

2024-2025 Chronic Absenteeism Data

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KEY DEFINITIONS

SCHOOL-FOCUSED

Attendance Rate -

The number of days a student attended school, divided by the total number of school days.

STUDENT-FOCUSED

Student attendance (Indiana GPS) - Percentage of students with at least a 94% attendance rate (*days attended*)

Chronic absenteeism - Missing at least 10% of school days (*days missed, excused and unexcused*)

Habitual Truancy - Having 10 or more unexcused absences

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM IN INDIANA

How many *school buses* could be filled if all of Indiana's chronically absent students came to school on the same day?



CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM IN INDIANA CONTINUED

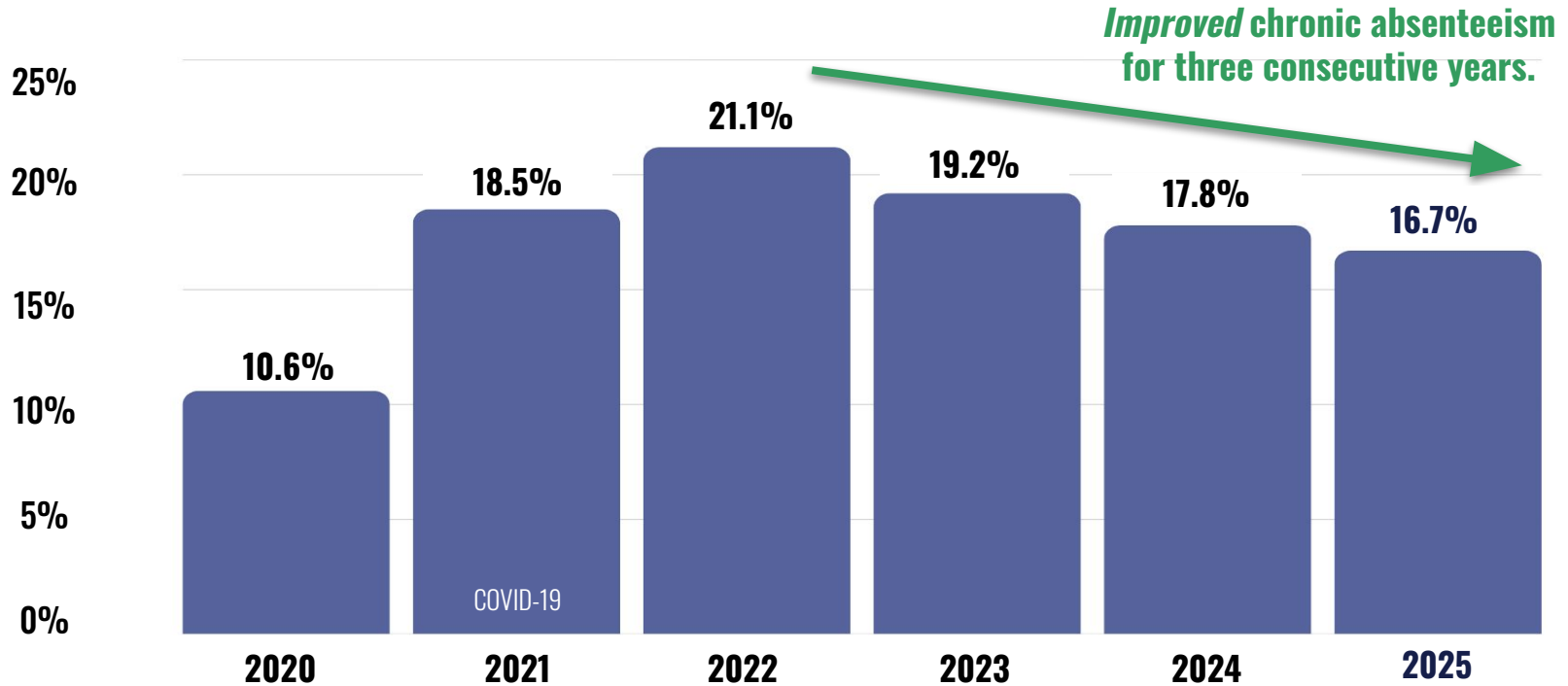
2,713

**Based on a bus capacity of 72 students*

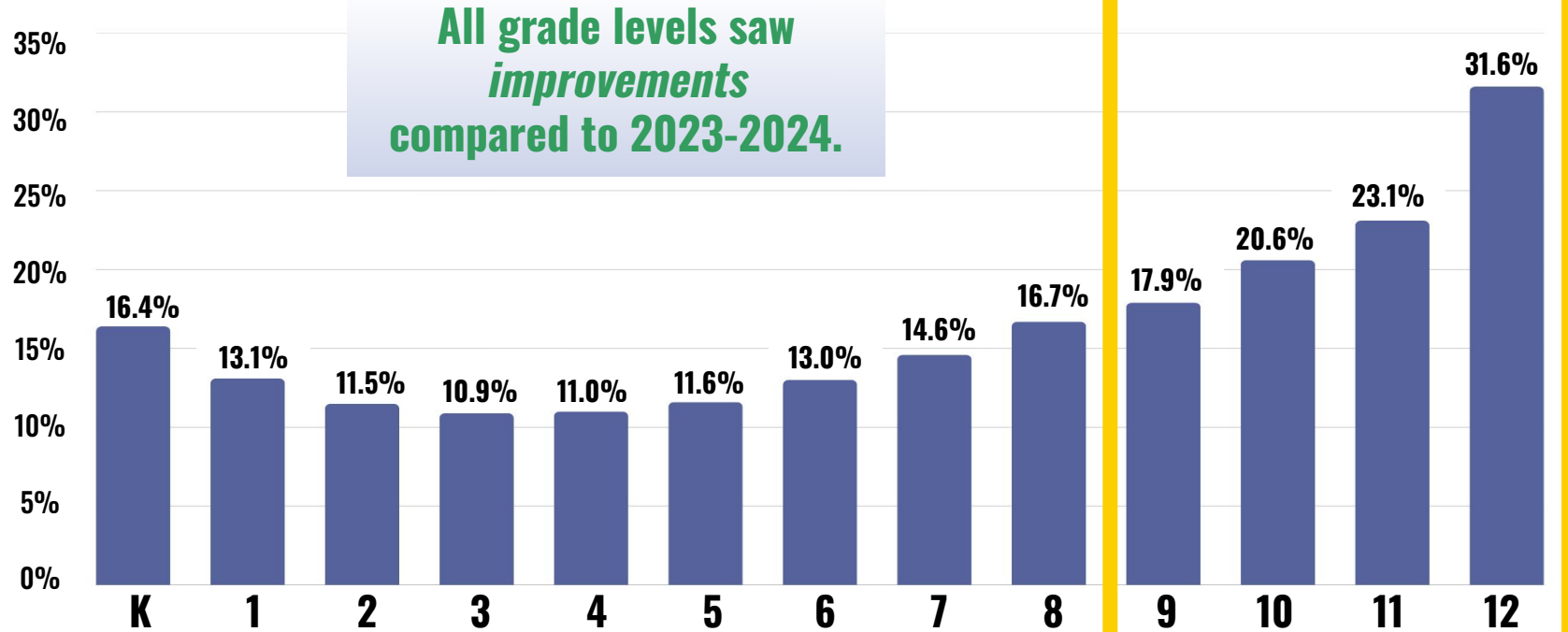
This number was 2,850 for the 2024-2025 school year.



