

**Table 118.—Average student proficiency in geography and U.S. history, by student characteristics: 1994**

Characteristic	Per-centage dis-tribution of 12th grad-ers in geog-raphy	Geography scores			History scores			Characteristic	Per-centage dis-tribution of 12th grad-ers in geog-raphy	Geography scores			History scores		
		4th grad-ers	8th grad-ers	12th grad-ers	4th grad-ers	8th grad-ers	12th grad-ers			4th grad-ers	8th grad-ers	12th grad-ers			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>United States ..</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>286</b>								
Sex								Type of school							
Male .....	50	208	262	288	203	259	288	Public .....	89	204	258	283	203	257	284
Female .....	50	203	258	281	206	259	285	Nonpublic schools .....	11	221	276	294	222	278	299
Race								Catholic schools .....	6	222	276	291	221	279	298
White .....	74	218	270	291	215	267	292	Other nonpublic .....	4	220	276	298	224	277	299
Black .....	12	168	229	258	177	239	265	Parents' level of education							
Hispanic .....	8	183	239	268	180	243	267	Not high school graduate ..	7	186	238	263	177	241	263
Region								Graduated high school .....	22	197	250	274	197	251	276
Northeast .....	21	203	266	284	204	266	289	Some college .....	25	216	265	286	214	264	287
Southeast .....	23	200	252	278	201	251	282	Graduated college .....	44	216	272	294	216	270	296
Central .....	28	215	268	289	212	266	288								
West .....	29	205	255	286	202	256	286								

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.

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