

2024-2025 IREAD Results

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TODAY'S AGENDA

Items to Note Before Diving In

2024-2025 Literacy Data

Top Two Tactics Showing ROI

Additional, Ongoing Supports

Local Celebrations



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ITEMS TO NOTE BEFORE DIVING IN

Each table includes raw data for the 2024-2025 IREAD assessment, which measures foundational literacy skills.



Results do not include data from I AM, the accountability assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities (participation is capped at 1% of students).

- Pass rates include third grade students who passed in either the **spring or summer retest of their third grade year or during their second grade year**.
- All schools test **in person and electronically**, unless an accommodation is required.

ITEMS TO NOTE BEFORE DIVING IN CONT.

New policies in the 2024-2025 school year to support increased literacy

- All second graders now **participate** and, going forward, will have **five opportunities** to pass IREAD prior to fourth grade, with **targeted supports in between**
- Third grade students who do not pass in the spring have **two summer retest opportunities**
- Second graders who score “At Risk” and third graders who “Did Not Pass” have access to **summer school support with a science of reading-trained instructor**
- **To ensure they receive ongoing intervention and support, any student** who does not pass IREAD in third grade, including students who receive a Good Cause Exemption, **retest each spring and summer** until they pass or are promoted to seventh grade

UNDERSTANDING READING VS ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

READING PROFICIENCY

- Assessed in grades 2 and 3 via **IREAD**
- Measures **foundational reading skills**, including phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency
- Results announced each **August**

ELA PROFICIENCY

- Assessed in grades 3-8 via **ILEARN**
- Measures **reading foundations**, **reading comprehension**, **writing**, and **communication and collaboration**
- Results announced each **July**

To be strong in ELA, students must have a *solid reading foundation*; however, the ELA assessment covers more than just reading.

2024 NAEP READING DATA

NAEP – also known as the Nation's Report Card – is the only assessment that can be compared state to state.

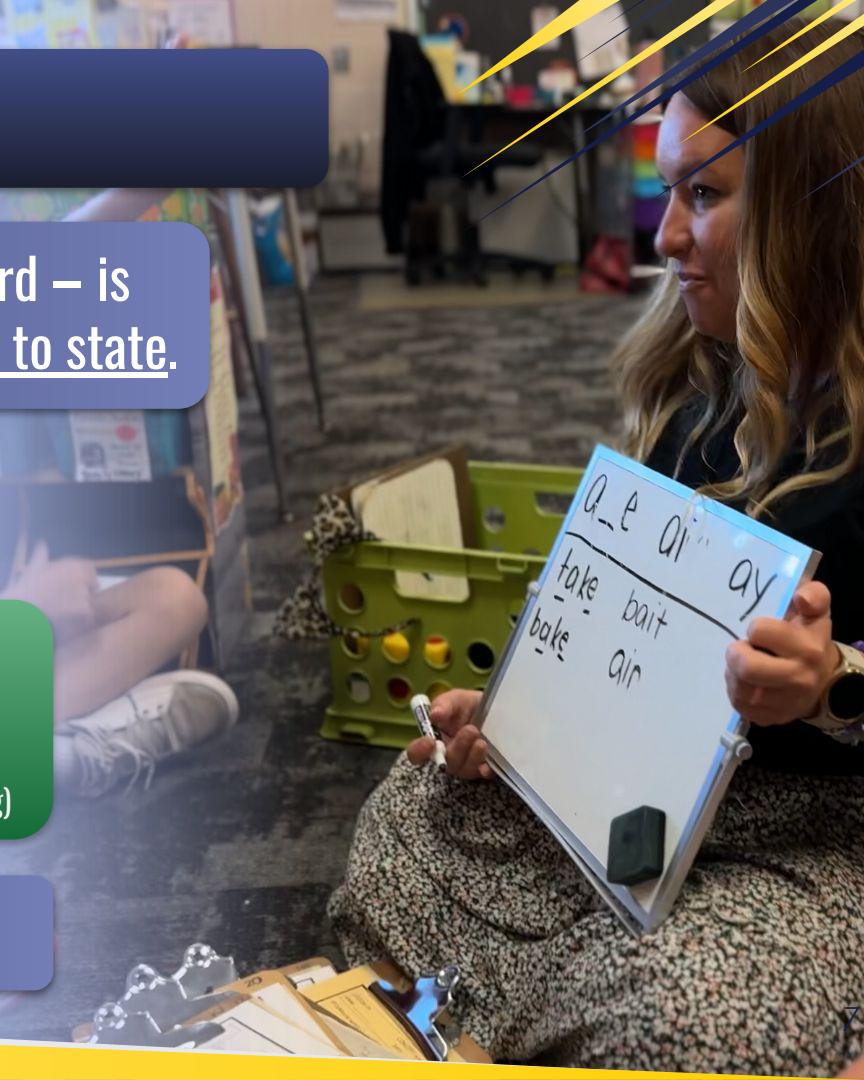


6th
in the nation
(Up 13; Fourth Grade Reading)



6th
in the nation
(Up 11; Eighth Grade Reading)

Highest Indiana has ever
ranked in fourth grade reading.



