

STATE RANKINGS IN EDUCATION

**Education Task Force
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2013 State NAEP Rankings - Grade 4 Reading

(Utah and peer states in grey)

Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	232
2	Maryland	232
3	New Hampshire	232
4	Connecticut	230
5	New Jersey	229
6	Virginia	229
7	Vermont	228
8	Florida	227
9	Minnesota	227
10	Colorado	227
11	Pennsylvania	226
12	Wyoming	226
13	Delaware	226
14	Indiana	225
15	Washington	225
16	Maine	225
17	Kentucky	224
18	North Dakota	224
19	Ohio	224
20	Iowa	224
21	New York	224
22	Kansas	223
23	Nebraska	223
24	Montana	223
25	Rhode Island	223
26	Utah	223
27	Missouri	222
28	North Carolina	222
29	Georgia	222
30	Wisconsin	221
31	Tennessee	220
32	Idaho	219
33	Oregon	219
34	Alabama	219
35	Illinois	219
36	Arkansas	219
37	South Dakota	218
38	Michigan	217
39	Oklahoma	217
40	Texas	217
41	Hawaii	215
42	West Virginia	215
43	Nevada	214
44	South Carolina	214
45	Arizona	213
46	California	213
47	Louisiana	210
48	Alaska	209
49	Mississippi	209
50	New Mexico	206

Source: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/statecomparisons/>

2013 State NAEP Rankings - Grade 4 Math

(Utah and peer states in grey)

Rank	State	Score
1	Minnesota	253
2	Massachusetts	253
3	New Hampshire	253
4	Indiana	249
5	Vermont	248
6	Colorado	247
7	New Jersey	247
8	Wyoming	247
9	North Dakota	246
10	Washington	246
11	Kansas	246
12	Virginia	246
13	Maine	246
14	Iowa	246
15	Ohio	246
16	Maryland	245
17	North Carolina	245
18	Wisconsin	245
19	Pennsylvania	244
20	Montana	244
21	Connecticut	243
22	Hawaii	243
23	Nebraska	243
24	Delaware	243
25	Utah	243
26	Texas	242
27	Florida	242
28	Kentucky	241
29	Rhode Island	241
30	South Dakota	241
31	Idaho	241
32	New York	241
33	Arizona	240
34	Oregon	240
35	Georgia	240
36	Arkansas	240
37	Tennessee	240
38	Missouri	240
39	Illinois	240
40	Oklahoma	239
41	West Virginia	237
42	Michigan	237
43	South Carolina	237
44	Nevada	236
45	Alaska	236
46	California	234
47	Alabama	233
48	New Mexico	233
49	Louisiana	231
50	Mississippi	231

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2013 State NAEP Rankings - Grade 8 Reading

(Utah and peer states in grey)

Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	277
2	New Jersey	276
3	Connecticut	274
4	Vermont	274
5	New Hampshire	274
6	Maryland	274
7	Pennsylvania	272
8	Washington	272
9	Montana	272
10	Minnesota	271
11	Colorado	271
12	Wyoming	271
13	Idaho	270
14	Utah	270
15	Kentucky	270
16	Nebraska	269
17	Maine	269
18	Ohio	269
19	Iowa	269
20	Oregon	268
21	South Dakota	268
22	North Dakota	268
23	Virginia	268
24	Wisconsin	268
25	Indiana	267
26	Missouri	267
27	Illinois	267
28	Kansas	267
29	Rhode Island	267
30	New York	266
31	Delaware	266
32	Michigan	266
33	Florida	266
34	Tennessee	265
35	Georgia	265
36	North Carolina	265
37	Texas	264
38	Arkansas	262
39	Oklahoma	262
40	Nevada	262
41	California	262
42	South Carolina	261
43	Alaska	261
44	Arizona	260
45	Hawaii	260
46	Alabama	257
47	West Virginia	257
48	Louisiana	257
49	New Mexico	256
50	Mississippi	253

