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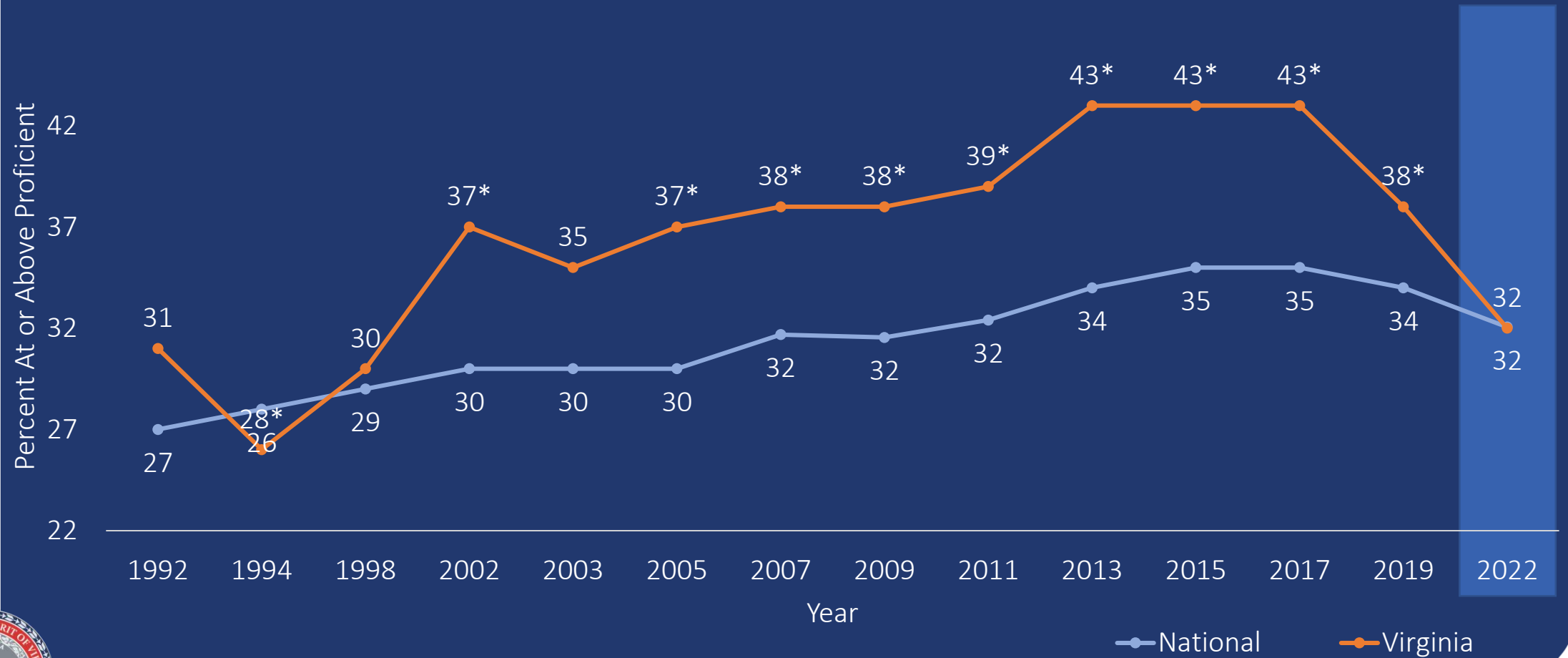
**2022**  
**National Assessment of  
Educational Progress  
(NAEP)**  
*Virginia Results and Analysis*



For the first time in 30 years, Virginia's 4<sup>th</sup>  
grade students are  
“average.”



# NAEP Grade-4 Reading: Percent Proficient or Above



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## *Impact of Raising and Lowering Standards*

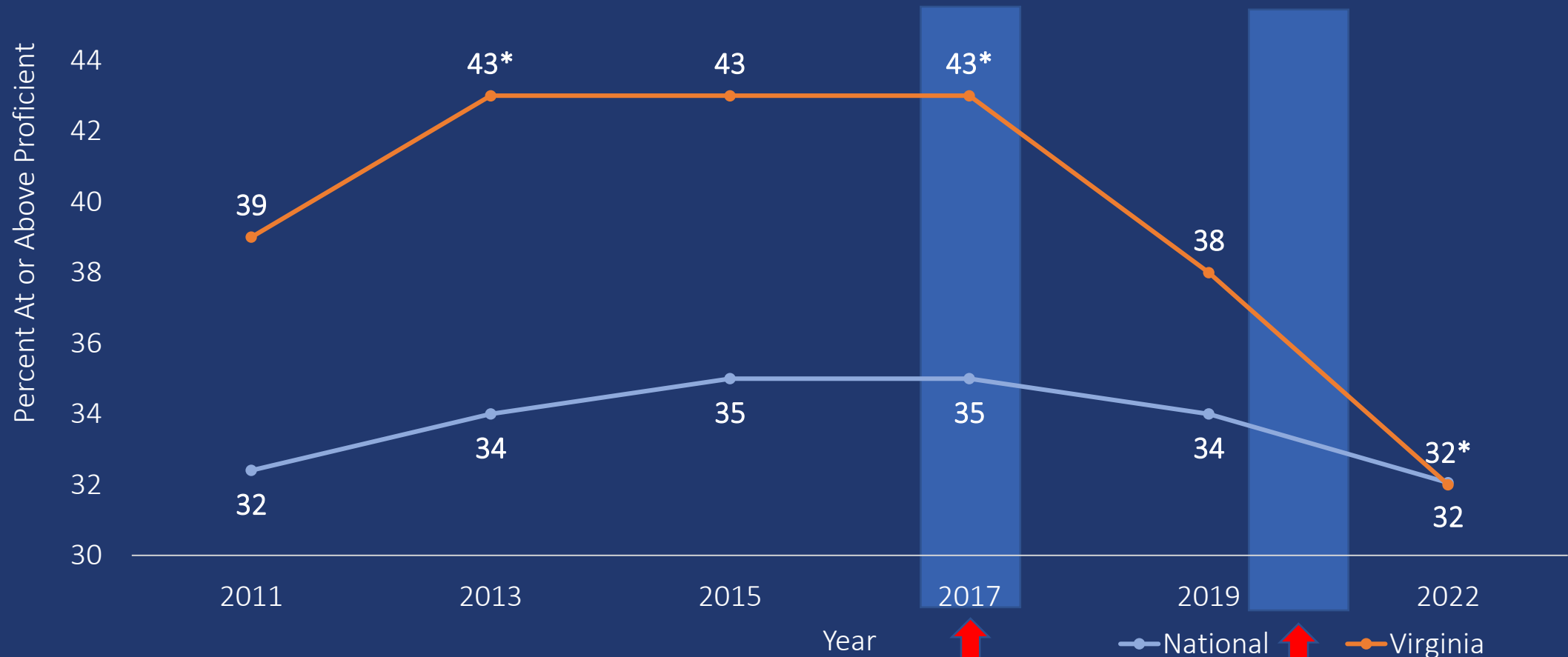


1. 1998- SOL Testing Begins
2. 2003- Board of Education raises elementary reading accreditation standard.
3. 2013- VDOE introduces more rigorous online reading tests.
4. 2017- Board revises Standards of Accreditation.
5. 2020- Board lowers cut scores of Reading SOL tests.

Changes in state standards  
contributed to the largest decline in  
Grade-4 Reading in the nation.