2024-2025 Literacy Data



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2024-2025 IREAD RESULTS: STATEWIDE SUMMARY

Statewide: Nearly
5 percentage point
increase in *one year!*

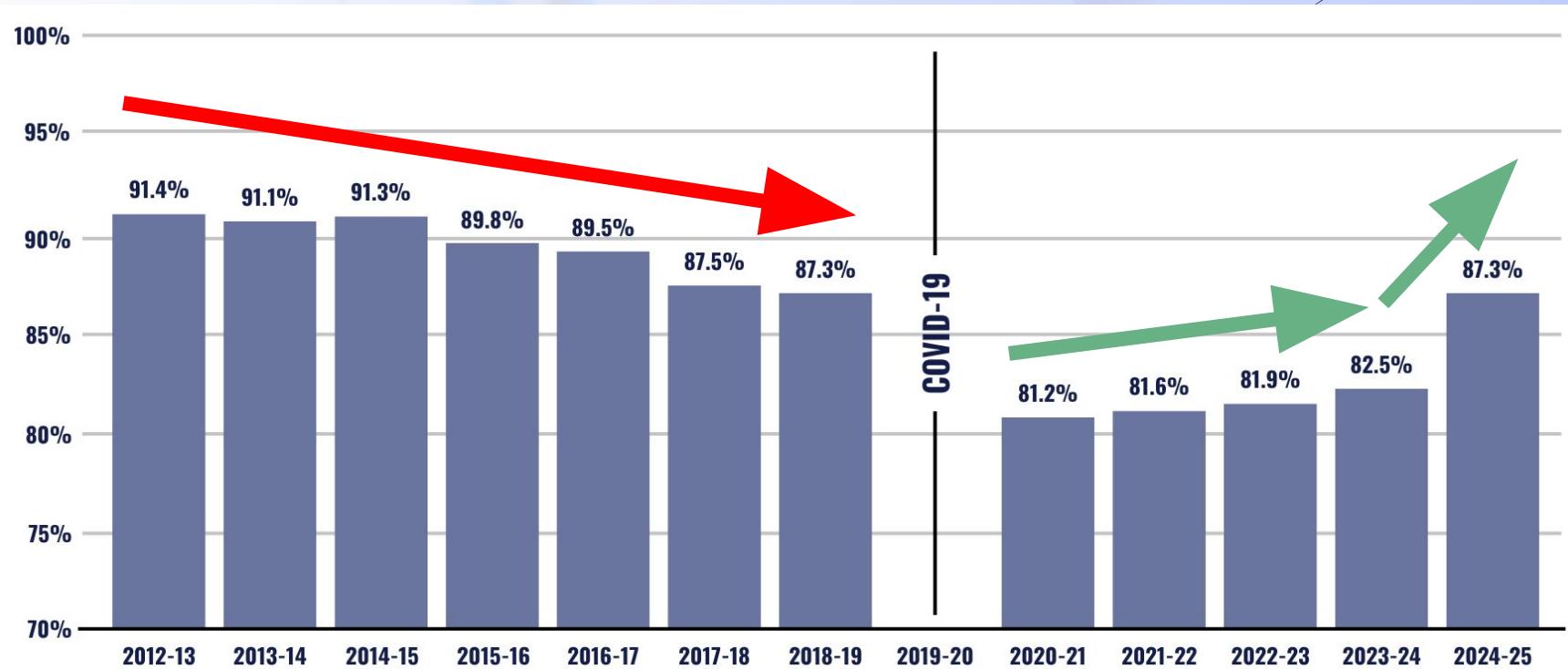


87.3% of Indiana third graders are proficient in foundational reading skills.

- This represents **73,500 third graders** out of 84,163 total.
- Compared to the number of students reading last year, this is an additional **6,000 students**.
- Statewide, proficiency rates for students increased **nearly 5 percentage points**, the *largest single-year increase* since the assessment began in 2013.

