

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 2004

State	Test	State term for Proficient**	Subject	Grade	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Alaska	Alaska Benchmark Exams	Proficient	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	75%	74%	74%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	40%	64%
Arizona	Ariz. Inst. to Measure Standards	Meets the standard	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	64%	64%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	18%
Arkansas	Arkansas Benchmark Exams	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	61%	68%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	22%
California	California Standards Tests	Proficient	English or Language Arts	4	–	–	–	–	–	33%	36%	39%	40%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	29%
Colorado	Colo. Student Assessment Program	Proficient	Reading or Language Arts	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	87%	89%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	69%
Connecticut	Connecticut Mastery Test	Proficient	Reading or Language Arts	4	–	–	–	–	71%	71%	69%	69%	69%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	77%	76%	77%	77%	77%
Delaware	Delaware Student Testing Program	Meets the Standard	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	77%	75%	80%	79%	82%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	36%	41%	43%	48%	47%	50%
D. C.	Stanford 9	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	46%	43%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	40%
Florida	Florida Comp. Assessment Test	Level 4	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	55%	61%	70%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53%	57%
Georgia	Criterion-Referenced Comp. Test	Meets Standard	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	65%	74%	77%	81%	81%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	54%	58%	65%	67%	73%
Hawaii	Hawaii Content and Perf. Standards II	Meets Proficiency	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	61%	43%	47%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	52%	17%
Idaho	Idaho State Achievement Test	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	75%	82%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53%
Illinois	Illinois Standards Achiev. Test	Meets Standards	Reading	3	–	–	–	61%	62%	62%	63%	60%	65%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	43%	47%	50%	52%	52%	54%
Indiana	Ind. Statewide Testing for Ed. Prog. Plus	Pass	English or Language Arts	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	66%	72%	74%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	66%	66%

State	Test	State term for Proficient**	Subject	Grade	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Iowa	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	68%	69%	76%	77%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	74%	73%	72%	72%
Kansas	Kansas Assessment Program	Proficient	Reading	5	–	–	–	–	62%	63%	63%	69%	71%
			Mathematics	7	–	–	–	–	53%	57%	56%	60%	64%
Kentucky	Kentucky Core Content Test	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	32%	57%	58%	60%	62%	67%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	33%	25%	27%	26%	31%	33%
Louisiana	Louisiana Ed. Assess. Program	Basic	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	57%	61%	63%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	41%	52%	60%
Maine	Maine Educational Assessment	Meets the Standard	Reading	4	–	–	–	47%	45%	51%	49%	49%	50%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	19%	21%	20%	21%	18%	22%
Maryland	Maryland School Assessments	Proficient	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	58%	71%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	40%	46%
Massachusetts	Mass. Comprehensive Assmt. System	Proficient	English or Language Arts	4	–	–	–	–	20%	51%	54%	56%	56%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	34%	34%	34%	37%	39%
Michigan	Mich. Educational Assmt. Program	Met Expectations	Reading or Language Arts	4	–	49%	59%	59%	58%	60%	57%	66%	62%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	53%	54%	61%
Minnesota	Minn. Comprehensive Assessments	Level 4	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	49%	76%	73%
Mississippi	Mississippi Curriculum Test	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	84%	87%	88%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	45%	48%	60%
Missouri	Missouri Assessment Program	Proficient	Communication Arts	3	–	–	–	29%	32%	32%	36%	34%	35%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	13%	11%	14%	14%	14%	14%	14%
Montana	Mont. Comprehensive Assmt. System	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	79%	73%	77%	66%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	69%	68%	70%	64%
Nebraska	School-based Teacher-led Assessment	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	62%	83%	85%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	72%	75%	81%
Nevada	Nevada Criterion Reference Tests	Meets Standard	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	51%	51%	45%
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Ed. Impr. Assmt. Prog.	Proficient	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	77%	73%
			Mathematics	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	74%
New Jersey	N. J. Skills and Knowledge Assessment	Proficient	Language Arts Literacy	4	–	–	–	57%	55%	79%	79%	78%	82%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	62%	60%	62%	58%	57%	62%

State	Test	State term for Proficient**	Subject	Grade	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
North Carolina	N. C. End of Grade/Course Test	Level III	Reading	4	69%	68%	71%	71%	72%	74%	77%	81%	83%
			Mathematics	8	68%	69%	76%	78%	80%	80%	83%	82%	84%
North Dakota	North Dakota State Assessment	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	74%	74%	81%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	42%	44%	46%
Ohio	Ohio Proficiency Test	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	56%	66%	66%	71%
			Mathematics	6	–	–	–	–	–	61%	59%	53%	66%
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test	Satisfactory	Reading	5	–	–	–	–	68%	66%	63%	65%	66%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	65%	63%	64%	65%	69%
Oregon	Oregon State Assessments	Meets Standard	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	84%	85%	83%	82%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	55%	58%	59%	59%
Pennsylvania	Penn. System of School Assmts.	Proficient	Reading	5	–	–	–	–	–	56%	57%	58%	63%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	51%	52%	51%	58%
Puerto Rico	PPAA	Proficient	Reading	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	53%	50%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	35%	35%
Rhode Island	New Standards Reference Exam	Achieved the standard	English Language Arts	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	62%	67%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	34%	39%
South Carolina	Palmetto Achiev. Challenge Test	Proficient	English Language Arts	4	–	–	–	29%	37%	37%	34%	32%	38%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	15%	20%	18%	19%	19%	22%
South Dakota	Dakota State Test of Ed. Progress	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	85%	87%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	55%	66%
Tennessee	Tennessee Achievement Test	Proficient	Reading or Language arts	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	81%	84%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	79%	83%
Texas	Texas Assmt. of Knowledge and Skills	Met the Standard	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	86%	85%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	73%	66%
Utah	Utah Perform. Assmt. Sys. for Students	Sufficient	Language arts	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	80%	79%	76%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	73%	70%

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Vermont	New Standards Reference Exams	Achieve the Standard	English & language arts	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	81%	82%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	67%
Virginia	Standards of Learning	Pass/Proficient	English	3	–	–	54%	61%	61%	64%	71%	72%	71%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	61%	68%	70%	75%	80%
Washington	Wash. Assmt. of Student Learning	Level 3	Reading	4	–	–	–	–	–	67%	66%	67%	74%
			Mathematics	7	–	–	–	–	–	27%	30%	37%	46%
Wisconsin	Wis. Knowl. and Concepts Exam.	Proficient	Reading	4	–	–	–	81%	78%	78%	79%	81%	81%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	43%	42%	39%	44%	73%	65%
Wyoming	Wyo. Comprehensive Assmt. System	Proficient	English language arts	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	44%	41%	44%
			Mathematics	8	–	–	–	–	–	–	33%	35%	41%

*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.

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