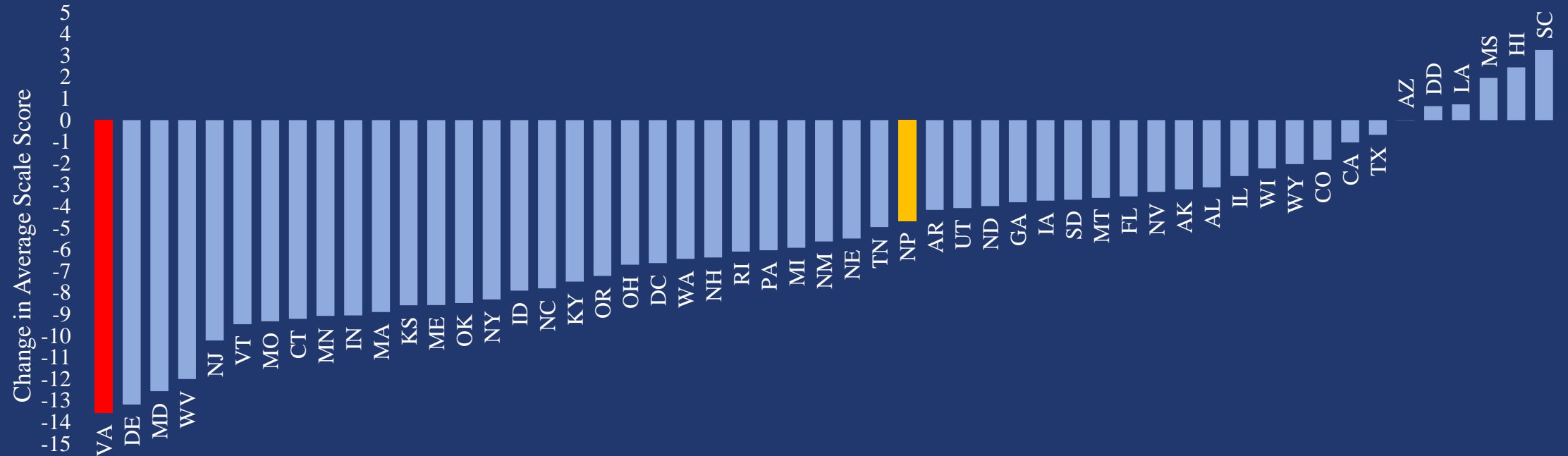
# NAEP Grade-4 Reading: Percent Proficient or Above



**2017 Board of Education Lowers Standards of Accreditation**

**2020 Board of Education Lowers Reading SOL Cut Scores**

# NAEP Grade-4 Reading: Change in Average Scale Score 2017-2022



-13.6 Point Change for Virginia Since 2017



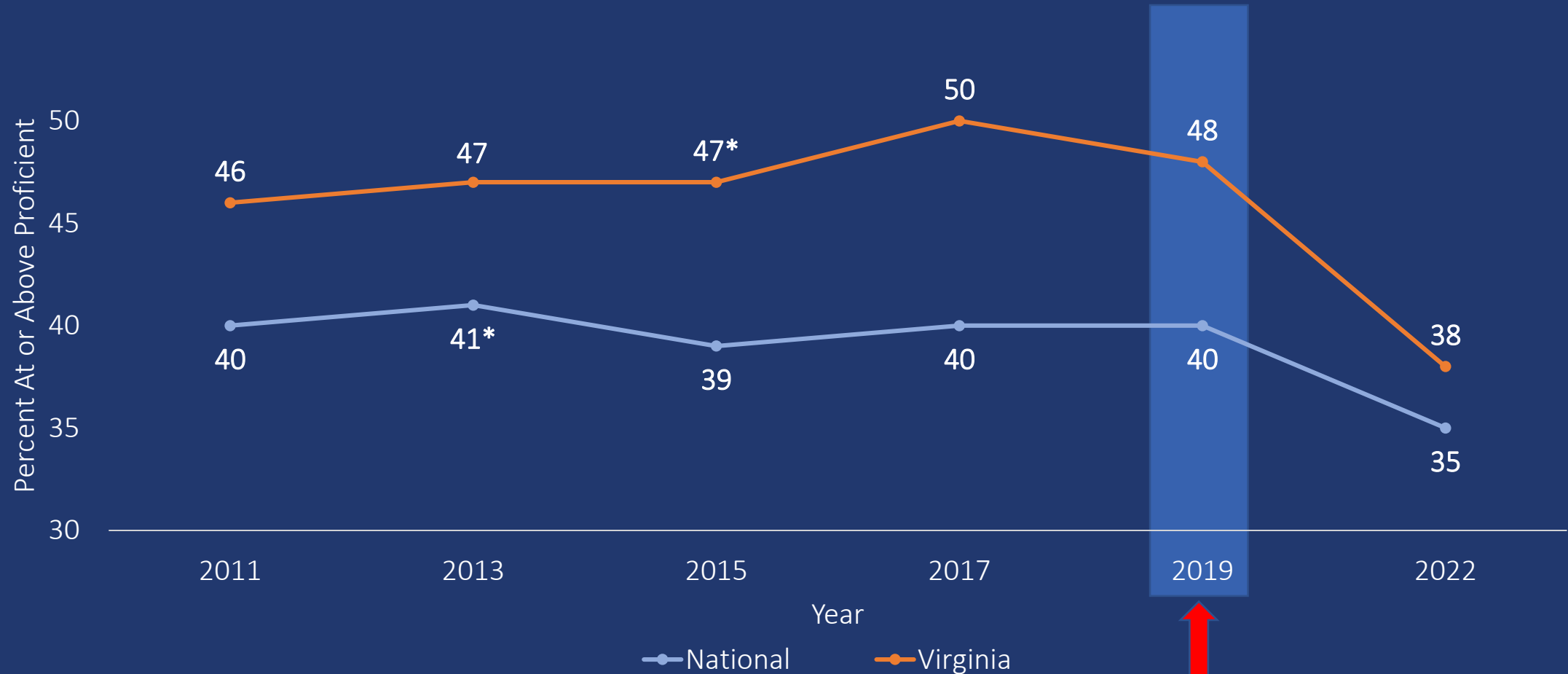
The issue is not limited to reading.

Virginia lowered proficiency standards in  
Math in 2019.

Virginia is now tied with Maryland for the largest  
decline in Grade-4 Math since 2017.