THIRD GRADE IREAD RESULTS: LONGITUDINAL DATA

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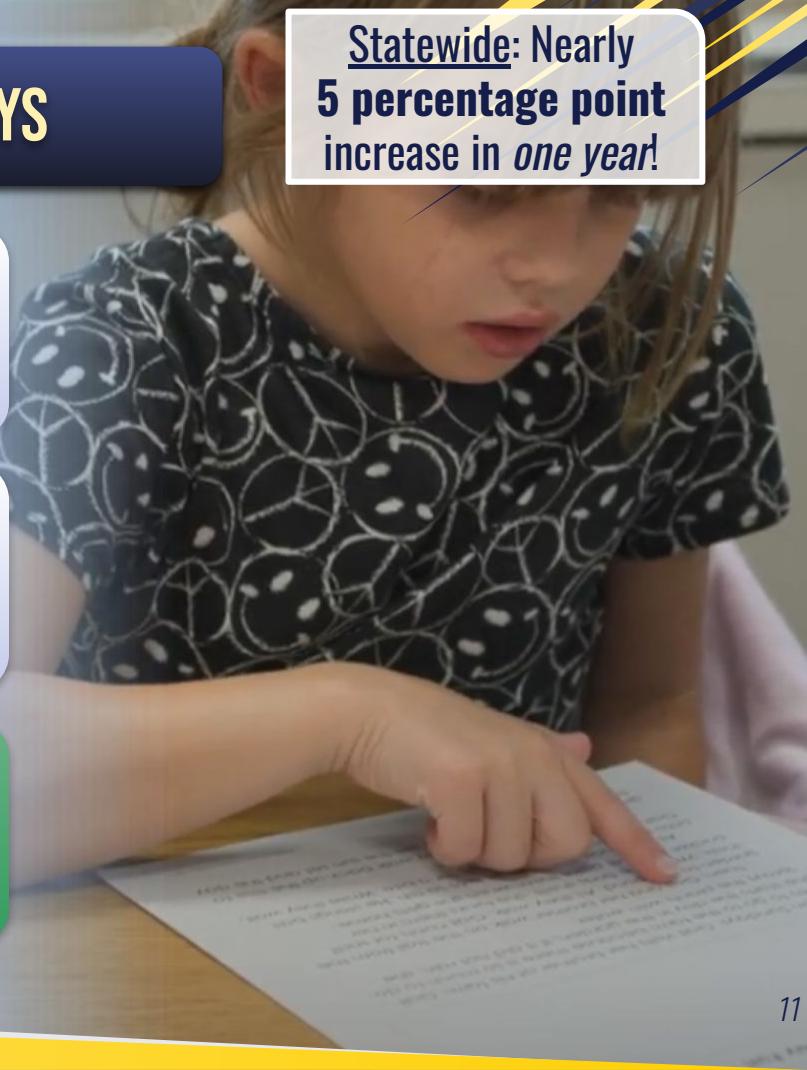
STATEWIDE IREAD RESULTS: KEY TAKEAWAYS

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Prior to the pandemic, Indiana's literacy rates **declined every year**, except one (0.2 percentage points from 2014 to 2015).

The pandemic exacerbated this literacy crisis, and in response, Indiana has made **historic investments in helping more students learn to read.**

Literacy rates have now increased for **four consecutive years**; 2025 represents the state's **largest-ever single-year increase.**

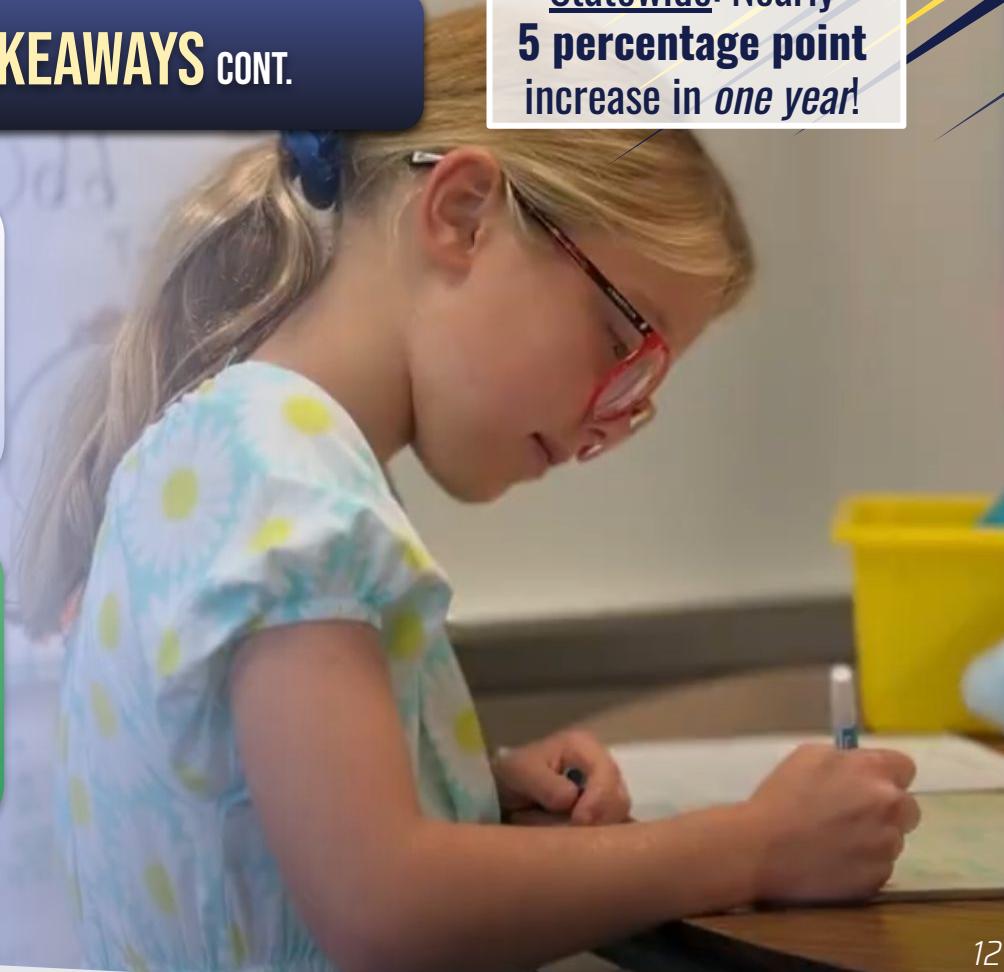


STATEWIDE IREAD RESULTS: KEY TAKEAWAYS CONT.

