

SCHOOLS - ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT STATUS UNDER NCLB

School Accountability

States have considerable latitude when it comes to developing the exams and criteria that determine if schools make adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind Act. As a result, AYP data are not comparable across states. Over one-third of schools (36 percent) nationwide did not make AYP, an increase of 7 percentage points from 2006-07. Eighteen percent of schools are labeled "in need of improvement" for the 2008-09 school year, up from 16 percent the previous year. The largest share of schools "in need of improvement" (29 percent) are in the first year of sanctions.

	NCLB ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) FOR SCHOOLS			NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS FOR SCHOOLS							
	School Year 2007-08		Percentage-point change in schools not making AYP from 2006-07 ²	School Year 2008-09							Percentage-point change in schools "in need of improvement" from 2007-08 ²
	Number of schools rated for AYP	Percent of rated schools that did not make AYP ¹		Percent of rated schools "in need of improvement" ³	Percent of schools "in need of improvement" by stage (year) ⁴						
					Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		
Alabama	1,367	16.4%	0.1%	10.0%	24.1%	38.0%	23.4%	13.1%	1.5%	-0.7%	
Alaska	501	41.1	+7.0	34.1	12.3	10.5	13.5	24.0	39.8	-2.2	
Arizona	1,875	27.5	-0.5	15.5	36.2	31.4	15.5	4.8	12.1	+6.5	
Arkansas	1,082	49.4	+11.0	34.6	27.8	23.3	15.5	15.8	17.6	+3.2	
California	9,854	47.9	+14.0	22.8	14.4	16.3	17.1	11.7	40.4	-0.1	
Colorado	1,977	39.7	+15.0	6.4	23.6	22.8	12.6	14.2	26.8	+0.2	
Connecticut	980	41.4	+9.5	29.0	24.6	20.8	10.9	14.4	29.2	+3.9	
Delaware	189	31.7	+2.2	23.8	22.2	15.6	13.3	20.0	28.9	+4.1	
District of Columbia	206	68.0	-9.7	71.4	21.1	23.8	18.4	19.0	17.7	-4.7	
Florida	3,306	76.0	+9.6	29.9	9.9	10.5	14.9	25.2	39.5	-1.2	
Georgia	2,153	20.1	+2.3	14.3	32.6	28.0	14.3	9.4	15.6	-1.1	
Hawaii	283	58.0	+23.2	44.2	1.6	16.0	6.4	13.6	62.4	-13.3	
Idaho	648	44.1	-29.0	46.8	42.9	22.8	20.5	6.9	6.9	+20.4	
Illinois	3,803	31.4	+7.8	21.4	20.7	7.4	8.9	9.0	54.1	+2.7	
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Iowa	1,477	30.8	+21.6	9.2	22.8	19.9	25.7	22.1	9.6	+2.6	
Kansas	1,365	10.0	-1.0	2.4	54.5	24.2	6.1	15.2	0	+0.6	
Kentucky ⁴	1,145	29.4	+5.2	10.4	26.9	20.2	16.0	7.6	29.4	-2.9	
Louisiana	1,263	25.6	+10.5	11.7	25.0	8.8	1.4	21.6	43.2	+4.9	
Maine	632	34.2	+3.7	17.2	36.7	21.1	25.7	10.1	6.4	+2.4	
Maryland	1,365	16.6	-6.2	16.0	22.0	15.6	12.4	7.3	42.7	-1.1	
Massachusetts	1,772	63.4	+15.3	48.6	27.7	21.3	17.6	12.2	21.1	+13.1	
Michigan	3,763	20.1	+3.0	11.9	38.3	16.3	13.6	14.3	17.4	+1.8	
Minnesota	1,916	48.7	+10.9	10.3	57.4	22.8	9.6	8.1	2.0	+4.5	
Mississippi	893	14.0	-6.7	8.3	59.5	20.3	8.1	9.5	2.7	+0.6	
Missouri	2,209	57.5	+10.2	35.3	48.3	39.5	3.2	6.0	2.9	+11.2	
Montana	820	28.2	+18.1	8.9	26.0	12.3	6.8	9.6	45.2	+1.8	
Nebraska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Nevada	654	37.6	+6.4	19.1	20.0	20.8	21.6	22.4	15.2	-18.8	
