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# **Overview**

At the Education Data Center (EDC), we are committed to improving timely education data access and transparency. In December 2023, we launched the State Assessment Data Repository in an effort to make state assessment data more widely accessible and engaging for the general public. This project grew from the need across organizations, education leaders, policymakers, researchers, and parents to be able to more easily find and use annual state summative assessment data. This data repository has grown to be the most comprehensive database of state assessment data in the United States. We believe that timely data access and transparency are critical for stakeholders to be able to make evidence-based decisions on how to support our nation's students and address their academic needs.

The State Assessment Data Repository (SADR) is a comprehensive U.S. state assessment database that includes publicly-available assessment data from all 50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico for students in Grades 3-8. This database integrates data across state-, district-, and school- levels, disaggregated by subject, grade level and student subgroups. The SADR includes data received from State Education Agencies (SEAs) via public data request for components that states have not posted publicly, such as data disaggregated by grade or demographic characteristics. The data do not include any student-level data or personally identifiable information (PII). We also integrate important school and district identifiers from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to support researchers seeking to understand student outcome data across a range of external datasets.

To help users explore the data at zelma.ai, users can use Zelma, an AI assistant that can help aggregate and visually display state data over time or for specific school years.

This technical guide provides an overview of the project's data sources and inclusion criteria, as well as documentation about the file format, variables, and data decisions to produce the data files.

## **Document Publication**

This document corresponds to SADR Version 2.1. See *Appendix A. Technical Guide Version History* for the Version History of this document.

## **Data Publication & Citations**

The EDC published Version 2.1 on June 17, 2025. SEA data released or corrected after this date will be incorporated into subsequent versions. Individuals or organizations who use the data files to produce information for the public such as articles, reports, or presentations, should cite the data source and date of retrieval. We value hearing from users about public projects or research using these data – we appreciate seeing the data in use and this also helps us as we seek continued grant funding. Please let us know about your work by emailing us at info@eddatacenter.org.

## **Data Sources**

State assessment data are sourced from state education agencies (SEAs) and are combined with supplementary school and district information from U.S. Department of Education (ED) resources, including the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and ED*Facts*, as described below.

- a. **State Education Agencies (SEAs).** All proficiency data are sourced directly from State Education Agencies, from either their websites/data portals or via data request (no personally identifiable information are included). In some cases, SEA enrollment data are used as a proxy for student tested counts (see Table 17). A complete list of SEA sources by state can be found in *Appendix B. Data Sources*.
- b. **National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).** SADR integrates information about district and school characteristics from the Common Core of Data, a U.S. public school database available from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).
- c. **EDFacts.** The U.S. Department of Education (ED) annually collects state proficiency data in ELA and math from SEAs through an initiative called ED*Facts*. In some cases, ED*Facts* counts of students tested are used as a proxy for student tested counts that are not available in SEA data files (see Table 16). As of this publication, the most recent EDFacts assessment data files available are from Spring 2022.

## **Assessment Inclusion Criteria**

The State Assessment Data Repository includes all available achievement data from annual statewide summative assessments that are used to report outcomes to the U.S. Department of Education under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). SADR does not include other assessments administered by states, such as alternate assessments or English language proficiency assessments.

The ESEA requires that state assessments be administered to students annually in Grades 3-8 and at least once in high school. SADR currently limits data to Grades 3-8.

Several states include schools that are supported by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). SADR data files do not currently include schools represented by BIE.

Prior versions of the database only included assessments administered in English. As of Version 2.1, SADR includes the Colorado Spanish language arts assessment administered to grades 3 and 4 (2021 onward); Puerto Rico's standardized assessments; and the Texas-STAAR assessment administered in Spanish.

Assessment data availability vary by state, school year, and subject. See *Appendix C. State-Subject-Year Data Availability* for a complete list of subject availability by state, including the first and last year of available data.

## **Changes in Assessments**

Changes in state assessments are noted in two ways for data users:

a. in the data files, there are variables that indicate (or "flag") if the subject-area assessment has changed either its name or how the state defines proficiency from the prior year (for ELA, math, science, and social studies), and

b. below all figures produced by the AI assistant Zelma, there are details included as part of the "Notable Events" that explain if states have administered a new assessment in a given year, if there have been changes in proficiency cut scores, if an assessment has not been administered due to field testing, if participation rates were lower than a typical year, or if assessment data are not currently available.

## **School Years Included**

Longitudinal data vary by state, with the first year of available data ranging from 1998 to 2018. A few notes:

- **No assessments in Spring 2020:** No states administered assessments in Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, no data are included as part of SADR for this school year.
- **Missing years**: There may be periodic years of missing data for all subjects within a state or for a particular subject area; often this is due to field testing a new assessment. Some states received assessment waivers from ED in Spring 2021 due to the pandemic.

The full range of available years and subjects for each state is included in *Appendix C. State-Subject-Year Data Availability*.

## **Data Suppression & Missing Data**

According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), states are required to ensure that a student's individual identity cannot be determined when included as part of datasets with educational records. Therefore, states implement data rules that "suppress" or "mask" certain data fields that would otherwise reveal the outcomes for small groups of students; often, states suppress data when a cell size is less than 10 students, though this varies. EDC did not request any personally identifiable information (PII) from states. Suppressed data are represented with an asterisk (\*) in the data files. Information that was not provided in the original data files and is therefore missing is represented with dashes (--) in the SADR data files (see Table 1).

Table	1. Data	a File S	Symbols
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Symbol	Description
*	Data suppressed
	Data missing

**Ranges**: Some states suppress data by including a range of either students tested or the proficiency outcomes. SADR data files retain these ranges. Values represented as "<" or ">" are converted to decimal ranges (e.g., a participation rate of ">.95" is represented as ".95-1").

## The Incomparability of State Assessment Data

All states define proficiency according to their state's unique grade-level and subject-area learning standards. For this reason, results are *NOT comparable across states*, as states administer distinct assessments. These tests are often designed to assess student progress on state-specific standards and are reported based on state-specific definitions of proficiency.

## **Updates to Data & Documentation**

- Changes from the prior data release will be highlighted for the user throughout this technical guide with this symbol.

This technical guide documents the approach that the State Assessment Data Repository has used to standardize the state assessment data files produced by SEAs, including data decisions, important information about each variable, and data sources.

#### **VERSION 2.1 HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2024 data added for the following states: Hawaii, Maine, Montana, New Mexico, Vermont, Virginia
- Addition of Puerto Rico to the database (2019-2024)

• New Mexico data disaggregated by grade x subgroup for the "regular" assessment only for the first time, 2017-2024

• More precise tested counts and improved data disaggregation across many states due to data received from public data requests

#### State-specific updates include:

ALASKA	• 2017-2022: Added data disaggregated by proficiency level (Level 1, 2, 3, 4), due
	to data received via DR
	• Updated 2023 ELA and math cut score change flag to Y after confirming with
	SEA
ARKANSAS	Addition of state level subgroup data for 2024 (file posted spring 2025).
	• Updated "All Students" information from previous version to reflect that it
	was for the "regular" assessment only. V2.1 output includes the combined
	"regular + alternate" data for "All Students" as well
COLORDO	• 2021-2024: Addition of Spanish language arts data for Grades 3 & 4 (Subject:
	"span")
FLORIDA	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request & new data
	pull:
	<ul> <li>2015-2018 grade x subgroup data all from data request</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>2019-2024 updated race and gender data to exclude EOC results for G08</li> </ul>
	math and sci (new data pull)
GEORGIA	Addition of the following, due to data released after V2.0:
	<ul> <li>2024 StudentSubGroup data now available for ELA, math, sci, soc</li> </ul>
HAWAII	Addition of the following, due to data released after V2.0 and data received
	via data request:
	<ul> <li>2024 ELA/math/sci by each data level, disaggregated by grade x subgroup.</li> </ul>
	Includes tested counts.
ILLINOIS	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request:
	<ul> <li>2024 science data disaggregated by grade level</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>2021-2024 science data disaggregated by performance level</li> </ul>
IOWA	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request:
	• 2024 SWD data
KENTUCKY	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request:
	• Level counts for 2022, 2023, 2024 for all subjects (ela, math, sci, soc, writing)
	<ul> <li>StudentSubGroup_TotalTested updated to reflect more precise level counts</li> </ul>
	for 2022, 2023, 2024 [For V2.0: EDFacts 2022 was used for 2022-2024]
MAINE	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request:

	Addition of 2024 assessment data, including state-level results by grade x
	subgroup. No school-level data.
MISSOURI	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request:
MISSOORI	Addition of 2015-2024 state-level gender data and non-EL data, due to data
	received via data request
MONTANA	Addition of the following, from public data and data request:
	• 2024 ELA & math assessment data at the state, district, and school level (for
	the SBAC assmt only; about one-third of districts took the pilot MAST assmt,
	which is not included in output)
	2022-2024 science data by grade level added at state and district level
NEBRASKA	Updated StateAssignedDistID and StateAssignedSchID
NEW MEXICO	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request:
	• 2017-2024 ELA, math, and science assessment data for the regular (non-
	alternate) assessment only. Data are disaggregated by grade x subgroup, and
	include outcomes disaggregated by proficiency level
PENNSYLVANIA	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request:
	• Gender data in 2023
	• EL data in 2023 [English Proficient still not available for 2023 or 2024]
	Non-econ disadv added for 2023, 2024     Non-SWD added for 2022, 2024
	<ul> <li>Non-SWD added for 2023, 2024</li> <li>Level counts added for 2023, 2024</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ParticipationRate added for ela, math, and sci for 2023, 2024</li> </ul>
PUERTO RICO	Addition of the following, from public data:
I ULKIU MICU	• 2018-2024 (no 2021) assessment data at the "state" level. Subjects include
	math, science, Spanish ("span"), and English as a second language ("esl")
VERMONT	Addition of 2024 data, due to data released after V2.0 (publicly posted in
	spring 2025)
VIRGINIA	Changes due to fully new data pull for 2006-2024:
	Addition of 2024 data
	• 2006-2024: Results now reflect values where both the "grade level" and
	"tested level" in the raw SEA data are the same, rather than relying only on the
	tested level; in other words, "Grade 3" outcomes now reflect values where the
	SEA reports that Grade Level == 3 and Tested Level == 3.
	• 2006-2024: EL status update: "English learner" subgroup has been updated;
	"English learner and monitored or recently exited" has been added.
WASHINGTON	Updated StateAssignedDistID and StateAssignedSchID
WEST VIRGINIA	Addition of the following, due to data received via data request:
	ParticipationRate added for ela, math and sci for 2018-2024
	• State-level tested counts by grade x subgroup for 2018-2024 [EDFacts is used
	for all years for dist and sch level; EDFacts 2022 is used for 2022-2024]
WYOMING	Addition of the following for 2018-2024, due to data received via data
	request:
	• Data now represents the regular assmt only (WY-TOPP) rather than the
	aggregated WY-TOPP + WY-ALT
	Aggregated G38 data
	• Level counts
	<ul> <li>ProficientOrAbove_count values</li> <li>State level tested counts by grade v subgroup for (rather than ranges)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>State-level tested counts by grade x subgroup for (rather than ranges)</li> </ul>

# File Format

All files include an identical file format, including identical variables. However, **because not all states report all data components, some variables will be** *empty* **for some states**. In this section, we present variables included in **Version 2.1**.

## State-Year-Data Level Variables

Var	riable Name	Description
а	State State Name	
b	StateAbbrev         Two-letter state abbreviation	
С	SchYear School year for which the data were reported (e.g., 2023-24)	
d	DataLevel Level at which the data are reported	
е	StateFips	The two-digit American National Standards Institute (ANSI) code for the state

## Table 2. State-Year-Data Level Values

## a. State

Value labels reflect state names for all 50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

• *V2.1 Change:* Puerto Rico is now included as a state.

## b. StateAbbrev

Value labels reflect the two-letter state abbreviations for all 50 U.S. states, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

• *V2.1 Change:* Puerto Rico ("PR") is now included as a state.

