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Nevada Ranking of Selected Indicators

	Most recent	5 years earlier	10 years earlier	Ranking of 1
Educational attainment, over 25 years				
High school or equivalency	40	36	33	High
Associate's degree	37	43	33	High
Bachelor's degree or higher	46	47	47	High
Graduate degree	46	47	46	High
Student to teacher ratio	46	45	44	Low
Public school expenditures, \$ per student	45	48	40	High
Mean SAT score				
Math	39	33	29	High
Verbal	35	36	32	High
Combined	37	36	31	High
Writing	45	--	--	High
NEAP, 8th grade scores				
Reading	46	40	25	High
Math	44	42	30	High

Nevada ranks in the last quintile in many education metrics and has generally been losing ground to other states over the past decade. Rapid population growth, especially in child bearing age cohorts has stretched the state's educational resources. While educational attainment rates are slowly rising, the state is falling behind progress of many other states. The workforce is well suited to the educational requirements of the current industrial structure but offers little for attracting firms requiring more highly educated employees. The state faces serious difficulties in preparing its population for competing successfully in the modern economy.

During the 1990s Nevada had a higher rate of **high school diplomas** or equivalents than the nation. The state has made only modest progress in improving its graduation rate since and is falling behind progress in the nation, on average. Not only does achieving a basic education improve prospects for better jobs but it also is a prerequisite for entering post-secondary programs that improve career and income potential. Since 2000, Nevada has fallen from a ranking of 33 to 40 in high graduation rate.

Often overlooked is the impact that community colleges can have on an economy. **Associate's degrees** have an important place in the modern, globalizing economy even though emphasis is often placed on 4-year and graduate programs. But the curricula of community colleges has to be tailored to the needs of new industries in order to increase the potential of the workforce. Many states that have been successful in growing technology sectors are dependent not only on Bachelor's and higher degrees, but a

workforce that is trained in the technical aspects is highly desirable. Developing and improving curricula at all levels, including community colleges, often pays big dividends in developing new economy industries. Nevada has slightly improved its Associate degree graduation rate but less so than average. As a result it has slipped 4 places in rank since 2000.

Nevada consistently ranks among the states with the lowest share of population that has attained a **Bachelor's degree**. The rate is rising but the state is not gaining ground on the rest of the country in educational attainment. The state's rankings are similar when it comes to **graduate degrees**. The problem is little incentive for a large proportion of highly education residents to stay in the state. Those who graduate from the state's educational institutions often find it challenging to obtain a job that is commensurate with their education and skills. This is especially true for smaller communities.

The **student-to-teacher ratio** has remained relatively stagnant in the past decade. Especially with the state's rapidly growing population, the demand for schools and teachers challenges the ability of state funding to provide them. Not only has the state made no progress in improving the ratio, it has slipped slightly from its already dismal ranking in 1997.

Between the mid-1990s and the mid-2000s Nevada slipped five places in ranking of **school expenditures per student** to 45th. It is difficult to improve the state's level of human capital without being competitive in funding. There is a noticeable geographic pattern, however, with the high-cost northeast providing the most funding and the west and south the least. Cost differences are only part of the story, however. Nevada contributes less of state GDP to government overall, creating a strain on educational spending.

The educational challenges facing the state are translating into declining rankings and absolute scores for college entrance testing. **Average SAT scores** declined in the past 10 years in the state and Nevada's rankings have fallen. Math scores lost 10 places, verbal scores fell 3 places and combined scores are now 6 places lower than in 1999. Nevada now ranks in the middle to lower 30s in ranking in all three categories. Nevada students also perform poorly in the writing portion, ranking 45th most recently.

The problems show up before students attempt to enter college. **NAEP 8th grade reading** scores tumbled from 25th to 46th from 1998 to 2007 and the raw score slipped, as well. Math scores fared similarly, slipping from 30th to 44th over the same time period and also dipping in raw score.

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Nevada students don't stack up well against students from other states and compare even less favorably to students from other developed and many developing nations, especially those in Asia. The U.S. lags other OECD nations in **math and science scores** at 15 years of age. American, and even more so, Nevada students are not qualified to compete in the new global economy, a problem for attracting such jobs to the state.

Nevada children are far less likely than average to enter preschool, at about half the rate as elsewhere in the nations. While children aged 5 to 17 approach the national enrollment average, after age 18 the **enrollment rate** drops sharply both in level and compared to the U.S. Opportunities in the state do not challenge students to achieve their potential and once many students reach the age where they are no longer required to attend, they choose not to.

There are marked differences in the **performances of students of different races/ethnicities**. Early on, **students with disabilities** outperform their counterparts in the rest of the nation, but that difference largely disappears by 8th grade. A Nevada high school **freshman** is much less likely to graduate than the national average.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, POPULATION OVER 25 WITH A HS DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT, %
Sources: Census Bureau American Community Survey, Decennial Census
Ranked most to least educated

State	2008*		2003*		2000*	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
Wyoming	1	91.7	4	90.4	3	87.9
Alaska	2	91.6	1	91.2	1	88.3
Minnesota	3	91.6	2	90.8	2	87.9
Montana	4	90.9	3	90.5	6	87.2
New Hampshire	5	90.9	8	89.4	5	87.4
Vermont	6	90.6	11	88.6	10	86.4
Utah	7	90.4	5	90.0	4	87.7
South Dakota	8	90.3	12	88.6	19	84.6
Hawaii	9	90.3	17	87.8	18	84.6
Iowa	10	90.3	9	88.9	11	86.1
Nebraska	11	90.1	7	89.7	9	86.6
Maine	12	89.7	14	88.3	13	85.4
Washington	13	89.6	6	89.7	7	87.1
North Dakota	14	89.6	13	88.4	21	83.9
Wisconsin	15	89.6	21	87.1	15	85.1
Kansas	16	89.5	10	88.8	12	86.0
Colorado	17	88.9	15	88.1	8	86.9
Massachusetts	18	88.7	19	87.7	16	84.8
Oregon	19	88.7	18	87.7	14	85.1
Connecticut	20	88.6	20	87.6	20	84.0
Michigan	21	88.1	22	87.1	23	83.4
Maryland	22	88.0	23	86.8	22	83.8
Idaho	23	87.9	16	87.9	17	84.7
Ohio	24	87.6	24	86.0	24	83.0
Pennsylvania	25	87.5	26	85.6	28	81.9
New Jersey	26	87.4	28	85.3	27	82.1
Delaware	27	87.2	25	86.0	25	82.6
Missouri	28	86.5	27	85.4	31	81.3
Indiana	29	86.2	32	83.7	26	82.1
Virginia	30	85.9	30	84.5	29	81.5
Illinois	31	85.9	29	85.2	30	81.4
District Of Columbia	32	85.8	37	81.7	41	77.8
Oklahoma	33	85.5	34	83.3	34	80.6
Florida	34	85.2	31	84.0	35	79.9
New York	35	84.1	35	83.2	36	79.1
Georgia	36	83.9	41	80.9	38	78.6
Arizona	37	83.8	33	83.5	32	81.0
Rhode Island	38	83.7	38	81.6	40	78.0
North Carolina	39	83.6	44	80.1	39	78.1
Nevada	40	83.5	36	82.1	33	80.7
South Carolina	41	83.2	39	81.5	43	76.3
Tennessee	42	83.0	40	81.1	44	75.9
New Mexico	43	82.4	42	80.3	37	78.9
West Virginia	44	82.2	49	78.3	48	75.2
Arkansas	45	82.0	45	79.7	47	75.3
Alabama	46	81.9	47	78.8	46	75.3
Kentucky	47	81.3	48	78.7	50	74.1
Louisiana	48	81.2	46	78.9	49	74.8
California	49	80.2	43	80.2	42	76.8
Mississippi	50	79.9	51	77.4	51	72.9
Texas	51	79.6	50	77.8	45	75.7

*2008 and 2003 data from ACS, 2000 data from Decennial Census

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, POPULATION OVER 25 WITH AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE, %
Sources: Census Bureau American Community Survey, Decennial Census
Ranked most to least educated

