

Alaska Public Schools Need to Catch Up

Anchorage NAACP
2015



Who's in Public Schools



Take-Home Lessons

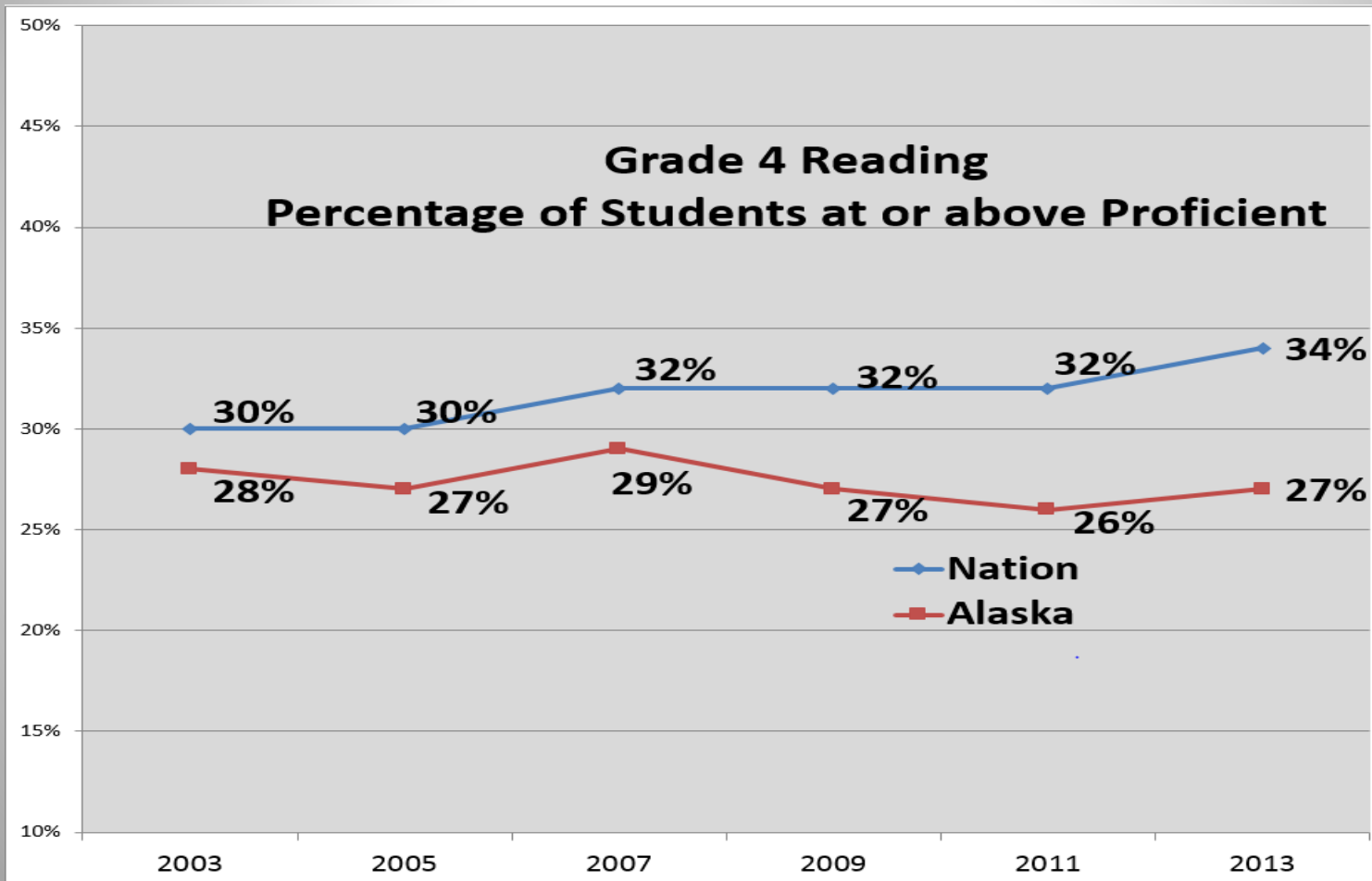
Let's catch up Alaska students to the USA.

Others raised their proficiency. We can too.

