

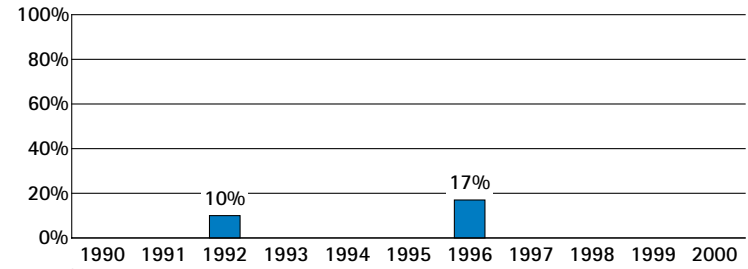
1. Improvement Over Time

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

Yes. The percentage of Tennessee's public school 4th graders who met the Goals Panel's performance standard in mathematics increased from 10% in 1992, to 17% in 1996.

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.

2. State Comparisons[†]

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

15 states had significantly higher¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Connecticut	31%	Indiana, Massachusetts, Nebraska,	24%
Minnesota	29%	North Dakota	
Maine, Wisconsin	27%	Michigan, Utah, Vermont	23%
New Jersey, Texas	25%	Colorado, ² Iowa ²	22%

21 states had similar¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

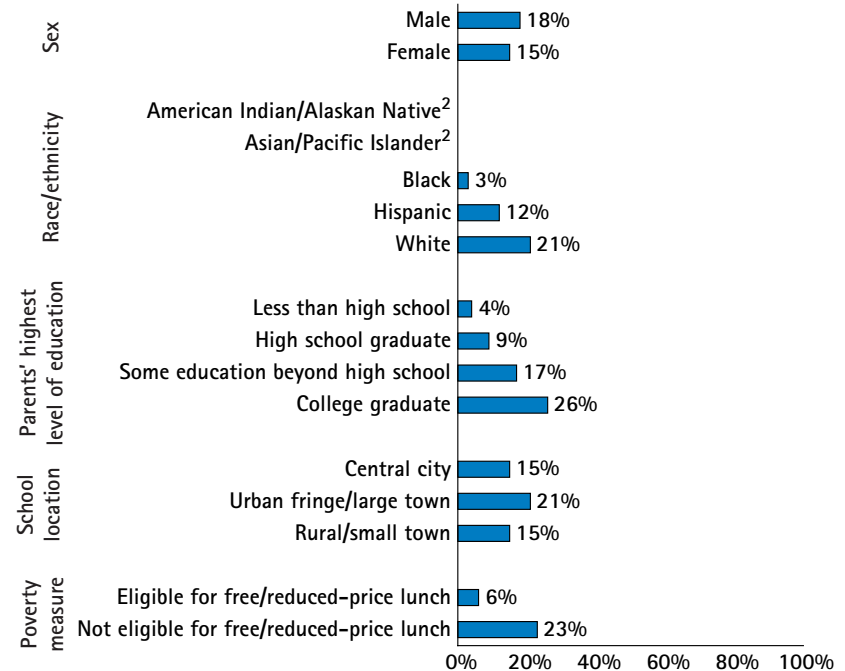
Maryland, ² Montana ²	22%	Tennessee , Rhode Island	17%
U.S. , [*] Alaska, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington	21%	Delaware, Hawaii, Kentucky	16%
Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania	20%	Arizona, Florida	15%
Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming	19%	Nevada	14%
		Arkansas, ² Georgia ²	13%

8 states had significantly lower¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

New Mexico ²	13%	Louisiana, Mississippi	8%
South Carolina	12%	District of Columbia	5%
Alabama, California	11%	Guam	3%

3. Subgroup Performance

What percentages of public school 4th graders in different subgroups¹ in Tennessee were at or above Proficient on the 1996 NAEP mathematics assessment?



[†] The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories.

¹ See explanation on pp. 3-4.

² State may appear to be out of place; however, statistically, its placement is correct. See pp. 3-4.

* Figure shown for the U.S. includes both public and nonpublic school data.

¹ Interpret differences between subgroups with caution. See pp. 3-4 and Appendix D.

² Characteristics of the sample do not permit a reliable estimate.

