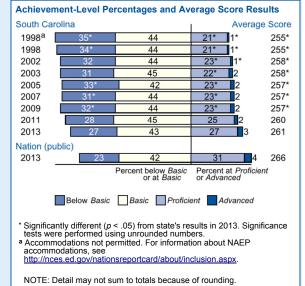
## **Overall Results**

- In 2013, the average score of eighth-grade students in South Carolina was 261. This was lower than the average score of 266 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in South Carolina in 2013 (261) was not significantly different from their average score in 2011 (260) and was higher than their average score in 1998 (255).
- The score gap between higher performing students in South Carolina (those at the 75th percentile) and lower performing students (those at the 25th percentile) was 45 points in 2013. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (45 points).
- The percentage of students in South Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 29 percent in 2013. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (27 percent) and was greater than that in 1998 (22 percent).
- The percentage of students in South Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 73 percent in 2013. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (72 percent) and was greater than that in 1998 (66 percent).





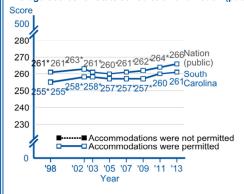


<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools).

In 2013, the average score in South Carolina (261) was

- lower than those in 35 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 6 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 10 states/jurisdictions





Significantly different ( $\rho$  < .05) from 2013. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

NOTE: For information about NAEP accommodations, see <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.aspx">http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.aspx</a>.

## Results for Student Groups in 2013

			Percentages		
	Percent of	Avg.	at or above		Percent at
Reporting Groups	students	score	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Race/Ethnicity					
White	55	271	82	39	4
Black	36	247	58	14	#
Hispanic	5	257	70	24	2
Asian	2	‡	#	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	- #	‡	#	‡	‡
Two or more races	2	‡	‡	‡	‡
Gender					
Male	50	256	67	23	2
Female	50	267	78	35	3
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	54	250	62	17	1
Not eligible	46	275	86	44	5

# 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 24 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (25 points).
- In 2013, Hispanic students had an average score that was 14 points lower than White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2013, female students in South Carolina had an average score that was higher than male students by 12 points.
- In 2013, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 25 points lower than students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (26 points).