

Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Youth Outcomes Data Update

Saint Paul City Council Policy/Org Committee

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SPCC's Youth Outcomes Plan Goals

Learn:

- Young people are ready for Kindergarten
- Young people are reading by third grade

Grow:

- Young people have health coverage
- Young people are connected to caring adults

Thrive:

- Young people are safe and free from child abuse and neglect
- Young people graduate from high school
- Young people have high social competence (added in Jan 2025 – no data yet)
- Young people have positive identity (added in Jan 2025 – no data yet)



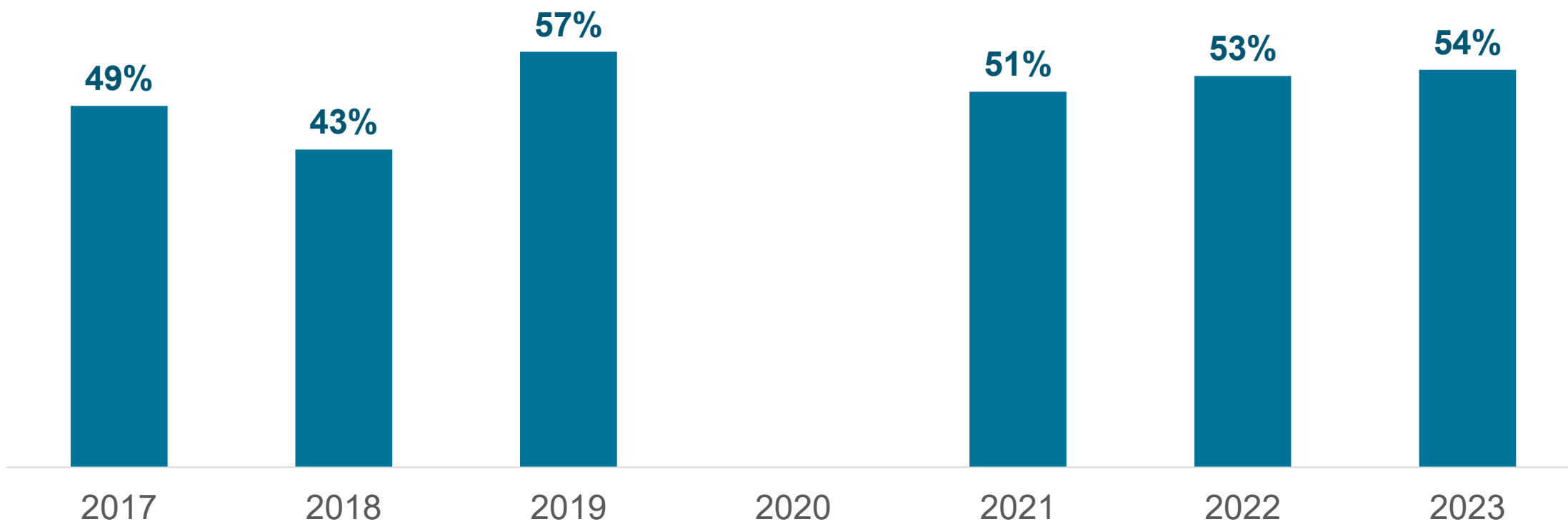
Young people are ready for Kindergarten

- Just over **half** of students in Saint Paul Public Schools are identified as “low risk” at the start of Kindergarten.
- The share of Kindergarteners who are “low risk” has remained relatively **steady** in recent years.



