

2022-2023 Catholic School Enrollment Update

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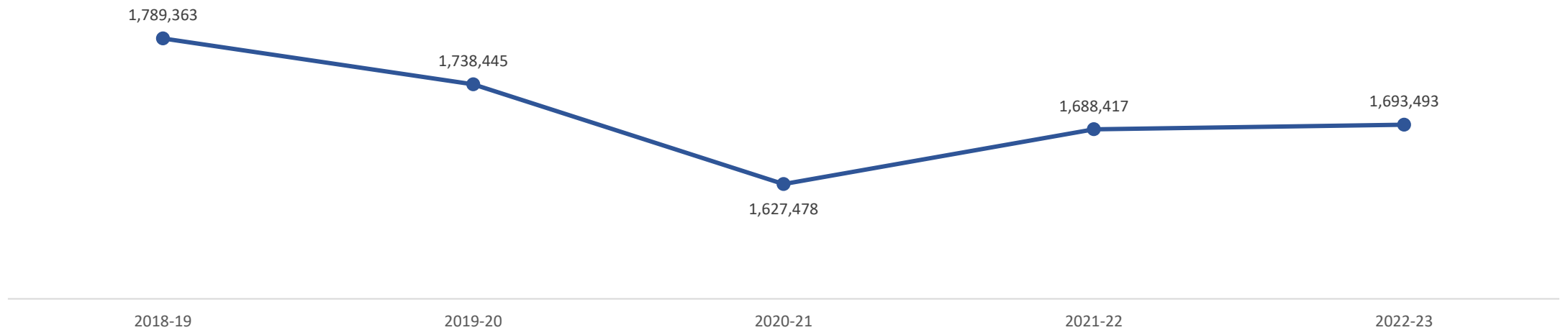
Data Collection Process

- Data reported by schools to diocesan offices to NCEA
- We receive aggregate data by diocese, requested school-level data for the first time this year
- Data collected as of September 16, 2022

For the second year in a row, Catholic school enrollment has grown

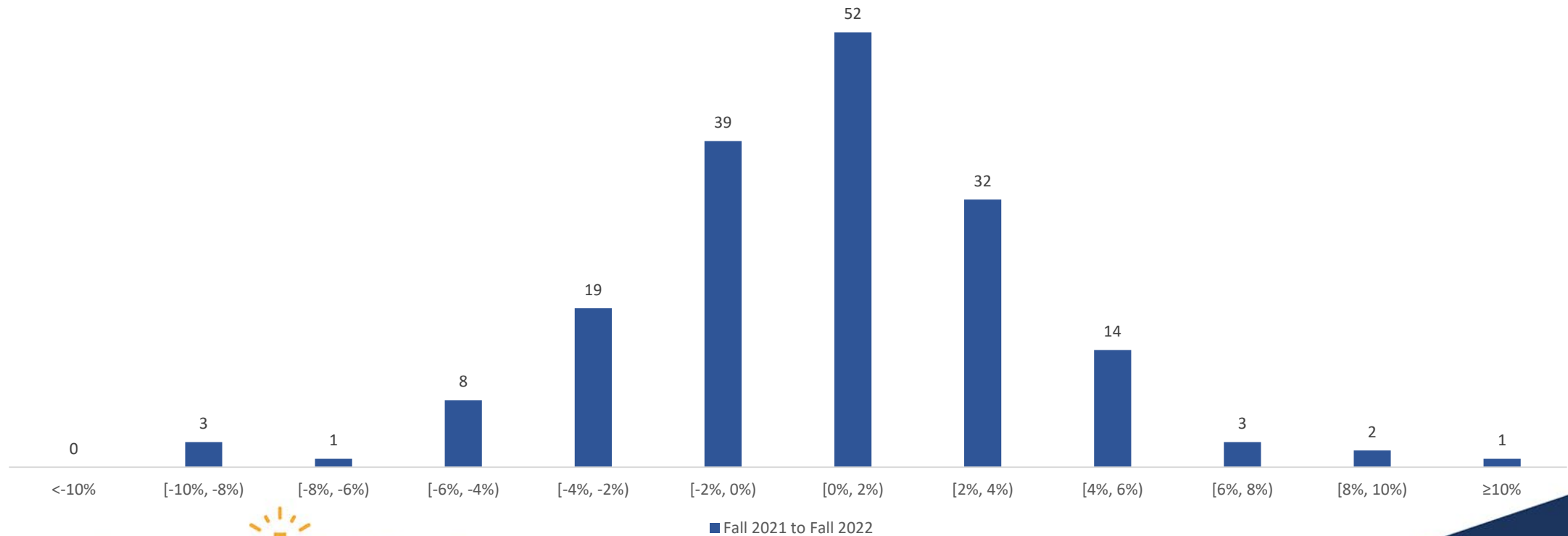
After a 3.8% increase last year, this year enrollment is up 0.3% to 1,693,493 students in 5,920 schools

