# 2023 State Test Score Results: MICHIGAN 

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

- Overall 2023 Results: Michigan students have made small gains in math proficiency following the COVID-19 pandemic, though they have not yet reached pre-pandemic levels ( $34.7 \%$ in 2023 vs. 38.7\% in 2019). In ELA, proficiency rates fell during the pandemic, and scores in 2023 remained comparable to 2022.
- Results by Race/Ethnicity: Across all years, Michigan achievement outcomes reflect variation by race/ethnicity. In 2023, the widest achievement gap appeared for students identifying as Asian and Black or African American, both in ELA (65\% vs. 18\%) and math ( $64 \%$ vs $10 \%$ ).
- Results by District Poverty Level: ELA and math proficiency results vary by district poverty level across all years. Compared to 2019, the achievement gap in 2023 between districts with the highest and lowest levels of poverty for school-age children remains largely unchanged.


## MICHIGAN 2023 ELA \& MATH RESULTS, GRADES 3-8



Note. In 2023, $40.7 \%$ of students in Gr 3-7 included in the analysis reached proficiency or above in ELA ( $n=200,447 / 492,337$ ), compared to $34.7 \%$ of students who did so in mathematics ( $n=171,419 / 493,695$ ). Data for SY 2020-21 are not included here due to low statewide student participation rates.

## MICHIGAN 2023 PROFICIENCY BY RACE/ETHNICITY, GRADES 3-8

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 68- \\ & 51- \\ & 41- \\ & 33- \\ & 19- \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -68 \\ -51 \\ -42 \\ -33 \\ -20 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \\ & 48 \\ & 38 \\ & 30 \\ & 17 \end{aligned}$ | 65 <br> 48 <br> 39 <br> - 31 <br> 18 | $\begin{aligned} & - \text {-Asian } \\ & - \text { Black or African American } \\ & - \text { Hispanic or Latino } \\ & -- \text { White } \\ & -- \text { Other } \end{aligned}$ |
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|  |  | 2018 | 2019 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 69 \\ & 46 \\ & 34 \\ & 25 \\ & 13 \\ & \hline 2018 \end{aligned}$ | $-70$ <br> $-46$ <br> - 35 <br> $-27$ <br> $-14$ <br> 2019 | 2021 | 64 | 64 <br> 42 <br> 31 <br> $-23$ <br> 10 <br> 2023 | - -Asian <br> - - Black or African American <br> - - Hispanic or Latino <br> - - White <br> - Other |

Note. Each student subgroup varies in total students tested each year. In 2023, $65 \%$ of students identified as Asian reached ELA proficiency ( $n=11,621$ ), compared to $18 \%$ of students who were Black or African American ( $n=15,928$ ), $31 \%$ of students who were Hispanic or Latino ( $n=13,404$ ), 48\% of students who were white ( $n=148,256$ ), and $39 \%$ of additional student subgroups (American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Two or More; $n=10,400$ ). Data labels with similar values may affect visibility. Data for SY 2020-21 are not included here due to low statewide student participation rates.

MICHIGAN 2023 PROFICIENCY BY DISTRICT POVERTY LEVEL, GRADES 3-8


Note. School district poverty data are drawn from the 2021 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program (SAIPE) of the U.S. Census Bureau. Categorizations are based on overall U.S. quartiles. In $2023,55 \%$ of students in MI districts in which less than $10 \%$ of school-age children lived in poverty achieved ELA proficiency ( $n=97,572$ ), compared to $41 \%$ of students in which $10-15 \%$ of school-age children lived in poverty ( $n=42,904$ ), $32 \%$ of students in which $15-25 \%$ of school-age children lived in poverty ( $n=31,783$ ), and $23 \%$ of students in which $25 \%$ or more of school-age children lived in poverty ( $n=8,407$ ). Data labels with similar values may affect visibility. Data for SY 2020-21 are not included here due to low statewide student participation rates.


## STATE ASSESSMENT DATA

The student outcome data used in this Data Brief come from the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP assessment). The data represent outcomes for students in Grades 3-7 in math and ELA.

## Measuring Proficiency

The M-STEP assessment includes four proficiency levels: Not proficient, Partially proficient, Proficient, and Advanced. In this report, "not proficient" = Not proficient/partially proficient, and "proficient" = Proficient/Advanced.

## Years Included in Analysis

This report reflects school years (SY) 2017-18 through 2022-23. Data for SY 2019-20 are not available, as the assessment was not administered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Participation Rate Data

In Spring 2021, the U.S. Department of Education waived the requirement that $95 \%$ of all students complete the state's annual academic assessment, leading to varied participation rates by state. In Michigan, approximately $70 \%$ of students participated in all state assessments in 2021. In Spring 2022, districts were again required to measure the achievement of not less than $95 \%$ of all students and students in each subgroup on its annual statewide assessments in ELA and math.

## Additional Information

More information about the M-STEP can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mde/Services/Student-Assessment/m-step.


The State Test Score Results Data Series explores state-level trends in ELA and math proficiency outcomes on state standardized assessments, both before and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the Data Series presents math and ELA proficiency trends on state assessments between Spring 2018-Spring 2023, as available. Results are presented for the state overall, by race/ethnicity, and by district poverty levels for school-age children.

Data presented in this State Brief are specific to this state's assessment and are not comparable to other states.

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[^0] Providence, RI: COVID-19 School Data Hub.
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