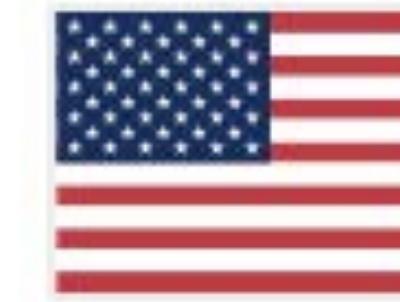


A close-up, high-angle shot of the stars on the left side of the American flag. The stars are white on a dark blue background, with a thin red border visible at the bottom. The flag is set against a dark, textured background.

American
Education Today is
the Best That It's
Ever Been

The Best Countries for Education



United States

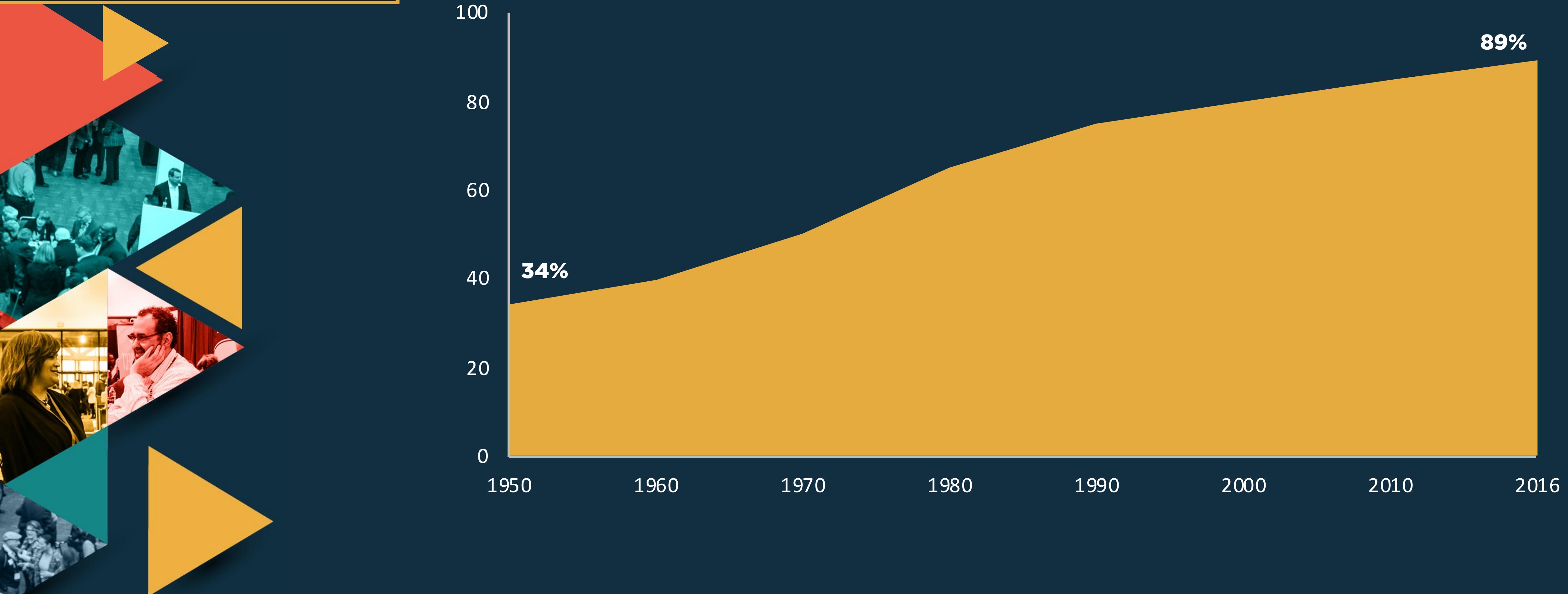
 **#1 in Education Rankings**

#2 out of 80 in 2019

*2020 rankings

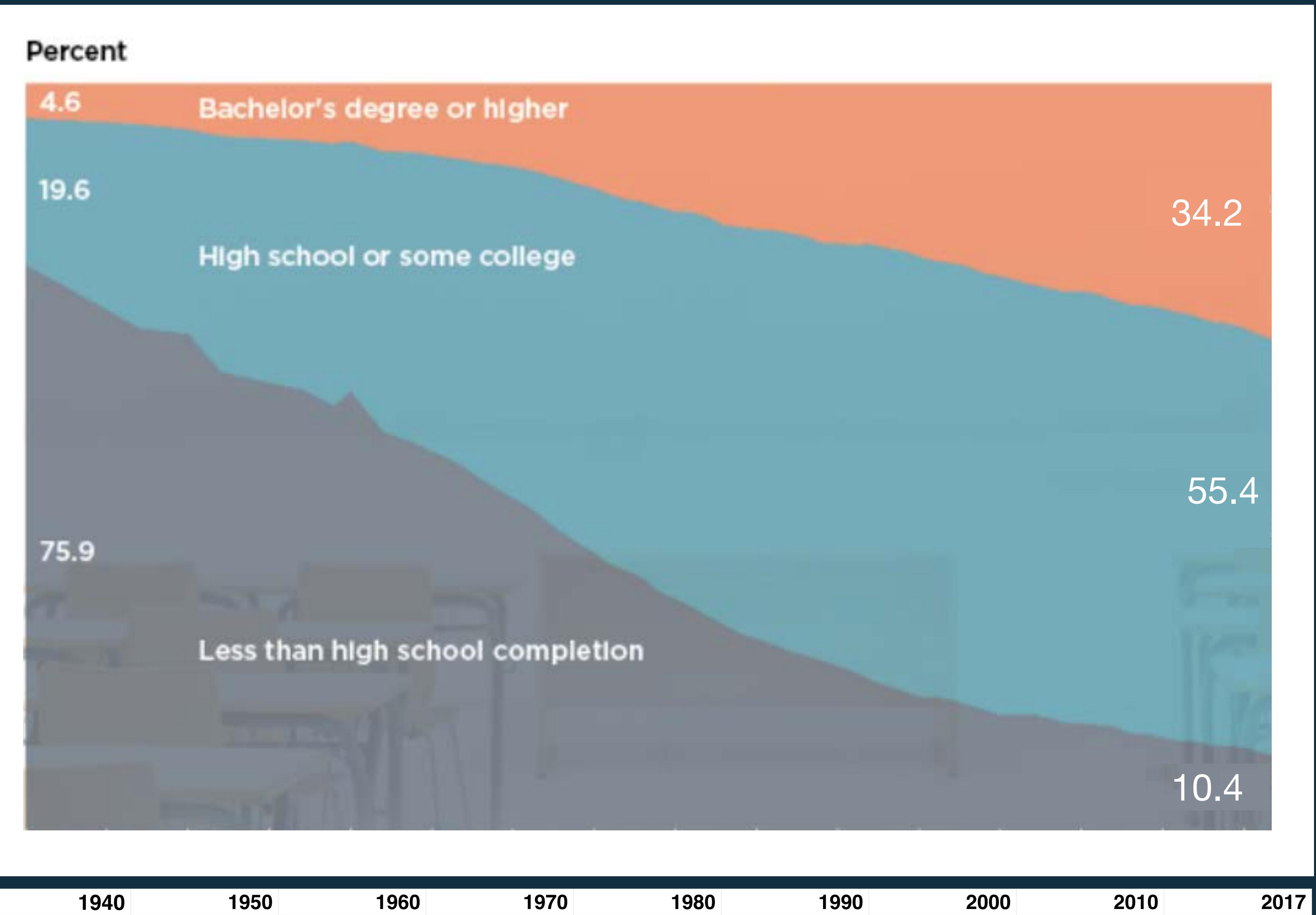
Public schools have done a remarkable job raising education levels of the entire U.S. population.

