

No Time to Lose

The Imperatives to Educate

A New Majority:

Low Income Students in Georgia

"One by one their seats were emptied...Here the circle has been broken..."

- Will the Circle Be Unbroken

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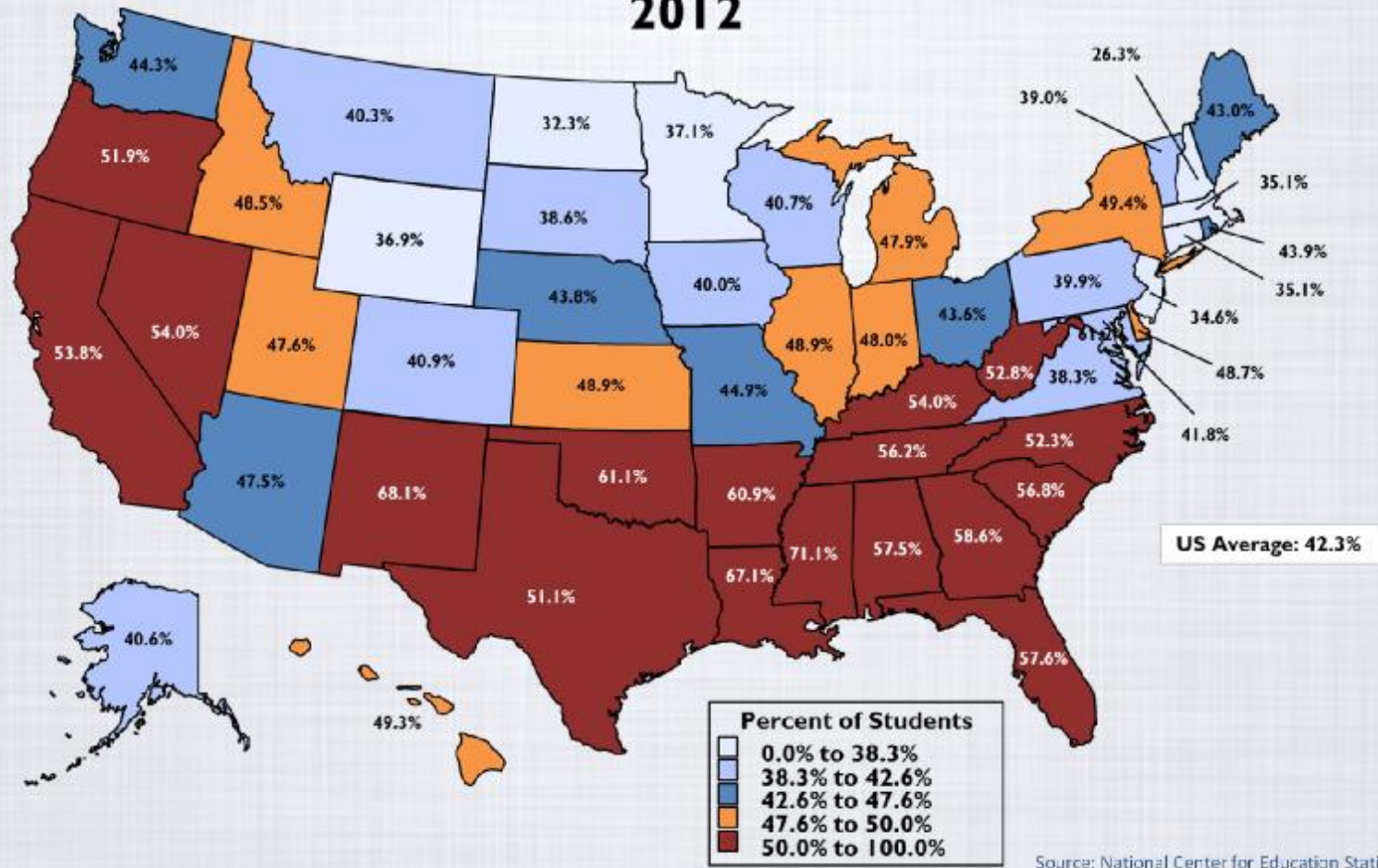
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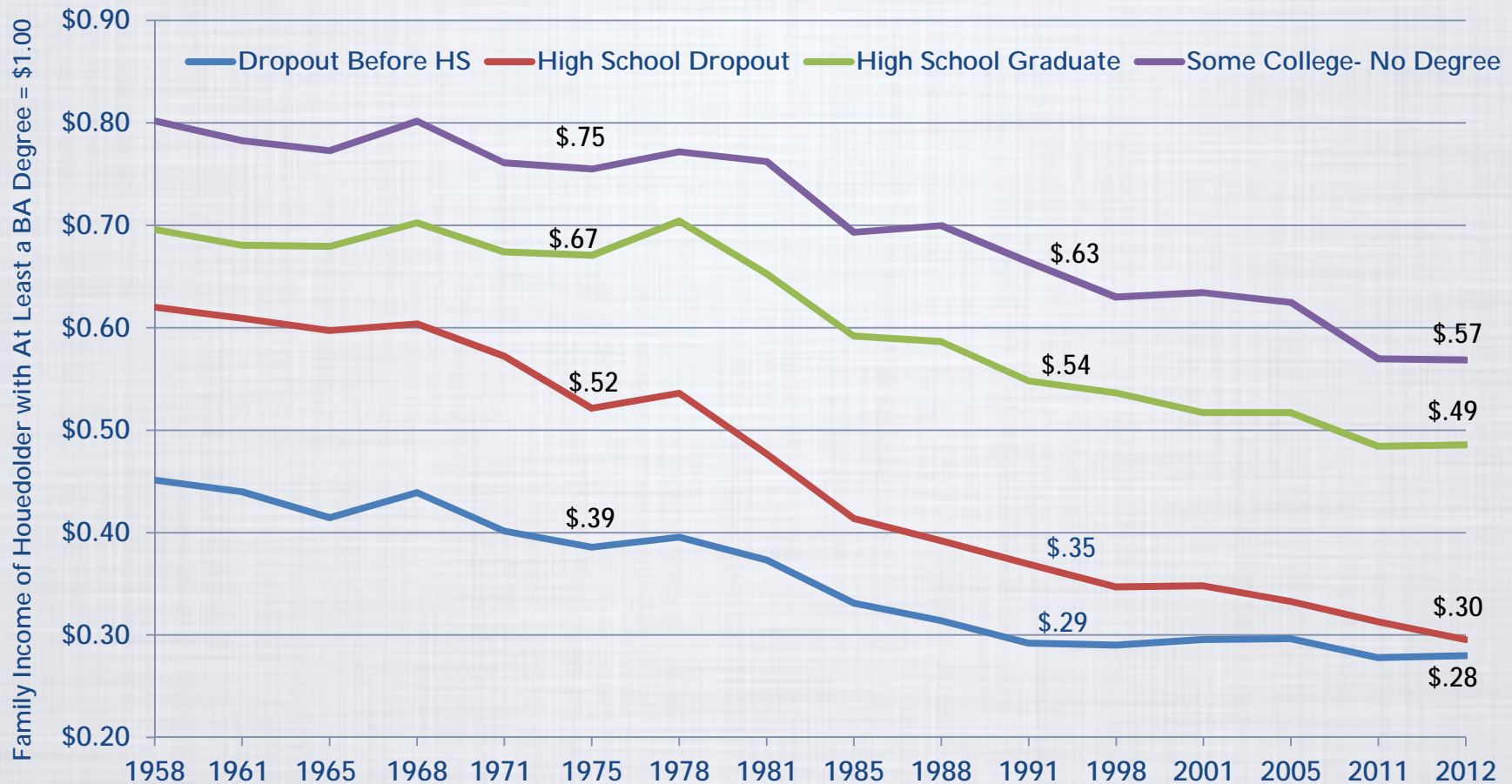
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A Steady Economic Decline Without Higher Education Degree... The World Has Changed School's Importance



Changing Value of Education: 1958-2012 For Every Dollar A College Graduate Makes...

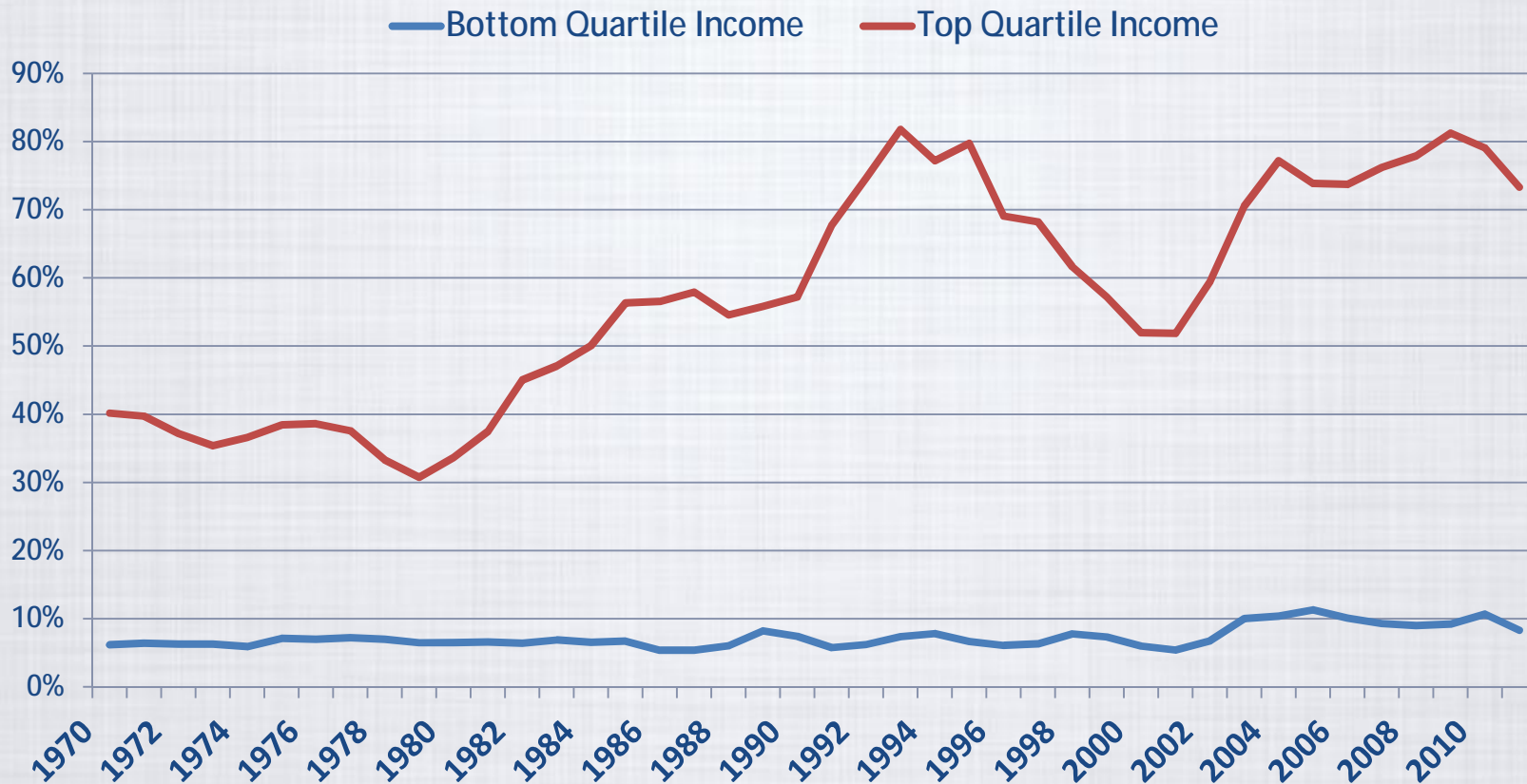


Source: US Census

BA Graduation Rates Shape Outcomes in Life



Estimated BA Attainment by Age 24 by Family Income Bottom/Top Quartiles of US Family Income: 1970-2012

