from 1990 to 2007 (15 vs. 32 percent).

From 1990 to 2007, the average NAEP mathematics scores increased 27 points for 4thgraders and 19 points for 8 th-graders. Increases in scores were seen for both males and females and for most racial/ethnic groups. Both male and female 4th- and 8th-graders scored higher in 2007 than in any of the previous assessments (see supplemental table 13-2). In 2007, at each grade, males outscored females by 2 points; these score gaps were not measurably different from the gaps in either 2005 or 1990 . For grade 4, average scores in 2007 for White, Black, Hispanic, and

Asian/Pacific Islander students were higher than the scores in any of the previous assessments. Although the score for American Indian/Alaska Native 4th-graders increased over time, there was no measurable difference between their 2005 and 2007 scores. For grade 8, average scores in 2007 for White, Black, and Hispanic students were higher than in any of the previous assessments. The average score for 8th-grade Asian/Pacific Islander students was higher in 2007 than in 1990, but not measurably different from their 2005 score. No measurable differences were detected in the scores for American Indian/Alaska Native 8th-graders over the assessment years.

NAEP results also permit state-level comparisons of the abilities of 4th- and 8th-graders in public schools. There were 42 states that participated in both the 1992 and 2007 assessments for 4th grade and 38 states that participated in both the 1990 and 2007 assessments for 8th grade. For each of these participating states and at each grade level, there was an increase in the average score as well as in the percentages of students scoring at or above Basic and at or above Proficient (see supplemental table 13-3).

MATHEMATICS PERFORMANCE: Percentage distribution of 4th- and 8th-grade students across NAEP mathematics achievement levels: Selected years, 1990-2007


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Table 13-1. Average mathematics scale scores and percentage of students at each achievement level, by grade: Selected years, 1990-2007

| Grade, scale score, and achievement level | $1990{ }^{1}$ | $1992{ }^{1}$ | $1996{ }^{1}$ | 1996 | 2000 | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average scale score | 213 | 220 | 224 | 224 | 226 | 235 | 238 | 240 |
| Percentage at each achievement level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below Basic | 50 | 41 | 36 | 37 | 35 | 23 | 20 | 18 |
| At or above Basic | 50 | 59 | 64 | 63 | 65 | 77 | 80 | 82 |
| At or above Proficient | 13 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 24 | 32 | 36 | 39 |
| At Advanced | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Grade 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average scale score | 263 | 268 | 272 | 270 | 273 | 278 | 279 | 281 |
| Percentage at each achievement level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below Basic | 48 | 42 | 38 | 39 | 37 | 32 | 31 | 29 |
| At or above Basic | 52 | 58 | 62 | 61 | 63 | 68 | 69 | 71 |
| At or above Proficient | 15 | 21 | 24 | 23 | 26 | 29 | 30 | 32 |
| At Advanced | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Grade 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average scale score | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 150 | - |
| Percentage at each achievement level Below Basic | $\left.{ }^{(2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{(2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 39 | - |
| At or above Basic | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{(2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{(2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{(2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 61 | - |
| At or above Proficient | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 23 | - |
| At Advanced | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{(2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{(2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{(2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 2 | - |

- Not available.
${ }^{1}$ Testing accommodations (e.g., extended time,small group testing) for children with disabilities and limited-English-proficient students were not permitted.
${ }^{2}$ The 2005 Grade 12 Mathematics Assessment was based on a new framework. The assessment includes more questions on algebra, data analysis, and probability to reflect changes in high school mathematics standards and coursework. Results could not be placed on the old National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scale and could not be directly compared with previous years; therefore, information on previous assessments are not shown. For more information on NAEP Grade 12 Mathematics Assessments, see http://www.nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/mathematics/.
NOTE:The NAEP mathematics scale ranges from 0 to 500 for grades 4 and 8 and ranges from 0 to 300 for grade 12 . Beginning in 2003, the NAEP national sample for grades 4 and 8 was obtained by aggregating the samples from each state and the District of Columbia, rather than by obtaining an independently selected national sample. As a consequence, the size of the national samples for grades 4 and 8 increased, and smaller differences between years or between types of students were found to be statistically significant than would have been detected in previous assessments. The 2007 NAEP Mathematics Assessment was not administered to 12 th-grade students. See supplemental note 4 for more information on NAEP.
SOURCE:U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), selected years, 1990-2007 Mathematics Assessments, NAEP Data Explorer.