Percentage of U.S. adults aged 25+ who hold a high school degree



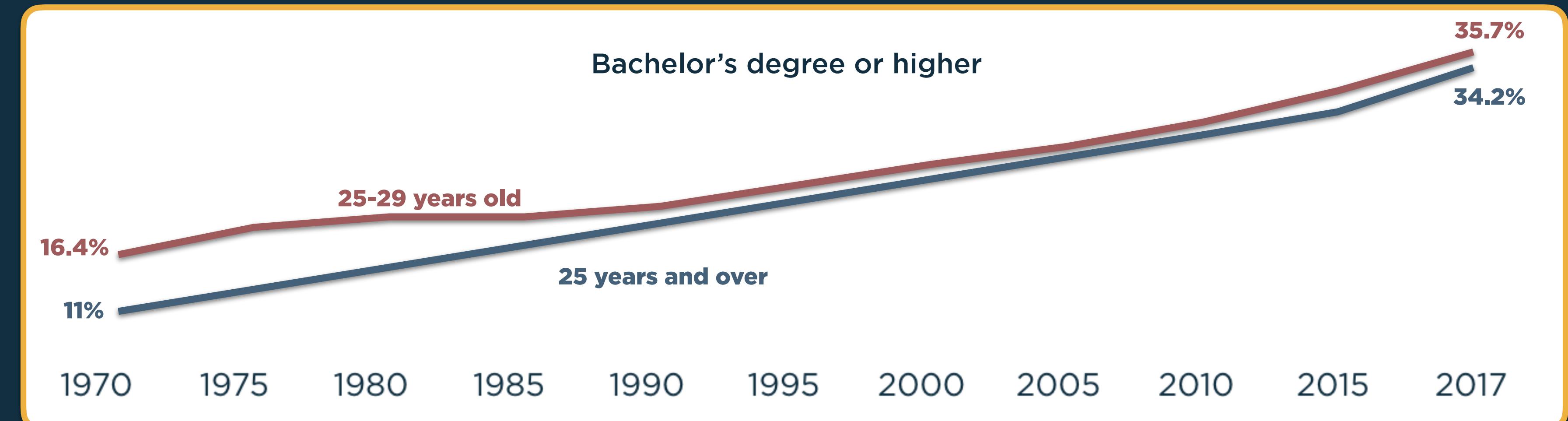
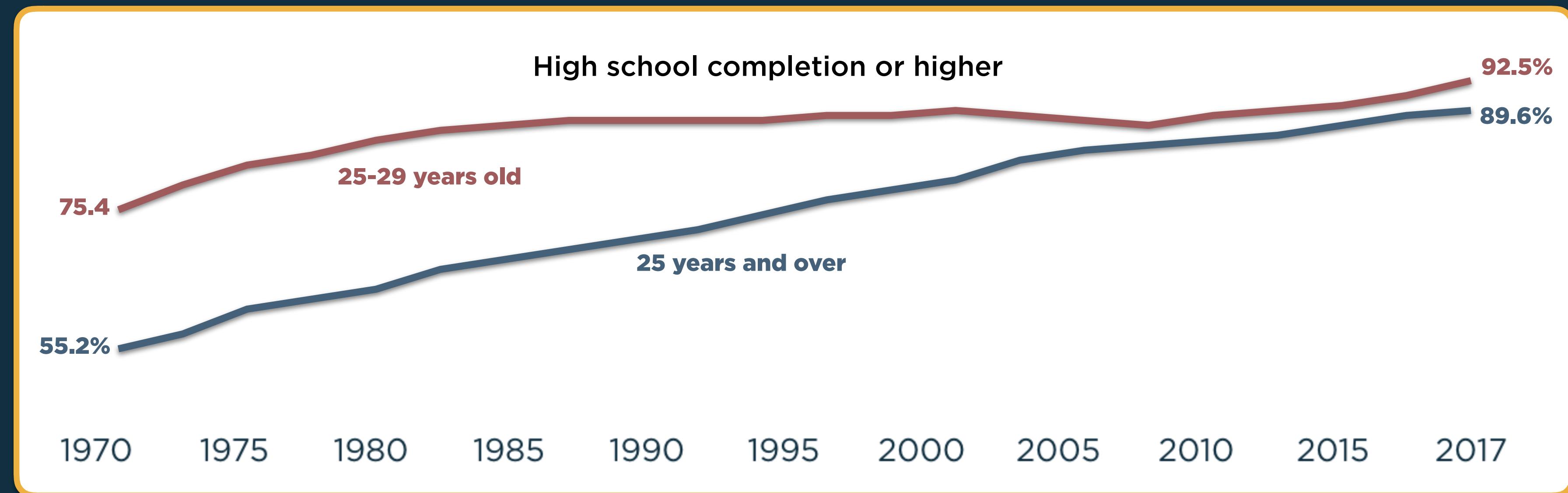
America's Education

