

Student achievement trends

Table 3: Trends in the Percentage of Students Achieving At or Above Each State's Proficient Level, in Elementary Reading or Language Arts and in Middle Grades Mathematics, 1996 to 2003

State	Grade	Test	Subject	State term for Proficient**	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
California	4	California Standards Tests	English/Lang. Arts	Proficient	—	—	—	—	—	33%	36%	39%
Connecticut	4	Connecticut Mastery Test	Reading	Proficient	—	—	—	—	71%	71%	69%	69%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	77%	76%	77%	77%
Delaware	3	Del. Student Testing Program	Reading	Meets Standard	—	—	—	—	77%	78%	80%	79%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	36%	43%	48%	47%
Georgia	4	Criterion-Referenced Comp. Test	Reading	Meets Standard	—	—	—	—	65%	74%	77%	80%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	54%	58%	65%	67%
Illinois	3	Illinois Standards Achiev. Test	Reading	Meets Standards	—	—	—	61%	62%	62%	63%	62%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	43%	47%	50%	52%	53%
Iowa	4	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills	Reading	Proficient	—	—	—	—	—	68%	69%	76%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	—	74%	73%	72%
Kansas	5	Kansas Assessment Program	Reading	Proficient	—	—	—	—	62%	63%	63%	69%
	7		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	53%	57%	56%	60%
Kentucky	4	Kentucky Core Content Test	Reading	Proficient	—	—	—	32%	57%	58%	60%	62%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	33%	25%	27%	26%	31%
Maine	4	Maine Educational Assessment	Reading	Meets the Standard	—	—	—	47%	45%	51%	49%	49%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	19%	21%	20%	21%	18%
Mass.	4	Mass. Comp. Assmt. System	English Lang. Arts	Proficient	—	—	—	—	20%	51%	54%	56%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	34%	34%	34%	37%
Michigan	4	Mich. Educ. Assmt. Program	Reading/Lang. Arts	Met Expectations	—	49%	59%	59%	58%	60%	57%	66%
Missouri	3	Missouri Assessment Program	Comm. Arts	Proficient	—	—	—	29%	32%	32%	36%	34%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	13%	11%	14%	14%	14%	14%
Montana	4	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills	Reading	Proficient	—	—	—	—	—	79%	73%	77%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	—	69%	68%	70%
New Jersey	4	New Jersey Proficiency Test	Language Arts Literacy	Proficient	—	—	—	57%	55%	79%	79%	78%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	62%	60%	62%	58%	57%
N. Carolina	4	N.C. End of Grade/Course Test	Reading	Level III	69%	68%	71%	71%	72%	74%	77%	81%
	8		Mathematics		68%	69%	76%	78%	80%	80%	83%	82%
Ohio	4	Ohio Proficiency Test	Reading	Proficient	—	—	—	—	—	56%	66%	53%
	6		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	—	61%	59%	65%
Oklahoma	5	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test	Reading	Satisfactory	—	—	—	—	68%	66%	63%	65%
	8		Mathematics		—	—	—	—	65%	63%	64%	65%

State	Grade	Test Subject	State term for Proficient**	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Oregon	3	Oregon State Assmts.	Reading	Meets Standard	—	—	—	—	84%	85%	83%
	8		Mathematics	—	—	—	—	—	55%	58%	59%
Pennsylvania	5	Penn. System of School Assmts.	Reading	Proficient	—	—	—	—	56%	57%	58%
	8		Mathematics	—	—	—	—	—	51%	52%	51%
S. Carolina	4	Palmetto Achiev. Challenge Test	English Language Arts	Proficient	—	—	—	29%	37%	37%	34%
	8		Mathematics	—	—	—	15%	20%	18%	19%	19%
Virginia	3	Standards of Learning	English	Pass/Proficient	—	—	54%	61%	61%	64%	71%
	8		Mathematics	—	—	—	—	61%	68%	70%	75%
Washington	4	Wash. Assmt. of Student Learning	Reading	Level 3	—	—	—	—	67%	66%	67%
	7		Mathematics	—	—	—	—	—	27%	30%	37%
Wisconsin	4	Wis. Knowl. and Concepts Exam.	Reading	Proficient	—	—	—	81%	78%	78%	79%
	8		Mathematics	—	—	—	43%	42%	39%	44%	73%

*Note: "Trend" indicates at least one subject and grade in the state has had a consistent test, definitions of proficient, and grade tested across the years reported.

**More information on assessments can be found in state profiles beginning on page 12.