Alaska

Mathematics Grade 4

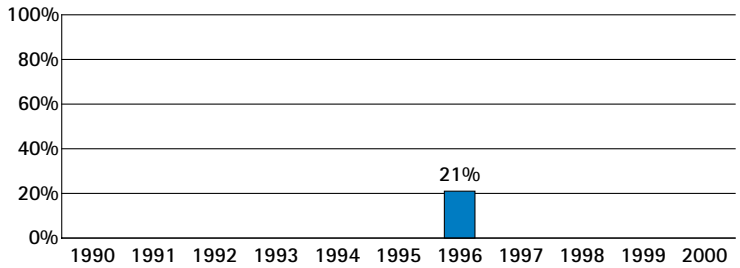
1. Improvement Over Time

Have Alaska's 4th graders improved in mathematics achievement?

In 1996, 21% of Alaska's public school 4th graders met the Goals Panel's performance standard in mathematics. The Goals Panel will report whether Alaska's mathematics performance has improved over time when mathematics is assessed again in 2000.

The Goals Panel has set its performance standard at the two highest levels of achievement — Proficient or Advanced — on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP.

Percentage of public school 4th graders at or above Proficient on the NAEP mathematics assessment



Mathematics performance will be tested again in 2000.

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2. State Comparisons†

How did Alaska compare with other states in 4th grade mathematics achievement in public schools in 1996?

4 states had significantly higher[1] percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Connecticut	31%	Maine, Wisconsin	27%
Minnesota	29%		

23 states had similar[1] percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

New Jersey, Texas	25%	***U.S.,* Alaska,*** North Carolina, Oregon, Washington	**21%**
Indiana, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Dakota	24%	Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania	20%
Michigan, Utah, Vermont	23%	Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming	19%
Colorado, Iowa, Maryland, Montana	22%	Tennessee[2]	17%

17 states had significantly lower[1] percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Rhode Island[2]	17%	South Carolina	12%
Delaware, Hawaii, Kentucky	16%	Alabama, California	11%
Arizona, Florida	15%	Louisiana, Mississippi	8%
Nevada	14%	District of Columbia	5%
Arkansas, Georgia, New Mexico	13%	Guam	3%

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3. Subgroup Performance

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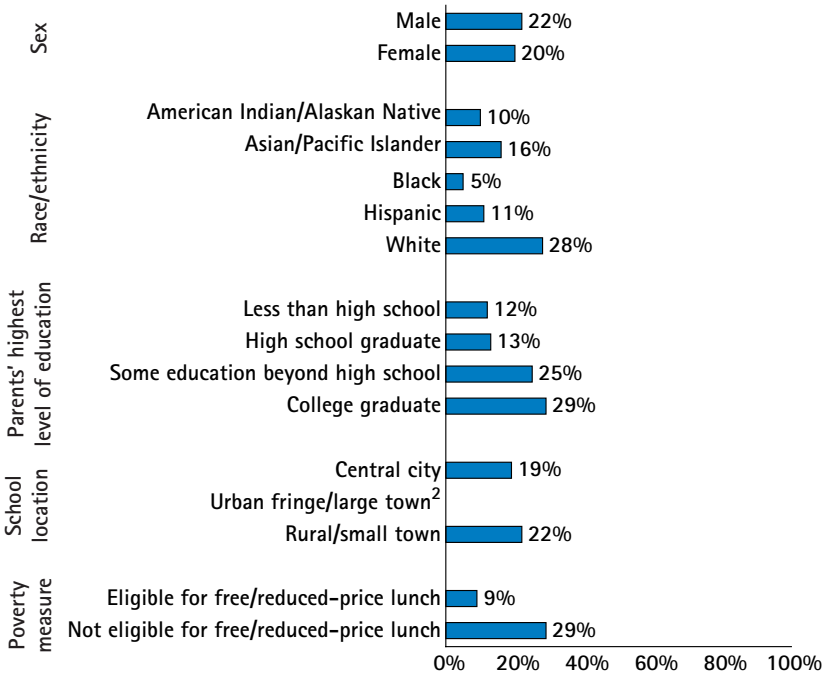

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1. Improvement Over Time

Have Alaska's 8th graders improved in mathematics achievement?

In 1996, 30% of Alaska's public school 8th graders met the Goals Panel's performance standard in mathematics. The Goals Panel will report whether Alaska's mathematics performance has improved over time when mathematics is assessed again in 2000.