Population Age 25 and Over by Educational Attainment



Levels of Education

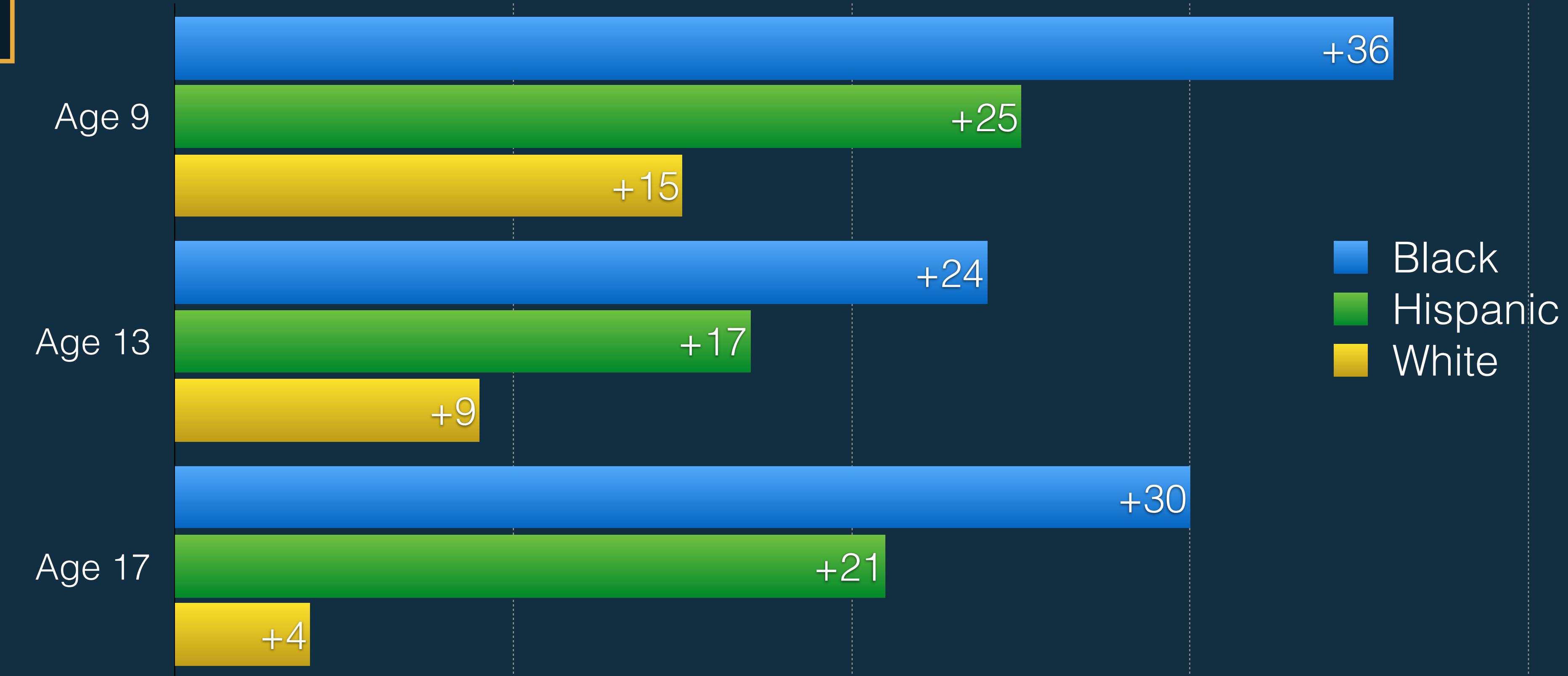
Percentage of Population
Completing High School,
Bachelor's or Higher



For every major racial and ethnic group in the U.S. student achievement is higher today than it was in the 1970's.