Catholic School Students



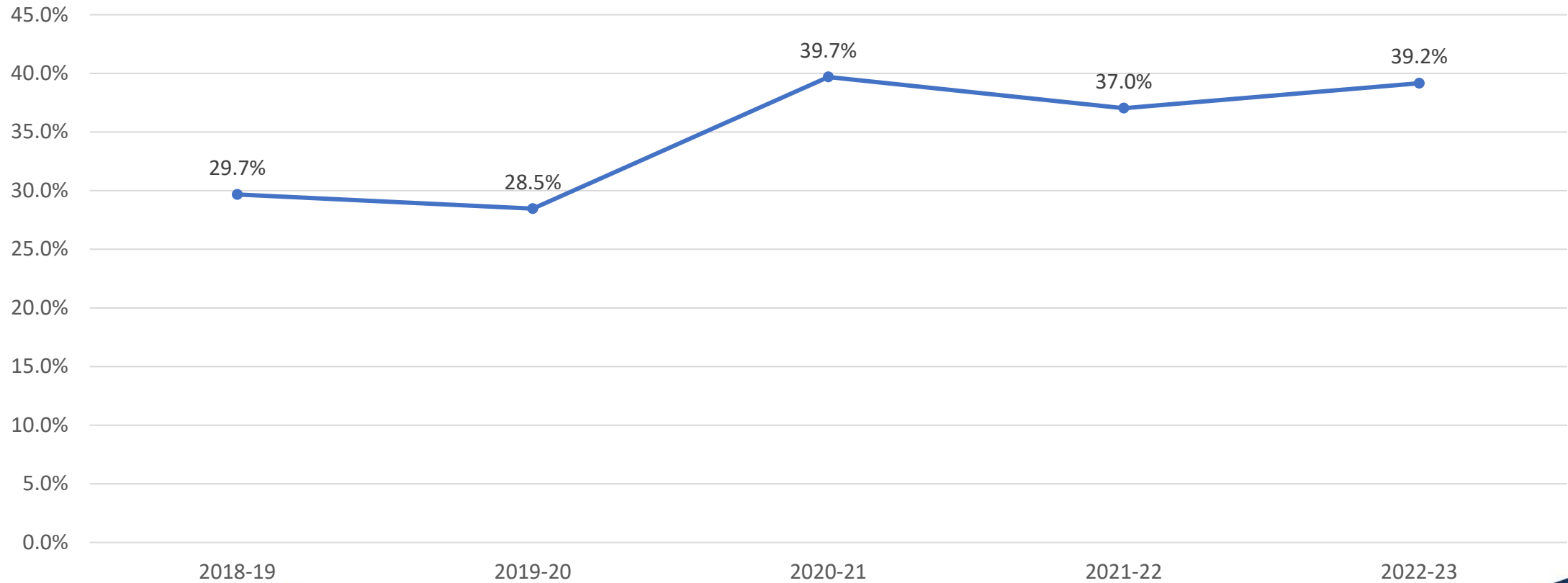
60% of dioceses had stable or increased enrollment from last year