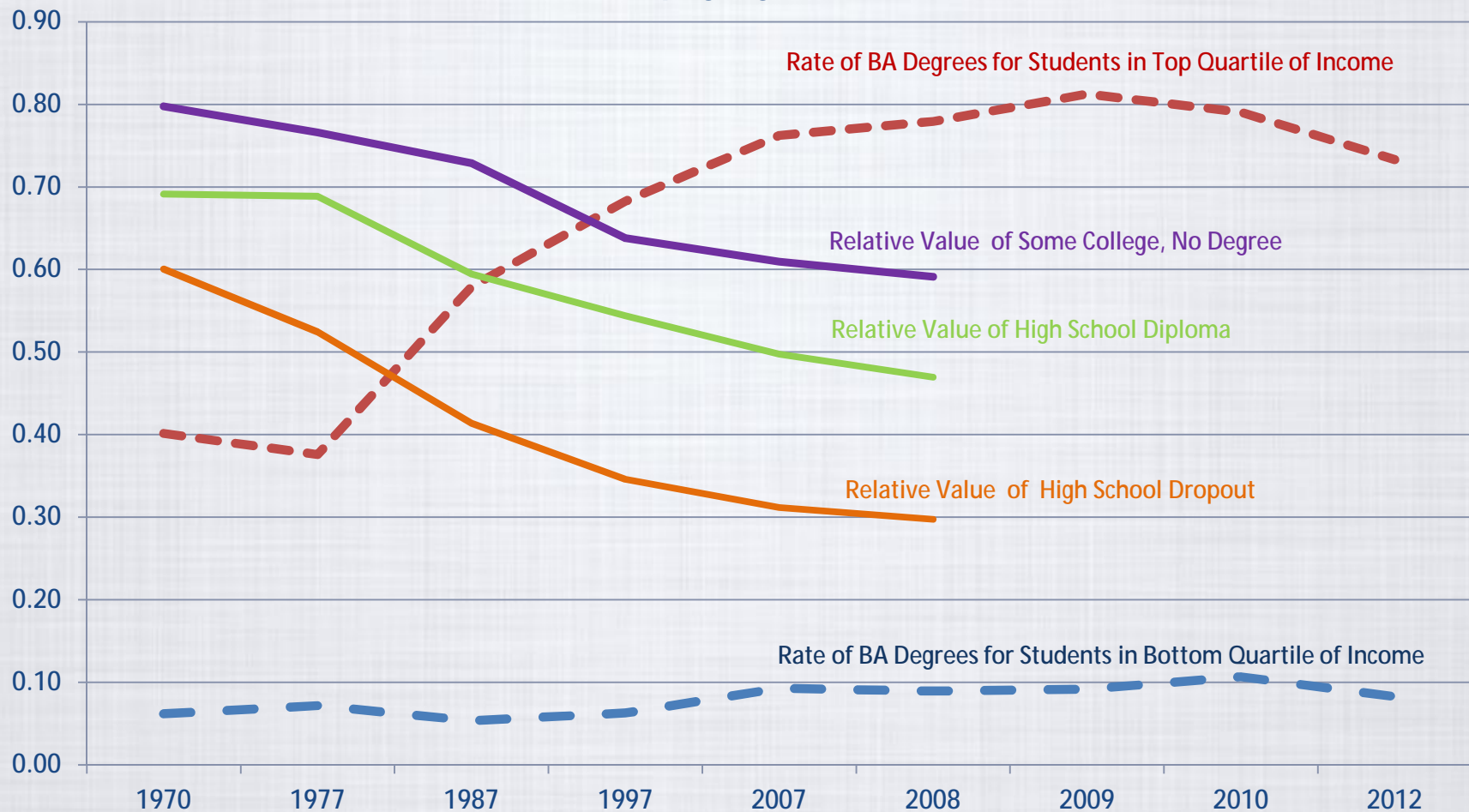


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Fairness Becomes a Big National Imperative As a New Majority Emerges in South and the Nation



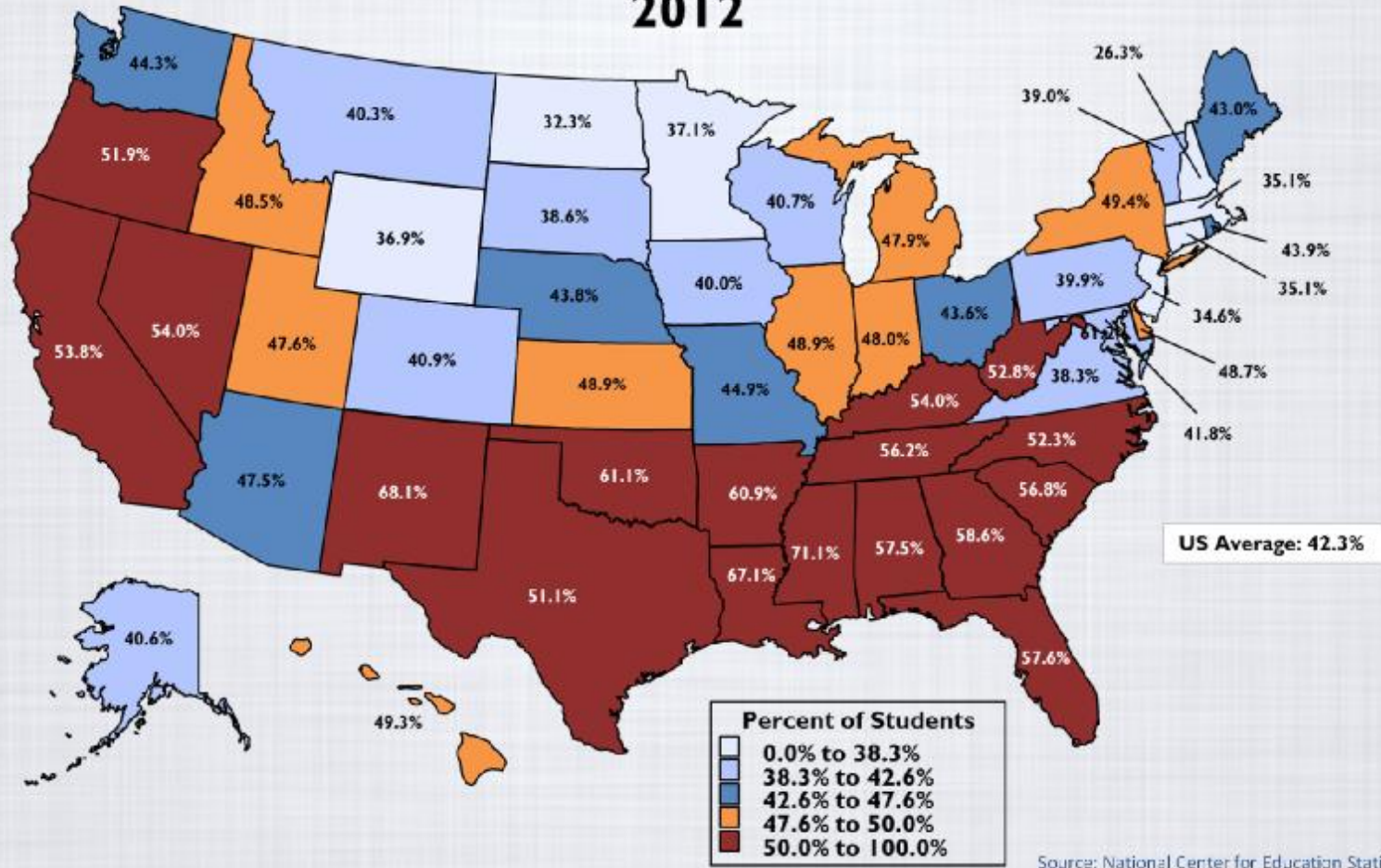
Trends in College Completion and Economic Value of Education 1970-2012



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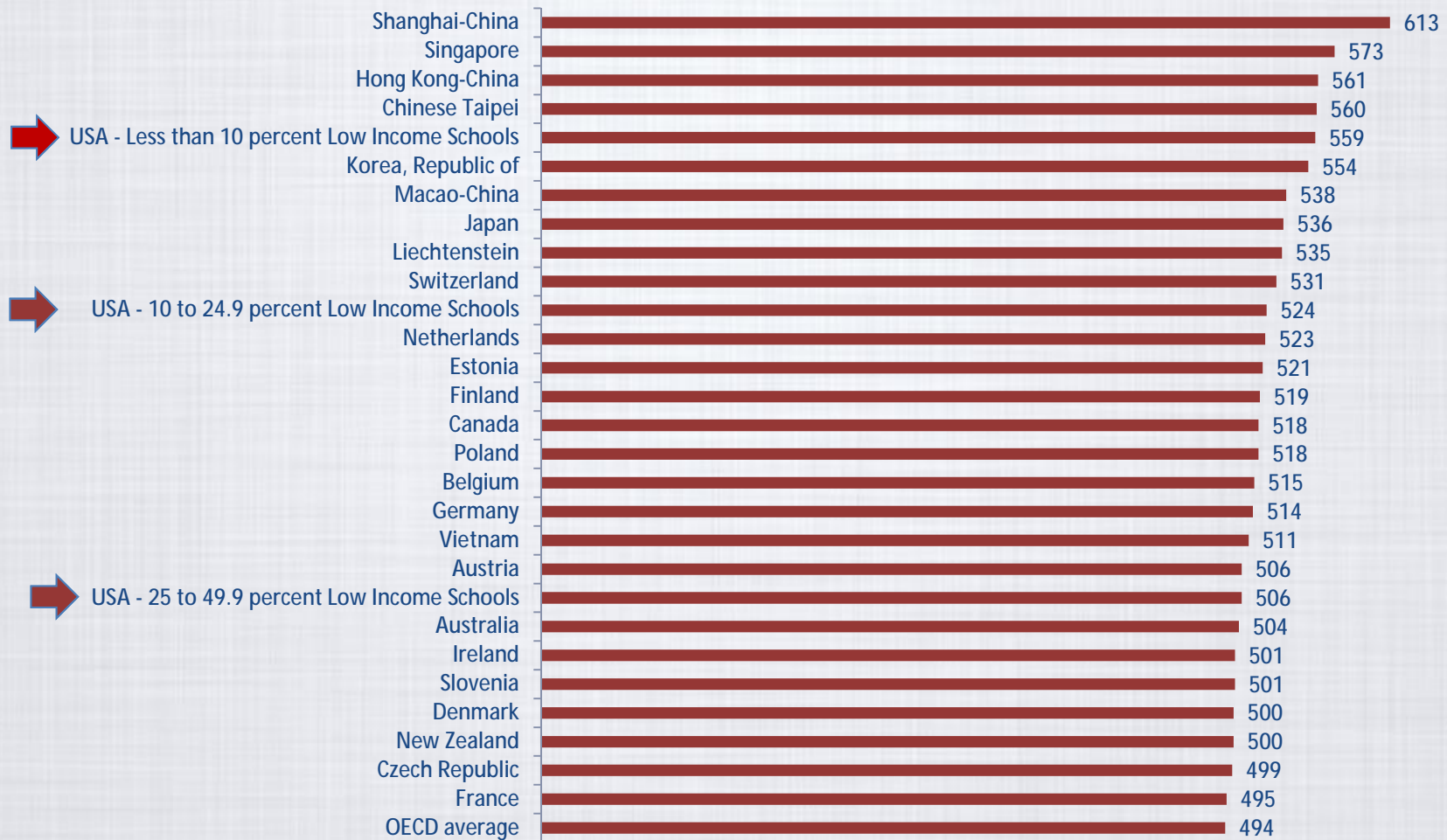
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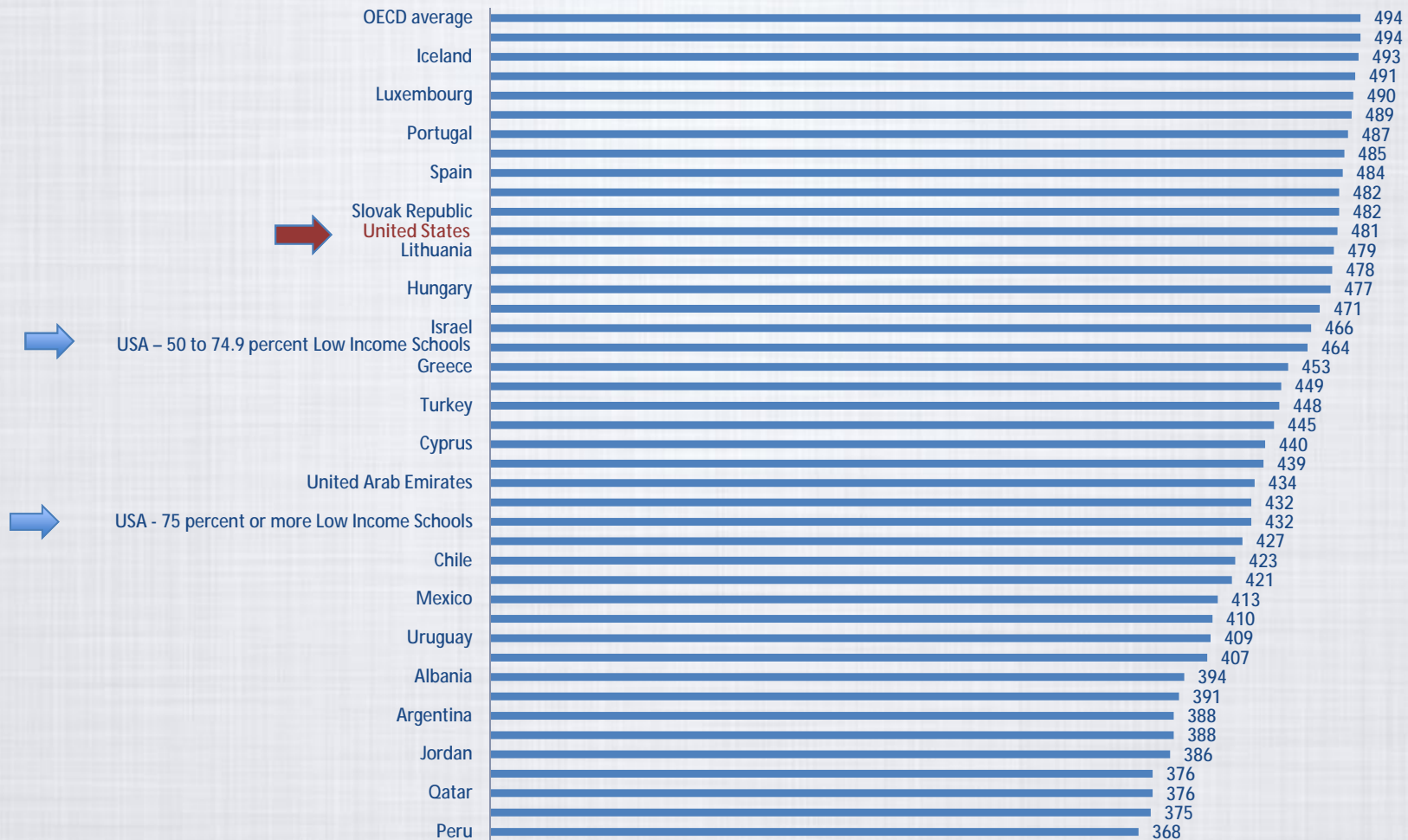


