

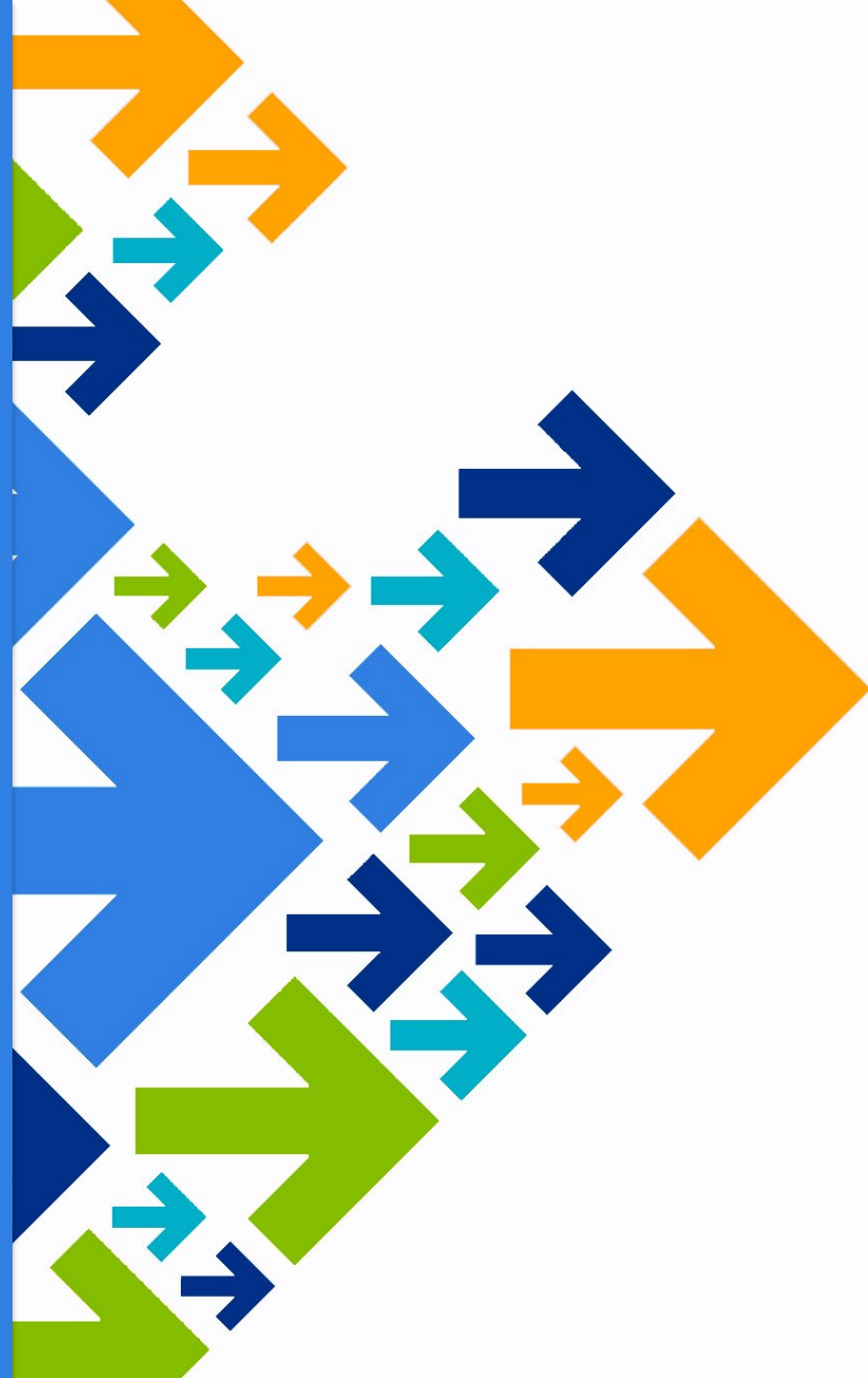
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Longitudinal Literacy

Continuing our
Discussion on the State
Progress Reports

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2025 State Progress Reports

CHARTING A PATH FORWARD

Charting a Path Forward is the 2025 progress report for the South's progress toward the 2030 Challenge to Excel Goals for Education. This report covers data and policies for the 16-state Southern region for PreK, elementary and the middle grades, along with demographics data.