Number of Dioceses by Percent Change in Enrollment



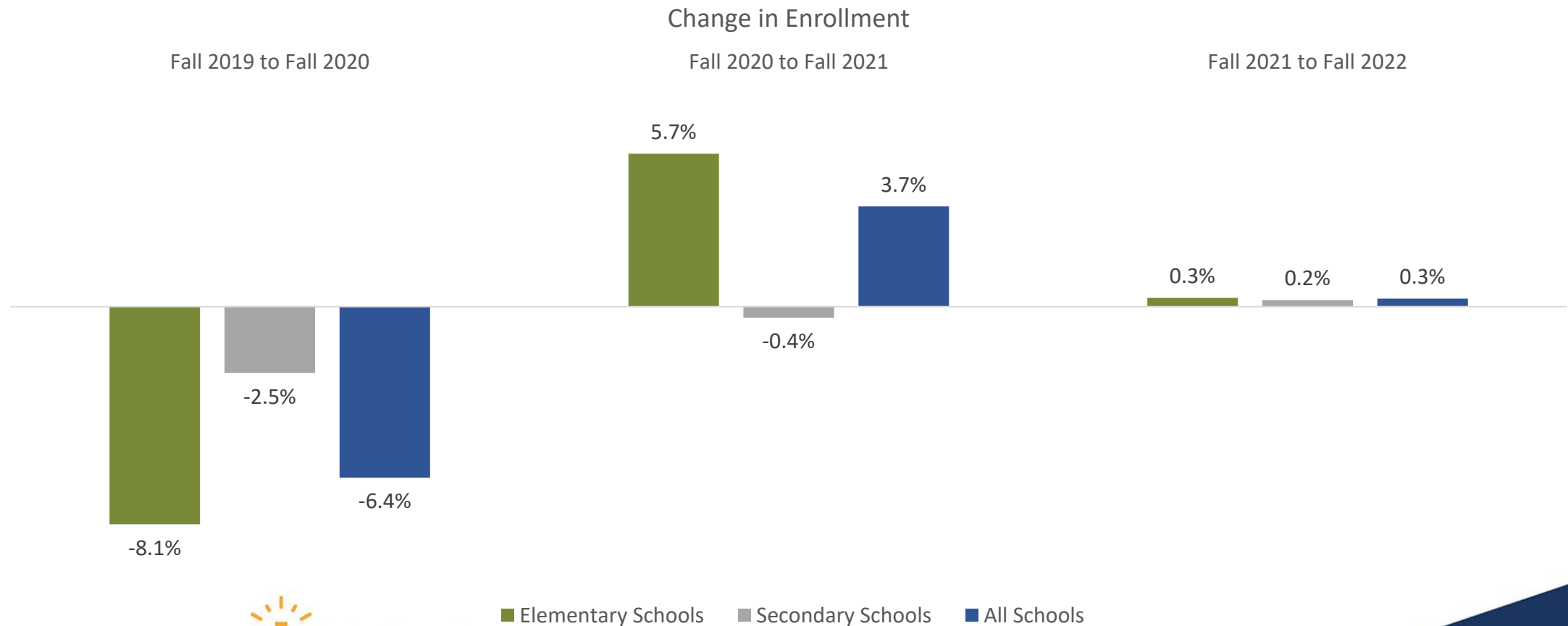
39.2% of schools have a wait list

Percent of Schools with Wait Lists



**Both elementary and
secondary schools saw
growth**

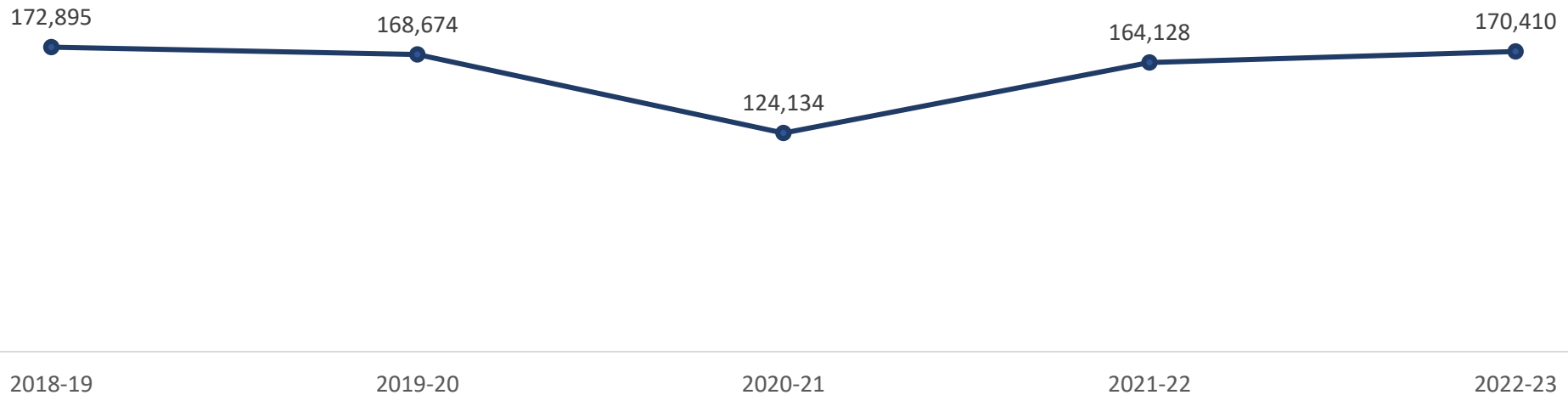
Elementary and secondary school enrollment increased by 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively



**Early childhood enrollment
is now higher than pre-
pandemic**

After 32.2% growth last year, enrollment in our youngest grades grew by 3.8% this year

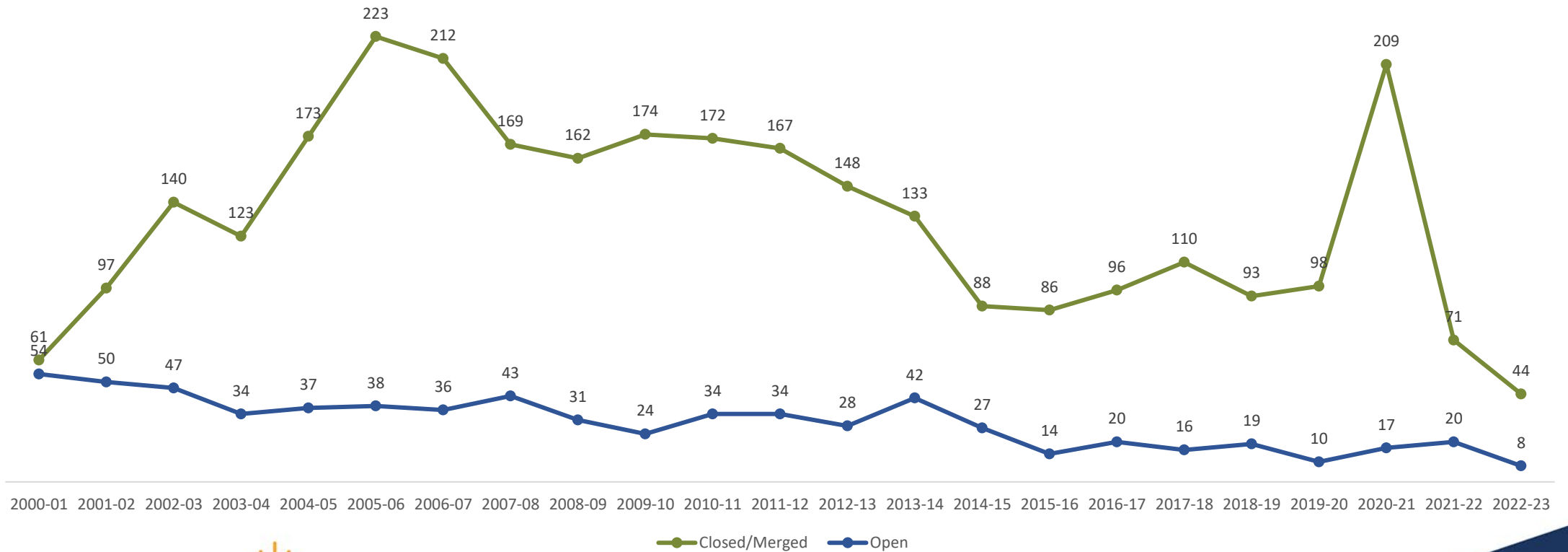
Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment



The fewest Catholic schools closed or consolidated in two decades

44 schools closed; 8 opened

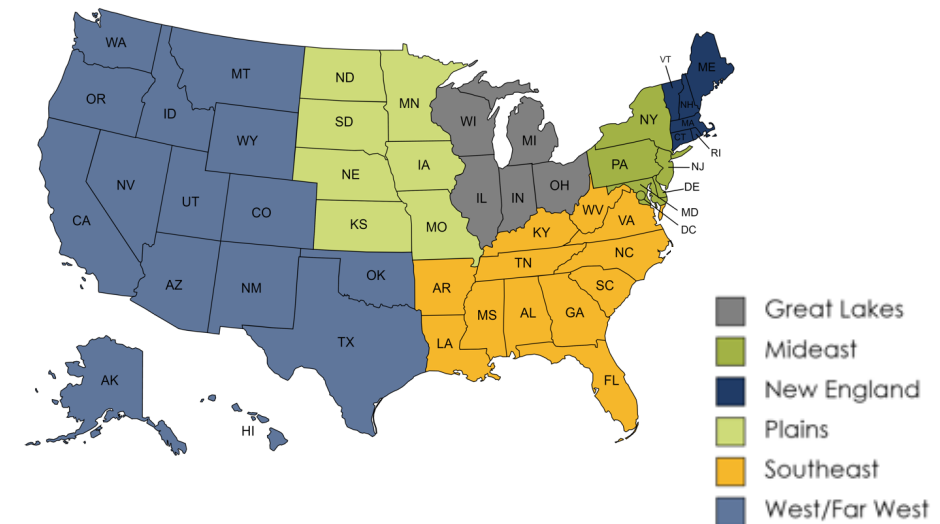
Closed/Merged and Opened Schools Annually



