Overall Results
- In 2015, the average score of eighth-grade students in Rhode Island was 151. This was lower than the average score of 153 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Rhode Island in 2015 (151) was higher than their average score in 2011 (149) and in 2009 (146).
- The percentage of students in Rhode Island who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 32 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (31 percent) and was greater than that in 2009 (26 percent).
- The percentage of students in Rhode Island who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 64 percent in 2015. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (63 percent) and was greater than that in 2009 (59 percent).

Achievement-Level Percentages and Average Score Results

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Percent below Basic or at Basic
Percent at Proficient or Advanced

* Significantly different (p < .05) from state's results in 2015. Significance tests were performed using unrounded numbers.

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

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions
- In 2015, the average score in Rhode Island (151) was lower than those in 29 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 7 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 10 states/jurisdictions
- 5 states/jurisdictions did not participate in 2015

DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

Average Scores for State/Jurisdiction and Nation (public)

In 2015, Black students had an average score that was 32 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2009 (30 points).

In 2015, Hispanic students had an average score that was 35 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2009 (36 points).

In 2015, male students in Rhode Island had an average score that was not significantly different from that for female students.

In 2015, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 30 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2009 (31 points).

Score Gaps for Student Groups

NOTE: The NAEP science scale ranges from 0 to 300. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages.