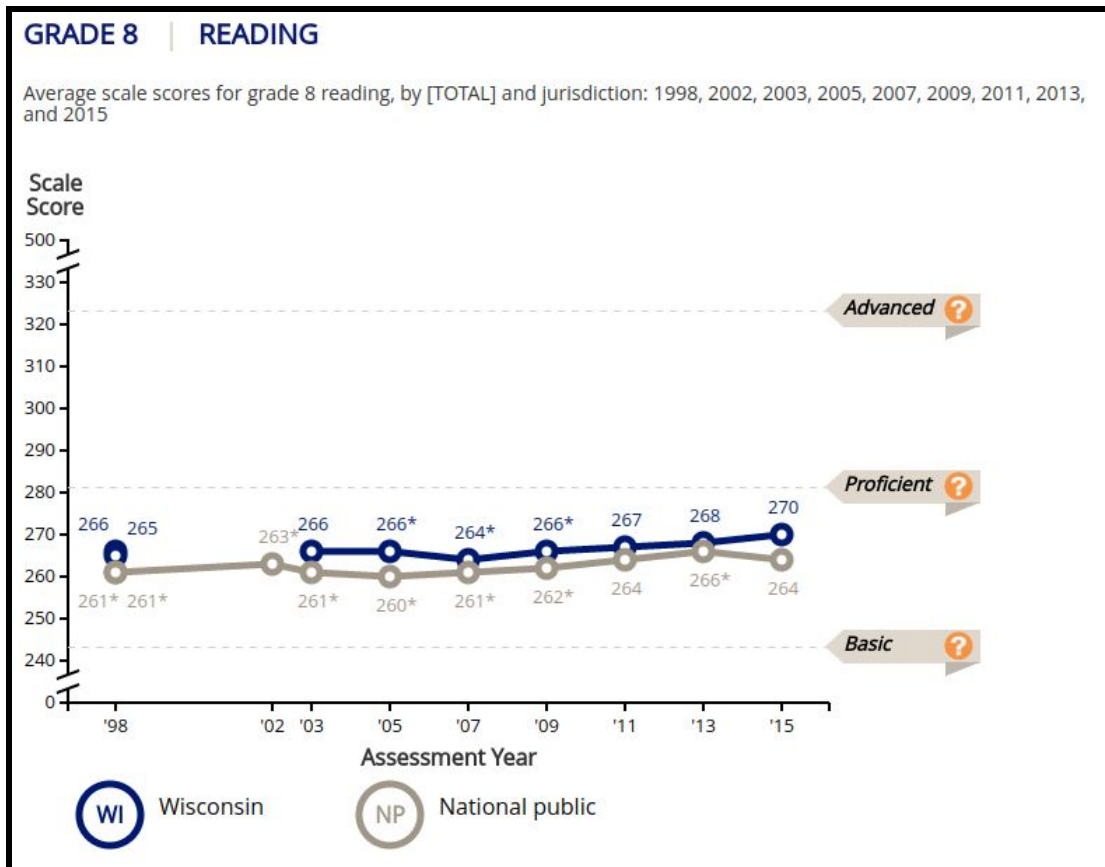


# The Joy and Reality of Reading



"Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing."  
-Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*

"Reading is everything. Reading makes me feel like I've accomplished something, learned something, become a better person. Reading makes me smarter. Reading gives me something to talk about later on...Reading is escape, and the opposite of escape; it's a way to make contact with reality after a day of making things up, and it's a way of making contact with someone else's imagination after a day that's all too real. Reading is grist. Reading is bliss." -Nora Ephron, film writer for *Sleepless in Seattle*



The Historical Record of Wisconsin's Reading NAEP scores from [nationsreportcard.gov](http://nationsreportcard.gov)