New Hampshire	457	60.4	+20.1	38.9	41.0	27.5	20.8	10.7	0	+9.3	
New Jersey	2,209	29.2	+2.8	20.0	28.3	23.5	16.3	7.9	24.0	-2.8	
New Mexico	770	68.2	+13.7	54.8	18.5	18.5	22.7	22.5	17.8	+7.7	
New York	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
North Carolina	2,412	69.0	+13.8	22.8	36.7	28.5	19.1	8.0	7.8	+3.4	
North Dakota	470	36.0	+27.1	6.0	39.3	10.7	0	3.6	46.4	+2.1	
Ohio	3,765	35.9	-2.0	29.2	36.5	29.2	15.7	9.5	9.1	+2.7	
Oklahoma	1,796	6.6	-5.9	2.5	60.0	11.1	8.9	11.1	8.9	-0.1	
Oregon	1,240	37.1	+14.6	20.0	18.5	14.5	13.7	10.9	42.3	+16.4	
Pennsylvania	3,105	28.0	+5.7	13.2	36.4	18.3	8.1	7.1	30.1	+3.0	
Rhode Island	304	26.6	+5.6	18.8	21.1	17.5	33.3	5.3	22.8	-0.0	
South Carolina	1,111	80.4	--	24.0	25.8	21.3	12.4	10.5	30.0	--	
South Dakota	692	18.2	+0.8	12.1	23.8	17.9	16.7	19.0	22.6	+0.5	
Tennessee	1,644	15.5	+2.1	8.2	46.3	26.9	10.4	7.5	9.0	+2.3	
Texas	7,282	15.9	+6.6	4.9	42.3	21.8	19.6	10.4	5.9	+1.0	
Utah	947	20.5	-5.8	1.6	66.7	20.0	13.3	0	0	+0.1	
Vermont	306	37.3	+25.2	12.7	20.5	38.5	12.8	20.5	7.7	-0.6	
Virginia	1,842	25.1	-0.6	4.9	57.1	13.2	17.6	4.4	7.7	-10.2	
Washington	2,111	61.4	+26.2	29.5	61.9	7.9	15.1	4.8	10.3	+17.9	
West Virginia	692	19.4	+0.7	2.7	31.6	31.6	15.8	15.8	5.3	-0.5	
Wisconsin	2,155	7.2	+3.0	2.6	55.4	25.0	8.9	7.1	3.6	+0.5	
Wyoming	354	24.6	+19.3	7.9	21.4	46.4	14.3	17.9	0	+4.8	
U.S. Total	83,162	35.6%	+7.3%	17.9%	29.2%	20.2%	14.8%	11.9%	23.9%	+2.1%	

Note: States reported raw data to the EPE Research Center in fall 2008; some percentages are based on preliminary data. Improvement status is based on AYP data from the previous year. A dash (-) indicates that data were unavailable to the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center prior to deadline or that calculations could not be made because of missing data. Positive percentage-point changes indicate that more schools did not make AYP or more schools are labeled "in need of improvement" from the previous year; a negative sign indicates the reverse.

1. Percentage was calculated by dividing the total number of schools that did not make AYP by the total number of schools rated for AYP.
2. These columns report the increase or decrease in the percentage of schools not making AYP or identified as "in need of improvement" from one school year to the next. Percent-point changes for South Carolina are not calculated because of a lack of comparable data.
3. States must include all Title I schools in their designation of schools "in need of improvement." Federal law allows states to choose whether non-Title I schools are assigned a school improvement status and whether federal sanctions apply to those schools. As a result, some schools rated for AYP may not receive a school improvement designation. Percentage was calculated by dividing the total number of schools identified as "in need of improvement" by the total number of schools rated for AYP.
4. Kentucky assigned 12 schools their district's AYP rating; these have been excluded from all school AYP and "in need of improvement" data reported here.

SOURCE: EPE Research Center, 2008

