

Are Texas students prepared for life after high school?



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To Enable Texans to Make Policy Decisions Through



Accessible Data



Long-Term Planning



Statewide Engagement



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Health Care Affordability



Policing Reforms



High-Quality Curriculum



Education Accountability



Safety Net Improvements



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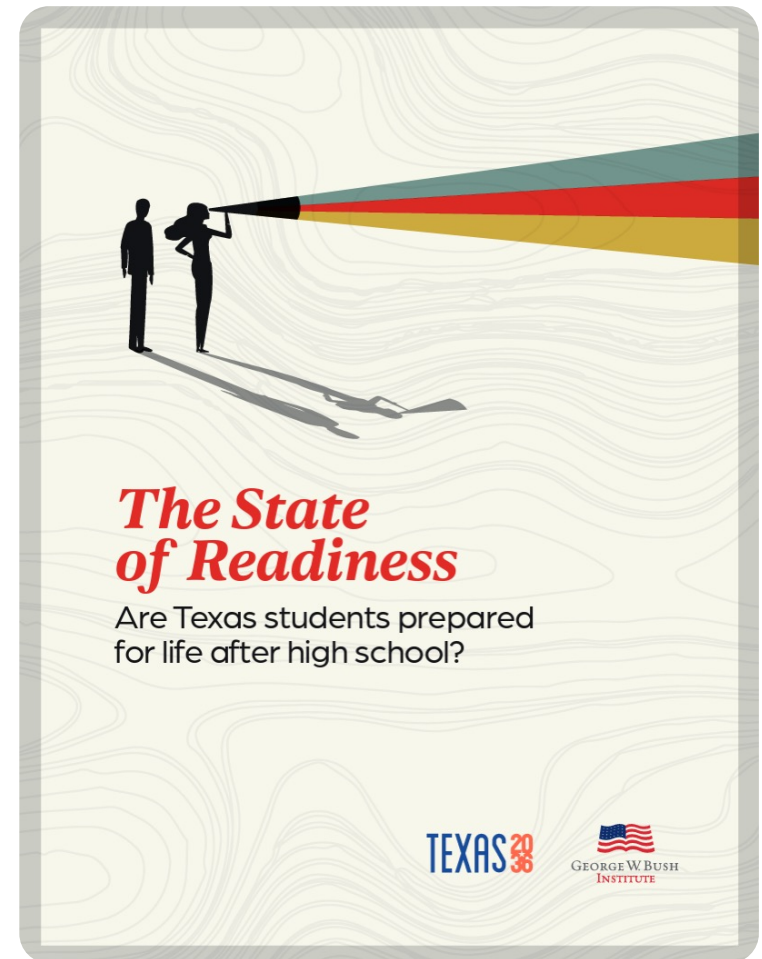


