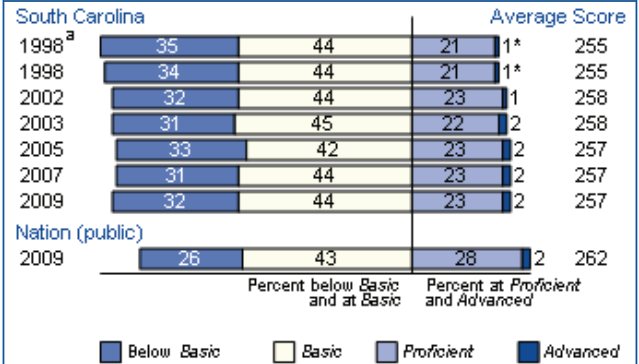


Overall Results

- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in South Carolina was 257. This was lower than the average score of 262 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in South Carolina in 2009 (257) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (257) and was not significantly different from their average score in 1998 (255).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in South Carolina at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 45 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 1998 (45 points).
- The percentage of students in South Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 24 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (25 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (22 percent).
- The percentage of students in South Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 68 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (69 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (66 percent).

Achievement Level Percentages and Average Score Results



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from state's results in 2009.
^a Accommodations not permitted.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

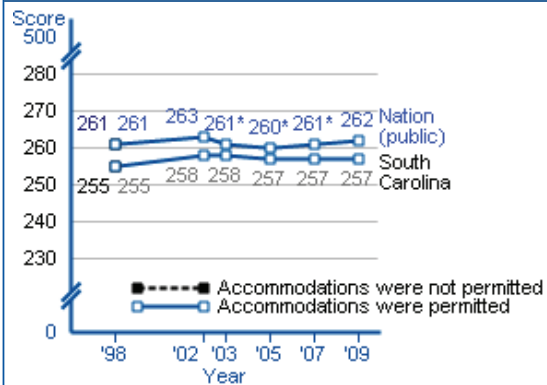
Compare the Average Score in 2009 to Other States/Jurisdictions



¹ Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

- In 2009, the average score in **South Carolina** was
- lower than those in 34 states/jurisdictions
 - higher than those in 4 states/jurisdictions
 - not significantly different from those in 13 states/jurisdictions

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from 2009.

Results for Student Groups in 2009

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above		Percent at Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
Gender					
Male	50	251	62	19	1
Female	50	264	74	30	3
Race/Ethnicity					
White	55	267	79	34	3
Black	38	243	52	10	#
Hispanic	4	259	70	30	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	51	246	56	13	1
Not eligible	49	269	81	36	3

Rounds to zero. ‡ Reporting standards not met.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding, and because the "Information not available" category for the National School Lunch Program, which provides free/reduced-price lunches, and the "Unclassified" category for race/ethnicity are not displayed.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2009, female students in South Carolina had an average score that was higher than that of male students.
- In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 24 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (25 points).
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 8 points lower than that of White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2009, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low income, had an average score that was 22 points lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (26 points).