

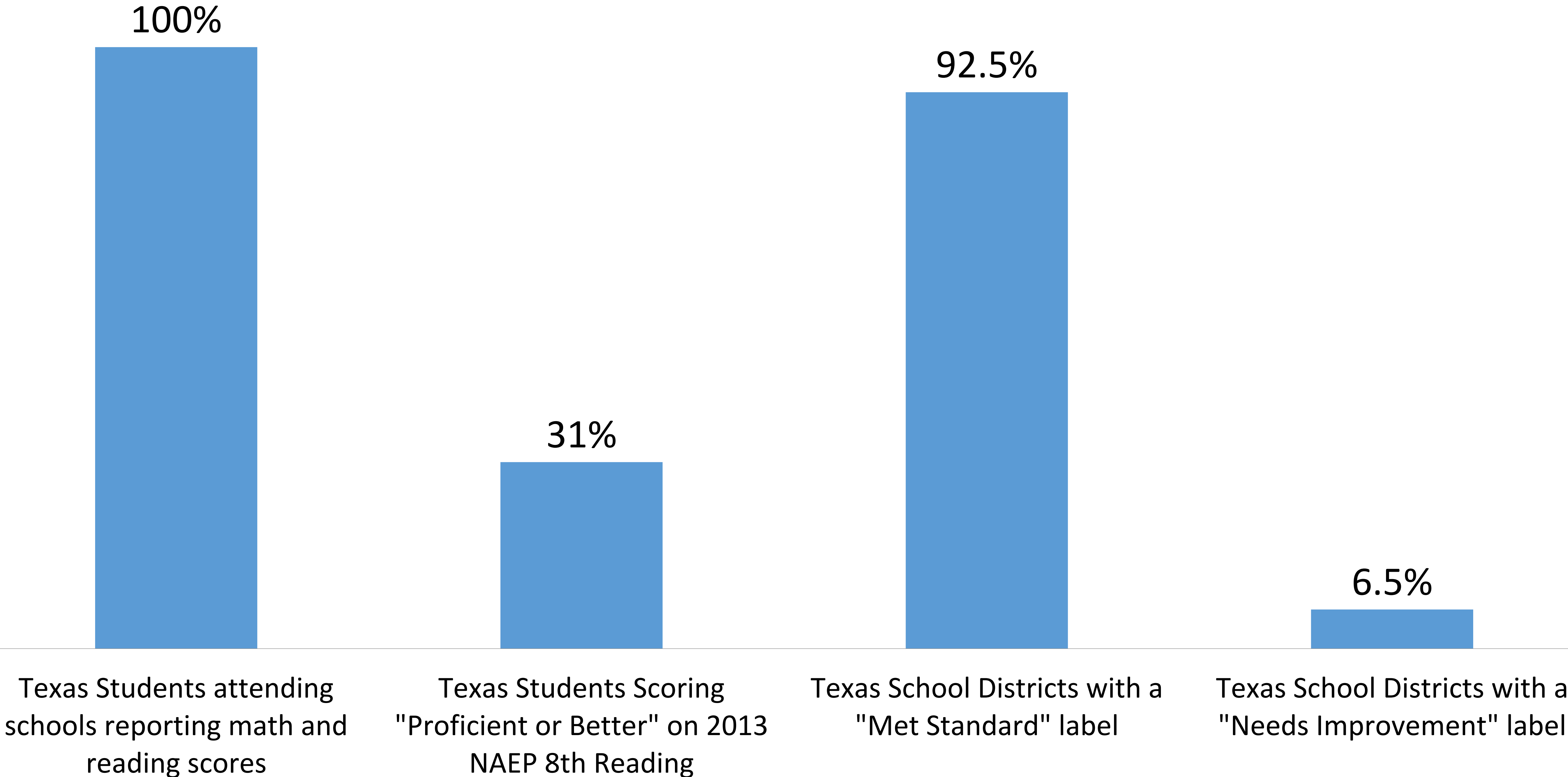
A scene from a Western movie, likely 'The Lone Ranger'. In the foreground, a man in a dark cowboy hat and a dark jacket with a red shirt underneath is looking towards the camera. In the background, a man in a suit is playing a piano on the left, and another man in a suit is smoking a cigar. A woman in a purple dress is dancing in the center. The setting is a saloon with warm lighting and wooden walls.

