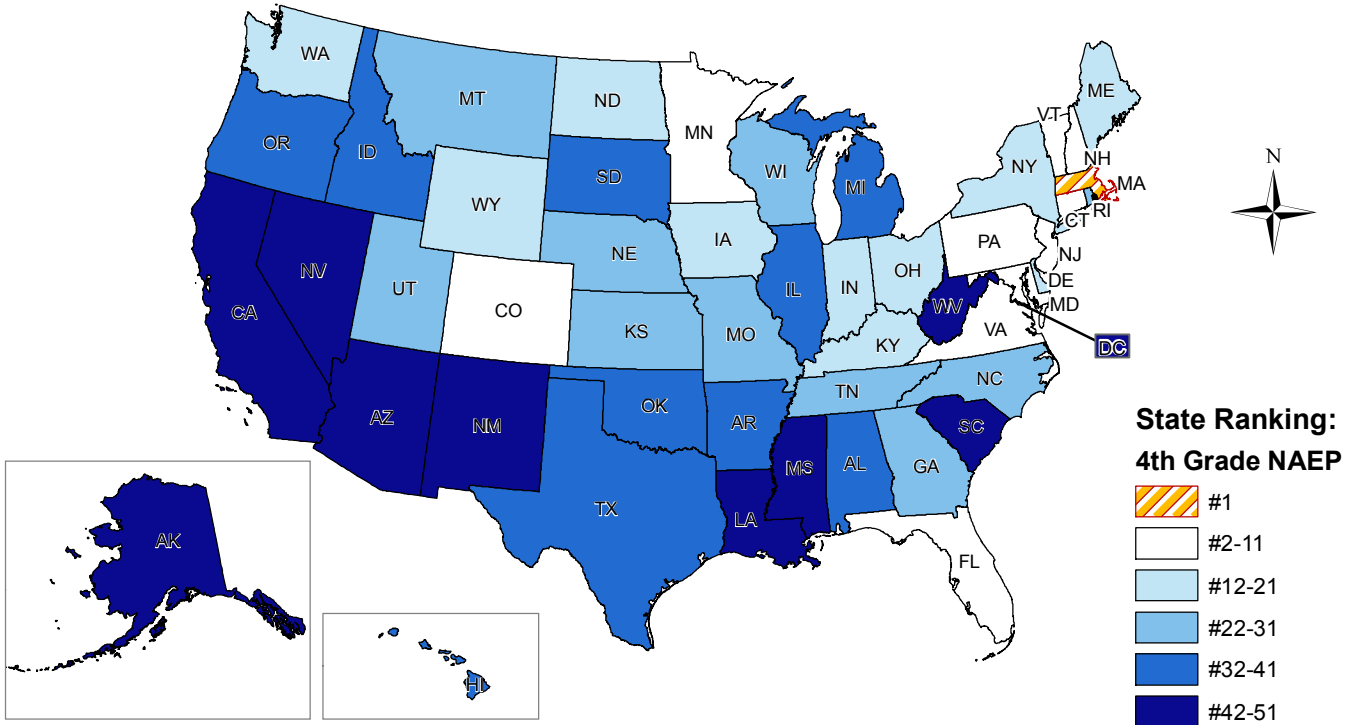


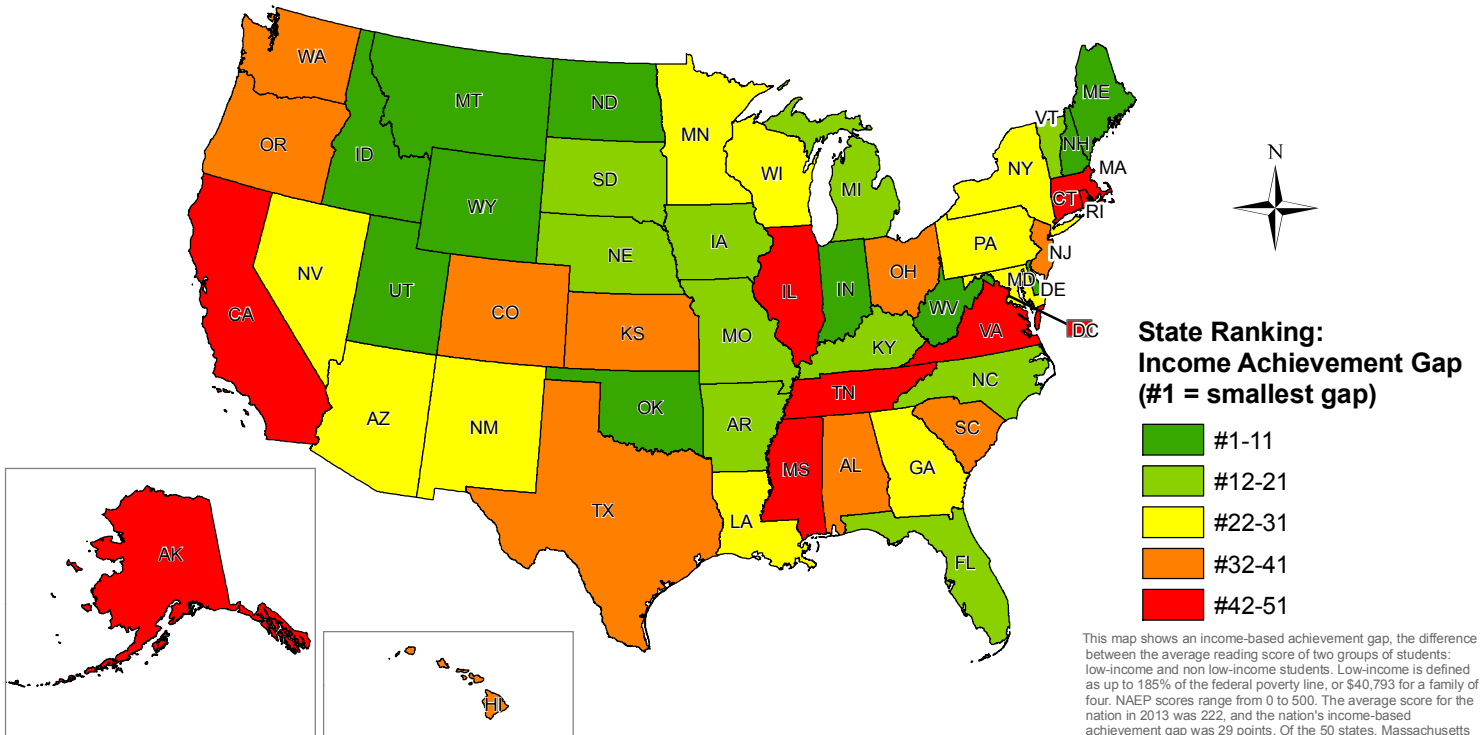
Fourth Grade Reading, State Comparisons & Achievement Gaps 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Massachusetts children score highest on national tests...



Rankings based on NAEP scale scores. In terms of proficiency levels, only 47% of MA students and 34% of students nationally scored at or above proficient in 2013.

...but a profound achievement gap remains.



This map shows an income-based achievement gap, the difference between the average reading score of two groups of students: low-income and non low-income students. Low-income is defined as up to 185% of the federal poverty line, or \$40,793 for a family of four. NAEP scores range from 0 to 500. The average score for the nation in 2013 was 222, and the nation's income-based achievement gap was 29 points. Of the 50 states, Massachusetts has the 7th largest achievement gap at 31 points. Achievement gaps range from 14 points (WV) to 50 points (DC).

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2013 Reading Assessment.