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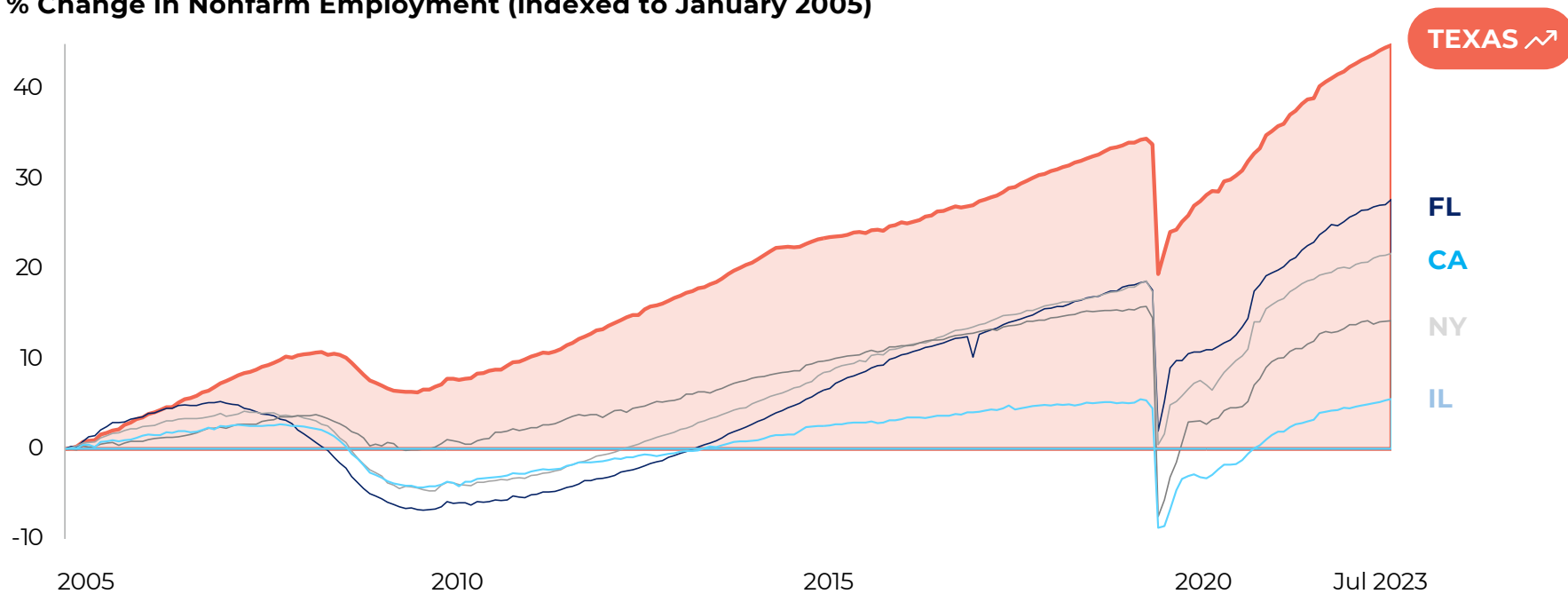
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Texas Continues to Create More Jobs than Peer States and Rest of the Nation

% Change in Nonfarm Employment (indexed to January 2005)



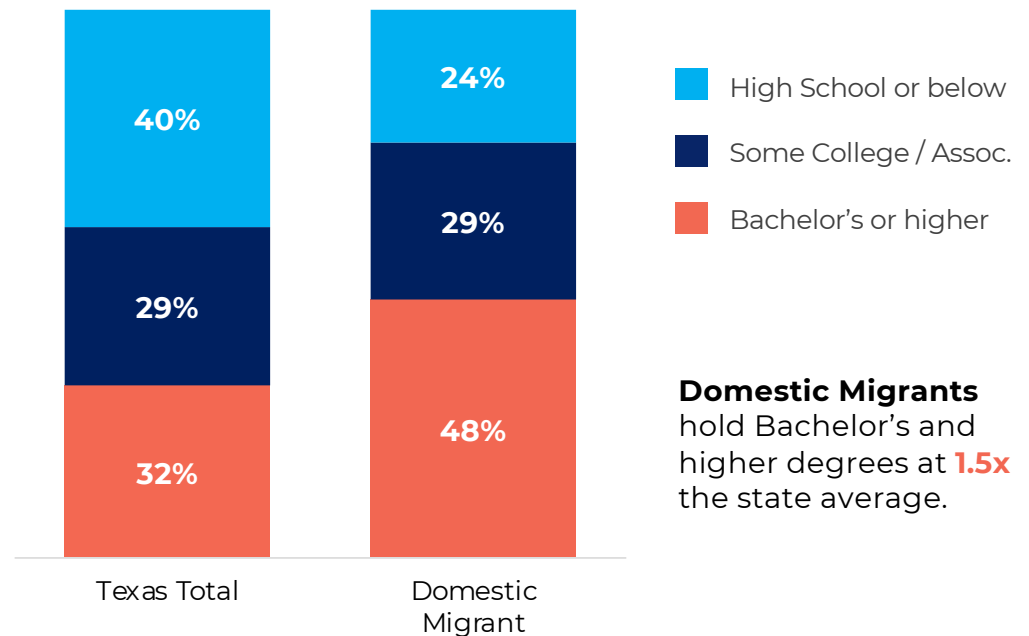
Texas Labor Markets Have Been Supported by the Higher Attainment of Newcomers



For the past decade, Texas has relied on average **annual net migration of 191k** to buoy its workforce.

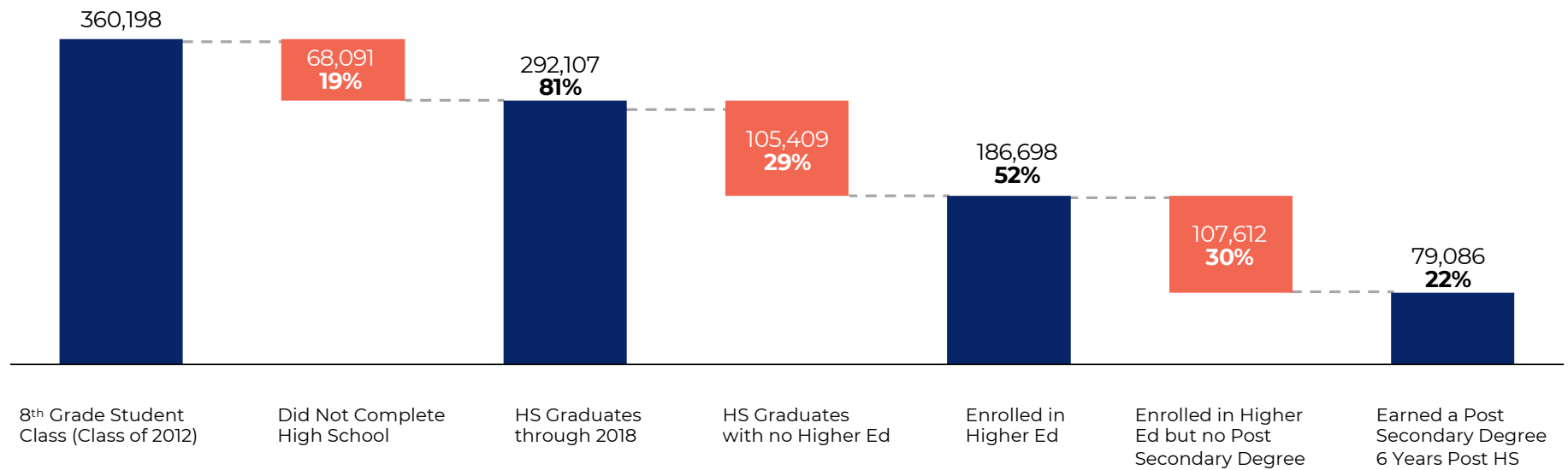


In-migrant educational attainment is substantially **higher than the total workforce**.



Only 22% of Texas 8th graders attain a Post-secondary Degree or Credential.

THECB 8th Grade Cohort Pipeline to a Degree or Certificate, 2012 8th Graders through 2022



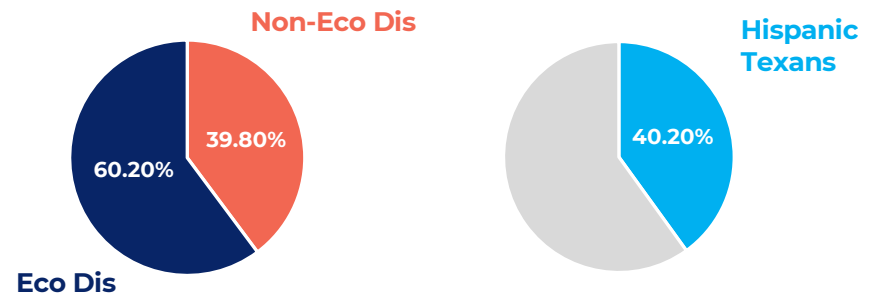
These Numbers Are Worse For Economically Disadvantaged Students & Worst for Young, Minority Men.