*Frontier Justice in K-12 Accountability in the “Wild West”*

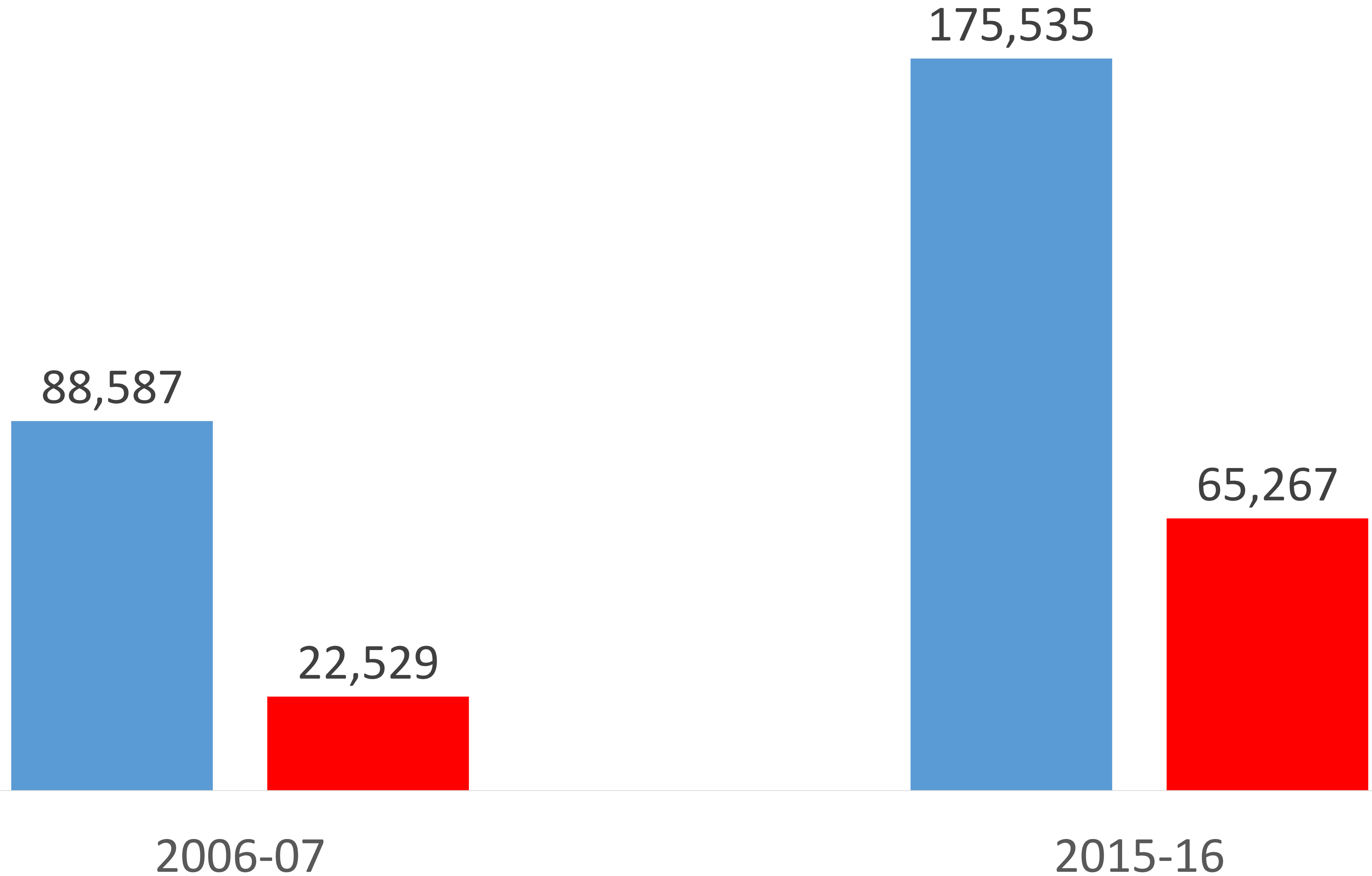
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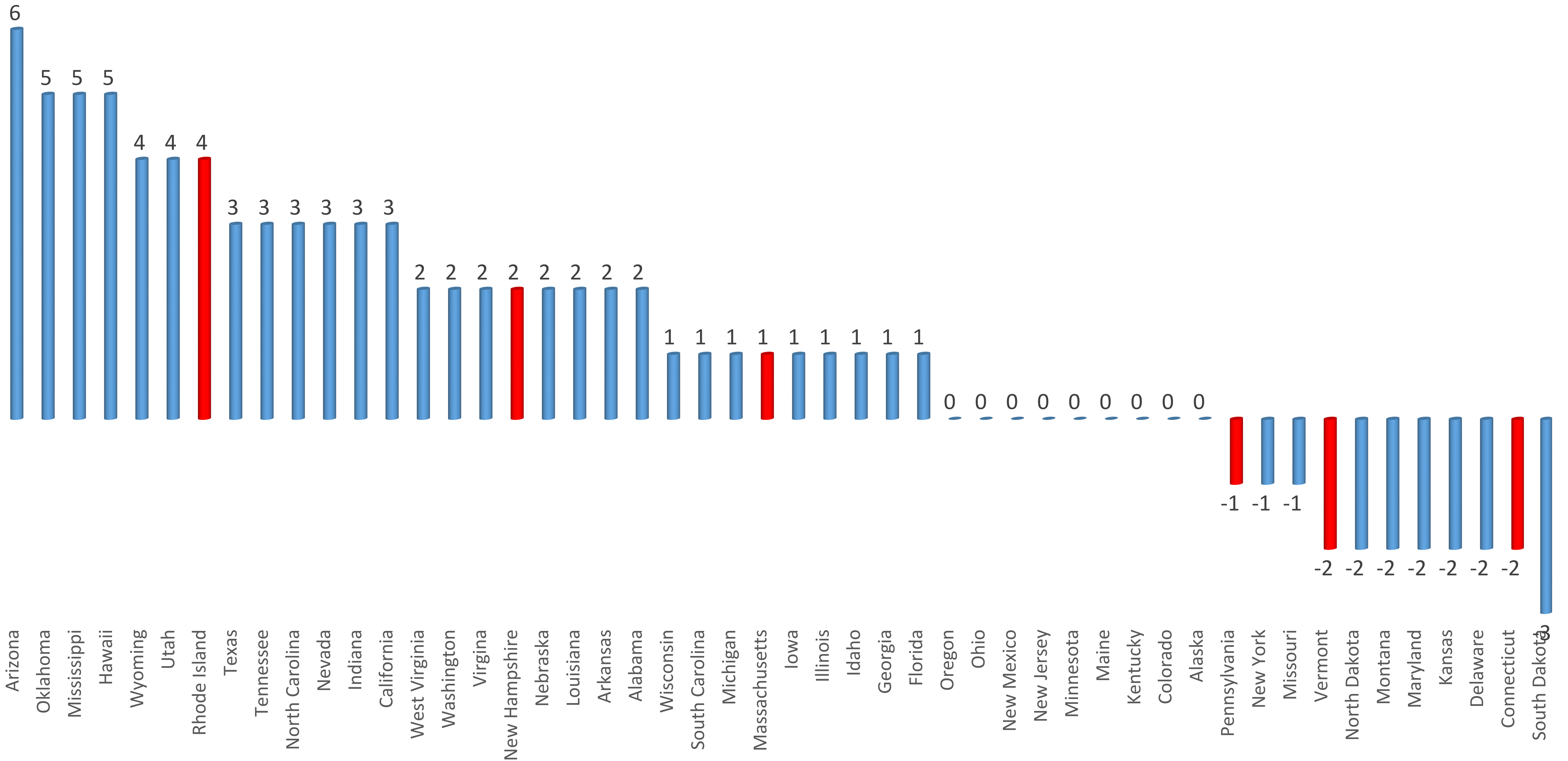