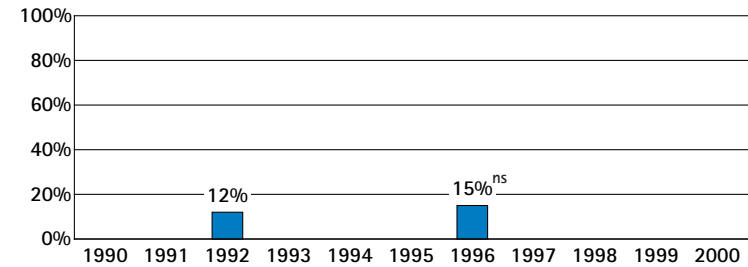
1. Improvement Over Time

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

Not yet. Between 1992 and 1996, there was no significant change in the percentage of public school 8th graders who met the Goals Panel's performance standard in mathematics.

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 8th graders at or above Proficient on the NAEP mathematics assessment



^{ns} Interpret with caution. Change was not statistically significant. Mathematics performance will be tested again in 2000.

2. State Comparisons[†]

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

26 states had significantly higher¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Minnesota	34%	Oregon, Washington	26%
North Dakota	33%	Colorado	25%
Montana, Wisconsin	32%	U.S.* Indiana, Maryland, Utah	24%
Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Nebraska	31%	Missouri, New York, Wyoming	22%
Alaska	30%	Texas, Virginia	21%
Massachusetts, Michigan	28%	North Carolina, Rhode Island	20%
Vermont	27%	Delaware	19%

11 states had similar¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Arizona	18%	New Mexico, South Carolina,	14%
California, Florida	17%	West Virginia	
Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky	16%	Arkansas	13%
Tennessee	15%	Alabama	12%

4 states had significantly lower¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Louisiana, Mississippi	7%	District of Columbia	5%
Guam	6%		

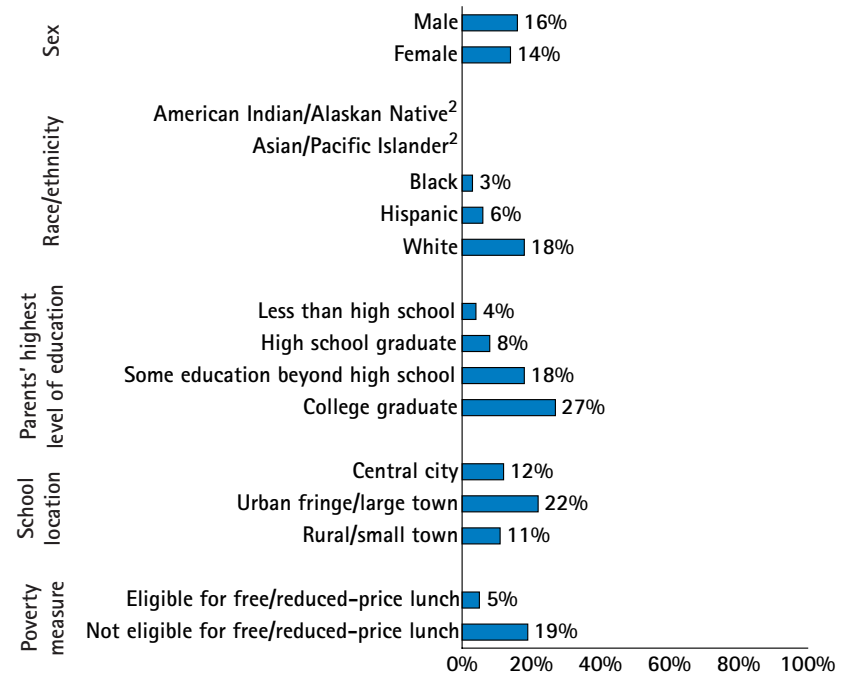
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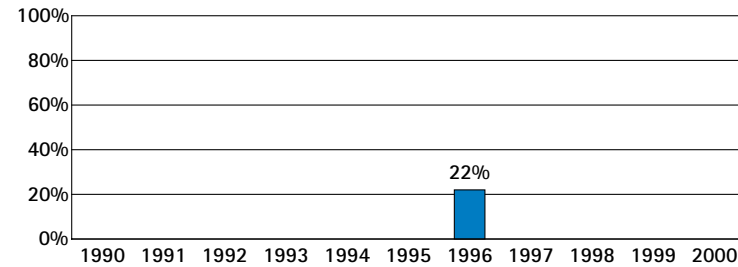
1. Improvement Over Time

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

In 1996, 22% of Tennessee'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.

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 8th graders at or above Proficient on the NAEP science assessment



Science performance will be tested again in 2000.

