

NATIONAL COMPARISON OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The National Assessment of Educational Progress

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as "[The Nation's Report Card](#)," has conducted national assessments since 1969 in many content areas, including social studies and the arts. Since 1990, NAEP has produced reports on student achievement at the state as well as the national level in mathematics, reading, science and writing. The [National Center for Education Statistics](#) (NCES) within the U.S. Department of Education is responsible for carrying out NAEP. The independent, non-partisan [National Assessment Governing Board](#) oversees and sets policy for NAEP. To see Oregon's disaggregated NAEP data, please visit the [Oregon Online Report Card](#).

Differences between NAEP and Oregon State Assessments

Unlike Oregon state assessments, NAEP does **not** provide individual scores for students, schools, or districts in Oregon for several reasons:

- NAEP is a survey assessment, so results are based on samples of students representative of the state or nation;
- Each student takes a small part of the overall assessment, so only when the scores are aggregated for groups of students are the data considered valid and reliable estimates of what students know and can do in the content area;
- Federal law requires that NAEP data remain confidential, so no personally identifiable information about students is linked to the NAEP assessment data.

There are other important differences between NAEP and Oregon state assessments. NAEP produces state results only for students in grades 4 and 8, while Oregon state assessments report results for students in elementary, middle and high school grade levels. The content tested in a NAEP assessment is determined by a national panel of experts convened by the National Assessment Governing Board. Oregon state assessments test the knowledge and skills laid out in the content standards adopted by the Oregon State Board of Education.

NAEP Assessment Schedule

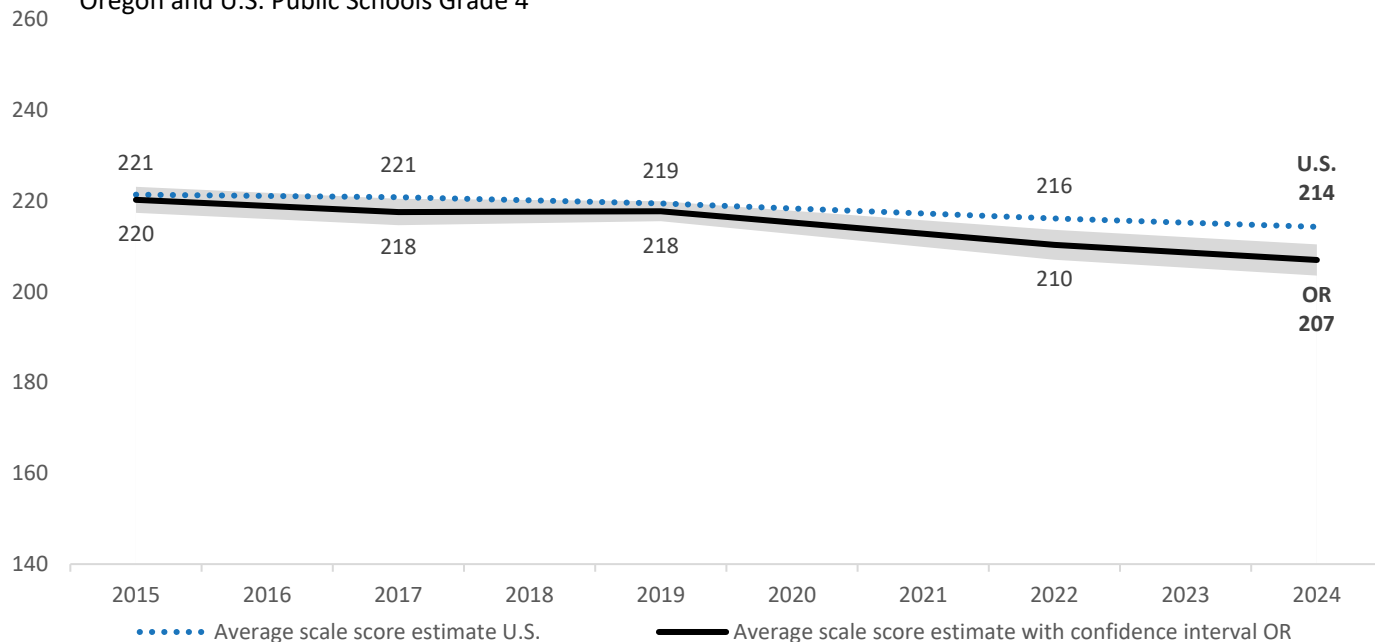
This report includes results from the 2023-24 NAEP state mathematics and reading assessments, which are the most recent NAEP state assessment results available. For 2025-26, NAEP will conduct state mathematics and reading assessments at grades 4 and 8, as well as national civics and U.S. history assessments at grade 8. NCES plans to release the results of the NAEP 2026 assessments during the 2026-27 school year. In addition, NAEP will administer field tests in mathematics and reading at grades 4, 8, and 12. Results from the field test will not be released but will inform the development of future assessments.