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Table 13-2. Average mathematics scale scores, by grade and selected student and school characteristics: Selected years, 1990-2007

| Student or school characteristic | Grade 4 |  |  |  | Grade 8 |  |  |  | $\frac{\text { Grade } 12}{2005}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1990{ }^{1}$ | 2000 | 2005 | 2007 | $1990{ }^{1}$ | 2000 | 2005 | 2007 |  |
| Total | 213 | 226 | 238 | 240 | 263 | 273 | 279 | 281 | 150 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 214 | 227 | 239 | 241 | 263 | 274 | 280 | 282 | 151 |
| Female | 213 | 224 | 237 | 239 | 262 | 272 | 278 | 280 | 149 |
| Race/ethnicity ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 220 | 234 | 246 | 248 | 270 | 284 | 289 | 291 | 157 |
| Black | 188 | 203 | 220 | 222 | 237 | 244 | 255 | 260 | 127 |
| Hispanic | 200 | 208 | 226 | 227 | 246 | 253 | 262 | 265 | 133 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 225 | $\ddagger$ | 251 | 253 | 275 | 288 | 295 | 297 | 163 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | $\ddagger$ | 208 | 226 | 228 | $\ddagger$ | 259 | 264 | 264 | 134 |
| Parents' education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Did not finish high school | - | - | - | - | 242 | 253 | 259 | 263 | 130 |
| Graduated from high school | - | - | - | - | 255 | 261 | 267 | 270 | 138 |
| Some education after high school | - | - | - | - | 267 | 277 | 280 | 283 | 148 |
| Graduated from college | - | - | - | - | 274 | 286 | 290 | 292 | 161 |
| Locale |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Metro-centric codes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Central city | - | 220 | 233 | - | - | 266 | 273 | - | 147 |
| Urban fringe/large town | - | 230 | 241 | - | - | 277 | 283 | - | 154 |
| Rural/small town | - | 226 | 238 | - | - | 275 | 279 | - | 148 |
| Urban-centric codes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| City | - | - | - | 235 | - | - | - | 275 | - |
| Suburban | - | - | - | 244 | - | - | - | 286 | - |
| Town | - | - | - | 238 | - | - | - | 280 | - |
| Rural | - | - | - | 240 | - | - | - | 282 | - |
| Students in school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 percent or less | - | - | 254 | 256 | - | - | 298 | 300 | 162 |
| 11-25 percent | - | - | 247 | 248 | - | - | 289 | 292 | 155 |
| 26-50 percent | - | - | 240 | 242 | - | - | 280 | 282 | 147 |
| 51-75 percent | - | - | 232 | 234 | - | - | 268 | 271 | 136 |
| More than 75 percent | - | - | 220 | 222 | - | - | 254 | 259 | 122 |
| - Not available. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\ddagger$ Reporting standards not met (too few cases). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Testing accommodations (e.g., extended time,small group testing) for children with disabilities and limited-English-proficient students were not permitted. <br> ${ }^{2}$ Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 was obtained by aggregating the samples from each state and the District of Columbia, rather than by obtaining an independently selected national sample. As a consequence, the size of the national samples for grades 4 and 8 increased, and smaller differences between years or between types of students were found to be statistically significant than would have been detected in previous assessments. The 2007 NAEP Mathematics Assessment was not administered to 12 th-grade students. See supplemental note 4 for more information on NAEP. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SOURCE:U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), selected years, 1990-2007 Mathematics Assessments, NAEP Data Explorer. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Table 13-3. Average mathematics scale scores and achievement-level results for public school 4th- and 8th-graders, by state: 1990, 1992, and 2007