## c. SchYear

Value labels reflect the school year for the year the assessment; typically, these assessments are completed in the spring of each school year. For example, assessments completed in Spring 2024 are represented as part of the "2023-24" school year.

## d. DataLevel

Value labels include **State**, **District**, and **School**. Data are included at each level to the extent that they were available from the SEA; that is, not all files will have all data levels available for all school years and subjects. Districts represent local education agencies (LEAs) as defined by NCES.

Please note that NCES considers schools in Hawaii and Puerto Rico to be within a single district ("Hawaii State Department of Education" and "Puerto Rico Department of Education", respectively). Therefore, district-level data will be comparable to state-level data in these cases. Vermont's school districts are organized within supervisory unions and are not currently included as part of the repository.

## e. StateFips

Value labels reflect the two-digit American National Standards Institute (ANSI) code for state (see Table 3).

State	StateAbbrev	FIPS	State	StateAbbrev	FIPS
Alabama	AL	01	Montana	MT	30
Alaska	AK	02	Nebraska	NE	31
Arizona	AZ	04	Nevada	NV	32
Arkansas	AR	05	New Hampshire	NH	33
California	CA	06	New Jersey	NJ	34
Colorado	CO	08	New Mexico	NM	35
Connecticut	СТ	09	New York	NY	36
Delaware	DE	10	North Carolina	NC	37
District of Columbia	DC	11	North Dakota	ND	38
Florida	FL	12	Ohio	ОН	39
Georgia	GA	13	Oklahoma	ОК	40
Hawaii	HI	15	Oregon	OR	41
Idaho	ID	16	Pennsylvania	PA	42
Illinois	IL	17	Rhode Island	RI	44
Indiana	IN	18	South Carolina	SC	45
Iowa	IA	19	South Dakota	SD	46
Kansas	KS	20	Tennessee	TN	47
Kentucky	KY	21	Texas	ТХ	48
Louisiana	LA	22	Utah	UT	49
Maine	ME	23	Vermont	VT	50
Maryland	MD	24	Virginia	VA	51
Massachusetts	MA	25	Washington	WA	53
Michigan	MI	26	West Virginia	WV	54
Minnesota	MN	27	Wisconsin	WI	55
Mississippi	MS	28	Wyoming	WY	56
Missouri	МО	29	Puerto Rico 🕏	PR	72

Table 3. State Abbreviations and FIPS Codes

*Note:* Indicates a change or new addition from V2.0 to V2.1.

## **District and School Identifiers**

All data files include important information on district and school names and identifiers (see Table 4), as discussed below.

#### **Table 4. District and School Identifiers**

Vari	able Name	Description
f	DistName	District name
g	SchName	School name
h	NCESDistrictID	7-digit NCES district ID
i	StateAssignedDistrictID	District ID as used by the state
j	NCESSchoolID	12-digit NCES district ID
k	StateAssignedSchoolID	School ID used by the state

## f. DistName

District names reflect the name as spelled and reported publicly in SEA assessment data files or NCES, which may include variations over time (see Table 5).

#### Table 5. DistName Values

Data Level	DistName		
State	DistName = "All Districts"		
District	DistName will reflect the name as publicly reported in state assessment data files from the SEA or NCES. As such, there may be differences from year to year in how the state reports the district name (e.g., "Central Public Schools" one year may be reported as "Central PS" in another year). Note that district IDs would remain constant if the district did not change.		
School	DistName will reflect the district that the given school is part of for the given school year, as defined by NCES.		

#### g. SchName

School names reflect the name as spelled and reported publicly in SEA assessment data files or NCES, which may include variations over time (see Table 6). Not all states report school-level data; data at the school level typically have more data suppression than district- or state-level files.

#### **Table 6. SchName Values**

Data Level	SchName		
State	SchName = "All Schools"		
District	SchName = "All Schools"		
School	SchName will reflect the name as publicly reported in state assessment data files from the SEA or NCES. As such, there may be differences from year to year in how the state reports the school name (e.g., "Franklin Elem." one year may be reported as "Franklin Elementary" in another year). Note that school IDs would remain constant if the school did not change.		

## h. NCESDistrictID

NCES assigns all U.S. local education agencies (LEAs) with a 7-digit identification number. These IDs are typically stable from year to year. All districts and schools in the assessment data files are matched to their NCES LEA ID to support the ability to merge data with other datasets. In some cases, newly-opened districts may not yet have publicly-available NCES IDs at the time of data release and are reported in the SADR assessment files as "Missing/not reported." These IDs will be updated as available.

## New York City Public Schools

In the case of New York City schools, there are multiple smaller local education agencies (LEAs) with unique IDs as part of the Common Core of Data. The SADR data files include these unique IDs. However, for visualization purposes, the data for these smaller LEAs are aggregated to represent the outcomes for NYC schools. See *Appendix D. New York City NCES District IDs* for a complete list of IDs as reported by NCES.

## i. StateAssignedDistrictID

Values reflect the district identification numbers used by SEAs as part of their own data management systems and data files.

## j. NCESSchoolID

NCES assigns U.S. schools a 12-digit identification number. The first 7 digits are consistent with the NCES district ID, and the subsequent 5 digits are unique to the school. All schools in the assessment data files are matched to their NCES school ID to support the ability to merge data with other datasets. In some cases, newly-opened schools may not yet have publicly-available NCES IDs at the time of data release and are reported in the assessment files as "Missing/not reported." These IDs will be updated as available.

## k. StateAssignedSchoolID

Values reflect the school identification numbers used by SEAs. These may or may not be unique for all schools in the file. For example, there may be distinct schools with a StateAssignedSchoolID of "1" that belong to different districts.

## Assessment Variables

All data files include a set of variables to properly and easily identify student outcomes, including the assessment name, the assessment type, the assessed subject area, the assessed grade level, the student group category of analysis (e.g., Race/Ethnicity) and number of tested students in the respective category, and the student subgroup of analysis (e.g., Asian) and the number of tested students in the respective subgroup (see Table 7), as discussed below.

Vari	iable Name	Description	
1	AssmtName Name of state assessment		
m	AssmtType Assessment type ("regular" or aggregated with alternate results)		
n	Subject Assessment subject area		
0	GradeLevel	Grade tested	
n	StudentGroup	Student group category of analysis	
р	StudentSubGroup	Student subgroup within the larger StudentGroup category	
~	StudentGroup_TotalTested	Number of students tested in the designated StudentGroup	
q	StudentSubGroup_TotalTested	Number of students tested in the designated StudentSubGroup	

#### Table 7. Assessment Variables

#### l. AssmtName

Value labels reflect the name of the assessment for the given state-year-subject corresponding to the student outcome data. A change in the assessment name from the prior year is indicated by the variable Flag\_AssmtNameChange, as explained below. In most but not all cases, a change in the assessment name from the prior year indicates a change in the SEA's definition of proficiency.

#### m. AssmtType

Value labels reflect the type of assessment for the given state-year-subject corresponding to the student outcome data. While the repository aims to include data for each state's general state standardized assessments (AssmtType: "Reg" for "regular"), some states *aggregate* the regular and alternate assessment data (AssmtType: "Reg and alt" for "regular and alternate"). Alternate assessments are annual state assessments based on alternate achievement standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities. To reflect the difference in state assessments included in the dataset, this variable is included for additional clarity for the user (see Table 8).

#### **Table 8. Assessment Types**

AssmtType	Description		
Reg	Reg Regular/general assessment data only		
Reg and alt	Aggregated data from the regular/general assessment AND the state's alternate assessment		

States and years for which data files reflect *Reg and alt* for at least some years include Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Puerto Rico (see Table 9).

Table 9. States with Regular and Alternate Assessment Data
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State	Year	AssmtType Available	
Arizona	2009-10 to 2018-19	Reg and alt	
Arizona	2020-21 onward	Reg	
Arkansas	2015-16 onward	<i>Reg</i> (for All Students data and State subgroup data only) and <i>Reg and alt</i> (for All Students + other subgroups)	
Louva	2003-04 to 2013-14	Reg and alt	
Iowa	2014-15 onward	Reg	
Minnosoto	1997-98 to 2017-18	Reg	
Minnesota	2018-19 onward	Reg and alt	

State	Year	AssmtType Available
South	2014-15 to 2016-17	Reg and alt
Dakota	2018-19 onward	Reg
Mananing	2013-14 to 2016-17	Reg and alt
Wyoming	2017-18 onward	©Reg
Puerto Rico	2018-19 onward	Reg and alt

## ♥V2.1 Change:

- Prior to V2.1, SADR included data for **New Mexico**'s "reg and alt" assessments only (publicly-posted data aggregates data across multiple assessments). New Mexico now has "regular" assessment data incorporated into Version 2.1 due to data received via data request for Spring 2017 onward.
- Prior to V2.1, SADR included data for **Wyoming**'s WY-TOPP and WY-ALT assessments aggregated together. Wyoming now as "regular" assessment data incorporated into Version 2.1 due to data received via data request for Spring 2018 onward.

## n. Subject

All states include data for English language arts (ELA) and math. To the extent that additional subjects are publicly available, SADR data files also integrate science, reading (if different from ELA), writing, social studies, STEM, Spanish language arts, and English as a second language (see Table 10). However, not all states have a required assessment for all subject areas. Subjects are included as reported by SEAs. States may assess in additional subject areas that are not included here.

#### **Table 10. Subjects**

Subject	Description
ela	English language arts
math	Mathematics
sci	Science
SOC	Social studies
wri	Writing
read	Reading (only available for Arkansas, 2015-16 to 2023-24; and Georgia, 2010-11 to 2013-14)
eng	English (only available for Arkansas, 2015-16 to 2022-23)
stem	Science, technology, engineering and math (only available for Arkansas, 2015-16 to 2022-23)
span	Spanish language arts (only available in Puerto Rico; and in Colorado, 2021 and later)
esl♥	English as a second language (only available in Puerto Rico)

*Note:* Indicates a change or new addition from V2.0 to V2.1.

Some states use the subject "ELA" to report student outcomes related to reading and writing, while other states use the term "reading" or "reading language arts." For standardization purposes, all states have been recorded as "ela" in the data files *unless the state included <u>both</u> ELA and reading outcomes* in the same year, in which case with subject value labels were retained. This was the case for two states (see Table 11).

State	Year	Description	
Arkansas	2015-16 to 2023-24	State includes ELA outcome data separately from reading outcome data. ELA outcome data is the average of three subjects that are included in the file: English, reading, and writing. Arkansas stopped reporting outcome data for <i>writing</i> after the 2016-17SY.	
Georgia	2010-11 to 2013-14	State includes ELA outcome data separately from reading outcome data.	

#### Table 11. States with both ELA and Reading Outcome Data

#### V2.1 Change:

- Puerto Rico: Subjects included in Puerto Rico's standardized assessments include math, science, Spanish language arts, and English as a second language. Puerto Rico's data are included beginning with V2.1.
- Colorado: Spanish language arts for grades 3-4 are included beginning with V2.1 for Spring 2021 onward.

#### o. GradeLevel

Grade level value labels are limited to Grades 3-8, as well as an aggregated measure ("G38"), if available (see Table 12). *Note that for visualization purposes, zelma.ai relies on data disaggregated by grade level.* 

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GradeLevel	GradeLevel Value Labels
G38	Aggregated data for all of Grades 3-8
G03	Grade 3
G04	Grade 4
G05	Grade 5
G06	Grade 6
G07	Grade 7
G08	Grade 8
GZ	Aggregated data for more than Grades 3-8. Disaggregated grade level data not available.

Not all states disaggregate student outcomes by grade level. This is the case for DC and Maine (see Table 13). Beginning in V1.1, these cases are indicated with GradeLevel value "GZ".

Beginning in V2.1, SADR now includes student outcomes disaggregated by grade level for **New Mexico** for 2017 onward. Previously, the state did not have student data disaggregated by grade level, and values were presented as "GZ", as they included values outside of Grades 3-8.