2. State Comparisons[†]

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

18 states had significantly higher¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

Maine, Montana, North Dakota	41%	Colorado, Michigan, Oregon, Utah	32%
Wisconsin	39%	Alaska	31%
Massachusetts, Minnesota	37%	Indiana	30%
Connecticut, Iowa	36%	U.S.*	29%
Nebraska	35%	Missouri	28%
Vermont, Wyoming	34%		

17 states had similar¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

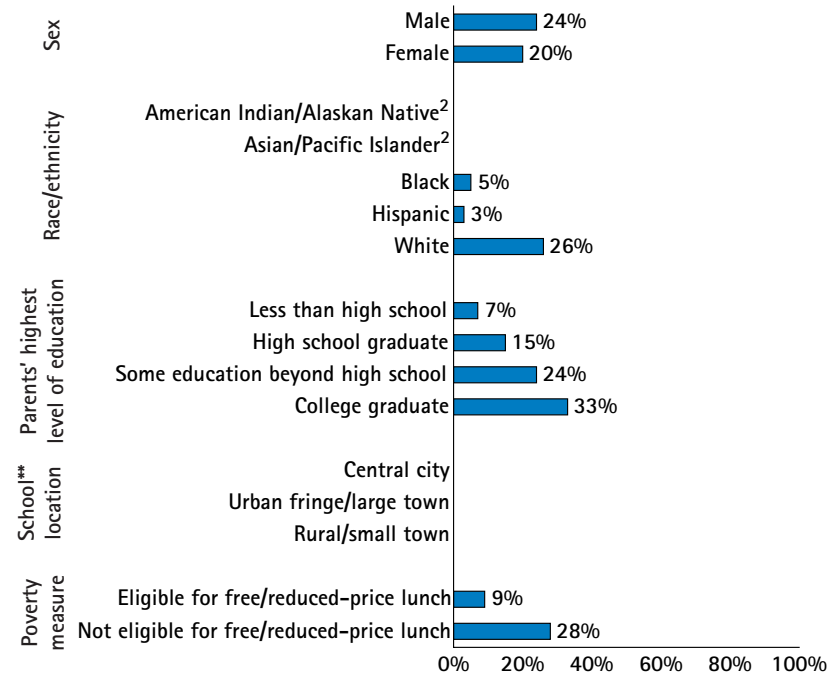
New York, Virginia, Washington	27%	Delaware, Florida, Georgia,	21%
Rhode Island	26%	West Virginia	
Maryland	25%	California	20%
North Carolina	24%	New Mexico	19%
Arizona, Kentucky, Texas	23%	Alabama	18%
Tennessee, Arkansas	22%		

6 states had significantly lower¹ percentages of students who were at or above Proficient on NAEP:

South Carolina	17%	Mississippi	12%
Hawaii	15%	Guam	7%
Louisiana	13%	District of Columbia	5%

3. Subgroup Performance

What percentages of public school 8th graders in different subgroups¹ in Tennessee were at or above Proficient on the 1996 NAEP science assessment?



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** No school location data for science in 1996.

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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 Tennessee participated in the TIMSS mathematics assessment, how would their average performance compare to that of students who took TIMSS in these nations?

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

(Australia)	(Israel)
(Austria)	Japan
Belgium – Flemish ²	Korea
(Belgium – French) ²	(Netherlands)
(Bulgaria)	New Zealand
Canada	Norway
Czech Republic	Russian Federation
(England)	Singapore
France	Slovak Republic
(Germany)	(Slovenia)
Hong Kong	Sweden
Hungary	(Switzerland)
Ireland	(Thailand)

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

Cyprus	(Romania)
(Denmark)	(Scotland)
(Greece)	Spain
Iceland	Tennessee
(Latvia – LSS) ³	United States
(Lithuania)	

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

(Colombia)	Portugal
Iran, Islamic Republic	(South Africa)
(Kuwait)	

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² The Flemish and French educational systems in Belgium participated separately.

³ Latvia is designated LSS because only Latvian-speaking schools were tested, which represent less than 65% of the population.

Science Grade 8

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

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

(Australia)	Japan
(Austria)	Korea
Belgium – Flemish ²	(Netherlands)
(Bulgaria)	Singapore
Czech Republic	Slovak Republic
(England)	(Slovenia)
Hungary	

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

Canada	(Romania)
France	Russian Federation
(Germany)	(Scotland)
(Greece)	Spain
Hong Kong	Sweden
Iceland	(Switzerland)
Ireland	Tennessee
(Israel)	(Thailand)
New Zealand	United States
Norway	

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

(Belgium – French) ²	(Kuwait)
(Colombia)	(Latvia – LSS) ³
Cyprus	(Lithuania)
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