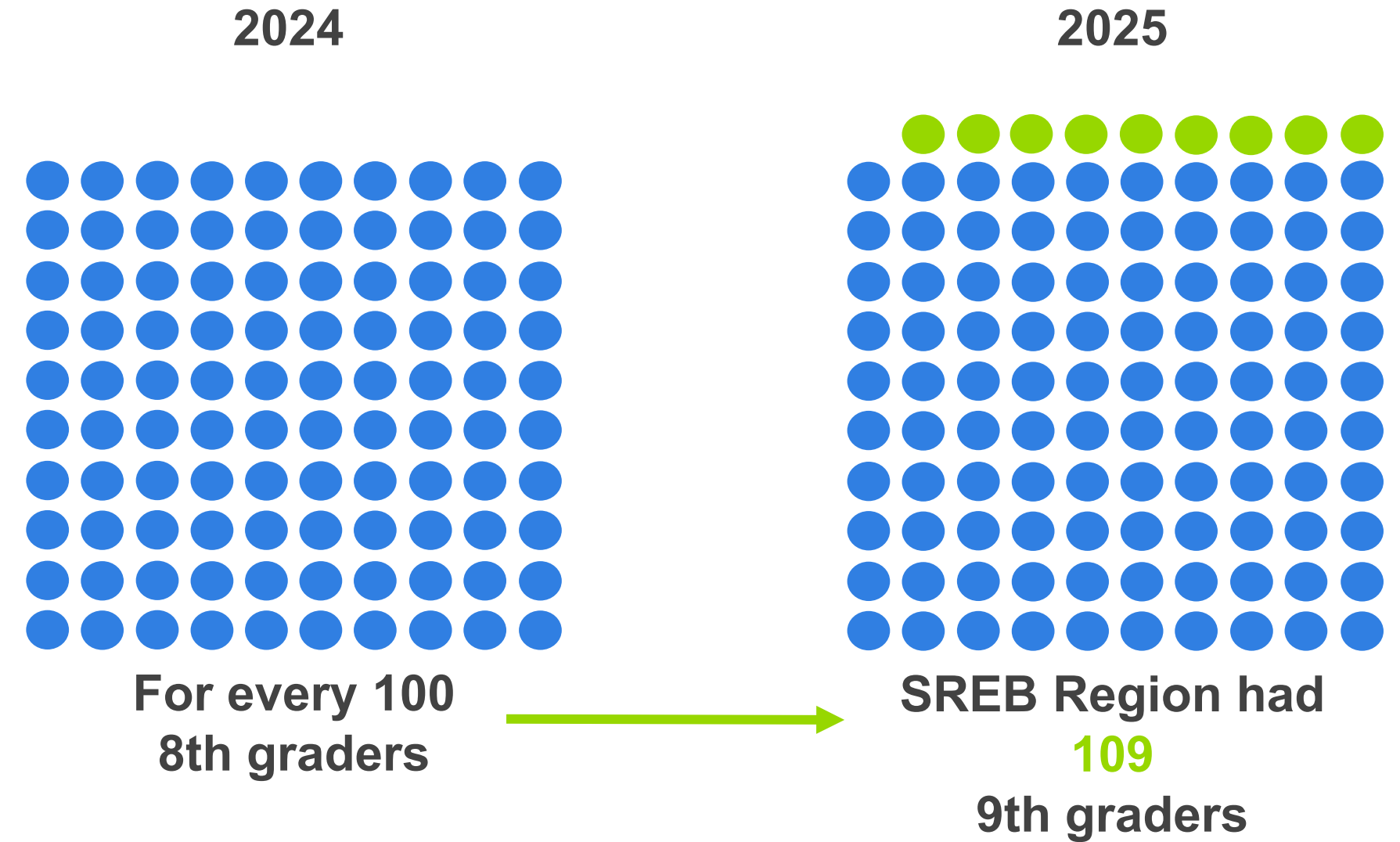
The 2025 State Progress Report uses an online web-based format. Please use the links below to access each of the 16 states' reports.

STATES

In each state report, click to find comparable data on PreK, elementary and the middle grades, along with demographics data.

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- SREB Region

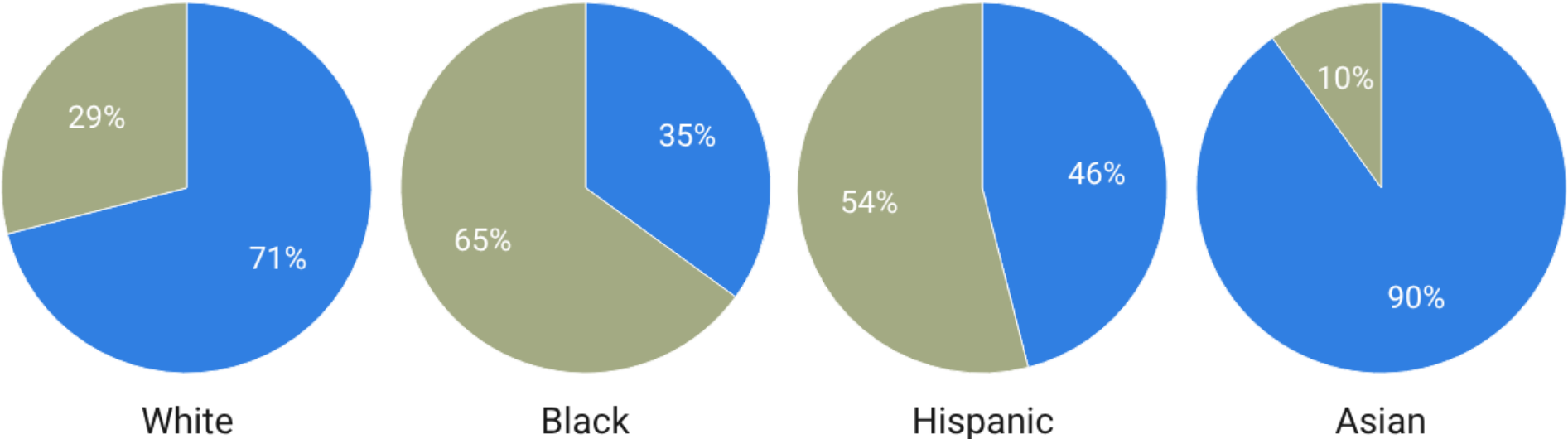
9th Grade Enrollment Bulge in SREB Region