State	2008*		2003*		2000*	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
North Dakota	1	12.2	2	9.5	1	9.6
Wyoming	2	10.1	8	8.5	17	7.5
Hawaii	3	9.7	6	8.6	4	8.5
Iowa	4	9.7	5	8.7	10	7.9
South Dakota	5	9.7	4	8.9	15	7.6
Minnesota	6	9.7	7	8.6	7	8.2
Utah	7	9.5	3	9.2	3	8.7
Washington	8	9.3	9	8.4	5	8.5
New Hampshire	9	9.3	1	10.1	2	9.3
Maine	10	9.0	11	8.2	11	7.9
Nebraska	11	9.0	13	8.1	9	8.0
Wisconsin	12	8.8	10	8.3	12	7.7
Vermont	13	8.7	17	7.8	13	7.7
Idaho	14	8.6	12	8.1	25	7.0
South Carolina	15	8.5	25	7.2	16	7.6
Florida	16	8.4	15	7.9	14	7.6
Oregon	17	8.2	21	7.5	22	7.1
North Carolina	18	8.2	18	7.7	28	6.9
New York	19	8.1	14	7.9	18	7.4
Michigan	20	8.1	16	7.8	20	7.3
Alaska	21	8.0	23	7.4	6	8.3
Arizona	22	7.8	20	7.5	27	6.9
Mississippi	23	7.8	32	6.7	38	6.0
Montana	24	7.6	27	7.1	35	6.4
Colorado	25	7.6	26	7.1	23	7.0
California	26	7.6	22	7.4	21	7.1
Rhode Island	27	7.6	24	7.3	8	8.1
Massachusetts	28	7.5	19	7.5	19	7.3
Indiana	29	7.5	35	6.6	36	6.3
Connecticut	30	7.5	37	6.4	26	6.9
Kansas	31	7.5	34	6.6	29	6.7
New Mexico	32	7.4	33	6.6	41	5.6
Ohio	33	7.4	29	6.7	31	6.4
Pennsylvania	34	7.4	30	6.7	34	6.4
Illinois	35	7.3	28	7.0	32	6.4
Delaware	36	7.2	31	6.7	24	7.0
Nevada	37	7.0	43	5.7	33	6.4
Alabama	38	6.8	36	6.5	30	6.7
Oklahoma	39	6.8	39	6.4	39	5.7
Virginia	40	6.7	41	6.1	37	6.1
Missouri	41	6.7	40	6.4	47	4.9
Kentucky	42	6.7	44	5.7	45	5.1
Georgia	43	6.5	46	5.4	43	5.3
Texas	44	6.3	42	5.9	42	5.6
New Jersey	45	6.3	45	5.6	44	5.2
Maryland	46	6.2	38	6.4	40	5.7
Tennessee	47	6.0	47	5.4	46	5.0
West Virginia	48	5.9	48	4.9	49	4.5
Arkansas	49	5.6	49	4.8	48	4.5
Louisiana	50	4.9	50	4.2	50	3.5
District Of Columbia	51	3.0	51	2.7	51	2.5

*2008 and 2003 data from ACS, 2000 data from Decennial Census

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, POPULATION OVER 25 WITH A BACHELORS DEGREE OR HIGHER, %
Sources: Census Bureau American Community Survey, Decennial Census
Ranked most to least educated

State	2008*		2003*		2000*	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
District Of Columbia	1	48.2	1	44.2	1	39.1
Massachusetts	2	38.1	2	35.8	2	33.2
Connecticut	3	35.6	4	34.6	4	31.4
Colorado	4	35.6	3	34.7	3	32.7
Maryland	5	35.2	5	34.5	5	31.4
New Jersey	6	34.4	6	32.1	6	29.8
Virginia	7	33.7	7	32.2	7	29.5
New Hampshire	8	33.3	9	30.3	9	28.7
Vermont	9	32.1	8	32.0	8	29.4
New York	10	31.9	12	29.7	12	27.4
Minnesota	11	31.5	11	30.6	11	27.4
Washington	12	30.7	10	30.2	10	27.7
Rhode Island	13	30.0	18	29.1	18	25.6
Illinois	14	29.9	15	28.1	15	26.1
Kansas	15	29.6	17	28.7	17	25.8
California	16	29.6	13	29.1	13	26.6
Hawaii	17	29.1	14	28.2	14	26.2
Utah	18	29.1	16	26.2	16	26.1
Oregon	19	28.1	19	26.4	19	25.1
Delaware	20	27.5	20	27.6	20	25
Georgia	21	27.5	23	25.7	23	24.3
Alaska	22	27.3	21	26.6	21	24.7
Nebraska	23	27.1	25	25.3	24	23.7
Montana	24	27.1	22	25.8	22	24.4
North Dakota	25	26.9	27	25.0	33	22
Pennsylvania	26	26.3	32	24.2	30	22.4
North Carolina	27	26.1	30	24.3	29	22.5
Florida	28	25.8	26	25.0	32	22.3
Wisconsin	29	25.7	35	23.8	31	22.4
Maine	30	25.4	24	25.9	28	22.9
Texas	31	25.3	28	24.5	27	23.2
Arizona	32	25.1	29	24.3	25	23.5
South Dakota	33	25.1	39	23.1	38	21.5
Missouri	34	25.0	33	24.1	37	21.6
Michigan	35	24.8	31	24.3	35	21.8
New Mexico	36	24.7	36	23.7	26	23.5
Iowa	37	24.3	41	22.5	39	21.2
Ohio	38	24.1	40	23.0	40	21.1
Idaho	39	24.0	34	24.0	36	21.7
South Carolina	40	23.7	38	23.2	41	20.4
Wyoming	41	23.6	37	23.7	34	21.9
Indiana	42	22.9	46	21.0	44	19.4
Tennessee	43	22.9	43	21.5	43	19.6
Oklahoma	44	22.2	42	21.9	42	20.3
Alabama	45	22.0	45	21.2	45	19
Nevada	46	21.9	47	19.5	47	18.2
Louisiana	47	20.3	44	21.3	46	18.7
Kentucky	48	19.7	50	18.6	48	17.1
Mississippi	49	19.4	49	18.7	49	16.9
Arkansas	50	18.8	48	19.0	50	16.7
West Virginia	51	17.1	51	17.0	51	14.8

*2008 and 2003 data from ACS, 2000 data from Decennial Census

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, POPULATION OVER 25 WITH A GRADUATE DEGREE, %
Sources: Census Bureau American Community Survey, Decennial Census
Ranked most to least educated

State	2008*		2003*		2000*	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
District Of Columbia	1	26.7	1	22.9	1	21.0
Massachusetts	2	16.4	3	15.1	2	13.7
Maryland	3	15.4	2	15.2	3	13.5
Connecticut	4	15.2	4	14.3	4	13.3
New York	5	13.8	5	12.6	5	11.8
Virginia	6	13.8	6	12.4	6	11.6
New Jersey	7	12.8	9	11.8	9	11.0
Colorado	8	12.7	7	12.4	7	11.1
Vermont	9	12.3	8	12.1	8	11.1
New Hampshire	10	12.0	12	10.7	10	10.0
Rhode Island	11	11.3	11	10.7	12	9.8
Illinois	12	11.2	10	10.8	13	9.6
Delaware	13	10.9	14	10.4	15	9.5
Washington	14	10.9	16	10.0	16	9.3
California	15	10.8	13	10.4	14	9.6
New Mexico	16	10.8	15	10.4	11	9.9
Oregon	17	10.1	22	9.2	18	8.7
Kansas	18	10.1	17	9.8	17	8.8
Minnesota	19	10.0	18	9.5	24	8.3
Pennsylvania	20	10.0	25	8.8	21	8.4
Hawaii	21	9.9	20	9.2	20	8.4
Georgia	22	9.7	24	9.0	23	8.3
Alaska	23	9.7	19	9.4	19	8.6
Michigan	24	9.4	21	9.2	27	8.1
Utah	25	9.4	28	8.5	25	8.3
Arizona	26	9.2	26	8.7	22	8.4
Missouri	27	9.1	27	8.7	30	7.6
Florida	28	9.0	23	9.0	26	8.1
Maine	29	8.9	29	8.5	28	7.9
Ohio	30	8.7	30	8.1	31	7.4
North Carolina	31	8.6	36	7.8	35	7.2
Nebraska	32	8.6	35	7.9	32	7.3
Wisconsin	33	8.6	33	8.0	36	7.2
South Carolina	34	8.5	39	7.5	39	6.9
Montana	35	8.4	40	7.5	34	7.2
Texas	36	8.3	31	8.1	29	7.7
Indiana	37	8.1	32	8.0	33	7.2
Tennessee	38	8.0	41	7.5	43	6.8
Kentucky	39	7.9	38	7.6	38	6.9
Wyoming	40	7.9	37	7.6	37	7.0
Alabama	41	7.7	42	7.3	40	6.9
Idaho	42	7.4	34	8.0	41	6.8
Iowa	43	7.3	44	6.8	44	6.5
South Dakota	44	7.3	51	5.9	47	6.0
Oklahoma	45	7.2	43	7.2	42	6.8
Nevada	46	7.0	47	6.7	46	6.1
Mississippi	47	6.8	50	6.1	49	5.8
West Virginia	48	6.8	48	6.5	48	5.9
North Dakota	49	6.6	49	6.4	51	5.5
Louisiana	50	6.5	46	6.7	45	6.5
Arkansas	51	6.3	45	6.8	50	5.7