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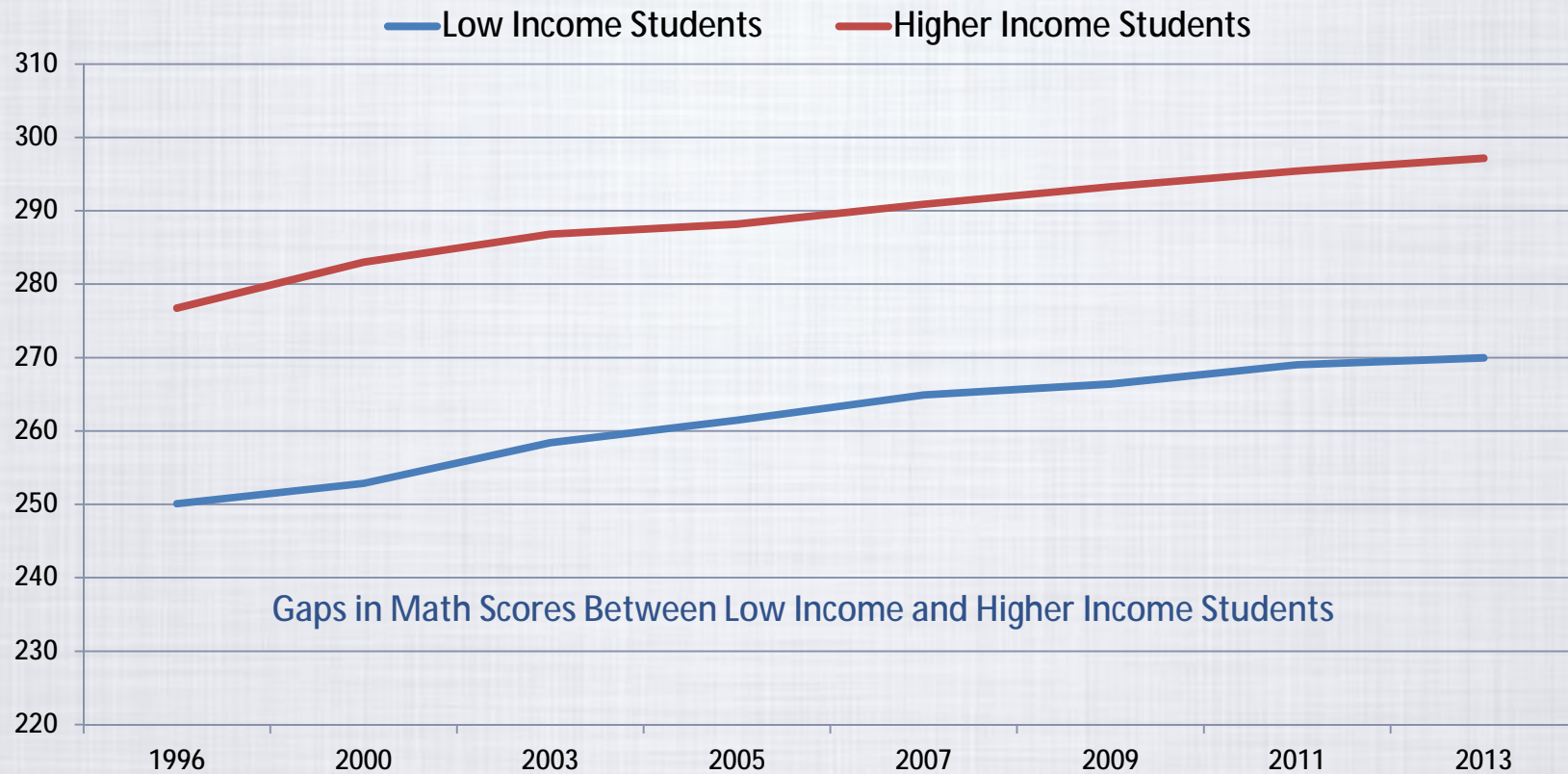


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The Challenges of Equal Education Persist...



NAEP Average Scores in 8th Grade Math By Students' Family Income: 1996-2013



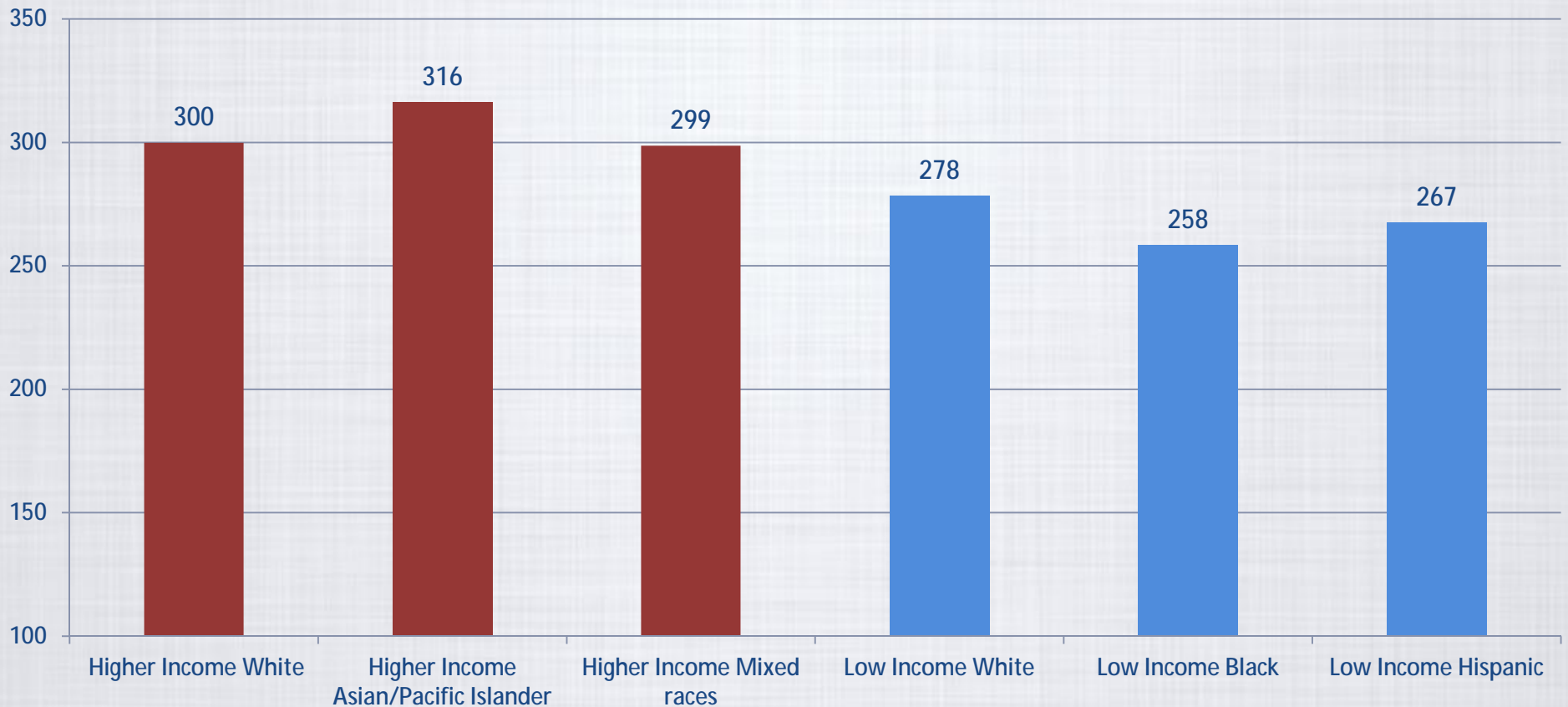
Gaps in Math Scores Between Low Income and Higher Income Students

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Challenge Involves Income, Race, Ethnicity



8th Grade Math Scores in US by Race/Ethnicity and Income: NAEP Average Score: 2013



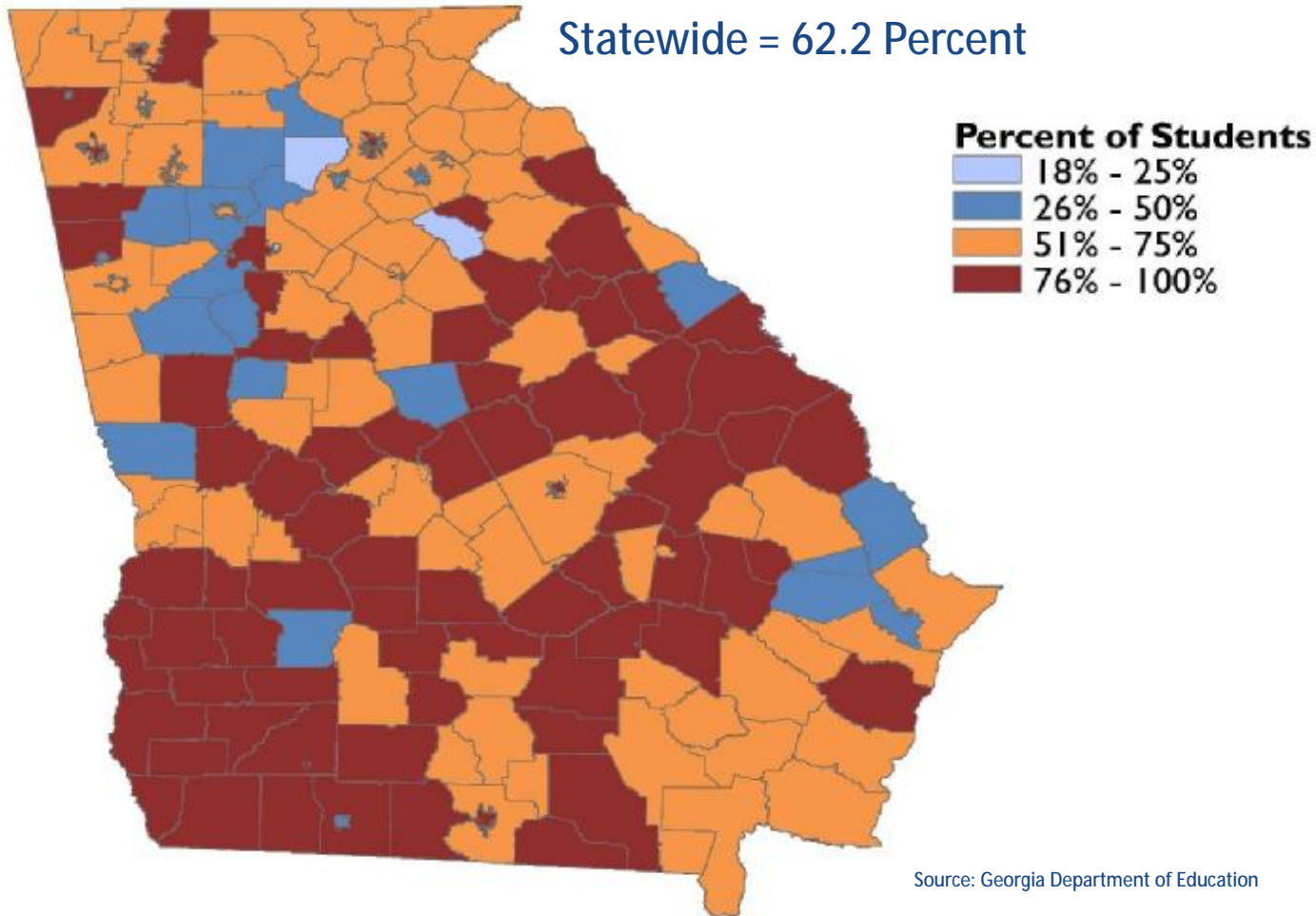
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In Georgia the Nation's Future is Now... Low Income Level Approaching 2 of Every 3 Students