8th Grade Math At/Above Basic

Performance Percentages in the SREB Region, 2024

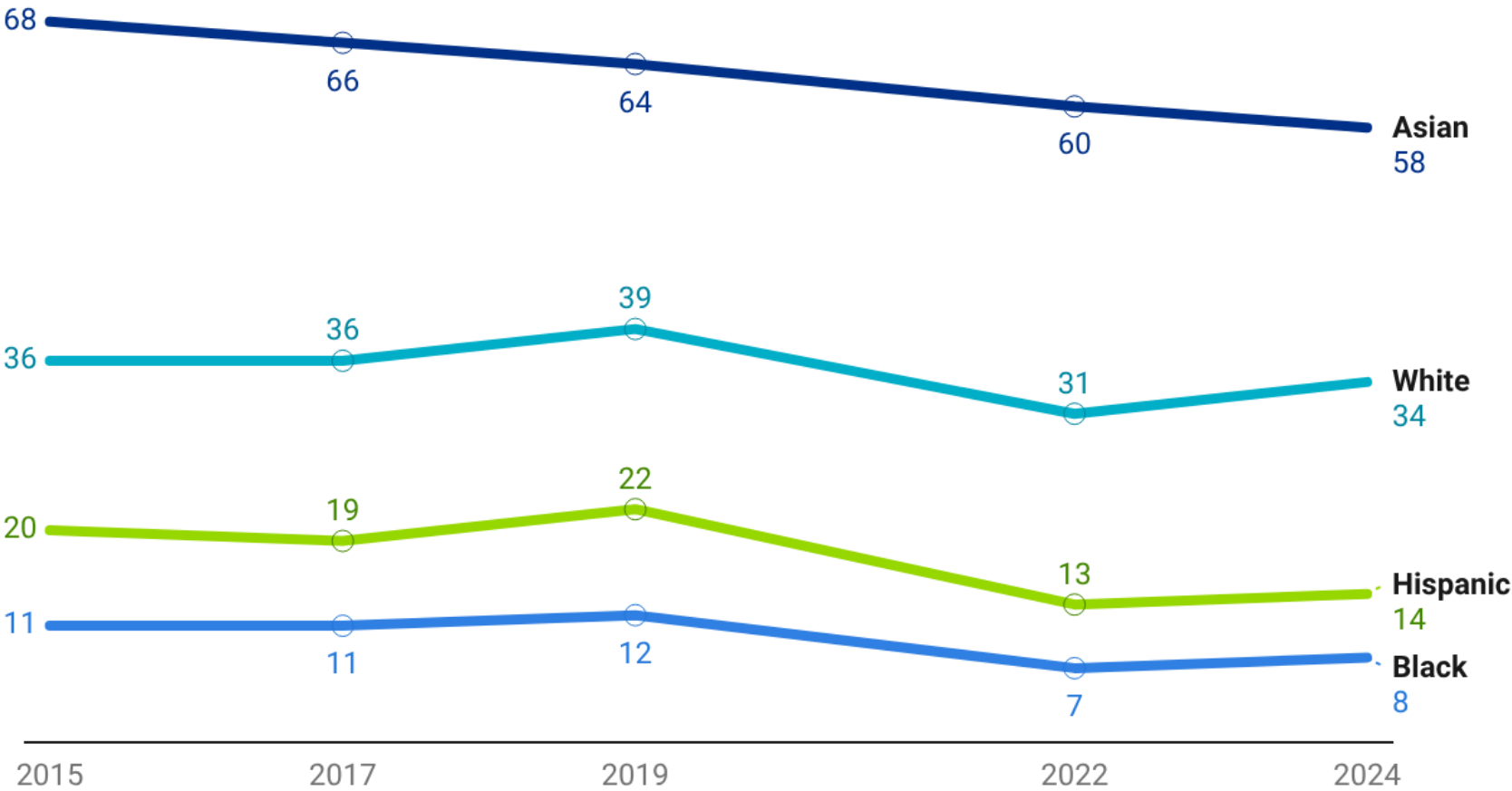
At or Above Basic Below Basic



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8th Grade Math Proficiency by Race/Ethnicity