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2013 State NAEP Rankings - Grade 8 Math

(Utah and peer states in grey)

Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	301
2	New Jersey	296
3	New Hampshire	296
4	Vermont	295
5	Minnesota	295
6	North Dakota	291
7	Washington	290
8	Colorado	290
9	Pennsylvania	290
10	Ohio	290
11	Kansas	290
12	Montana	289
13	Wisconsin	289
14	Maine	289
15	Texas	288
16	Virginia	288
17	Wyoming	288
18	Indiana	288
19	South Dakota	287
20	Maryland	287
21	Idaho	286
22	North Carolina	286
23	Connecticut	285
24	Iowa	285
25	Nebraska	285
26	Illinois	285
27	Utah	284
28	Rhode Island	284
29	Oregon	284
30	Missouri	283
31	Delaware	282
32	New York	282
33	Alaska	282
34	Hawaii	281
35	Florida	281
36	Kentucky	281
37	Michigan	280
38	South Carolina	280
39	Arizona	280
40	Georgia	279
41	Nevada	278
42	Arkansas	278
43	Tennessee	278
44	California	276
45	Oklahoma	276
46	West Virginia	274
47	New Mexico	273
48	Louisiana	273
49	Mississippi	271
50	Alabama	269

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2013 Average ACT Scores by State - Ranked by Average Composite Score

(Utah and peer states in grey)

Rank	State	Percent of Graduates Tested	Average Composite Score	Average English Score	Average Math Score	Average Reading Score	Average Science Score
	National	54	20.9	20.2	20.9	21.1	20.7
1	Massachusetts	22	24.1	23.8	24.4	24.4	23.2
2	Connecticut	27	24	24	23.9	24.4	23.3
3	New Hampshire	19	23.8	23.6	23.6	24.2	23.2
4	Maine	8	23.5	23.4	23.3	23.8	22.9
5	New York	26	23.4	22.6	23.8	23.7	23.1
6	Minnesota	74	23	22.2	23.1	23.1	22.9
7	New Jersey	23	23	22.5	23.6	23.1	22.2
8	Vermont	26	23	22.7	22.8	23.4	22.6
9	Delaware	15	22.9	22.5	22.8	23.4	22.4
10	Washington	21	22.8	22.1	22.8	23.3	22.5
11	Pennsylvania	18	22.7	22.2	23	23	22.2
12	Rhode Island	14	22.7	22.4	22.4	23.3	22
13	Virginia	26	22.6	22.3	22.5	23.1	22.2
14	Maryland	21	22.3	21.8	22.3	22.7	21.9
15	California	26	22.2	21.6	22.8	22.3	21.5
16	Idaho	49	22.1	21.5	21.8	22.7	21.8
17	Iowa	66	22.1	21.5	21.6	22.5	22.2
18	Wisconsin	71	22.1	21.5	22	22.3	22.2
19	South Dakota	78	21.9	20.9	21.8	22.1	22.1
20	Kansas	75	21.8	21.2	21.7	22.3	21.7
21	Ohio	72	21.8	21.2	21.5	22.2	21.8
22	Indiana	38	21.7	21	21.9	22.1	21.4
23	Missouri	74	21.6	21.4	21	21.9	21.6
24	Nebraska	84	21.5	21.1	21.1	21.8	21.5
25	Oregon	34	21.5	20.8	21.6	21.9	21.3
26	Montana	72	21.3	20.2	21.4	21.9	21.2
27	Nevada	32	21.3	20.4	21.3	21.7	21.1
28	Alaska	37	21.1	20.1	21.2	21.7	21
29	Texas	37	20.9	19.8	21.5	21	20.9
30	Oklahoma	75	20.8	20.4	20.1	21.4	20.8
31	Georgia	51	20.7	20.2	20.3	21.2	20.5
32	Utah	100	20.7	19.9	20.2	21.3	20.8
33	Illinois	100	20.6	20.2	20.7	20.4	20.5
34	West Virginia	63	20.6	20.5	19.5	21.3	20.6
35	North Dakota	98	20.5	19.5	20.8	20.5	20.7
36	Alabama	78	20.4	20.5	19.5	21	20.2
37	Colorado	100	20.4	19.9	20.4	20.5	20.5
38	South Carolina	51	20.4	19.7	20.3	20.8	20.3
39	Arkansas	90	20.2	19.9	19.9	20.5	20.1
40	Hawaii	40	20.1	19	20.8	20	19.9
41	Michigan	100	19.9	19.1	19.9	20	20.2
42	New Mexico	70	19.9	19	19.7	20.4	20.1
43	Wyoming	100	19.8	18.6	19.7	20.2	20
44	Arizona	50	19.6	18.5	20.3	19.6	19.4
45	Florida	74	19.6	18.7	19.7	20.4	19.1
46	Kentucky	100	19.6	19.2	19.2	19.9	19.7
47	Louisiana	100	19.5	19.4	19.2	19.7	19.2
48	Tennessee	100	19.5	19.3	19.1	19.8	19.4
49	Mississippi	95	18.9	18.8	18.3	19.1	18.8
50	North Carolina	100	18.7	17.1	19.6	18.8	18