Where U.S. population has grown, Catholic school enrollment has grown

Southeast enrollment is 1.7% higher than pre-pandemic

2019-20 to 2022-23 Change in:		
	Students	Schools
Southeast	1.7%	-2.2%
Plains	0.1%	0.5%
New England	-1.3%	-8.6%
Great Lakes	-2.0%	-2.3%
West/Far West	-3.3%	-3.3%
Mideast	-7.5%	-10.6%
United States	-2.6%	-4.3%



**Catholic schools have
expanded offerings in recent
years to meet more family
needs**

Schools offer more opportunities than ever before

- 99 schools with International Baccalaureate Program
- 125 Dual Language Immersion Programs
- 7 virtual schools
- 5,007 international students with visas
 - 79% in secondary schools

**Catholic schools and students
are utilizing parental choice
programs when available**

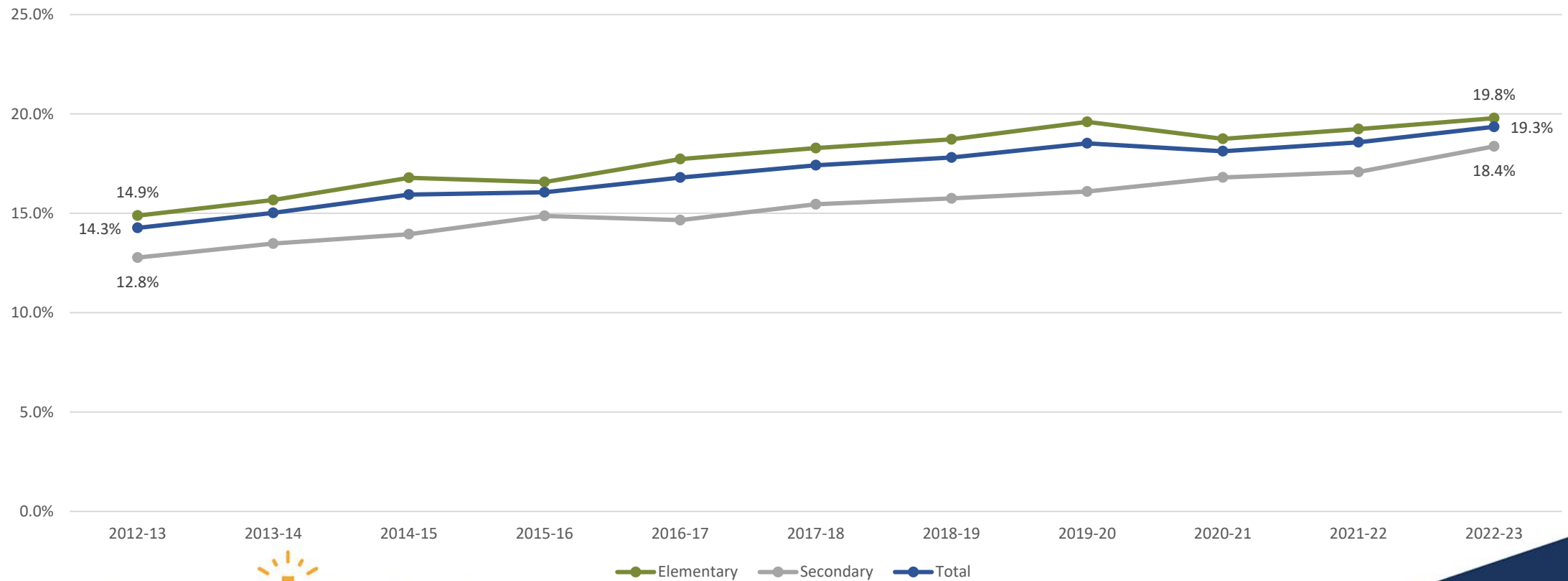
10.5% of Catholic school students use a parental choice program and 27.6% of Catholic schools enrolled students using parental choice programs

State	% of Schools	% of Students
Arizona	95.3%	73.8%
Indiana	92.6%	52.7%
Wisconsin	60.8%	51.2%
Florida	83.1%	40.6%
Ohio	84.8%	37.5%
Iowa	57.1%	20.2%

