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Despite increasing per-pupil spending by 57.95% and reducing pupil-teacher ratio by 26% over the past 20 years Hawaii's 8th graders rank 46 nationally in mathematics.



In Mathematics, America ranked 10th behind the six "Proficient" countries; Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan and Belgium. Ranked last were Botswana, Morocco, Tunisia, Philippines, Bahrain and Chile.

Hawaii students made a "Basic" score along with all the other 50 states, but ranked 4th from the bottom, above New Mexico, Alabama and Mississippi. Eighth graders in Massachusetts had the highest U.S. math scores, tied with the fifth highest-ranking country, Japan.

In science, only two countries -- Singapore and Taiwan -- are "Proficient"; 20 countries including the United States are "Basic" (no states in America were ranked "Proficient"); and trailing American students are those in 24 countries classified as "Below Basic." America was 12th compared to 46 nations surveyed. At the bottom are Ghana, Morocco, South Africa, Botswana, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.

Hawaii is one of 9 states in the "Below Basic" level in Science, placing the 50th state in the same category as Jordan, Norway, Romania, and Serbia. Other states ranked this low include Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada and New Mexico.

"Chance Favors the Prepared Mind: Mathematics and Science Indicators for Comparing States and Nations" ~Dr. Gary W. Philips, AIR Report, 11/14/2007
 Complete report at <http://www.air.org/publications>

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~ Nelson Mandela
 Human Rights Activist



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