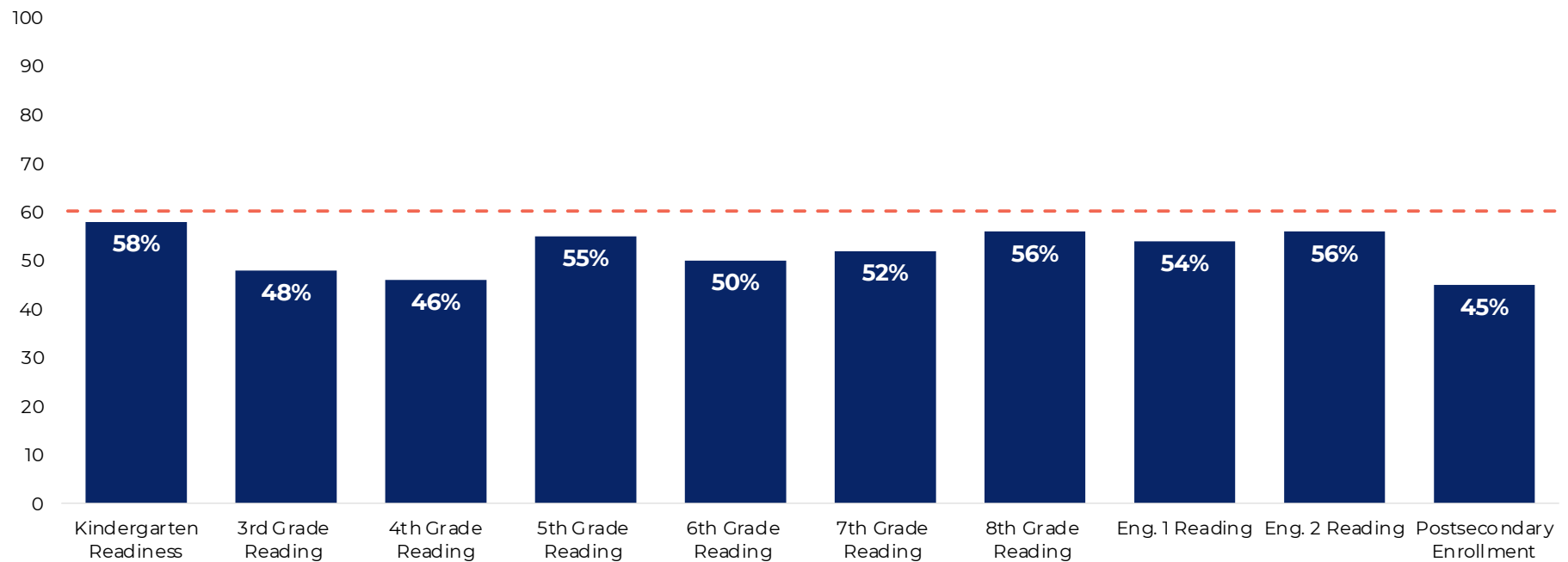
10%
African American young men

13%
Hispanic young men

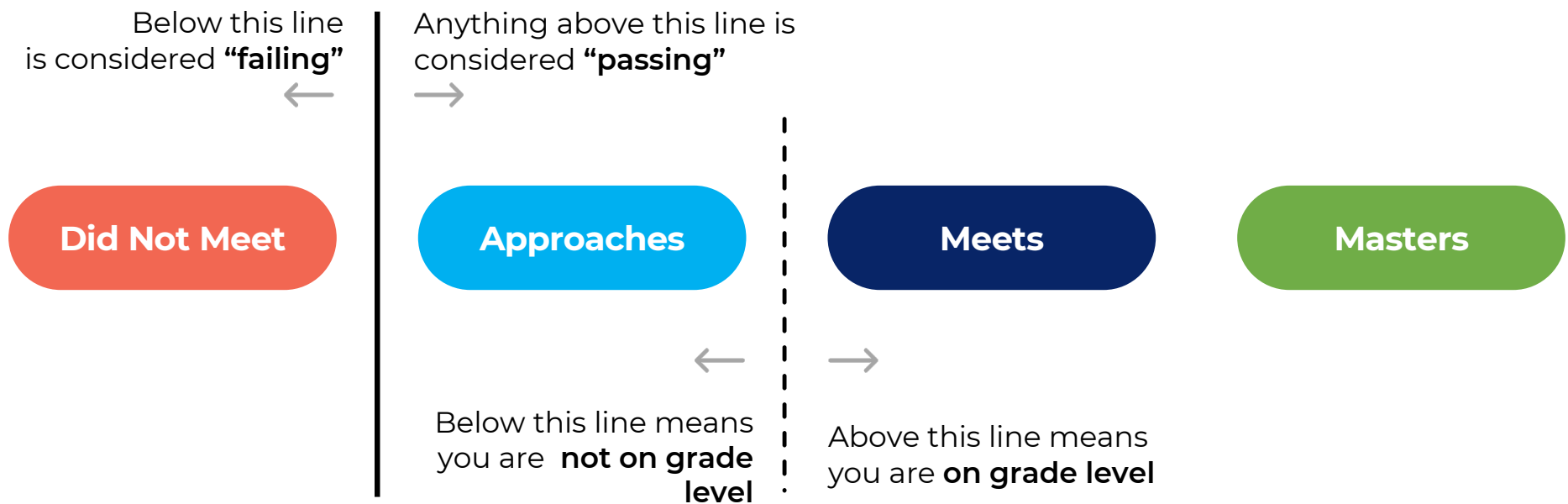
Economically Disadvantaged Students Make up the Majority of Texas Students