Catholic schools increasingly educate a diverse population

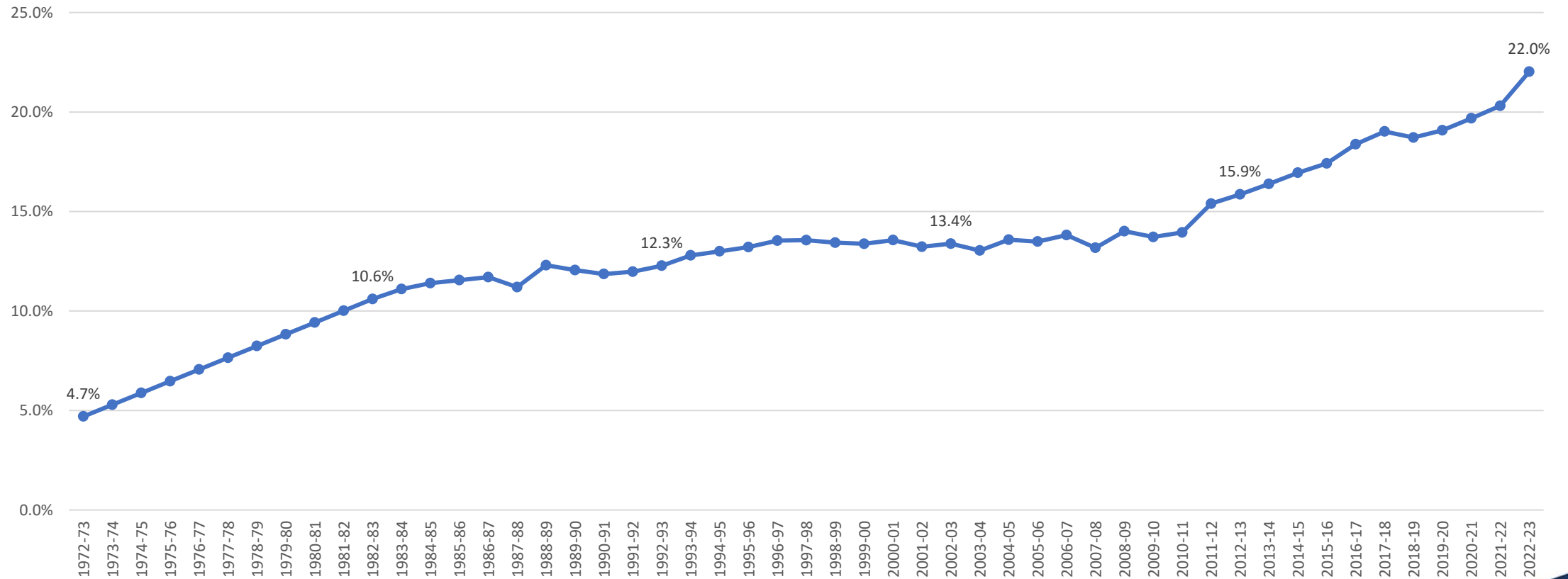
The percent of Hispanic/Latino students has increased from 14.3% to 19.3% in a decade

Hispanic/Latino Student Enrollment



Non-Catholic student enrollment has risen from 4.7% in 1972 to 22.0% today

Non-Catholic Student Enrollment



The percent of multiracial students has increased from 2.0% to 9.2% in two decades

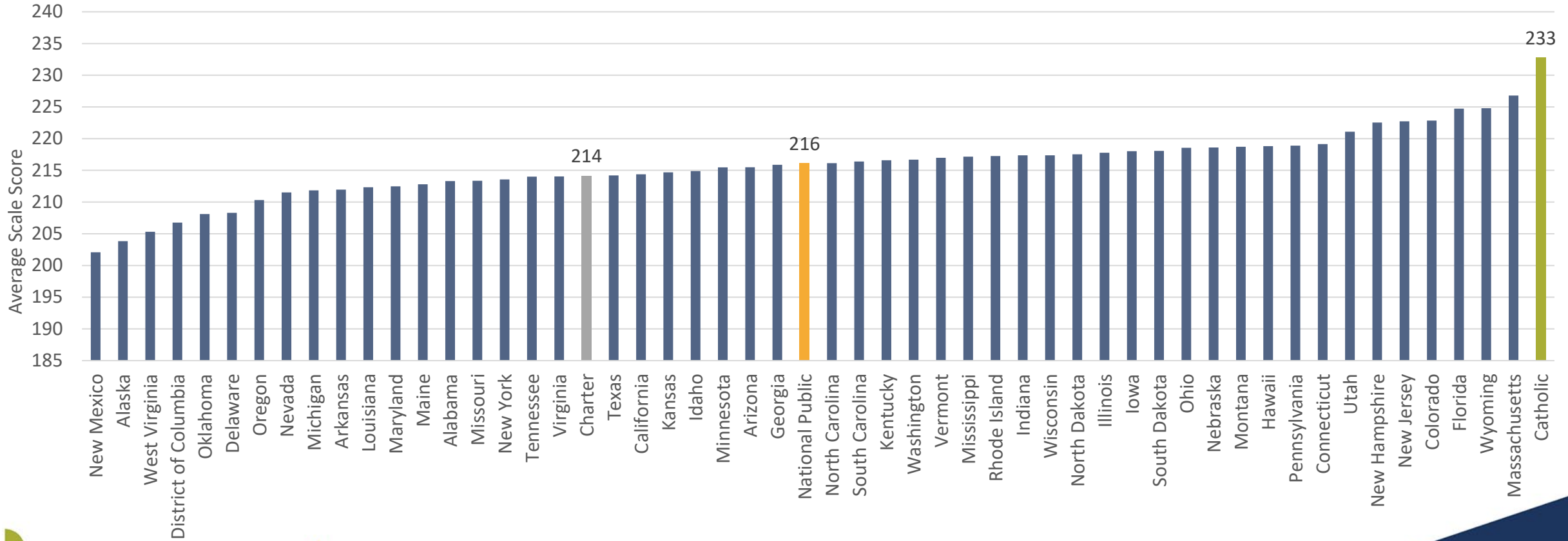
15.2% of students are eligible for free or reduced priced lunch

