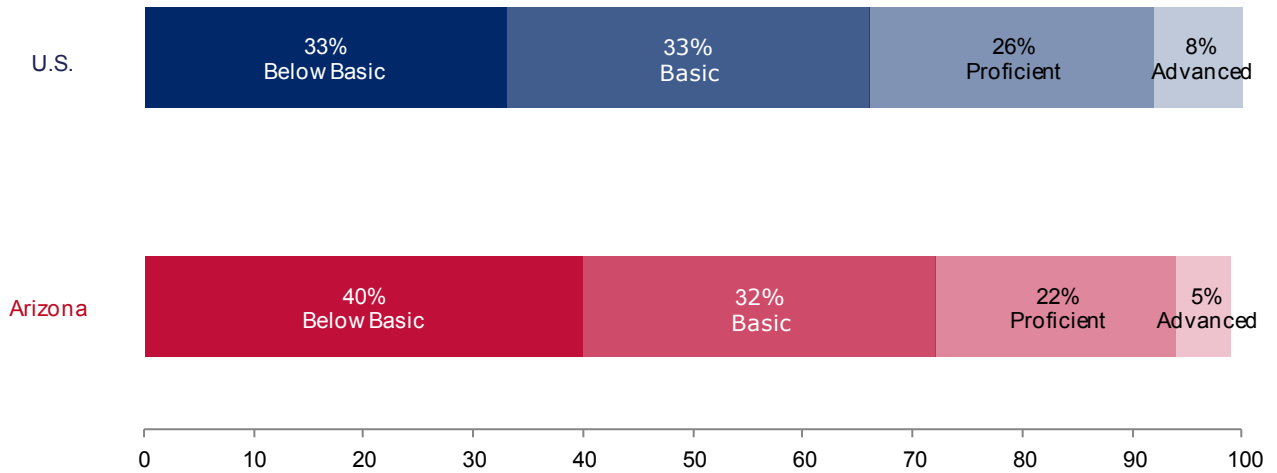




# Nearly Three Out of Four 4<sup>th</sup> Graders in Arizona CANNOT Read Proficiently

**2013 NAEP 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Scores**



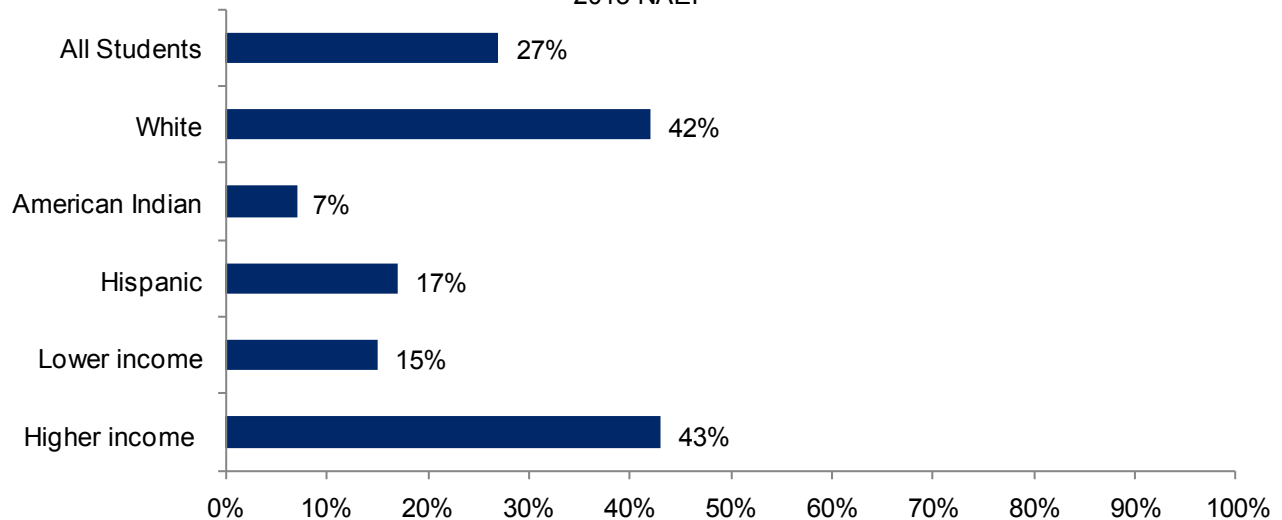
Arizona total does not equal 100% due to rounding.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas.