*2008 and 2003 data from ACS, 2000 data from Decennial Census

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics

Ranked smallest to largest class size

State	2007		2002		1997	
	Rank	Number	Rank	Number	Rank	Number
Vermont	1	10.75	1	11.7	1	13.4
North Dakota	2	11.78	5	12.9	11	14.69
Maine	3	11.85	3	12.14	2	13.54
District Of Columbia	4	12.36	27	15.22	40	17.57
New Jersey	5	12.4	4	12.78	3	13.94
Wyoming	6	12.5	6	12.96	9	14.54
South Dakota	7	12.91	15	14.05	17	15.35
New Hampshire	8	12.97	12	13.87	20	15.59
New York	9	13.05	11	13.69	14	14.99
Rhode Island	10	13.1	16	14.22	8	14.47
Kansas	11	13.24	17	14.43	12	14.87
Nebraska	12	13.28	9	13.56	10	14.59
Pennsylvania	13	13.32	29	15.36	32	16.8
Missouri	14	13.4	10	13.59	13	14.96
Iowa	15	13.44	13	13.95	16	15.32
Montana	16	13.58	18	14.48	22	15.87
Massachusetts	17	13.62	7	13.25	4	14.13
Oklahoma	18	13.74	30	15.37	18	15.51
West Virginia	19	13.91	14	14.04	7	14.39
North Carolina	20	13.98	28	15.24	23	15.89
Louisiana	21	14.01	20	14.59	25	15.98
Georgia	22	14.12	31	15.58	24	15.95
Arkansas	23	14.14	23	14.87	35	16.95
Maryland	24	14.26	33	15.65	37	17.19
Connecticut	25	14.52	8	13.48	5	14.21
Texas	26	14.52	22	14.76	15	15.29
Mississippi	27	14.72	32	15.59	36	17.15
New Mexico	28	14.76	26	15.13	34	16.88
Alabama	29	14.77	34	15.69	26	16.3
Wisconsin	30	14.85	19	14.59	21	15.82
Tennessee	31	14.91	35	15.82	29	16.49
Delaware	32	14.95	25	15.11	27	16.34
South Carolina	33	15.03	24	14.92	19	15.57
Kentucky	34	15.3	38	16.25	30	16.53
Illinois	35	15.47	36	15.9	33	16.83
Hawaii	36	15.78	42	16.75	41	17.82
Florida	37	15.8	44	18.38	43	18.43
Minnesota	38	15.81	37	16.04	28	16.42
Ohio	39	16.65	21	14.66	31	16.68
Colorado	40	16.79	39	16.56	42	18.16
Indiana	41	16.79	41	16.74	38	17.2
Virginia	42	17.13	2	11.78	6	14.32
Alaska	43	17.21	40	16.63	39	17.33
Michigan	44	17.6	48	19.92	46	18.81
Idaho	45	18.13	43	17.89	45	18.51
Nevada	46	18.33	45	18.44	44	18.48
Oregon	47	18.84	49	20.43	48	20.1
Washington	48	19.09	46	19.16	49	20.2
Arizona	49	20.13	47	19.91	47	19.79
California	50	20.78	50	20.64	50	21.61
Utah	51	23.68	51	21.83	51	22.87

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 2006-2007 \$ PER STUDENT

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics

Ranked highest to lowest spending

State	2005-2006		2000-2001		1995-1996	
	Rank	\$/student	Rank	\$/student	Rank	\$/student
District of Columbia	1	18,339	1	14,735	2	10,611
New York	2	16,511	2	13,211	3	10,514
New Jersey	3	15,759	3	13,093	1	10,748
Rhode Island	4	14,277	4	11,377	6	9,049
Connecticut	5	13,809	5	11,302	4	9,620
Vermont	6	13,723	7	10,903	12	7,984
Massachusetts	7	13,467	6	11,161	7	8,750
Alaska	8	12,861	8	10,770	5	9,209
Wyoming	9	12,736	11	9,906	17	7,393
Delaware	10	12,649	9	10,257	8	8,336
Maine	11	12,064	10	10,114	15	7,688
Maryland	12	12,022	13	9,801	13	7,865
Pennsylvania	13	11,828	14	9,648	11	8,026
Hawaii	14	11,024	20	8,770	26	6,648
New Hampshire	15	10,975	19	8,900	23	6,780
Michigan	16	10,872	12	9,847	9	8,142
Wisconsin	17	10,755	15	9,538	10	8,062
Ohio	18	10,572	16	9,427	18	7,254
Illinois	19	10,548	17	9,309	16	7,676
Nebraska	20	10,433	22	8,550	22	6,856
Virginia	21	10,306	28	8,300	35	6,129
Kansas	22	10,161	26	8,373	25	6,708
Minnesota	23	10,013	24	8,440	21	7,183
West Virginia	24	10,008	18	9,025	20	7,189
Montana	25	9,902	25	8,391	24	6,768
Indiana	26	9,805	21	8,582	19	7,249
Oregon	27	9,534	23	8,514	14	7,787
North Dakota	28	9,478	38	7,315	41	5,820
Georgia	29	9,401	27	8,308	29	6,534
Kentucky	30	9,207	34	7,728	30	6,501
Colorado	31	9,169	32	7,826	33	6,386
Missouri	32	9,063	29	8,002	32	6,393
South Carolina	33	9,023	33	7,759	39	6,003
Arkansas	34	8,975	42	6,981	49	5,193
Washington	35	8,928	31	7,882	27	6,595
Louisiana	36	8,790	37	7,492	38	6,019
Iowa	37	8,678	30	7,943	28	6,548
New Mexico	38	8,644	40	7,126	47	5,363
California	39	8,634	36	7,601	37	6,045
Florida	40	8,593	43	6,922	31	6,443
South Dakota	41	8,487	39	7,192	43	5,613
Texas	42	8,294	35	7,714	34	6,161
Alabama	43	8,186	46	6,642	45	5,512
North Carolina	44	8,146	41	7,057	36	6,088
Nevada	45	7,919	48	6,496	40	5,934
Mississippi	46	7,898	50	6,186	50	4,871
Arizona	47	7,834	44	6,784	48	5,235
Tennessee	48	7,776	45	6,674	44	5,521
Oklahoma	49	7,642	47	6,540	42	5,684
Idaho	50	7,039	49	6,454	46	5,379
Utah	51	5,960	51	5,247	51	4,478

MEAN SAT SCORE, MATH

Source: The College Board

Ranked highest to lowest scores

State	2009		2004		1999	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Mississippi	1	615	19	547	19	548
Kansas	2	609	7	585	7	576
Missouri	3	608	8	585	8	572
Louisiana	4	604	12	561	14	558
Utah	5	603	15	556	11	568
South Dakota	6	600	3	597	5	588
Wyoming	7	600	20	546	18	551
Iowa	8	594	1	602	2	598
North Dakota	9	593	2	601	1	605
Kentucky	10	589	14	557	20	547
Colorado	11	575	18	553	23	540
Minnesota	12	573	6	593	3	598
Oklahoma	13	572	11	566	13	560
Arkansas	14	571	16	555	15	556
Nebraska	15	568	9	576	9	571
Tennessee	16	565	13	557	17	553
Illinois	17	558	4	597	6	585
Michigan	18	558	10	573	12	565
Wisconsin	19	554	5	596	4	595
Alabama	20	552	17	553	16	555
New Mexico	21	546	21	543	22	542
Ohio	22	546	22	542	10	568
Montana	23	542	23	539	21	546
West Virginia	24	540	36	514	33	512
Oregon	25	531	26	528	27	525
New York	26	526	39	510	40	502
Washington	27	525	25	531	25	526
New Hampshire	28	523	29	521	28	518
Arizona	29	521	27	524	26	525
North Carolina	30	518	41	507	48	493
Alaska	31	516	34	514	30	514
California	32	513	30	519	31	514
Connecticut	33	513	31	515	36	509
New Jersey	34	513	37	514	35	510
Virginia	35	512	40	509	43	499
South Carolina	36	511	49	495	51	475
Indiana	37	507	42	506	45	498
Texas	38	506	46	499	42	499
Nevada	39	505	33	514	29	517
Maryland	40	502	32	515	37	507
Florida	41	502	47	499	44	498
District Of Columbia	42	502	51	476	50	478
Idaho	43	501	24	539	24	540
Georgia	44	501	50	493	49	482
Hawaii	45	498	35	514	32	513
Pennsylvania	46	498	44	502	47	495
Vermont	47	496	38	512	38	506
Rhode Island	48	496	43	502	41	499
Delaware	49	491	48	499	46	497
Maine	50	467	45	501	39	503
Massachusetts	51	451	28	523	34	511