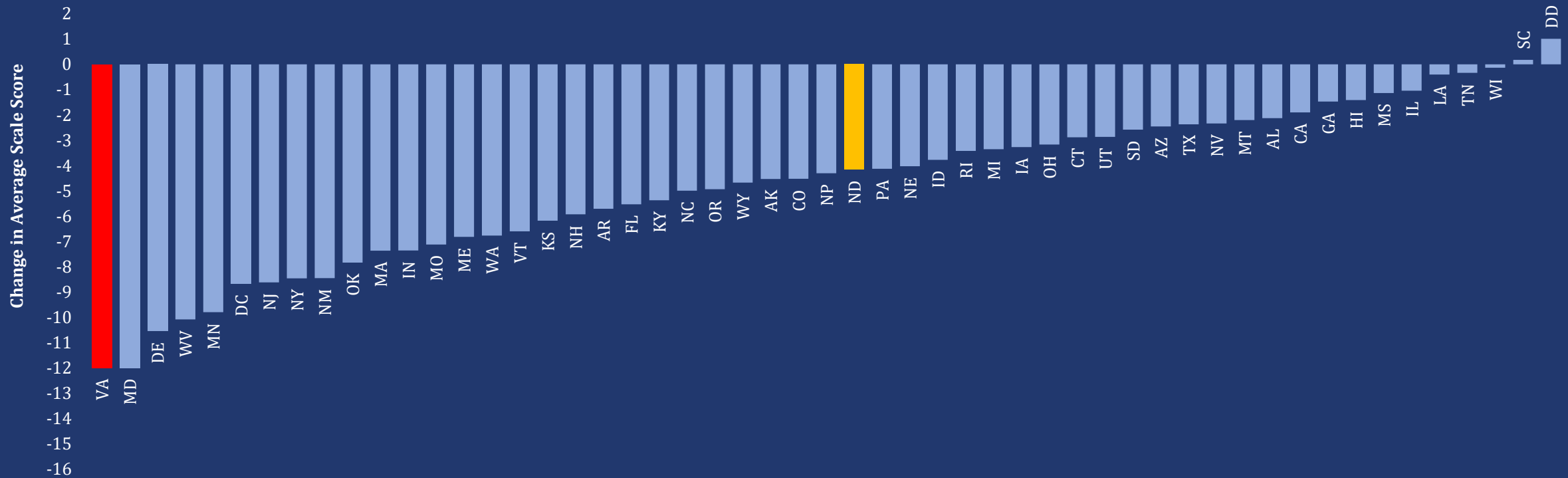


# NAEP Grade-4 Math: Percent Proficient or Above



**2019 Board of Education Lowers Math SOL cut scores**

# NAEP Grade-4 Math: Change in Average Scale Score 2017-2022



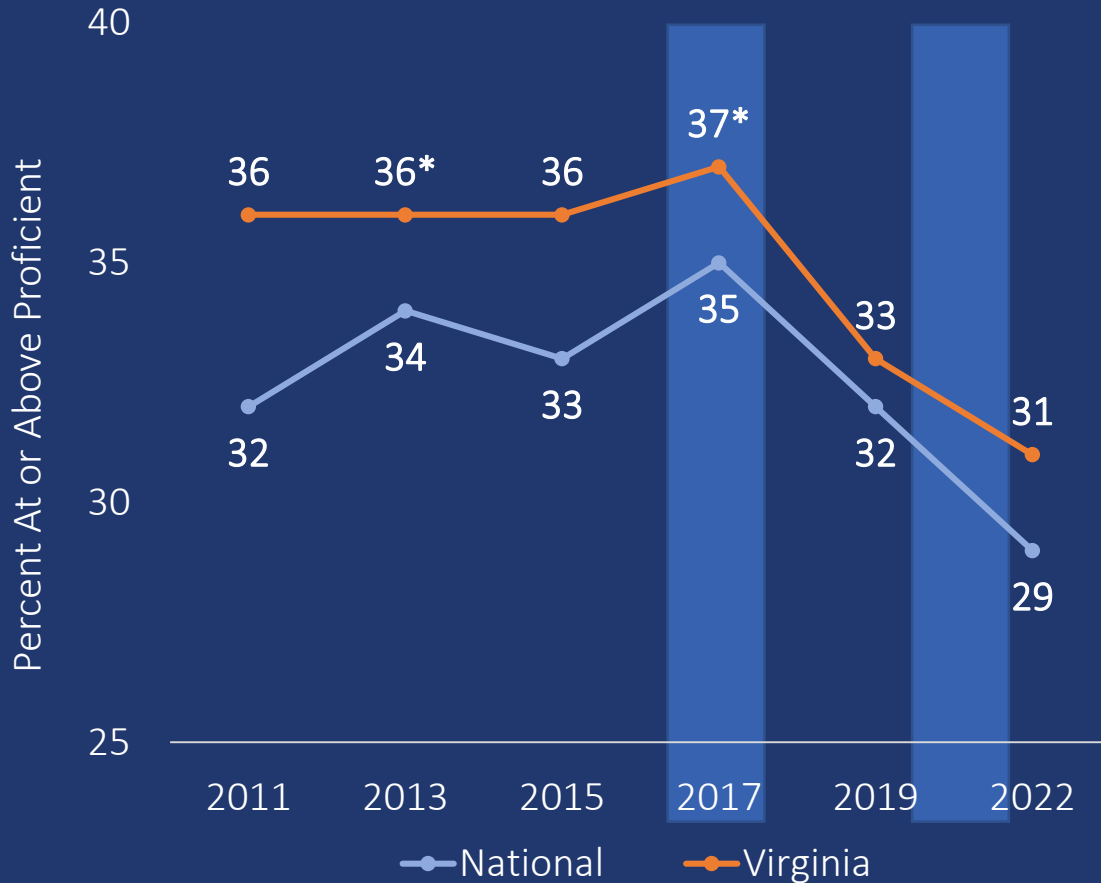
-12.0 Point Change for Virginia Since 2017

The issue exists beyond Grade-4, with  
alarming declines in Grade-8  
performance as well.



# NAEP Grade-8 Performance

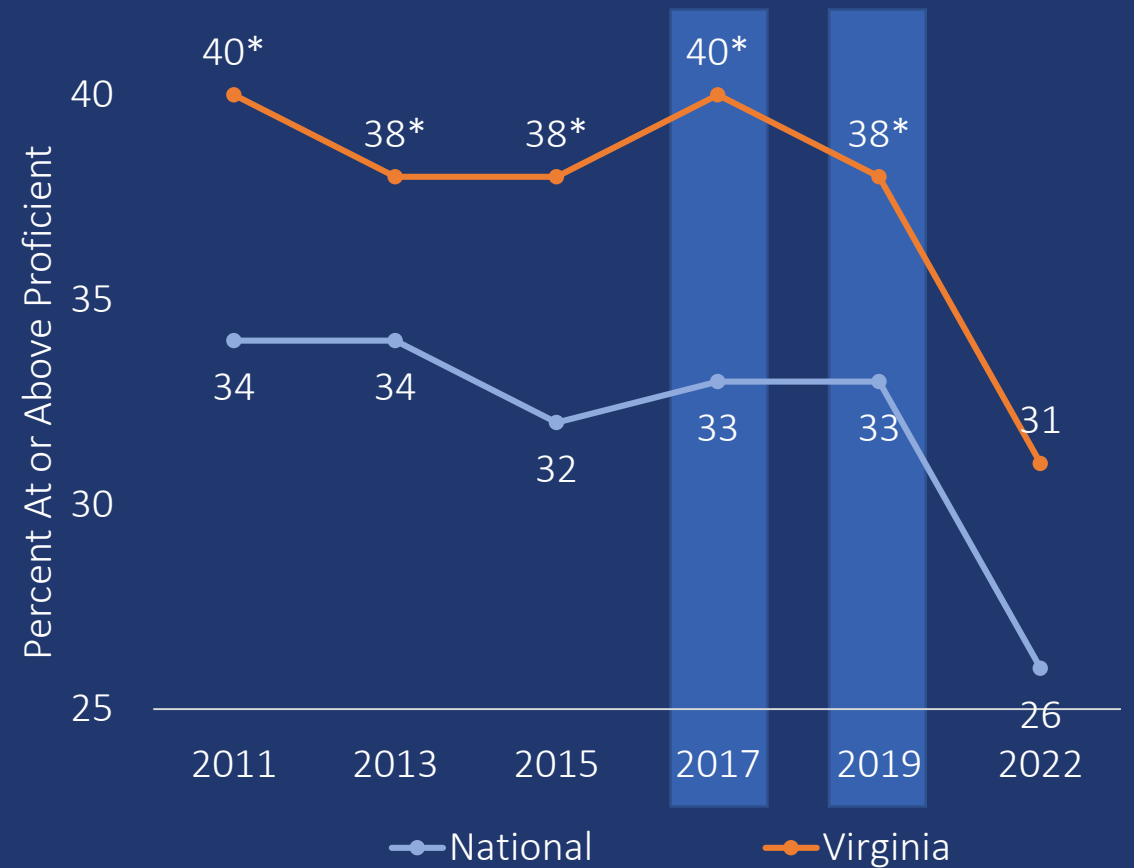
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## Math: Percent Proficient or Above