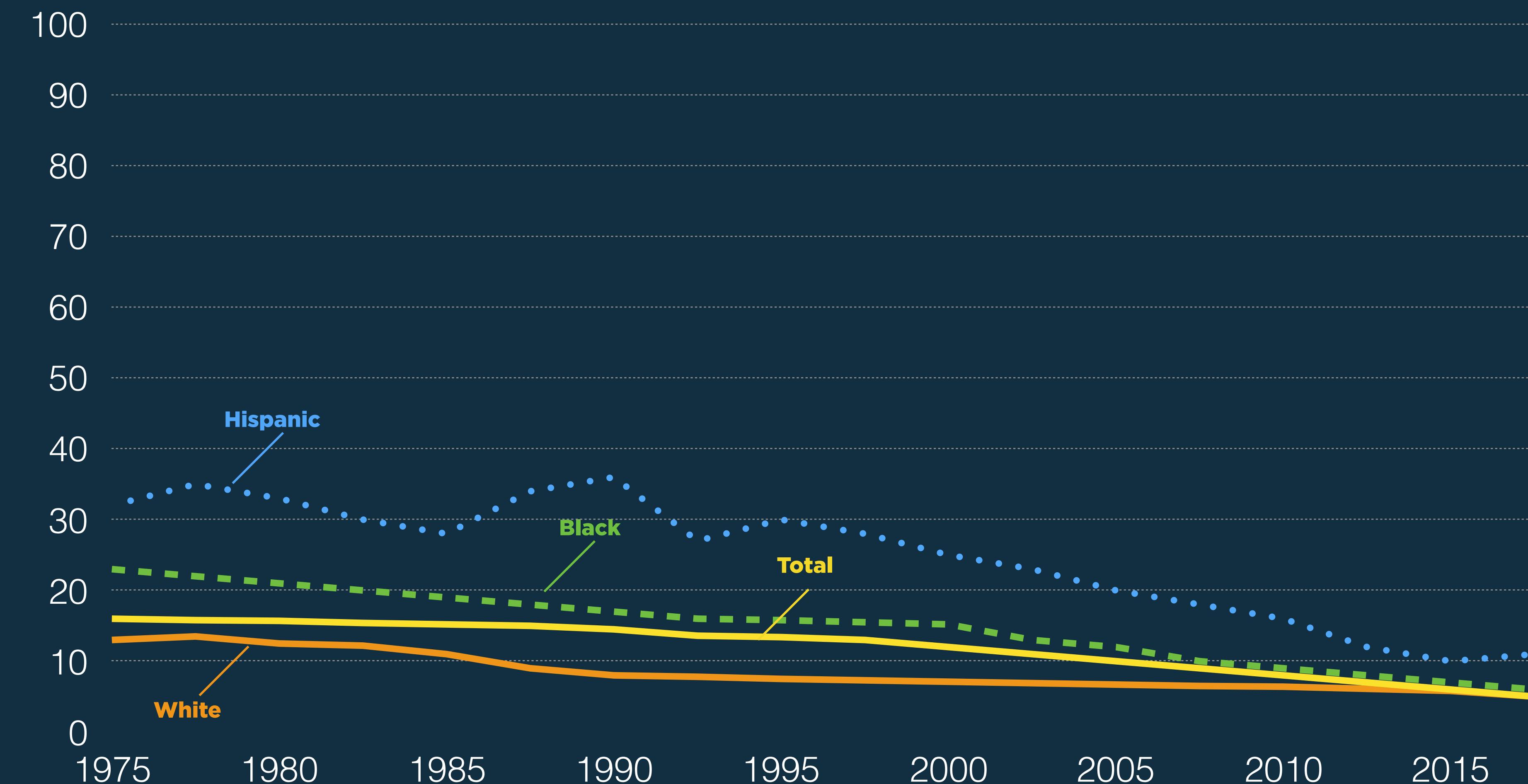
Reading Changes in NAEP scores by age, 1971-2012*



*comparable data not collected since 2012

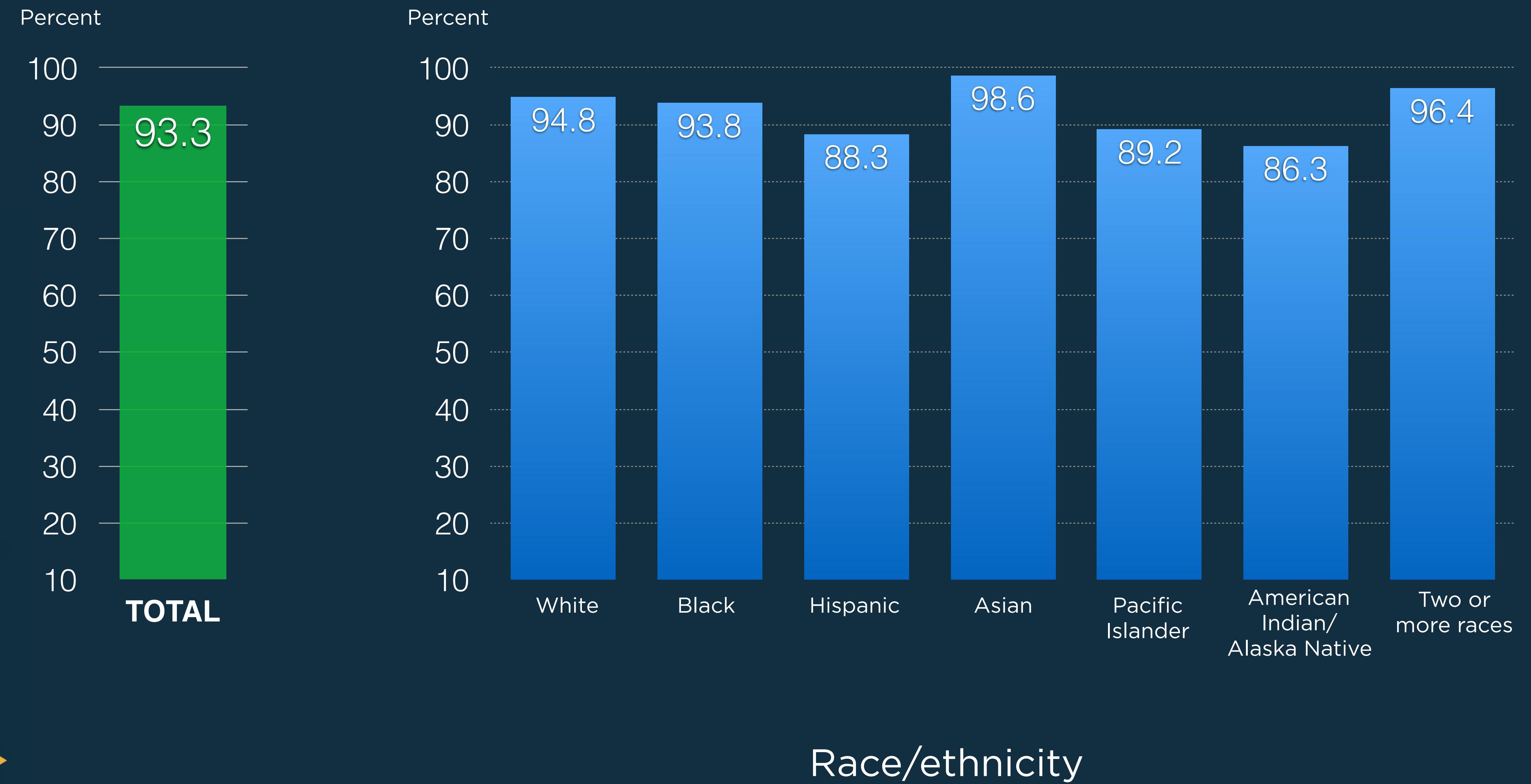
Source: National Assessment Governing Board