| State | Grade 4 |  |  |  |  |  | Grade 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score |  | Percentage of students |  |  |  | Average score |  | Percentage of students |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | At or above Basic |  | At or above Proficient |  |  |  | At or above Basic |  | At or above Proficient |  |
|  | $1992{ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1992{ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1992{ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1990{ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1990{ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1990{ }^{1}$ | 2007 |
| United States | 219 | 239* | 57 | 81* | 17 | 39* | 262 | 280* | 51 | 70* | 15 | 31* |
| Alabama | 208 | 229* | 43 | 70* | 10 | 26* | 253 | 266* | 40 | 55* | 9 | 18* |
| Alaska | - | 237 | - | 79 | - | 38 | - | 283 | - | 73 | - | 32 |
| Arizona | 215 | 232* | 53 | 74* | 13 | $31^{*}$ | 260 | 276* | 48 | 66* | 13 | 26* |
| Arkansas | 210 | 238* | 47 | 81* | 10 | 37* | 256 | 274* | 44 | 65* | 9 | 24* |
| California | 208 | 230* | 46 | 70* | 12 | 30* | 256 | 270* | 45 | 59* | 12 | 24* |
| Colorado | 221 | 240* | 61 | 82* | 17 | 41* | 267 | 286* | 57 | 75* | 17 | 37* |
| Connecticut | 227 | 243* | 67 | 84* | 24 | 45* | 270 | 282* | 60 | 73* | 22 | 35* |
| Delaware | 218 | 242* | 55 | 87* | 17 | 40* | 261 | 283* | 48 | 74* | 14 | 31* |
| District of Columbia | 193 | 214* | 23 | 49* | 5 | 14* | 231 | 248* | 17 | 34* | 3 | 8* |
| Florida | 214 | 242* | 52 | 86* | 13 | 40* | 255 | 277* | 43 | 68* | 12 | 27* |
| Georgia | 216 | 235* | 53 | 79* | 15 | $32^{*}$ | 259 | 275* | 47 | 64* | 14 | 25* |
| Hawaii | 214 | 234* | 52 | 77* | 15 | $33^{*}$ | 251 | 269* | 40 | 59* | 12 | 21* |
| Idaho | 222 | 241* | 63 | 85* | 16 | 40* | 271 | 284* | 63 | 75* | 18 | 34* |
| Illinois | - | 237 | - | 79 | - | 36 | 261 | 280* | 50 | 70* | 15 | 31* |
| Indiana | 221 | 245* | 60 | 89* | 16 | 46* | 267 | 285* | 56 | 76* | 17 | 35* |
| lowa | 230 | 243* | 72 | 87* | 26 | 43* | 278 | 285* | 70 | 77* | 25 | 35* |
| Kansas | - | 248 | - | 89 | - | 51 | - | 290 | - | 81 | - | 40 |
| Kentucky | 215 | 235* | 51 | 79* | 13 | $31^{*}$ | 257 | 279* | 43 | 69* | 10 | 27* |
| Louisiana | 204 | 230* | 39 | 73* | 8 | 24* | 246 | 272* | 32 | 64* | 5 | 19* |
| Maine | 232 | 242* | 75 | 85* | 27 | 42* | - | 286 | - | 78 | - | 34 |
| Maryland | 217 | 240* | 55 | 80* | 18 | 40* | 261 | 286* | 50 | 74* | 17 | 37* |
| Massachusetts | 227 | 252* | 68 | 93* | 23 | 58* | - | 298 | - | 85 | - | 51 |
| Michigan | 220 | 238* | 61 | 80* | 18 | 37* | 264 | 277* | 53 | 66* | 16 | 29* |
| Minnesota | 228 | 247* | 71 | 87* | 26 | 51* | 275 | 292* | 67 | 81* | 23 | 43* |
| Mississippi | 202 | 228* | 36 | 70* | 6 | 21* | - | 265 | - | 54 | - | 14 |
| Missouri | 222 | 239* | 62 | 82* | 19 | 38* | - | 281 | - | 72 | - | 30 |
| Montana | - | 244 | - | 88 | - | 44 | 280 | 287* | 74 | 79* | 27 | 38* |
| Nebraska | 225 | 238* | 67 | 80* | 22 | 38* | 276 | 284* | 68 | 74* | 24 | 35* |
| Nevada | - | 232 | - | 74 | - | 30 | - | 271 | - | 60 | - | 23 |
| New Hampshire | 230 | 249* | 72 | 91* | 25 | 52* | 273 | 288* | 65 | 78* | 20 | 38* |
| New Jersey | 227 | 249* | 68 | 90* | 25 | 52* | 270 | 289* | 58 | 77* | 21 | 40* |
| New Mexico | 213 | 228* | 50 | 70* | 11 | 24* | 256 | 268* | 43 | 57* | 10 | 17* |
| New York | 218 | 243* | 57 | 85* | 17 | 43* | 261 | 280* | 50 | 70* | 15 | 30* |
| North Carolina | 213 | 242* | 50 | 85* | 13 | 41* | 250 | 284* | 38 | 73* | 9 | 34* |
| North Dakota | 229 | 245* | 72 | 91* | 22 | 46* | 281 | 292* | 75 | 86* | 27 | 41* |
| Ohio | 219 | 245* | 57 | 87* | 16 | 46* | 264 | 285* | 53 | 76* | 15 | 35* |
| Oklahoma | 220 | 237* | 60 | 82* | 14 | 33* | 263 | 275* | 52 | 66* | 13 | 21* |
| Oregon | - | 236 | - | 79 | - | 35 | 271 | 284* | 62 | 73* | 21 | 35* |
| Pennsylvania | 224 | 244* | 65 | 85* | 22 | 47* | 266 | 286* | 56 | 77* | 17 | 38* |