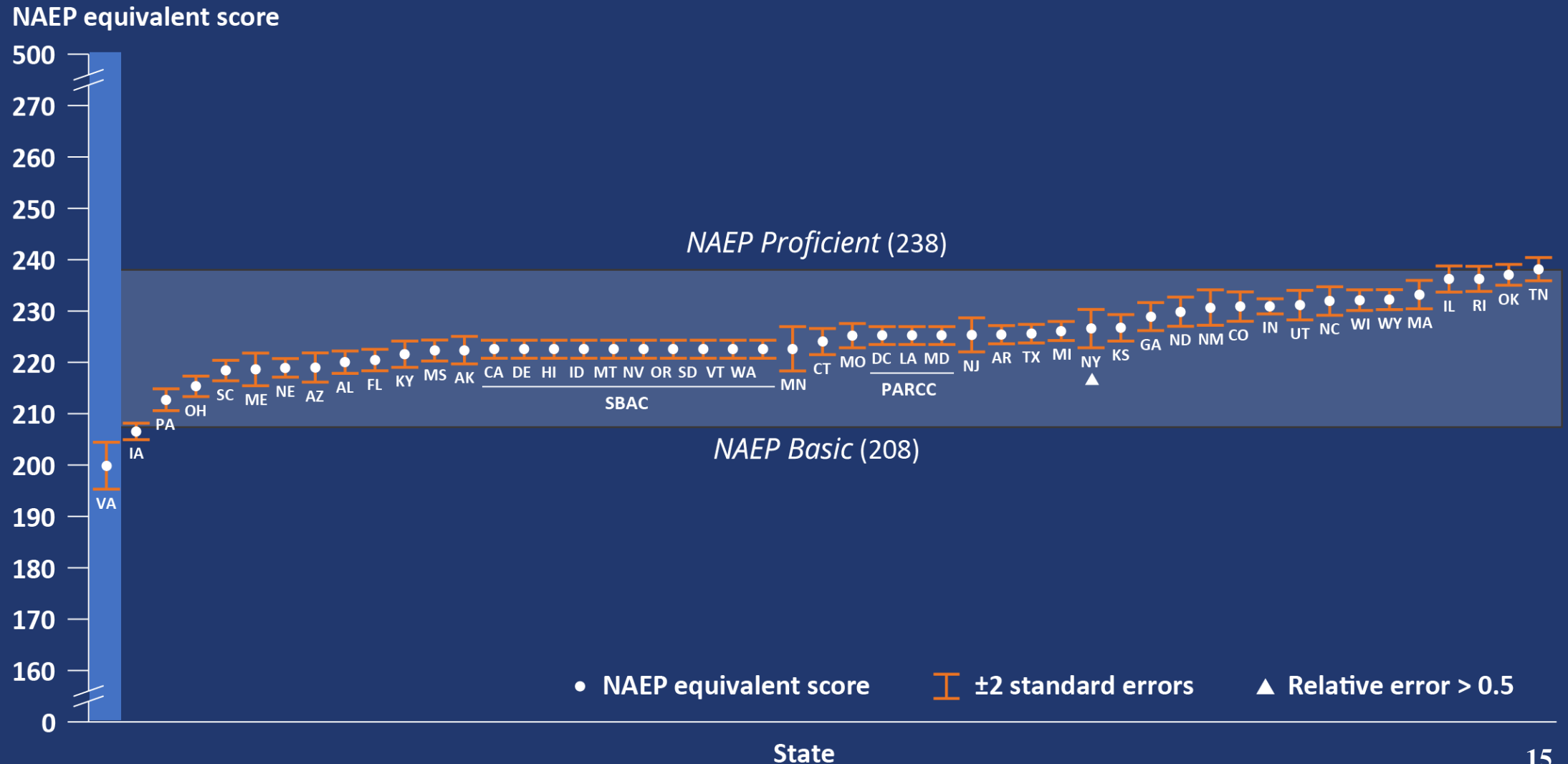
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**2019 Board of Education Lowers Math SOL Cut Scores**

NAEP provides a common benchmark for proficiency across the nation, revealing that Virginia has the lowest proficiency standards on its state tests in the nation.



# State Grade-4 Reading Proficiency Standards Compared with NAEP Proficiency Levels by state: 2019

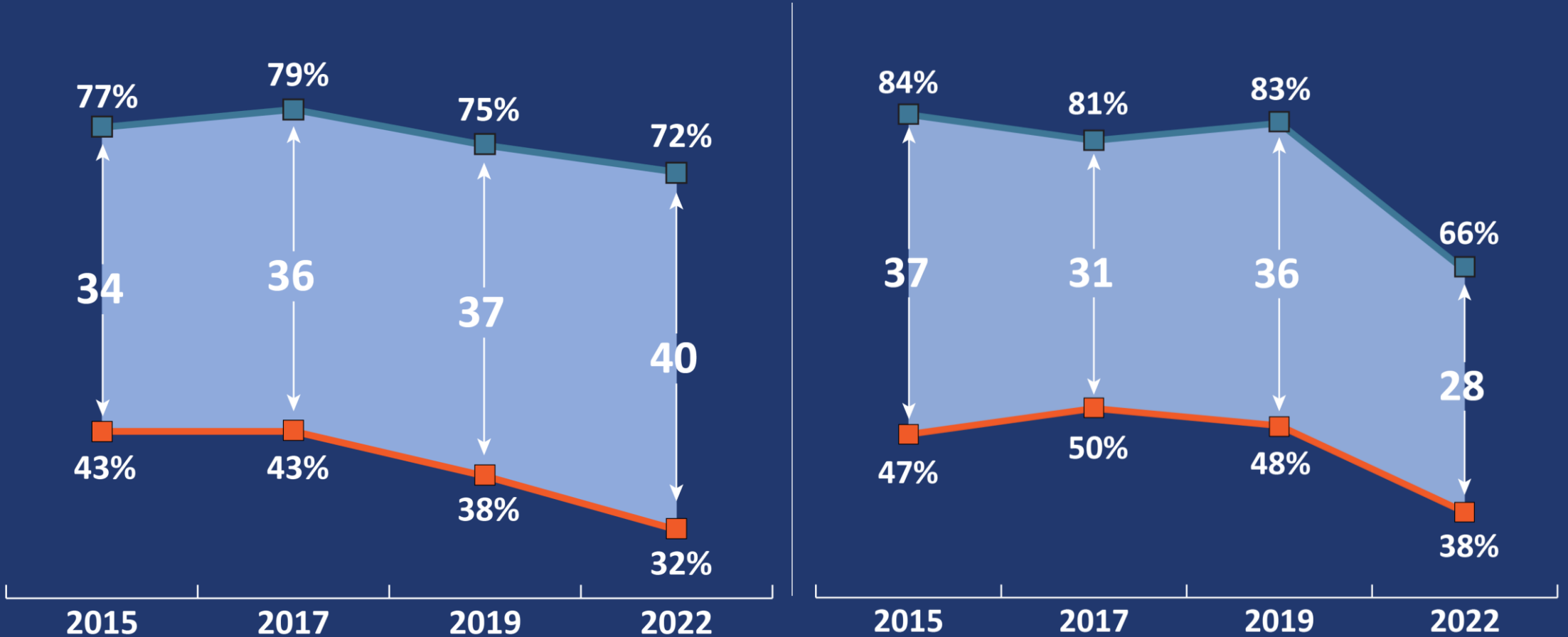


Teachers, parents, students, and taxpayers  
have not been told the truth about  
student performance.





