In 2009, the average score of twelfth-grade students in Arkansas was 146. This was lower than the average score of 152 for public school students in the nation.

The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 16 percent in 2009. This percentage was smaller than the nation (25 percent).

The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 59 percent in 2009. This percentage was smaller than the nation (63 percent).

In 2009, the average score in Arkansas was

- lower than those in 8 states/jurisdictions
- higher than that in 1 state/jurisdiction
- not significantly different from that in 1 state/jurisdiction
- 41 states/jurisdictions did not participate

In 2009, male students in Arkansas had an average score that was not significantly different from female students.

In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 33 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from the nation (29 points).

In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 18 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from the nation (23 points).

NOTE: Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages. The national results are based on nationally representative samples of twelfth-graders from 1,670 schools. State results in NAEP mathematics are reported for twelfth-grade public school students in the 11 states that volunteered to participate in the first twelfth-grade state pilot program in 2009: Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Dakota, and West Virginia.