6.9% of Catholic school students reported to have special needs

More good news: National Assessment of Educational Progress Data

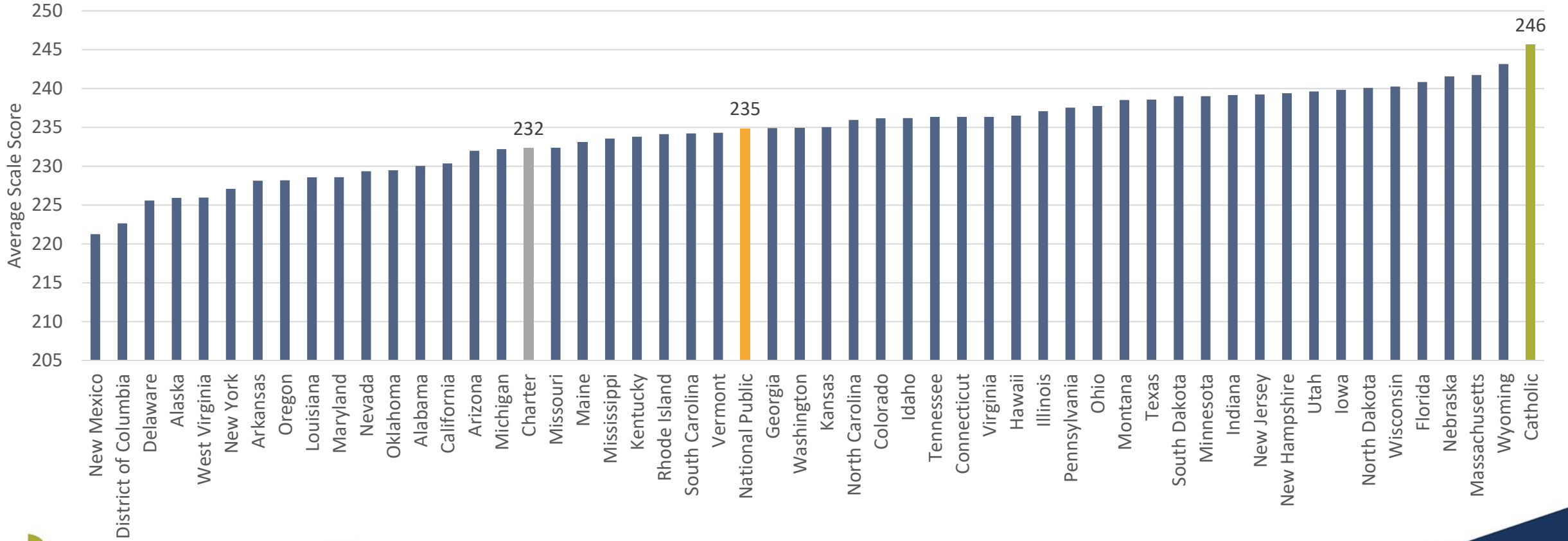
4th Grade Reading NAEP

2022 4th Grade Reading



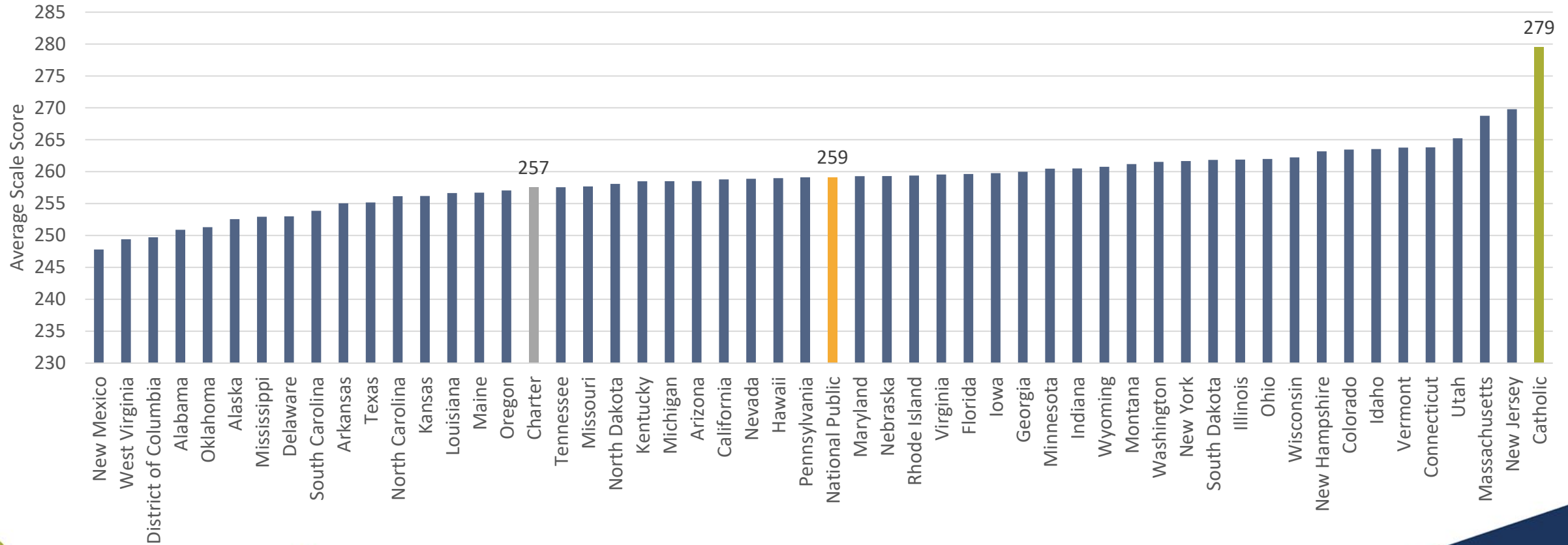
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2022 4th Grade Math