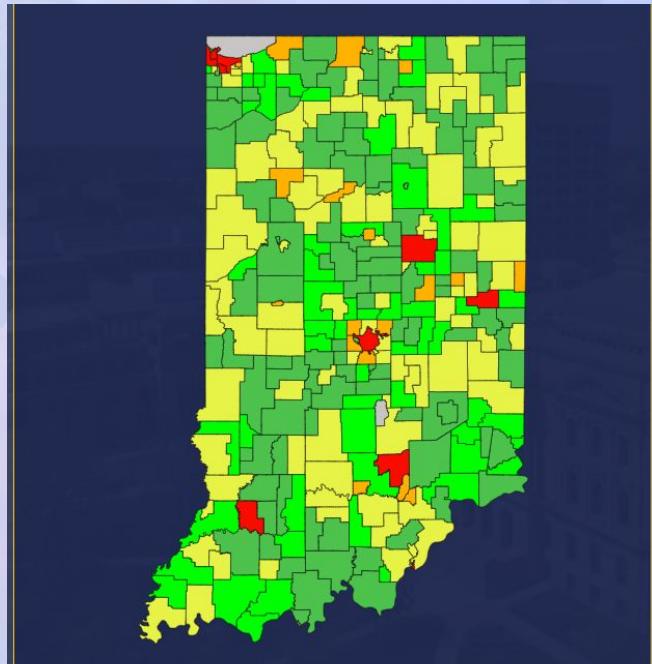
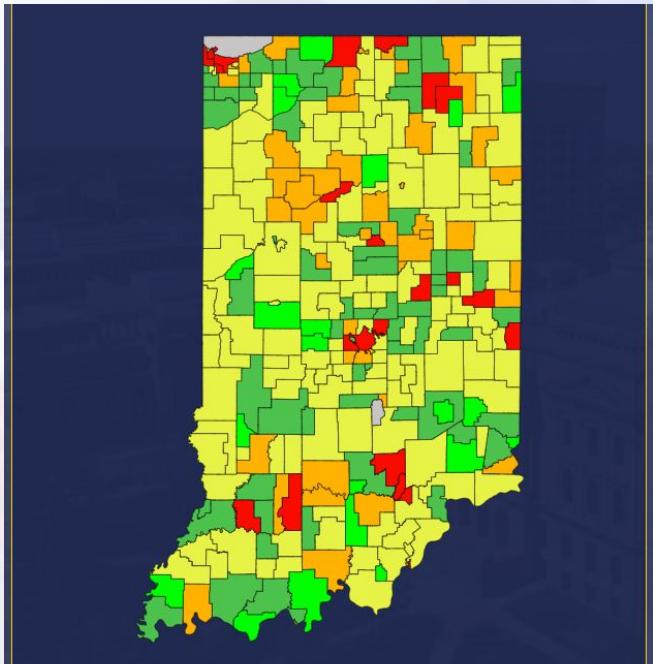
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The previous record for the largest year-over-year increase was set in 2024, and was **less than 1%**.

With this unprecedented jump, literacy rates have also **returned to pre-pandemic levels**.



