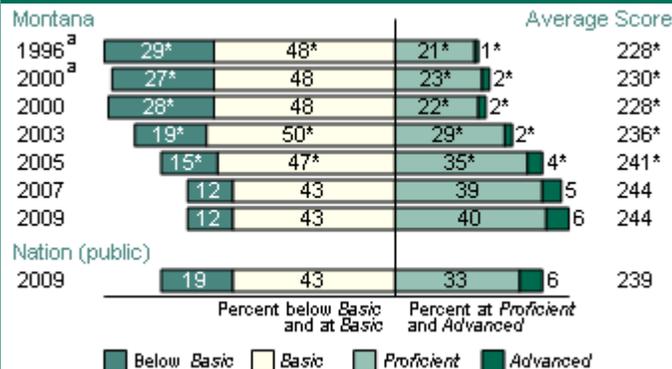


**Overall Results**

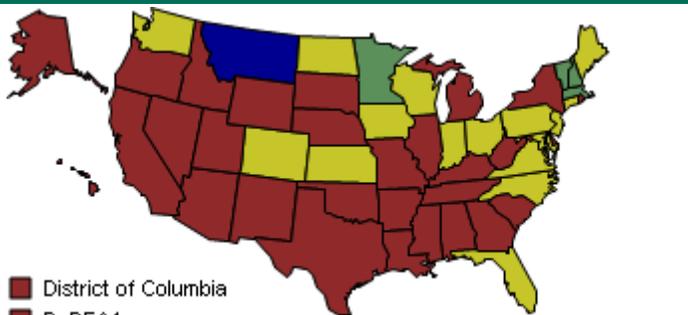
- In 2009, the average score of fourth-grade students in Montana was 244. This was higher than the average score of 239 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Montana in 2009 (244) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (244) and was higher than their average score in 1996 (228).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in Montana at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 34 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 1996 (37 points).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 45 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (44 percent) and was greater than that in 1996 (22 percent).
- The percentage of students in Montana who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 88 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (88 percent) and was greater than that in 1996 (71 percent).

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



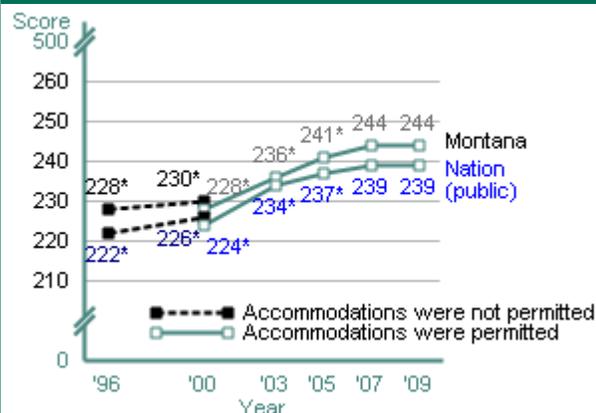
\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from state's results in 2009.  
<sup>a</sup> Accommodations not permitted.  
 NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

**Compare the Average Score in 2009 to Other States/ Jurisdictions**



<sup>1</sup> Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).  
 In 2009, the average score in **Montana** was  
 ■ lower than those in 4 states/jurisdictions  
 ■ higher than those in 31 states/jurisdictions  
 ■ not significantly different from those in 16 states/jurisdictions

**Compare the Average Score to Nation (public)**



\* Significantly different ( $p < .05$ ) from 2009.

**Results for Student Groups in 2009**

Reporting Groups	Percent of students	Avg. score	Percentages at or above		Percent at Advanced
			Basic	Proficient	
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	51	247	90	49	7
Female	49	242	86	41	5
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	8	247	91	49	6
Black	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hispanic	3	241	86	41	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	12	228	68	23	2
<b>National School Lunch Program</b>					
Eligible	4	235	81	31	2
Not eligible	57	251	94	56	8

‡ 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, male students in Montana had an average score that was higher than that of female students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 1996 (3 points).
- Data are not reported for Black students in 2009, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 6 points lower than that of White students. Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 1996, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2009, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of poverty, had an average score that was 15 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 1996 (17 points).