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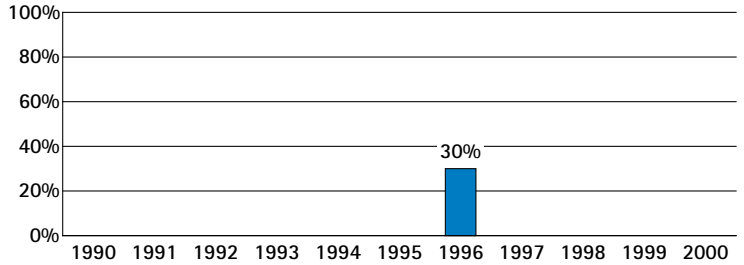
Percentage of public school 8th graders at or above Proficient on the NAEP mathematics assessment



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2. State Comparisons†

How did Alaska compare with other states in 8th grade mathematics achievement in public schools in 1996?

14 states had similar[1] percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Minnesota	34%	Massachusetts, Michigan	28%
North Dakota	33%	Vermont	27%
Montana, Wisconsin	32%	Oregon, Washington	26%
Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Nebraska	31%	Maryland[2]	24%
Alaska	**30%**		

27 states had significantly lower[1] percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Colorado[2]	25%	Tennessee	15%
U.S.,[2]* Indiana,[2] Utah[2]	**24%**	New Mexico, South Carolina, West Virginia	14%
Missouri, New York, Wyoming	22%	Arkansas	13%
Texas, Virginia	21%	Alabama	12%
North Carolina, Rhode Island	20%	Louisiana, Mississippi	7%
Delaware	19%	Guam	6%
Arizona	18%	District of Columbia	5%
California, Florida	17%		
Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky	16%		

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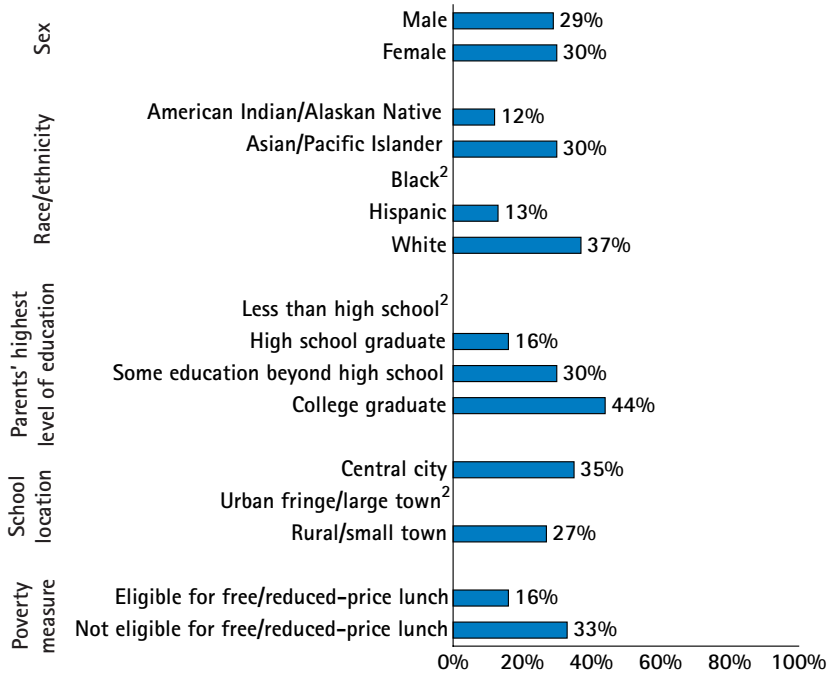

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1. Improvement Over Time

Have Alaska's 8th graders improved in science achievement?

In 1996, 31% of Alaska's public school 8th graders met the Goals Panel's performance standard in science. The Goals Panel will report whether science performance has improved over time when science is assessed again in 2000.

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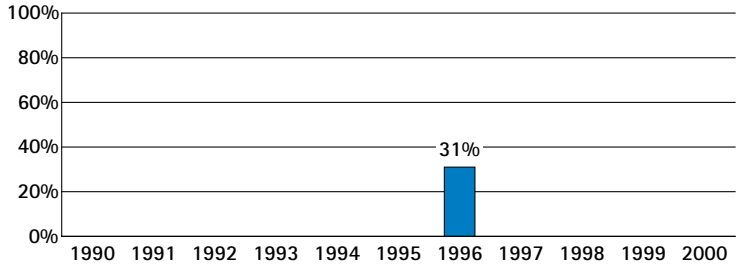
Percentage of public school 8th graders at or above Proficient on the NAEP science assessment



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2. State Comparisons†

How did Alaska compare with other states in 8th grade science achievement in public schools in 1996?