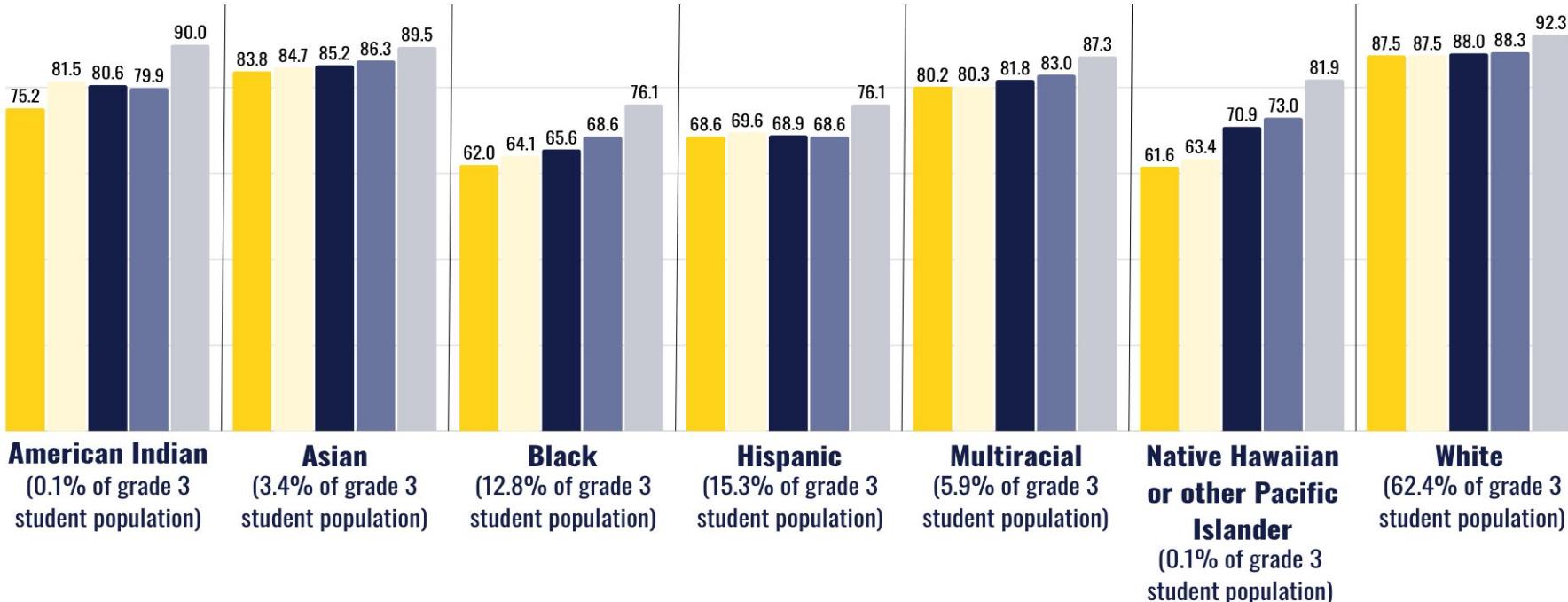
SCHOOL CORPORATION IREAD PASS RATES: 2024 TO 2025



2025 IREAD RESULTS: ETHNICITY

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2020-2021 2021-2022 2022-2023 2023-2024 2024-2025



ETHNICITY: KEY TAKEAWAYS

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For the first time ever, literacy rates increased for all student populations. Key highlights include:

Black students

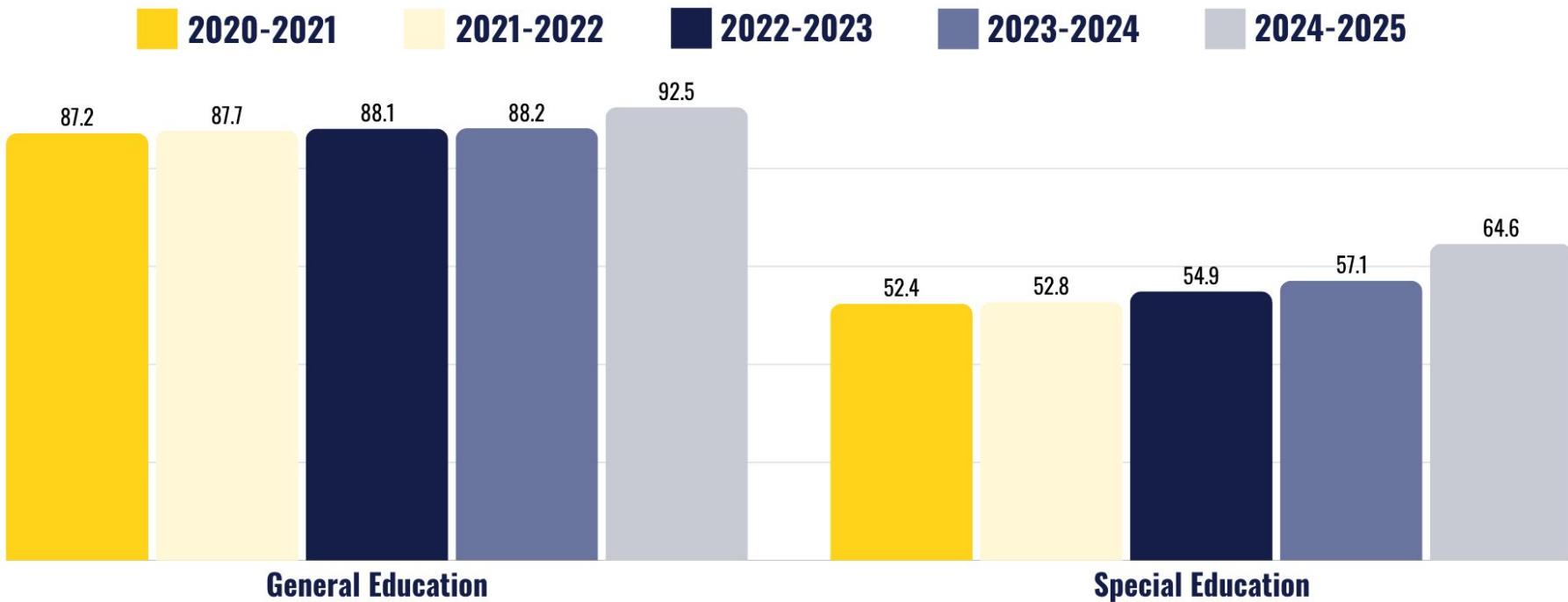
- Literacy rates have increased for **four consecutive years**
 - **14.1 percentage point increase** from 2021 to 2025
 - **7.5 percentage point increase** from 2024 to 2025