Percent of Low Income Students by School District 2014

Statewide = 62.2 Percent

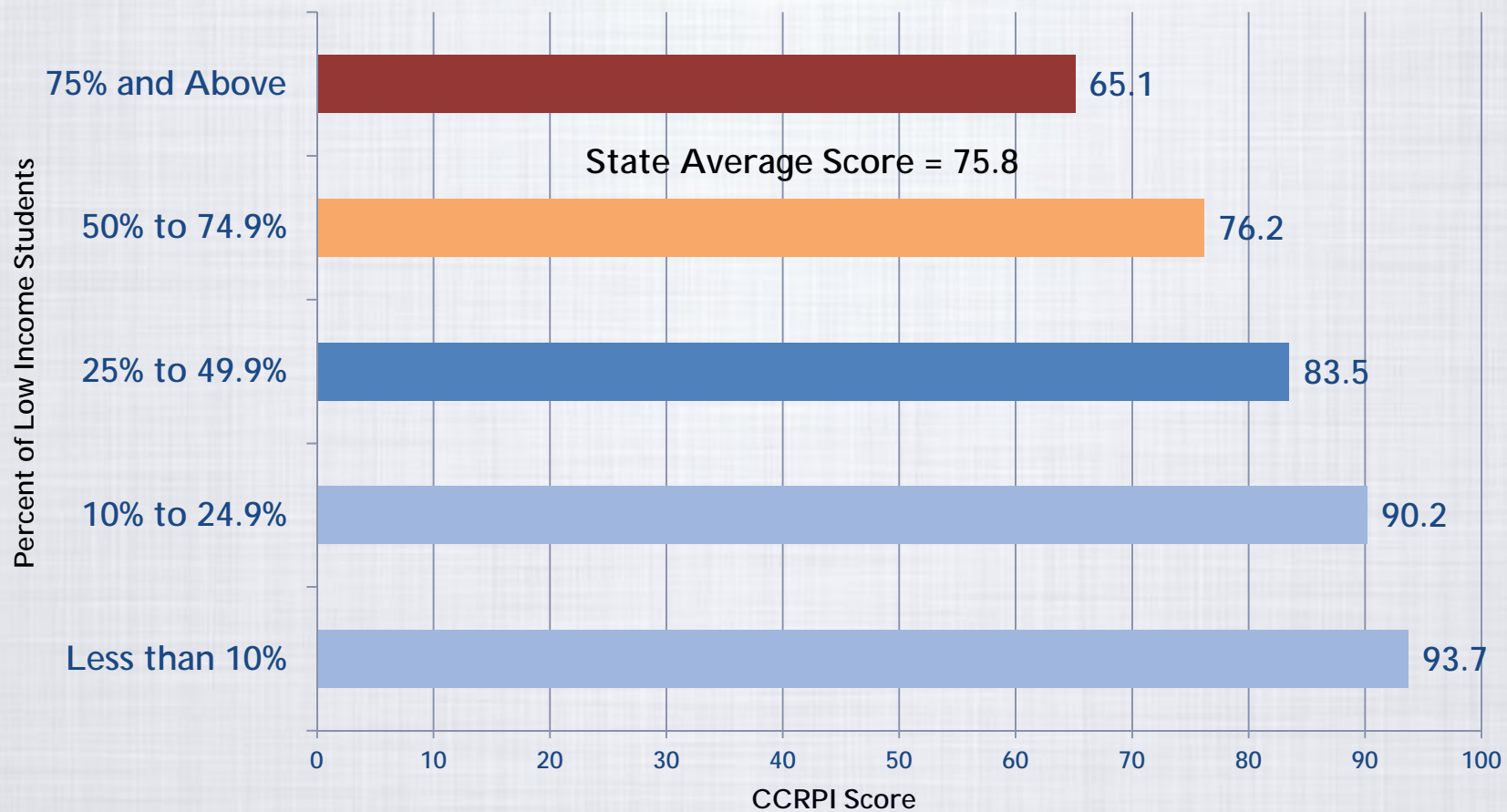


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Students Performance in Georgia Follows Income... Students and Schools with the Largest Needs



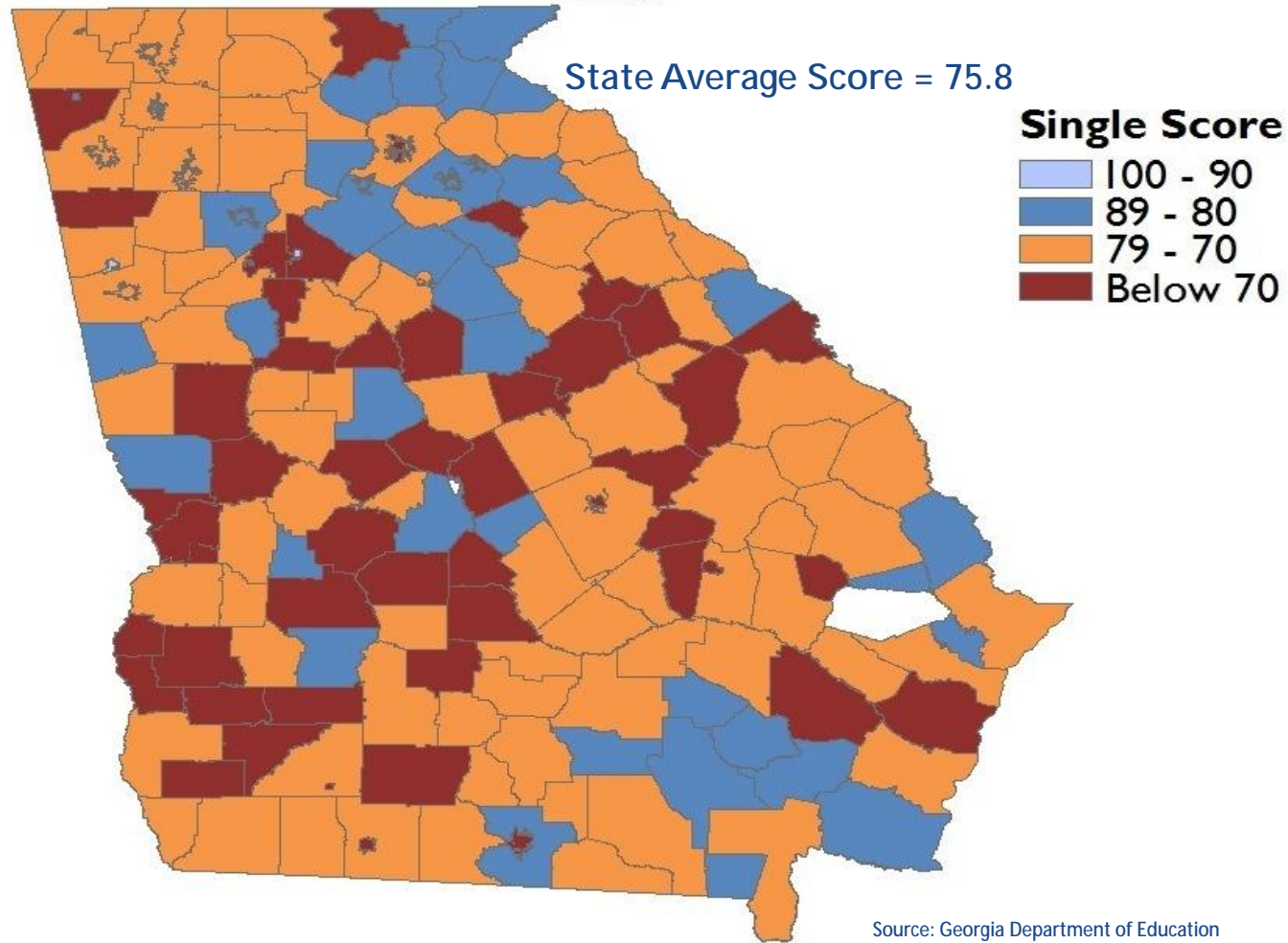
Georgia Public Schools' Median CCRPI Single Scores By Schools' Percent of Low Income Students: 2013



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Latest Test Scores Across Georgia Reflect Trends In Students' Family Income

CCRPI Single Scores by Georgia School District 2013



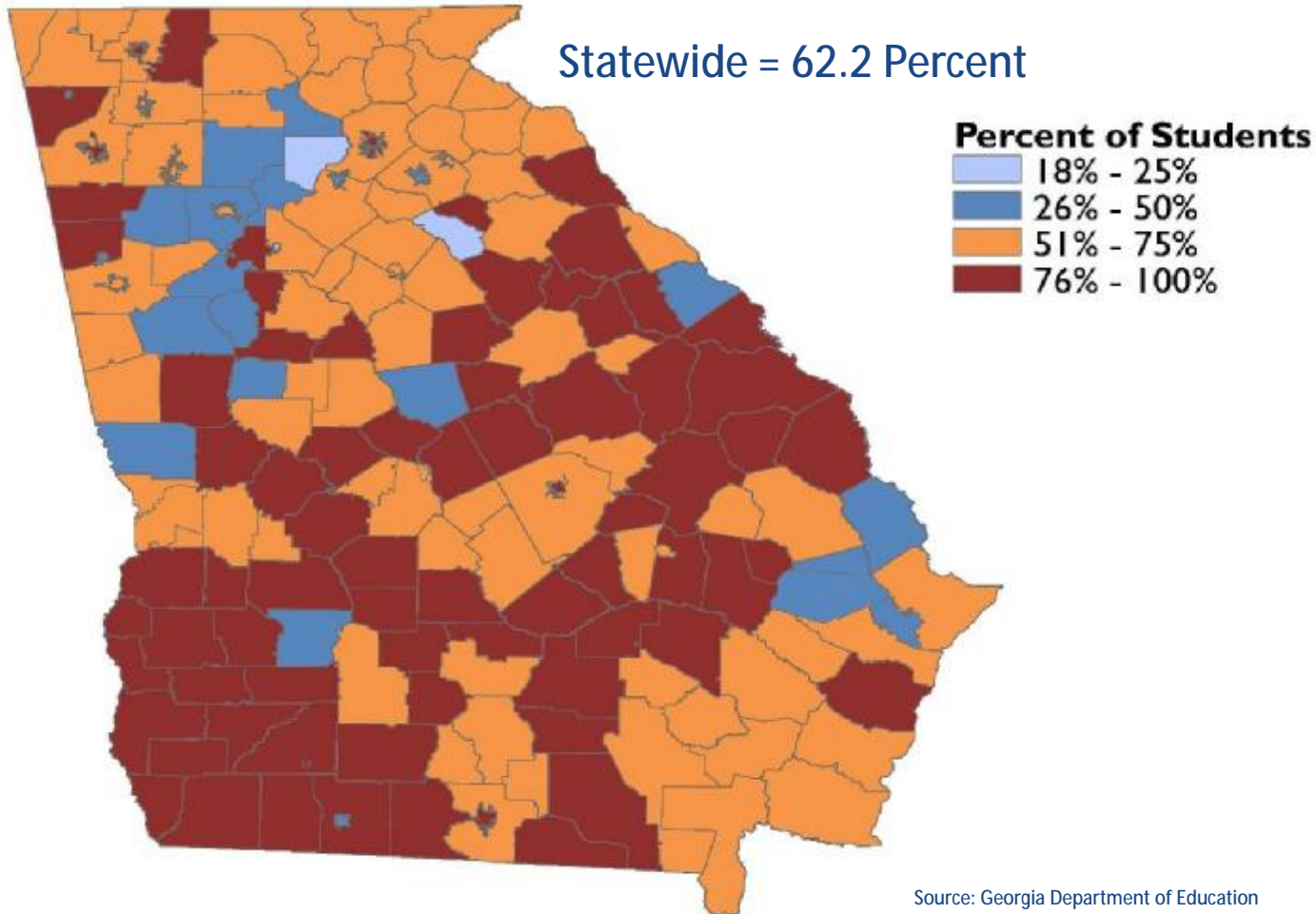
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How Did We Get Here?

Large Majority of Low Income Students

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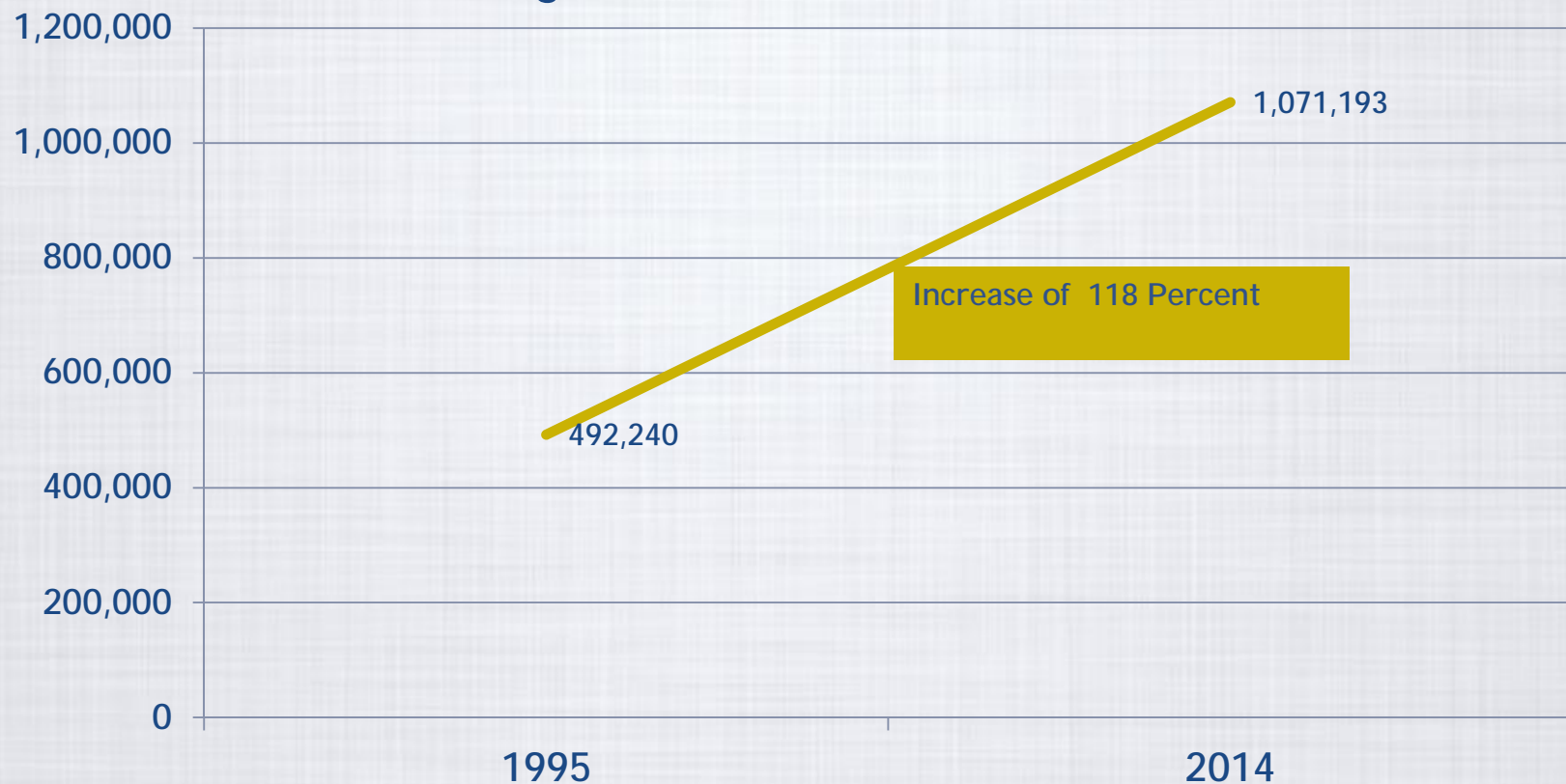
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Trend Has Been Coming Over the Last Two Decades ... Low Income Growth More than Doubled in 20 Years