National Assessment of Educational Progress: Reading

In 2015, Oregon's 4th graders scored statistically the same as the nation's 4th graders. In 2024, Oregon's 4th graders scored 207, which was statistically lower than 4th graders in the nation's public schools (214).

Figure 26: NAEP Reading 2015- 2024 Average Scale Scores

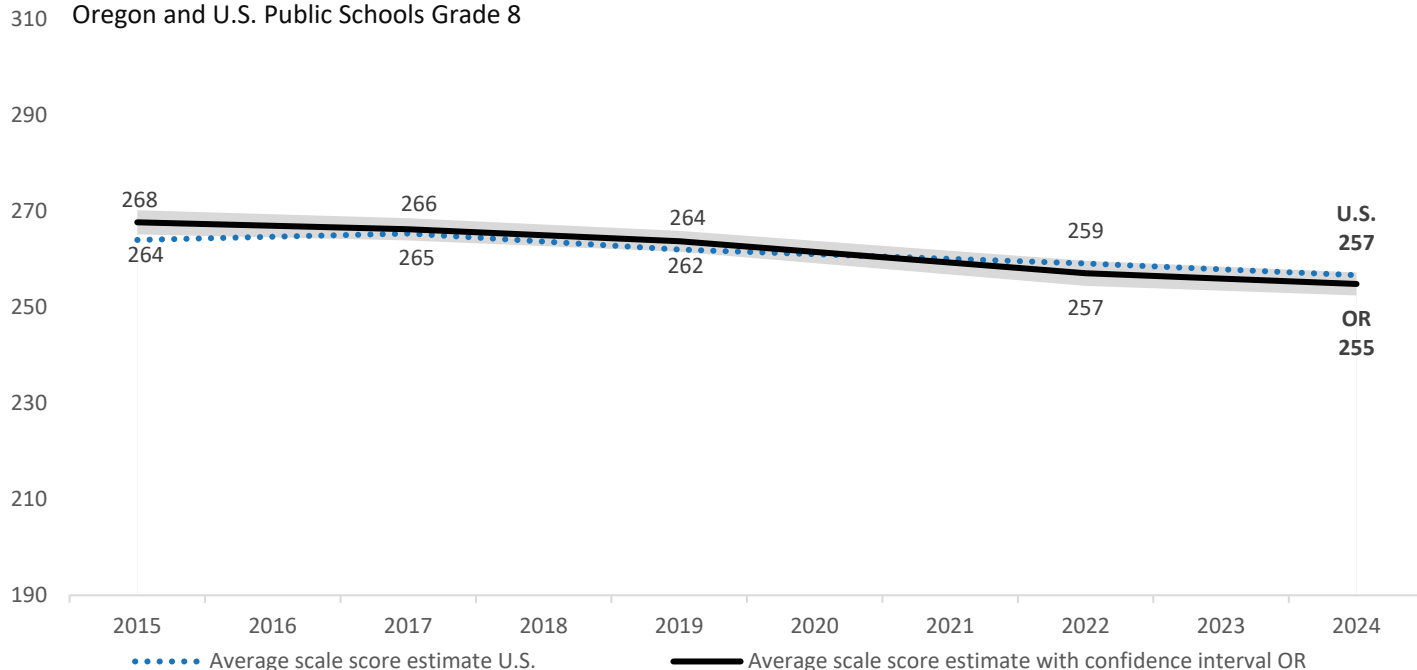
Oregon and U.S. Public Schools Grade 4



In 2015, Oregon's 8th graders scored statistically higher than the nation's 8th graders. In 2024, Oregon's 8th graders scored 255, which was statistically the same as 8th graders in the nation's public schools (257).

