In 2017, Indiana’s overall student score of 227 remained relatively stable, decreasing by one point. The score is five points above the National average score of 221 in the NAEP Reading assessment.

There was no overall growth over two years, however, Indiana’s subpopulations indicated growth in specific categories over fourteen years. In 2017, the Indiana average student score was a 231 in the Literary Experience category. Hispanic students’ score rose five points in Literary Experience category.

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All subpopulations indicated growth over six years within NAEP’s achievement levels. In 2017, there were 22% of White students who scored in the Below Basic proficiency level. There were 45% of Black students who scored in the Below Basic proficiency level. There were 40% of Hispanic students who scored in the Below Basic proficiency level.

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Indiana improved performance over a seven year period in all subpopulation, percentile groups. In 2017, White students had an average gain of five points across all percentile groups. Black students had an average gain of seven points across all percentile groups. Hispanic students had an average gain of ten points across all percentile groups.