State Description Year DC does not provide science data disaggregated by grade level and District of 2023-24 denied a public data request to provide this (as of Spring 2025). Columbia Science data are not included in SADR output for 2024. State does not have disaggregated data available. GradeLevel values 2014-15 to 2021-22 are presented as "GZ", as they include values outside of Grades 3-8. State does not have disaggregated data available at the **district** or **school** level; these GradeLevel values are presented as "**GZ**" as they 2022-23 Maine include values outside of Grades 3-8. State-level data disaggregated by grade ARE available. State-level data disaggregated by grade ARE available. District-2023-24 level data include "G38" only. No school-level data are available.

Table 13. States without Disaggregated Grade-Level Data

## **Student Variables**

## p. StudentGroup and StudentSubGroup

Value labels for **StudentGroup** reflect the broader student classification categories of which the **StudentSubGroup** classifications are a part (see Table 14). Each state uses its own criteria to define student subgroups. For this reason, there may be differences from one state to another related to how students are classified; they are not necessarily comparable. SADR data files reflect each state's own data classifications for student subgroups.

StudentGroup	StudentSubGroup Value Labels
All Students	All students
RaceEth	<ul> <li>American Indian or Alaska Native</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Black or African American</li> <li>Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander</li> <li>Two or more</li> <li>White</li> <li>Hispanic or Latino</li> <li>Not Hispanic or Latino</li> <li>Filipino</li> <li>Other Indigenous Peoples</li> <li>Puerto Rican </li> <li>Middle Eastern or North African </li> <li>Unknown</li> </ul>
EL Status	<ul> <li>English Learner</li> <li>English Proficient</li> <li>EL Exited</li> <li>EL Monitored or Recently Exited</li> <li>EL and Monitored or Recently Exited</li> <li>Long-term EL (LTEL)</li> <li>Ever EL</li> <li>Economically Disadvantaged</li> </ul>
Economic Status	<ul> <li>Not Economically Disadvantaged</li> </ul>
Gender	<ul> <li>Male</li> <li>Female</li> <li>Gender X</li> <li>Unknown</li> </ul>
Disability Status	<ul> <li>SWD (students with disabilities)</li> <li>Non-SWD (students without disabilities)</li> </ul>
Migrant Status	<ul><li>Migrant</li><li>Non-Migrant</li></ul>
Homeless Enrolled Status	<ul> <li>Homeless</li> <li>Non-Homeless</li> </ul>
Foster Care Status	<ul><li>Foster Care</li><li>Non-Foster Care</li></ul>
Military Connected Status	<ul><li>Military</li><li>Non-Military</li></ul>

 Table 14. StudentGroup and StudentSubGroup Value Labels

*Note:* Indicates a change or new addition from V2.0 to V2.1.

States have some flexibility in determining how they will report student outcome data by race/ethnicity (as granted by the ESEA). Therefore, reported categories are not uniform, and some states may change student classification conventions over time, add new categories, remove categories, or add more nuance to student classifications.

The race/ethnicity student subgroup with the most variation was for the "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander" categories. For example, Hawaii was the only state to disaggregate results for "Native Hawaiian and "Pacific Islander", while several state aggregated results for "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander." See Table 15 for details on state differences in race/ethnicity reporting.

State	Year	State Subgroup	SADR Subgroup
Alaska	2016-17 to 2021-22	"Asian/Pacific Islander"	"Asian"
Hawaii	2015-16 to 2016-17	"Pacific Islander"	"Pacific Islander"
nawali	2013-10 to 2010-17	"Asian/Pacific Islander"	"Asian"
	2000-01 to 2012-13	"Asian/Pacific Islander"	"Asian"
Minnesota	2018-19 to 2021-22	"American Indian or Alaska Native students" under <u>Federal categories</u>	"American Indian or Alaska Native"
	2022-23 to 2023-24	"American Indian Students" under <u>State</u> categories)	"American Indian or Alaska Native"
Missouri	2014-15 to 2023-24	"Asian/Pacific Islander"	"Asian"
New Hampshire	2018-19 to 2023-24	"Asian+PI+Hawaiian"	"Asian"
New York	2005-06 to 2021-22	"Asian or Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander"	"Asian"
Ohio	2015-16 to 2023-24	"Asian or Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander"	"Asian"
Virginia	1997-98 to 2004-05	"Asian/Pacific Islander"	"Asian"

Table 15. Race/Ethnicity Category Variations

## English Learner Data

Value labels for the **EL Status** Student Group reflect a wide range of classifications used by states (see Table 16). Each state uses its own criteria to define English learner (EL) students and these additional subcategories. For this reason, there may be differences from one state to another related to how students are classified; they are not necessarily comparable. SADR data reflect each state's own data classifications for student subgroups.

Table	16.	EL	Status	Value	Labels
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EL Status	Value Labels
English Learner	Students who meet the state's criteria for being classified as an "English learner"
	(Note: all states use their own process and procedures for English learner classification
	and re-classification as "English proficient").
English	Students who meet the state's criteria for being classified as "English proficient" (Note:
Proficient	all states use their own process and procedures for English learner classification and
	re-classification as "English proficient").
EL Exited	Students who had previously been classified as an "English learner" (EL) but who have
	ever "exited" or "ended" their EL status by attaining English proficiency as measured
	by the state's EL assessment. These students are considered "English proficient".
	(Note: all states use their own process and procedures for English learner classification
	and re-classification as "English proficient").

EL Status	Value Labels
EL Monit or Recently Ex	EL Monitored or Recently Exited: Students who had <b>previously</b> been classified as an "English learner" (EL) but who had "exited" or "ended" their EL status by attaining English proficiency in the past 1-4 years as measured by the state's EL assessment. This is different from the "EL Exited" category, which includes ALL EL students who have ever exited the EL status. These students are considered "English proficient". (Note: all states use their own process and procedures for English learner classification and re-classification as "English proficient").
EL and Monit or Recently Ex	EL and Monitored or Recently Exited: Students who are <b>currently</b> English learners, <b>as well as</b> students who have "exited" or "ended" their EL status by attaining English proficiency in the past 1-4 years as measured by the state's EL assessment. Some students in this category are therefore "English learners" while others are "English proficient". (Note: all states use their own process and procedures for English learner classification and re-classification as "English proficient").
LTEL	Long-term English learners: Students who the state has classified as English learners for an extended period of time, as determined by the state. Typically, LTELs are students who have been classified as ELs for a minimum of 6 years. These students are considered "English learners". Definitions vary by state (and not all states define LTELs).
Ever EL	Students who have ever been classified as an English learner. Some students in this category are therefore "English learners" while others are "English proficient."

## q. StudentGroup\_TotalTested and StudentSubGroup\_TotalTested

Values for **StudentGroup\_TotalTested** and **StudentSubGroup\_TotalTested** reflect the counts of students tested as reported by the SEA. Where the state did not report counts of students tested, data are applied from the applicable reporting year as available from ED*Facts* (which is currently only available through Spring 2022 assessments), from the prior year's assessment data, or enrollment data. However, ED*Facts* only reports outcomes and tested counts for ELA and math; as a result, many gaps still exist for **science** and other subjects. In addition, ED*Facts* does not report outcomes for the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander student subgroup, as these are aggregated into counts with the "Asian" student subgroup. See Table 17 for details on student count values for states that did not provide this information in their raw data.

There may be cases where the summation of StudentSubGroup\_TotalTested does not equal StudentGroup\_TotalTested. This may be due to the fact that not all students are necessarily accounted for in the student subgroups. Within the RaceEth StudentGroup, note that classifications are not necessarily mutually exclusive, particularly for Hispanic/Latino (in other words, students may be counted in more than one RaceEth subgroup, depending on the state's approach).

Note: Visualizations on Zelma.ai are dependent on counts of students tested. Where possible, other sources are utilized to best represent the data. However, not all missing states-years have been matched with other data sources.

State	Year	StudentSubGro up_TotalTested	SADR Data Substitute	
Arizona	2009-10 to 2015-16	No counts	EDFacts	
Arkansas	2018-19 onward	Partial counts	ED <i>Facts</i> [2022 applied to 2022, 2023, 2024]	
Connecticut	2020-21	No counts	EDFacts	
Illinois	2014-15 onward	No counts	EDFacts [2021 ela also applied to math due to missing data; 2022 applied to 2022, 2023, 2024]	
Indiana	2004-05 to 2012-13	No counts	No current substitute applied	
Kansas	2014-15 onward	No counts	ED <i>Facts</i> [2022 applied to 2022, 2023, 2024]	
Mississippi	2013-14	Partial counts	EDFacts	
Nebraska	2015-16 to 2016-17	No counts	Nebraska DoE enrollment data applied	
North Dakota	2014-15 onward	No counts	ED <i>Facts</i> [2022 applied to 2022, 2023, 2024]	
South Dakota	2002-03 to 2013-14	Partial counts	No current substitute applied to subgroup tested counts	
	2014-15 to 2017-18	Partial counts	EDFacts	
	2013-14 to 2020-21	No counts	EDFacts	
Utah	2021-22 onward	No counts	<ul> <li>State counts: Available via data req. starting V2.1</li> <li>Dist and Sch counts: Utah DoE enrollment data applied for "All Students" due to insufficient EDFacts data. Subgroup tested counts not available.</li> </ul>	
Virginia	1997-98 to 2004-05	No counts	No current substitute applied	
	2014-15 to 2016-17	No counts	• State counts: Aggregated from district data Dist and Sch counts: EDFacts	
	2017-18	No counts State counts: Available via data req. starting V Dist and Sch counts: EDFacts		
West Virginia	2018-19	No counts	• State counts: Available via data req. starting V2.1 Dist and Sch counts: EDFacts. MATH counts are applied to ELA for 2019, as ELA counts were not available.	
	2020-21 onward	No counts	• State counts: Available via data req. starting V2.1 Dist and Sch counts: ED <i>Facts</i> [2022 applied to 2022, 2023, 2024]	

## Table 17. Data Sources for Files with Missing Student Tested Counts for ELA and Math

#### V2.1 Change:

- **Kentucky**: Kentucky now has tested counts incorporated into Version 2.1 due to data received via data request for 2022 onward.
- **New Mexico**: New Mexico now has tested counts incorporated into Version 2.1 due to data received via data request for 2017 onward.
- **West Virginia**: West Virginia now has tested counts at the state-level incorporated into Version 2.1 due to data received via data request for 2018 onward.

## **Proficiency and Participation**

All data files include important information on data by proficiency level (also known as "achievement levels" or "performance levels", the criteria used by the SEA to define proficiency for the given year-subject, and the total count and percent of students considered to be at "proficient or above" on the state assessment (see Table 18). Additional variables include the average scale score and the participation rate, if reported. Details are provided below.

Variable Name		Description
	Lev1_count	Count of students performing at Level 1
	Lev1_percent	Percent of students performing at Level 1
	Lev2_count	Count of students performing at Level 2
	Lev2_percent	Percent of students performing at Level 2
r	Lev3_count	Count of students performing at Level 3
	Lev3_percent	Percent of students performing at Level 3
	Lev4_count	Count of students performing at Level 4
	Lev4_percent	Percent of students performing at Level 4
	Lev5_count	Count of students performing at Level 5
	Lev5_percent	Percent of students performing at Level 5
S	ProficiencyCriteria	Achievement levels included in state's definition of proficiency
t	ProficientOrAbove_count Count of students attaining proficiency of above, as defined by the state	
u	ProficientOrAbove_percent Percent of students attaining proficiency of above, as defined by the state	
v	AvgScaleScoreAverage scale score for the applicable student subgroup	
w	ParticipationRate	Participation rate for the applicable student subgroup

Table 18. Proficiency and Participation Variables

## r. Level counts and percents

States vary in the number of achievement levels used to describe student outcomes. Most commonly, state-subject assessments use four achievement levels, such as:

- Level 1 Below basic
- Level 2 Basic
- Level 3 Proficient
- Level 4 Advanced

However, there are some state-subjects that have either fewer than four or more than four achievement levels. For standardization purposes, each state's *lowest achievement level* has been mapped onto the SADR category **Lev1\_count** and **Lev1\_percent**, with subsequent levels progressing up through Level 5, as available. In two instances (Maine and Maryland), the *lowest* achievement level was not mapped onto Level 1 due to the variable naming conventions used by the state (see Table 19).