MEAN SAT SCORE, VERBAL
Source: The College Board
Ranked highest to lowest scores

State	2009		2004		1999	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Mississippi	1	610	16	562	13	563
Kansas	2	595	7	584	6	578
Wyoming	3	595	21	551	20	546
Missouri	4	594	5	587	7	572
North Dakota	5	590	8	582	2	594
South Dakota	6	589	1	594	4	585
Louisiana	7	588	14	564	15	561
Iowa	8	587	2	593	1	594
Utah	9	584	13	565	8	570
Kentucky	10	581	18	559	19	547
Arkansas	11	575	11	569	12	563
Minnesota	12	573	3	587	3	586
Oklahoma	13	572	10	569	11	567
Tennessee	14	571	12	567	16	559
Colorado	15	568	20	554	23	536
Wisconsin	16	567	4	587	5	584
Nebraska	17	567	9	569	10	568
Illinois	18	563	6	585	9	569
Michigan	19	559	15	563	17	557
Alabama	20	557	17	560	14	561
New Mexico	21	553	19	554	18	549
Montana	22	541	24	537	21	545
West Virginia	23	541	27	524	25	527
Ohio	24	537	23	538	24	534
Oregon	25	524	26	527	26	525
Washington	26	523	25	528	27	525
New Hampshire	27	523	29	522	29	520
Alaska	28	520	30	518	30	516
North Carolina	29	518	45	499	48	493
Arizona	30	516	28	523	28	524
New York	31	514	46	497	45	495
Idaho	32	511	22	540	22	542
Virginia	33	511	34	515	35	508
Connecticut	34	509	33	515	34	510
Nevada	35	501	36	507	32	512
Maryland	36	500	35	511	36	507
California	37	500	41	501	43	497
Vermont	38	498	32	516	31	514
Hawaii	39	497	51	487	50	482
New Jersey	40	496	39	501	41	498
Indiana	41	496	42	501	44	496
Pennsylvania	42	495	40	501	42	498
South Carolina	43	495	49	491	51	479
Georgia	44	493	47	494	49	487
Delaware	45	490	43	500	39	503
Rhode Island	46	486	38	503	38	504
Texas	47	486	48	493	47	494
District Of Columbia	48	485	50	489	46	494
Florida	49	479	44	499	40	499
Maine	50	468	37	505	37	507
Massachusetts	51	466	31	518	33	511

MEAN SAT SCORE, MATH + VERBAL

Source: The College Board

Ranked highest to lowest scores

State	2009		2004		1999	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Mississippi	1	1,225	18	1,109	17	1,111
Kansas	2	1,204	8	1,169	7	1,154
Missouri	3	1,202	7	1,172	8	1,144
Wyoming	4	1,195	20	1,097	19	1,097
Louisiana	5	1,192	12	1,125	14	1,119
South Dakota	6	1,189	2	1,191	5	1,173
Utah	7	1,187	15	1,121	10	1,138
North Dakota	8	1,183	3	1,183	1	1,199
Iowa	9	1,181	1	1,195	2	1,192
Kentucky	10	1,170	16	1,116	20	1,094
Minnesota	11	1,146	6	1,180	3	1,184
Arkansas	12	1,146	13	1,124	13	1,119
Oklahoma	13	1,144	11	1,135	11	1,127
Colorado	14	1,143	19	1,107	24	1,076
Tennessee	15	1,136	14	1,124	16	1,112
Nebraska	16	1,135	9	1,145	9	1,139
Wisconsin	17	1,121	4	1,183	4	1,179
Illinois	18	1,121	5	1,182	6	1,154
Michigan	19	1,117	10	1,136	12	1,122
Alabama	20	1,109	17	1,113	15	1,116
New Mexico	21	1,099	21	1,097	22	1,091
Ohio	22	1,083	22	1,080	18	1,102
Montana	23	1,083	24	1,076	21	1,091
West Virginia	24	1,081	30	1,038	28	1,039
Oregon	25	1,055	26	1,055	26	1,050
Washington	26	1,048	25	1,059	25	1,051
New Hampshire	27	1,046	28	1,043	29	1,038
New York	28	1,040	39	1,007	43	997
Arizona	29	1,037	27	1,047	27	1,049
Alaska	30	1,036	31	1,032	30	1,030
North Carolina	31	1,036	42	1,006	48	986
Virginia	32	1,023	35	1,024	39	1,007
Connecticut	33	1,022	32	1,030	34	1,019
California	34	1,013	37	1,020	36	1,011
Idaho	35	1,012	23	1,079	23	1,082
New Jersey	36	1,009	38	1,015	38	1,008
Nevada	37	1,006	36	1,021	31	1,029
South Carolina	38	1,006	50	986	51	954
Indiana	39	1,003	40	1,007	45	994
Maryland	40	1,002	34	1,026	35	1,014
Hawaii	41	995	45	1,001	44	995
Vermont	42	994	33	1,028	33	1,020
Georgia	43	994	49	987	50	969
Pennsylvania	44	993	44	1,003	46	993
Texas	45	992	48	992	47	993
District Of Columbia	46	987	51	965	49	972
Rhode Island	47	982	43	1,005	40	1,003
Delaware	48	981	46	999	41	1,000
Florida	49	981	47	998	42	997
Maine	50	935	41	1,006	37	1,010
Massachusetts	51	917	29	1,041	32	1,022

MEAN SAT SCORE, WRITING
Source: The College Board
Ranked highest to lowest scores

State	2009	
	Rank	Score
Mississippi	1	588
Wyoming	2	584
Louisiana	3	583
Missouri	4	582
Kansas	5	578
Utah	6	575
Iowa	7	572
South Dakota	8	569
North Dakota	9	566
Tennessee	10	565
Kentucky	11	564
Minnesota	12	561
Wisconsin	13	559
Arkansas	14	557
Oklahoma	15	556
Colorado	16	555
Illinois	17	555
Nebraska	18	550
Alabama	19	549
Michigan	20	540
New Mexico	21	534
Ohio	22	523
West Virginia	23	520
Montana	24	519
Connecticut	25	512
New Hampshire	26	510
New York	27	510
Oregon	28	507
North Carolina	29	506
Idaho	30	499
Washington	31	499
California	32	498
Virginia	33	498
Arizona	34	497
New Jersey	35	496
Maryland	36	495
Vermont	37	494
Alaska	38	492
Pennsylvania	39	484
Georgia	40	483
Hawaii	41	480
Indiana	42	480
South Carolina	43	480
Delaware	44	479
Nevada	45	479
District Of Columbia	46	478
Texas	47	475
Rhode Island	48	470
Florida	49	469
Massachusetts	50	461
Maine	51	455

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRESS, EIGHTH GRADE READING SCORES

Source: U.S. Department of Education

Ranked highest to lowest scores

State	2007		2002		1998	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Vermont	1	273	1	272	NR	ND
Massachusetts	2	273	2	271	4	269
Montana	3	271	3	270	2	271
Maine	4	270	4	270	1	271
New Hampshire	5	270	NR	ND	NR	ND
New Jersey	6	270	NR	ND	NR	ND
South Dakota	7	270	NR	ND	NR	ND
North Dakota	8	268	8	268	NR	ND
Ohio	9	268	9	268	NR	ND
Pennsylvania	10	268	16	265	NR	ND
Minnesota	11	268	NR	ND	8	265
Nebraska	12	267	5	270	NR	ND
Kansas	13	267	6	269	5	268
Virginia	14	267	7	269	7	266
Connecticut	15	267	13	267	3	270
Iowa	16	267	NR	ND	NR	ND
Oregon	17	266	10	268	6	266
Wyoming	18	266	17	265	16	263
Colorado	19	266	NR	ND	12	264
Washington	20	265	11	268	14	264
Delaware	21	265	14	267	32	254
Idaho	22	265	15	266	NR	ND
Maryland	23	265	24	263	21	261
Indiana	24	264	18	265	NR	ND
New York	25	264	22	264	9	265
Wisconsin	26	264	NR	ND	11	265
Missouri	27	263	12	268	18	262
Illinois	28	263	NR	ND	NR	ND
Kentucky	29	262	19	265	17	262
Utah	30	262	25	263	15	263
Texas	31	261	26	262	22	261
Michigan	32	260	20	265	NR	ND
Oklahoma	33	260	27	262	10	265
Florida	34	260	29	261	30	255
North Carolina	35	259	21	265	19	262
Tennessee	36	259	30	260	26	258
Georgia	37	259	32	258	27	257
Alaska	38	259	NR	ND	NR	ND
Rhode Island	39	258	28	262	13	264
Arkansas	40	258	31	260	28	256
South Carolina	41	257	33	258	31	255
West Virginia	42	255	23	264	20	262
Arizona	43	255	34	257	23	260
Louisiana	44	253	35	256	34	252
Alabama	45	252	38	253	29	255
Nevada	46	252	40	251	25	258
New Mexico	47	251	37	254	24	258
Hawaii	48	251	39	252	36	249
California	49	251	41	250	33	252
Mississippi	50	250	36	255	35	251
District Of Columbia	51	241	42	240	37	236

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRESS, EIGHTH GRADE MATH SCORES