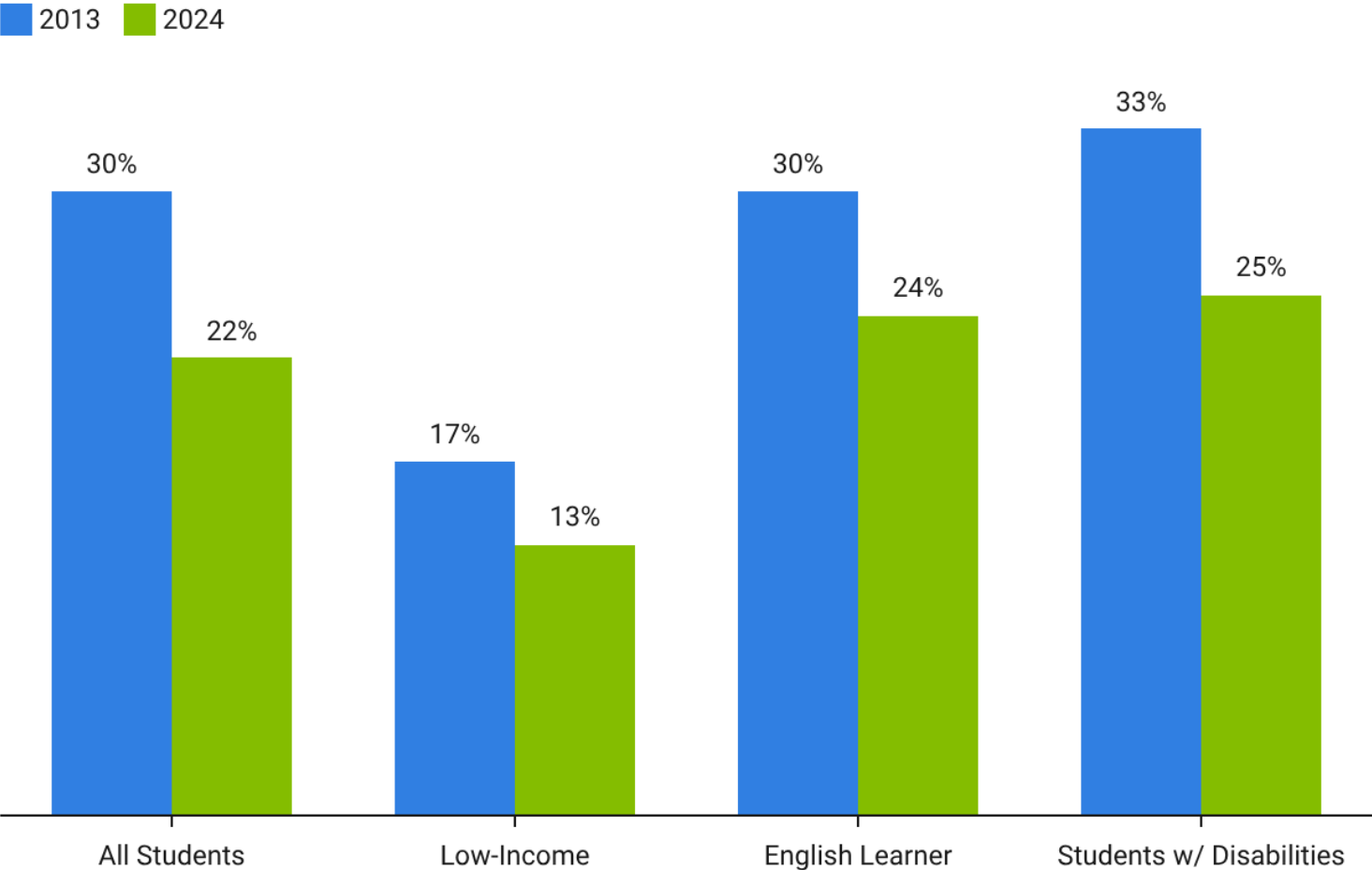
Percentage Scoring At or Above Proficient in the SREB Region



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8th Grade Math Gaps by Student Group

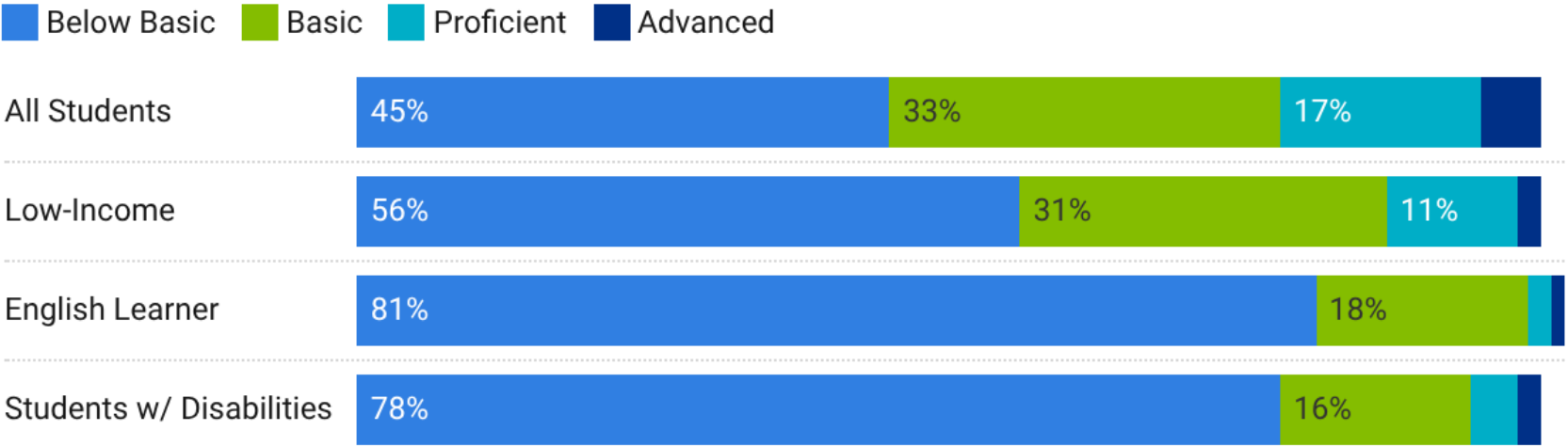
Percentage Scoring At or Above Proficient in the SREB Region



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8th Grade Math by Student Group

Results by Performance Level in the SREB Region, 2024



Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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8th Grade NAEP Reading and Math