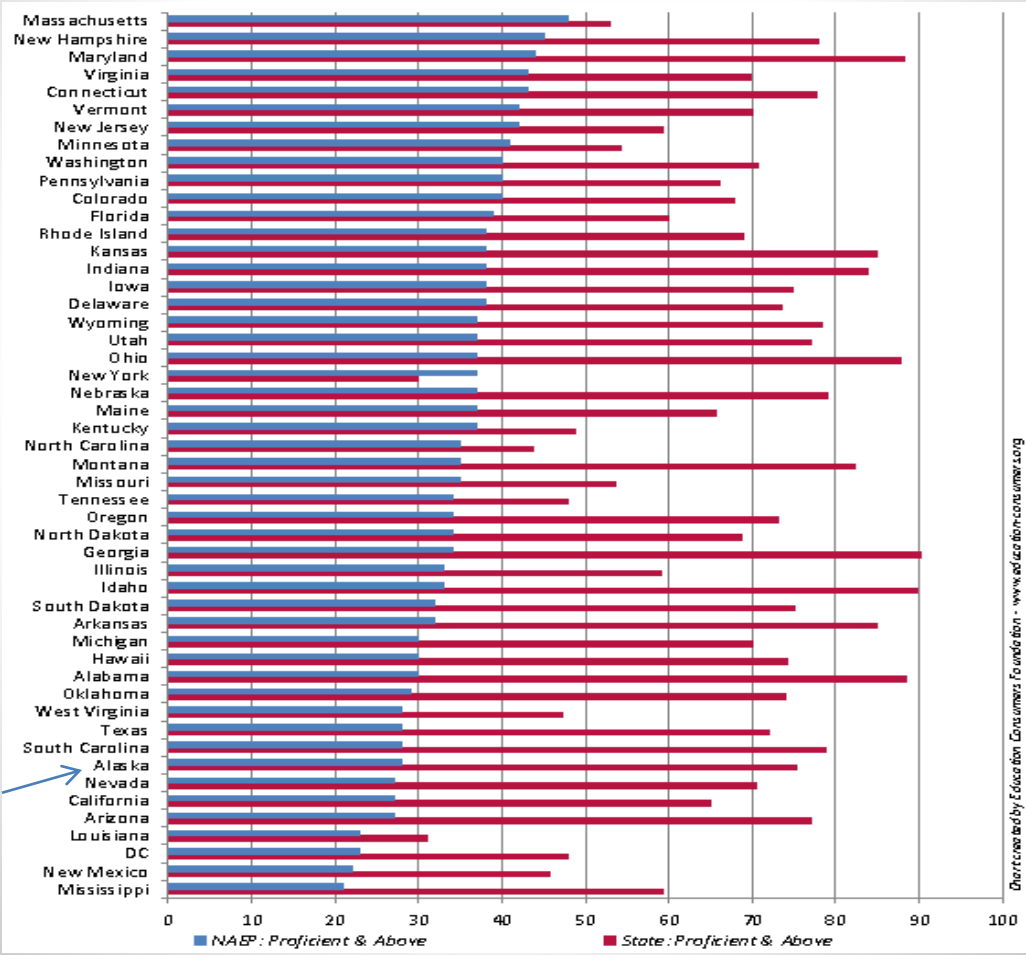
Some Background

Alaska public school students:	128,000
Alaska public school families:	>80,000
Alaska teachers, full- and part-time:	8,200
State's payments for school operations:	\$1.3 billion / year
Governor's and House's cut 2015:	\$57 million (4.2%)
State's Public Education Fund, Oct. 2014:	\$1.1 billion

