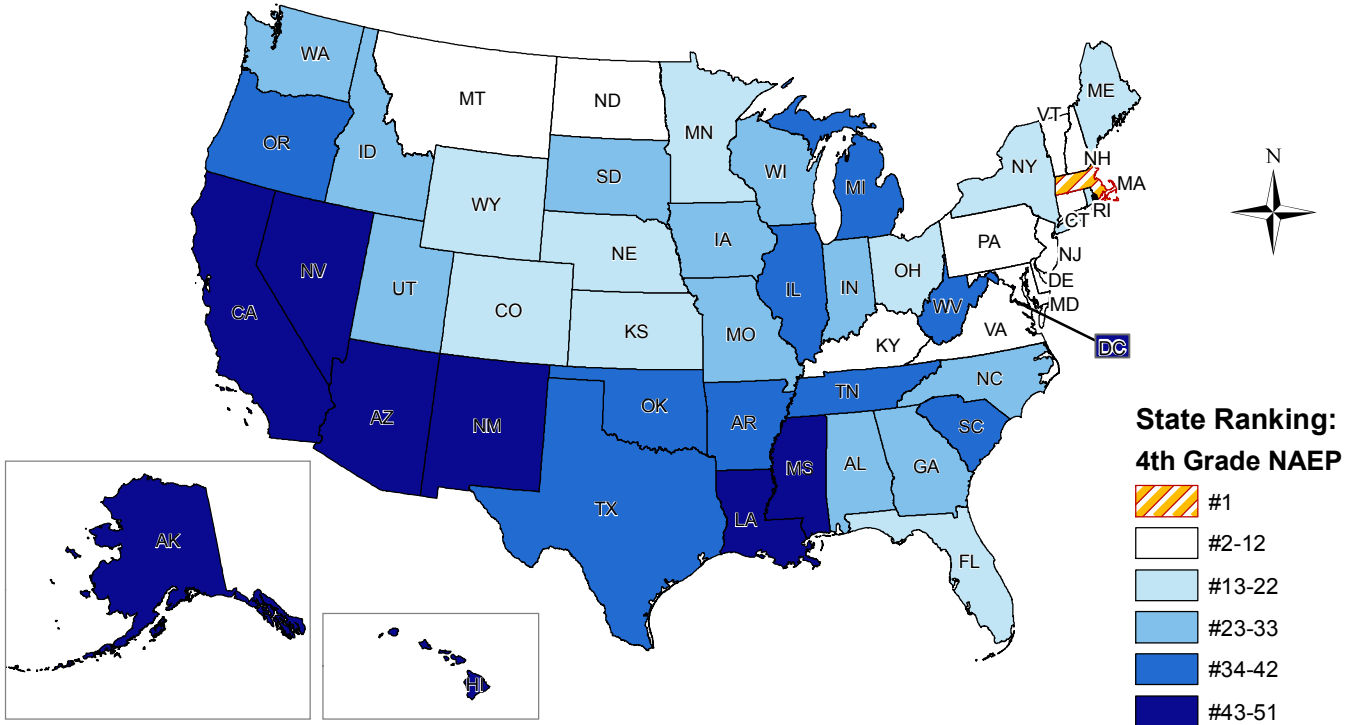


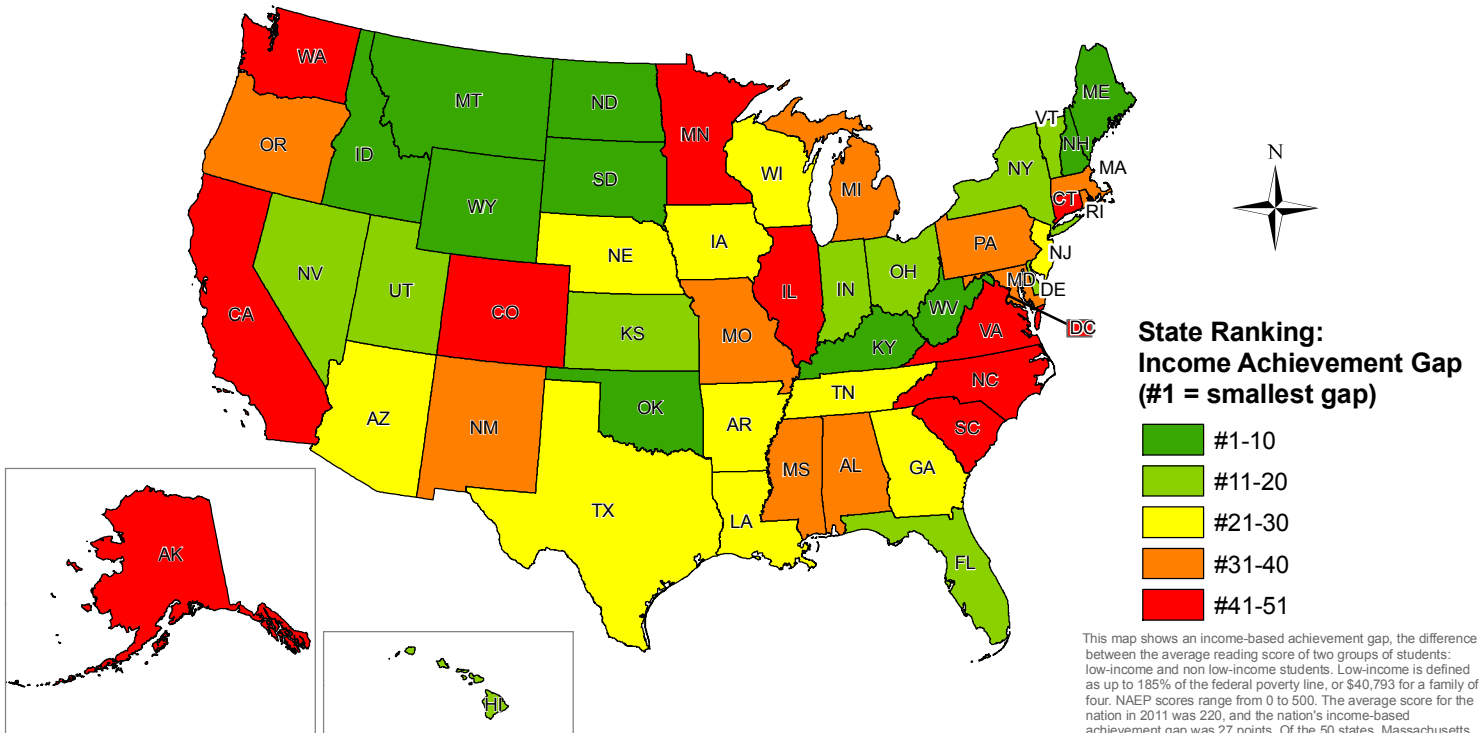
# Fourth Grade Reading, State Comparisons & Achievement Gaps 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Massachusetts children score highest on national tests...



Breaks unequal due to tie scores. Only 50% of MA students and 34% of students nationally scored at or above "proficient."

...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 2011 was 220, and the nation's income-based achievement gap was 27 points. Of the 50 states, Massachusetts has the 12th largest achievement gap at 27 points. Achievement gaps range from 15 points (ND) to 39 points (DC).

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2011 Reading Assessment.