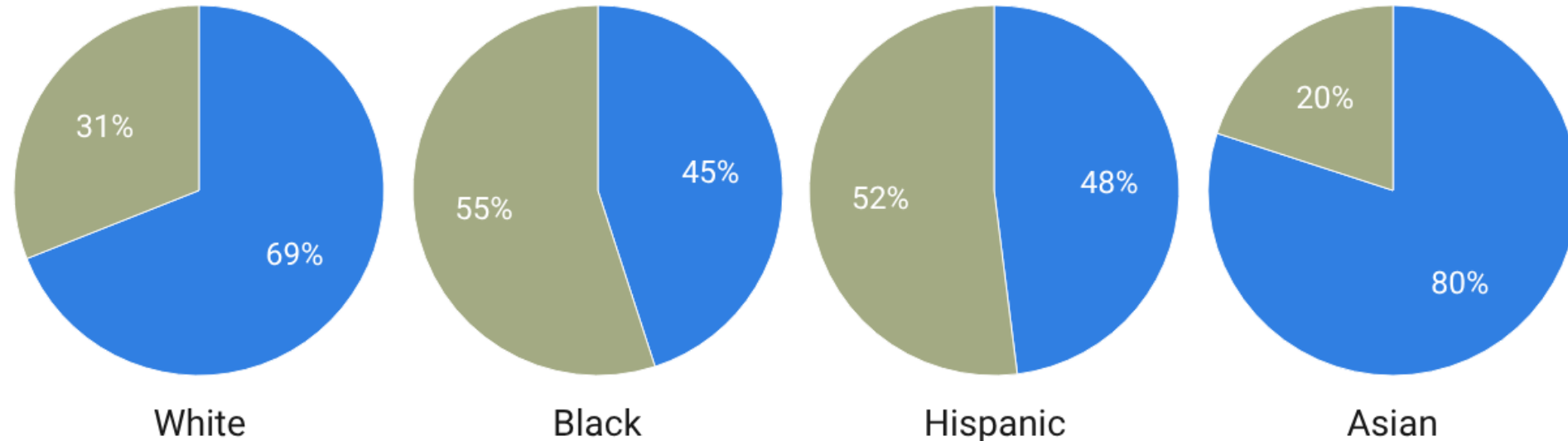
Change in Student Achievement at Each Level from 2013 to 2024

	Reading	Math
At or Above Basic	↑ 0 States ↓ 16 states	↑ 0 States ↓ 16 States
At or Above Proficient	↑ 2 States ↓ 14 States	↑ 3 States ↓ 13 States

4th Grade Reading At/Above Basic

Performance Percentages in the SREB Region, 2024

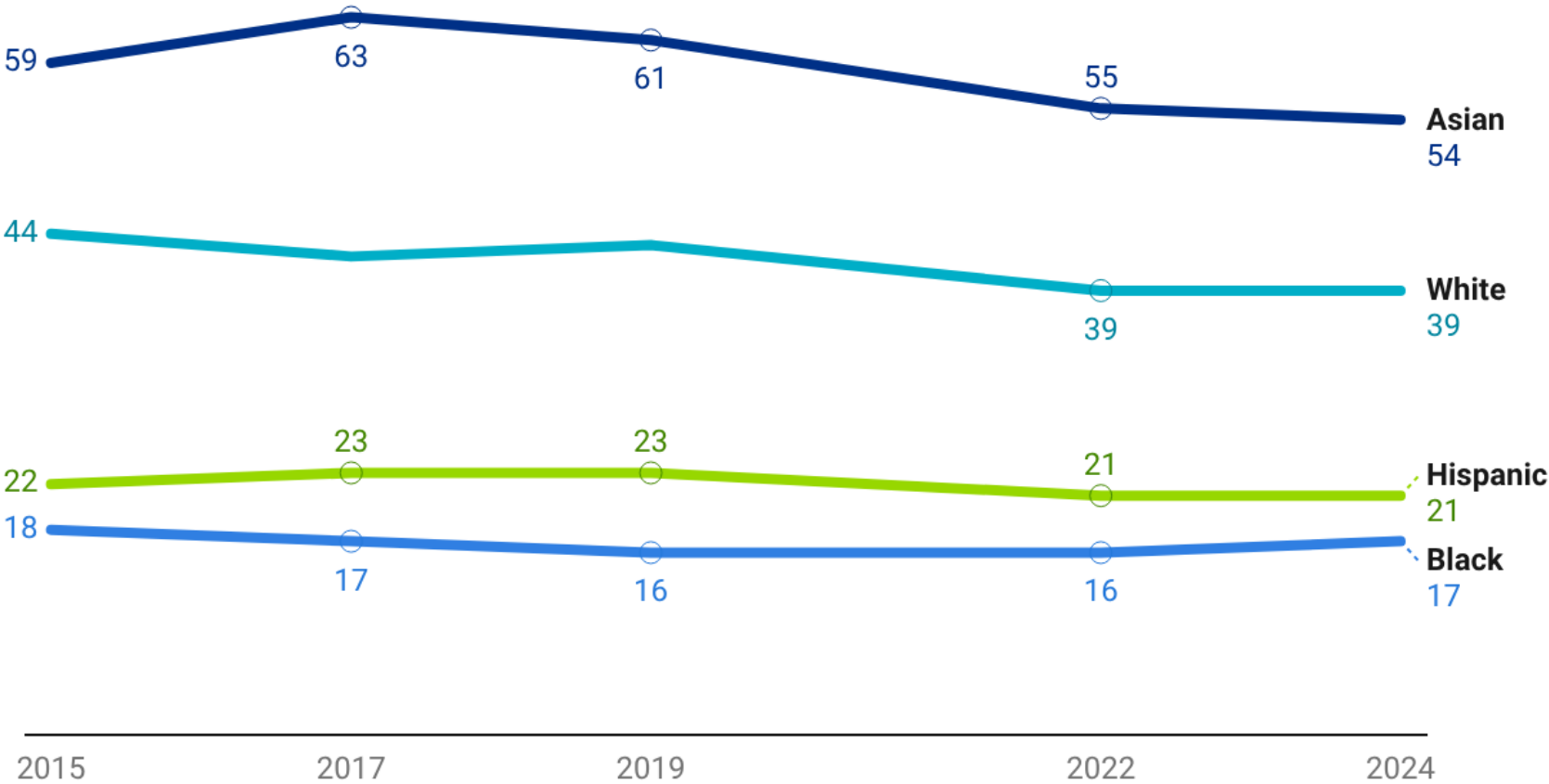
■ At or Above Basic ■ Below Basic



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4th Grade Reading Proficiency by Race/Ethnicity