Source: U.S. Department of Education

Ranked highest to lowest scores

State	2009		2003		2000	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Massachusetts	1	298	3	287	12	279
Minnesota	2	292	1	291	1	287
North Dakota	3	292	2	287	4	282
Vermont	4	291	5	286	9	281
Kansas	5	290	8	284	3	283
New Jersey	6	289	22	281	NR	ND
New Hampshire	7	288	6	286	NR	ND
South Dakota	8	288	7	285	NR	ND
Virginia	9	288	17	282	18	275
Montana	10	287	4	286	2	285
Wyoming	11	287	10	284	16	276
Wisconsin	12	286	12	284	NR	ND
Colorado	13	286	13	283	NR	ND
Maine	14	286	14	282	7	281
Pennsylvania	15	286	28	279	NR	ND
Maryland	16	286	29	278	21	272
Texas	17	286	31	277	20	273
Iowa	18	285	11	284	NR	ND
Ohio	19	285	15	282	8	281
Indiana	20	285	18	281	6	281
Washington	21	285	23	281	NR	ND
Nebraska	22	284	16	282	10	280
Oregon	23	284	19	281	11	280
North Carolina	24	284	20	281	15	276
Idaho	25	284	24	280	13	277
Alaska	26	283	27	279	NR	ND
Delaware	27	283	33	277	NR	ND
Connecticut	28	282	9	284	5	281
South Carolina	29	282	32	277	31	265
Utah	30	281	21	281	19	274
Missouri	31	281	26	279	22	271
New York	32	280	25	280	23	271
Illinois	33	280	30	277	17	275
Kentucky	34	279	35	274	24	270
Michigan	35	277	34	276	14	277
Florida	36	277	40	271	NR	ND
Arizona	37	276	38	271	26	269
Oklahoma	38	275	36	272	25	270
Rhode Island	39	275	37	272	27	269
Georgia	40	275	41	270	29	265
Tennessee	41	274	43	268	34	262
Arkansas	42	274	47	266	38	257
Louisiana	43	272	46	266	36	259
Nevada	44	271	42	268	30	265
West Virginia	45	270	39	271	28	266
California	46	270	44	267	35	260
Hawaii	47	269	45	266	33	262
New Mexico	48	268	48	263	37	259
Alabama	49	266	49	262	32	264
Mississippi	50	265	50	261	39	254
District Of Columbia	51	248	51	243	40	235

Educational attainment, by race/ethnicity
Source: Census Bureau, American Community Survey

	Nevada	Florida	Hawaii	Utah	Las Vegas	Reno	Orlando, FL	Honolulu, HI	Myrtle Beach, SC	Atlantic City, NJ
High School										
White	29.0	29.9	20.1	24.3	29.4	23.2	29.1	17.5	33.0	33.2
Black	30.3	32.4	26.4	27.7	30.9	16.1	34.3	27.0	45.4	34.1
Asian	21.5	20.2	28.9	19.9	22.1	16.0	24.0	28.6	ND	27.9
Native America	32.3	27.8	ND	35.9	25.6	25.7	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hispanic	28.0	27.8	34.4	27.1	28.7	20.7	31.2	31.9	30.2	28.9
Associates Degree										
White	6.8	8.4	9.1	9.7	6.2	8.7	10.0	9.1	10.2	7.6
Black	7.2	7.8	12.9	6.9	6.8	11.7	7.5	14.6	6.5	5.2
Asian	10.4	8.1	10.5	6.2	11.1	6.6	9.8	9.8	ND	3.7
Native America	9.4	7.7	ND	5.3	11.1	5.8	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hispanic	3.3	8.5	9.4	5.7	3.1	3.5	11.3	10.3	2.9	7.1
Bachelor's Degree										
White	14.6	17.7	24.4	20.1	14.5	17.8	19.1	26.1	14.1	18.3
Black	10.1	10.7	18.8	17.1	10.3	5.3	12.2	18.1	5.9	12.4
Asian	28.8	26.0	20.6	22.7	28.7	30.9	22.6	21.8	ND	24.0
Native America	7.4	13.5	ND	8.9	7.3	9.1	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hispanic	6.8	14.4	12.3	8.2	7.0	6.3	12.8	15.2	6.8	6.4
Graduate Degree										
White	7.2	9.5	15.8	9.3	7.2	9.2	9.0	18.4	8.3	8.0
Black	5.4	5.2	12.2	14.4	5.5	5.0	5.3	9.5	1.4	4.1
Asian	9.5	18.0	8.5	22.0	9.0	13.0	15.2	9.0	ND	9.4
Native America	4.5	5.8	ND	1.9	6.0	6.5	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hispanic	2.3	6.9	5.2	3.3	2.4	2.5	5.3	6.6	3.0	3.6

Nevada School Enrollment, 2006-2008, 3-yr Estimates
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

	Total	Percent of enrolled population	
		In public school	In private school
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	607,548	90.40%	9.60%
Nursery school, preschool	26,112	55.40%	44.60%
Kindergarten to 12th grade	454,420	94.80%	5.20%
Kindergarten	35,203	90.60%	9.40%
Elementary: grade 1 to grade 4	140,916	94.60%	5.40%
Elementary: grade 5 to grade 8	139,374	95.50%	4.50%
High school: grade 9 to grade 12	138,927	95.40%	4.60%
College, undergraduate	103,014	84.30%	15.70%
Graduate, professional school	24,002	70.80%	29.20%

Percent of age group enrolled in school --

3 and 4 years	27.70%	55.90%	44.10%
5 to 9 years	92.30%	92.40%	7.60%
10 to 14 years	97.50%	95.80%	4.20%
15 to 17 years	92.80%	95.90%	4.10%
18 and 19 years	56.90%	90.60%	9.40%
20 to 24 years	29.00%	88.30%	11.70%
25 to 34 years	9.40%	80.00%	20.00%
35 years and over	2.90%	74.30%	25.70%

U.S. School Enrollment, 2006-2008, 3-yr Estimates
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

	Total	Percent of enrolled population	
		In public school	In private school
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	79,256,513	82.90%	17.10%
Nursery school, preschool	4,963,497	53.90%	46.10%
Kindergarten to 12th grade	53,451,983	89.10%	10.90%
Kindergarten	4,034,180	86.10%	13.90%
Elementary: grade 1 to grade 4	15,809,201	88.70%	11.30%
Elementary: grade 5 to grade 8	16,314,686	89.10%	10.90%
High school: grade 9 to grade 12	17,293,916	90.30%	9.70%
College, undergraduate	17,260,216	76.80%	23.20%
Graduate, professional school	3,580,817	59.40%	40.60%

Percent of age group enrolled in school --

3 and 4 years	47.50%	53.40%	46.60%
5 to 9 years	95.20%	86.30%	13.70%
10 to 14 years	98.30%	89.20%	10.80%
15 to 17 years	95.70%	90.30%	9.70%
18 and 19 years	72.90%	80.40%	19.60%
20 to 24 years	40.10%	76.10%	23.90%
25 to 34 years	12.20%	74.20%	25.80%
35 years and over	2.80%	71.60%	28.40%

2009 ED Facts STATE PROFILE -- NEVADA

Districts and Schools (ED Facts SY 2007-08)	State #	National #
All districts	18	16,120
All schools	612	100,809
Title I schools	144	52,745
Charter schools	26	4,388
Five largest School Districts (ED Facts SY 2007-08)		# of students
1. CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT		309,051
2. WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT		65,663
3. ELKO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT		9,752
4. LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT		9,268
5. CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT		8,116
Student Enrollment (ED Facts SY 2007-08)	State	National
	# of students	% of state total
All students	429,362	49,749,368
Economically disadvantaged students	169,274	21,586,843
Limited English proficient students	47,049	4,512,560
Children with disabilities (IDEA)	47,672	6,445,229
White	185,104	27,061,791
Black, non-Hispanic	47,369	8,266,878
Hispanic	156,342	10,776,308
Asian/Pacific Islander	33,902	2,348,517
American Indian/Alaskan Native	6,645	586,990
Adequate Yearly Progress (ED Facts/CSPR SY 2007-08)		Title I schools
	#	%
Made AYP (For SY 2007-08)	375	59.9
Identified for improvement (Yr 1)		67
Identified for improvement (Yr 2)		11
Corrective action		15
Restructuring/Planning		11
Restructuring/Implementation		12
AMO (OISE 2008)		HS math
	4th grade reading %	8th grade math %
	52.0	58.0
	82.0	56.0
	55.0	62.0

State Assessment Performance (ED Facts/CSPR SY 2007-08)	% of students performing at or above Proficient level					
	All	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pi	Amer I/AN
4th grade reading	57.5	69.5	44.5	45.8	70.4	53.7
8th grade reading	54.5	68.7	38.1	39.8	68.5	50.8
HS reading	74.2	81.7	70.2	68.3	78.0	70.4
4th grade mathematics	66.4	75.5	50.8	58.7	79.6	61.2
8th grade mathematics	52.6	65.8	34.8	38.8	70.2	45.7
HS mathematics	41.4	50.3	28.2	35.3	51.8	37.8
State Assessment Performance (ED Facts/CSPR SY 2007-08)	% of students performing at or above Proficient level					
	Economically disadvantaged	Children with disabilities (IDEA)	LEP students			
4th grade reading	44.9	28.2	30.3			
8th grade reading	40.0	19.4	9.4			
HS reading	67.3	51.6	52.3			
4th grade mathematics	56.5	40.5	49.2			
8th grade mathematics	39.4	19.3	14.2			
HS mathematics	36.0	23.1	24.0			
NAEP Achievement (NAEP 2007)	% of students performing at or above Proficient level					
	All	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian/Pi	Amer I/AN
	S	N	S	N	S	N
4th grade reading	24	32	35	42	16	14
8th grade reading	22	29	30	38	16	12
4th grade math	30	39	43	51	16	15
8th grade math	23	31	32	41	12	11
NAEP Achievement (NAEP 2007)	% of students performing at or above Proficient level					
	Economically disadvantaged	Students with disabilities	LEP students			
	S	N	S	N	S	N
4th grade reading	13	17	22	13	4	7
8th grade reading	12	15	7	7	6	4
4th grade math	16	22	26	19	7	13
8th grade math	13	15	9	8	5	6

