

**Table 3. Average and percentile student scores on the grade 8 NAEP science assessment: 2009–24**

(Score)

Year	10th percentile	25th percentile	Average score	75th percentile	90th percentile
2009	103	128	150	175	192
2011	106	131	152	176	193
2015	109	133	154	178	195
2019	106	132	154	179	196
2024	101	126	150	176	194

**Note(s):**

NAEP is National Assessment of Educational Progress. The scale for NAEP science assessment scores is 0–300.

**Source(s):**

NCES, NAEP, various years, 2009–24 science assessments.

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