How do we get to only 22% readiness? At No Point are More than 60% of Students Ready for the Next Grade.

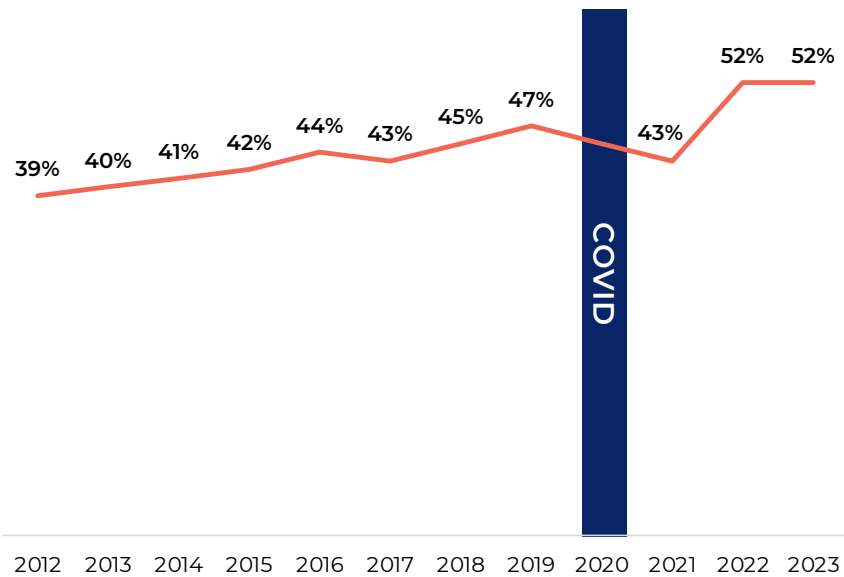


What does it mean to pass the STAAR test?