Hispanic students

- Literacy rates **increased in 2025** following a decrease in 2024
 - **7.5 percentage point increase** from 2024 to 2025

2025 IREAD RESULTS: SPECIAL EDUCATION STATUS

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SPECIAL EDUCATION: KEY TAKEAWAYS

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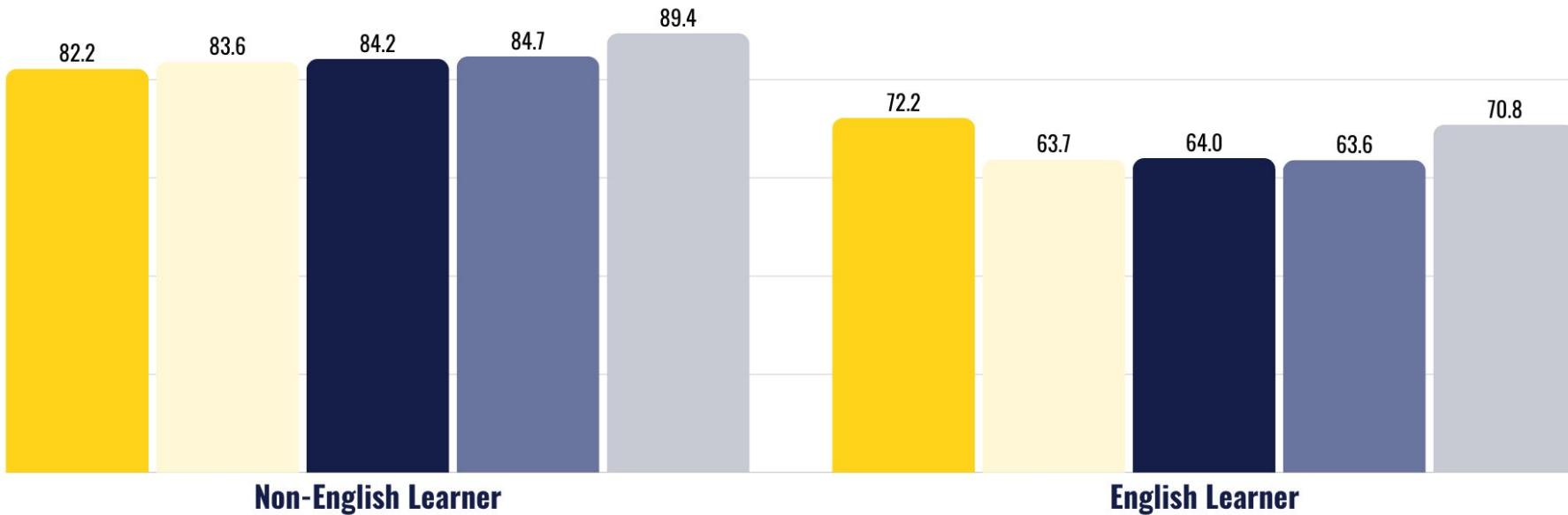
Literacy rates for students in special education have now increased for four consecutive years.

- **7.5 percentage point increase from 2024 to 2025**
- **12.2 percentage point increase from 2021 to 2025**