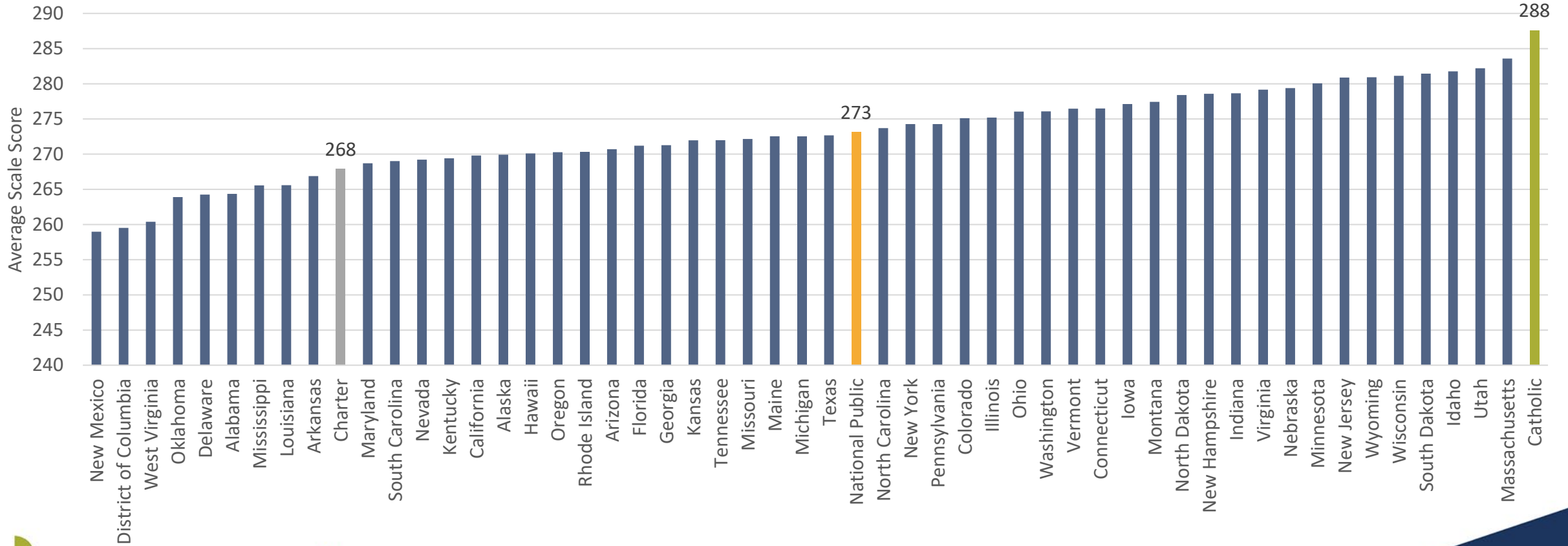
8th Grade Reading NAEP

2022 8th Grade Reading

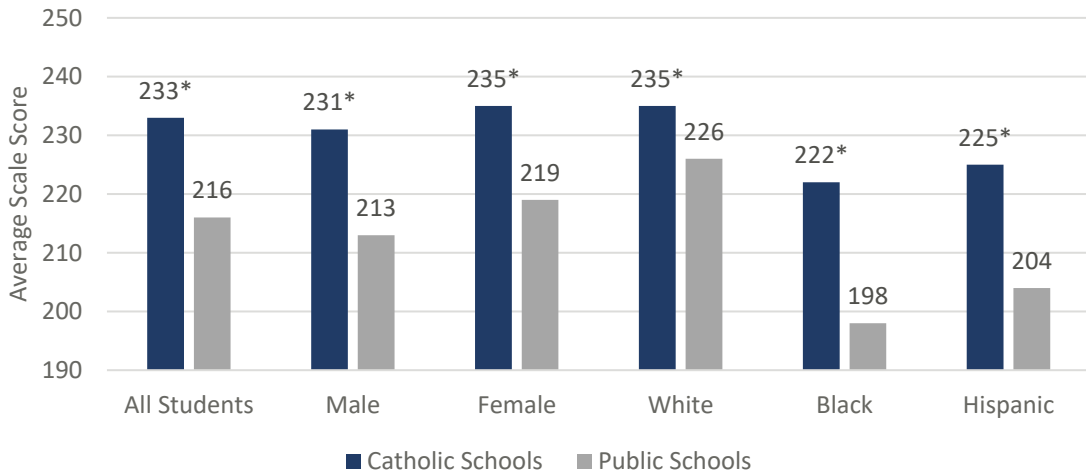


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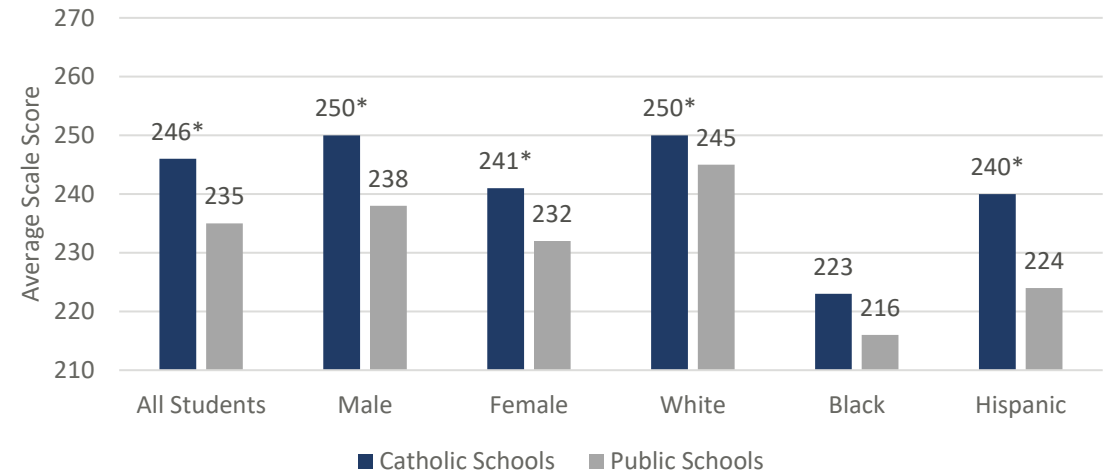
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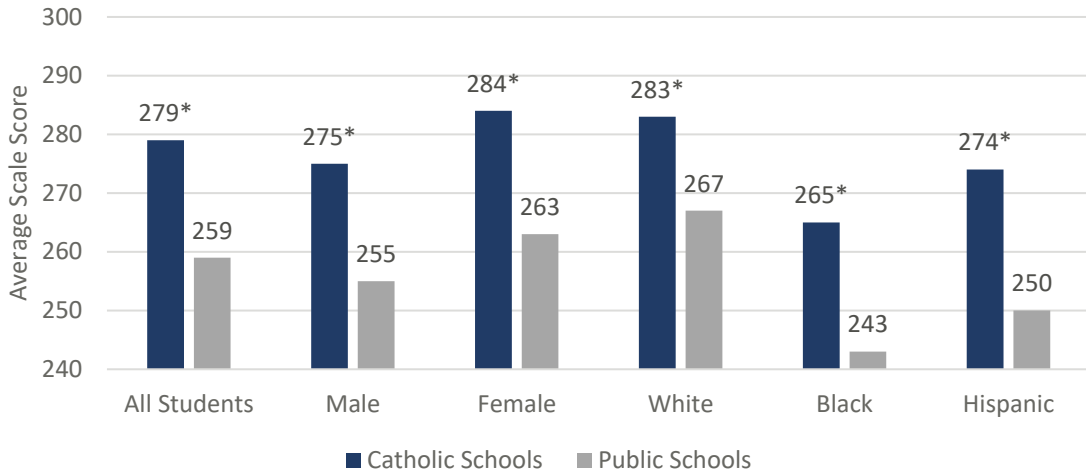