National Test: No Alaska Improvement



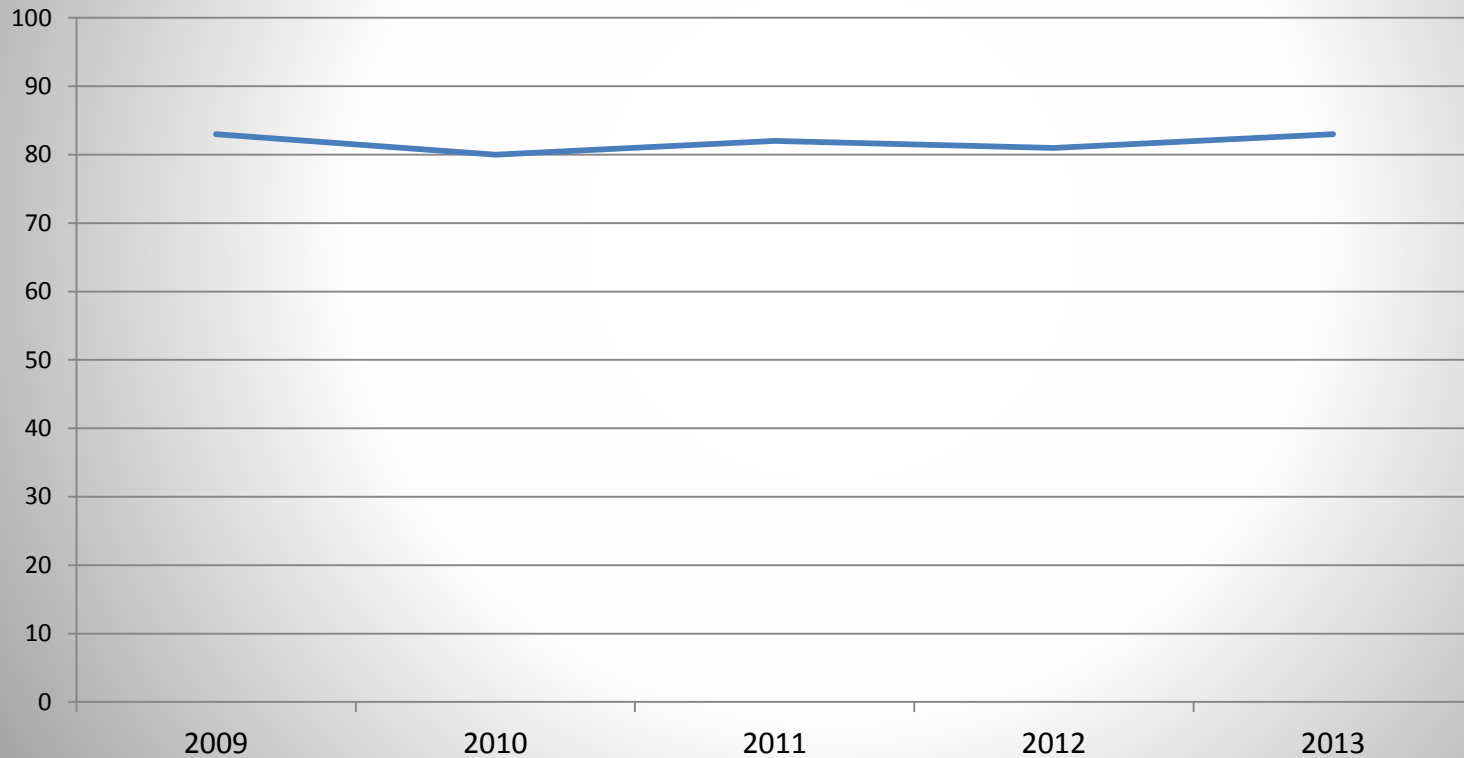
Alaska near Bottom: Percent Reading Proficient in Grade 4



