

Appendix table 1-5  
**Students at or above basic and proficient levels in mathematics and science, grades 4, 8, and 12, by race/ethnicity: 1996 and 2000**  
 (Percent)

Race/ethnicity	1996			2000		
	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12	Grade 4	Grade 8	Grade 12
<b>Mathematics</b>						
At or above basic						
White .....	76	74	79	80	77	74
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	73	NA	81	NA	76	80
Black.....	32	28	38	39	32	31
Hispanic .....	41	39	50	48	41	44
American Indian/Alaskan Native.....	52	51	34	53	42	57
At or above proficient						
White .....	28*	31	20	34	35	2
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	26	NA	33	NA	41	34
Black.....	5	4	4	5	6	3
Hispanic .....	8	9	6	10	10	4
American Indian/Alaskan Native ....	8	13	3	14	9	10
<b>Science</b>						
At or above basic						
White .....	79	73	68*	79	74	62
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	66	62	56	NA	64	59
Black.....	34	24	23	34	26	22
Hispanic .....	42	36	33	42	35	30
American Indian/Alaskan Native ....	59	60	52	57	39	44
At or above proficient						
White .....	37	37	27	38	41	23
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	29	30	22	NA	37	26
Black.....	7	5	4	7	7	3
Hispanic .....	9	11	7	11	12	7
American Indian/Alaskan Native ....	26	24	10	19	14	9

NA not available

\*Significantly different from 2000.

NOTE: Special analyses raised concerns about accuracy and precision of the national results for Asian/Pacific Islander fourth graders in mathematics and science in 2000 and eighth graders in mathematics in 1996; therefore, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) did not publish these results.

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Education, NCES, *The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2000*, NCES 2001-517 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, 2001); and NCES, *The Nation's Report Card: Science 2000*, NCES 2003-453 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, 2003).