See notes at end of table.

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Table 13-3. Average mathematics scale scores and achievement-level results for public school 4th- and 8th-graders, by state: 1990, 1992, and 2007 -Continued

| State | Grade 4 |  |  |  |  |  | Grade 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score |  | Percentage of students |  |  |  | Average score |  | Percentage of students |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | At or above Basic |  | At or above Proficient |  |  |  | At or above Basic |  | At or above Proficient |  |
|  | 1992 ${ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1992{ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1992{ }^{1}$ | 2007 | 1990 ${ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1990{ }^{1}$ | 2007 | $1990{ }^{1}$ | 2007 |
| Rhode Island | 215 | 236* | 54 | 80* | 13 | 34* | 260 | 275* | 49 | 65* | 15 | 28* |
| South Carolina | 212 | 237* | 48 | 80* | 13 | 36* | - | 282 | - | 71 | - | 32 |
| South Dakota | - | 241 | - | 86 | - | 41 | - | 288 | - | 81 | - | 39 |
| Tennessee | 211 | 233* | 47 | 76* | 10 | 29* | - | 274 | - | 64 | - | 23 |
| Texas | 218 | 242* | 56 | 87* | 15 | 40* | 258 | 286* | 45 | 78* | 13 | 35* |
| Utah | 224 | 239* | 66 | 83* | 19 | 39* | - | 281 | - | 72 | - | 32 |
| Vermont | - | 246 | - | 89 | - | 49 | - | 291 | - | 81 | - | 41 |
| Virginia | 221 | 244* | 59 | 87* | 19 | 42* | 264 | 288* | 52 | 77* | 17 | 37* |
| Washington | - | 243 | - | 84 | - | 44 | - | 285 | - | 75 | - | 36 |
| West Virginia | 215 | 236* | 52 | 81* | 12 | 33* | 256 | 270* | 42 | 61* | 9 | 19* |
| Wisconsin | 229 | 244* | 71 | 85* | 24 | 47* | 274 | 286* | 66 | 76* | 23 | 37* |
| Wyoming | 225 | 244* | 69 | 88* | 19 | 44* | 272 | 287* | 64 | 80* | 19 | 36* |

— Not available (state did not participate in assessment).

* Change in score is statistically significant from 1990 or 1992 ( $p<.05$ )
${ }^{1}$ Testing accommodations (e.g., extended time, small group testing) for children with disabilities and limited-English-proficient students were not permitted.
NOTE:State samples were not collected for grade 12; therefore, state results for grade 12 are not available. At the state level, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) includes only students in public schools, while other reported national results in this indicator include both public and private school students.Variations or changes in exclusion rates for students with disabilities and limited-English-proficient students in the NAEP samples may affect comparative performance results. The 2007 NAEP national sample for grades 4 and 8 was obtained by aggregating the samples from each state and the District of Columbia, rather than by obtaining an independently selected national sample. As a consequence, the size of the national samples for grades 4 and 8 increased, and smaller differences between years or between types of students were found to be statistically significant than would have been detected in previous assessments. See supplemental note 4 for more information on testing accommodations and on NAEP.
SOURCE:U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 1990, 1992, and 2007 Mathematics Assessments, NAEP Data Explorer.