If state data provide a *range* of values for each achievement level (e.g., 0.20 – 0.29 percent of students), SADR retains these ranges in the dataset.

State	Years/ Subject	Description	SADR Var Mapping
	2020-21 to 2021-22 (ela/math)	• [no Level 1 variable]	Not mapped
Maine		• Below State Expectations	Lev2_percent
		• At State Expectations	Lev3_percent
		• Above State Expectations	Lev4_percent
	2017-18 to 2018-19 (science)	• [no Level 1 variable]	Not mapped
		• Level 2 Pct	Lev2_percent
Maryland		• Level 3 Pct	Lev3_percent
		• Level 4 Pct	Lev4_percent
		• Level 5 Pct	Lev5_percent

#### States with Re-Scaled Proficiency Level Data

The majority of states report outcomes by proficiency level (or "achievement level") based on the count and percent of students that fall in each of the designated performance categories, typically between Level 1 and Level 4. However, **Kansas**, **Washington**, and **Wisconsin** report proficiency level outcomes in a way that *includes* students for whom there is no test score. To standardize our reporting of proficiency level outcome data across states, SADR files have re-scaled the proficiency level percentages to remove the students for whom there is not a valid test score. In other words, the percentage of students achieving at each of Levels 1-4 will now add to 100%, compared to raw SEA data files which would have a total of less than 100% due to the additional reporting category of students without a valid test score.

#### No Achievement Level Data

Some states reported only a single measure for percent of students reaching proficiency or above; these states, therefore, do not have achievement level data (see Table 20).

State	Year(s)	Subject(s)
Delaware	2014-15 to 2016-17	Science
Delaware	2014-15 to 2015-16	Social studies
Illinois	2015-16 to 2018-19	Science
Indiana	2005-06 to 2012-13	ELA, math, science, social studies
Iowa	2003-04 to 2013-14	ELA, math
Maine	2014-15	ELA, math, science
Oregon	2020-21	ELA, math, science
Virginia	1997-98 to 2001-02	ELA, math, science, social studies, writing

Table 20. States-Years Not Reporting Student Outcomes by Achievement Level

## **V2.1** Change:

- Beginning with V2.1, Alaska now has data disaggregated by achievement level between 2017-2022 due to data received via data request.
- Beginning with V2.1, Illinois now has data disaggregated by achievement level between 2021-2024 for science due to data received via data request.

## s. ProficiencyCriteria

Values include the achievement levels that the state uses for a given year-subject to determine proficiency (e.g., "Levels 3-4"). These are the achievement levels that correspond to the ProficientOrAbove\_count and ProficientOrAbove\_percent variables, even if achievement level data are not available for a given state. See Appendix E for a full list of proficiency criteria by each state, year, and subject.

## t. ProficientOrAbove\_count

Values represent the count of students achieving proficiency or above according to the state's designated proficiency criteria. Values are represented as a whole number or as a range.

## u. ProficientOrAbove\_percent

Values represent the percentage of students achieving proficiency or above according to the state's designated proficiency criteria. Values are represented as a decimal or as a decimal range.

## v. AvgScaleScore

Value labels for AvgScaleScore reflect the mean scale score for the given student subgroup, if available. As with all variables, *not all states have available data for average scale score*.

## w. ParticipationRate

Participation rates are sourced from the original data or derived if the state reports "percent not tested." Values are expressed as a decimal or a decimal range (e.g., If the state reports the participation rate as <25%, it is represented as 0-.25). If the state does not provide participation rate data, it is represented as "--" for all observations or applied from the relevant school year from ED*Facts*.

## Indicators of Assessment Changes ("Flags")

All data files include indicators of assessment changes ("flags") from the **prior year** (see Table 21). In some cases, states might change the *name* of the assessment without changing the assessment itself, or the cut scores. Conversely, some states may change or revise a given subject-area assessment without changing the name.

Var	riable Name	Description	Value Labels
x	Flag_AssmtNameChange	Indicator if the state-subject assessment name has changed from the <i>prior year's</i> administration. Typically, but not always, this is accompanied by a change in cut scores.	<ul> <li>Y = Yes</li> <li>N= No change</li> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>= Subject-area</li> </ul>
у	Flag_CutScoreChange_ELA	Indicator if the state's <b>ELA</b> cut scores have changed from <i>the prior year's</i> administration or not, affecting comparability to prior years. A change represents a new baseline in the <b>ELA</b> assessment.	assessment not administered or available for the relevant
Z	Flag_CutScoreChange_math	Indicator if the state's <b>math</b> cut scores have changed from the <i>prior year's</i> administration, affecting comparability to prior years. A change represents a new baseline in the <b>math</b> assessment.	school year
aa	Flag_CutScoreChange_ sci	Indicator if the state's <b>science</b> cut scores have changed from the <i>prior year's</i> administration, affecting comparability to prior years. A change represents a new baseline in the <b>science</b> assessment.	
bb	Flag_CutScoreChange_ soc	Indicator if the state's <b>social studies</b> cut scores have changed from the <i>prior year's</i> administration, affecting comparability to prior years. A change represents a new baseline in the <b>social studies</b> assessment.	

**Table 21. Flags for Assessment Changes** 

An example of test score changes over time and how these are reflected in the data files is from North Carolina (see Table 22). In this example, the state rolled out the new End-of-Grade (EOG) Assessments – Edition 5 first for math (in 2019), followed by ELA for Grades 4 – 8 (2021), and finally ELA for Grade 3 (2022).

SchYear	Subject	Assessment Background	Flag_CutScore Change_ELA	Flag_CutScore Change_Math
2017-18	ELA & Math	EOG Assessments - Edition 4	Ν	Ν
2018-19	ELA	EOG Assessments - Edition 4	Ν	Y
	Math	EOG Assessments - <b>Edition 5.</b> Math EOG assessments were redesigned and new operational forms aligned to the new North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCoS) were operationally administered in the 2018–19 school year.		
2020-21	ELA	<b>Grade 3:</b> NCDPI linked Edition 5 tests to the Edition 4 scale for reporting.	N	Ν
		Grades 4-8: EOG Assessments - Edition 5	Y	
		G38: EOG Assessments - Edition 5	Y	
	Math	EOG Assessments - Edition 5 (second year)	N	
2021-22	ELA	Grade 3: EOG Assessments - Edition 5	Y	Ν
		<b>Grades 4-8:</b> EOG Assessments - <b>Edition 5</b> (second year)	N	
		<b>G38:</b> EOG Assessments - <b>Edition 5.</b> Flagged as a cut score change given changes for Grade 3.	Y	
	Math	EOG Assessments - Edition 5 (third year)	Ν	

Table 22. Flags for Assessment Changes – North Carolina Example

## **NCES Descriptive Variables**

All data files include a set of descriptive variables from NCES, including an indicator if the school or district is part of a charter district, the reported school level, a virtual school indicator, the county name, and the county code (see Table 23), as discussed below.

Var	iable Name	Description
сс	DistType	District type
dd	DistCharter	Charter indicator for the district
ee	DistLocale	An indication of school's location relative to a populous area. The locales assigned to school districts are based on the locale code of their schools, weighted by the size of the schools' membership.
ff	SchType	School type
gg	SchLevel	School level
hh	SchVirtual	Virtual school indicator
ii	CountyName	County in which the district is located.
jj	CountyCode	County code in which the district is located, also referred to as the county-level FIPS code

## cc. DistType

Value labels for the type of district come from NCES, which classifies districts into a variety of district types (see Table 24).

#### Table 24. DistType Values

DistType	Description
Regular local school district	Locally governed agency responsible for providing free public elementary or secondary education; includes independent school districts and those that are a dependent segment of a local government such as a city or county.
Component district	Regular local school district that shares its superintendent and administrative services with other school districts participating in the supervisory union.
Local school district that is a component of a supervisory union	Regular local school district that shares its superintendent and administrative services with other school districts participating in the supervisory union.
Regional education service agency	Agency providing specialized education services to a variety of local education agencies, or a county superintendent serving the same purposes.
State-operated agency	Agency that is charged, at least in part, with providing elementary and/or secondary instruction or support services. Includes the State Education Agency if this agency operates schools. Examples include elementary/secondary schools operated by the state for the deaf or blind; and programs operated by state correctional facilities.
Federal-operated agency	A federal agency that is charged, at least in part., with providing elementary or secondary instruction or support services.
Charter agency	All schools associated with the agency are charter schools.
Supervisory union	An education agency that performs administrative services for more than one school district, providing a common superintendent for participating districts.
Specialized public school district	A specialized public school district is a school district that operates one or more schools that are designed for a specific educational need or purpose.
Other education agency	Agency providing elementary or secondary instruction or support services that does not fall within the definitions of other agency types.
Missing/not reported	School type not available.

## dd. DistLocale

Value labels come from NCES, which classifies districts based on their proximity to populous areas. The value labels used until the 2005-06SY are referred to as the "metro-centric locale" (see codebook for these values), while value labels beginning in the 2006-07SY are referred to as the "urban-centric locale." The locales assigned to school districts are based on the locale code of their schools, weighted by the size of the schools' membership. The value labels and their definitions are presented in Table 25.

DistType	Description	
City, large	Territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with population of 250,000 or more.	
City, midsize	Territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with population less than 250,000 and greater than or equal to 100,000.	
City, small	Territory inside an urbanized area and inside a principal city with population less than 100,000.	
Suburb, large	Territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area with population of 250,000 or more.	
Suburb, midsize	Territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area with population less than 250,000 and greater than or equal to 100,000.	
Suburb, small	Territory outside a principal city and inside an urbanized area with population less than 100,000.	
Town, fringe	Territory inside an urban cluster that is less than or equal to 10 miles from an urbanized area.	
Town, distant	Territory inside an urban cluster that is more than 10 miles and less than or equal to 35 miles from an urbanized area.	
Town, remote	Territory inside an urban cluster that is more than 35 miles of an urbanized area.	
Rural, fringe	Census-defined rural territory that is less than or equal to 5 miles from an urbanized area, as well as rural territory that is less than or equal to 2.5 miles from an urban cluster.	
Rural, distant	Census-defined rural territory that is more than 5 miles but less than or equal to 25 miles from an urbanized area, as well as rural territory that is more than 2.5 miles but less than or equal to 10 miles from an urban cluster.	
Rural, remote	Census-defined rural territory that is more than 25 miles from an urbanized area and is also more than 10 miles from an urban cluster.	

#### Table 25. DistLocale Values

## ee. DistCharter

Value labels for the district charter indicator come from NCES, which indicate if a district is classified as a charter (Yes) or not (No). Observations missing this information are reported as "Missing/not reported." This variable will only have values for district- and school-level data.

## a. SchType

Value labels for the type of school come from NCES, which classifies schools according to distinct characteristics (see Table 26).

SchType	Description
Regular schoolA public elementary/secondary school that does not focus primarily or vocational, special, or alternative education.	
Public elementary/secondary school that focuses primarily on the hard of hearing, deaf, speech-impaired, health-impaired, orthopedi impaired, mentally retarded, seriously emotionally disturbed, multi handicapped, visually handicapped, deaf and blind, and adapts curr materials or instruction for students served.	
Vocational schoolPublic elementary/secondary school that focuses primarily on vocation education, provides education in one or more semi-skilled technical operations.	
Other A public elementary/secondary school that addresses the needs o which typically cannot be met in a regular school, provides nontra education, serves as an adjunct to a regular school, and falls outsid categories of regular, special education, vocational education.	
Missing/not reported	School type not available.

