

**Overall Results**

- In 2011, the average score of eighth-grade students in South Dakota was 291. This was higher than the average score of 283 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in South Dakota in 2011 (291) was not significantly different from their average score in 2009 (291) and was higher than their average score in 2003 (285).
- In 2011, the score gap between students in South Dakota at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 43 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 2003 (41 points).
- The percentage of students in South Dakota who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 42 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (42 percent) and was greater than that in 2003 (35 percent).
- The percentage of students in South Dakota who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 82 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (83 percent) and was greater than that in 2003 (78 percent).

**Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results**

Year	South Dakota		Average Score		
2003	22*	43	30*	5*	285*
2005	20	44*	30*	6	287*
2007	19	42	32	7	288*
2009	17	41	34	7	291
2011	18	40	33	8	291
<b>Nation (public)</b>					
2011	28	39	26	8	283

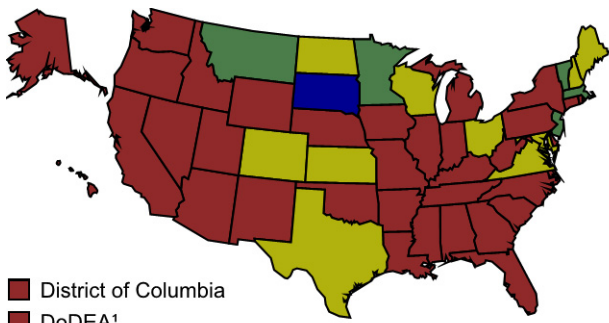
Percent below Basic or at Basic      Percent at Proficient or Advanced

Below Basic   
  Basic   
  Proficient   
  Advanced

\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from state's results in 2011. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

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

**Compare the Average Score in 2011 to Other States/Jurisdictions**

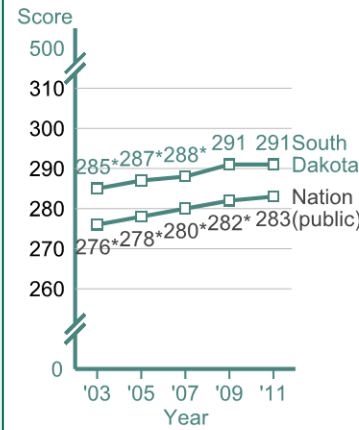


<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools).

In 2011, the average score in **South Dakota** (291) was

- lower than those in 5 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 36 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 10 states/jurisdictions

**Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)**



\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from 2011. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

**Results for Student Groups in 2011**

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above		Percent at Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
<b>School Race</b>					
White	82	295	87	47	10
Black	2	270	60	21	1
Hispanic	3	274	66	20	3
Asian	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	11	263	52	14	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	#	‡	‡	‡	‡
Two or more races	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	51	291	81	42	9
Female	49	290	83	41	7
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>					
Eligible	35	277	70	25	3
Not eligible	65	298	89	51	11

# 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 2011, Black students had an average score that was 26 points lower than White students. Data are not reported for Black students in 2003, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2011, Hispanic students had an average score that was 21 points lower than White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 2003, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2011, male students in South Dakota had an average score that was not significantly different from female students.
- In 2011, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 21 points lower than students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2003 (19 points).