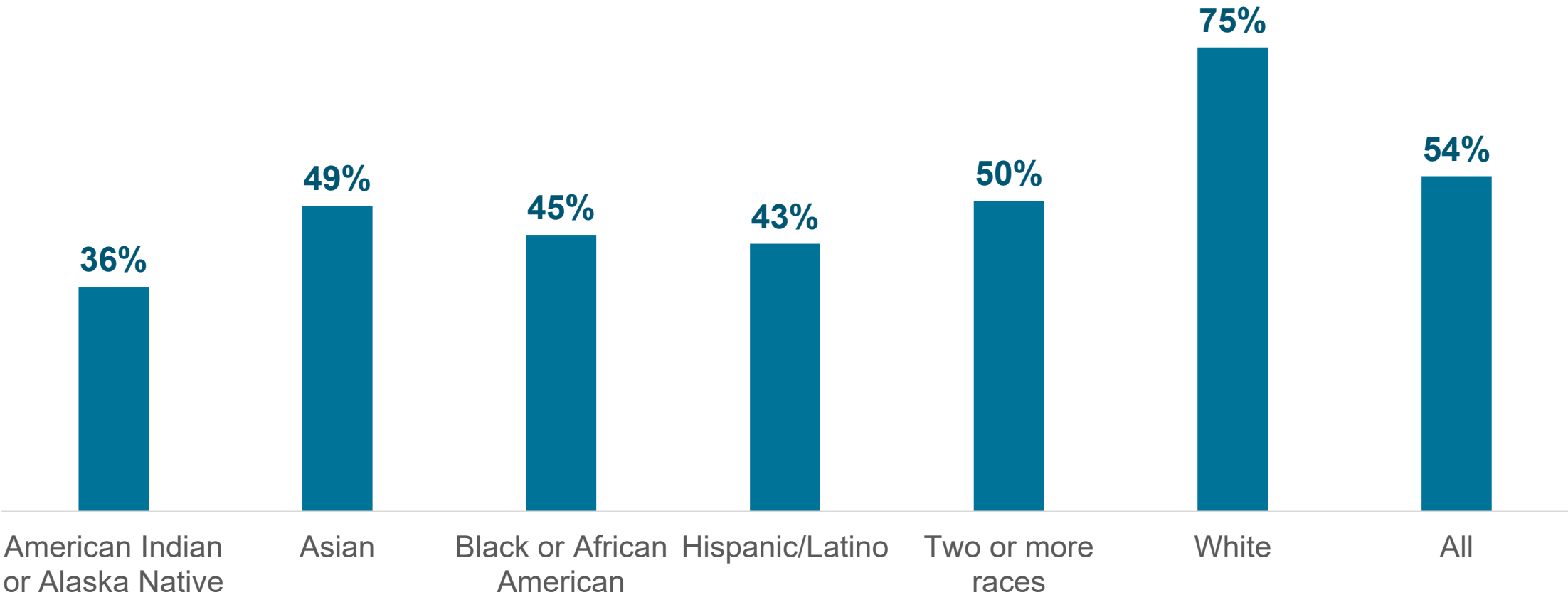
Kindergarteners identified as “low risk”

Saint Paul Public Schools, Fall 2017-2023



Kindergarteners identified as “low risk” by race/ethnicity

Saint Paul Public Schools, Fall 2023



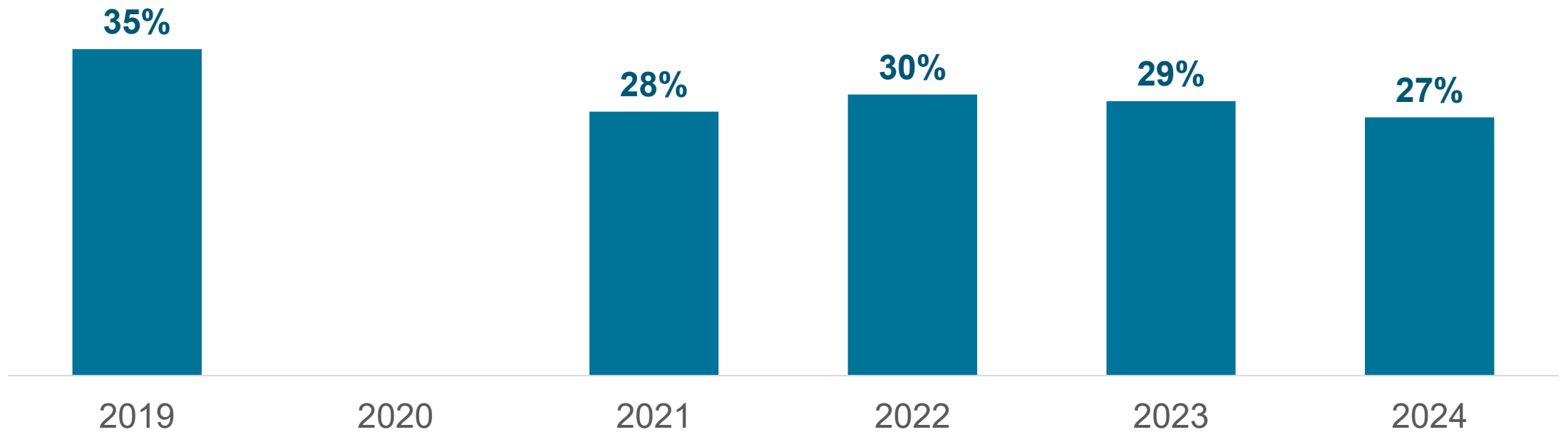
Young people are reading by third grade

- In 2024, citywide, **27%** of 3rd grade students in public schools in Saint Paul (including charters) met state reading standards, the **lowest** level of reading proficiency in the past six years.
- **29%** of 3rd grade students in Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) and **24%** of students in Saint Paul's charters met reading standards.