## b. SchLevel

Value labels for the school level indicator come from NCES, which classifies all schools according to their primary level of instruction (see Table 27). This variable will only have values for school-level data.

SchType	Low Grade	High Grade
Primary	Prekindergarten through Grade 3	Up to Grade 8
Middle	Grades 4 through 7	Grades 4 through 9
High	Grades 7 through 12	Grade 12 only
Ungraded	Ungraded	Ungraded
Not applicable	Not applicable	
Other	Any combination of grade levels not included above.	
Missing/not reported	School type not available.	

## Table 27. SchLevel Values

## c. SchVirtual

Value labels for the virtual school indicator come from NCES, which classifies all schools by whether or not they operate as virtual schools. The first year with available data is the 2015-16 school year, so years prior to this will have "Missing/not reported" for all school values. This variable will only have values for school-level data.

## d. CountyName

Values reflect the name of the county in which the **district** is located, available from NCES. This variable will only have values for district- and school-level data. In some cases where a school or district falls on the border of two states, the school/district's county may differ from the state with the school/district assessment data.

## e. CountyCode

Values reflect the county code in which the district is located, also referred to as the county-level FIPS code, available from NCES. This variable will only have values for district- and school-level data.

## Version Variable

**♦** *V2.1 Change:* A new variable, "Version", has been added to the dataset to provide additional clarity for the user about the version of data in use (see Table 28).

## Table 28. Version Variable

Version	Description
V2.1	Version released June 17, 2025. This dataset represents the most accurate and complete
	version of the State Assessment Data Repository.

# **Appendix A. Technical Guide Version History**

## Table A1. Technical Guide Version History

Version	Date Released	Description
Version 1.0	Dec 6, 2023	Initial data launch
Version 1.1	June 18, 2024	<ul> <li>Added remaining 2023 assessment data [now includes all 50 states]</li> <li>Added new student subgroup proficiency data, including outcomes by disability status, migrant status, homeless enrolled status, foster care status, and military connected status.</li> <li>Added new subgroups within existing student groups of race/ethnicity, gender, and English learner status.</li> <li>Added new grade level x subgroup data for Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Nevada, Oklahoma.</li> <li>Added new outcomes by achievement level for Hawaii, Ohio.</li> <li>Added new flags for changes in science and social studies assessments compared to prior year.</li> </ul>
Version 2.0	Dec 18, 2024	<ul> <li>Includes 2024 proficiency data for available states + D.C.</li> <li>Added STAAR-Spanish assessment data for Texas; updated Texas proficiency criteria</li> <li>Added new outcomes by achievement level for Delaware</li> <li>Added new grade level x subgroup data at the state level for Maine</li> <li>Added new grade level x subgroup data for science and social studies for Indiana</li> <li>Re-mapped achievement levels for Ohio from 6 to 5 levels</li> </ul>
Version 2.1	June 17, 2025	<ul> <li>New 2024 data. The repository now includes 2024 assessment data for all states. Newly-added 2024 data include Hawaii, Maine, Montana, New Mexico, Vermont, Virginia.</li> <li>New subgroup data. New subgroup data has been added across several states, including Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, and Pennsylvania.</li> <li>Additional data disaggregation by grade level. New data disaggregated by grade level has been incorporated at the state level for West Virginia (2018-2024). New data has been added for New Mexico disaggregated by grade x subgroup for the "regular" assessment only, 2017 onward.</li> <li>Greater scope. Puerto Rico is now included in the repository. New data has been added for the Colorado Grades 3-4 Spanish Language Arts assessment from 2021 onward.</li> <li>And many more updates! The repository includes many other improvements, such as updated data for Virginia, Illinois, Kentucky, Wyoming, and more.</li> </ul>

# Appendix B. Data Sources

## **Table B1. Data Sources**

State	Data Source(s)	
Alabama	<b>Alabama State Department of Education</b> . <i>Report Card: Student Participation &amp; Proficiency, SY</i> 2014-15 – 2023-24. <u>https://reportcard.alsde.edu/SupportingData_Proficiency.aspx</u>	
	Alabama State Department of Education. <i>Reports &amp; Data</i> (School Performance: Proficiency). https://www.alabamaachieves.org/reports-data/school-performance/	
Alaska	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED). Proficiency data received via data request, 2016-17SY – 2021-22SY (Received July 26, 2023).	
	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED). Proficiency data received via data request, 2022-23SY (Received April 24, 2024).	
	<b>Alaska Department of Education &amp; Early Development (DEED).</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request, 2023-24SY</i> (Received October 30, 2024).	
Arizona	Arizona Department of Education. State Assessment Results (ela and math), State Science Assessment Results (science). <u>https://www.azed.gov/accountability-research/data</u>	
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Education. Assessment: Test Scores. https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/public-school-accountability/assessment-test-scores	
	Arkansas Department of Education. ADE Data Center: My School Info (2016-2024). https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov/	
California	<b>California Department of Education</b> . English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics: Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments, SY 2014-15 – 2023-24 (Research Files). https://caaspp-elpac.ets.org/caaspp/ResearchFileListSB	
	<b>California Department of Education</b> . <i>STAR Data Files, SY 2002-03 – 2012-13</i> (Research Files). https://caaspp-elpac.ets.org/caaspp/	
Colorado	<b>Colorado Department of Education</b> . <i>CMAS – Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies Data and Results</i> . <u>https://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/cmas-dataandresults</u>	
Connecticut	<b>Connecticut State Department of Education – EdSight.</b> <i>Smarter Balanced</i> <i>Achievement/Participation</i> . <u>https://public-edsight.ct.gov/performance/smarter-balanced-</u> <u>achievement-participation</u>	
	<b>Connecticut State Department of Education – EdSight.</b> Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Assessment. <u>https://public-edsight.ct.gov/performance/smarter-balanced-achievement-participation</u>	
Delaware	<b>Delaware Department of Education.</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request</i> (Received November 6, 2024).	
	<b>Delaware Department of Education.</b> 2017 DCAS Science State Summary. <u>https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3470</u>	
	<b>Delaware Department of Education.</b> Assessments: DCAS State Summary Reports, SY 2014-15 – 2015-16. <u>https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/2416</u>	

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State	Data Source(s)
District of Columbia	<b>DC Office of the State Superintendent of Instruction (OSSE).</b> <i>DC Comprehensive Assessments of Progress in Education (CAPE)</i> (ELA and Mathematics Assessment Results). <u>https://osse.dc.gov/dccape</u>
	<b>DC Office of the State Superintendent of Instruction (OSSE)</b> . The Partnership for Assessment Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) (ELA and Mathematics Assessment Results). https://osse.dc.gov/parcc
	<b>DC Office of the State Superintendent of Instruction (OSSE)</b> . <i>DC Science Assessment</i> (Assessment Results). <u>https://osse.dc.gov/science</u>
Florida	<b>Florida Department of Education.</b> <i>Know Your Data PK-12 Advanced Reports, SY 2018-19 – 2023-24</i> (Assessments). <u>https://edudata.fldoe.org/AdvancedReports.html</u>
	Florida Department of Education. <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2014-15 – 2017-18</i> (Received April 14, 2025).
Georgia	<b>Governor's Office of Student Achievement</b> . <i>Georgia Milestones End-of -Grade (EOG)</i> <i>Assessments (by grade) SY 2014-15 – 2023-24</i> (Downloadable Data). https://gosa.georgia.gov/dashboards-data-report-card/downloadable-data
Hawaii	Hawai'i State Department of Education. Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2023-24 (Received February 25, 2025).
	Hawai'i State Department of Education. Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2014-15 – 2022-23 (Received May 29, 2024).
Idaho	Idaho Department of Education. Assessment & Accountability, SY 2023-24 (Assessments, Resource Files). Accessed 24 Aug 2024. https://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/accountability/
	Idaho Department of Education. Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2015-16 – 2022-23. (Received November 27, 2023).
Illinois	<b>Illinois State Board of Education</b> . <i>Data &amp; Accountability: Report Card Data Library.</i> (Report Card Public Data Sets). <u>https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-State-Report-Card-Data.aspx</u>
	Illinois State Board of Education. Assessment: Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). (Illinois Science Assessment Results). <u>https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx</u>
	<b>Illinois State Board of Education.</b> Science proficiency data by grade and subgroup disaggregated by achievement level received via data request, SY 2020-21 – 2022-23. (Received Jan 28, 2025).
	<b>Illinois State Board of Education.</b> <i>Science proficiency data by grade and subgroup received via data request, SY 2023-24.</i> (Received Feb 11, 2025).
Indiana	<b>Indiana Department of Education</b> . <i>Data Center &amp; Reports, SY 2013-14 – 2023-24</i> (ILEARN, ISTEP+). <u>https://www.in.gov/doe/it/data-center-and-reports/</u>
	Indiana Department of Education. ELA and math proficiency data by grade and subgroup received via data request, SY 2013-14 – 2022-23. (Received April 3-June 14, 2023).
	<b>Indiana Department of Education.</b> <i>ELA, math, science and social studies proficiency data by grade and subgroup received via data request, SY 2013-14 – 2023-24.</i> (Received July 11-October 30, 2024).

<b>Table B1</b>	. Data Sources	(continued)
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State	Data Source(s)
Iowa	<b>Iowa Department of Education</b> . <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2023-24</i> (Received September 18, 2024).
	<b>Iowa Department of Education</b> . <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2014-15 – 2022-23</i> (Received December 1, 2023).
	<b>Iowa Department of Education</b> . <i>PK-12 Education Statistics, SY 2002-03 – 2013-14</i> (Student Performance: Assessments – Proficiency Rate). <u>https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/data/education-statistics#Student_Performance</u>
Kansas	Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). <i>Performance Indicators</i> (Longitudinal Performance Level Reports). <u>https://ksreportcard.ksde.org/assessment_results.aspx</u>
	<b>Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE).</b> <i>Performance Indicators</i> (Participation Summary Report). <u>https://ksreportcard.ksde.org/part_details.aspx</u>
Kentucky	Kentucky Department of Education. <i>Files received via data request, SY 2021-22 to 2023-24</i> (Received February 12, 2025).
	<b>Kentucky Department of Education</b> . <i>School Report Card: Data Sets, SY 2020-21</i> (Academic Performance: State Assessments). <u>https://www.kyschoolreportcard.com/datasets</u>
	Kentucky Department of Education. School Report Card Datasets, SY 2012-13 – 2018-19 (Assessments/Accountability). https://openhouse.education.ky.gov/Home/SRCData
Louisiana	<b>Louisiana Department of Education</b> . <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2023-24</i> (Received August 14, 2024).
	<b>Louisiana Department of Education</b> . <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2014-15</i> – <i>2022-23</i> (Received September 13, 2023; December 12, 2023).
Maine	<b>Maine Department of Education.</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2023-24</i> (Received January 16, 2025).
	Maine Department of Education. <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2022-23</i> (Received August 8, 2024).
	Maine Department of Education. ESSA Dashboard, SY 2015-16 – 2022-23 (Academic Performance on the Assessments by Student Population). https://www.maine.gov/doe/dashboard
	Maine Department of Education. <i>Maine Assessment Legacy Data, SY 2014-15</i> (Academic Performance on the Assessments by Student Population). https://www.maine.gov/doe/data-reporting/reporting/legacy-assessment-data
Maryland	<b>Maryland State Department of Education.</b> <i>Data Downloads: Public Use Data for Download</i> (MCAP, PARCC, MSA data).
Maggachugatta	https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/Graphs/#/DataDownloads
massacnusetts	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). <i>Statewide</i> <i>Reports, SY 2009-10 – 2015-16</i> (Assessment and Accountability). <u>https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/statereport/#Assessment%20and%20Accountability</u>
	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Next Generation MCAS Achievement Results (E2C Hub MCAS Data Explorer). https://educationtocareer.data.mass.gov/Assessment-and-Accountability/Next-Generation- MCAS-Achievement-Results/i9w6-niyt/about data

