Nation's Report Card
2019 Reading State Snapshot Report
Alabama $\quad$ Grade 8 - Public Schools

## Overall Results

■ In 2019, the average score of eighth-grade students in Alabama was 253. This was lower than the average score of 262 for students in the nation.

- The average score for students in Alabama in 2019 (253) was lower than their average score in 2017 (258) and was not significantly different from their average score in 1998 (255).
■ The percentage of students in Alabama who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 24 percent in 2019. This percentage was lower than that in 2017 (28 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (22 percent).
■ The percentage of students in Alabama who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 64 percent in 2019. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2017 (67 percent) and in 1998 ( 67 percent).


## Compare the Average Score in 2019 to Other States/ Jurisdictions



In 2019, the average score in Alabama (253) was
lower than those in 44 states/jurisdictions
higher than those in 1 state/jurisdiction
not significantly different from those in 6 states/jurisdictions
DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

## Results for Student Groups in 2019

| Reporting Groups | Percentage of students | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Avg. } \\ & \text { score } \end{aligned}$ | Percentage at or above NAEP Basic Proficient |  | Percentage at NAEP Advanced $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Race/Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |
| White | 57 | 261 | 72 | 30 | 3 |
| Black | 32 | 239 | 48 | 12 | \# |
| Hispanic | 7 | 246 | 59 | 17 | 1 |
| Asian | 2 | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 1 | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | \# | \# |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | \# | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | \# | $\ddagger$ |
| Two or more races | 2 | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ | $\ddagger$ |
| Gender |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 52 | 245 | 56 | 17 | 1 |
| Female | 48 | 262 | 73 | 30 | 3 |
| National School Lunch Program |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eligible | 49 | 243 | 53 | 14 | 1 |
| Not eligible | 50 | 264 | 75 | 33 | 3 |

$\ddagger$ 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.

## NAEP Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results



* Significantly different ( $p<.05$ ) from state's results in 2019. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.
NOTE: NAEP achievement levels are to be used on a trial basis and should be interpreted and used with caution. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.


## Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation



* Significantly different ( $p<.05$ ) from 2019. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.


## Score Gaps for Student Groups

- In 2019, Black students had an average score that was 22 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (28 points).
- In 2019, Hispanic students had an average score that was 15 points lower than that for White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1998, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2019, female students in Alabama had an average score that was higher than that for male students by 17 points.
■ In 2019, students who were eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), had an average score that was 21 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1998 (24 points).

NOTE: The NAEP reading scale ranges from 0 to 500 . Results presented in this report are based on public school students only. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages. Score gap results for "White," "Black," and "Hispanic" presented in this report are based on the 6 -category race/ethnicity variable with data available starting in early 1990 s. Read more
 Assessments.