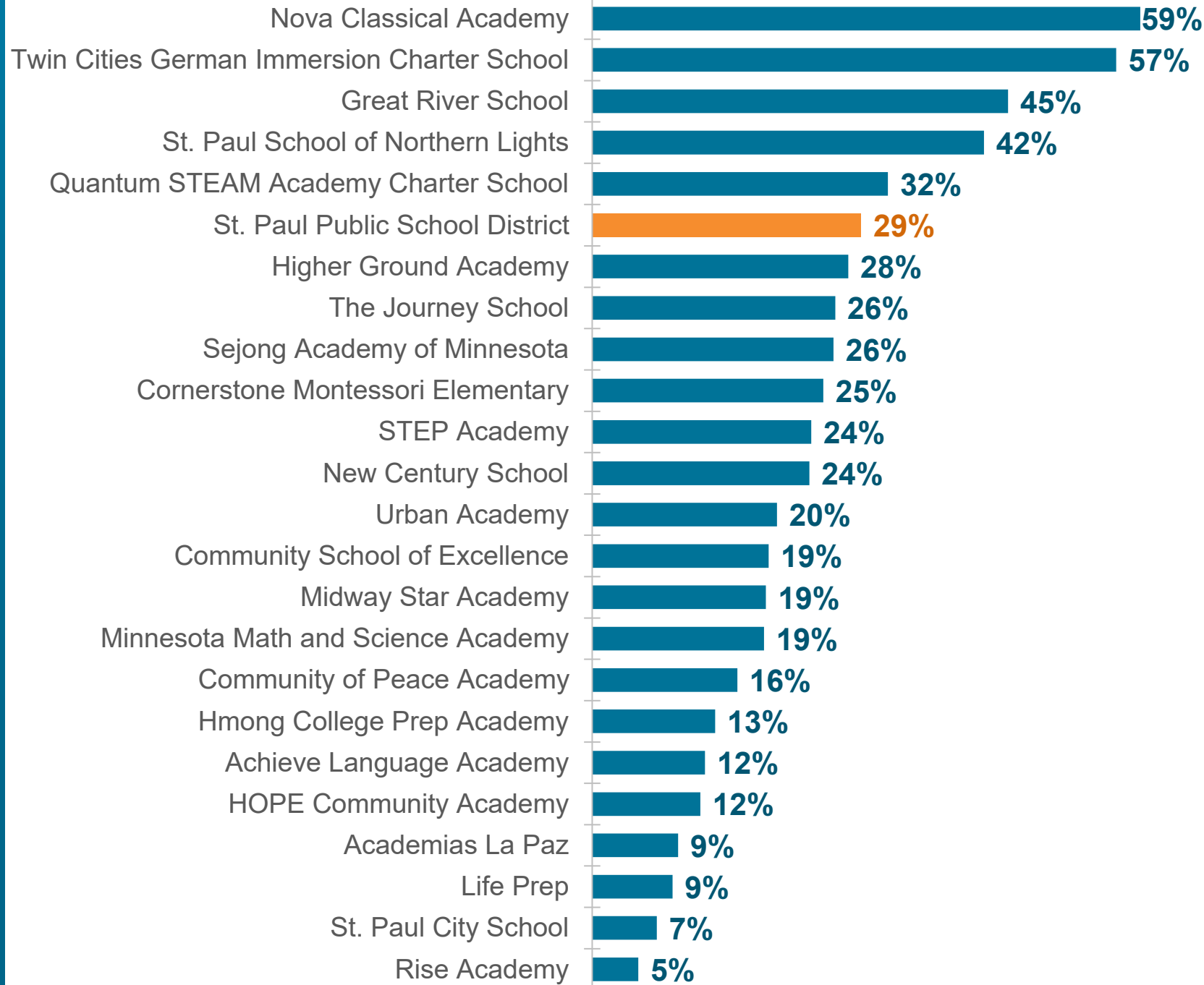
3rd grade students achieving reading standards