# The “Honesty Gap” in Virginia



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Grade-4 Math: Percent Proficient and Above

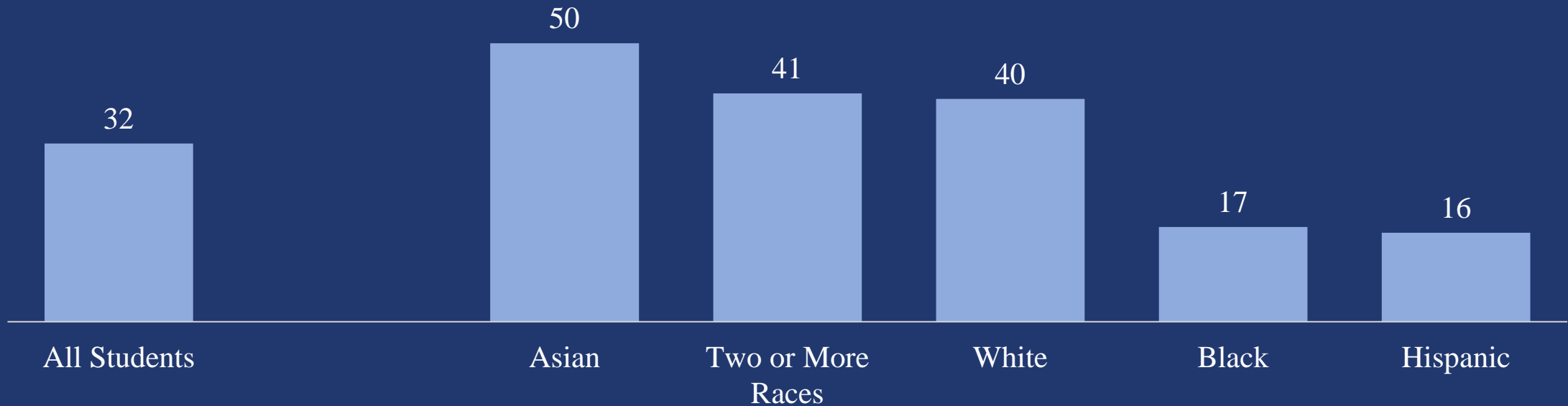
—■— Virginia SOL

—■— Virginia NAEP

■ Honesty Gap

# Large Proficiency Gaps Remain for Vulnerable Learners

*Virginia Grade-4 Reading Proficiency Levels Across Student Groups*



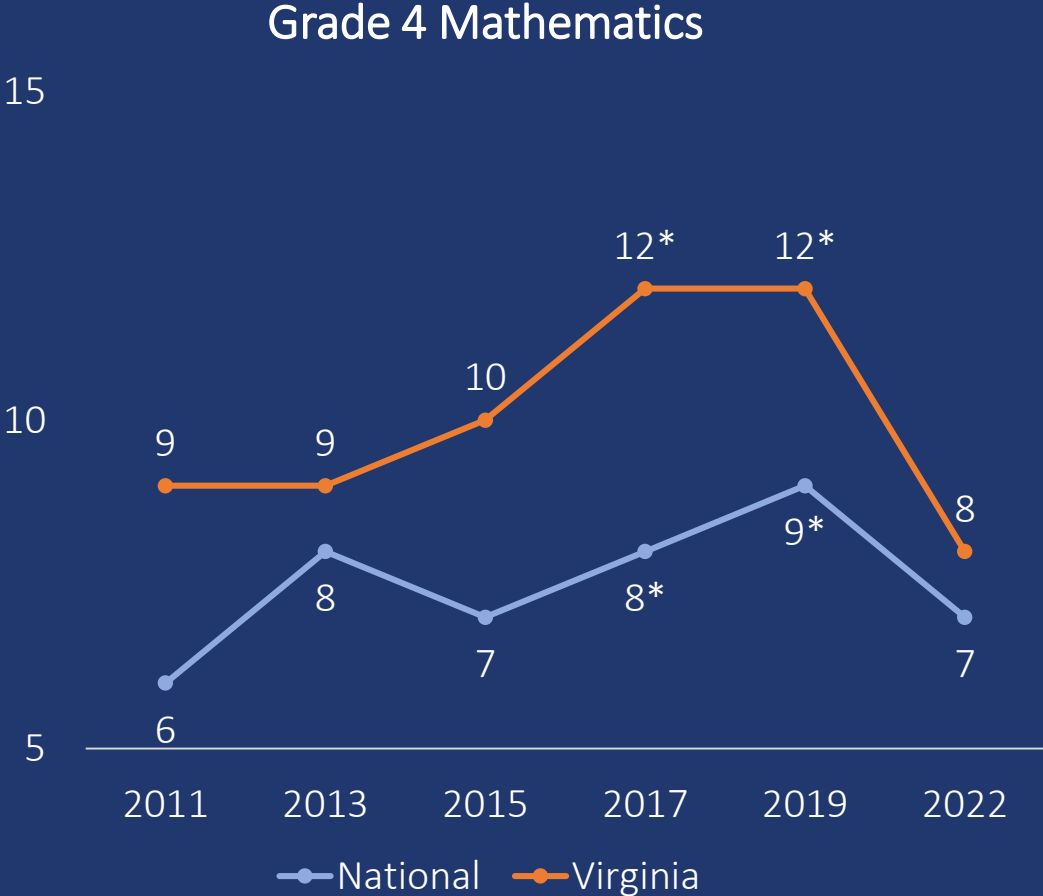
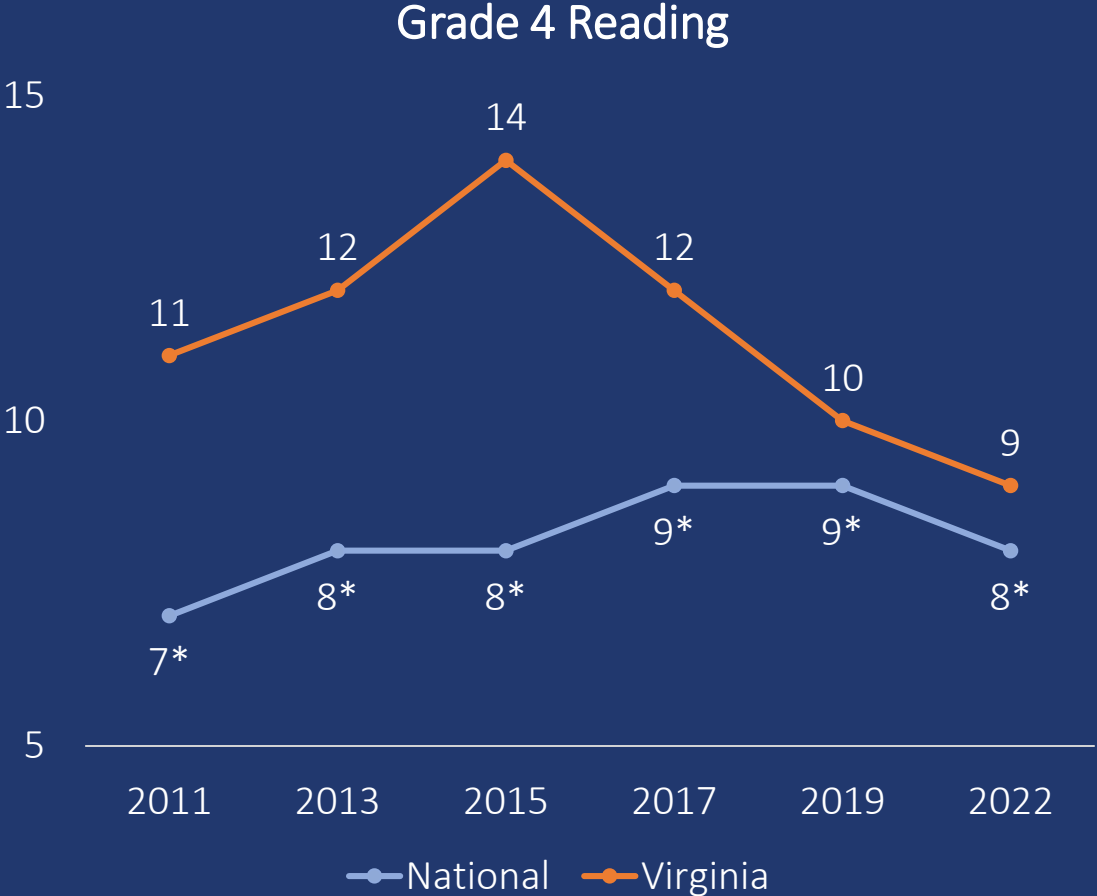
The population of excelling students  
has declined meaningfully.

Not only are we not equipping students for  
readiness in life, we are not meeting the needs of  
our highest-achieving students.



