

Table 269. Proficiency Levels on Selected NAEP Tests for Students in Public Schools by State: 2009

[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	82	39	73	34	67	33	75	32
Alabama	70	24	58	20	62	28	66	24
Alaska	78	38	75	33	59	27	72	27
Arizona	71	28	67	29	56	25	68	27
Arkansas	80	36	67	27	63	29	69	27
California	72	30	59	23	54	24	64	22
Colorado	84	45	76	40	72	40	78	32
Connecticut	86	46	78	40	76	42	81	43
Delaware	84	36	75	32	73	35	78	31
District of Columbia	56	17	40	11	44	17	51	14
Florida	86	40	70	29	73	36	76	32
Georgia	78	34	67	27	63	29	72	27
Hawaii	77	37	65	25	57	26	67	22
Idaho	85	41	78	38	69	32	77	33
Illinois	80	38	73	33	65	32	77	33
Indiana	87	42	78	36	70	34	79	32
Iowa	87	41	76	34	69	34	77	32
Kansas	89	46	79	39	72	35	80	33
Kentucky	81	37	70	27	72	36	79	33
Louisiana	72	23	62	20	51	18	64	20
Maine	87	45	78	35	70	35	80	35
Maryland	85	44	75	40	70	37	77	36
Massachusetts	92	57	85	52	80	47	83	43
Michigan	78	35	68	31	64	30	72	31
Minnesota	89	54	83	47	70	37	82	38
Mississippi	69	22	54	15	55	22	62	19
Missouri	83	41	77	35	70	36	79	34
Montana	88	45	82	44	73	35	84	38
Nebraska	82	38	75	35	70	35	80	35
Nevada	79	32	63	25	57	24	65	22
New Hampshire	92	56	82	43	77	41	81	39
New Jersey	88	49	80	44	76	40	83	42
New Mexico	72	26	59	20	52	20	66	22
New York	83	40	73	34	71	36	75	33
North Carolina	87	43	74	36	65	32	70	29
North Dakota	91	45	86	43	76	35	86	34
Ohio	85	45	76	36	71	36	80	37
Oklahoma	82	33	68	24	65	28	73	26
Oregon	80	37	75	37	65	31	76	33
Pennsylvania	84	46	78	40	70	37	81	40
Rhode Island	81	39	68	28	69	36	72	28
South Carolina	78	34	69	30	62	28	68	24
South Dakota	86	42	83	42	70	33	84	37
Tennessee	74	28	65	25	63	28	73	28
Texas	85	38	78	36	65	28	73	27
Utah	81	41	75	35	67	31	78	33
Vermont	89	51	81	43	75	41	84	41
Virginia	85	43	76	36	74	38	78	32
Washington	84	43	78	39	68	33	78	36
West Virginia	77	28	61	19	62	26	67	22
Wisconsin	85	45	79	39	67	33	78	34
Wyoming	87	40	78	35	72	33	82	34

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2009 Mathematics and Reading Assessments. See also <<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>>, accessed April 2010.