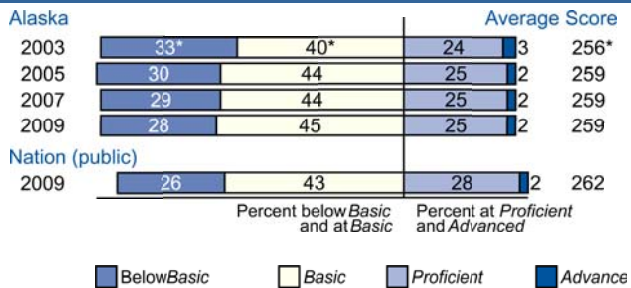


**Overall Results**

- In 2009, the average score of eighth-grade students in Alaska was 259. This was lower than the average score of 262 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Alaska in 2009 (259) was not significantly different from their average score in 2007 (259) and was higher than their average score in 2003 (256).
- In 2009, the score gap between students in Alaska at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 43 points. This performance gap was narrower than that of 2003 (50 points).
- The percentage of students in Alaska who performed at or above the NAEP *Proficient* level was 27 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (27 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 2003 (27 percent).
- The percentage of students in Alaska who performed at or above the NAEP *Basic* level was 72 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2007 (71 percent) and was greater than that in 2003 (67 percent).

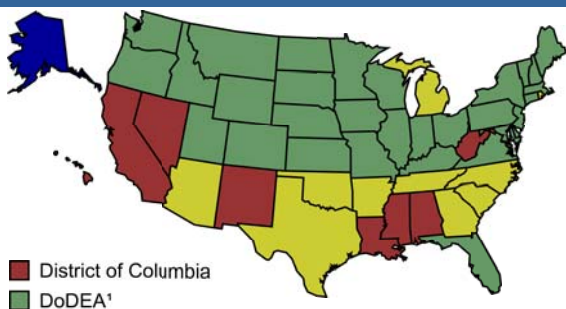
**Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results**



\* 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**

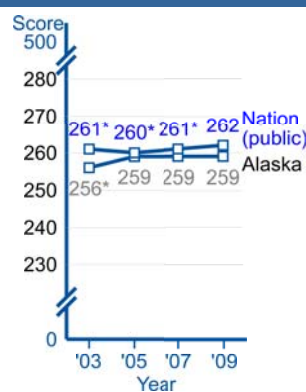


\* Department of Defense Education Activity schools (domestic and overseas).

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

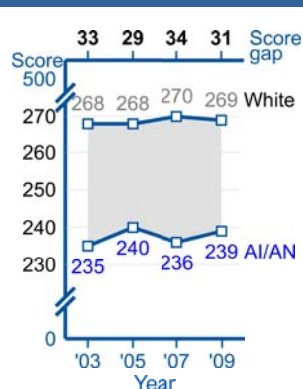
- lower than those in 32 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 9 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 10 states/jurisdictions

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



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

**White – American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Score Gap**



**Score Gaps for Student Groups**

- In 2009, female students in Alaska had an average score that was higher than that of male students.
- In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 20 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2003 (19 points).
- In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 9 points lower than that of White students. This performance gap was narrower than that in 2003 (21 points).
- In 2009, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low income, had an average score that was 21 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 (24 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.