

Comparison of NAEP Race/Ethnicity

Florida and the Nation

The Nation's Report Card

- ◆ NAEP is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in core subject areas such as mathematics and reading.
- ◆ NAEP is the only assessment that allows each state to compare their results to national results, to make cross-state comparisons, and to evaluate progress over time.
- ◆ NAEP is a congressionally mandated project administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences.
- ◆ Teachers, principals, parents, policymakers and researchers all use NAEP results to assess progress and develop ways to improve education in the United States.

Summary

Closing the achievement gaps between students of different races/ethnicities is a goal of both national and state education policy. The results from NAEP 2013 show some progress toward meeting that goal. Florida was the only state to have narrowed the gap between White and African-American students at both grades 4 and 8 and in both reading and mathematics.

Florida's White/Hispanic achievement gaps have not changed over time; however, it is important to note that since 2003, Florida's Hispanic students have consistently outperformed their national counterparts, and that the achievement gaps between Florida's Hispanic and White students continue to be significantly narrower than the nation's.

Key: ↑ Significant increase

Reading	Florida score changes		National Public score changes	
	Grade 4 1992-2013	Grade 8 1998-2013	Grade 4 1992-2013	Grade 8 1998-2013
Characteristic				
All students	↑ 19	↑ 11	↑ 6	↑ 5
Race/ethnicity				
White	↑ 18	↑ 10	↑ 8	↑ 7
Hispanic	↑ 22	↑ 12	↑ 13	↑ 14
African-American	↑ 27	↑ 18	↑ 14	↑ 8
Score gaps				
White/Hispanic	No sig change	No sig change	No sig change	Narrowed
White/African-American	Narrowed	Narrowed	Narrowed	No sig change

Mathematics	Florida score changes		National Public score changes	
	Grade 4 1992-2013	Grade 8 1990-2013	Grade 4 1992-2013	Grade 8 1990-2013
Characteristic				
All students	↑ 28	↑ 26	↑ 22	↑ 22
Race/ethnicity				
White	↑ 27	↑ 26	↑ 23	↑ 24
Hispanic	↑ 30	↑ 28	↑ 29	↑ 26
African-American	↑ 39	↑ 33	↑ 32	↑ 27
Score gaps				
White/Hispanic	No sig change	No sig change	Narrowed	No sig change
White/African-American	Narrowed	Narrowed	Narrowed	No sig change



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Percentage Distribution by Race/Ethnicity

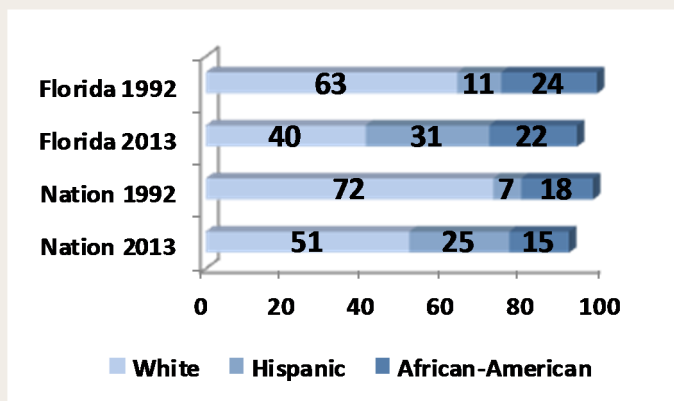
Changes in the Student Population

Over the past 30 years, the demographic makeup of Florida and of the United States has changed considerably. Hispanic students now account for a larger proportion of students, White students account for a lower proportion, and the proportion of African-American students has not significantly changed. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Hispanic population increased by about 58 percent between 1990 and 2000, and another 43 percent between 2000 and 2010 — from 22 million in 1990 to 50.5 million in 2010. While Hispanic students' average scale scores have increased across the assessment years, White students have had higher scores, on average, on all NAEP assessments.

Grade 4 Reading 1992-2013

Between 1992 and 2013

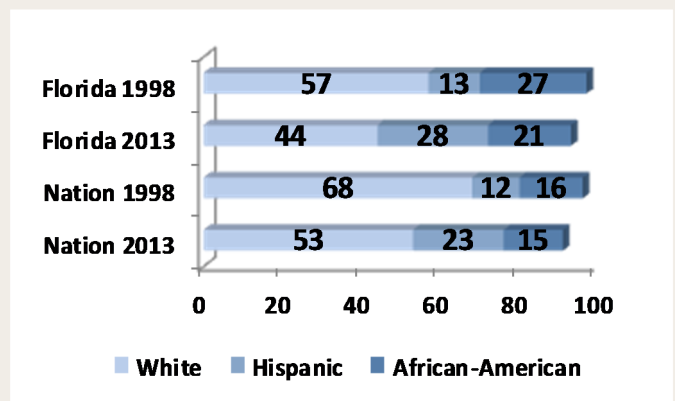
- No significant change in percentage of African-American students in Florida, decrease in nation
- Decrease in percentage of White students in Florida and the nation
- Increase in percentage of Hispanic students in Florida and the nation



Grade 8 Reading 1998-2013

Between 1998 and 2013

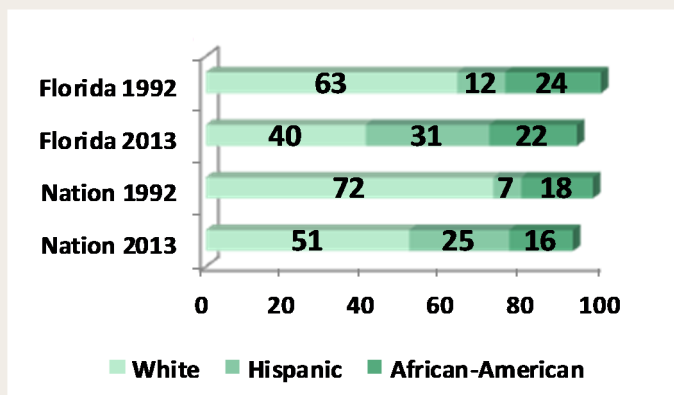
- No significant change in percentage of African-American students in nation, decrease in Florida
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Grade 4 Mathematics 1992-2013

Between 1992 and 2013

- No significant change in percentage of African-American students in Florida, decrease in nation
- Decrease in percentage of White students in Florida and the nation
- Increase in percentage of Hispanic students in Florida and the nation



Grade 8 Mathematics 1990-2013

Between 1990 and 2013

- No significant change in percentage of African-American students in Florida and the nation
- Decrease in percentage of White students in Florida and the nation
- Increase in percentage of Hispanic students in Florida and the nation