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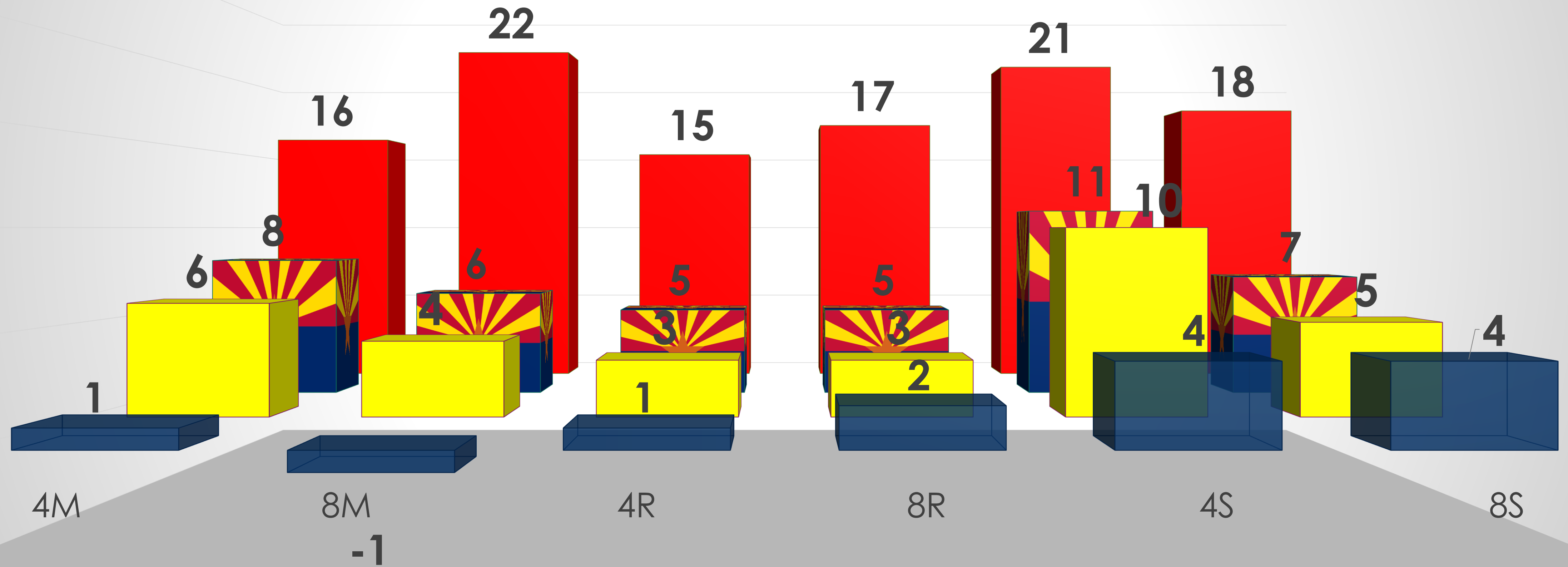
# Arizona Charter and Private Choice Scholarships, 2006-2015