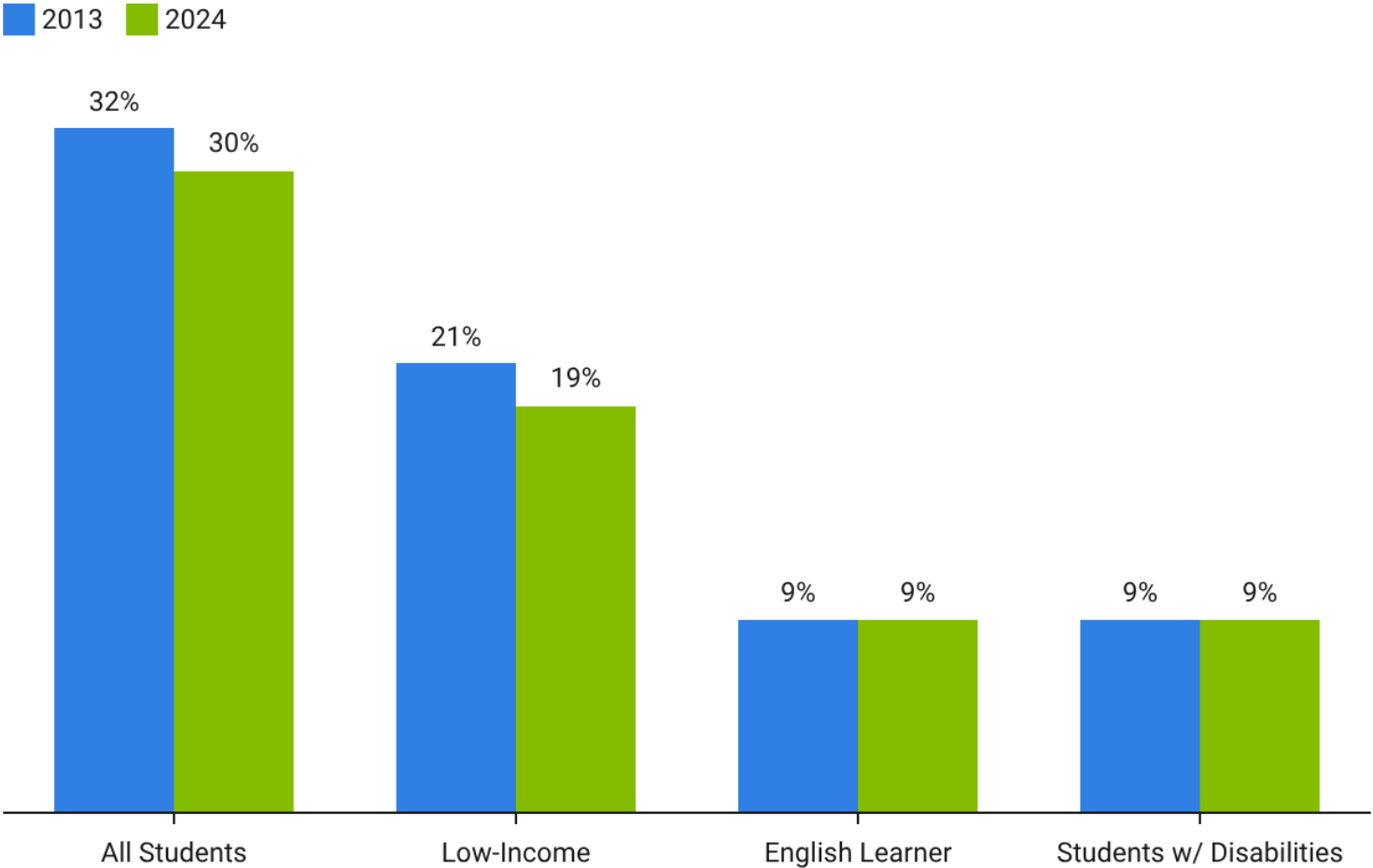
Percentage Scoring At or Above Proficient in the SREB Region



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4th Grade Reading Gaps by Student Group