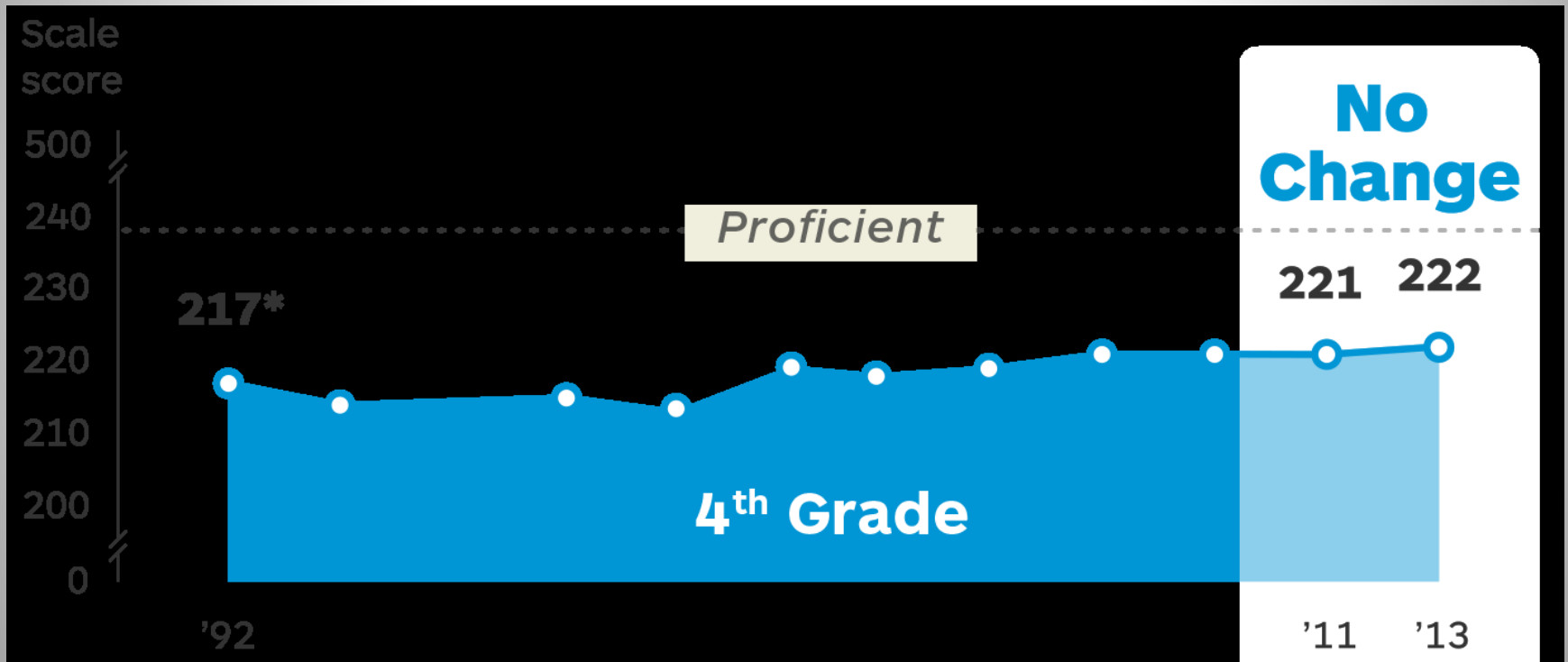
Alaska

No Anchorage Improvement

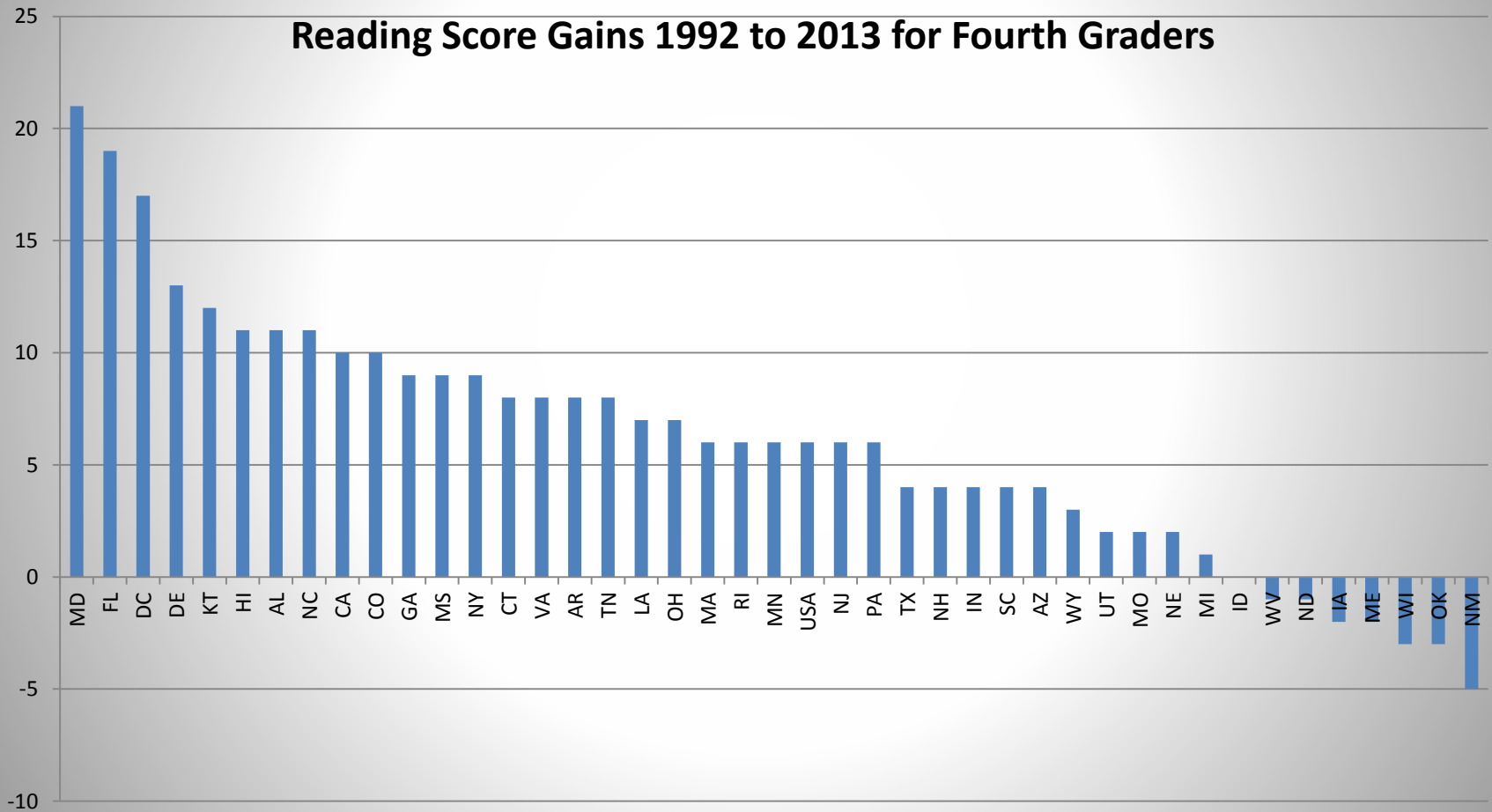
**Percent of Students Proficient in Reading,
Grades 3 to 10, on State Test**