Percentage of high school dropouts among persons 16 through 24 years old (status drop out rate), by race/ethnicity October 1977 through 2017

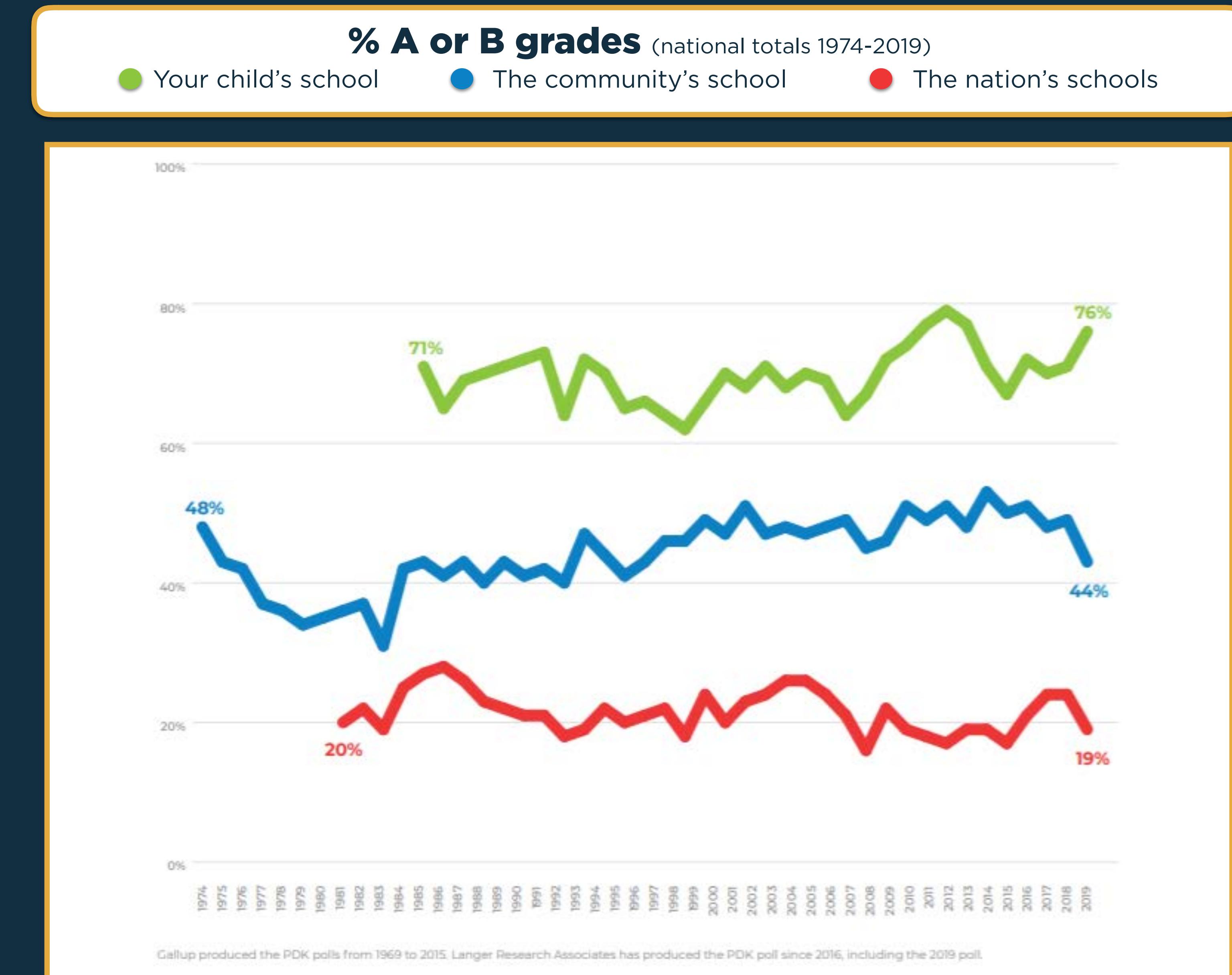


NCES data 2019

Status completion rates of 18 to 24 year olds by race/ethnicity, sex and disability status: October 2017

