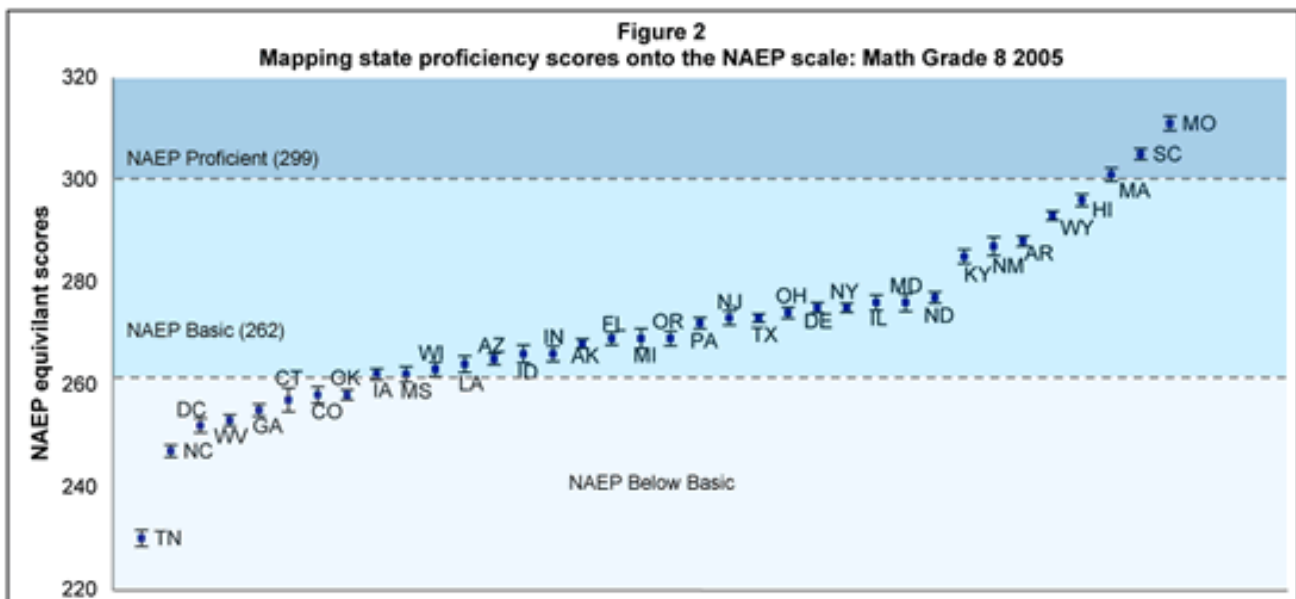
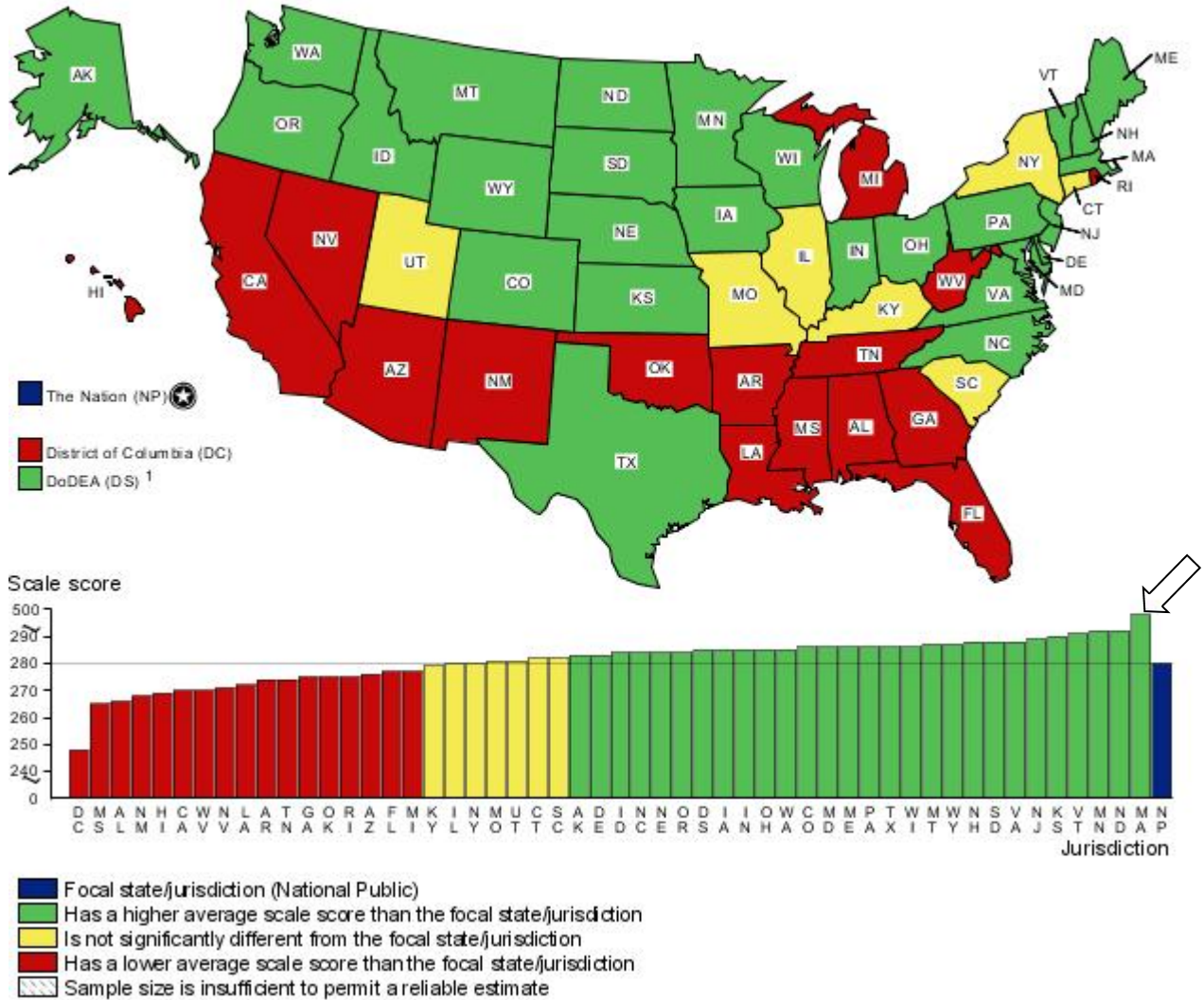


The charts below show how, in one national standardized test, Massachusetts students perform compared to students in other states.

## Cross-state Comparisons of Average 8th Grade NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Mathematics scores in 2007.



Source: NCES (2007) Mapping 2005 State Proficiency Standards Onto the NAEP Scales (NCES 2007-482)

The above chart shows that MCAS proficiency scores line up with the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) proficiency scores in 8th grade math assessment. Most other states' proficiency scores fall below.