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Table S13-1. Standard errors for the average mathematics scale scores and percentage of students at each achievement level, by grade: Selected years, 1990-2007

| Grade, scale score, and achievement level | $1990{ }^{1}$ | $1992{ }^{1}$ | $1996{ }^{1}$ | 1996 | 2000 | 2003 | 2005 | 2007 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average scale score | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Percentage at each achievement level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below Basic | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| At or above Basic | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| At or above Proficient | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| At Advanced | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Grade 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average scale score | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Percentage at each achievement level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below Basic | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| At or above Basic | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| At or above Proficient | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| At Advanced | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

Grade 12

| Average scale score | (2) | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | (2) | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{2}$ ) | 0.6 | $\dagger$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage at each achievement level Below Basic | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{2}$ ) | 0.8 | $\dagger$ |
| At or above Basic | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | ${ }^{2}$ ) | 0.8 | $\dagger$ |
| At or above Proficient | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | 0.7 | $\dagger$ |
| At Advanced | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{(2)}$ | $\left.{ }^{2}\right)$ | 0.2 | $\dagger$ |

$\dagger$ Not applicable.
${ }^{1}$ Testing accommodations (e.g., extended time, small group testing) for children with disabilities and limited-English-proficient students were not permitted.
${ }^{2}$ The 2005 Grade 12 Mathematics Assessment was based on a new framework. The assessment includes more questions on algebra, data analysis, and probability to reflect changes in high school mathematics standards and coursework. Results could not be placed on the old National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scale and could not be directly compared with previous years; therefore, information on previous assessments are not shown. For more information on NAEP Grade 12 Mathematics Assessments, see http://www.nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/mathematics/.
SOURCE:U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), selected years, 1990-2007 Mathematics Assessments, NAEP Data Explorer.

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Table S13-2. Standard errors for the average mathematics scale scores, by grade and selected student and school characteristics: Selected years, 1990-2007

| Student or school characteristic | Grade 4 |  |  |  | Grade 8 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Grade } 12 \\ \hline 2007 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 | 2007 | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 | 2007 |  |
| Total | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Female | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Race/ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Black | 1.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Hispanic | 2.2 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 4.3 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 4.1 | $\dagger$ | 0.7 | 0.8 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 2.0 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | $\dagger$ | 3.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 | $\dagger$ | 7.5 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 4.1 |
| Parents' education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Did not finish high school | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 2.0 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| Graduated from high school | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Some education after high school | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 1.6 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Graduated from college | $\dagger$ | † | † | $\dagger$ | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Locale |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Metro-centric codes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Central city | $\dagger$ | 1.7 | 0.3 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 1.9 | 0.4 | $\dagger$ | 1.2 |
| Urban fringe/large town | $\dagger$ | 1.6 | 0.2 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 1.3 | 0.3 | $\dagger$ | 0.9 |
| Rural/small town | $\dagger$ | 1.4 | 0.3 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 1.6 | 0.4 | $\dagger$ | 1.0 |
| Urban-centric codes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| City | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.4 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.5 | $\dagger$ |
| Suburban | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.3 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.4 | $\dagger$ |
| Town | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.5 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.6 | $\dagger$ |
| Rural | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.3 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.5 | $\dagger$ |
| Students in school eligible for free or reduced-price lunch |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11-25 percent | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.3 | 0.4 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.4 |
| 26-50 percent | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.3 | 0.3 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| 51-75 percent | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.3 | 0.3 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| More than 75 percent | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.3 | 0.4 | $\dagger$ | $\dagger$ | 0.6 | 0.7 | 2.4 |

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## Mathematics Performance of Students in Grades 4 and 8