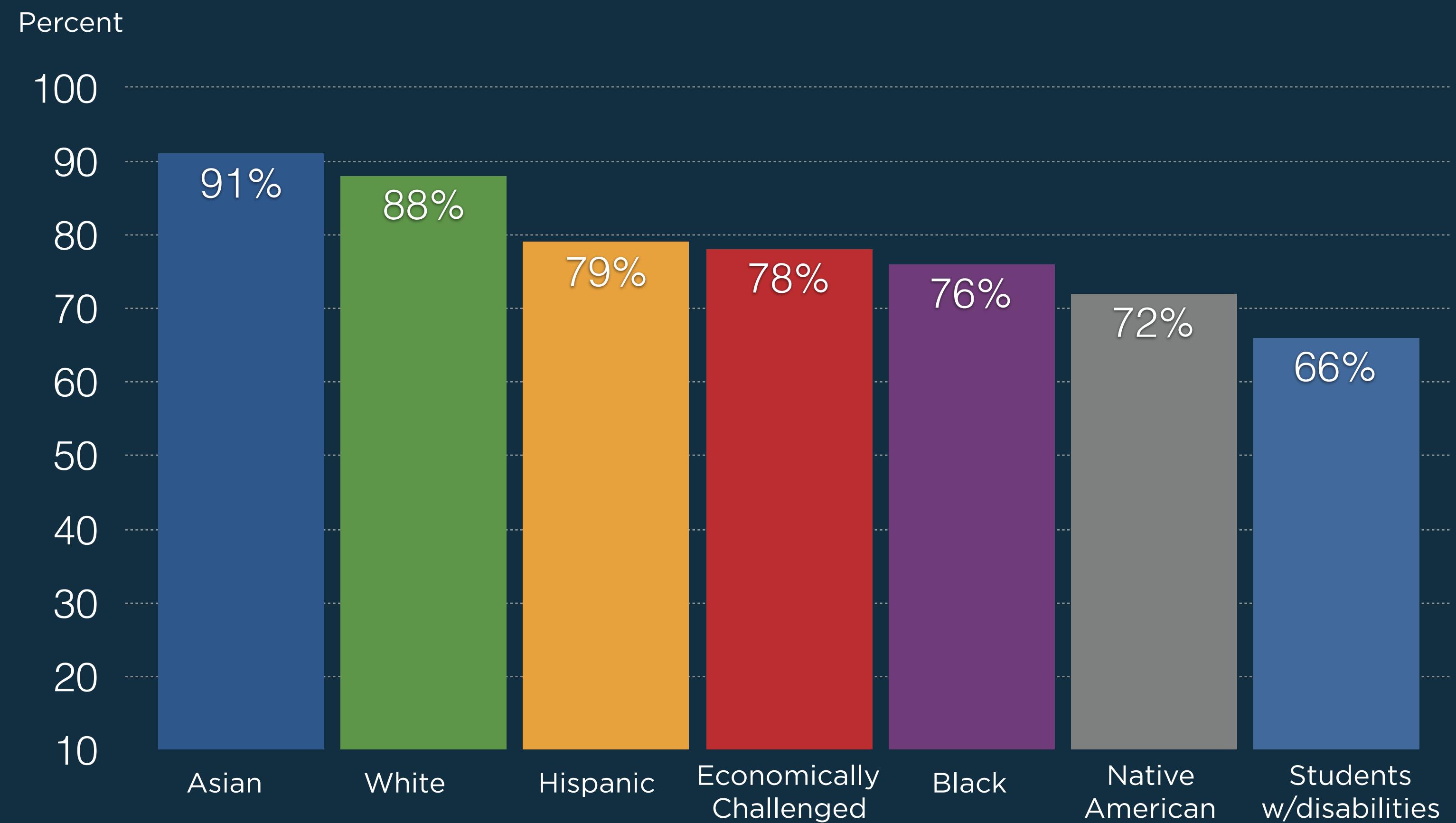


To Know Your School is to Love Your School



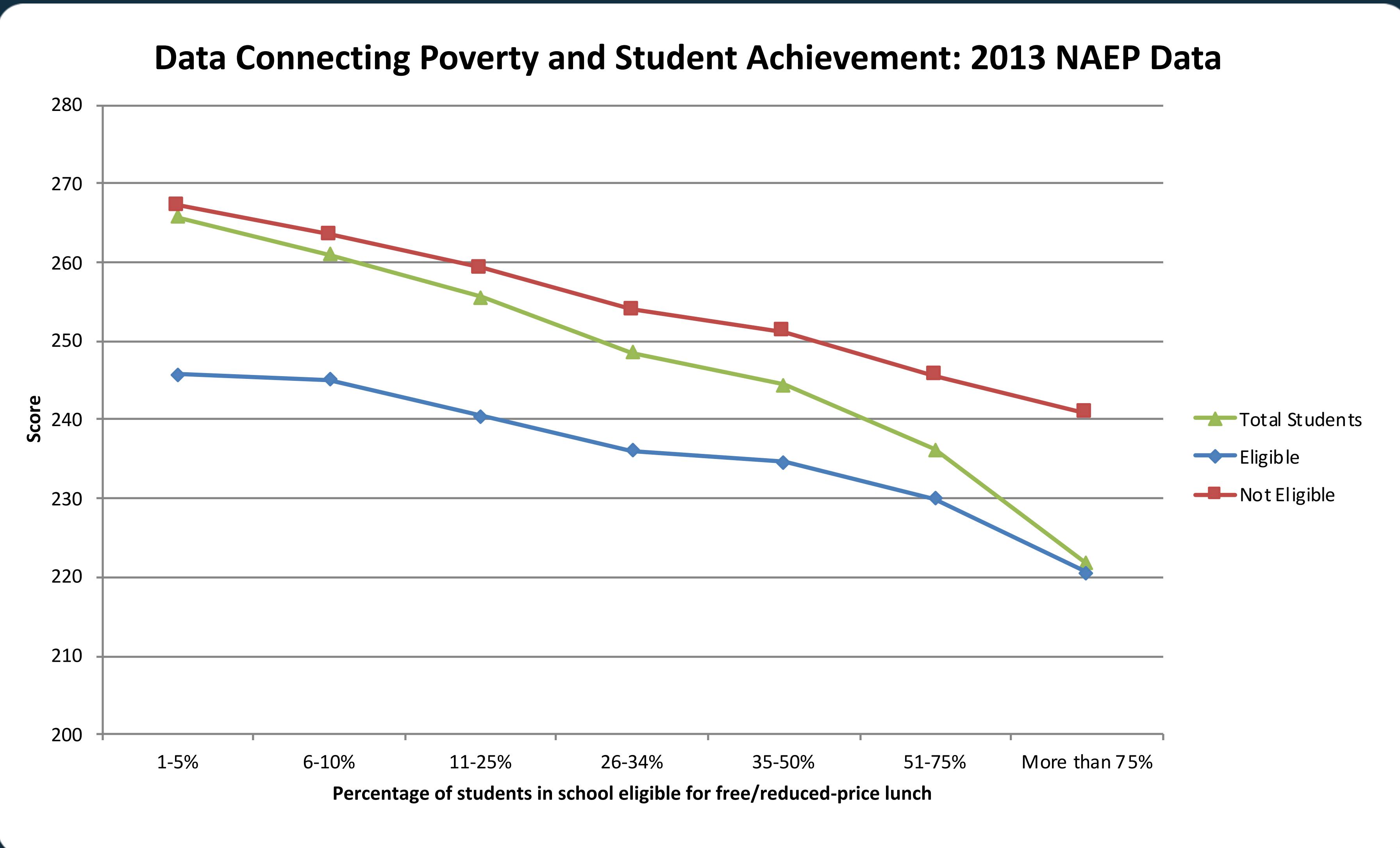
A lot of work lies ahead to equalize outcomes