*\* Decline in populations reaching advanced proficiency since 2017 in 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math.*

# Raising the Ceiling: Percent Advanced Grade-4 Math and Reading



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***ACTION ONE:***  
Raise the  
Floor AND the Ceiling

***ACTION TWO:***  
Empower Parents with  
Emergency Support for  
Students

***ACTION THREE:***  
Launch Tutoring  
Partnerships



***ACTION FOUR:***  
Hold Ourselves and  
Our Schools Accountable

***ACTION FIVE:***  
Strengthen Virginia's  
Teacher Pipeline

***ACTION SIX:***

Provide Parents, Students,  
and Teachers with  
Actionable Information

***ACTION SEVEN:***

Challenge Local School Divisions  
to Spend Nearly  
\$2 Billion in Remaining Federal  
Funds on Learning Recovery

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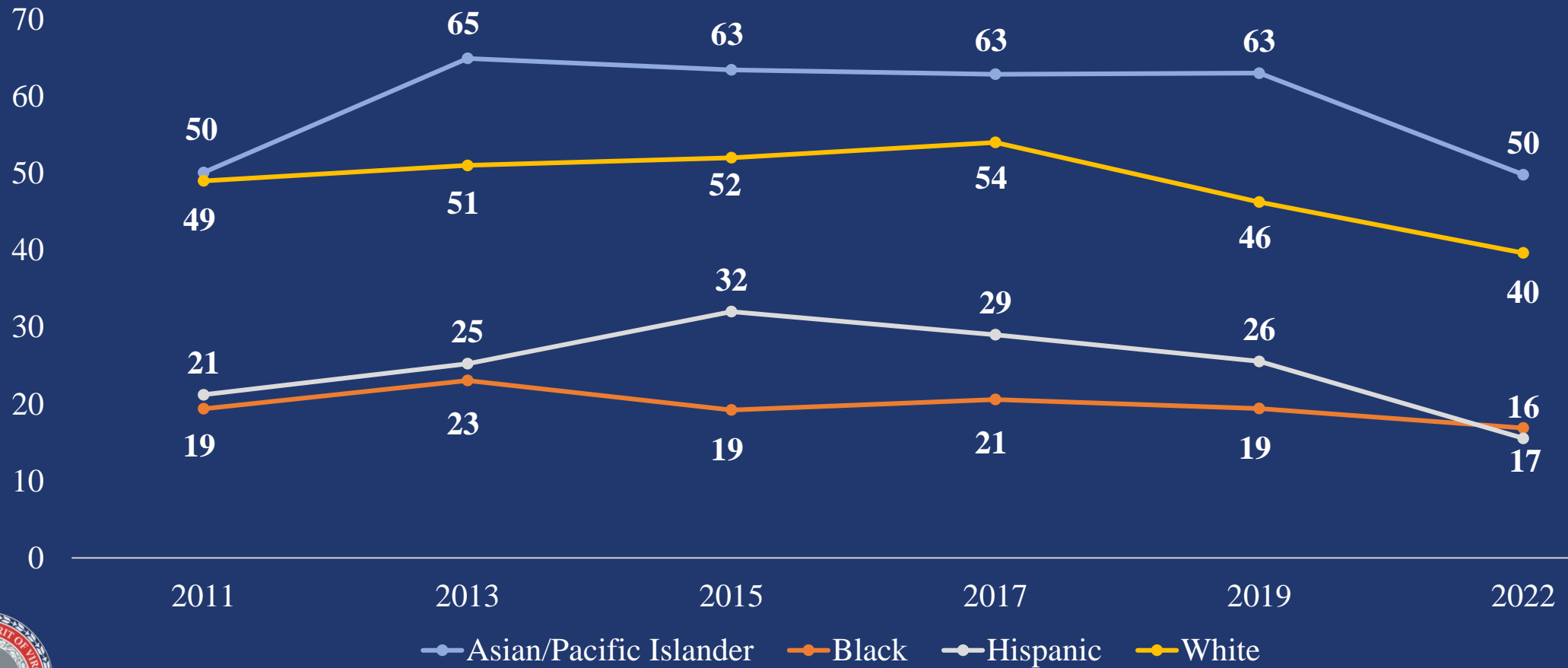
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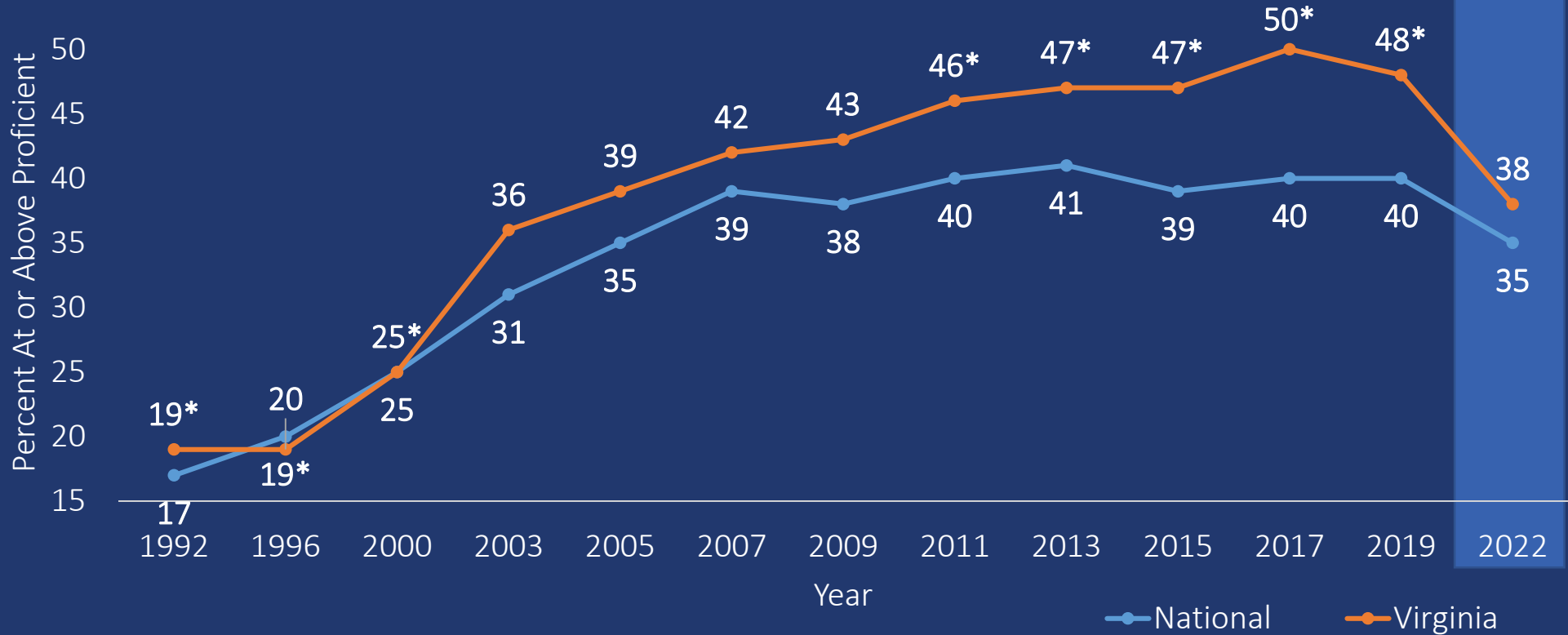
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# Virginia Grade-4 Reading: Percent Proficient At or Above

