Hotspots of suspect scores

Roughly 200 school districts around the country had high concentrations of suspect test scores. For these school systems, the odds of so many suspicious score changes occurring in a single district due to chance alone were extraordinarily low — ranging from worse than 1 in 1,000 to worse than 1 in a billion. The analysis doesn’t prove cheating. But experts say cheating is one of only a few explanations for why so many students’ test scores would shift so dramatically.

Odds the shift was due to chance:

- Less than 1 in a thousand
- 1 in a thousand - 1 in a million
- 1 in a million - 1 in a billion
- No data