



2015 Reading Results

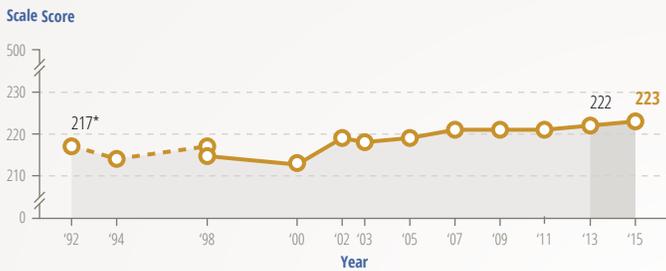


The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) measures the progress of our nation's fourth and eighth graders in mathematics and reading.

HAVE THE NATION'S STUDENTS **MADE GAINS** IN **READING**?

NAEP has monitored how student performance in reading has changed over the last three decades. It reports these scores as a national average at grade 4 and 8. Since 2013, average grade 8 reading scores declined but were higher than those recorded in 1992.

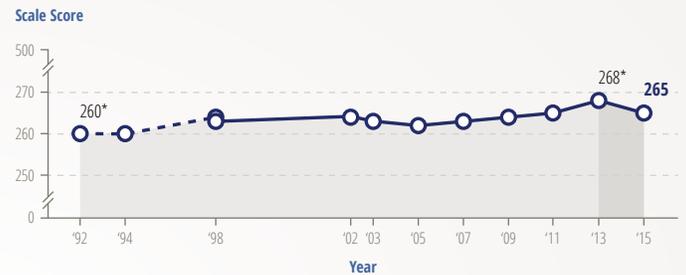
Grade 4 Trend Line



The dashed line indicates years in which NAEP was administered and accommodations were not available for students taking the assessment.

* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from 2015

Grade 8 Trend Line



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WHAT PERCENTAGE OF **STUDENTS** ARE AT OR ABOVE **PROFICIENT**?

NAEP also reports student performance by achievement level: *Basic*, *Proficient* and *Advanced*. Students reaching *Proficient* demonstrate competency over challenging subject matter. Between 2013 and 2015, the percentage of grade 4 students scoring at or above *Proficient* in reading did not change significantly, but the percentage of grade 8 students scoring at or above *Proficient* declined by two percentage points. The percentage of grade 8 students scoring below *Basic* also increased.

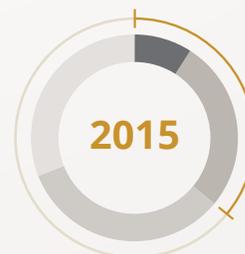
■ Advanced ■ Proficient ■ Basic ■ Below Basic

Grade 4 Achievement levels



35%

Percentage at or above *Proficient*



36%

Percentage at or above *Proficient*

Grade 8 Achievement levels



36%

Percentage at or above *Proficient*



34%

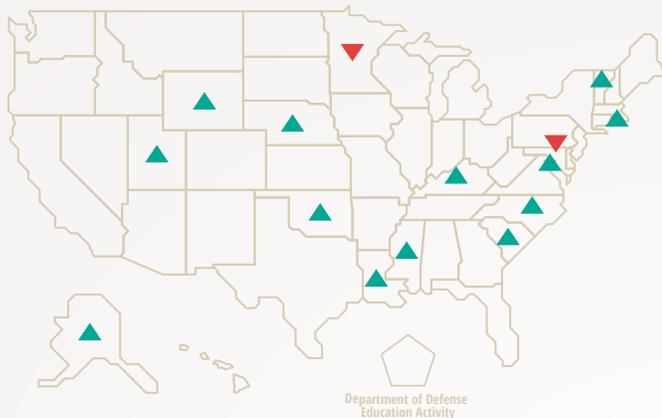
Percentage at or above *Proficient*

HOW ARE **STUDENTS** IN AMERICA'S **STATES** PERFORMING?

NAEP reports average reading scores by state, providing a closer look at where changes in student performance occurred. In grade 4 reading, scores increased in 13 states/jurisdictions and declined in 2. In grade 8, scores increased in 1 state and declined in 8 states.

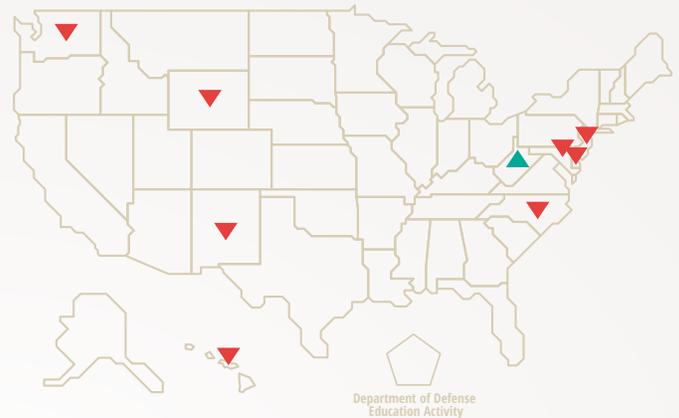
▲ Indicates increases in score ▼ Indicates decreases in score

Grade 4 State Performance from 2013-2015



▲	AK, DC, KY, LA, MS, NC, NE, OK, RI, SC, UT, VT, WY.
▼	MD, MN.

Grade 8 State Performance from 2013-2015

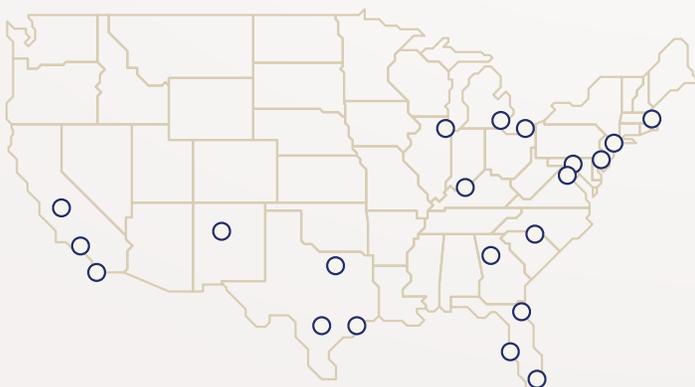


▲	WV.
▼	DE, HI, MD, NC, NJ, NM, WA, WY.

HOW ARE **STUDENTS** IN AMERICA'S **DISTRICTS** PERFORMING?

NAEP measures student progress in America's large cities through the Trial Urban District Assessment. Fourth and eighth graders in 21 urban districts participated in the mathematics and reading assessments in 2015.

Since 2013, reading scores increased in 5 districts and decreased in 3 in at least one grade.



Score Change	Grade 4	Grade 8
▲	Boston Chicago Cleveland District of Columbia (DCPS)	Miami-Dade
▼	Baltimore City	Albuquerque Baltimore City Hillsborough County (FL)