In 2009, the average score of twelfth-grade students in Illinois was 292. This was higher than the average score of 287 for public school students in the nation.

The percentage of students in Illinois who performed at or above the NAEP Proficient level was 40 percent in 2009. This percentage was not significantly different from the nation (37 percent).

The percentage of students in Illinois who performed at or above the NAEP Basic level was 78 percent in 2009. This percentage was greater than the nation (73 percent).

In 2009, the average score in Illinois was
- lower than that in 0 states/jurisdictions
- higher than those in 3 states/jurisdictions
- not significantly different from those in 7 states/jurisdictions
- 41 states/jurisdictions did not participate

In 2009, female students in Illinois had an average score that was higher than male students.

In 2009, Black students had an average score that was 26 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from the nation (27 points).

In 2009, Hispanic students had an average score that was 22 points lower than White students. This performance gap was not significantly different from the nation (22 points).