Source: <http://www.act.org/newsroom/data/2013/states.html>

2013 Average ACT Scores of States with 95% or more Participation - Ranked by Average Composite Score

(Utah and peer states in grey)

Rank	State	Percent of Graduates Tested	Average Composite Score	Average English Score	Average Math Score	Average Reading Score	Average Science Score
1	Utah	100	20.7	19.9	20.2	21.3	20.8
2	Illinois	100	20.6	20.2	20.7	20.4	20.5
3	North Dakota	98	20.5	19.5	20.8	20.5	20.7
4	Colorado	100	20.4	19.9	20.4	20.5	20.5
5	Michigan	100	19.9	19.1	19.9	20	20.2
6	Wyoming	100	19.8	18.6	19.7	20.2	20
7	Kentucky	100	19.6	19.2	19.2	19.9	19.7
8	Louisiana	100	19.5	19.4	19.2	19.7	19.2
9	Tennessee	100	19.5	19.3	19.1	19.8	19.4
10	Mississippi	95	18.9	18.8	18.3	19.1	18.8
11	North Carolina	100	18.7	17.1	19.6	18.8	18

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2010-11 Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rates

(Utah and peer states in grey)

Rank	State	Graduation Rate
1	Iowa	88%
2	Vermont	87%
3	Wisconsin	87%
4	Indiana	86%
5	Nebraska	86%
6	New Hampshire	86%
7	North Dakota	86%
8	Tennessee	86%
9	Texas	86%
10	Illinois	84%
11	Maine	84%
12	Connecticut	83%
13	Kansas	83%
14	Maryland	83%
15	Massachusetts	83%
16	New Jersey	83%
17	Pennsylvania	83%
18	South Dakota	83%
19	Montana	82%
20	Virginia	82%
21	Arkansas	81%
22	Missouri	81%
23	Hawaii	80%
24	Ohio	80%
25	Wyoming	80%
26	Arizona	78%
27	Delaware	78%
28	North Carolina	78%
29	Minnesota	77%
30	New York	77%
31	Rhode Island	77%
32	California	76%
33	Utah	76%
34	Washington	76%
35	West Virginia	76%
36	Mississippi	75%
37	Colorado	74%
38	Michigan	74%
39	South Carolina	74%
40	Alabama	72%
41	Florida	71%
42	Louisiana	71%
43	Alaska	68%
44	Oregon	68%
45	Georgia	67%
46	New Mexico	63%
47	Nevada	62%
48	Idaho	NA
49	Kentucky	NA
50	Oklahoma	NA

Source: U.S. Department of Education

