In 2009, the average score of twelfth-grade students in Arkansas was 280. This was lower than the average score of 287 for public school students in the nation.

The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 29 percent in 2009. This percentage was smaller than the nation (37 percent).

The percentage of students in Arkansas who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 68 percent in 2009. This percentage was smaller than the nation (73 percent).

In 2009, the average score in Arkansas was lower than those in 8 states/jurisdictions; higher than that in 0 states/jurisdictions; not significantly different from those in 2 states/jurisdictions; 41 states/jurisdictions did not participate.

In 2009, female students in Arkansas had an average score that was higher than male students. This performance gap was wider than the nation (12 points).

In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 28 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from the nation (27 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 (22 points).