



# ★ A National Comparison

## 2024: HOW TEXAS COMPARES



The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted approximately every two years, evaluates a sample of 4th- and 8th-grade students nationwide in reading and math. Between 2019 and 2022, COVID-19 dramatically and negatively impacted student learning throughout the country, especially in mathematics. In Texas, the impact was somewhat more muted, as many state policies helped our schools remain focused on student learning during the pandemic.

### 2024 NAEP Data

The 2024 NAEP data was released on January 29, 2025 and this page has been updated to reflect the most recent data available.

| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading   |      |             |        | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading |             |        |  |
|---|------|-------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|--|
|   | 2022 | 2024        | Change | 2022                          | 2024        | Change |  |
| Scale Score  | 216  | 214         | -2     | 259                           | 257         | -2     |  |
|              | 214  | 212         | -2     | 255                           | 252         | -3     |  |
| Texas Rank: Unadjusted  | 33rd | <b>37th</b> | -4     | 41st                          | <b>44th</b> | -3     |  |

| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math  |      |            |        | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math |             |        |  |
|---|------|------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------|--------|--|
|   | 2022 | 2024       | Change | 2022                       | 2024        | Change |  |
| Scale Score  | 235  | 237        | +2     | 273                        | 272         | -1     |  |
|              | 239  | 241        | +2     | 273                        | 269         | -4     |  |
| Texas Rank: Unadjusted  | 14th | <b>8th</b> | +6     | 25th                       | <b>34th</b> | -9     |  |

## 2024: HOW TEXAS STUDENT GROUPS COMPARE

Texas is one of the most diverse states in the nation. When analyzing NAEP data, Texas schools are typically more successful in educating most student groups than schools in other states. The following NAEP data show Texas's 2024 rank by student group in 4th- and 8th-grade reading and math.

| Student Group               | Reading               |                       | Math                  |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                             | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
| African American            | 9th                   | 12th                  | 1st                   | 12th                  |
| Asian/Pacific Islander      | 7th                   | 5th                   | 2nd                   | 11th                  |
| Hispanic                    | 16th                  | 38th                  | 4th                   | 14th                  |
| White                       | 14th                  | 16th                  | 2nd                   | 25th                  |
| English Learners            | 5th                   | 1st                   | 2nd                   | 1st                   |
| Special Education           | 22nd                  | 32nd                  | 12th                  | 32nd                  |
| Low Income                  | 18th                  | 42nd                  | 4th                   | 22nd                  |
| Non-Low Income              | 26th                  | 26th                  | 10th                  | 38th                  |
| <b>Texas Rank: Adjusted</b> | <b>9th</b>            | <b>10th</b>           | <b>3rd</b>            | <b>6th</b>            |