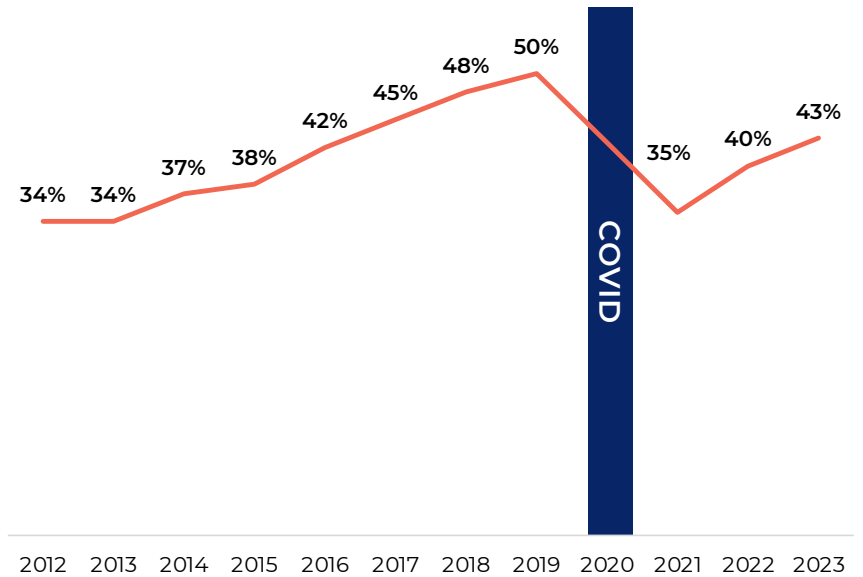


Too few Texas students are on grade level

Percent of Students On Grade Level in Reading
(All Tested Grades)