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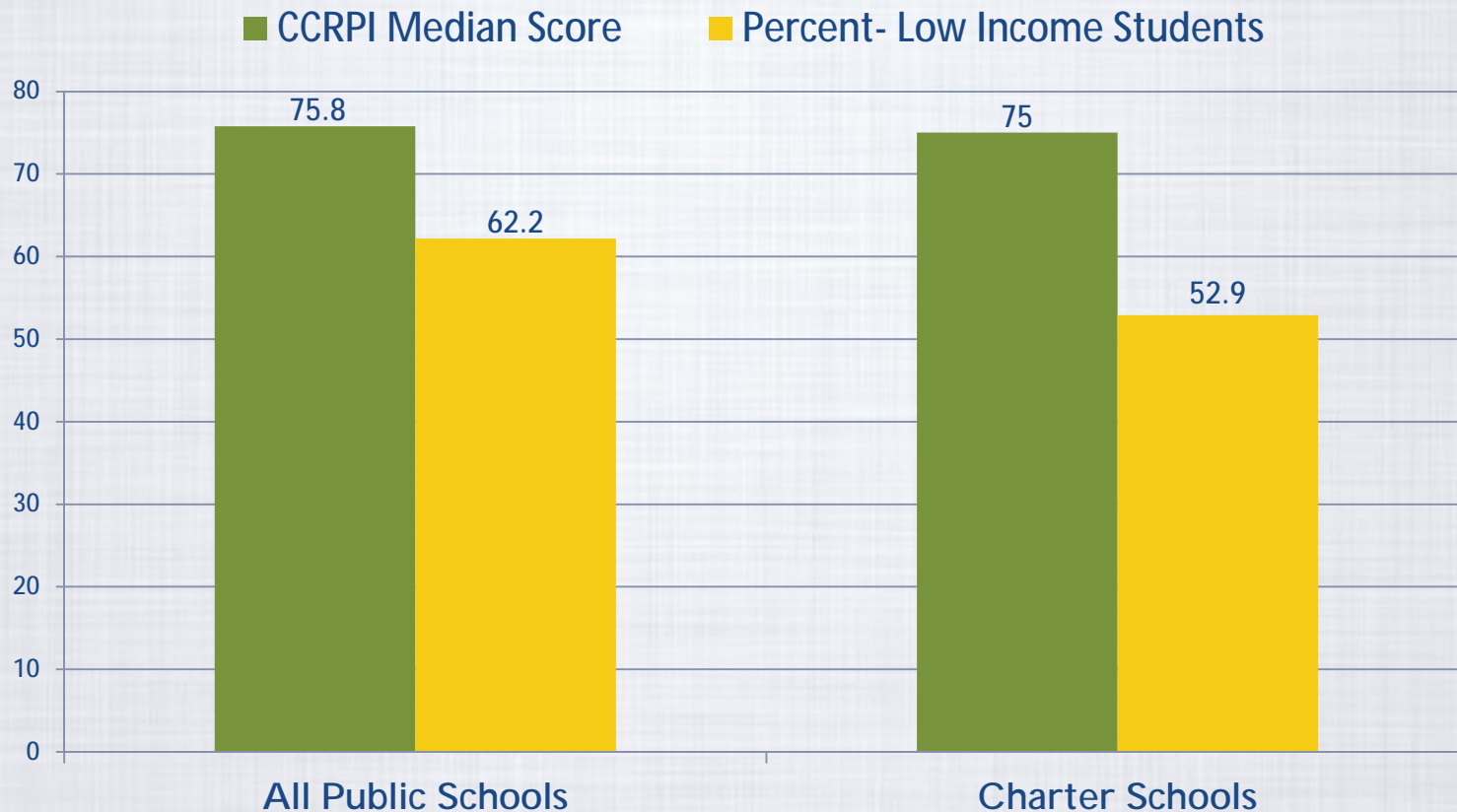
Primary State-Mandated Education Changes in Georgia: 1995-2014

- Higher Standards for Learning (Common Core, etc.)
- Increased Accountability :
 - Increased Standardized Student Testing
 - Adoption of Teacher Evaluation Using Standardized Student Testing
 - School and District Ratings and Rankings by Standardized Test Scores
- Increased Choice:
 - Career / College Academies
 - Charter Schools
 - Private Schools with Public Funding
- School Funding...

Georgia Charter Schools Appear to Score No Better Even with Fewer Low Income Students



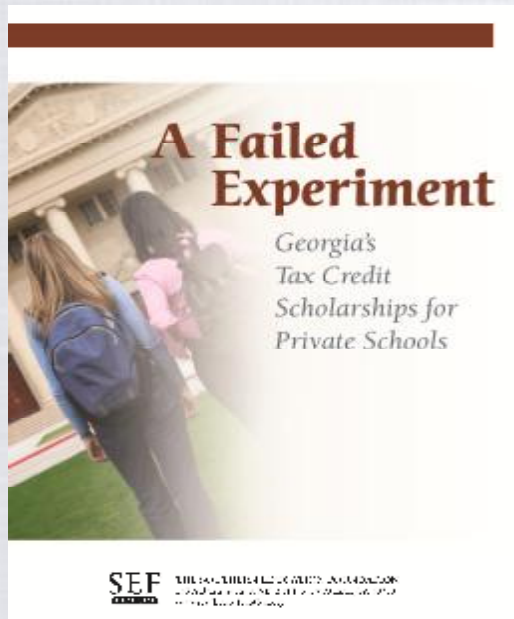
Preliminary Findings by Type of Georgia Public School: Comparison of CCRPI Scores and Low Income Rates



Based on Reported CCRPI Scores of 93 Charter Schools for 2013; FLR data for 2014

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'Black Hole' State Program Finances Private Schools



Students Ineligible for Scholarships Due to Schools' Standards on Religion, Income, Grades, Sexual Identity, etc.

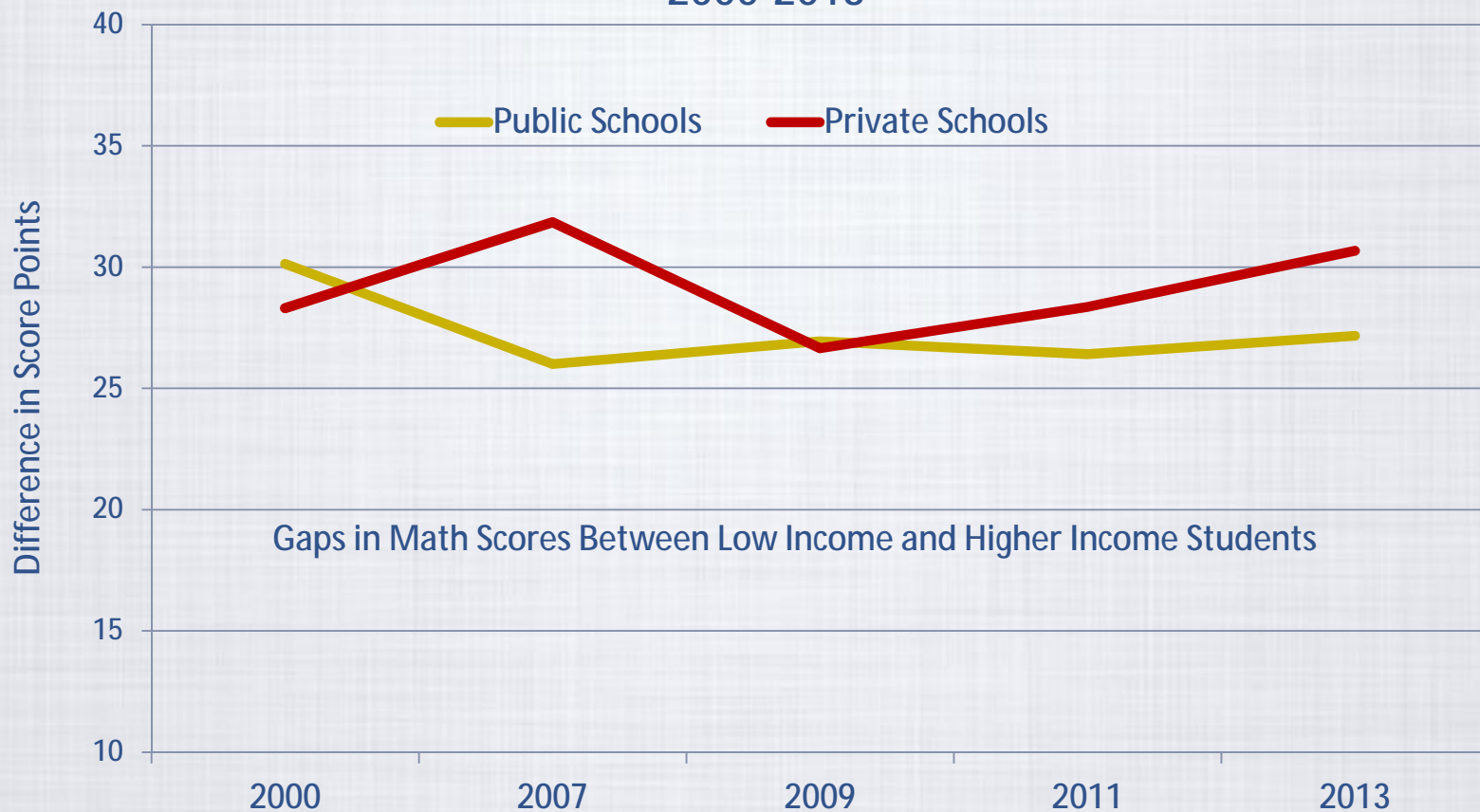
- \$289 million in state tax funds diverted to private schools since 2008
- Administered by private, self-appointed organizations and private schools
- Complete lack of financial and educational accountability
 - No reporting on how money is spent, who gets scholarships, if students improve learning
- Program racked with scams and illegal contributions
 - Tens of millions of dollars in state revenue illegally designated for specific students
- Private Schools Get "Choice" of Students on Schools' Terms

Public Funding of Private Schools Is No Answer for Increasing Low Income Students' Performance