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State	Data Source(s)	
Michigan	<b>Michigan's Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI)</b> . <i>K-12 Data Files, SY 2014-15 – 2023-24</i> . <u>https://www.mischooldata.org/k-12-data-files/</u> (accessed August 28, 2024).	
Minnesota	<b>Minnesota Department of Education</b> . <i>Data Center, Data Reports and Analytics</i> (Assessment Files). <u>https://public.education.mn.gov/MDEAnalytics/DataTopic.jsp?TOPICID=1</u>	
Mississippi	Mississippi Department of Education. Student Assessment (Assessment Results). https://www.mdek12.org/OPR/Reporting/Assessment	
	<b>Mississippi Department of Education</b> . <i>Files received via data request, SY 2015-16 – 2018-19</i> (Received March 5, 2024).	
Missouri	<b>Missouri Department of Elementary &amp; Secondary Education.</b> <i>Gender and EL subgroup data received via data request, SY 2014-15– 2023-24</i> (Received March 24, 2025).	
	Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. <i>Missouri Comprehensive Data</i> <i>System</i> (Students: Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Data). <u>https://apps.dese.mo.gov/MCDS/home.aspx?categoryid=2&amp;view=2</u>	
Montana	Montana Office of Public Instruction. <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2023-24</i> (Received March 21, 2025).	
	Montana Office of Public Instruction. Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2015-16 – 2022-23 (Received January 6, 2024).	
	<b>Montana Office of Public Instruction</b> . Interactive Dashboards: Student Achievement & Performance. <u>https://gems.opi.mt.gov/student-data</u>	
Nebraska	<b>Nebraska Department of Education</b> . <i>Data Downloads</i> (NSCAS, NeSA Assessment Data). https://nep.education.ne.gov/#/data-downloads	
Nevada	<b>Nevada Department of Education</b> . <i>Data Interaction for Nevada Accountability Portal</i> . (Group Summary Report). <u>http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/di/main/assessment</u>	
New Hampshire	<b>New Hampshire Department of Education</b> . Bureau of Education Statistics: Assessment Data (Disaggregated Data File Regular Denominator). <u>https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-and-analytic-resources/bureau-of-education-statistics/assessment-data</u>	
New Jersey	<b>New Jersey Department of Education</b> . <i>Assessment</i> (Statewide Assessment Reports). https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/results/reports/	
New Mexico	<b>New Mexico Public Education Department (NM PED).</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2016-17–2023-24</i> (Received April-June, 2025).	
New York	<b>New York State Department of Education (NYSDE)</b> . <i>Downloads</i> (Report Card Database). <u>https://data.nysed.gov/downloads.php</u>	
North Carolina	<b>North Carolina Department of Public Instruction</b> . <i>Accountability Data Sets and Reports</i> (Disaggregated Performance Data). <u>https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/testing-and-school-accountability-and-reporting/accountability-data-sets-and-reports</u>	

State	Data Source(s)	
North Dakota	<b>North Dakota State Government.</b> <i>Download Insights Data</i> (Assessment Performance; Assessment Participation). <u>https://insights.nd.gov/Data</u>	
Ohio	<b>Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</b> . <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2015-16 – 2023-24</i> (Received September 25, 2024).	
Oklahoma	<b>Oklahoma State Department of Education.</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2023-24</i> (Received November 10, 2024).	
	<b>Oklahoma State Department of Education.</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2016-17 – 2022-23</i> (Received April 25, 2024).	
Oregon	<b>Oregon Department of Education.</b> Assessment Group Reports (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science). <u>https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-</u> resources/assessment/Pages/Assessment-Group-Reports.aspx	
Pennsylvania	<b>Pennsylvania Department of Education.</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY</i> 2022-23 – 2023-24 (Received March 14, 2024)	
	<b>Pennsylvania Department of Education.</b> <i>Files received via data request, SY 2014-15 – 2021-22</i> (Received September 25, 2023).	
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Departmento de Educación. <i>Perfil Escolar.</i> https://perfilescolar.dde.pr/standardizedtest.	
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Department of Education. Assessment Data Portal.           https://www3.ride.ri.gov/ADP	
South Carolina	South Carolina Department of Education. Data, Test Scores, State Assessments, SC READY, SY 2015-16 – 2023-24. <u>https://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/sc-ready/</u>	
	South Carolina Department of Education. <i>Data, Test Scores, State Assessments, SC PASS, SY 2015-16 – 2022-23</i> . <u>https://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/scpalmetto-assessment-of-state-standards-pass/</u>	
South Dakota	<b>South Dakota Department of Education.</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2023-24</i> (Received November 7, 2024).	
	<b>South Dakota Department of Education.</b> <i>Proficiency data received via data request, SY 2014-15 – 2022-23</i> (Received October 16, 2023).	
	South Dakota Department of Education. South Dakota Report Card (Report Card Archives), SY 2002-03 – 2013-14. <u>https://doe</u> .sd.gov/reportcard/	
Tennessee	Tennessee Department of Education. Federal Programs and Oversight: Data Downloads & Requests (State Assessments: Assessment Files).         https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/federal-programs-and-oversight/data/data-downloads.html	
Texas	<b>Texas Education Agency</b> . <i>Texas Assessment Research Portal, SY 2021-22 – 2023-24</i> (Accessed October 22, 2024). <u>https://txresearchportal.com/</u>	
	<b>Texas Education Agency</b> . <i>Student Assessment Results, SY 2011-12 – 2018-19</i> (STAAR Aggregate Data). <u>https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/student-assessment-results/staar-aggregate-data</u>	
Utah	<b>Utah State Board of Education (USBE).</b> <i>Reports</i> (Readiness Improvement Success Empowerment (RISE)/Utah Aspire Plus).	
	https://www.schools.utah.gov/datastatistics/reports	

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State	Data Source(s)	
Vermont	<b>Vermont Agency of Education (AOE).</b> Vermont Education Dashboard: Assessment. https://education.vermont.gov/data-and-reporting/vermont-education- dashboard/vermont-education-dashboard-assessment	
Virginia	<b>Virginia Department of Education.</b> SOL Test Pass Rates & Other Results, SY 2005-06+ (SOL Test Results) (Accessed March 28, 2025). <u>https://www.doe.virginia.gov/data-policy-funding/data-reports/statistics-reports/sol-test-pass-rates-other-results</u>	
	<b>Virginia Department of Education</b> . SOL Test Pass Rates & Other Results: Archived Reports, SY 1997-98 – 2004-05 (1998-2005 Miscellaneous Reports). https://www.doe.virginia.gov/data-policy-funding/data-reports/statistics- reports/archived-reports	
	<b>Virginia Department of Education</b> . <i>Participation rate data received via data request, SY 2015-16 – 2022-23.</i> (Received December 1, 2023).	
Washington	Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. <i>Data Portal</i> (Report Card Assessment Data). <u>https://ospi.k12.wa.us/data-reporting/data-portal</u>	
West Virginia	<b>West Virginia Department of Education.</b> <i>Participation rate data for all data levels; state-level enrollment by grade x subgroup data received via data request, SY 2017-18 to 2023-24</i> (Received February 19, 2025).	
	West Virginia Department of Education. State Assessment Results, 2014-15 – 2023-24. https://zoomwy.k12.wy.us/Dashboard/dashboard/7301	
Wisconsin	<b>Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction</b> . <i>WISEdash Data Files by Topic</i> (Forward data). <u>https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/download-</u> files/type?field wisedash upload type value=Forward	
Wyoming	<b>Wyoming Department of Education (WDE).</b> <i>WY-TOPP data disaggregated from WY-ALT proficiency results received via data request, SY 2017-18 to 2023-24</i> (Received February 19, 2025).	
	<b>Wyoming Department of Education (WDE).</b> Assessment Reports: Grades 3-10 WY- TOPP/WY-ALT Performance Results, SY 2013-14 – 2016-17 (Aggregated and Disaggregated Results). <u>https://edu.wyoming.gov/data/assessment-reports/</u> .	

## Table B1. Data Sources (continued)

# Appendix C. State-Subject-Year Data Availability

Longitudinal data varies by state, with the first year of available data ranging from 1998 to 2018. The data range in Table C1 presents the earliest possibly year available for the state-subject and the latest possible year available. A few notes:

- **No assessments in Spring 2020:** No states administered assessments in Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, no data are included as part of SADR for this school year.
- **Missing years**: There may be periodic years of missing data for all subjects within a state or for a particular subject area. Often this is due to field testing a new assessment. Some states received assessment waivers from ED in Spring 2021 due to the pandemic.
- Changes from the prior version of these data are represented with this symbol: •

Table C1. State-Subject-Year Data Availability

State	Subject	Data Start	Data End	<b>Missing Years</b>
Alabama	ELA	2015	2024	
Alabama	Math	2015	2024	
Alabama	Science	2015	2024	
Alaska	ELA	2017	2024	
Alaska	Math	2017	2024	
Alaska	Science	2017	2024	2021
Arizona	ELA	2010	2024	
Arizona	Math	2010	2024	
Arizona	Science	2010	2024	2021
Arkansas	ELA	2009	2024	
Arkansas	Math	2009	2024	
Arkansas	Reading	2016	2024	
Arkansas	Science	2009	2024	
Arkansas	STEM	2016	2024	
Arkansas	Writing	2016	2017	
California	ELA	2010	2024	2014
California	Math	2010	2024	2014
California	Science	2010	2024	
California	Social Studies	2010	2013	
Colorado	ELA	2015	2024	
Colorado	Math	2015	2024	
Colorado	Science	2015	2024	2022
Colorado	Social Studies	2015	2015	
Colorado	Spanish Language Arts 🔮	2021	2024	
Connecticut	ELA	2015	2024	
Connecticut	Math	2015	2024	
Connecticut	Science	2019	2024	
Delaware	ELA	2015	2024	

State	Subject	Data Start	Data End	Missing Years
Delaware	Math	2015	2024	
Delaware	Science	2015	2024	2018
Delaware	Social Studies	2015	2024	2017, 2018
District of Columbia	ELA	2015	2024	2021
District of Columbia	Math	2015	2024	2021
District of Columbia	Science	2019	2023	2021, 2024
Florida	ELA	2015	2024	
Florida	Math	2015	2024	
Florida	Science	2015	2024	
Georgia	ELA	2011	2024	
Georgia	Math	2011	2024	
Georgia	Reading	2011	2014	
Georgia	Science	2011	2024	
Georgia	Social Studies	2011	2024	
Hawaii	ELA	2015	2024	
Hawaii	Math	2015	2024	
Hawaii	Science	2015	2024	
Idaho	ELA	2016	2024	
Idaho	Math	2016	2024	
Idaho	Science	2016	2024	2021
Illinois	ELA	2015	2024	
Illinois	Math	2015	2024	
Illinois	Science	2016	2024	
Indiana	ELA	2014	2024	
Indiana	Math	2014	2024	
Indiana	Science	2014	2024	
Indiana	Social Studies	2014	2024	
Iowa	ELA	2004	2024	
Iowa	Math	2004	2024	
Iowa	Science	2019	2024	
Kansas	ELA	2015	2024	
Kansas	Math	2015	2024	
Kansas	Science	2019	2024	
Kentucky	ELA	2012	2024	
Kentucky	Math	2012	2024	
Kentucky	Science	2012	2024	2015, 2016, 2017
Kentucky	Social studies	2012	2024	2021
Kentucky	Writing	2012	2024	
Louisiana	ELA	2015	2024	
Louisiana	Math	2015	2024	