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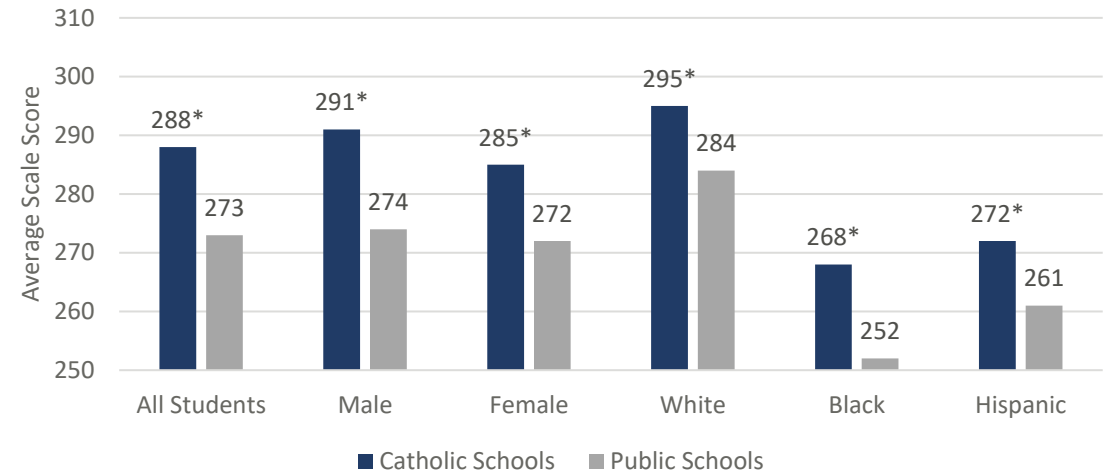
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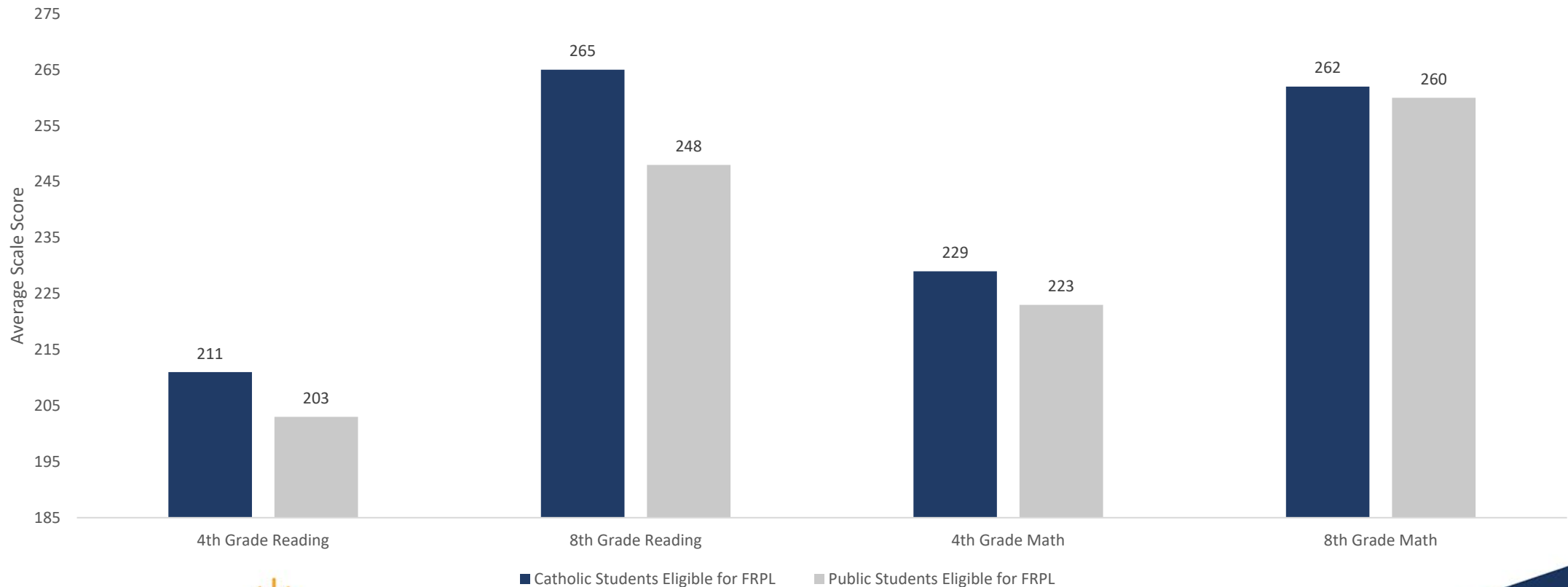


8th Grade Math



Catholic and Public School Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Priced Lunch

2022 NAEP Results for Free or Reduced-Priced Lunch



Questions?