# Statistically Significant Net Gains on NAEP Exams (4th and 8th grade Math, Reading and Science) 2009 to 2015 (Maximum = 6)



# NAEP Gains 2009-2015 by Subject



■ National Public

■ AZ District

■ AZ Statewide

■ AZ Charter







*In fiscal year 2012, Scottsdale USD had total school building capacity of about 38,000 students but only had about 25,000 students enrolled, or in other terms, the District was using about 66 percent of its building capacity...Had Scottsdale USD maintained a similar amount of school building space per student as its peer districts averaged, it could have saved approximately \$3.8 million, monies that the District otherwise potentially could have spent in the classroom.*

*-Arizona Auditor General Report, 2015*





Closed AZ charter schools averaged 4 years of operation and had an average of 62 students enrolled in their final year of operation.

Arizona grants 15 year charters, so parents are initiating the vast majority of closures by voting with their feet.

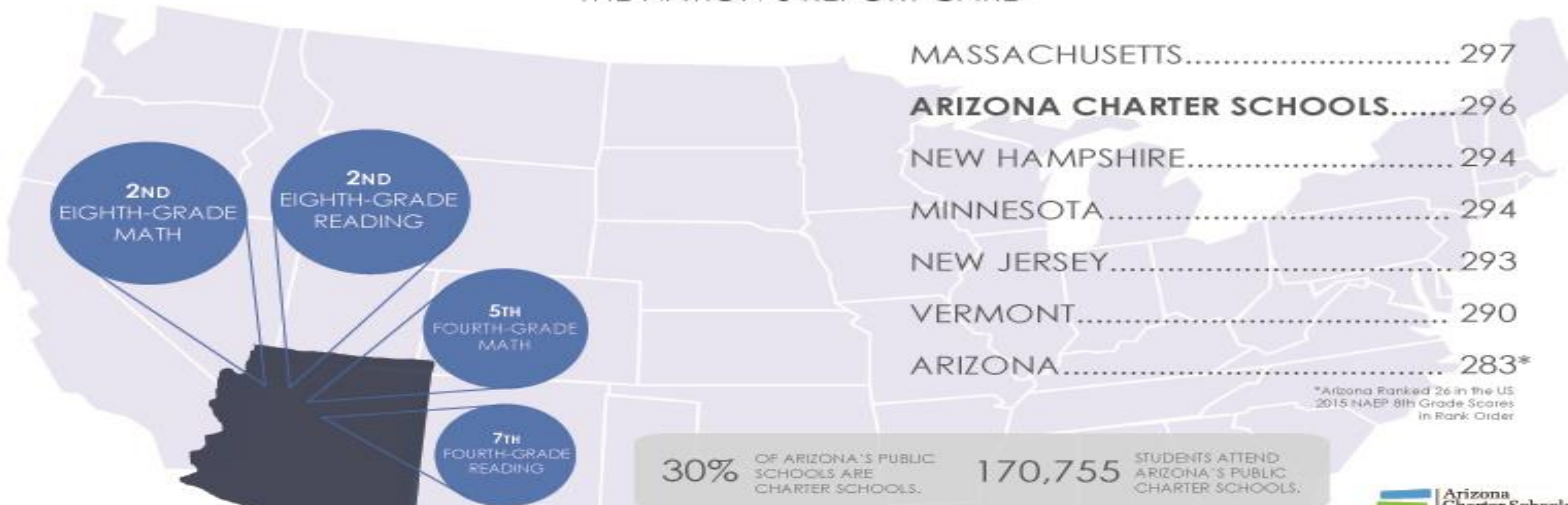
Weak schools falter, young schools get more experience over time and often either close or get better.

