2024 TCAP State-Level Results Overview
June 2024
Overview of 2024 TCAP Results

• These analyses are reflective of the 2023-24 TCAP administration, including both spring 2024 assessments as well as fall 2023 end-of-course exams.

• These analyses do not include the results of:
  • 2nd Grade Optional TCAP assessments,
  • TCAP-Alt assessments (for students with the most significant learning disabilities), or
  • Math EOCs which are undergoing a standards setting process.

• Middle school TCAP and high school end-of-course (EOC) exams were administered on computer, while grades 3-5 exams were administered on paper.
**KEY TAKE-AWAYS**

- **39% of Tennessee students are meeting grade level expectations** in English language arts (ELA), consistently exceeding pre-pandemic levels.

- **Proficiency gains are observed in most tested grades.**

**ALL STUDENTS OVERVIEW**

**ELA: All Grades**

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SOURCE: Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
KEY TAKE-AWAYS

• Positive trends from 2023 in early elementary grades continued in 2024

• The percentage of elementary students in the below category is the lowest since 2016-17

• Elementary and high schools continue to out-perform pre-pandemic levels

SOURCE: Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
KEY TAKE-AWAYS

Proficiency rates show an increase between 1-2 points for all student sub-groups

Achievement gaps persist that were present before the pandemic

SOURCE: Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
KEY TAKE-AWAYS

- 3rd grade gains from 2023 largely carry over into performance in 4th grade
- Fewer 4th grade students scored in the “Below” level than ever before
- While 5th grade proficiency shows an increase of 2%, elementary gains are not yet reflected in middle school performance as a whole
**ELA: All Grades**

**2024 RESULTS BY END OF COURSE EXAM**

**KEY TAKE-AWAYS**

- High school English proficiency rates remain steady from 2023 to 2024.
- High school ELA proficiency rates remain 5% higher than pre-pandemic levels (2019).

**Diagram:**

- **English I**
  - Exceed: 8%
  - Met: 56%
  - Approaching: 35%
  - Below: 27%
- **English II**
  - Exceed: 14%
  - Met: 36%
  - Approaching: 51%
  - Below: 49%

**SOURCE:** Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
ALL STUDENTS OVERVIEW

KEY TAKE-AWAYS

4 in 10 Tennessee students in grades 3-8 are meeting grade level expectations in math.

Growth in math matched or exceeded gains seen in previous years and is nearing or meeting pre-pandemic levels in nearly all grades.

Note: Due to substantive revisions of high school math standards, the results of high school end-of-course (EOC) assessments are not yet included. These results will be updated later this year after the standards setting process.
**KEY TAKE-AWAYS**

- Overall proficiency in math is up slightly in elementary and middle school

- Middle school proficiency rates have recovered to pre-pandemic levels

*Math EOC will be available in the fall due to standard setting process.*
RESULTS BY STUDENT GROUPS

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**KEY TAKE-AWAYS**

- Overall proficiency rates have increased 1-2% for all student groups
- Achievement gaps persist that were present before the pandemic

SOURCE: Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
MATH: TCAP GRADES 3-8

RESULTS BY GRADE

KEY TAKE-AWAYS

• With a nearly 3 percentage point gain, 5th and 7th grades saw the largest gains in math

• Other grades generally maintained proficiency levels between 2023 and 2024

• Elementary performance continues to lead middle school performance by roughly 7%, consistent with prior years

SOURCE: Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
KEY TAKE-AWAYS

- Overall, proficiency rates remain steady for science, with an increase of 1 percentage point in overall student proficiency.

*There were no operational science tests administered in 2019 & assessment standards were re-set in 2021.*
KEY TAKE-AWAYS

• Middle and high school science proficiency rates rose slightly while elementary rates remained consistent.

• High school science demonstrated a 5% decrease in students scoring in the “Below” category.

*There were no operational science tests administered in 2019 & assessment standards were re-set in 2021.*
Each student subgroup maintained or improved proficiency rates between 2023 and 2024, with most improving by 1-2 percentage points.

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SOURCE: Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
KEY TAKE-AWAYS

- Social studies proficiency shows a 1 percentage point gain for all students tested, continuing improvements over the last three years.

*Social Studies standards were updated in 2018 and assessment standards were re-set in 2021.*

SOURCE: Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
OVERVIEW

KEY TAKE-AWAYS

- Both middle school and high school proficiency rates show improvement between 2023 and 2024.

*Social Studies standards were updated in 2018 and assessment standards were re-set in 2021.*

SOURCE: Tennessee Department of Education, 2024
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