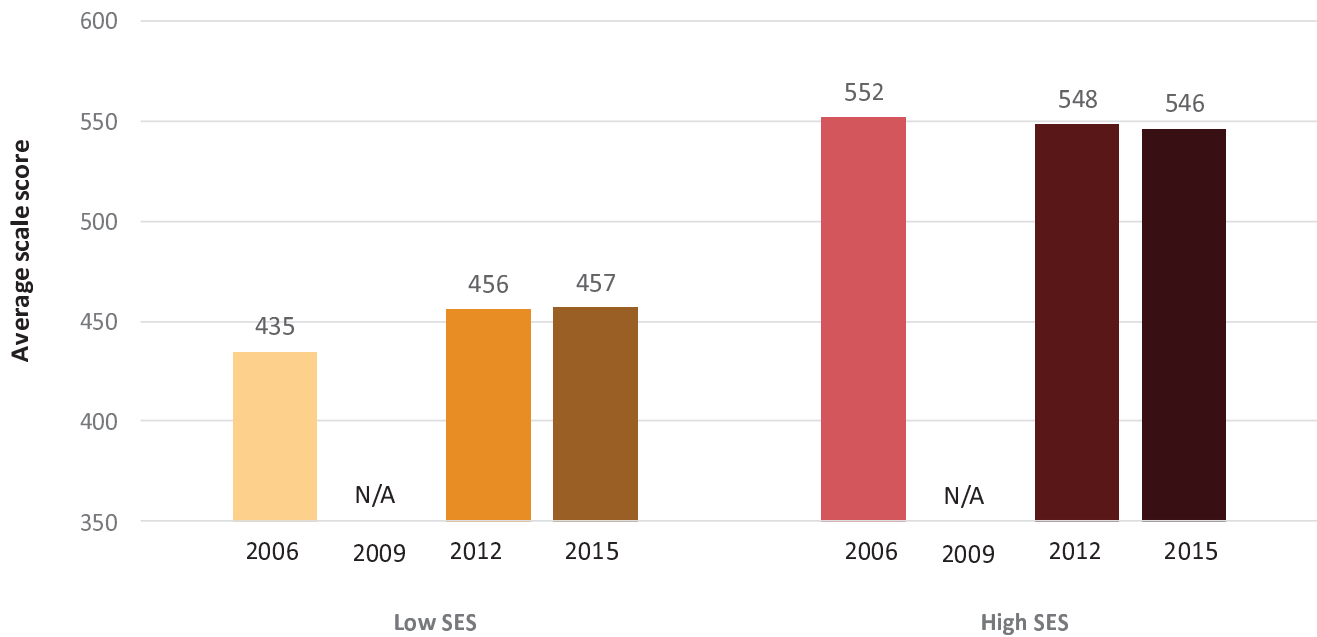


**Scores for low-SES students in the U.S. improved between 2006 and 2015, but most of this improvement happened prior to 2012. Between 2006 and 2015, scores for high-SES students declined.**

Science, 2006-2015, by student SES level



Note: High SES students are those in the top quartile of the ESCS index in their country. Low SES students are those in the bottom quartile. The ESCS (Index of Economic, Social, and Cultural Status) is comprised of information related to parents' occupational status, parents' educational attainment, family wealth, home educational resources, and possessions related to "classical" culture in the home. N/A = Scores by ESCS level are not publicly available for this year.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, 2016 [https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pisa/pisa2015/pisa2015highlights\\_3.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/pisa/pisa2015/pisa2015highlights_3.asp)