

Table 260. Proficiency Levels on Selected NAEP Tests for Students in Public Schools by State: 2007

[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
U.S. average	81	39	70	31	66	32	73	29
Alabama	70	26	55	18	62	29	62	21
Alaska	79	38	73	32	62	29	71	27
Arizona	74	31	66	26	56	24	65	24
Arkansas	81	37	65	24	64	29	70	25
California	70	30	59	24	53	23	62	21
Colorado	82	41	75	37	70	36	79	35
Connecticut	84	45	73	35	73	41	77	37
Delaware	87	40	74	31	73	34	77	31
District of Columbia	49	14	34	8	39	14	48	12
Florida	86	40	68	27	70	34	71	28
Georgia	79	32	64	25	66	28	70	26
Hawaii	77	33	59	21	59	26	62	20
Idaho	85	40	75	34	70	35	78	32
Illinois	79	36	70	31	65	32	75	30
Indiana	89	46	76	35	68	33	76	31
Iowa	87	43	77	35	74	36	80	36
Kansas	89	51	81	40	72	36	81	35
Kentucky	79	31	69	27	68	33	73	28
Louisiana	73	24	64	19	52	20	64	19
Maine	85	42	78	34	73	36	83	37
Maryland	80	40	74	37	69	36	76	33
Massachusetts	93	58	85	51	81	49	84	43
Michigan	80	37	66	29	66	32	72	28
Minnesota	87	51	81	43	73	37	80	37
Mississippi	70	21	54	14	51	19	60	17
Missouri	82	38	72	30	67	32	75	31
Montana	88	44	79	38	75	39	85	39
Nebraska	80	38	74	35	71	35	79	35
Nevada	74	30	60	23	57	24	63	22
New Hampshire	91	52	78	38	76	41	82	37
New Jersey	90	52	77	40	77	43	81	39
New Mexico	70	24	57	17	58	24	62	17
New York	85	43	70	30	69	36	75	32
North Carolina	85	41	73	34	64	29	71	28
North Dakota	91	46	86	41	75	35	84	32
Ohio	87	46	76	35	73	36	79	36
Oklahoma	82	33	66	21	65	27	72	26
Oregon	79	35	73	35	62	28	77	34
Pennsylvania	85	47	77	38	73	40	79	36
Rhode Island	80	34	65	28	65	31	69	27
South Carolina	80	36	71	32	59	26	69	25
South Dakota	86	41	81	39	71	34	83	37
Tennessee	76	29	64	23	61	27	71	26
Texas	87	40	78	35	66	30	73	28
Utah	83	39	72	32	69	34	75	30
Vermont	89	49	81	41	74	41	84	42
Virginia	87	42	77	37	74	38	79	34
Washington	84	44	75	36	70	36	77	34
West Virginia	81	33	61	19	63	28	68	23
Wisconsin	85	47	76	37	70	36	76	33
Wyoming	88	44	80	36	73	36	80	33

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2007 Mathematics and Reading Assessments; <<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>> (accessed 15 March 2008).