Public and Private Schools Income Gaps in Math

Difference in NAEP Average Scores in 8th Grade Math:
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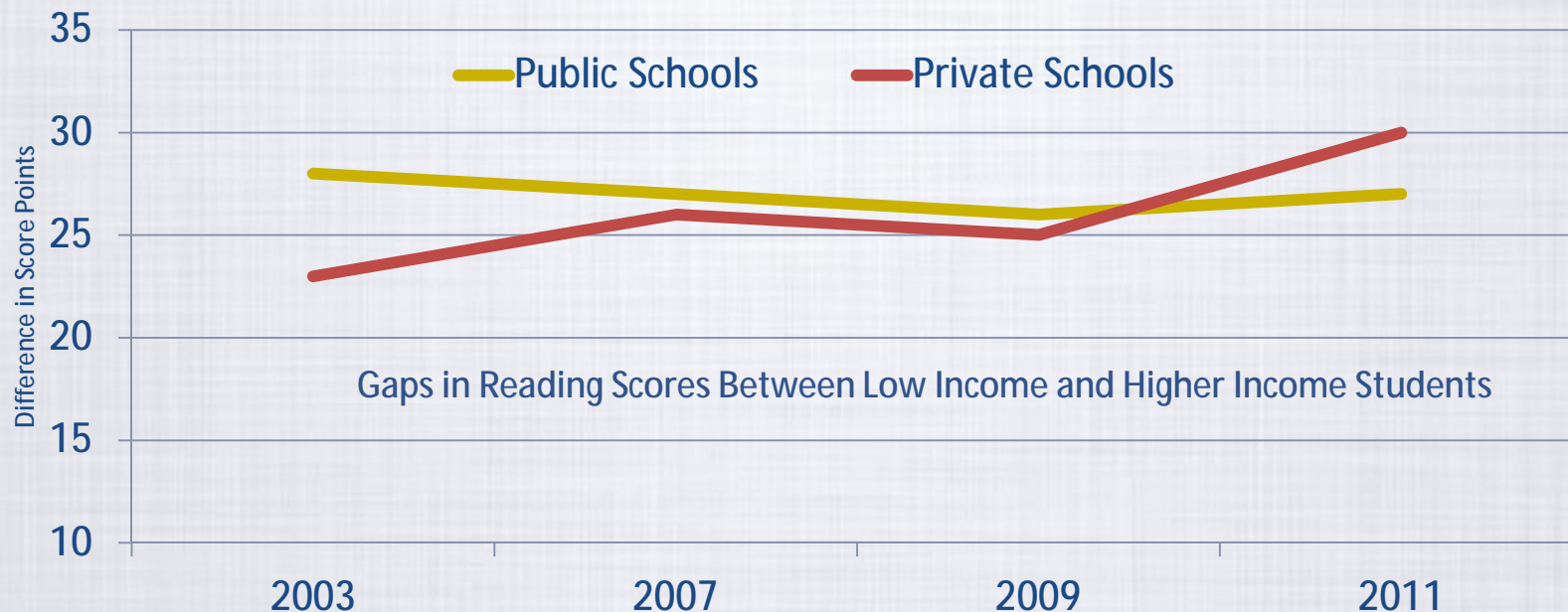
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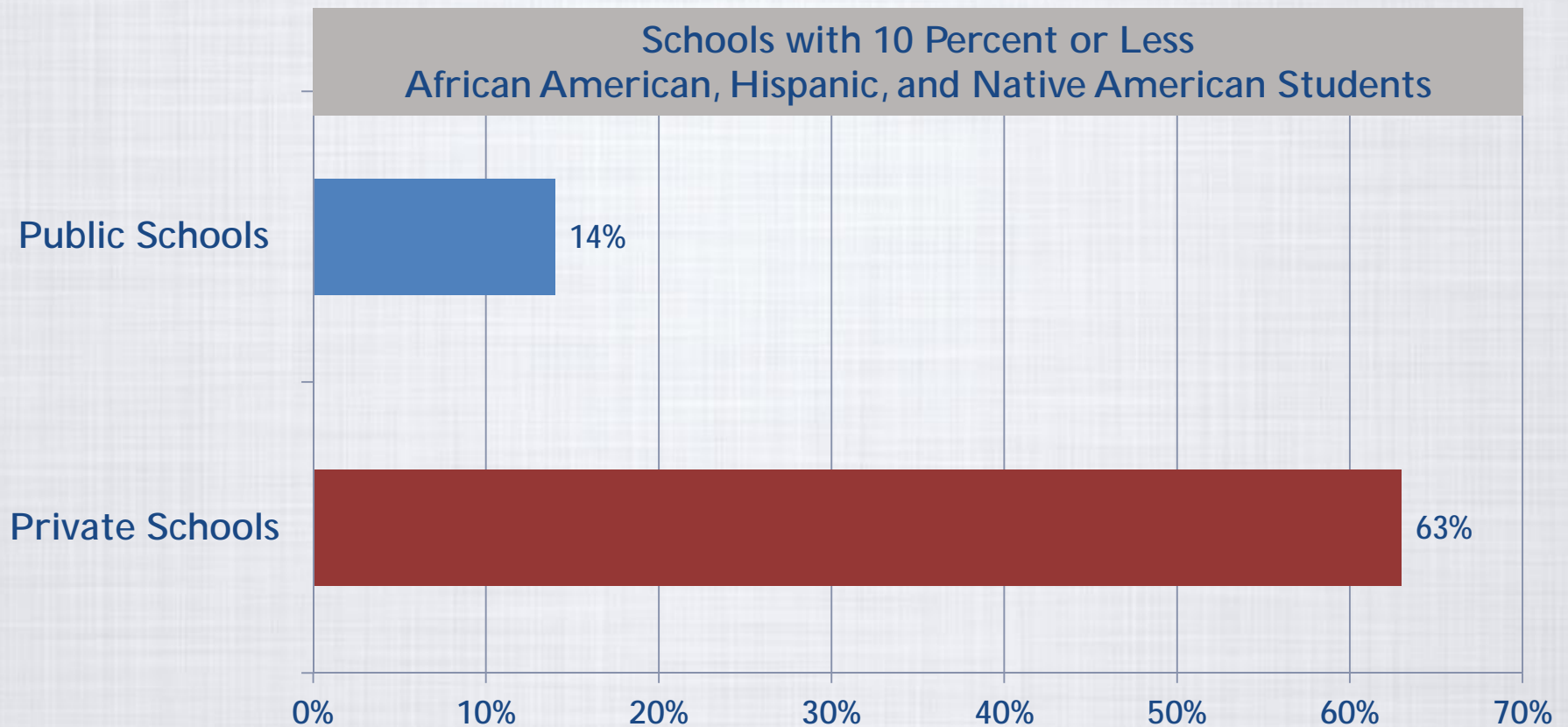


Make No Mistake: Score Gaps Wide or Wider in Private Schools

Public and Private Schools Gap in 4th Grade Average Reading Scores By Income: 2003-2011



Virtually Exclusionary Schools in Georgia: 2012

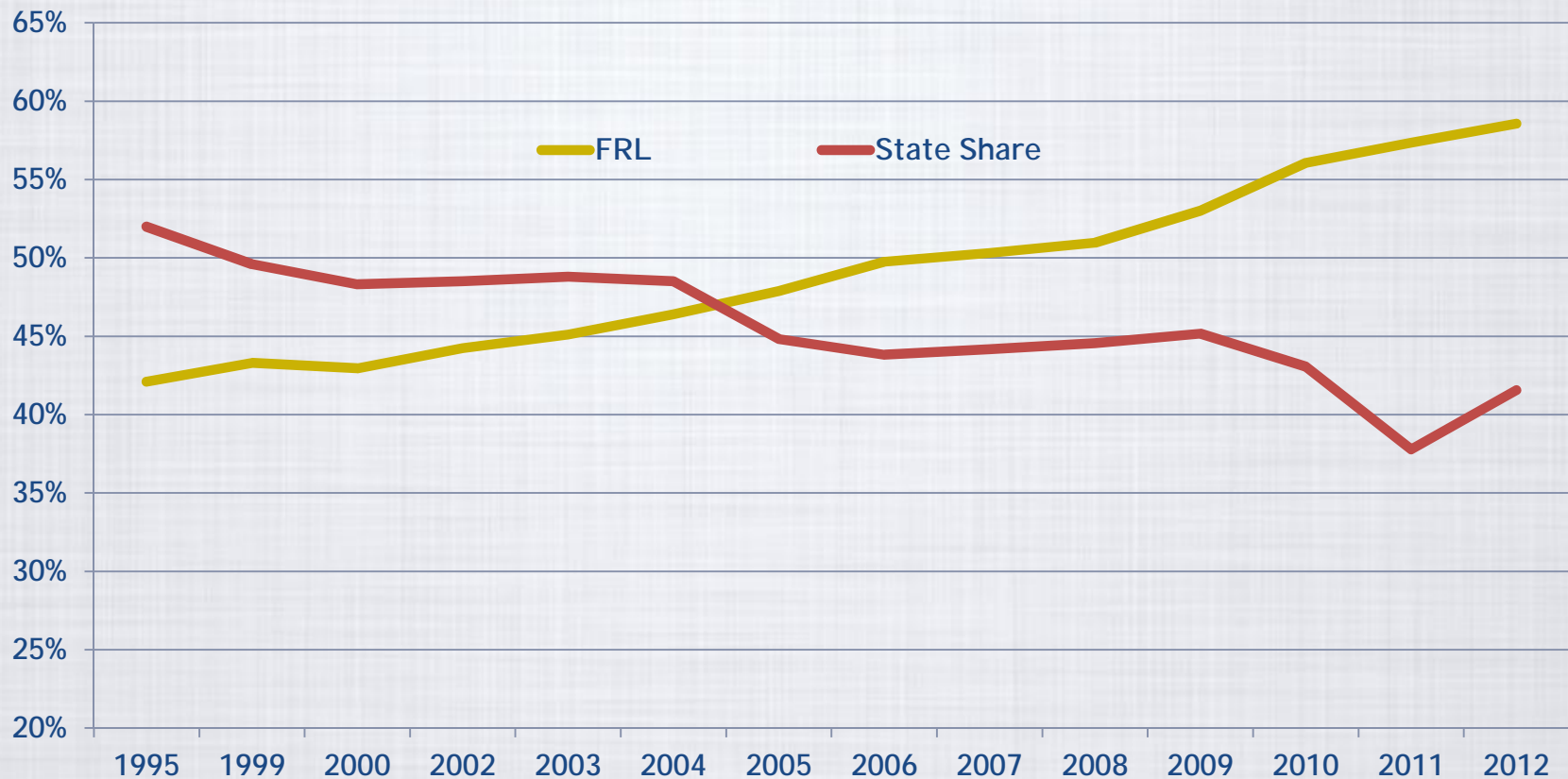


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State Share of Georgia Public Education Funding Declines As Low Income Students Increase



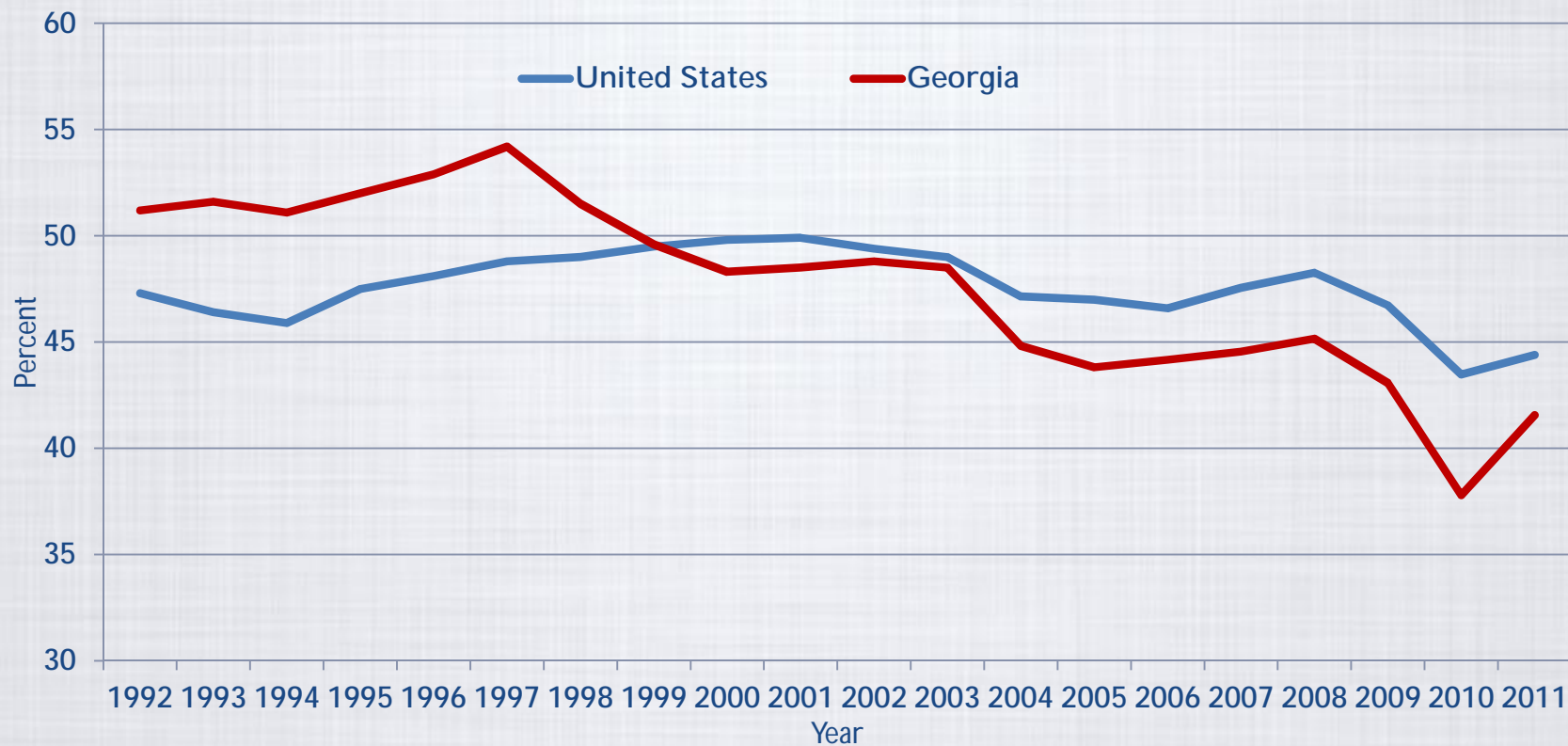
Percent of Low income Students and State Government Funding - Georgia Public Schools: 1995-2012



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State Government Share of Public School Funding: 1992-2011

