

**Table 265. Proficiency Levels on Selected NAEP Tests for Students in Public Schools by State: 2009**

[Represents percent of public school students scoring at or above basic and proficient levels. Basic denotes mastery of the knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at a given grade level. Proficient represents solid academic performance. Students reaching this level demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter. For more detail, see <<http://www.nagb.org/pubs/pubs.html>>. Based on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests which are administered to a representative sample of students in public schools, private schools, and Department of Defense schools. Data shown here are for public school students only]

| State                          | Grade 4 Math      |                        | Grade 8 Math      |                        | Grade 4 Reading   |                        | Grade 8 Reading   |                        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|                                | At or above Basic | At or above Proficient | At or above Basic | At or above Proficient | At or above Basic | At or above Proficient | At or above Basic | At or above Proficient |
| <b>U.S. average . . . . .</b>  | <b>82</b>         | <b>39</b>              | <b>73</b>         | <b>34</b>              | <b>67</b>         | <b>33</b>              | <b>75</b>         | <b>32</b>              |
| Alabama . . . . .              | 70                | 24                     | 58                | 20                     | 62                | 28                     | 66                | 24                     |
| Alaska . . . . .               | 78                | 38                     | 75                | 33                     | 59                | 27                     | 72                | 27                     |
| Arizona . . . . .              | 71                | 28                     | 67                | 29                     | 56                | 25                     | 68                | 27                     |
| Arkansas . . . . .             | 80                | 36                     | 67                | 27                     | 63                | 29                     | 69                | 27                     |
| California . . . . .           | 72                | 30                     | 59                | 23                     | 54                | 24                     | 64                | 22                     |
| Colorado . . . . .             | 84                | 45                     | 76                | 40                     | 72                | 40                     | 78                | 32                     |
| Connecticut . . . . .          | 86                | 46                     | 78                | 40                     | 76                | 42                     | 81                | 43                     |
| Delaware . . . . .             | 84                | 36                     | 75                | 32                     | 73                | 35                     | 78                | 31                     |
| District of Columbia . . . . . | 56                | 17                     | 40                | 11                     | 44                | 17                     | 51                | 14                     |
| Florida . . . . .              | 86                | 40                     | 70                | 29                     | 73                | 36                     | 76                | 32                     |
| Georgia . . . . .              | 78                | 34                     | 67                | 27                     | 63                | 29                     | 72                | 27                     |
| Hawaii . . . . .               | 77                | 37                     | 65                | 25                     | 57                | 26                     | 67                | 22                     |
| Idaho . . . . .                | 85                | 41                     | 78                | 38                     | 69                | 32                     | 77                | 33                     |
| Illinois . . . . .             | 80                | 38                     | 73                | 33                     | 65                | 32                     | 77                | 33                     |
| Indiana . . . . .              | 87                | 42                     | 78                | 36                     | 70                | 34                     | 79                | 32                     |
| Iowa . . . . .                 | 87                | 41                     | 76                | 34                     | 69                | 34                     | 77                | 32                     |
| Kansas . . . . .               | 89                | 46                     | 79                | 39                     | 72                | 35                     | 80                | 33                     |
| Kentucky . . . . .             | 81                | 37                     | 70                | 27                     | 72                | 36                     | 79                | 33                     |
| Louisiana . . . . .            | 72                | 23                     | 62                | 20                     | 51                | 18                     | 64                | 20                     |
| Maine . . . . .                | 87                | 45                     | 78                | 35                     | 70                | 35                     | 80                | 35                     |
| Maryland . . . . .             | 85                | 44                     | 75                | 40                     | 70                | 37                     | 77                | 36                     |
| Massachusetts . . . . .        | 92                | 57                     | 85                | 52                     | 80                | 47                     | 83                | 43                     |
| Michigan . . . . .             | 78                | 35                     | 68                | 31                     | 64                | 30                     | 72                | 31                     |
| Minnesota . . . . .            | 89                | 54                     | 83                | 47                     | 70                | 37                     | 82                | 38                     |
| Mississippi . . . . .          | 69                | 22                     | 54                | 15                     | 55                | 22                     | 62                | 19                     |
| Missouri . . . . .             | 83                | 41                     | 77                | 35                     | 70                | 36                     | 79                | 34                     |
| Montana . . . . .              | 88                | 45                     | 82                | 44                     | 73                | 35                     | 84                | 38                     |
| Nebraska . . . . .             | 82                | 38                     | 75                | 35                     | 70                | 35                     | 80                | 35                     |
| Nevada . . . . .               | 79                | 32                     | 63                | 25                     | 57                | 24                     | 65                | 22                     |
| New Hampshire . . . . .        | 92                | 56                     | 82                | 43                     | 77                | 41                     | 81                | 39                     |
| New Jersey . . . . .           | 88                | 49                     | 80                | 44                     | 76                | 40                     | 83                | 42                     |
| New Mexico . . . . .           | 72                | 26                     | 59                | 20                     | 52                | 20                     | 66                | 22                     |
| New York . . . . .             | 83                | 40                     | 73                | 34                     | 71                | 36                     | 75                | 33                     |
| North Carolina . . . . .       | 87                | 43                     | 74                | 36                     | 65                | 32                     | 70                | 29                     |
| North Dakota . . . . .         | 91                | 45                     | 86                | 43                     | 76                | 35                     | 86                | 34                     |
| Ohio . . . . .                 | 85                | 45                     | 76                | 36                     | 71                | 36                     | 80                | 37                     |
| Oklahoma . . . . .             | 82                | 33                     | 68                | 24                     | 65                | 28                     | 73                | 26                     |
| Oregon . . . . .               | 80                | 37                     | 75                | 37                     | 65                | 31                     | 76                | 33                     |
| Pennsylvania . . . . .         | 84                | 46                     | 78                | 40                     | 70                | 37                     | 81                | 40                     |
| Rhode Island . . . . .         | 81                | 39                     | 68                | 28                     | 69                | 36                     | 72                | 28                     |
| South Carolina . . . . .       | 78                | 34                     | 69                | 30                     | 62                | 28                     | 68                | 24                     |
| South Dakota . . . . .         | 86                | 42                     | 83                | 42                     | 70                | 33                     | 84                | 37                     |
| Tennessee . . . . .            | 74                | 28                     | 65                | 25                     | 63                | 28                     | 73                | 28                     |
| Texas . . . . .                | 85                | 38                     | 78                | 36                     | 65                | 28                     | 73                | 27                     |
| Utah . . . . .                 | 81                | 41                     | 75                | 35                     | 67                | 31                     | 78                | 33                     |
| Vermont . . . . .              | 89                | 51                     | 81                | 43                     | 75                | 41                     | 84                | 41                     |
| Virginia . . . . .             | 85                | 43                     | 76                | 36                     | 74                | 38                     | 78                | 32                     |
| Washington . . . . .           | 84                | 43                     | 78                | 39                     | 68                | 33                     | 78                | 36                     |
| West Virginia . . . . .        | 77                | 28                     | 61                | 19                     | 62                | 26                     | 67                | 22                     |
| Wisconsin . . . . .            | 85                | 45                     | 79                | 39                     | 67                | 33                     | 78                | 34                     |
| Wyoming . . . . .              | 87                | 40                     | 78                | 35                     | 72                | 33                     | 82                | 34                     |

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