Figure 27: NAEP Reading 2015 - 2024 Average Scale Scores

Oregon and U.S. Public Schools Grade 8

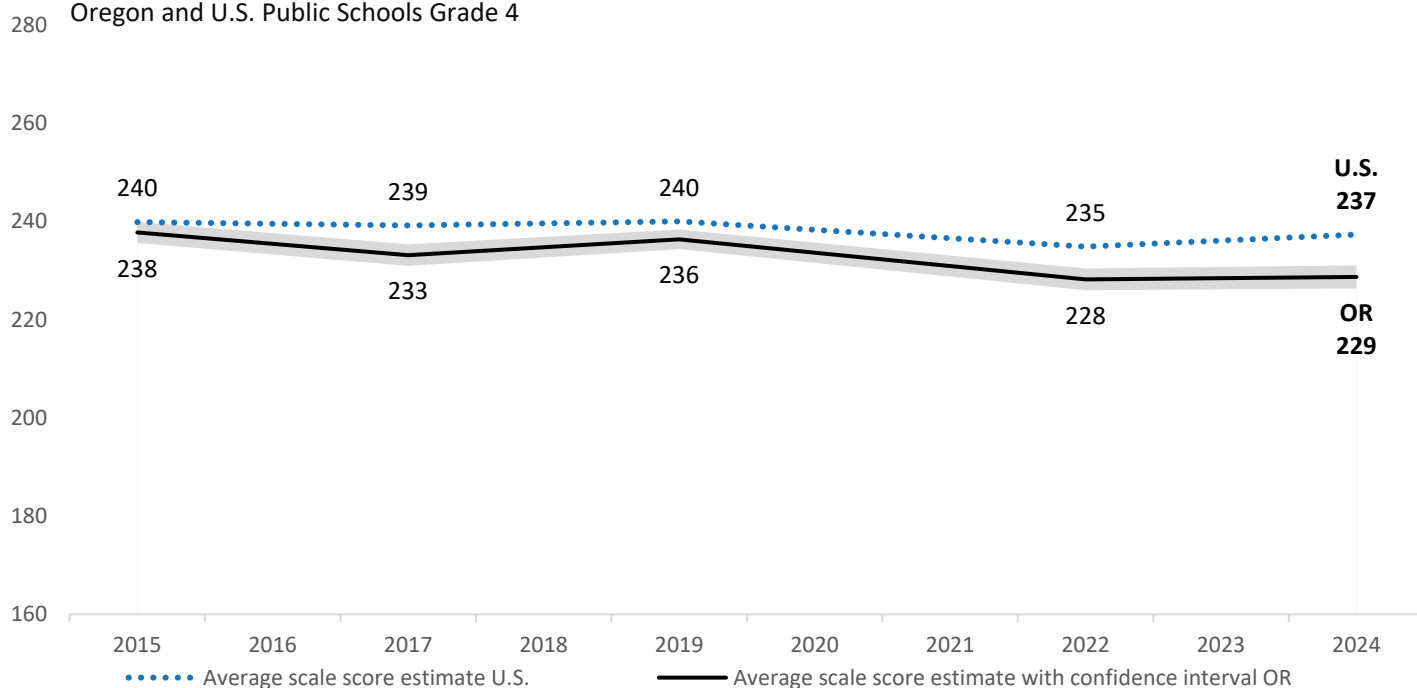


National Assessment of Educational Progress: Mathematics

In 2015, Oregon's 4th graders scored statistically the same as the nation's 4th graders. In 2024, Oregon's 4th graders scored 229, which was statistically lower than 4th graders in the nation's public schools (237).

Figure 28: NAEP Mathematics 2015 - 2024 Average Scale Scores

Oregon and U.S. Public Schools Grade 4



In 2015, Oregon's 8th graders scored statistically the same as the nation's 8th graders. In 2024, Oregon's 8th graders scored 268, which was statistically lower than 8th graders in the nation's public schools (272).

Figure 29: NAEP Mathematics 2015 - 2024 Average Scale Scores

Oregon and U.S. Public Schools Grade 8

