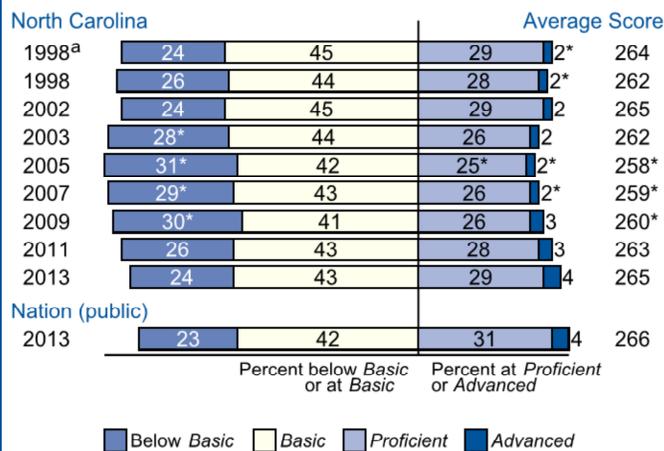


Overall Results

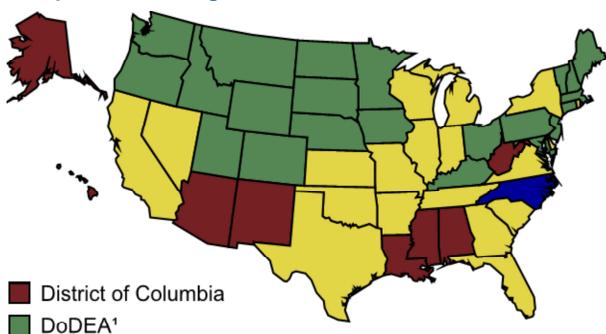
In 2013, the average score of eighth-grade students in North Carolina was 265. This was not significantly different from the average score of 266 for public school students in the nation. The average score for students in North Carolina in 2013 (265) was not significantly different from their average score in 2011 (263) and in 1998 (262). The score gap between higher performing students in North Carolina (those at the 75th percentile) and lower performing students (those at the 25th percentile) was 44 points in 2013. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (44 points). The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 33 percent in 2013. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (31 percent) and in 1998 (30 percent). The percentage of students in North Carolina who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 76 percent in 2013. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (74 percent) and in 1998 (74 percent).

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



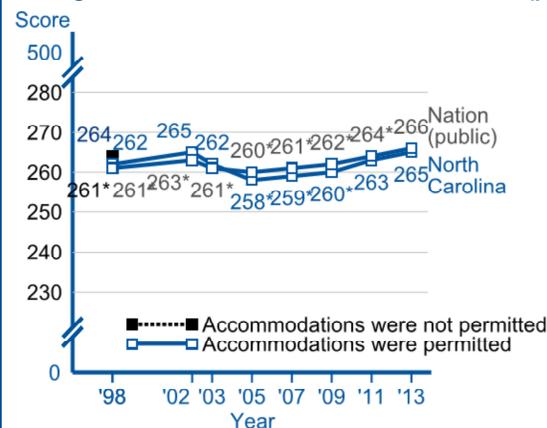
* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from state's results in 2013. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.
^a Accommodations not permitted. For information about NAEP accommodations, see <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.aspx>.
 NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals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

Compare the Average Score in 2013 to Other States/Jurisdictions



¹ Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools).
 In 2013, the average score in **North Carolina** (265) was lower than those in 23 states/jurisdictions, higher than those in 9 states/jurisdictions, and not significantly different from those in 19 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 | |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | | | |
| White | 53 | 273 | 83 | 43 | 6 |
| Black | 28 | 251 | 63 | 16 | 1 |
| Hispanic | 13 | 258 | 72 | 23 | 1 |
| Asian | 2 | 273 | 84 | 45 | 6 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 1 | ‡ | ‡ | ‡ | ‡ |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | # | ‡ | ‡ | ‡ | ‡ |
| Two or more races | 3 | 266 | 73 | 34 | 5 |
| Gender | | | | | |
| Male | 51 | 258 | 70 | 26 | 2 |
| Female | 49 | 271 | 81 | 40 | 6 |
| National School Lunch Program | | | | | |
| Eligible | 54 | 253 | 66 | 19 | 1 |
| Not eligible | 45 | 278 | 88 | 49 | 7 |

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 23 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 15 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 North Carolina had an average score that was higher than male students by 13 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 (24 points).