2025 IREAD RESULTS: ENGLISH LEARNER STATUS

Statewide: Nearly
5 percentage point
increase in *one year!*

2020-2021 2021-2022 2022-2023 2023-2024 2024-2025



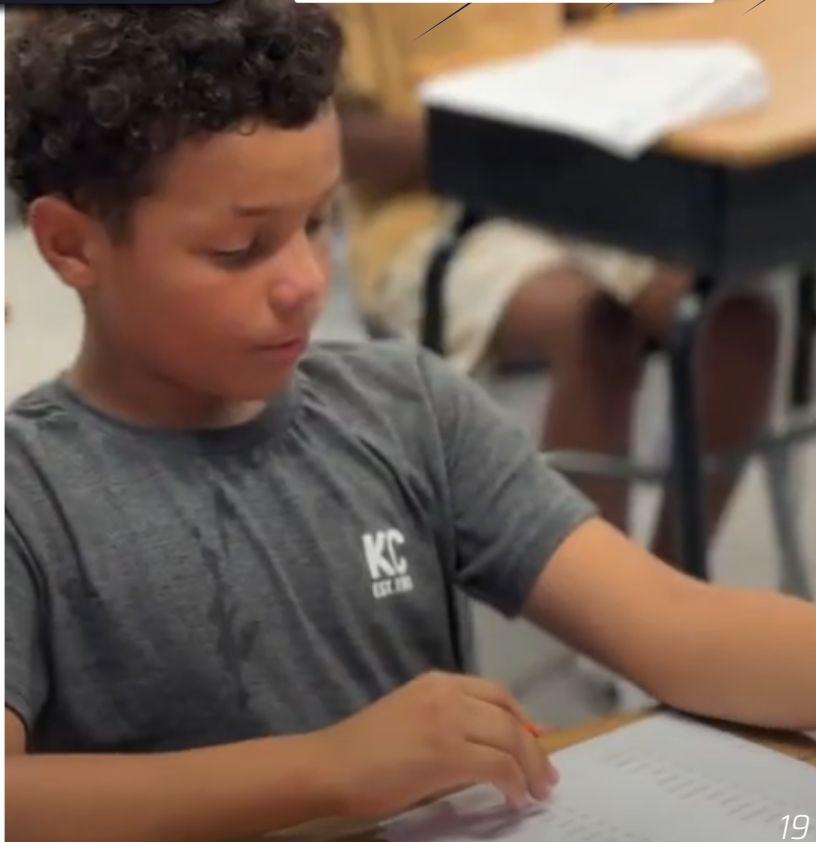
Non-English Learner

English Learner

ENGLISH LEARNER: KEY TAKEAWAYS

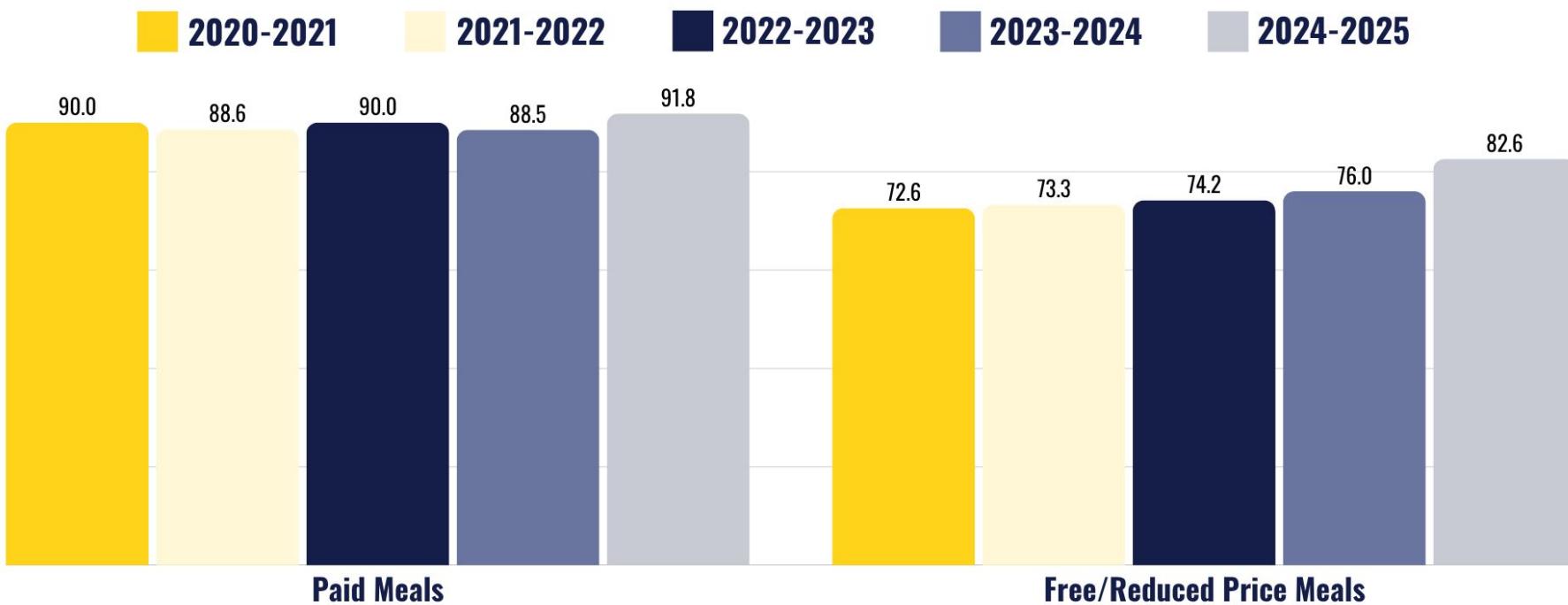
- The need for additional, targeted reading support for English learners has been **prioritized since 2022**.
- Literacy rates for English learners **increased in 2025** (7.2 percentage points) after remaining relatively flat for three consecutive years.

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2025 IREAD RESULTS: SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

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SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS: KEY TAKEAWAYS

Literacy rates for students receiving free/reduced price lunch have now increased for **four consecutive years**.

- **6.6 percentage point increase** from 2024 to 2025
- **10 percentage point increase** from 2021 to 2025

Statewide: Nearly
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LITERACY IMPROVEMENT IN INDIANA



With a nearly
5 percentage point
increase, how many
Indiana classrooms
could be filled with the
additional students who
passed IREAD this year,
compared to 2024?