All public schools in the city of Saint Paul (including charters), 2019-2024



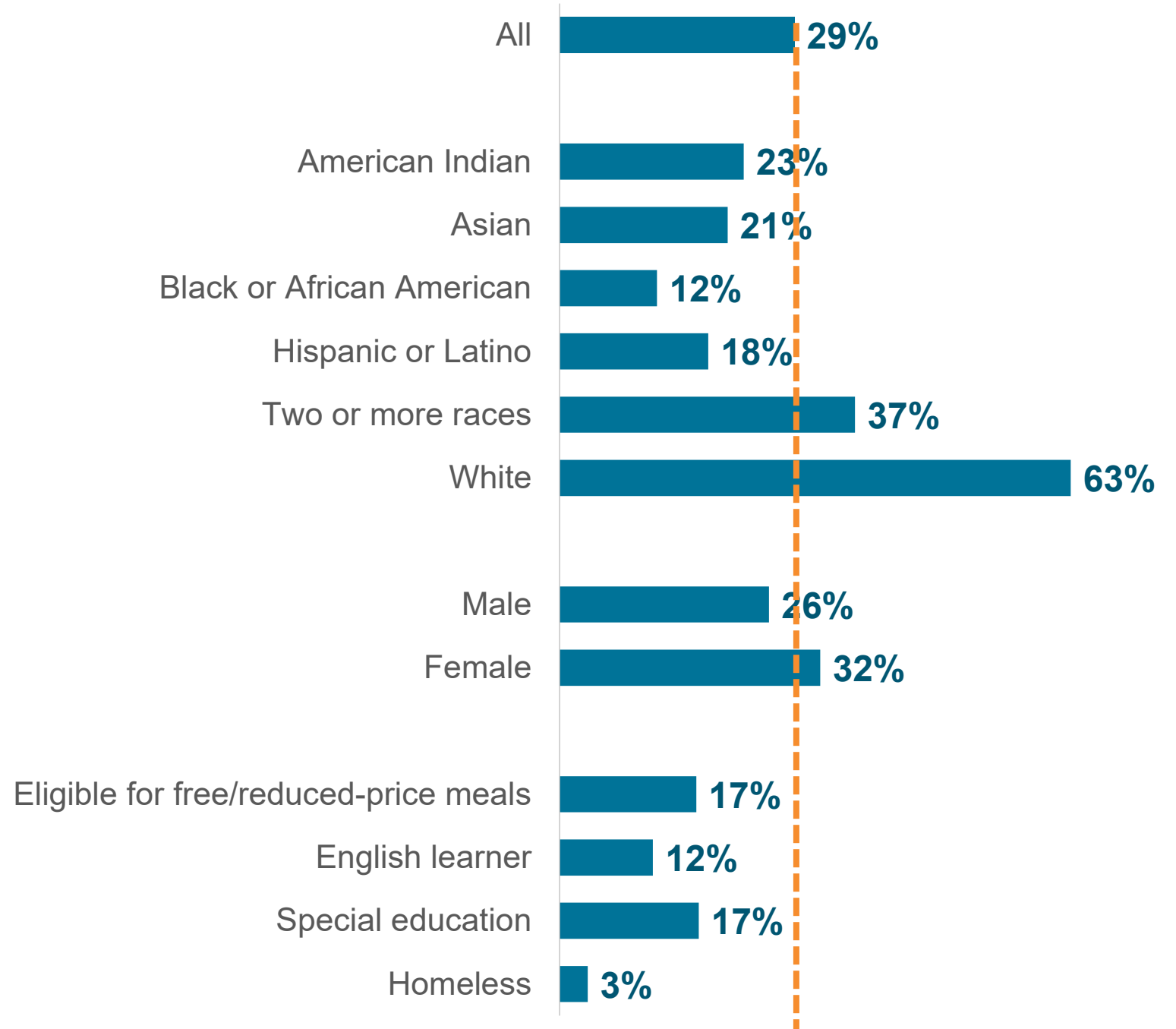
3rd grade students achieving reading standards

Saint Paul Public Schools and
Saint Paul charter schools,
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3rd grade students achieving reading standards