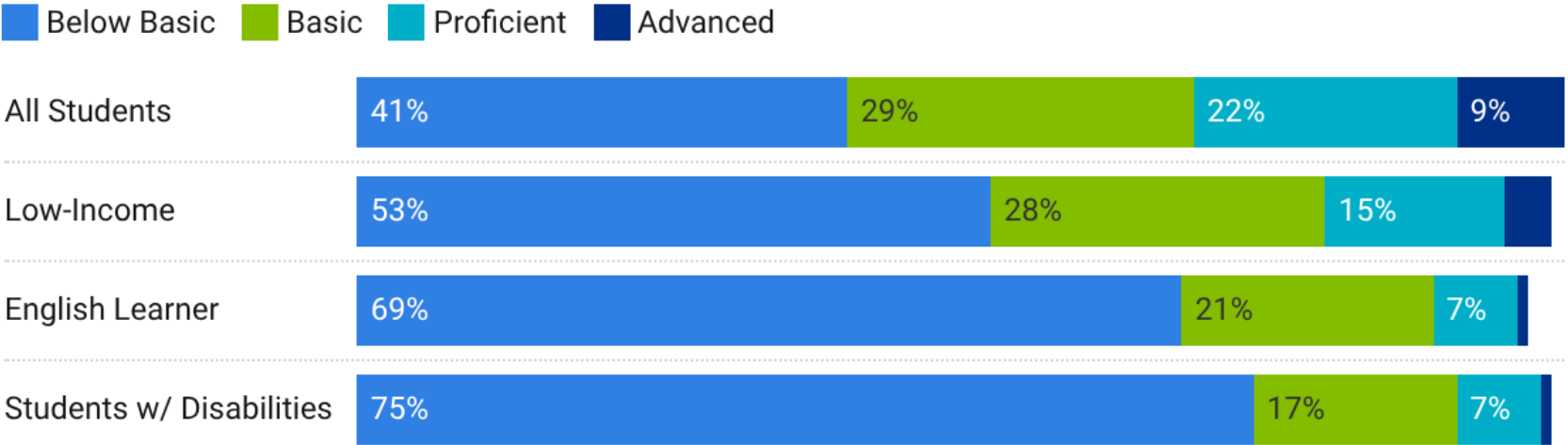
Percentage Scoring At or Above Proficient in the SREB Region



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4th Grade Reading by Student Group

Results by Performance Level in the SREB Region, 2024



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4th Grade NAEP Reading and Math

Change in Student Achievement at Each Level from 2013 to 2024

	Reading	Math
At or Above Basic	↑ 2 States ↓ 14 states	↑ 3 States ↓ 13 States
At or Above Proficient	↑ 3 States ↓ 13 States	↑ 7 States ↓ 9 States

Literacy

- All 16 SREB states have enacted legislation to support early grades literacy in recent years.
- The model followed by other states is Mississippi's Literacy-Based Promotion Act (2013).
- The Alabama Literacy Act (2019) is another exemplar.
- The West Virginia Third Grade Success Act (2023) covers both literacy and numeracy.
- The Oklahoma Strong Readers Act (2026) expanded early literacy efforts with statewide reading screenings, targeted interventions, and enhanced teacher training.

Science of Reading Legislation

2026	Teacher Preparation	Teacher Certification or License Renewal	PD / Coaching	Assessment	Materials	Instruction/ Intervention
Alabama	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Georgia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kentucky	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maryland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mississippi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Carolina	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tennessee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Virginia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Virginia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Arkansas	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Florida		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oklahoma	✓		✓	✓		✓
Texas		✓	✓		✓	✓
South Carolina	✓		✓			✓
Delaware	✓					
Louisiana			✓			

Source: SREB, adapted from Education Week

When Did States Pass 'Science of Reading' Laws and Policies?



SOURCE: Education Week reporting

Science of Math

- Alabama was the first state to pass comprehensive legislation in 2022.
- The bill includes many features from Science of Reading legislation.

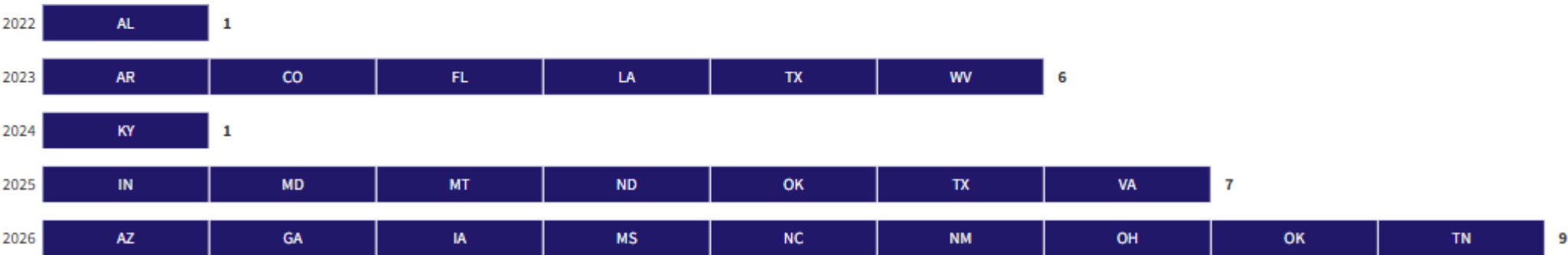
	Number of categories	Teacher prep	Teacher cert or license renewal	PD / coaching	Assessment	Materials	Instruction / intervention	Access to Algebra 1/advanced math	Minimum instructional time
Total		9	3	9	13	4	11	10	3
Kentucky	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Alabama	5	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
North Dakota	5	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Florida	4	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Georgia	4	✓	✓					✓	✓
Indiana	4	✓			✓		✓	✓	
Oklahoma	4	✓			✓		✓	✓	
Maryland	4			✓	✓		✓		✓
Mississippi	3			✓	✓		✓		
New Mexico	3	✓		✓	✓				
North Carolina	3				✓		✓	✓	
Ohio	3				✓		✓	✓	
Texas	3			✓	✓			✓	
Colorado	2	✓	✓						
Montana	2				✓		✓		
Arizona	1							✓	
Arkansas	1						✓		
Iowa	1							✓	
Louisiana	1			✓					
Tennessee	1							✓	
Virginia	1							✓	
West Virginia	1				✓				

SOURCE: Education Week reporting

Longitudinal Literacy: A Critical Link

Math Legislation

When Did States Pass Math Education Laws & Policies?



