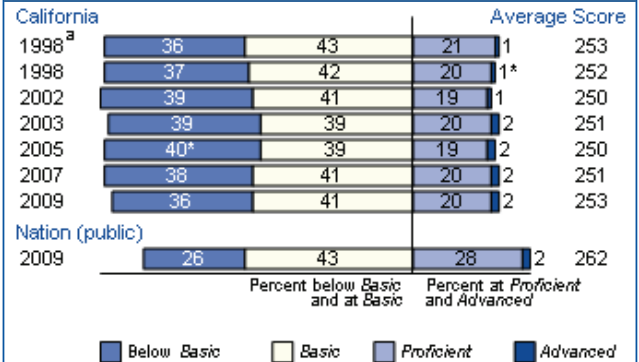


**Overall Results**

- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in California was 253. This was lower than the average score of 262 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in California in 2009 (253) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (251) and was not significantly different from their average score in 1998 (252).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in California at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 48 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 1998 (46 points).
- The percentage of students in California who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 22 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (21 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (21 percent).
- The percentage of students in California who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 64 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (62 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (63 percent).

**Achievement Level Percentages and Average Score Results**



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

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

**Compare the Average Score in 2009 to Other States/Jurisdictions**

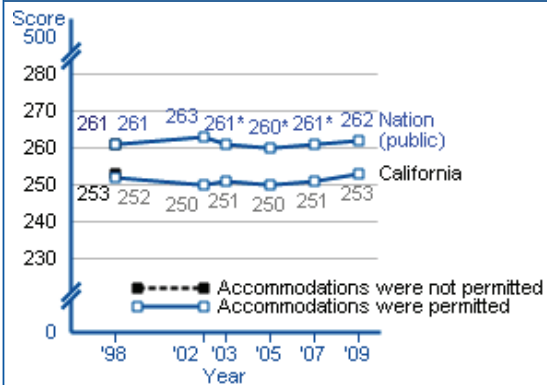


<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

In 2009, the average score in **California** was

- lower than those in 43 states/jurisdictions
- higher than that in 1 state/jurisdiction
- not significantly different from that in 7 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	
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	51	248	60	19	1
Female	49	257	67	26	3
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	28	269	80	37	4
Black	6	243	53	11	#
Hispanic	51	241	52	13	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	13	266	77	35	3
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>					
Eligible	53	241	52	11	#
Not eligible	45	267	78	35	4

# 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 California had an average score that was higher than that of male students.
- In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 27 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (30 points).
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 28 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (30 points).
- In 2009, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low income, had an average score that was 26 points lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was narrower than that in 1998 (32 points).