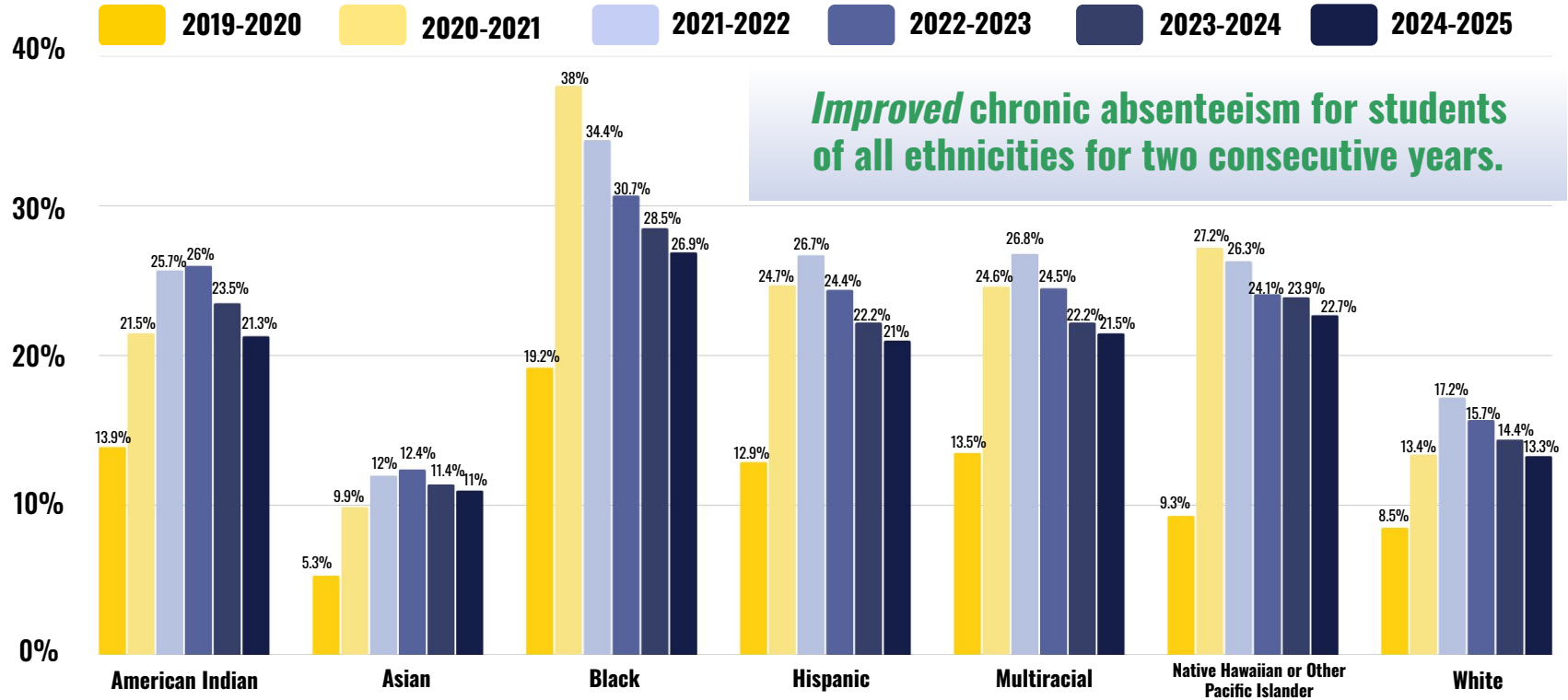
CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM: STATEWIDE LONGITUDINAL COMPARISON



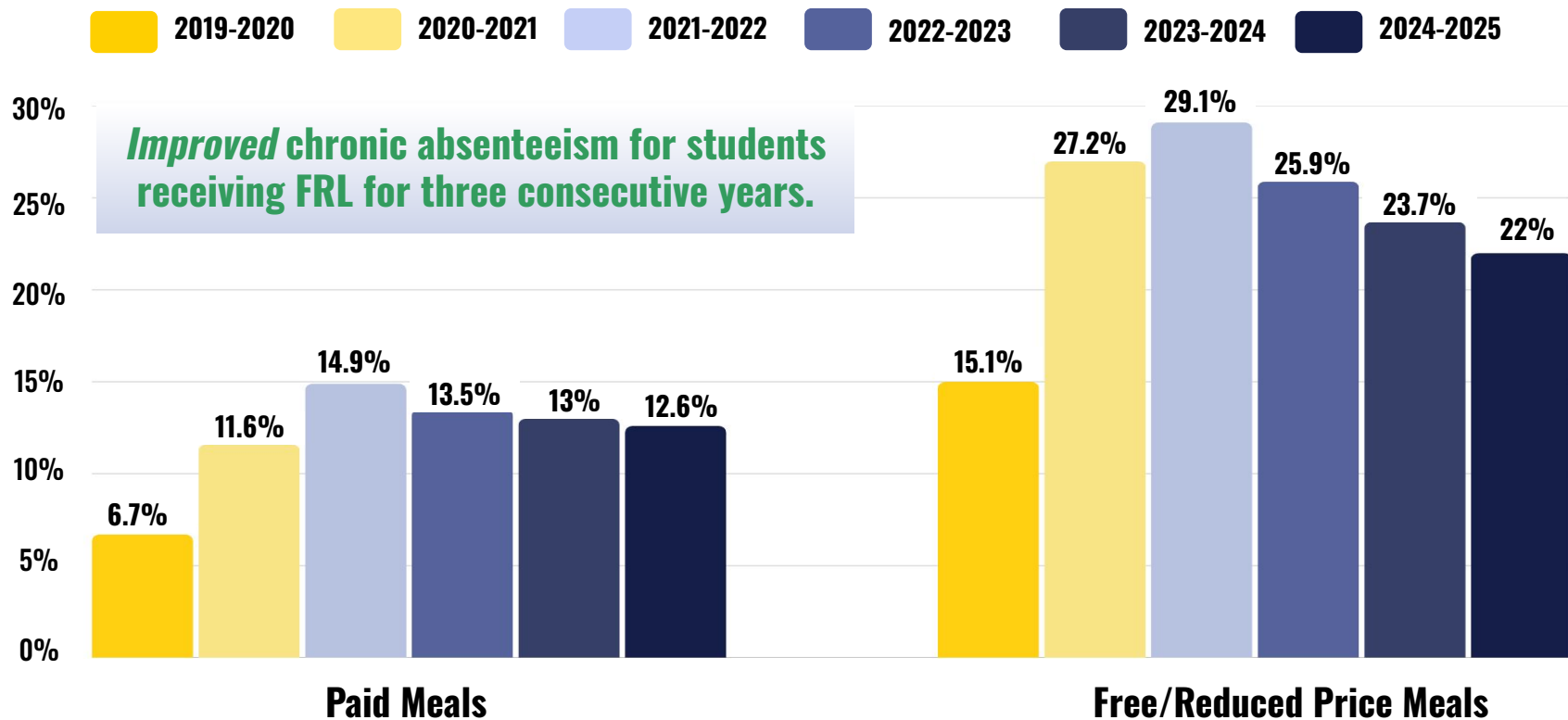
CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM: BY GRADE LEVEL (2024-2025)



