

The Black★Star Project

2008 Racial Academic Achievement Gap Fact Sheet – 1/28/09

Percentage of Illinois Students Meeting or Exceeding Standards (on the 2008 Illinois Standards Achievement Test for grades 3, 5 and 8, and the 2007 Prairie State Achievement Exam for grade 11)

<u>Reading</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Native American</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Black</u>
	3	71.8	87.2	75.6	83.5	55.2	55.3
	5	73.6	87.6	73	84.4	58.2	55.8
	8	81.4	92.5	81.8	88.2	73.5	68.7
	11	53.3	63.9	49.8	64.7	30.9	24.9
<u>Math</u>							
	3	85.1	95.9	92	93.6	78.1	68.3
	5	81.3	94.5	80.9	89.8	74	63.1
	8	80.3	93.8	82.3	88.9	74.5	61
	11	53	77.5	48.3	64	32.6	20.6

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

2008 National SAT Scores Show Continuing Achievement Gap

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Asian American	1083	1084	1091	1088	1092	1094
White (all family incomes)	1063	1059	1068	1063	1061	1065
Native American	962	971	982	981	981	976
Hispanic	905	909	916	919	921	917
Black	857	857	864	863	862	856

Source: SAT

2008 Illinois ACT Average Composite Scores Show Continuing Achievement Gap

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Asian American	22.1	22.3	23.8	23.9	22.6	23.3
White	--	21.6	23.6	22.9	22.1	22
Native American	--	17.5	20.1	20.5	18.9	19.8
Puerto Rican/Hispanic	17.5	17.3	19.6	19.5	18.7	18.0
Mexican/Mexican American	17.6	17.8	19.4	19.5	--	17.7
Black	16.8	16.8	18.0	18.0	17.0	16.8

Source: ACT

International Education Rankings (With Scores) for 15 Year Old Students from 40 Countries.

<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Problem-Solving</u>
1. Hong Kong (550)	Finland (543)	Finland (548)	South Korea (550)
2. Finland (544)	South Korea (534)	Japan (548)	Finland (548)
3. South Korea (542)	Canada (528)	Hong Kong (539)	Hong Kong (548)
4. Netherlands (538)	Australia (525)	South Korea (538)	Japan (547)
5. Liechtenstein (536)	Liechtenstein (525)	Liechtenstein (525)	New Zealand (533)
6. Japan (534)	New Zealand (522)	Australia (525)	Macao (532)

The United States scored 25th in Math, 23rd in Reading, 21st in Science, and 30th in Problem-Solving out of 30 countries that participated in this assessment.

(Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)): a study of the skills and knowledge of 15 year olds from 40 countries, conducted in 2006, sponsored by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, released in 2004. Please note that China, India and Pakistan did not participate in this assessment.

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The Lowest Estimated Graduation Rates for Black Males in 25 Districts with Black Male Enrollments of 8,000 or More During the 2005-2006 School Year Are as Follows:

District	Black Male Enrollment	Black Male	White Male	Gap	2005-2006 Rate
Indianapolis, IN	11,539	19%	19%	0%	21%
Detroit, MI	59,807	20%	17%	-3%	31%
Norfolk, VA	12,672	27%	44%	17%	30%
Rochester, NY	11,270	29%	36%	7%	32%
Pinellas County, FL	11,319	30%	50%	20%	21%
Richmond County, GA	12,091	31%	43%	12%	30%
Baltimore City, MD	38,966	31%	37%	6%	31%
Buffalo, NY	10,666	31%	50%	19%	33%
Milwaukee, WI	26,818	32%	46%	14%	34%
New York City, NY	159,555	32%	57%	24%	26%
Chatham County, GA	11,218	32%	42%	10%	25%
Palm Beach County, FL	26,259	33%	60%	26%	29%
Birmingham, AL	14,956	33%	21%	-12%	38%
Charleston County, SC	11,489	34%	66%	32%	44%
Dade County, FL	51,188	34%	55%	21%	31%
Atlanta, GA	21,722	34%	58%	24%	35%
Cleveland, OH	20,894	34%	35%	1%	33%
St. Louis, MO	16,705	35%	38%	3%	37%
Memphis, TN	52,720	35%	64%	29%	N/A
Clayton County, GA	19,605	36%	26%	-10%	33%
Orange County, FL	25,367	37%	58%	21%	27%
Chicago, IL	102,185	37%	62%	25%	35%
Nashville-Davidson Co., TN	17,792	38%	60%	22%	N/A
Broward County, FL	52,537	38%	55%	17%	36%
Jackson City, MS	15,736	38%	42%	4%	44%
Minneapolis, MN	8,044	38%	76%	38%	N/A
Cincinnati, OH	12,834	38%	49%	11%	25%
Duval County, FL	28,608	38%	55%	17%	26%

From: *Holzman, M., (2006) Public Education and Black Male Students: A State Report Card. Schott Education Inequity Index, Cambridge, MA; The Schott Foundation for Public Education.* Call The Black Star Project at 773/285-9600 or visit our website at www.Blackstarproject.org for more information about educating Black children. You may read the complete Schott Foundation report at <http://www.schottfoundation.org/publications/Schott%202006%20Report%20draft.pdf..>

Percentage of Illinois students meeting or exceeding standards on the Prairie State Achievement Exam (Grade 11) for period between 2002 and 2007:

	Overall	White	Hispanic	African American
Reading				
2008	53.3	64.7	30.9	24.9
2007	54.0	63.6	33.0	27.9
2006	58.4	67.1	38.5	33.3
2005	59.5	67.9	40.2	35.0
2004	56.4	64.6	34.3	31.2
2003	56.4	64.6	34.3	31.2
Math				
2008	53	64	32.6	20.6
2007	52.7	63.1	33.1	19.4
2006	53.7	63.6	33.5	20.8
2005	52.8	63.1	30.7	18.6
2004	53.3	62.7	29.4	20.5
2003	53.3	62.7	29.4	20.5
2002	53.6	62.8	19.2	28.7

Source: Illinois State Board of Education

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