

**Table 120.—Average student proficiency in geography and U.S. history, by selected characteristics and grade level: 1994**

Selected characteristics of students	Percentage distribution of 12th-graders in geography	Geography scores			History scores		
		4th-graders	8th-graders	12th-graders	4th-graders	8th-graders	12th-graders
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>100</b> —	<b>206 (1.2)</b>	<b>260 (0.7)</b>	<b>285 (0.7)</b>	<b>205 (1.0)</b>	<b>259 (0.6)</b>	<b>286 (0.8)</b>
Sex							
Male .....	50 (1.0)	208 (1.4)	262 (0.9)	288 (0.8)	203 (1.5)	259 (0.8)	288 (0.8)
Female .....	50 (1.0)	203 (1.4)	258 (0.8)	281 (0.9)	206 (1.1)	259 (0.7)	285 (0.9)
Race							
White .....	74 (0.3)	218 (1.5)	270 (0.8)	291 (0.8)	215 (1.2)	267 (0.8)	292 (0.8)
Black .....	12 (0.4)	168 (2.5)	229 (1.7)	258 (1.4)	177 (1.6)	239 (1.4)	265 (1.5)
Hispanic .....	8 (0.2)	183 (2.5)	239 (1.9)	268 (1.5)	180 (2.7)	243 (1.3)	267 (1.6)
Parents' level of education							
Not high school graduate .....	7 (0.4)	186 (3.7)	238 (1.7)	263 (1.2)	177 (3.3)	241 (1.3)	263 (1.4)
Graduated high school .....	22 (0.8)	197 (2.5)	250 (1.2)	274 (1.1)	197 (1.8)	251 (0.8)	276 (1.1)
Some college .....	25 (0.7)	216 (2.5)	265 (1.0)	286 (1.0)	214 (2.1)	264 (0.8)	287 (1.2)
Graduated college .....	44 (1.2)	216 (1.6)	272 (1.0)	294 (0.9)	216 (1.2)	270 (0.8)	296 (0.9)
Type of school							
Public .....	89 (1.0)	204 (1.4)	258 (0.8)	283 (0.8)	203 (1.2)	257 (0.7)	284 (0.8)
Private schools .....	11 (1.0)	221 (2.2)	276 (1.3)	294 (1.6)	222 (1.9)	278 (1.1)	299 (1.3)
Catholic schools .....	6 (0.9)	222 (2.6)	276 (1.6)	291 (3.0)	221 (2.5)	279 (1.5)	298 (2.2)
Other private .....	4 (0.6)	220 (3.8)	276 (2.6)	298 (2.0)	224 (3.1)	277 (2.1)	299 (2.2)
Region							
Northeast .....	21 (0.5)	203 (2.7)	266 (1.9)	284 (1.6)	204 (2.4)	266 (1.7)	289 (1.9)
Southeast .....	23 (0.8)	200 (2.5)	252 (1.6)	278 (1.1)	201 (1.9)	251 (1.3)	282 (1.4)
Central .....	28 (0.7)	215 (3.2)	268 (1.6)	289 (1.8)	212 (2.6)	266 (1.3)	288 (1.4)
West .....	29 (0.7)	205 (1.7)	255 (1.8)	286 (1.9)	202 (2.1)	256 (1.1)	286 (1.6)

—Not applicable.

NOTE: These test scores are from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). As with the NAEP reading scale, these scales range from 0 to 500. However, the distribution of scores varies by subject. Therefore, direct score comparisons among the subjects should be avoided. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *National Assessment of Educational Progress, 1994 U.S. History Report Card*, and *The Geography Report Card*, prepared by Educational Testing Service. (This table was prepared May 1999.)