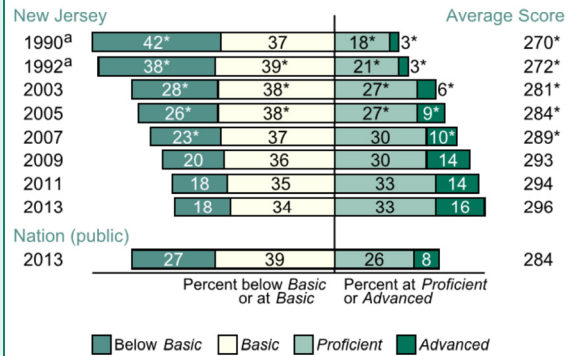


**Overall Results**

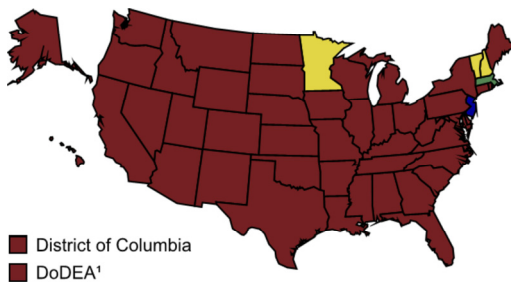
- In 2013, the average score of eighth-grade students in New Jersey was 296. This was higher than the average score of 284 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in New Jersey in 2013 (296) was not significantly different from their average score in 2011 (294) and was higher than their average score in 1990 (270).
- The score gap between higher performing students in New Jersey (those at the 75th percentile) and lower performing students (those at the 25th percentile) was 50 points in 2013. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1990 (49 points).
- The percentage of students in New Jersey who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 49 percent in 2013. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (47 percent) and was greater than that in 1990 (21 percent).
- The percentage of students in New Jersey who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 82 percent in 2013. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (82 percent) and was greater than that in 1990 (58 percent).

**Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results**



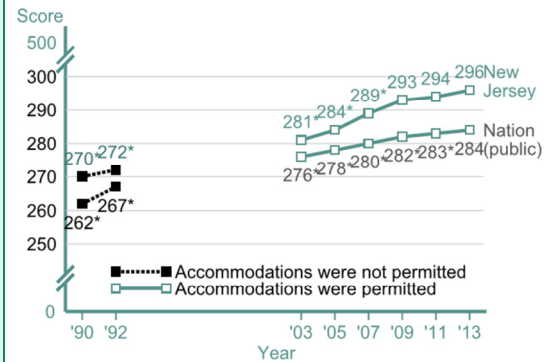
\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from state's results in 2013. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.  
<sup>a</sup> Accommodations not permitted. For information about NAEP accommodations, see <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.aspx>.  
 NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

**Compare the Average Score in 2013 to Other States/Jurisdictions**



- <sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools).  
 In 2013, the average score in **New Jersey** (296) was
- lower than that in 1 state/jurisdiction
  - higher than those in 47 states/jurisdictions
  - not significantly different from those in 3 states/jurisdictions

**Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)**



\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from 2013. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.  
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**Results for Student Groups in 2013**

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above		Percent at Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	56	303	89	58	18
Black	17	274	65	24	4
Hispanic	19	283	73	34	8
Asian	8	323	95	77	41
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	51	295	81	48	16
Female	49	297	84	50	15
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>					
Eligible	34	277	68	28	5
Not eligible	64	306	90	60	21

# 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, is not displayed. Black includes African American and Hispanic includes Latino. Race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

**Score Gaps for Student Groups**

- In 2013, Black students had an average score that was 29 points lower than White students. This performance gap was narrower than that in 1990 (38 points).
- In 2013, Hispanic students had an average score that was 20 points lower than White students. This performance gap was narrower than that in 1990 (37 points).
- In 2013, male students in New Jersey had an average score that was not significantly different from female students.
- In 2013, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 28 points lower than students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2003 (34 points).