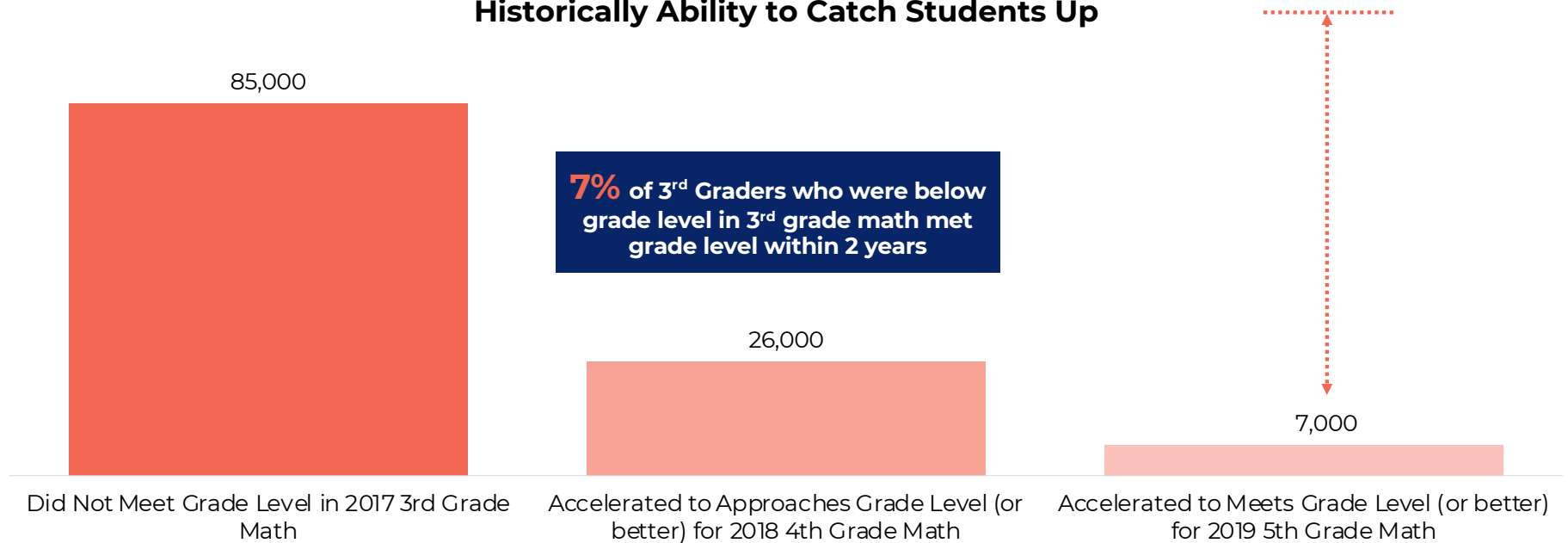


Percent of Students On Grade Level in Math
(All Tested Grades)

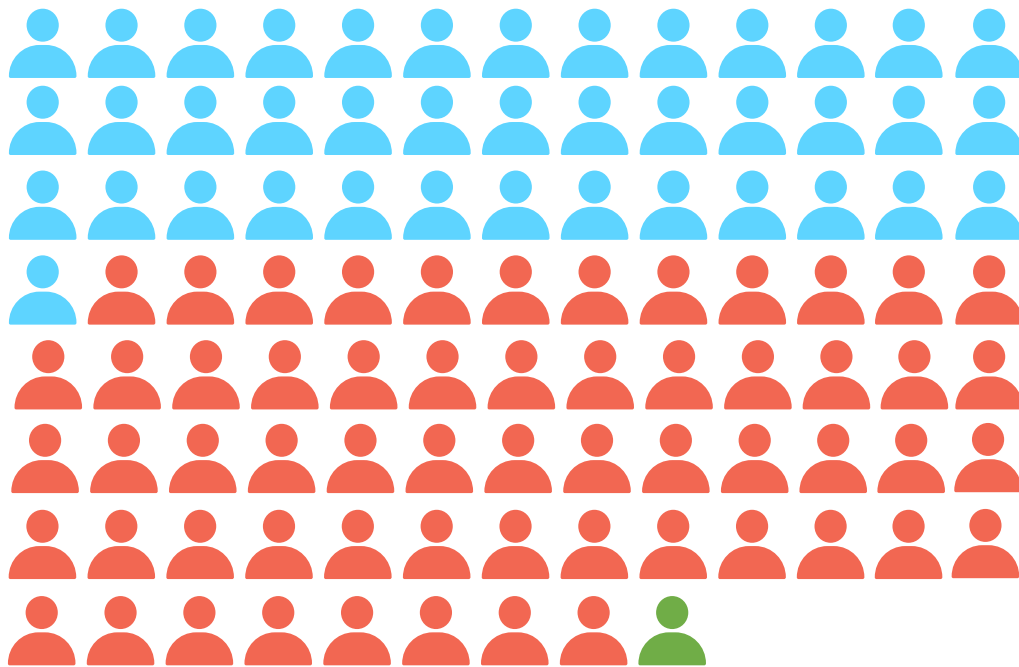


Historically, we have had Limited Success Accelerating Students from Below-grade to Meets-grade Level.

Historically Ability to Catch Students Up



Very Few Students Actually Repeat a Grade.



40%
On Grade Level

60%
Not On Grade Level

1%
Held Back A Grade

How do we solve for this readiness gap?

Connect existing finance reforms, ongoing programmatic efforts, and public awareness and interest.

Solution #1: Know your data

Which students do you think have a better chance of reading on grade level by third grade?



- **6%** of students are economically disadvantaged.
- **Top 2%** wealthiest campuses in Texas.
- **64%** reading on grade level in 3rd grade.
- **46%** doing math on grade level in 3rd grade.



- **96%** of students are economically disadvantaged.
- **Bottom 5%** of poorest campuses
- **98%** reading on grade level in 3rd grade.
- **89%** doing math on grade level in 3rd grade.

Solution #2: Leverage Existing Solutions

**HB 3
(86R)**
Comprehensive
School Finance
Reform



**HB 8
(88R)**
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Community
College Finance
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Thank You!

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