# Table C1. State-Subject-Year Data Availability (continued)

State	Subject	Data Start	Data End	Missing Years
Louisiana	Science	2015	2024	2018
Louisiana	Social Studies	2015	2023	2016, 2024
Maine	ELA	2015	2024	
Maine	Math	2015	2024	
Maine	Science	2015	2024	2021
Maryland	ELA	2015	2024	
Maryland	Math	2015	2024	
Maryland	Science	2015	2024	2017
Massachusetts	ELA	2010	2024	
Massachusetts	Math	2010	2024	
Massachusetts	Science	2010	2024	2015, 2016
Michigan	ELA	2015	2024	
Michigan	Math	2015	2024	
Michigan	Science	2015	2024	2018, 2019
Michigan	Social Studies	2015	2024	
Minnesota	ELA	1998	2024	
Minnesota	Math	1998	2024	
Minnesota	Science	2008	2024	
Minnesota	Writing	1998	2005	
Mississippi	ELA	2014	2024	
Mississippi	Math	2014	2024	
Mississippi	Science	2014	2024	
Missouri	ELA	2010	2024	
Missouri	Math	2010	2024	
Missouri	Science	2010	2024	2018
Montana	ELA	2016	2024 🛇	
Montana	Math	2016	2024 🛇	
Montana	Science	2022	2024 🛇	
Nebraska	ELA	2016	2024	
Nebraska	Math	2016	2024	
Nebraska	Science	2016	2024	2021
Nebraska	Writing	2016	2016	
Nevada	ELA	2016	2024	
Nevada	Math	2016	2024	
Nevada	Science	2017	2024	
New Hampshire	ELA	2009	2024	
New Hampshire	Math	2009	2024	
New Hampshire	Science	2009	2024	2014
New Jersey	ELA	2015	2024	2021
New Jersey	Math	2015	2024	2021

### Table C1. State-Subject-Year Data Availability (continued)

State	Subject	Data Start	Data End	Missing Years
New Jersey	Science	2019	2024	2021
New Mexico	ELA	2017	2024	
New Mexico	Math	2017	2024	
New Mexico	Science	2017	2024	2021
New York	ELA	2006	2024	
New York	Math	2006	2024	
New York	Science	2006	2024	
New York	Social Studies	2006	2024	
North Carolina	ELA	2014	2024	
North Carolina	Math	2014	2024	
North Carolina	Science	2014	2024	
North Dakota	ELA	2015	2024	
North Dakota	Math	2015	2024	
North Dakota	Science	2015	2024	
Ohio	ELA	2016	2024	
Ohio	Math	2016	2024	
Ohio	Science	2016	2024	
Ohio	Social Studies	2016	2024	
Oklahoma	ELA	2017	2024	
Oklahoma	Math	2017	2024	
Oklahoma	Science	2017	2024	
Oregon	ELA	2015	2024	
Oregon	Math	2015	2024	
Oregon	Science	2015	2024	
Pennsylvania	ELA	2015	2024	
Pennsylvania	Math	2015	2024	
Pennsylvania	Science	2015	2024	
Puerto Rico 오	Math	2019	2024	2021
Puerto Rico 오	Science	2019	2024	2021
Puerto Rico 오	Spanish Language Arts	2019	2024	2021
Puerto Rico 오	English as a Second Language	2019	2024	2021
Rhode Island	ELA	2018	2024	
Rhode Island	Math	2018	2024	
Rhode Island	Science	2019	2024	
South Carolina	ELA	2016	2024	
South Carolina	Math	2016	2024	
South Carolina	Science	2016	2023	2024
South Carolina	Social Studies	2016	2019	

# Table C1. State-Subject-Year Data Availability (continued)

State	Subject	Data Start	Data End	<b>Missing Years</b>
South Dakota	ELA	2003	2024	2014
South Dakota	Math	2003	2024	2014
South Dakota	Science	2007	2024	
Tennessee	ELA	2010	2024	2016
Tennessee	Math	2010	2024	2016
Tennessee	Science	2010	2024	2016, 2019
Tennessee	Social Studies	2013	2024	2015, 2016, 2017
Texas	ELA	2012	2024	
Texas	Math	2012	2024	
Texas	Science	2012	2024	
Texas	Social Studies	2012	2024	
Texas	Writing	2012	2024	
Utah	ELA	2014	2024	
Utah	Math	2014	2024	
Utah	Science	2014	2024	
Vermont	ELA	2016	2024	
Vermont	Math	2016	2024 🛇	
Vermont	Science	2019	2024	
Virginia	Math	1998	2024	
Virginia	ELA	1998	2024	
Virginia	Science	1998	2024	
Virginia	Social Studies	1998	2014	
Virginia	Writing	1998	2023	
Washington	ELA	2015	2024	
Washington	Math	2015	2024	
Washington	Science	2018	2024	
West Virginia	ELA	2015	2024	
West Virginia	Math	2015	2024	
West Virginia	Science	2019	2024	
Wisconsin	ELA	2016	2024	
Wisconsin	Math	2016	2024	
Wisconsin	Science	2016	2024	
Wisconsin	Social Studies	2016	2024	
Wyoming	ELA	2014	2024	
Wyoming	Math	2014	2024	
Wyoming	Science	2014	2024	
Wyoming	Writing	2014	2014	

Table C1. State-Subject-Year Data Availability (continued)

# Appendix D. New York City NCES District IDs

Subordinate District Name	NCESDistrictID
New York City Geographic District #1	3600076
New York City Geographic District #2	3600077
New York City Geographic District #3	3600078
New York City Geographic District #4	3600079
New York City Geographic District #5	3600081
New York City Geographic District #6	3600083
New York City Geographic District #7	3600084
New York City Geographic District #8	3600085
New York City Geographic District #9	3600086
New York City Geographic District #10	3600087
New York City Geographic District #11	3600088
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New York City Geographic District #19	3600120
New York City Geographic District #20	3600151
New York City Geographic District #21	3600152
New York City Geographic District #22	3600153
New York City Geographic District #23	3600121
New York City Geographic District #24	3600098
New York City Geographic District #25	3600122
New York City Geographic District #26	3600099
New York City Geographic District #27	3600123
New York City Geographic District #28	3600100
New York City Geographic District #29	3600101
New York City Geographic District #30	3600102
New York City Geographic District #31	3600103
New York City Geographic District #32	3600097

Table D1. New York City School District's Subordinate School Districts

# Appendix E. Proficiency Criteria by State-Year-Subject

State	Year(s)	Subject	<b>Proficiency Criteria</b>
Alabama	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Alaska	2016-17 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Arizona	2009-10 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2008-09 to 2013-14	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2014-15	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
Arkansas	2014-15	Science	Levels 3–4
	2015-16 to 2022-23	English, STEM	Levels 3–4
	2015-16 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science, reading	Levels 3–4
California	2009-10 to 2012-13	ELA, math, science, social studies	Levels 4–5
California	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 3–4
	2014-15	Social studies	Levels 3–4
Colorado	2014-15 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
Connecticut	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Delaware	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
District of	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
Columbia	2018-19 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
Florida	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–5
Georgia	2010-11 to 2013-14	ELA, math, science, reading, social studies	Levels 2–3
0	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science, social studies	Levels 3–4
Hawaii	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
Illinois	2015-16 to 2018-19	Science	Level 2
	2020-21 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
	2004-05 to 2017-18	ELA, math	Levels 2–3
Indiana	2010-11 to 2017-18	Science, social studies	Levels 2–3
	2018-19 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science, social studies	Levels 3–4
Laura	2002-03 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 2–3
Iowa	2018-19 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 2–3
17	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 3–4
Kansas	2018-19 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
Kentucky	2011-12 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science, social studies	Levels 3–4
Louisiana	2013-14 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science, social studies	Levels 4–5
	2014-15 to 2018-19	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2020-21 to 2021-22	ELA, math	Levels 2–3
Maine	2021-22	Science	Levels 3–4
	2022-23 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4

# Table E1. Proficiency Criteria by State-Year-Subject

State	Year(s)	Subject	<b>Proficiency Criteria</b>
	2014-15 to 2015-16	Science	Levels 2–3
	2017-18 to 2018-19	Science	Levels 4–5
Manaland	2020-21	Science	Levels 2-3
Maryland	2014-15 to 2018-19	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
	2020-21	ELA, math	Levels 2-3
	2021-22 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2009-10 to 2014-15	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Massachusetts <sup>a</sup>	2014-15 to 2015-16	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
	2016-17 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Michigan	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3-4
	1997-98 to 2004-05	ELA, math	Levels 3–5
Minnesota	2005-06 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3-4
	2013-14	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
Mississippi	2014-15 to 2017-18	Science	Levels 3-4
	2018-19 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 4–5
Missouri	2009-10 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Montana	2015-16 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Nebraska	2015-16 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 2–3
	2015-16	ELA, math	Levels 3–4
Nevada	2016-17 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
New Hampshire	2008-09 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3-4
N I	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
New Jersey	2018-19 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
	2016-17 to 2018-19	ELA, math	Levels 4–5
Name Maria	2020-21	ELA, math	Level 3
New Mexico	2021-22 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 3–4
	2016-17 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
NI XZ I	2005-06 to 2009-10	ELA, math, science, social studies	Levels 3–4
New York	2010-11 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2013-14 to 2017-18	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–5
North Carolina	2019	ELA, science	Levels 3–5
	2019	Math	Levels 2–4
	2020-21 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 2–4
North Dakota	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2015-16 to 2016-17	ELA, math, science, social studies	Levels 3–5
Ohio <sup>b</sup>	2017-18 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–5
Oklahoma	2016-17 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4

State	Year(s)	Subject	<b>Proficiency Criteria</b>
	2014-15 to 2017-18	Science	Levels 4–5
Oregon	2019-22 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 3–4
Pennsylvania	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3-4
Rhode Island	2018-19 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
	2015-16 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 3–4
Cauth Caualina	2015-16	Science	Levels 2–3
South Carolina	2016-17 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3-4
	2015-16 to 2018-19	Social studies	Levels 2–3
South Dakota	2002-03 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3-4
	2009-10 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Tennessee	2012-13 to 2023-24	Social studies	Levels 3-4
Texas °	2011-12 to 2015-16	ELA, math, science, social studies, writing	Levels 2–3
	2016-17 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science, social studies, writing [through 2021]	Levels 3-4
Utah	2013-14 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4
Vormont	2015-16 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 3–4
Vermont	2018-19 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
Vinginia	1997-98 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science, writing	Levels 2–3
Virginia	1997-98 to 2013-14	Social studies	Levels 2–3
Mar - him - h - m	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 3–4
Washington	2018-19 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3–4
147 · 17· · ·	2014-15 to 2023-24	ELA, math	Levels 3-4
West Virginia	2018-19 to 2023-24	Science	Levels 3-4
Wisconsin	2015-16 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3-4
Wyoming	2013-14 to 2023-24	ELA, math, science	Levels 3–4

Table E1. Proficiency Criteria by State-Year-Subject (continued)

a. In MA during SY 2014-15, some used an assessment with 4 proficiency levels (Legacy MCAS) and some districts began an assessment with 5 proficiency levels (PARCC).

b. V2.0 files for OH reflect 5 proficiency levels.

c. V2.0 files for TX reflect Levels 3-4 as "proficient or above", rather than Levels 2-4.

# Appendix F. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### State Assessment Data Repository

#### 1. What is the State Assessment Data Repository?

The State Assessment Data Repository (SADR) is a comprehensive, AI-powered U.S. state assessment database that aims to make state assessment data more widely accessible for a broad range of stakeholders. The repository includes all publicly-available assessment data from all 50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico for students in Grades 3-8.

#### 2. Where do the data come from?

First, all proficiency data are sourced directly from State Education Agencies, from either their websites/data portals or via data request (no personal identifiable information is included). Second, data files integrate data from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to provide information about district and school characteristics. For a complete list of data sources by state, please see the Technical Documentation available at <a href="https://www.zelma.ai/data">https://www.zelma.ai/data</a>.

#### 3. Who created the State Assessment Data Repository?

The SADR initially grew from a project at Brown University. The State Assessment Data Repository is now part of the Education Center, led by Emily Oster and Clare Halloran. The zelma.ai website was created in collaboration with Novy.AI to develop the site's design and AI features.

