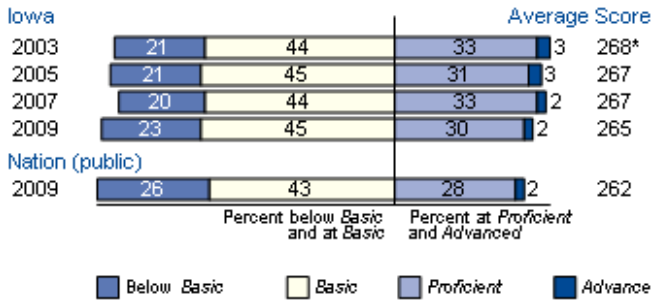
Overall Results

- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in Iowa was 265. This was higher than the average score of 262 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Iowa in 2009 (265) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (267) and was lower than their average score in 2003 (268).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in Iowa at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 41 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 2003 (42 points).
- The percentage of students in Iowa who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 32 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (36 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 2003 (36 percent).
- The percentage of students in Iowa who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 77 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (80 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 2003 (79 percent).

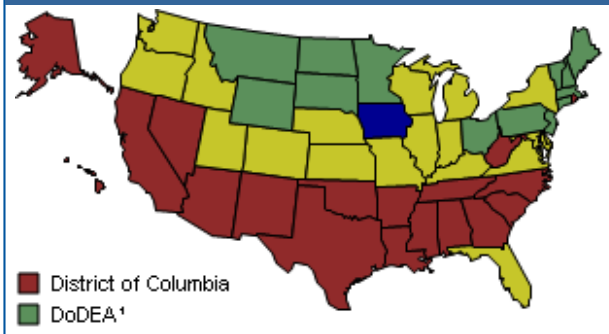
Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



* Significantly different ($p < .05$) from state's results in 2009.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Compare the Average Score in 2009 to Other States/Jurisdictions

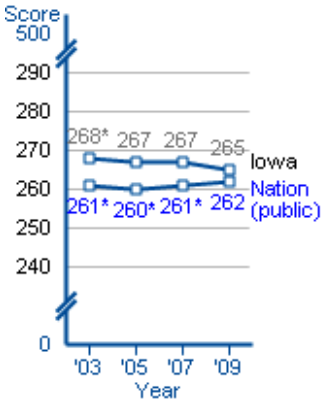


¹ Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

In 2009, the average score in **Iowa** was

- lower than those in 14 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 19 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 18 states/jurisdictions

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)



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Results for Student Groups in 2009

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above *Basic*	Percentages at or above *Proficient*	Percent at *Advanced*
Gender					
Male	50	261	74	26	1
Female	50	269	81	38	3
Race/Ethnicity					
White	86	267	80	34	2
Black	5	241	51	12	#
Hispanic	6	249	61	18	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
National School Lunch Program					
Eligible	33	253	65	21	1
Not eligible	67	270	83	38	2

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, and the "Unclassified" category for race/ethnicity are not displayed.

Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2009, female students in Iowa had an average score that was higher than that of male students.
- In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 27 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2003 (25 points).
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 18 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2003 (25 points).
- In 2009, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low income, had an average score that was 17 points lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2003 (21 points).

NOTE: Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages.
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), various years, 2003–2009 Reading Assessments.

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