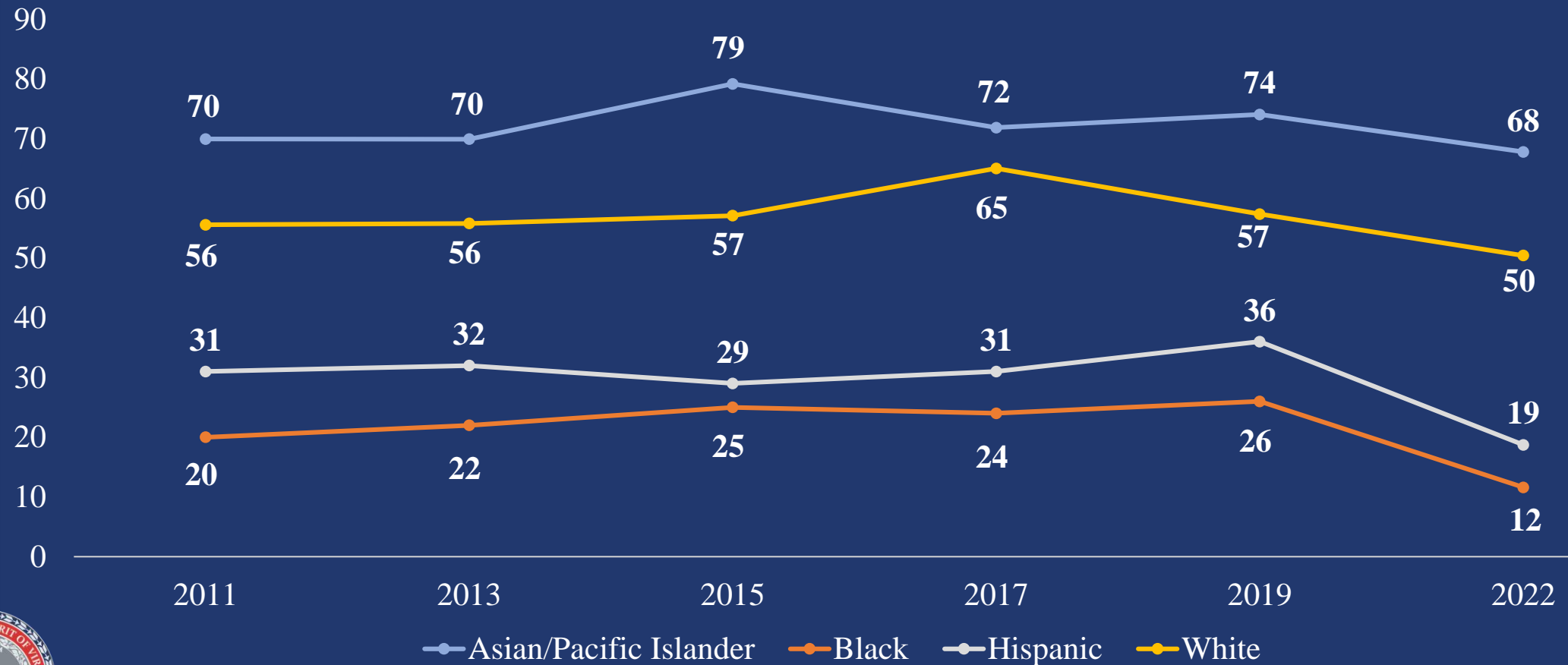


# NAEP Grade-4 Math: Percent Proficient or Above

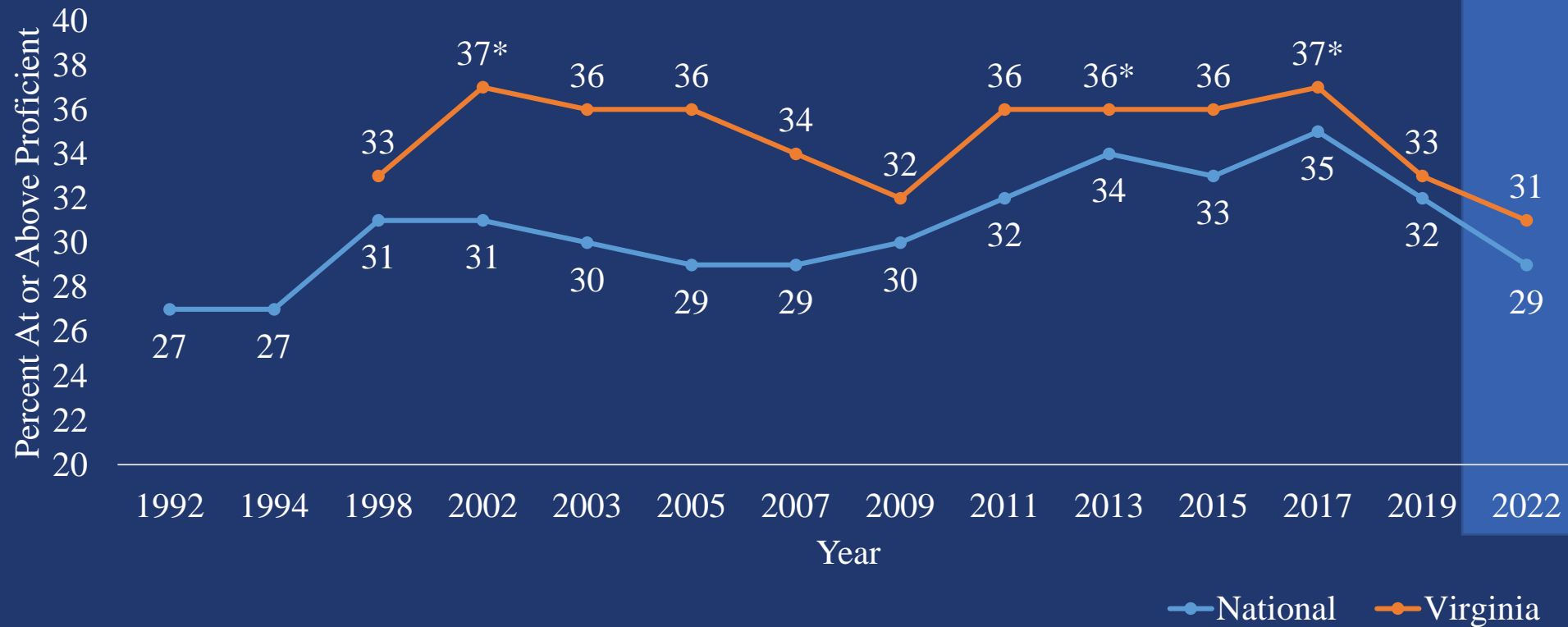




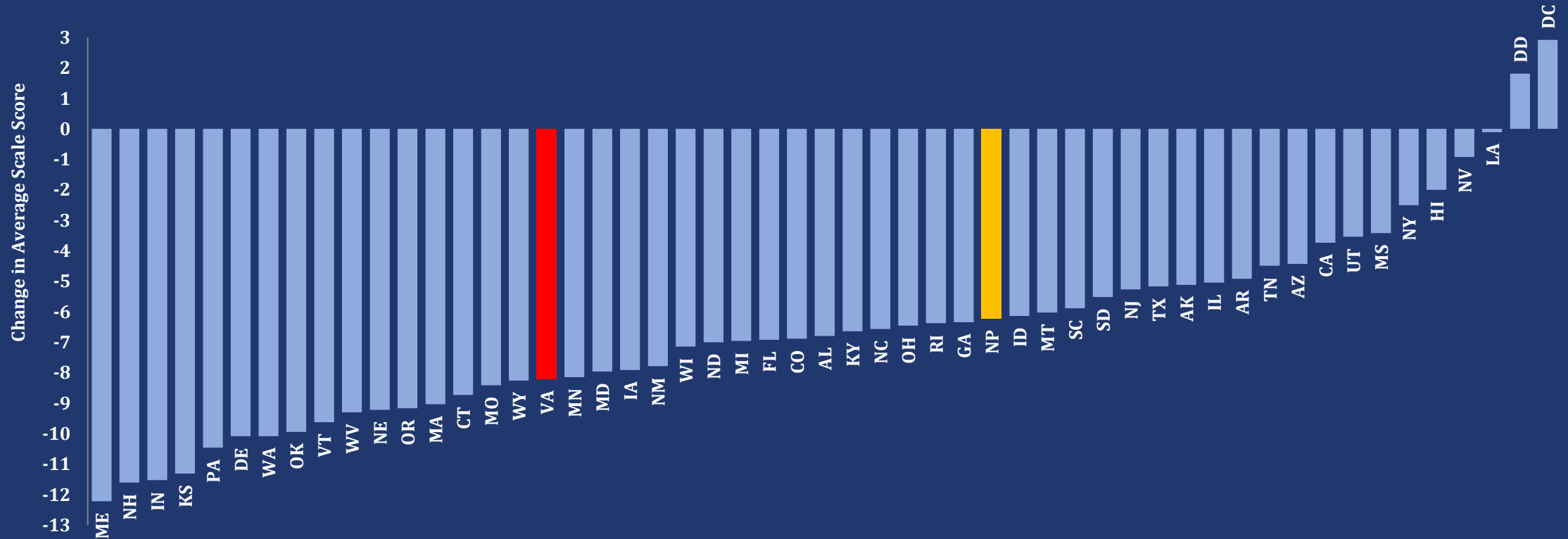
# Virginia Grade-4 Math: Percent Proficient at or Above