Estimated On-Time
Graduation Rates,
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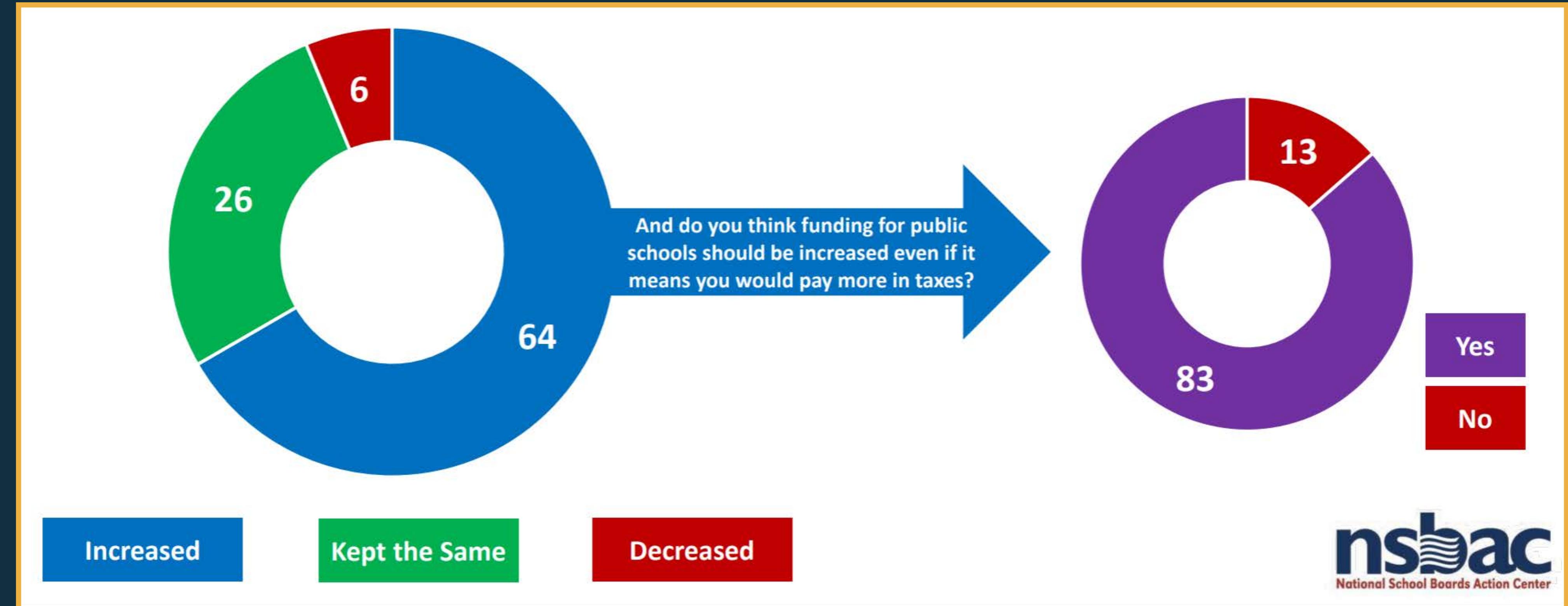


Source: U.S. Department of Education, 2017

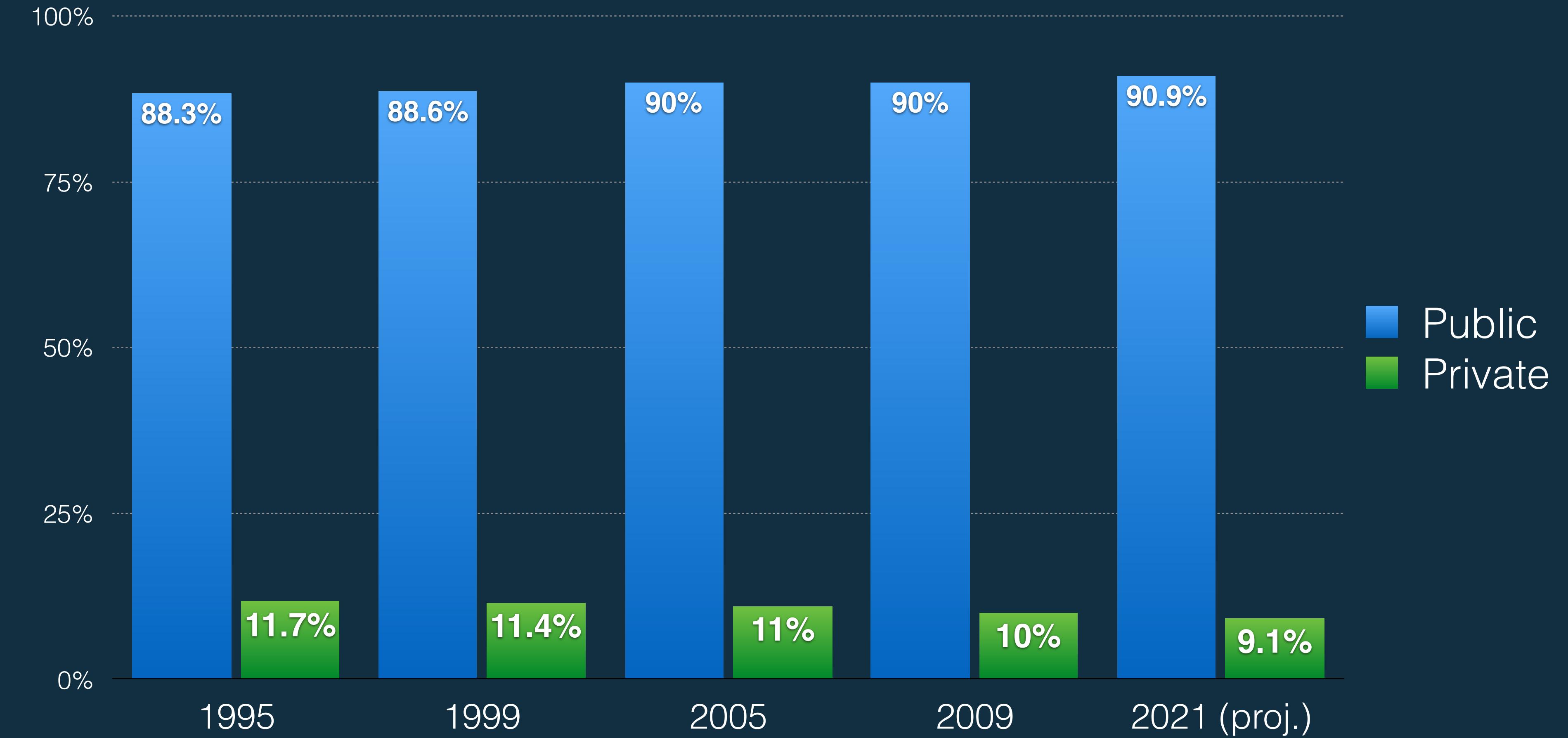
Poverty is the single greatest factor **limiting** student achievement