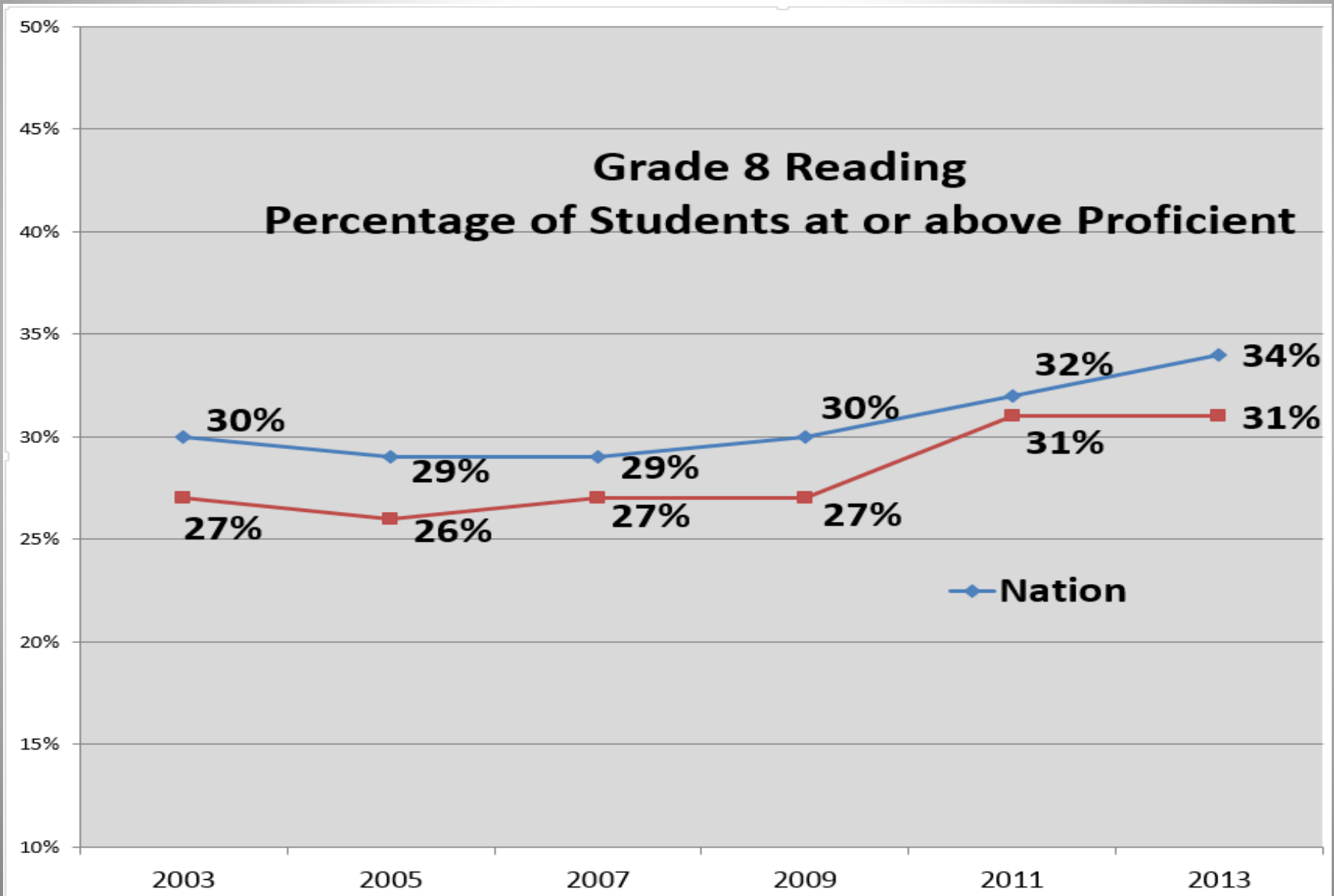
National Trend: Other States Show Fourth Grade Reading Improvement



