The map compares Colorado 4th graders average scale score on the NAEP 2019 Reading assessment to the other 49 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense schools. Colorado, which is shaded green, is the focal state. States shaded light blue scored lower than Colorado. Dark-blue shaded states scored higher than Colorado and grey-shaded states scored the same as Colorado. Because NAEP results are based on samples, there is a margin of error associated with each score or percentage. Therefore, only those differences in scores or percentages that meet NAEP’s standards for statistical significance are reported as higher or lower.
Using the average scale score on the NAEP 2019 Reading assessment for each state, this bar graph compares Colorado 4th graders with the other 49 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense schools. The red bar indicates the National Public average. The green bar represents Colorado. Darker shaded bars indicate significant difference from National Public average.
National Change in NAEP Grade 4 Reading Scale Scores Over Ten Years

Using the average scale score on the NAEP 2019 Reading assessment for each state, this bar graph compares Colorado 4th graders with the other 49 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense schools. The red bar indicates the National Public average. The green bar represents Colorado. Darker shaded bars indicate significant difference from National Public average.
Colorado vs National Public Average Scale Score by Percentiles 2003-2019

The line charts above represent average scale score on the 2019 NAEP Grade 4 Reading assessment separated into the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles for each Colorado and National Public school students extending back to 2003. The dashed lines represent the 2019 NAEP Grade 4 Reading NAEP Basic and Proficient achievement levels.
The bar chart on the far left compares the percentages at each NAEP Reading achievement level for 4th graders in Colorado and National Public in 2009. The bar chart on the right compares the percentages at each NAEP Reading achievement level for 4th grade in Colorado and National Public in 2019. Blue represents the percent of students scoring in the advanced achievement level. Green represents the percent of students scoring in the proficient achievement level. Yellow represents the percent of students scoring in the basic achievement level. Red represents the percent of students that scored below the basic achievement level.
The horizontal box plots above represent average scale score on the 2019 NAEP Grade 4 Reading assessment separated into the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles for each Colorado subgroup. The dashed orange line represents the 2019 NAEP Grade 4 Reading NAEP Proficient achievement level scale score of 238.
Colorado NAEP Reading Grade 4 Black / White Gap

This is a comparison of Colorado and National Public 4th grade student subgroups using the average scale scores on the NAEP Reading assessment extending back to 2003. The red line represents White student 4th grade average scale scores while the blue line represents Black student 4th grade average scale scores. The dotted green vertical lines represent the score gaps between the student subgroups.

NOTE: The NAEP Reading scale ranges from 0 to 500. Observed differences are not necessarily statistically significant.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
This is a comparison of Colorado and National Public 4th grade student subgroups using the average scale scores on the NAEP Reading assessment extending back to 2003. The red line represents White student 4th grade average scale scores while the blue line represents Hispanic student 4th grade average scale scores. The dotted green vertical lines represent the score gaps between the student subgroups.
This is a comparison of Colorado and National Public 4th grade student subgroups using the average scale scores on the NAEP Reading assessment extending back to 2003. The red line represents 4th grade students not eligible for free and reduced lunch average scale scores while the blue line represents 4th grade students eligible for free and reduced lunch average scale scores. The dotted green vertical lines represent the score gaps between the student subgroups.
Colorado NAEP Reading Grade 4 Non-Disabled Students / Students with Disabilities Gap

This is a comparison of Colorado and National Public 4th grade student subgroups using the average scale scores on the NAEP Reading assessment extending back to 2003. The red line represents 4th grade average scale scores of non-disabled students while the blue line represents 4th grade average scale scores of with disabilities. The dotted green vertical lines represent the score gaps between the student subgroups.

NOTE: The NAEP Reading scale ranges from 0 to 500. Observed differences are not necessarily statistically significant. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).
Colorado NAEP Reading Grade 4 Non-English Language Learners / English Language Learners Gap

This is a comparison of Colorado and National Public 4th grade student subgroups using the average scale scores on the NAEP Reading assessment extending back to 2003. The red line represents 4th grade average scale scores of students who are not English language learners while the blue line represents 4th grade average scale scores of students who are English language learners. The dotted green vertical lines represent the score gaps between the student subgroups.

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