In 2015 Arizona charter students performed much higher than districts on both NAEP and state tests.



# ARIZONA CHARTER STUDENTS LEADING THE COUNTRY

## THE NATION'S REPORT CARD



**30%** OF ARIZONA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CHARTER SCHOOLS. **170,755** STUDENTS ATTEND ARIZONA'S PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Compiled by Arizona Charter Schools Association



### DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT

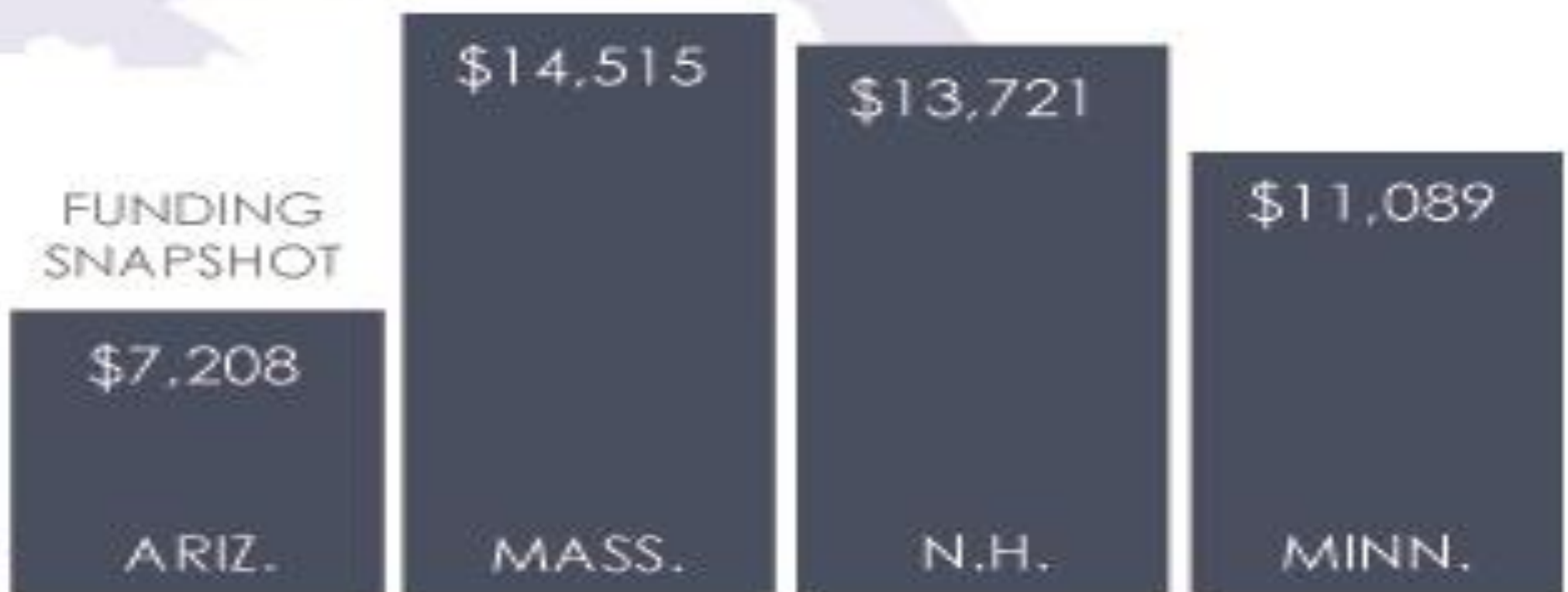


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- BLACK
- OTHER

2015 NAEP 8th Grade Math Demographics

### FUNDING SNAPSHOT

FY 2013 US Census Bureau Per Pupil Funding









JUSTICE IS COMING



GEORGE P. COSMATOS

# TOMBSTONE

Every town has a story. Tombstone has a legend.



# Thank You

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