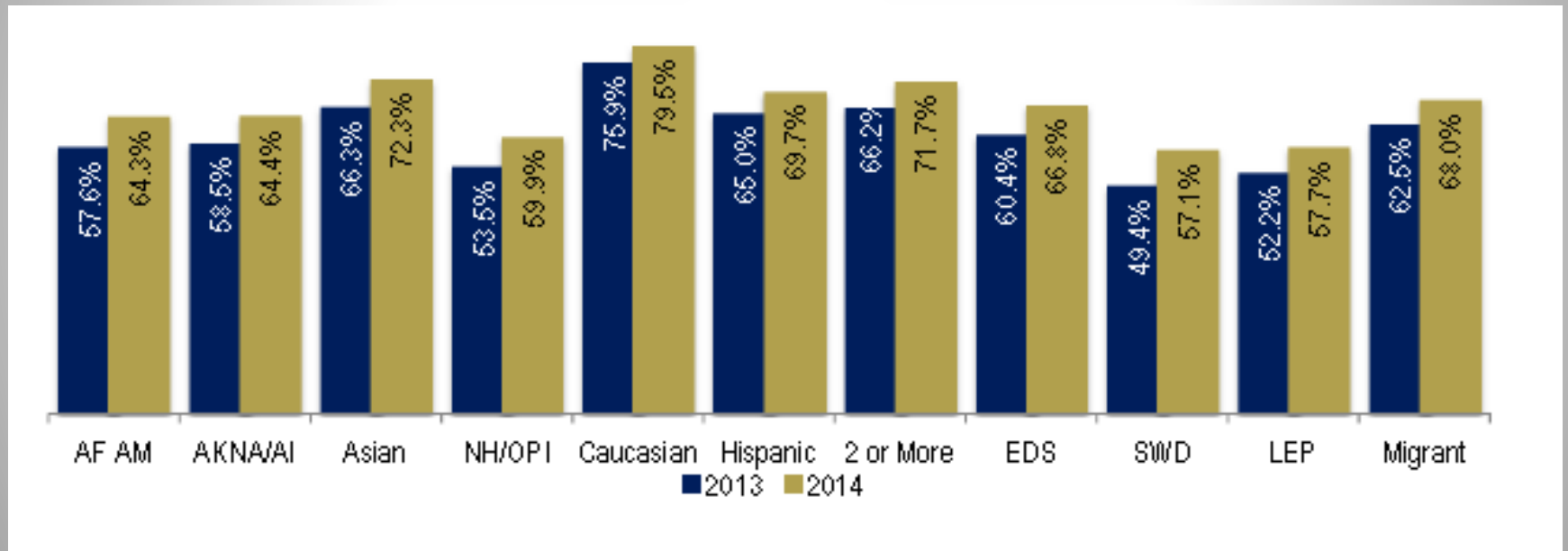
Most States Improved Fourth Grade Reading



National Test: Some Alaska Improvement



A Bright Spot: Anchorage 1-Year Reading Gain of 4.6%



What'll It Take to Catch Up?

First, Keep the Promise

1. Restore the Governor's \$38MM budget cut.
2. Restore the Legislature's budget cut.
3. Fund 2014's House Bill 278.

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Secondly, Work Harder

Goal: Raise reading skills in grades 1 to 8 by an average one-half grade level.

How: Consider 50% more reading instruction with about 10% additional teaching time.

NAACP's Expectations:

“Who you gonna call?”

Get more gain for our students like some other states.

- Schools and parents are *responsible* for catching-up their students.
- **Legislature and Governor are *accountable* for proficiency gains.**

Watch This Space

**Next Time:
How Alaska Schools Are
Catching Up**

Thank You!