Gap Analysis: State Assessment Performance (ED Facts/CSPR SY 2007-08)	Difference in % of students performing at or above Proficient level					
	Econ dis'd - All students	LEP - All Students	Black - White	Hispanic - White	Black - Hispanic	
4th grade reading	-12.6	-27.2	-25.0	-23.7	-1.3	
8th grade reading	-14.5	-45.1	-30.6	-28.9	-1.7	
HS reading	-6.9	-21.9	-11.5	-13.4	1.9	
4th grade mathematics	-9.9	-17.2	-24.7	-16.8	-7.9	
8th grade mathematics	-13.2	-38.4	-31.0	-27.0	-4.0	
HS mathematics	-5.4	-17.4	-22.1	-15.0	-7.1	
GAP Analysis: NAEAP Assessment (NAEP 2007)	Difference in % of students performing at or above Proficient level					
	Econ dis'd - All students	LEP - All students	Black - White	Hispanic - White	Black - Hispanic	
4th grade reading	-11.4	-20.7	-18.4	-21.1	2.7	
8th grade reading	-9.8	-15.3	-14.2	-19.0	4.8	
4th grade mathematics	-13.7	-23.3	-26.6	-24.9	-1.8	
8th grade mathematics	-9.9	-17.9	-19.9	-21.5	1.6	
State Assessment System (OESSE 2008)	Approved	Approval Expected	Approval Pending	Approval Pending - Compliance Agreement		
Approval status					x	
Economic Data (CCD FY 2007)						
Per-pupil expenditure	Current state \$		Current national \$			
	\$7,806		\$9,683			
Funding for education (in thousands)	Federal \$	State \$	Local \$			
	\$280,453	\$1,077,524	\$2,650,058			

Highly Qualified Teachers (ED Facts/CSPR SY 2007-08)	% of core classes taught by HQT			
	All	High Poverty	Low Poverty	
All schools	85.2			
Elementary schools	89.6	86.2	93.1	
Secondary schools	83.6	74.6	89.0	
Title I Choice Options (ED Facts/CSPR SY 2007-08)	Eligible students	Participating students		
	#	#	%	
Public school choice	37,769	572	1.5	
Supplemental services	29,868	5,025	16.8	
Student Outcomes				
Averaged freshman graduation rate (AFGR) (NCES SY 2005-06)		State %	National %	
		55.8	73.2	
Graduates and dropouts (ED Facts/CSPR SY 2007-08 for SY 2006-07)		State graduation rate %	State dropout rate %	
All students		67.5	4.6	
White		75.0	3.5	
Black, non-Hispanic		52.7	5.8	
Hispanic		55.3	6.5	
Asian/Pacific Islander		76.8	3.2	
American Indian/Alaskan Native		59.2	4.2	
Economically disadvantaged students				
Children with disabilities (IDEA)				
Limited English proficient students				
College enrollment rate (CCD/IPEDS 2005)		52.2		
AP participation rate (College Board 2008)		State %		
Took at least one examination		24.6		
Scored three or higher on an AP examination		State %	National %	
		13.5	15.2	

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Immigrant Educational Attainment

The number of immigrants in Nevada with a college degree increased by 140.5 percent between 2000 and 2007.

Between 2000 and 2007, the number of foreign-born persons in Nevada older than 25 who had a bachelor's or higher degree increased from 33,351 to 80,203, representing a difference of 140.5 percent. In comparison, the foreign-born, college-educated population grew from 10,202 to 33,351 between 1990 and 2000, a difference of 226.9 percent.

At the national level, the foreign-born population with a bachelor's or higher degree increased from 3,103,918 to 5,862,756 between 1990 and 2000, representing a change of 88.9 percent, and grew from 5,862,756 to 8,503,988 (45.1 percent) between 2000 and 2007.

The number of immigrants in Nevada with less than a high school diploma increased by 36.3 percent between 2000 and 2007.

Between 2000 and 2007, the number of foreign-born persons older than 25 in Nevada who had not completed high school increased from 109,286 to 149,006, or 36.3 percent. In comparison, the foreign-born population lacking a high school diploma increased from 32,812 to 109,286 between 1990 and 2000, a difference of 233.1 percent.

At the national level, the foreign-born population without a high school diploma increased from 6,285,122 to 9,297,557 between 1990 and 2000, representing a change of 47.9 percent, and grew from 9,297,557 to 10,106,082 (8.7 percent) between 2000 and 2007.

In 2007, 19.7 percent of immigrants in Nevada had a college degree, while 36.5 percent did not complete high school.

In 2007, 19.7 percent of Nevada's foreign-born population age 25 and older had a bachelor's or higher degree while 36.5 percent lacked a high school diploma. In comparison, 22.4 percent of native-born persons above age 25 had a bachelor's or higher degree in 2007, and 9.9 percent lacked a high school diploma. In 2000, 13.7 percent of the foreign born in Nevada had a bachelor's or higher degree, and 45.0 percent had less than a high school diploma. In 1990, 12.7 percent had a college degree, and 40.9 percent lacked a high school diploma.

Nationally, 26.9 percent of the foreign-born population age 25 and older had a bachelor's or higher degree in 2007 compared to 24.1 percent in 2000 and 20.3 percent in 1990. At the same time, 32.0 percent of the foreign born at the national level lacked a high school diploma in 2007 compared to 38.2 percent in 2000 and 41.2 percent in 1990.

Of foreign-born persons who were naturalized citizens in 2007, 26.4 percent had a bachelor's or higher degree compared to 14.6 percent of noncitizens.

In Nevada, 26.4 percent of foreign-born persons who were naturalized citizens had a bachelor's or higher degree, compared to 14.6 percent of noncitizens. At the same time, 23.3 percent of naturalized citizens lacked a high school diploma compared to 46.5 percent of noncitizens.

At the national level, 32.2 percent of naturalized citizens and 22.2 percent of

noncitizens had a college degree. Further, 22.2 percent of naturalized citizens lacked a high school diploma compared to 40.5 percent of noncitizens.

Education by Language Spoken at Home

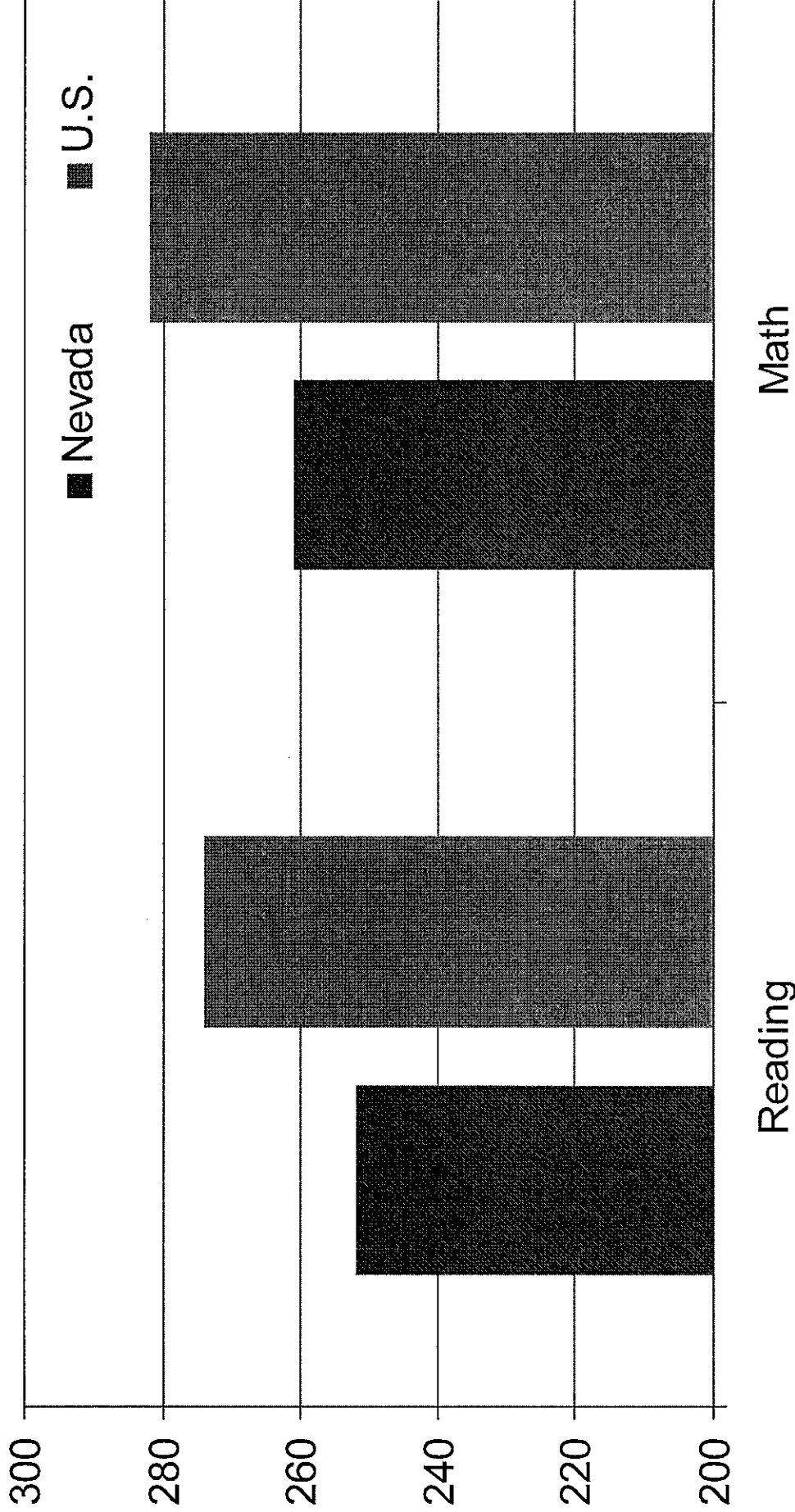
The educational attainment of all adults in Nevada in 2007 varied by the language spoken at home.