4 states had significantly higher[1] percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Maine, Montana, North Dakota	41%	Wisconsin	39%

16 states had similar[1] percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Massachusetts, Minnesota	37%	***Alaska***	**31%**
Connecticut, Iowa	36%	Indiana	30%
Nebraska	35%	***U.S.****	**29%**
Vermont, Wyoming	34%	Missouri	28%
Colorado, Michigan, Oregon, Utah	32%	New York, Virginia, Washington	27%

21 states had significantly lower[1] percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Rhode Island	26%	New Mexico	19%
Maryland	25%	Alabama	18%
North Carolina	24%	South Carolina	17%
Arizona, Kentucky, Texas	23%	Hawaii	15%
Arkansas, Tennessee	22%	Louisiana	13%
Delaware, Florida, Georgia, West Virginia	21%	Mississippi	12%
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California	20%	District of Columbia	5%

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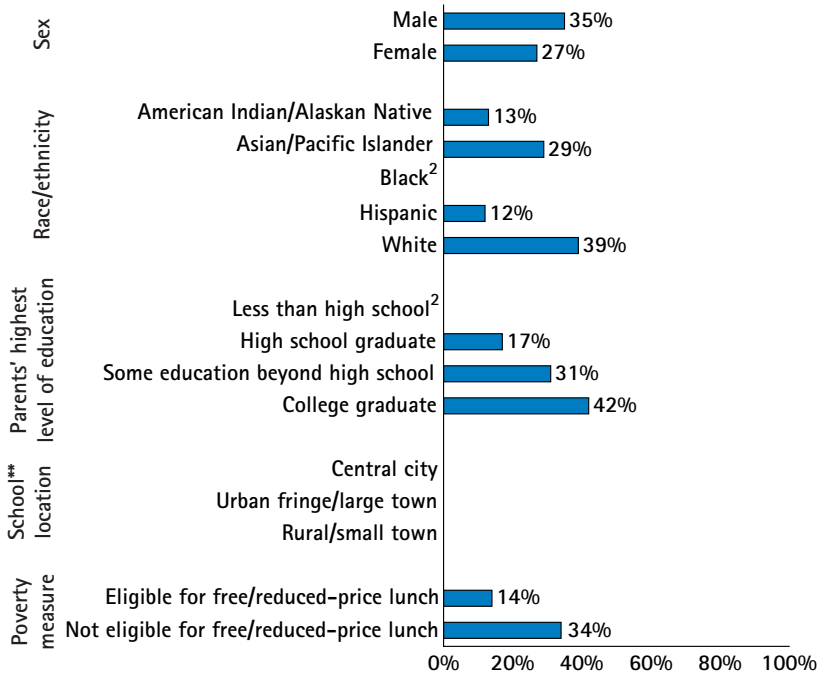

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Mathematics Grade 8

Forty-one nations† participated in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) in 8th grade mathematics in 1995. If public school 8th graders in Alaska participated in the TIMSS mathematics assessment, how would their average performance compare to that of students who took TIMSS in these nations?

8 nations† would be expected to perform significantly higher:[1]

Belgium – Flemish[2]
Czech Republic
Hong Kong
Japan
Korea
Singapore
Slovak Republic
(Switzerland)

23 nations† would be expected to perform similarly:[1]

Alaska
(Australia)
(Austria)
(Belgium – French)[2]
(Bulgaria)
Canada
(Denmark)
(England)
France
(Germany)
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
(Israel)
(Latvia – LSS)[3]
(Netherlands)
New Zealand
Norway
Russian Federation
(Scotland)
(Slovenia)
Sweden
(Thailand)
United States

10 nations† would be expected to perform significantly lower:[1]

(Colombia)
Cyprus
(Greece)
Iran, Islamic Republic
(Kuwait)
(Lithuania)
Portugal
(Romania)
(South Africa)
Spain

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Science Grade 8

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Canada
(England)
(Germany)
Hong Kong
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Korea
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