LITERACY IMPROVEMENT IN INDIANA CONT.



The approx. 6,000
new readers could fill
298
classrooms

**Based on a classroom size of 20 students*

*This number was 17
for the 23-24 school year.*

PROGRESS TOWARDS INDIANA'S 95% READING GOAL

456
SCHOOLS

had an IREAD passage rate of 95% or higher.

This is an increase of 179 schools from last year.

Over
1/3

of Indiana elementary schools hit the 95% reading goal.

Top Two Tactics Showing ROI



HISTORIC LITERACY INVESTMENT

Announced August 2022

\$60 million from Lilly Endowment to IDOE +

\$26 million from IDOE (ESSER II) +

Up to \$25 million from Lilly Endowment to teacher prep programs

= \$111 million combined investment



....Plus an additional \$60 million during the 2023 legislative session, increasing the state's historic literacy investment to over **\$170 MILLION!**



Goal: Achieve a passage rate of 95% on IREAD by 2027.

TACTIC 1 - IREAD AT GRADE TWO

Students who PASS

Not Required to Test Again

Students who DO NOT PASS

On-Track or At-Risk indicators provide valuable information about whether a student is on-track to read by the end of third grade.

- Beginning in 2025, all second grade students proactively participated in IREAD; prior to this year, schools have been able to opt-in since 2022.
- Students were able to participate in both the spring and summer retest (two opportunities prior to third grade).
- This data informs continued collaboration between parents and teachers to ensure students receive ongoing reading support.

TACTIC 1 - RESULTS FOR STUDENTS TESTING IN SECOND GRADE

Achievement Level	Year One: Spring 2022 (opt-in year)	Year Two: Spring 2023 (opt-in year)	Year Three: Spring 2024 (opt-in year)	Year Four*: Spring/Summer 2025
Pass	44%	45%	43%	48%
On-Track	18%	17%	16%	20%
At-Risk	38%	38%	41%	32%
Total Students Participating	20,199	45,936	68,768	81,792

**All second grade students participated. Passing scores will count towards next year's third grade literacy rate.*

TACTIC 1 - IREAD IN SECOND GRADE: KEY TAKEAWAYS

Of the second grade students who participated in IREAD in 2025, **68% Passed or are *On-Track*** to pass by the end of third grade.

Over 96% of second graders who were *On-Track* last year **passed in 2025.**

With the help of this early indicator, **over 65% of second graders** who were *At-Risk* last year **passed in 2025.**



TACTIC 2 - INDIANA LITERACY CADRE

The Indiana Literacy Cadre provides early elementary teachers with **embedded instructional coaching and support** *aligned with science of reading*.

Cohort 1 (2022)

41 schools

Through Cohort 2 (2023)

199 schools

Through Cohort 3 (2024)

489 schools

Through Cohort 4 (2025)

564 schools



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TACTIC 2 - PERCENTAGE POINT INCREASE FROM 2024 TO 2025

Literacy Cadre Schools

7.0

Non-Literacy Cadre Schools

3.6

Statewide

4.8

0.0

2.0

4.0

6.0

8.0

TACTIC 2 - INDIANA LITERACY CADRE: KEY TAKEAWAYS



Strategic, intentional investments **are working!**

The overall growth for schools participating in the Literacy Cadre is **nearly double** that of schools that did not participate.

ADDITIONAL, ONGOING SUPPORTS

- A universal screener to identify K-2 students who are not on track to become proficient readers;
- Assessment and Instructional Frameworks updates to provide science of reading support;
- Assessing reading ability on both **ILEARN Checkpoints and the summative assessment** via Lexile scores;
- Advisory lists to assist schools in identifying **high-quality curricular materials** (HQCM Advisory lists);

ADDITIONAL, ONGOING SUPPORTS CONT.

- Free or low-cost **reading and math support** (Summer Learning Labs);
- **Teacher training** in science of reading (Early Literacy Endorsement);
- A one-stop shop providing educators and families with **instructional resources, professional development opportunities, and other best practices** (Indiana Learning Lab);
- The **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** to increase access to books for our youngest Hoosiers.

Local Celebrations



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CELEBRATING THE POSITIVE WORK HAPPENING LOCALLY

Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation

Glenwood Leadership Academy: 43.9 percentage point increase

Fairlawn Elementary: 35.8 percentage point increase

Dexter Elementary: 24.4 percentage point increase



CELEBRATING THE POSITIVE WORK HAPPENING LOCALLY

Central Catholic School
51.7 percentage point increase

CELEBRATING THE POSITIVE WORK HAPPENING LOCALLY CONT.

Elkhart Community Schools

Eastwood Elementary: 23 percentage point increase

Woodland Elementary: 21.5 percentage point increase



CELEBRATING THE POSITIVE WORK HAPPENING LOCALLY CONT.

Success Academy at Boys & Girls Club 36.7 percentage point increase

THANK YOU!