Of the total population (both native and foreign born) age 25 and older in Nevada, 22.8 percent of those who spoke only English at home had a college degree compared to 9.1 percent of those who spoke Spanish, 37.3 percent of those who spoke other Indo-European languages, 38.5 percent of those who spoke Asian and Pacific Island languages, and 29.8 percent who spoke other languages.

At the same time, 9.6 percent of those who spoke only English lacked a high school diploma compared to 46.7 percent of those who spoke Spanish, 9.4 percent of those who spoke other Indo-European languages, 15.0 percent of those who spoke Asian and Pacific Island languages, and 16.1 percent who spoke other languages.

Students Less Prepared Entering High School...

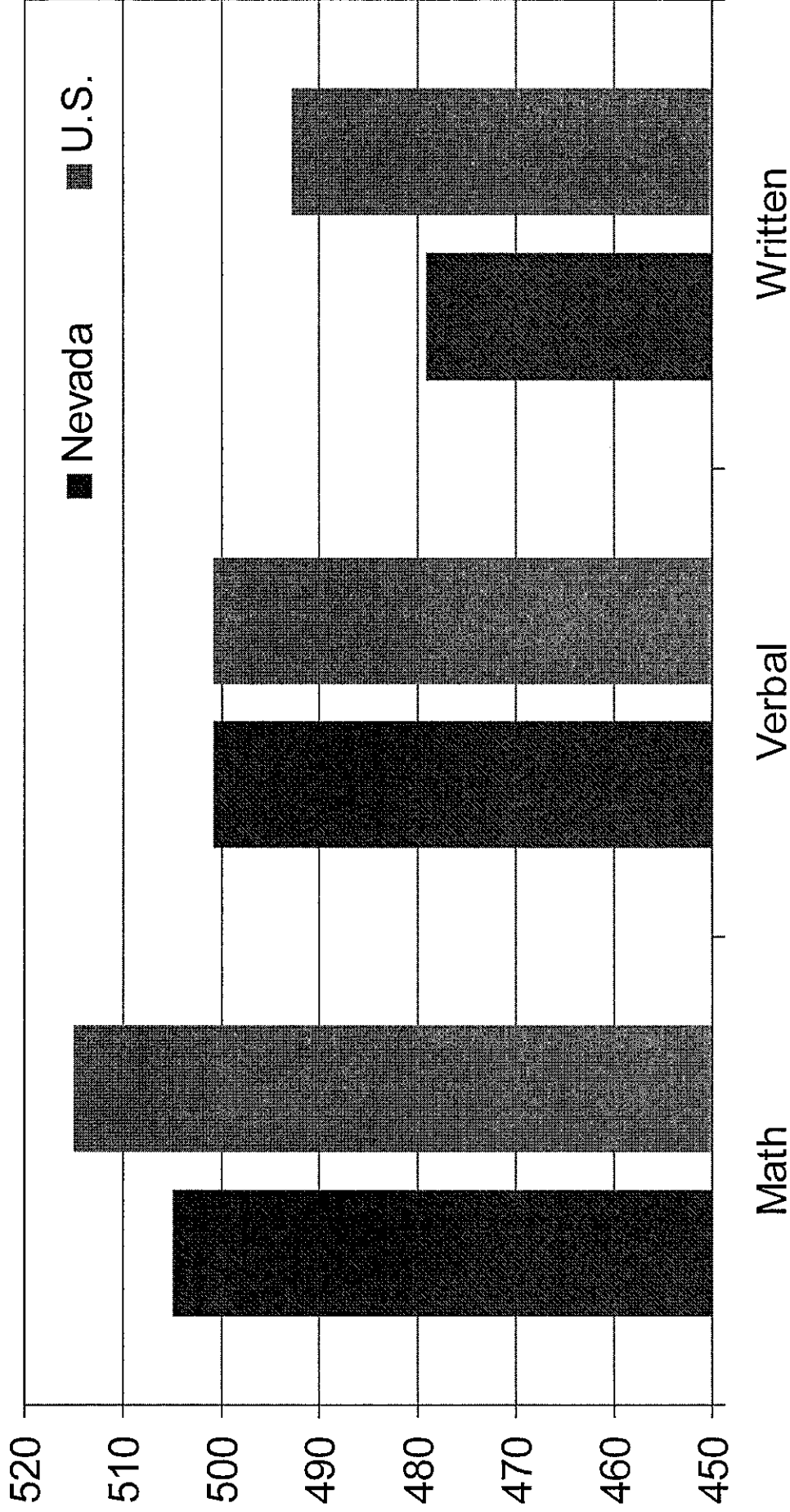
NEAP scores, 8th grade



Source: U.S. Department of Education

...And College Entrants Less Competitive

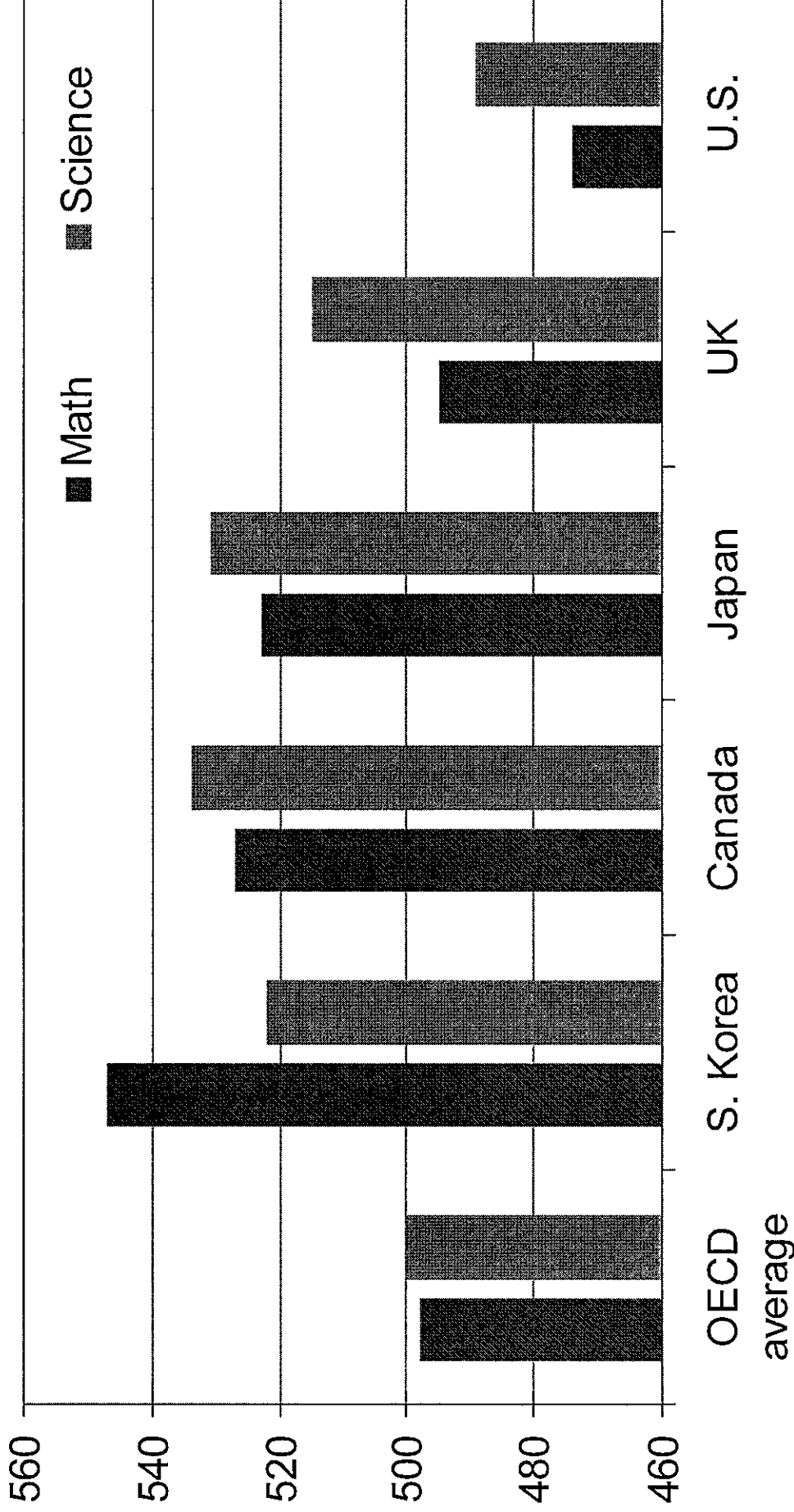
SAT scores, 2009



Source: The College Board

U.S. Student Performance Subpar

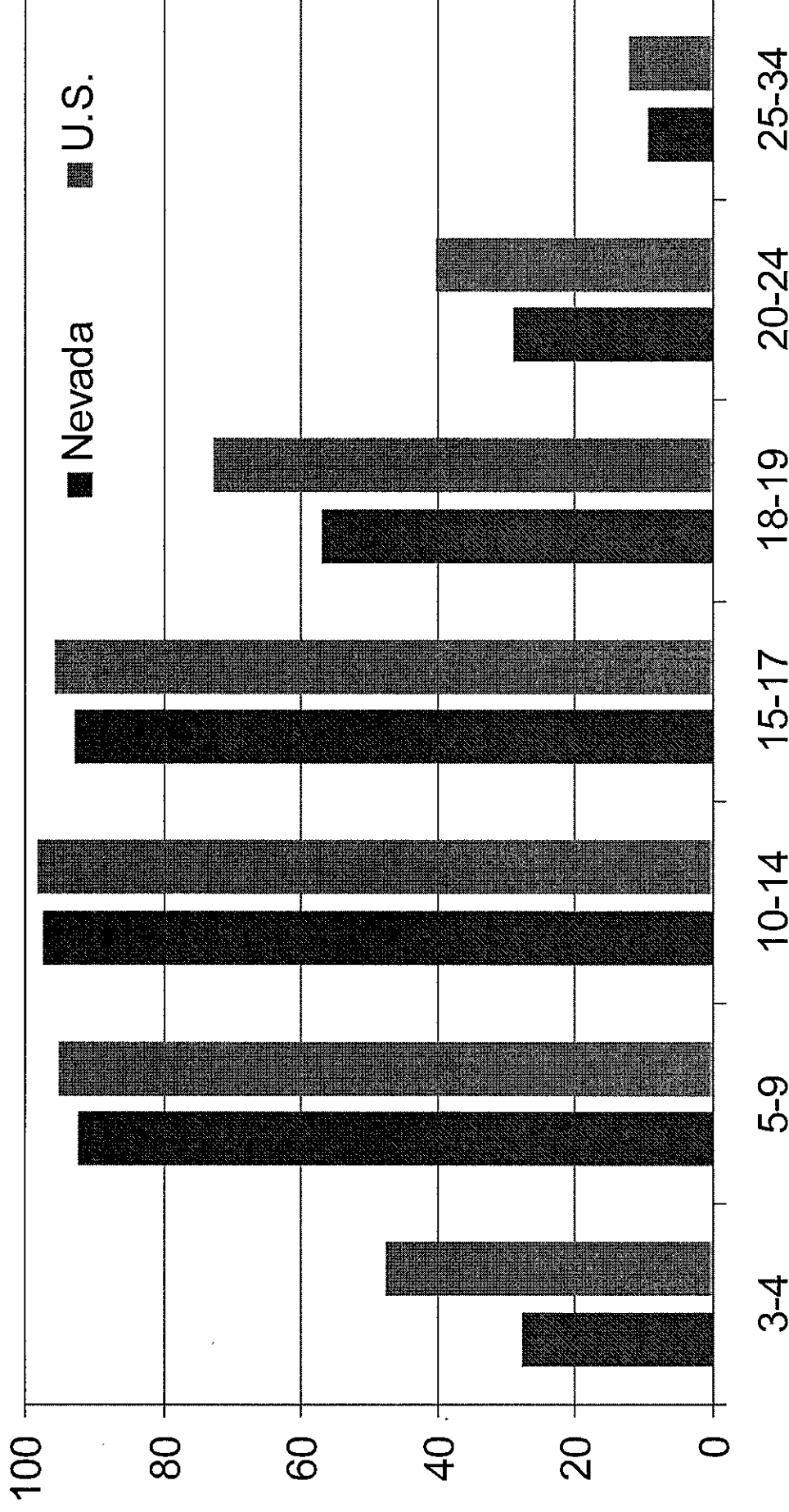
Mean scores for 15-year old students, 2006



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Nevadans Choose Education Less Often...

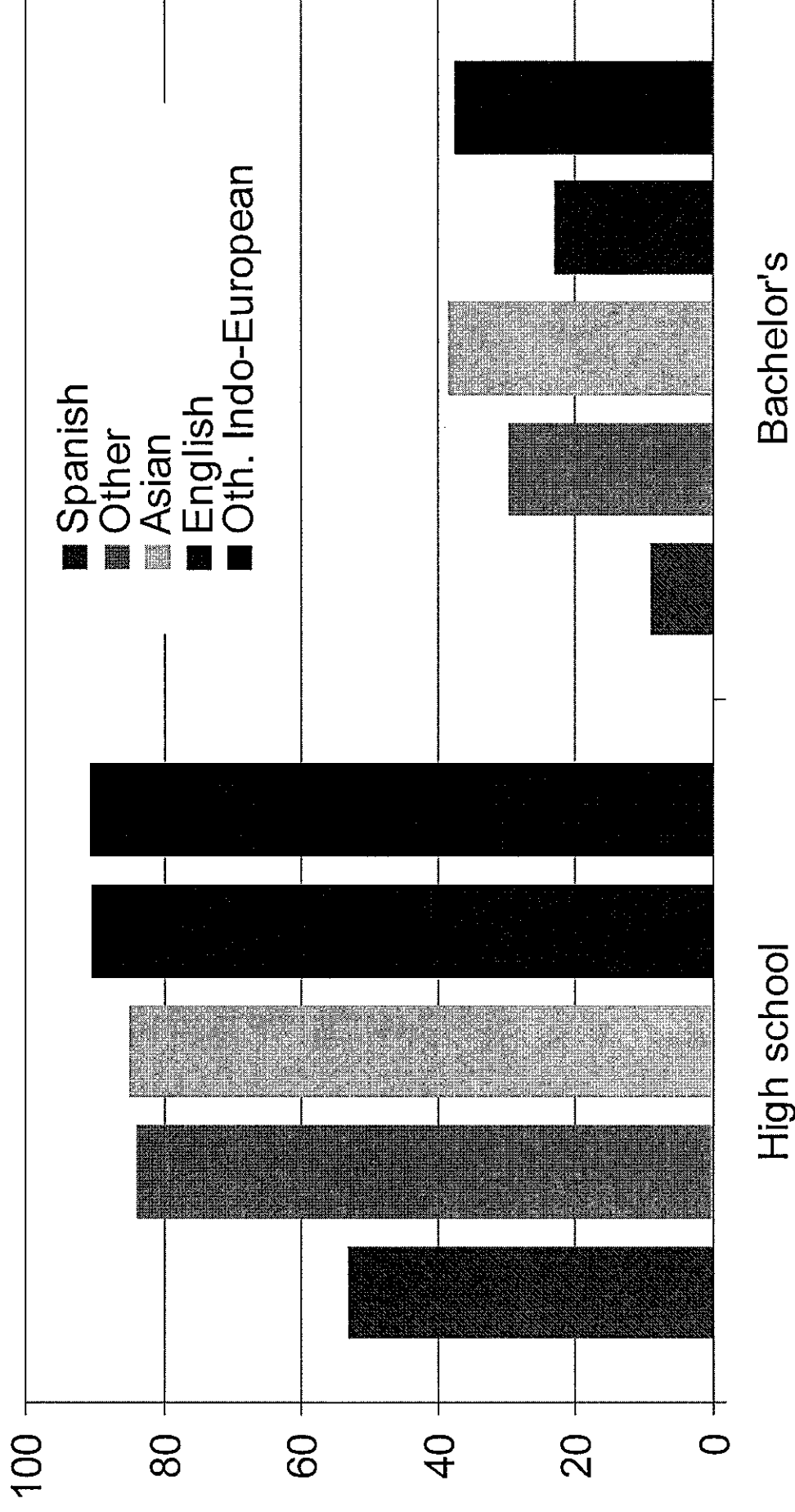
School enrollment, %, 2006-2008, 3-yr estimates



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Spanish Speaking Immigrants Getting Lost

Educational attainment by language spoken at home



Source: U.S. Department of Education