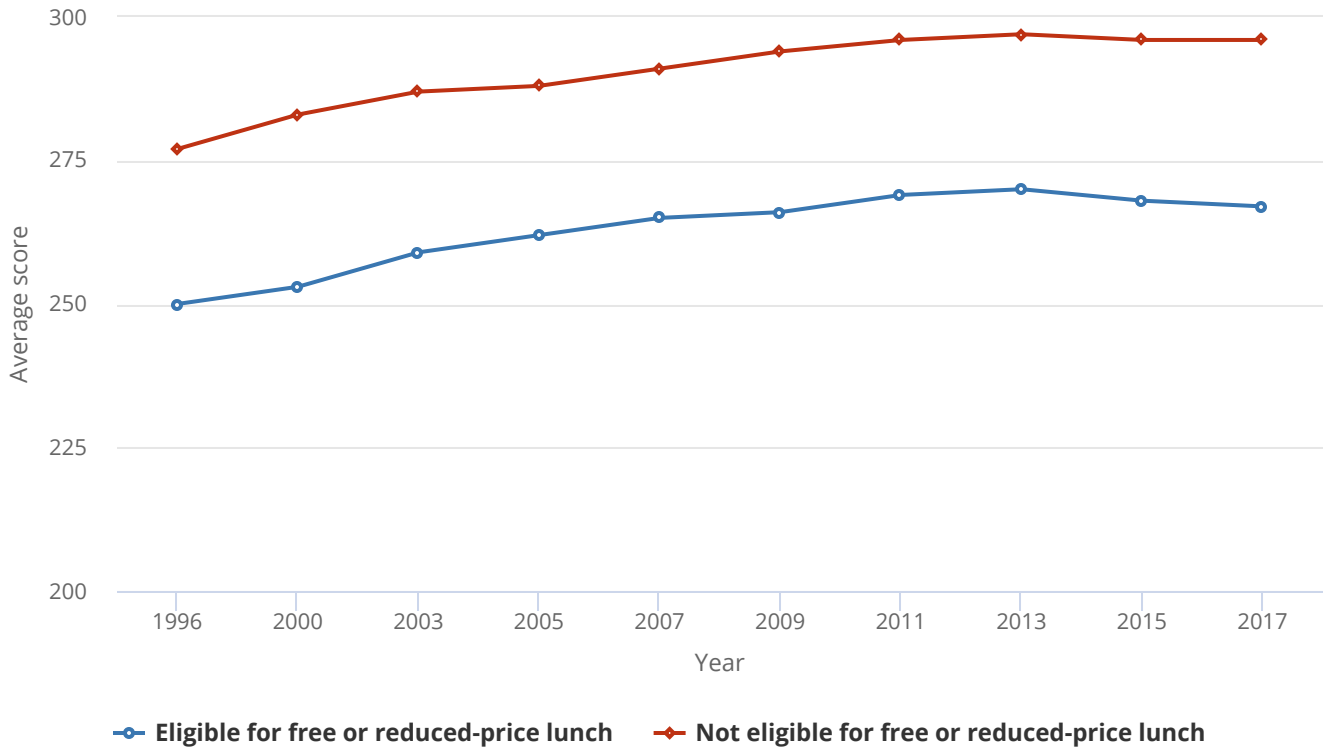


FIGURE 1-7

Average NAEP mathematics scores of students in grade 8, by eligibility for National School Lunch Program: 1996–2017



NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress.

Note(s)

NAEP uses eligibility for the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP) as a measure of socioeconomic status. NSLP is a federally assisted meal program that provides low-cost or free lunches to eligible students. It is sometimes referred to as the free or reduced-price lunch program. Information on students' eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch was first collected in 1996. The scale for NAEP mathematics assessment scores is 0–500 for grade 8.

Source(s)

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation, special tabulations (2018) of the 1996–2017 NAEP mathematics assessments, National Center for Education Statistics, Department of Education.