Overall Results
- In 2015, the average score of fourth-grade students in North Carolina was 244. This was higher than the average score of 240 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in North Carolina in 2015 (244) was not significantly different from their average score in 2013 (245) and was higher than their average score in 2000 (230).
- The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 44 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (45 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (25 percent).
- The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 85 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2013 (87 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (73 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions
In 2015, the average score in North Carolina (244) was
- lower than those in 6 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 26 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 19 states/jurisdictions
DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

Results for Student Groups in 2015

Score Gaps for Student Groups
- In 2015, Black students had an average score that was 25 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (23 points).
- In 2015, Hispanic students had an average score that was 18 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (18 points).
- In 2015, male students in North Carolina had an average score that was not significantly different from that for female students.
- In 2015, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 24 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (20 points).