Table S13-3. Standard errors for the average mathematics scale scores and achievement-level results for public school 4th- and 8th-graders, by state: 1990, 1992, and 2007

| State | Grade 4 |  |  |  |  |  | Grade 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score |  | Percentage of students |  |  |  | Average score |  | Percentage of students |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | At or above Basic |  | At or above Proficient |  |  |  | At or above Basic |  | At or above Proficient |  |
|  | 1992 | 2007 | 1992 | 2007 | 1992 | 2007 | 1990 | 2007 | 1990 | 2007 | 1990 | 2007 |
| United States | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.3 |
| Alabama | 1.6 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.5 |
| Alaska | † | 1.0 | + | 1.2 | † | 1.5 | † | 1.1 | † | 1.3 | † | 1.4 |
| Arizona | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Arkansas | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| California | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Colorado | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Connecticut | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.6 |
| Delaware | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| District of Columbia | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Florida | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Georgia | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Hawaii | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Idaho | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Illinois | † | 1.1 | † | 1.2 | + | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Indiana | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| lowa | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Kansas | † | 0.9 | † | 0.8 | + | 1.7 | † | 1.1 | † | 1.1 | † | 1.5 |
| Kentucky | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Louisiana | 1.5 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| Maine | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | † | 0.8 | † | 1.1 | † | 1.2 |
| Maryland | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Massachusetts | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.5 | $\dagger$ | 1.3 | † | 1.1 | t | 1.7 |
| Michigan | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Minnesota | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.6 |
| Mississippi | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.3 | + | 0.8 | t | 1.3 | † | 1.0 |
| Missouri | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.5 | † | 1.0 | † | 1.5 | $\dagger$ | 1.3 |
| Montana | † | 0.8 | $\dagger$ | 0.8 | + | 1.4 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Nebraska | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Nevada | † | 0.9 | † | 1.3 | + | 1.4 | † | 0.8 | † | 1.2 | † | 1.0 |
| New Hampshire | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| New Jersey | 1.5 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| New Mexico | 1.4 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| New York | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| North Carolina | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| North Dakota | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| Ohio | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| Oklahoma | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Oregon | † | 1.0 | † | 1.1 | + | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Pennsylvania | 1.3 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |

See notes at end of table.

## Mathematics Performance of Students in Grades 4 and 8

Table S13-3. Standard errors for the average mathematics scale scores and achievement-level results for public school 4th- and 8th-graders, by state: 1990, 1992, and 2007-Continued

| State | Grade 4 |  |  |  |  |  | Grade 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average score |  | Percentage of students |  |  |  | Average score |  | Percentage of students |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | At or above Basic |  | At or above Proficient |  |  |  | At or above Basic |  | At or above Proficient |  |
|  | 1992 | 2007 | 1992 | 2007 | 1992 | 2007 | 1990 | 2007 | 1990 | 2007 | 1990 | 2007 |
| Rhode Island | 1.5 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| South Carolina | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | $\dagger$ | 1.0 | $\dagger$ | 1.1 | $\dagger$ | 1.4 |
| South Dakota | $\dagger$ | 0.7 | $\dagger$ | 1.0 | $\dagger$ | 1.1 | $\dagger$ | 0.8 | $\dagger$ | 1.0 | $\dagger$ | 1.5 |
| Tennessee | 1.4 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | † | 1.1 | $\dagger$ | 1.4 | $\dagger$ | 1.4 |
| Texas | 1.2 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Utah | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.6 | $\dagger$ | 0.9 | $\dagger$ | 1.1 | $\dagger$ | 1.2 |
| Vermont | $\dagger$ | 0.5 | $\dagger$ | 0.7 | $\dagger$ | 1.3 | $\dagger$ | 0.7 | $\dagger$ | 1.0 | $\dagger$ | 1.3 |
| Virginia | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| Washington | $\dagger$ | 1.0 | $\dagger$ | 1.2 | $\dagger$ | 1.4 | $\dagger$ | 1.0 | $\dagger$ | 1.3 | $\dagger$ | 1.2 |
| West Virginia | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Wisconsin | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Wyoming | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.6 |

$\dagger$ Not applicable.
SOURCE:U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 1990, 1992, and 2007 Mathematics Assessments, NAEP Data Explorer.


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    SOURCE:U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), selected years, 1990-2007 Mathematics Assessments, NAEP Data Explorer.