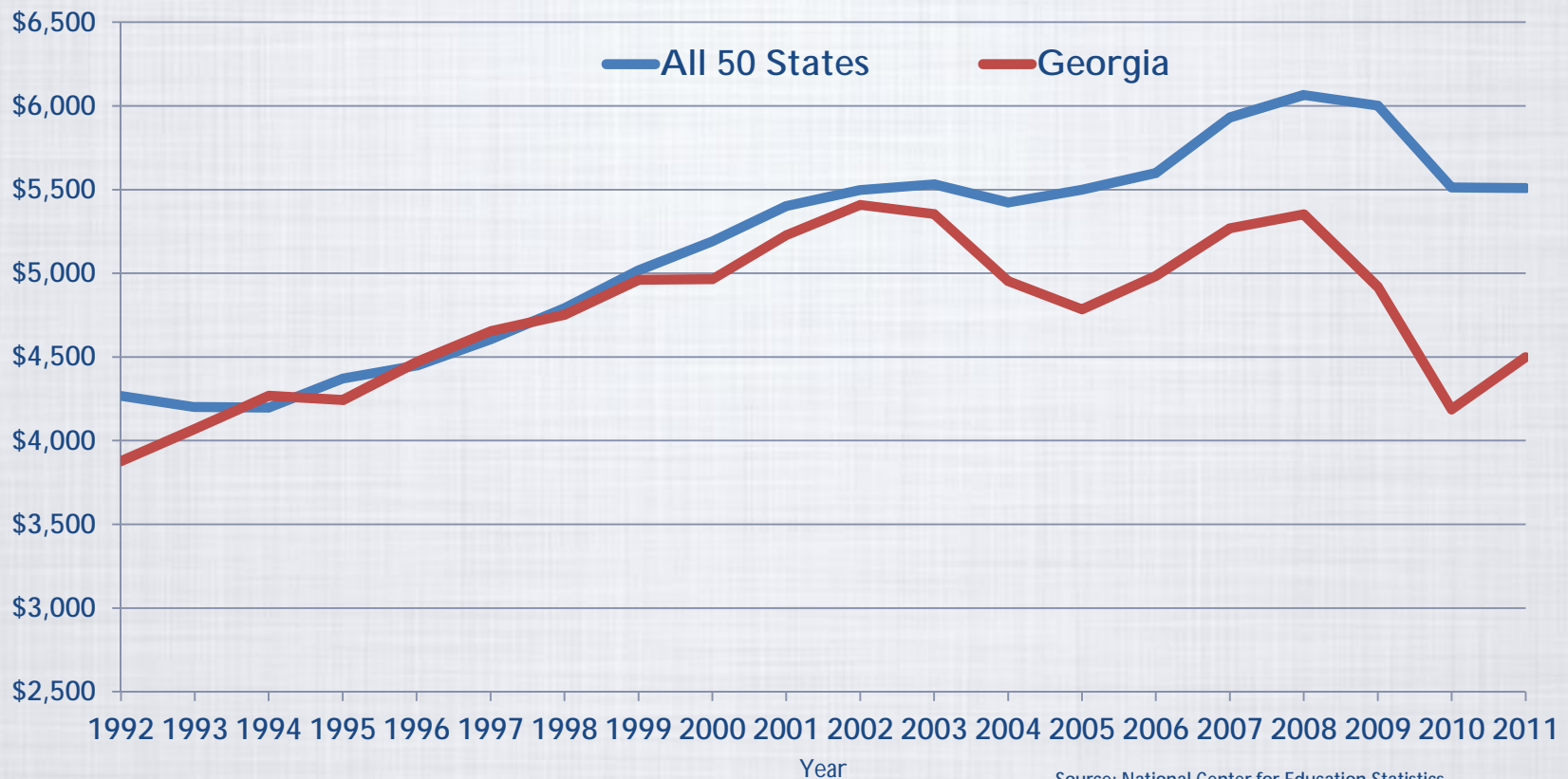


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State Per Pupil Allocations for Georgia Public Education Funding Declines Below National Average



Per Pupil Revenue for Public Schools From State Governments: 1992-2011

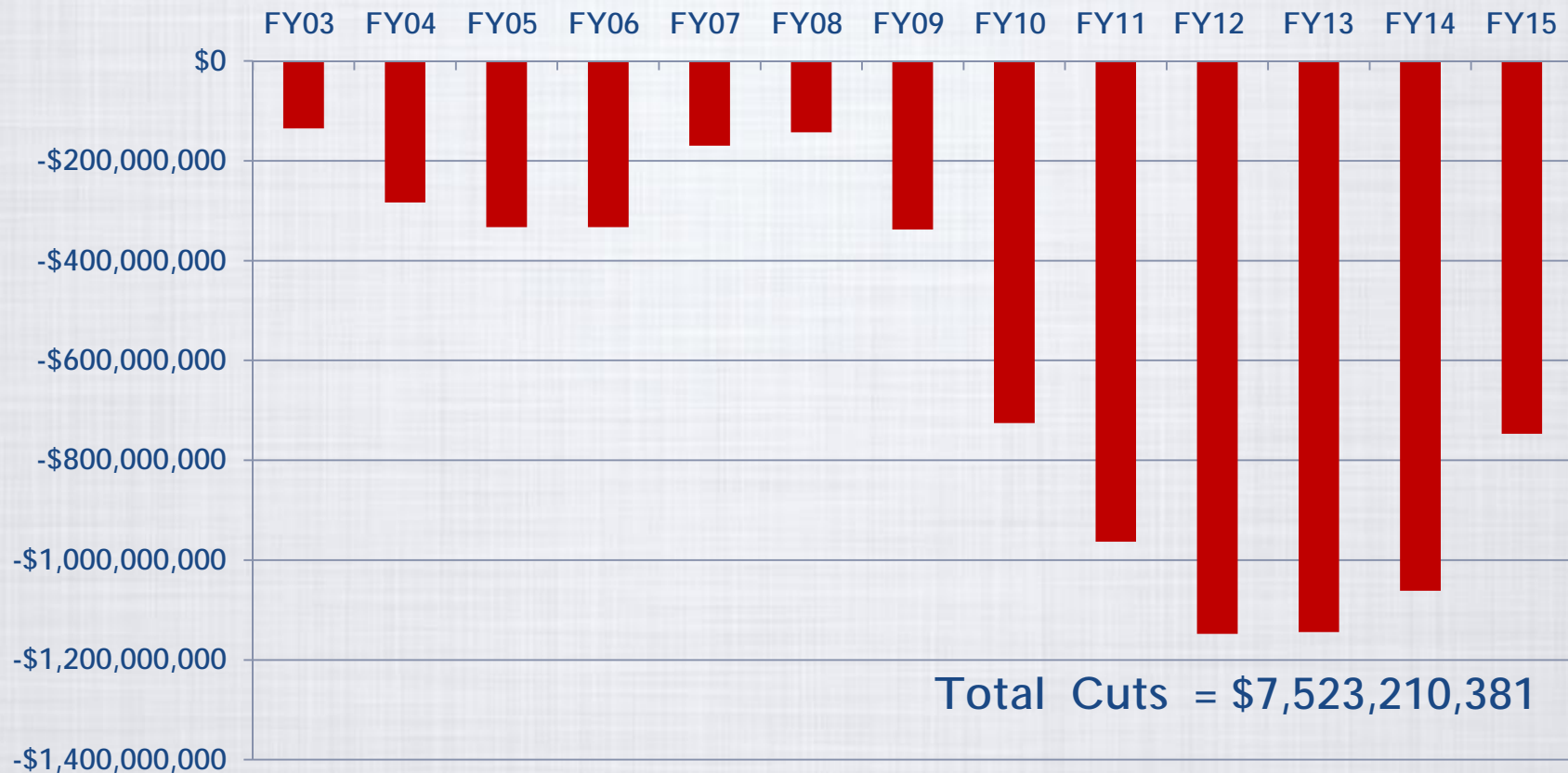


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State Under-Funds the State's Own Formula for "Quality Basic Education" in Georgia



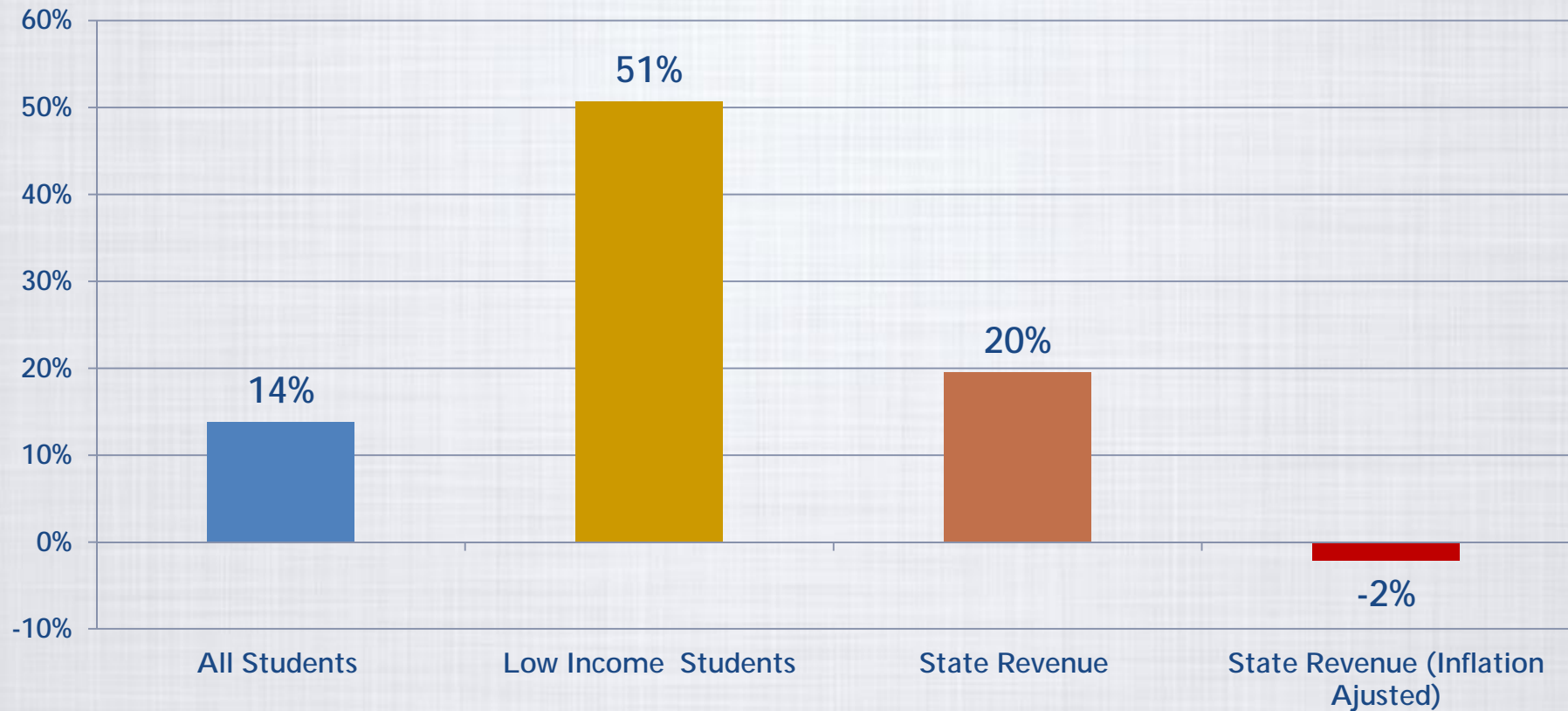
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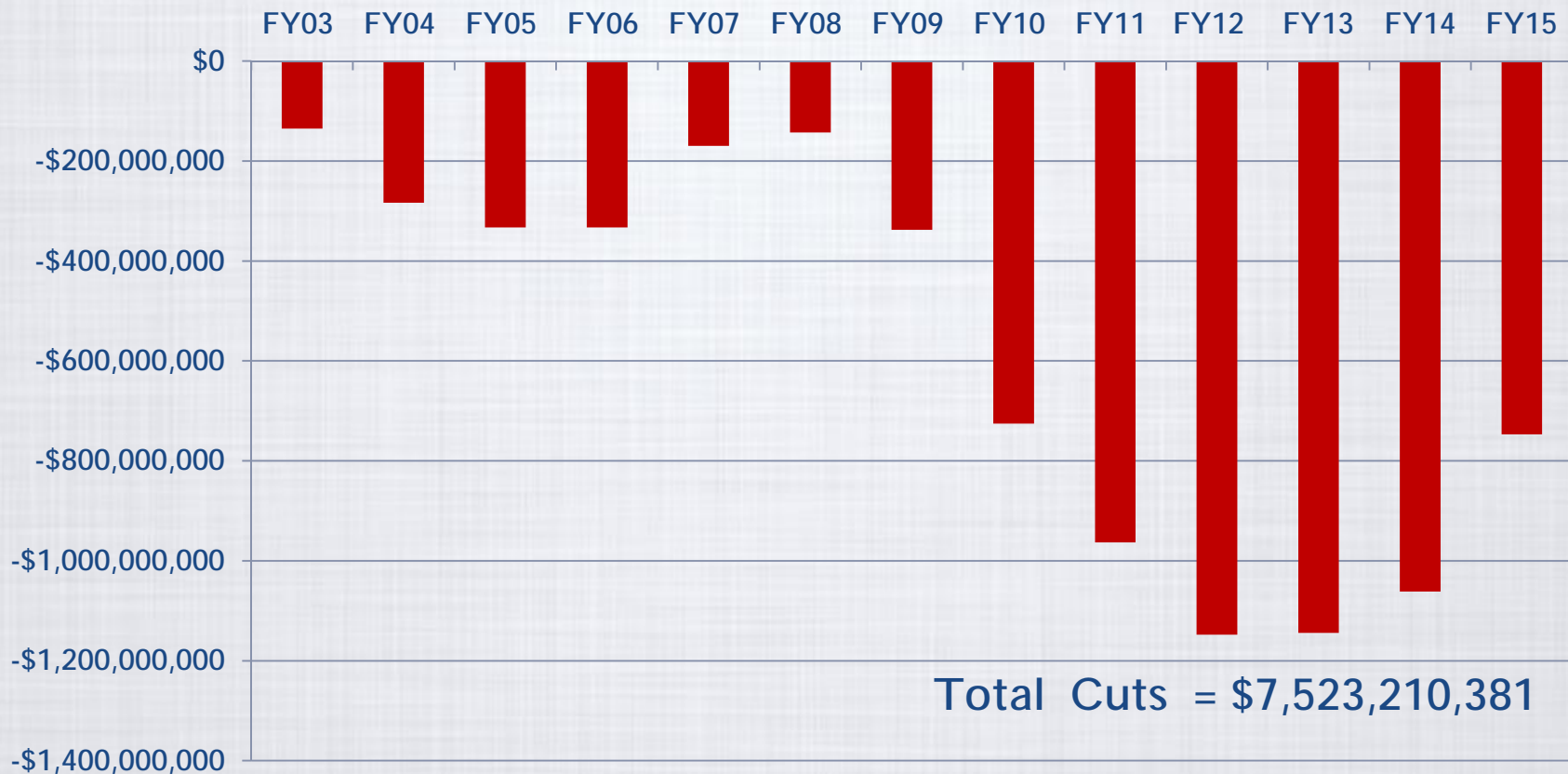