Saint Paul Public Schools
only, 2024



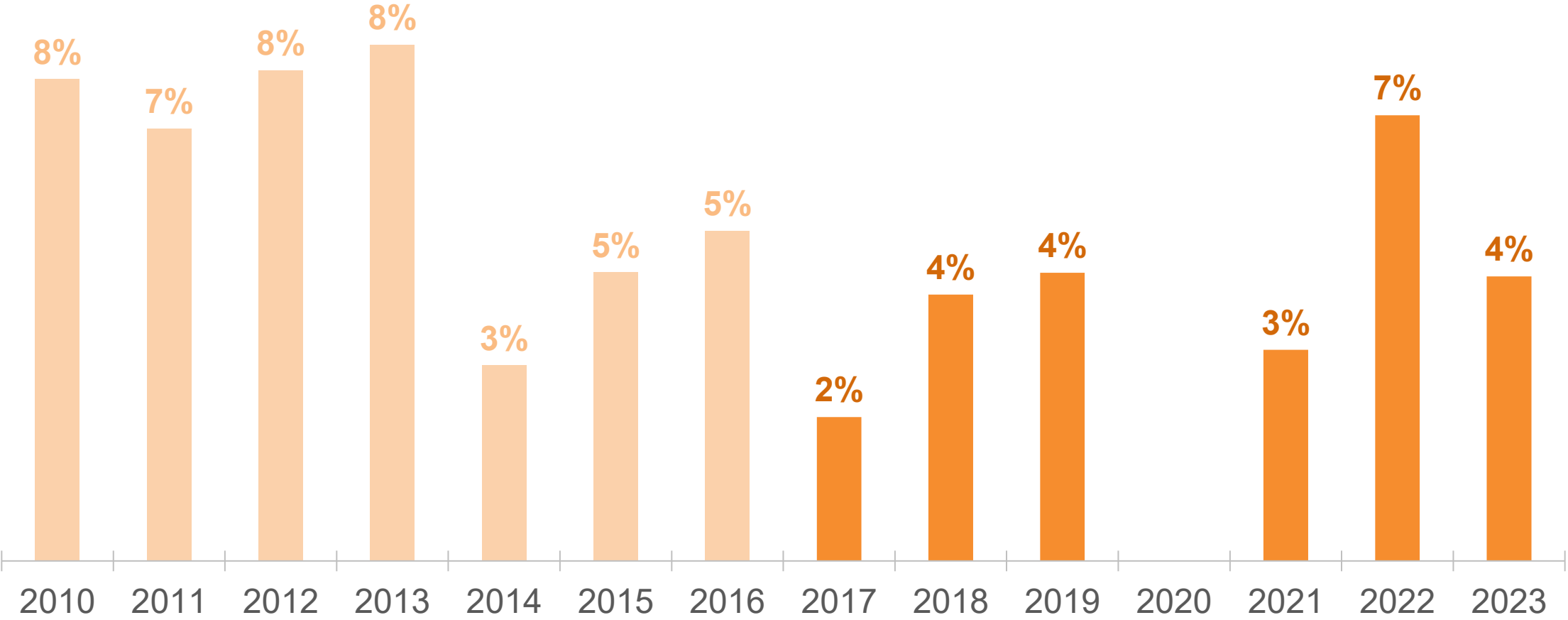
Young people have health coverage

- **Four percent** of children in Saint Paul lack health care coverage. That amounts to 3,300 children and youth (0-18).
- For the most part, Saint Paul uninsured rate for children has hovered around 4% since full implementation of the **Affordable Care Act**.
- Saint Paul's uninsured rate is slightly lower for **young children** (0-5, 3%) and slightly higher for **school-aged children** (6-18, 5%).
- There are no differences between uninsured rates among children **Of Color** and **White** children (5% and 4%, respectively).