Generally speaking, do you think funding for public schools should be increased, kept at the same level, or decreased?

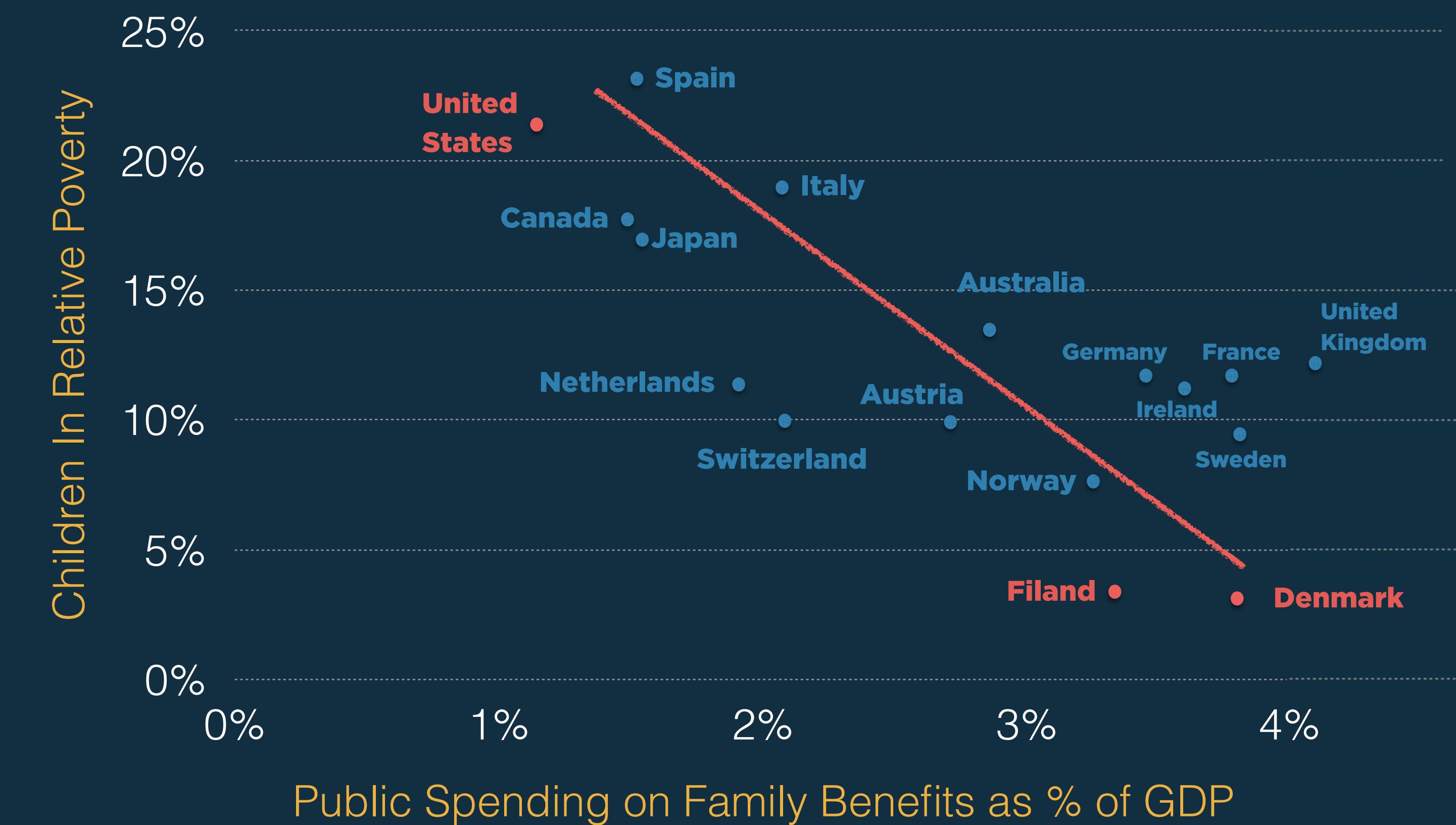


Perhaps even more surprisingly, the private school share of total enrollments has decreased over the past 15 years, from about 12 percent to 10 percent. This trend seems unlikely to reverse. The U.S. Department of Education [projects](#) that in 2021, private schools will enroll about 9 percent of preK-12 students, while public schools will enroll 91 percent.



Getting to the next level will require policy makers to address out-of-school factors influencing achievement, including high levels of student poverty and meager support for families.

Child Poverty & Public Spending on Families, by Nation 2016



1,355,821

U.S. public school students were homeless in 2017, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act

Source: OECD and UNICEF

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