# NAEP Grade-8 Reading: Percent Proficient or Above

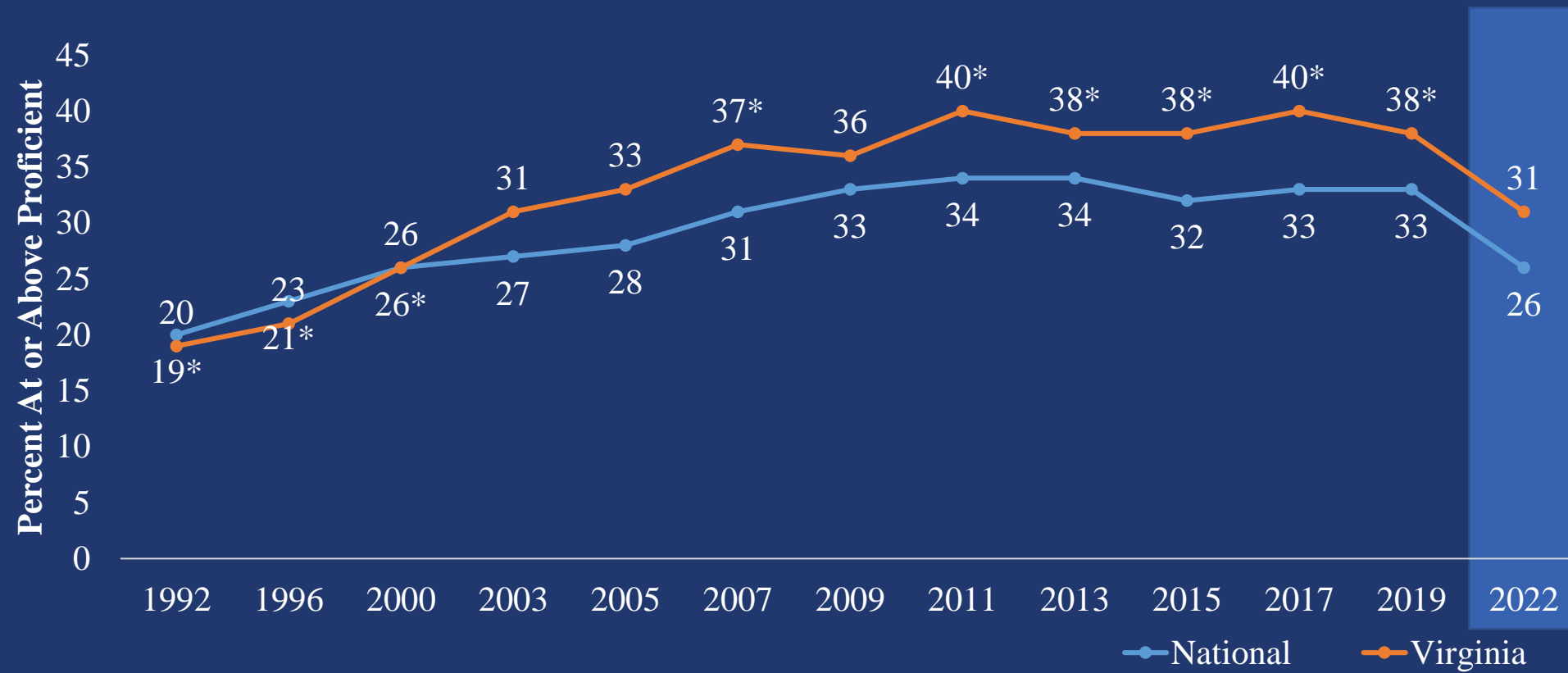


# NAEP Grade-8 Reading: Change in Average Scale Score 2017-2022

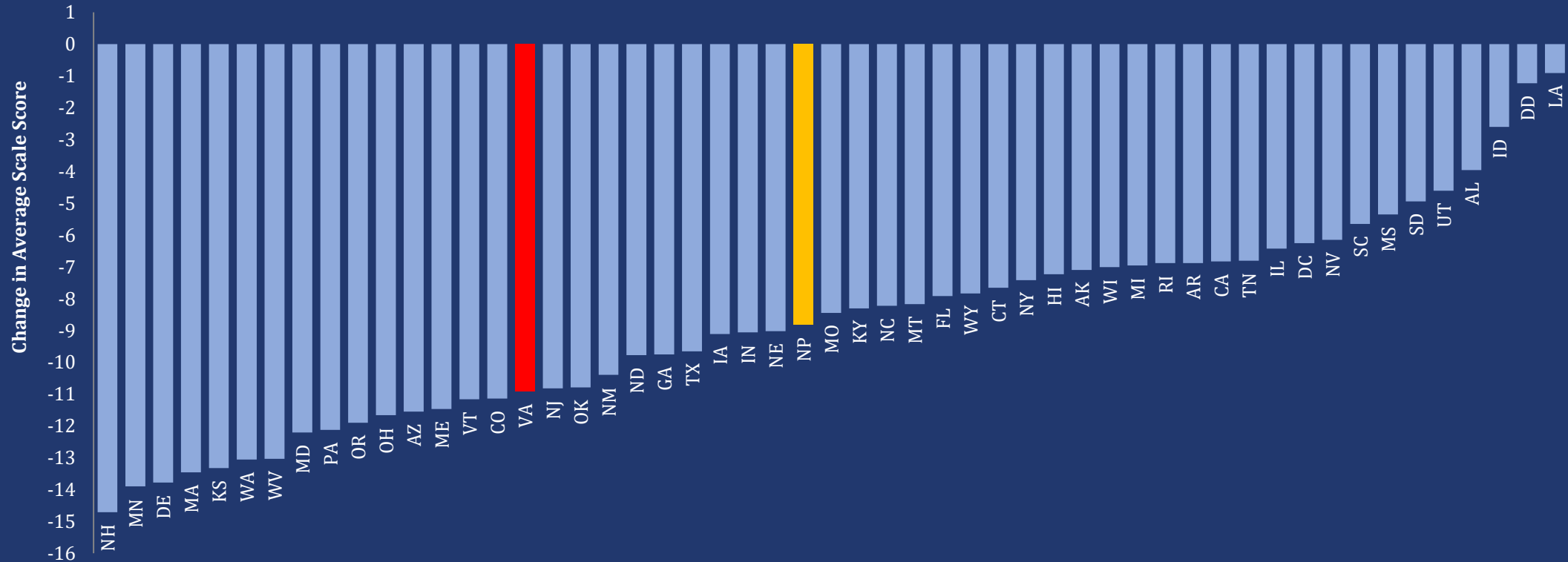


-8.2 Point Change for Virginia Since 2017

# NAEP Grade-8 Math: Percent Proficient or Above



# NAEP Grade-8 Math: Change in Average Scale Score 2017-2022



-10.9 Point Change for Virginia Since 2017

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