Overall Results
- In 2015, the average score of fourth-grade students in Utah was 160. This was higher than the average score of 153 for public school students in the nation.
- The average score for students in Utah in 2015 (160) was higher than their average score in 2009 (154).
- The percentage of students in Utah who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 45 percent in 2015. This percentage was greater than that in 2009 (38 percent).
- The percentage of students in Utah who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 82 percent in 2015. This percentage was greater than that in 2009 (77 percent).

Compare the Average Score in 2015 to Other States/Jurisdictions

In 2015, the average score in Utah (160) was
- lower than those in 4 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 28 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 14 states/jurisdictions
- 5 states/jurisdictions did not participate in 2015

DoDEA = Department of Defense Education Activity (overseas and domestic schools)

Results for Student Groups in 2015

Data are not reported for Black students in 2015, because reporting standards were not met.
- In 2015, Hispanic students had an average score that was 32 points lower than that for White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2009 (32 points).
- In 2015, male students in Utah had an average score that was not significantly different from that for female students.
- In 2015, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of low family income, had an average score that was 21 points lower than that for students who were not eligible. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2009 (23 points).

NOTE: The NAEP science scale ranges from 0 to 300. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2009 and 2015 Science Assessments.