Changes in Georgia Education During Under-Funding of QBE: 2003-2013

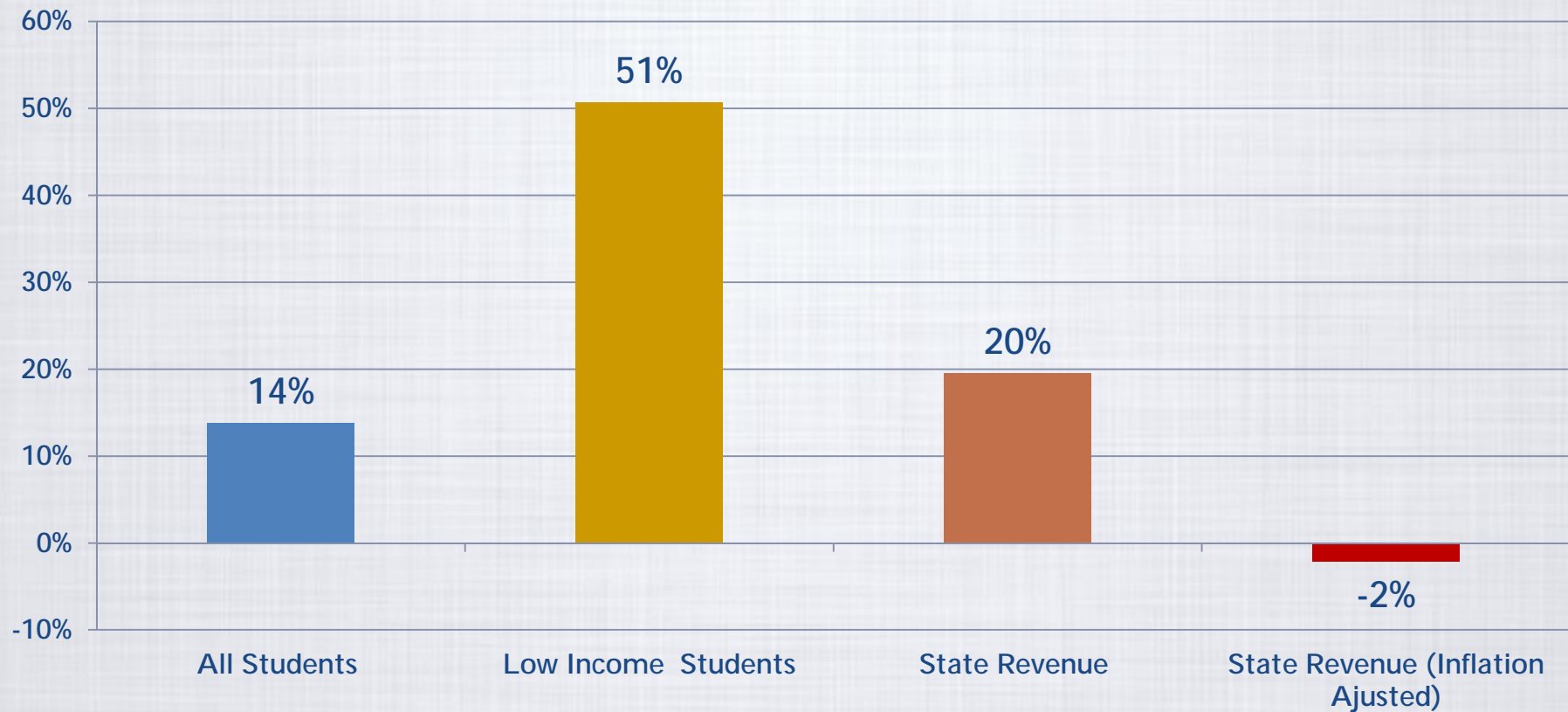


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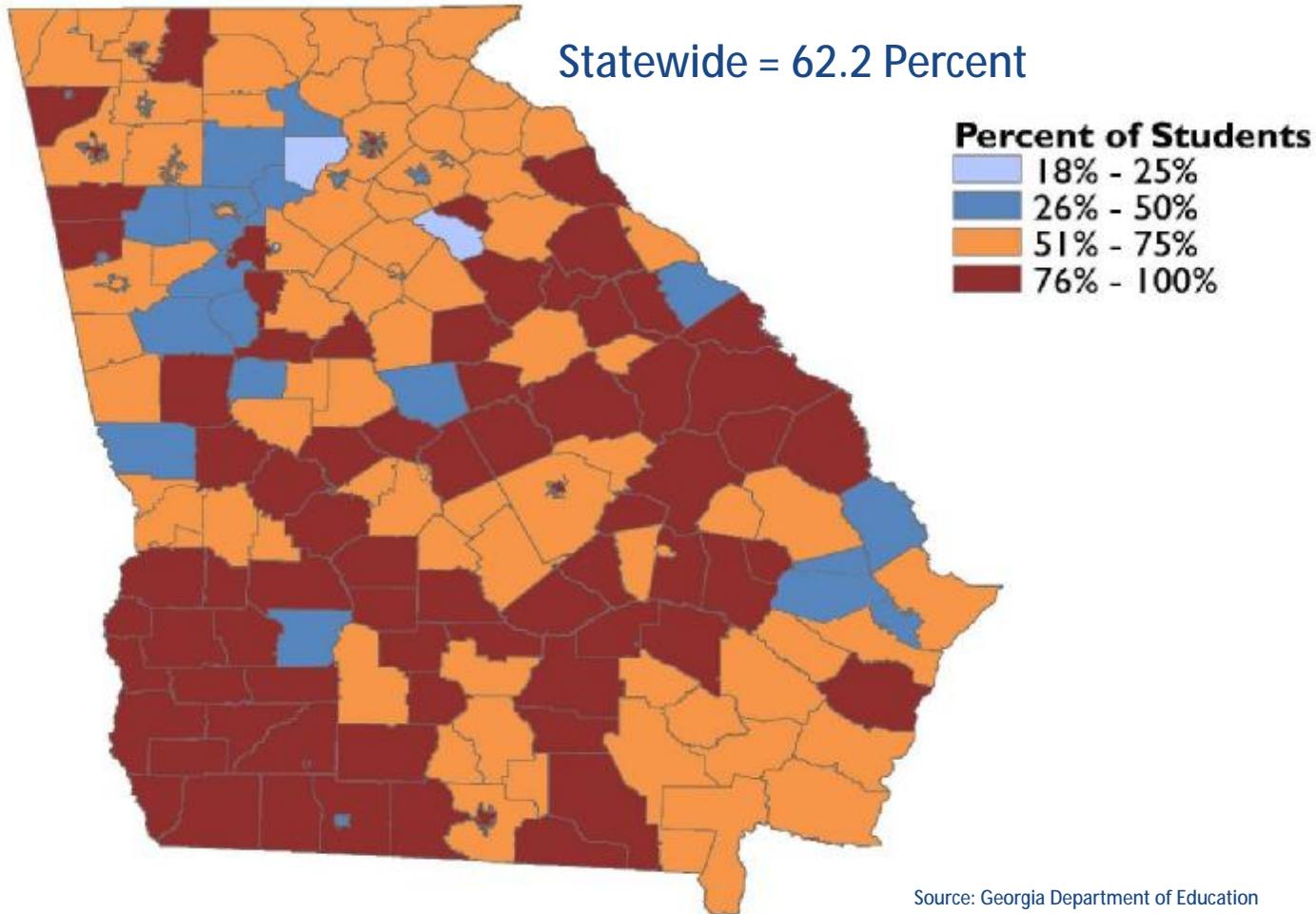


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What Are You Going To Do About It?

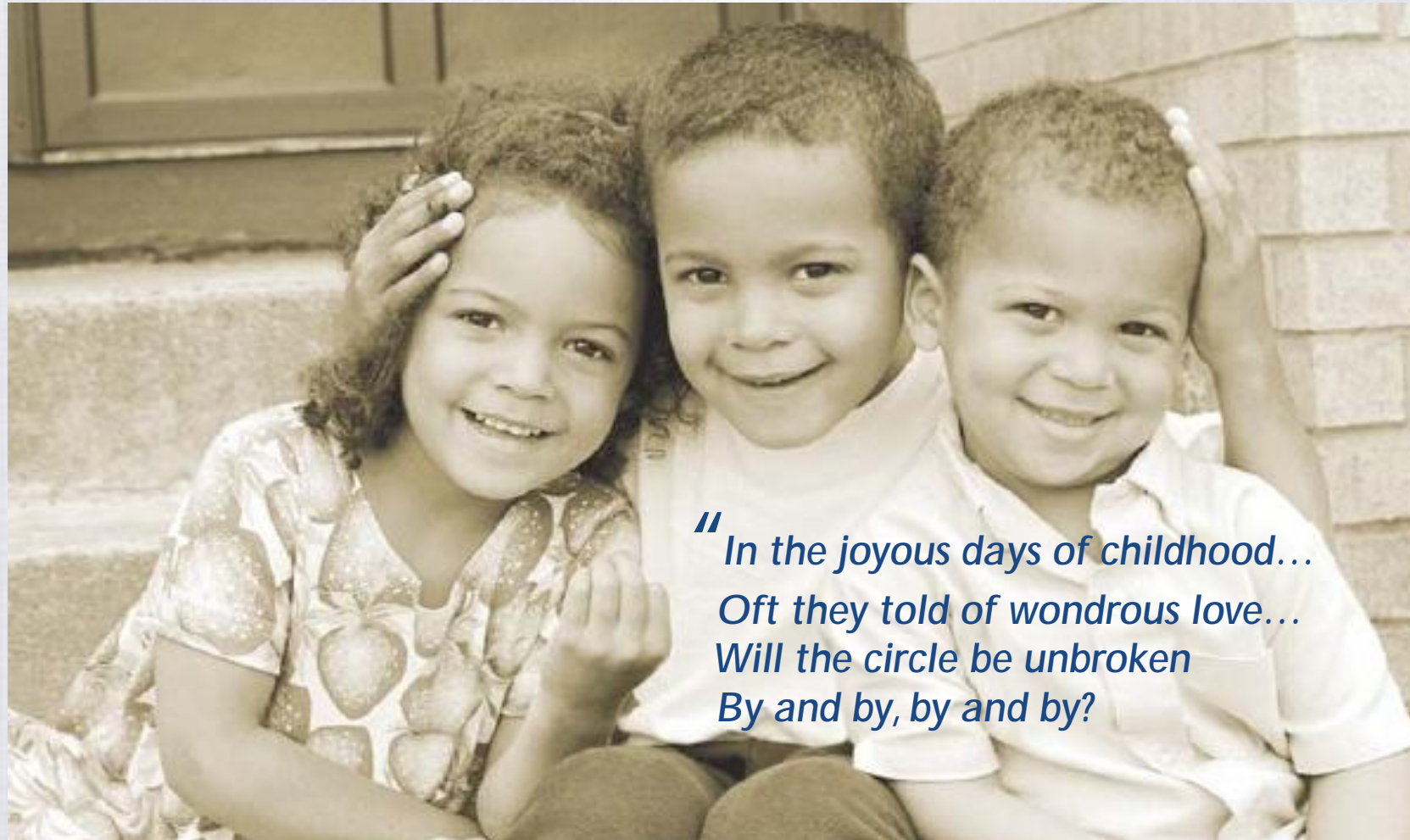


“The provision of an adequate public education for the citizens shall be a primary obligation of the State of Georgia.” --- Georgia Constitution

High Quality Education for All Children: Issues of Basic Fairness & State Prosperity



A Prosperous State Must Have Schools that Better Prepare Each Child for a Good Life



*“ In the joyous days of childhood...
Oft they told of wondrous love...
Will the circle be unbroken
By and by, by and by?”*



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