Source: NAEP Overview (<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/>)

## Arizona Fourth Graders Reading Proficiently

2013 NAEP



**“The fact is that the low-income fourth graders who cannot meet NAEP’s proficient level in reading today are all too likely to become our nation’s lowest-income, least skilled, least-productive, and most costly citizens tomorrow.”**

Source: Casey Foundation’s *Early Warning: Why Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters*, 2010

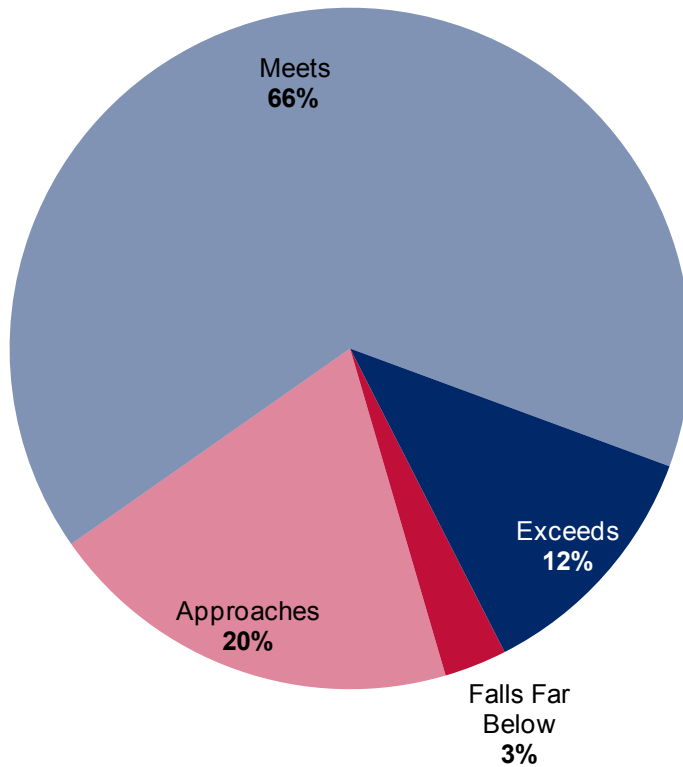


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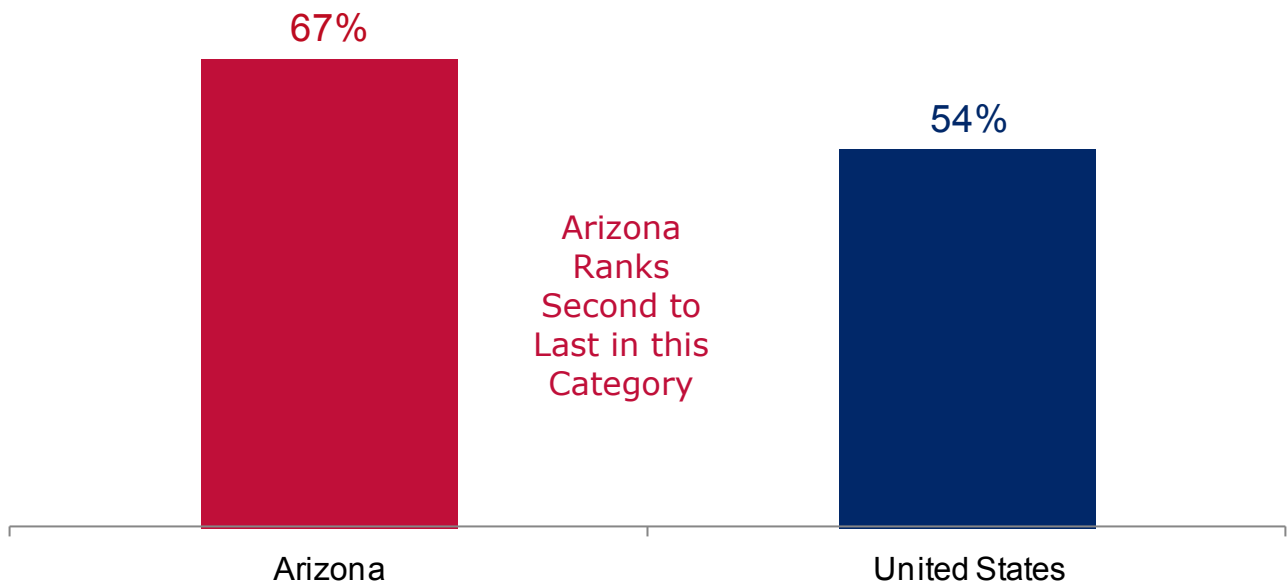
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75% of students who are poor readers in third grade will remain poor readers in high school.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, America Reads Challenge. (July 1999). Start Early, Finish Strong: How to Help Every Child Become a Reader.

## Children Ages 3 and 4 NOT Enrolled in Preschool



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey 3 Year Estimates, Table C14003