#### 4. How is the EDC different from other sites that have state assessment data?

The Education Data Center is not the only website with state assessment data. However, the EDC sets itself apart from other current sites for the following reasons:

#### a. The EDC provides users the most up-to-date data publicly available.

The EDC provides updated assessment data promptly upon the public release from State Education Agencies for the most recent spring assessments. This means that individuals can quickly dive into the data to explore trends across schools and districts by grade or student subgroup.

#### b. The EDC's SADR and AI assistant, Zelma, are highly user-friendly.

Zelma allows individuals to use natural language to ask questions and explore areas of interest, enabled by AI.

#### c. All data are easily accessible.

All state data are available to download at <u>https://www.zelma.ai/data</u>. Individuals may select the state and year of interest and easily export as a .csv file.

#### d. The EDC offers broad subject-area coverage.

Existing data sources prioritize data for reading/ELA and math, which is largely based on the fact that this is what states are required to submit for federal reporting purposes. However, State Education Agencies often provide academic achievement data across other subjects as well, such as science and social studies. We believe that integrating these subject areas captures other important areas of student learning.

#### Summative Assessments

#### 5. What assessments does the State Assessment Data Repository include?

The SADR includes data from annual statewide summative assessments; it does not include other assessments administered by states, such as alternate assessments or English language proficiency assessments. Currently, the SADR only contains assessments administered in English except for the Texas STAAR-Spanish assessment, Puerto Rico's standardized assessments, and the Colorado Spanish language arts assessment.

#### 6. My state adopted a new assessment recently. Can I still see prior achievement data?

Yes. The SADR includes all available achievement data for all available school years, regardless of changes. Changes in state assessments are noted in two ways for data users: 1) in the data files, there are variables that note if the subject-area assessment has changed either its name or how the state defines proficiency, and 2) all visuals produced by Zelma include detailed notes that indicate when states changed or administered new assessments in order to better inform interpretation.

#### 7. How do states define proficiency?

All states define proficiency according to their state's unique grade-level and subject-area learning standards. For this reason, results are NOT comparable across states, as states administer distinct assessments.

#### 8. How are changes in assessment administration accounted for?

#### Raw data files

In the raw data files, variables indicate if there has been a change in the assessment name (for a given subject and year) or changes in cut score criteria affecting comparability to the prior year.

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Changes in state assessments that affect comparability over time are described below the figures as part of the "Notable Events." The Notable Events will explain if states have administered a new assessment in a given year, if there have been changes in proficiency cut scores, if an assessment has not been administered due to field testing, if participation rates were lower than a typical year, or if assessment data are not currently available.

#### 9. Are proficiency data comparable across states?

No, the results are NOT comparable across states, as states administer distinct assessments. These tests are often designed to assess student progress on state-specific standards, and are reported based on state-specific definitions of proficiency. Rather, for each state, the AI Assistant, Zelma, can provide insight into trends and outcomes across districts and schools.

#### Data Availability

#### 10. How can I get notified about data updates?

We encourage all data users to subscribe to receive data updates via email – you may do so at the bottom of our webpage here: <u>https://www.zelma.ai/</u>. Upon downloading SADR data files or the full dataset, you will also have the opportunity to subscribe to receive information about new data updates as well.

### 11. What states are included as part of the State Assessment Data Repository?

Data are available for all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. However, states vary in the years and data components that are publicly available.

#### 12. What datasets are available to download?

All state data are available to download here: <u>https://www.zelma.ai/data</u>. Individuals may select the state and year of interest and easily export as a .csv file. Data are also available via our API, here: <u>https://www.zelma.ai/api</u>.

#### 13. What subjects does the State Assessment Data Repository include?

All states include data for English language arts (ELA) and math. To the extent that additional subjects are publicly available, the State Assessment Data Repository also integrates data for science, reading (if different from ELA), writing, social studies, STEM, Spanish language arts, and English as a second language (Puerto Rico only). However, not all states have publicly posted assessment data for subject areas other than ELA and math.

#### 14. What school years are available as part of the State Assessment Data Repository?

In Version 2.1, released in June 2025, Spring 2024 assessment data are included for all states, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Longitudinal data varies by state, with the first year of available data ranging from 1998 to 2018. No states administered assessments in Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore, no data are included as part of SADR for this school year. Users may view the years of availability for each state, by subject, at <a href="https://www.zelma.ai/data">https://www.zelma.ai/data</a>.

#### 15. What grades are available?

Assessment data are currently limited to grades 3-8.

#### 16. What student subgroups are available in the data?

To the extent that states have published or shared student subgroup information, data are available for the following student groups and subgroups:

- All students
- Race/ethnicity
  - American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Black or African American; Middle Eastern or North African; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Puerto Rican; Two or More; White; Hispanic or Latino; Unknown; Not Hispanic or Latino; Filipino; Other Indigenous Peoples
- Gender
  - o Male, Female, Gender X (for all non-binary values), Unknown
- English language status
  - English learner, English proficient, EL exited, EL monitored or recently exited, EL and recently monitored/recently exited, LTEL, Ever EL
- Economic status
  - Economically disadvantaged, not economically disadvantaged
- Disability Status
  - Students with disabilities, non-students with disabilities
- Migrant Status:
  - Migrant, non-migrant
- Homeless enrolled status:
  - Homeless, non-homeless
- Foster care status:
  - Foster care, non-foster care
- Military connected status:
  - Military, non-military

#### 17. How are student subgroups defined?

Each state uses its own criteria to define student subgroups such as race/ethnicity, gender, English learner status, and economic status. The SADR reflects each state's own data classifications for student subgroups. For this reason, results are NOT comparable across states, as states administer distinct assessments and may have unique state criteria for student classifications.

#### 18. What variables are included in the data?

All state datasets include an identical set of variables, even if a state does not have data available for a particular variable. Specific NCES variables include: district and school NCES IDs, district and school state-assigned IDs, district and school types, indicators for virtual school or charter district, county names and IDs, and school-level information. For a complete list and description of all available variables, visit <u>https://www.zelma.ai/data</u>.

#### 19. Does the dataset include student-level information?

No, the dataset does not include any student-level data or "personally identifiable information" (PII). Aggregated data are only available at the state, district, or school level, depending on the state.

#### 20. What kinds of schools are included in the datasets?

The datasets include data from all U.S. public school districts (including charter schools) with available data from State Education Agencies for students in Grades 3-8 on the general summative assessments.

#### 21. Will more data be added to the SADR?

Yes. The EDC will incorporate additional data as part of the State Assessment Data Repository in June and December of each year. Updates will reflect: a) newly-released data from State Education Agencies each year, and b) any additional data that the EDC has received via data request for missing components. The next scheduled data release is December 2025, which will include available assessment data from Spring 2025 as part of Version 3.0.

If there are data components you are interested in seeing in the future, please send your feedback to info@eddatacenter.org.

#### Using Zelma, EDC's AI Assistant

#### 22. What is Zelma?

Zelma is an AI-powered research assistant that can help answer your assessment-related questions as part of the State Assessment Data Repository! Zelma is intended to make understanding these data accessible to anyone who can ask questions, which is everyone. Our target audience includes educators and education leaders, journalists and policymakers, parents, researchers and students. Visuals help to answer questions that individuals may have about particular states, districts, or schools, and data files are available for anyone who wants to use the data itself for further exploration.

#### 23. How can I create an account? What can I do with an account?

Users may create their own account through our sign in page here: <u>https://www.zelma.ai/sign-in</u>. Creating an account will allow users to save all queries.

#### 24. How does Zelma work?

All state assessment data files have been re-formatted by the EDC's team using a standardized set of variable names. Zelma draws from these files to respond to user queries; in other words, Zelma cannot use any external data. To be fully transparent with how Zelma draws from the datafiles, each query also displays the associated SQL code to explain the commands used to generate the response. Zelma is always learning - and improving!

#### 25. What can I do with Zelma? How can I use it?

Zelma is a tool to ask questions about state test score data in the United States. Zelma can produce line graphs, bar graphs, pie charts and tables about assessment data only. The best way to use Zelma is to be specific about the following components of interest:

- State, district(s) or school(s) of interest
- Subject(s) of interest
- Time frame of interest (e.g., including "over time" in your query will produce a trend line)
- Student groups of interest

For example, users can ask:

- "Please show me math scores in Minnesota over time."
- "How do math test scores differ by race/ethnicity in New Jersey?"

Users can also ask how districts within a state compare to others, or about which districts are the top performing in a certain subject:

• "What were the top 5 performing school districts in math in Mississippi in 2024?"

The more detail that users can give Zelma, the better. And if she doesn't quite get it, try again!

#### 26. What if I am not seeing anything appear for my query?

There are a few possible reasons that you may not see a visual appear for your query:

- Zelma may need some more information. Try asking the question in a different way can the query be more specific (e.g., are you interested in a particular year or subject)?
- The data may not be provided from states in a way that allows for visualizations. In some cases, data are not available from states in a way that Zelma can use for visualization purposes. For example, Zelma relies on data disaggregated by grade level; states that only provide aggregated data for all of grades 3-8 cannot be included here. In addition, Zelma relies on data related to the number of students tested across the state, district, and schools. When states omit the number of students tested, Zelma is not able to use proficiency data for visualization purposes. However, proficiency rates may still be available in state files at https://www.zelma.ai/data.
- The data file may not be available. There are several reasons for this: the state may have only administered a field test in a given year, the state may have received a federal waiver from testing in 2021 due to the pandemic, the state may not post all assessment data online, or the state may have stopped administering an assessment.

You may always contact us at <u>info@eddatacenter.org</u> and we are happy to look into any questions you have about your queries.

### 27. How does Zelma handle data suppression?

### Raw data files

In order to protect personally identifiable information (PII), states have regulations in place to limit the amount of information shared publicly. For example, many states omit proficiency data if a given subgroup of students includes 10 or fewer students. In the raw data files, these cases of data suppression are designated with an asterisk (\*), while missing data is designated as --. States may present a data range rather than a specific number for a given variable. In the raw data files, the data ranges are preserved.

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For the purposes of the data visualizations, Zelma replaces data ranges with the mid-point. For example, a state may indicate that 20-30 students completed the ELA assessment in a given school; for visualization purposes Zelma replaces this as 25. Missing data (--) are omitted from visualizations.

#### <u>Other</u>

# 28. How do I cite the data that I use from the raw data files as part of the State Assessment Data Repository?

#### <u>Citation Format (Raw Data)</u>

Education Data Center. (2025). State Assessment Data Repository (Version 2.1) [Data sets/Years]. Education Data Center. Retrieved Month DD, YYYY https://www.zelma.ai/data.

#### <u>Example</u>

Education Data Center. (2025). State Assessment Data Repository (Version 2.1), [Minnesota (2018–2023); Wisconsin (2018–2023)]. Education Data Center. Retrieved June 17, 2025, from https://www.zelma.ai/data

#### 29. How do I cite the data that I use from figures or tables produced by Zelma?

Zelma queries used to produce information for the general public such as articles, reports, or presentations, should cite the data source as follows (currently, the data posted to our site represent Version 2.1).

#### Citation Format (Zelma Queries)

Education Data Center. (2025). State Assessment Data Repository (Version 2.1). Zelma Query, "[Query title]". Education Data Center. Retrieved Month DD, YYYY, from [query link]

#### <u>Example</u>

Education Data Center. (2025). State Assessment Data Repository (Version 2.1). Zelma Query, "Math scores by race in New York over time." Education Data Center. Retrieved June 17, 2025, from https://www.zelma.ai/q/JTS8BN29Y8

#### 30. Where can I find the Terms of Service?

More information about our Terms of Service can be found at <u>https://www.zelma.ai/terms-of-service</u>.

#### 31. How do I share questions, comments, or corrections?

All questions, comments, or corrections can be sent to our team at info@eddatacenter.org. Thank you for your feedback!