

8th Grade Math (2007 to 2009)

Note: The Commission used 8th grade math as the premise for their reforms.

Gap: Connecticut had the seventh most significant narrowing of the 8th grade math gap in the nation.

Low-Income: Connecticut ranked #1 in math score gains among 8th graders eligible for free and reduced priced lunch.

Overall scores and Ranking: Between 2007 and 2009, Connecticut's score rankings improved from 29th in nation to 10th and saw the largest improvement in the nation.

4th Grade Math Scores (2007 to 2009)

Gap: Connecticut had the 5th most significant narrowing of the 4th grade math gap in the nation.

Low-Income: Connecticut had the 5th strongest increase in 4th grade math scores among students eligible for free or reduced price lunch.

Overall scores and ranking: Between 2007 and 2009, Connecticut's ranking in 4th grade math scores improved from 16th to 8th nationwide and increased at a rate faster than 38 other states.

8th Grade Reading (2007 to 2009)

Gap: Connecticut had the fourth most significant narrowing of the 8th grade reading gap in the nation.

Low-Income: Connecticut ranked #1 in reading score gains among 8th graders eligible for free and reduced priced lunch.

Overall scores and Ranking: Overall score rankings improved from 15th in nation to 5th and saw the second largest improvement in the country.

4th Grade Reading (2007 to 2009)

Gap: Connecticut had the single most significant narrowing of the 4th grade reading gap in the nation.

Low-Income: Connecticut ranked #1 in reading score gains among 4th graders eligible for free and reduced priced lunch.

Overall scores and ranking: Score rankings improved from 6th in nation to 4th and had stronger increases than 40 other states.

Source: **Connecticut Education Association**