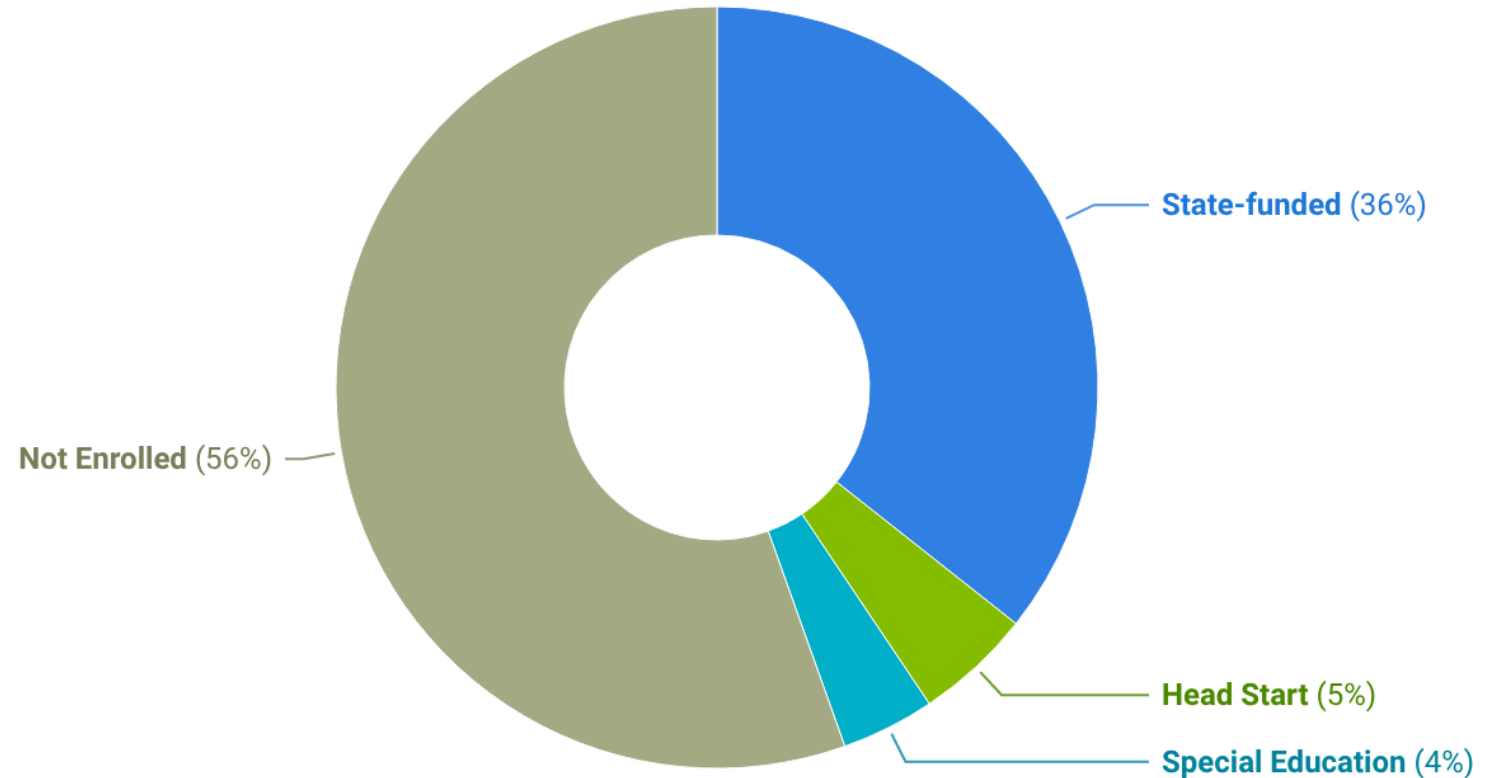
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Early Learning

- The National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) has identified 10 standards of quality for pre-K programs.

Enrollment in Publicly Funded Pre-K Programs

4-Year-Olds in the SREB Region, 2023-24



Source: National Institute for Early Education Research • Created with Datawrapper

Table Talk

Reviewing New SPR Format

Is there anything about the new web-based format that you think needs adjusting? Is the format something you can see yourself using and returning to for data?

Table Talk

Reviewing Data Needs for SREB States

Now that you have seen the types of data available, what is missing? What other data would you like to see?

Thank You!

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CHARTING A PATH FORWARD

State Progress Reports

16 customized state and regional reports toward achieving the 2030 Challenge to Excel goals

Scan the QR code to find comparable data on:

- PreK, elementary and the middle grades
- High school, postsecondary and workforce
- K-12 and postsecondary educator workforce
- Demographics

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Navigating State Policies for High School and Postsecondary

Find policies in this report that affect students as they make their way from the middle grades to high school graduation and into college and careers.

Scan the QR code to learn more about:

- College and career planning in K-12
- Accelerated learning options
- Postsecondary feedback to high schools
- Graduation requirements
- Readiness definitions
- State financial aid for undergrads
- Admission requirements
- Placement policies



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