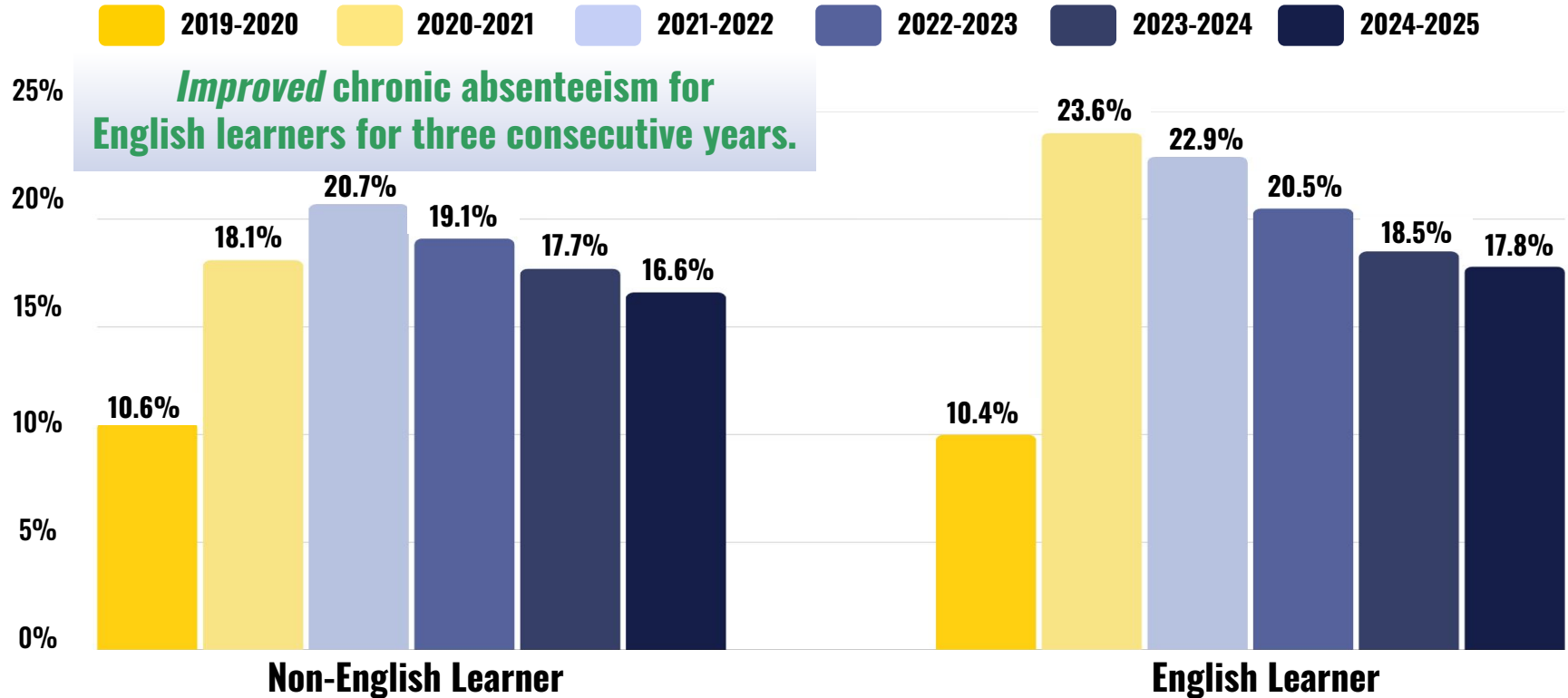
CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM: ETHNICITY



CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM: SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS



CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM: ENGLISH LEARNER STATUS



IMPACT OF CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM ON LITERACY

	% of Students Passing IREAD (testing in 2023)	% of Students Passing IREAD (testing in 2024)	% of Students Passing IREAD (testing in 2025)
Chronically Absent	66.0%	67.2%	74.0%
Not Chronically Absent	84.4%	84.2%	89.0%

**Proficiency rates reflect best spring/summer result of all first-time third grade students, including previous year second grade proficient results.*

IMPACT OF CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM ON ELA & MATH

	% of Students At or Above Proficiency in ELA (testing in 2023)	% of Students At or Above Proficiency in ELA (testing in 2024)	% of Students At or Above Proficiency in ELA (testing in 2025)	% of Students At or Above Proficiency in Math (testing in 2023)	% of Students At or Above Proficiency in Math (testing in 2024)	% of Students At or Above Proficiency in Math (testing in 2025)
Chronically Absent	23.5%	22.9%	23.5%	18.7%	18.2%	19.5%
Not Chronically Absent	43.5%	43.7%	43%	44.4%	44.1%	45.3%

IMPACT OF CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM ON COLLEGE READINESS

	% of 2023 Graduates <i>At College-Ready Benchmark</i> (testing in 2022)	% of 2024 Graduates <i>At College-Ready Benchmark</i> (testing in 2023)	% of 2025 Graduates <i>At College-Ready Benchmark*</i> (testing in 2024)
Chronically Absent	19.8%	17.5%	20.7%
Not Chronically Absent	44.5%	41.1%	41.5%

KEY TAKEAWAYS



Indiana's chronic absenteeism rate is **moving in the right direction**, improving for three consecutive years. Statewide, chronic absenteeism has **improved 4.4 percentage points** since 2022 when chronic absenteeism rates were greater than 21%, *yet there is more work to do* to return to pre-pandemic levels (10.6%).



Statewide, chronic absenteeism **improved 1.1 percentage point** from 2024 to 2025. Data show that many student populations who experienced the greatest academic impacts in ELA and math following the pandemic are improving more quickly than the state overall.

- **Black students** - Improved 1.6 percentage points
- **Hispanic students** - Improved 1.2 percentage points
- **Students receiving free/reduced price meals** - Improved 1.7 percentage points

KEY TAKEAWAYS CONTINUED



The number of schools improving their chronic absenteeism rates to **below 10%** is *growing*. In 2025, **nearly 800 schools** had a chronic absenteeism rate of less than 10%, compared to **fewer than 700 schools** in 2024, yet 78 schools have more than 50% of students who are chronically absent.



Rates of chronic absenteeism continue to be the **highest in grades nine through 12**. Nearly **one in three** Hoosier students are chronically absent during their senior year.

- This underscores the *urgency* behind our ongoing work to **rethink the high school experience** and ensure more parents and students see the value in education.



Students who are chronically absent are *significantly less likely* to **read by third grade**, master **key ELA and math skills**, or be **college-ready**.

CONTINUING TO ELEVATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

- **Attendance Insights Dashboard** - publicly displays longitudinal attendance and chronic absenteeism data at the grade-, school- and corporation-level
- **Early Warning Dashboard** - provides actionable data for educators and families as they work together to support students most at risk of not graduating
- **Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed performance dashboard** - elevates attendance by publicly displaying the percentage of students who attend school more than 94% of the time at each corporation and school



THANK YOU!