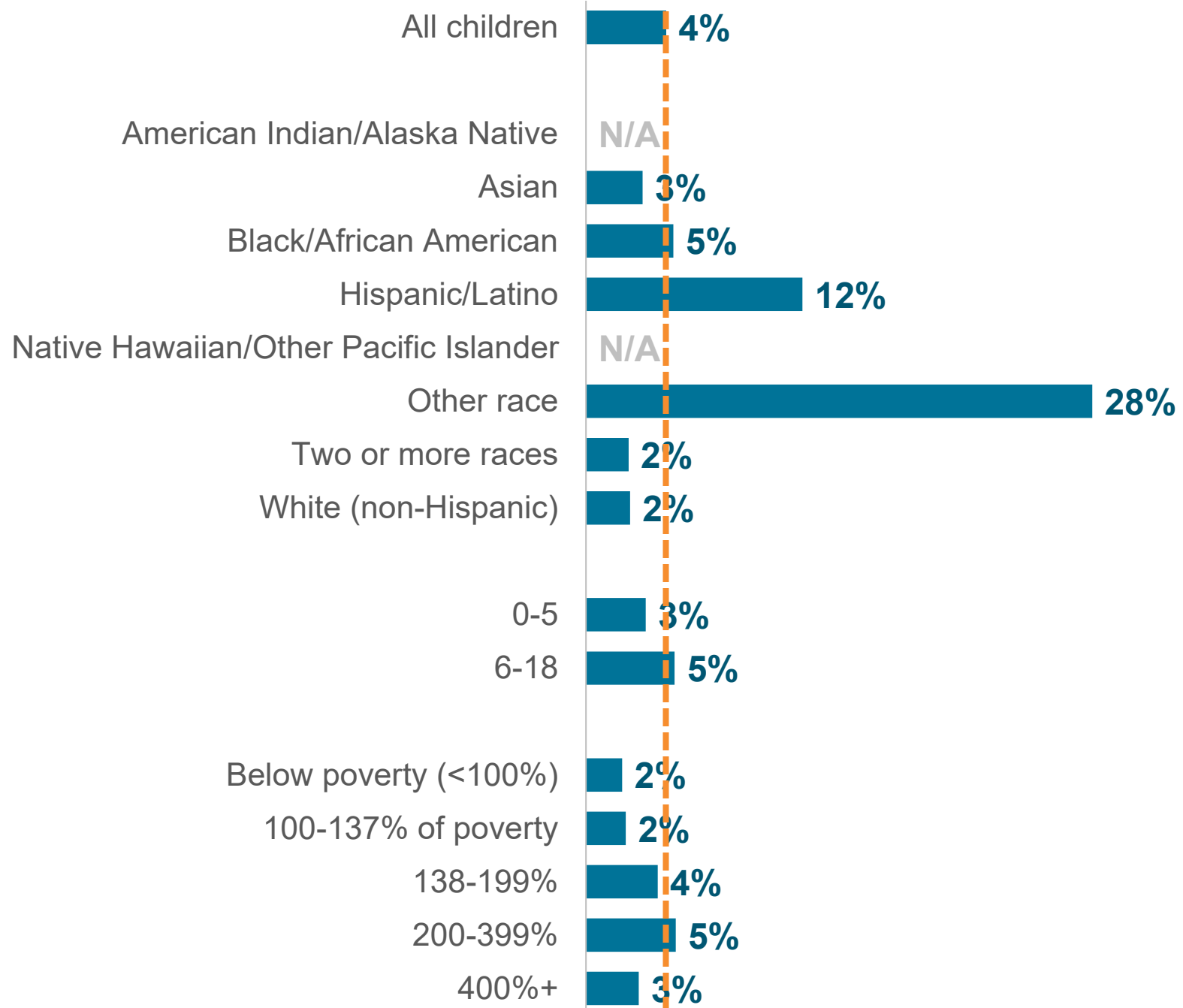
Children without health care coverage

Saint Paul, 2010-2023



Children without health care coverage

Saint Paul, 2019-2023



Young people are connected to caring adults

- By developmental support type, we tend to see the greatest share of students feeling **empowerment**, followed by family/community support and teacher/school support.
- Two-thirds of **Somali** and **White** students meet the threshold to be equipped for learning based on their reported levels of developmental support, the greatest shares across all races and ethnicities. Just over half of **Hmong** students meet the threshold to be equipped for learning, the lowest share across all racial and ethnic groups examined.
- Less than half of students who are in **foster care**, self-identify as **LGBT**, or who have experienced **trauma** report having necessary developmental supports.



Developmental support types

- **Empowerment**

Sense of safety at home, at school, in the neighborhood | Feel valued and appreciated | Feel included in family roles | Have responsibilities

- **Family/Community support**

Ability to talk with mother (if available) | Feel cared for by parents, other adult relatives, friends, and other adults in the community

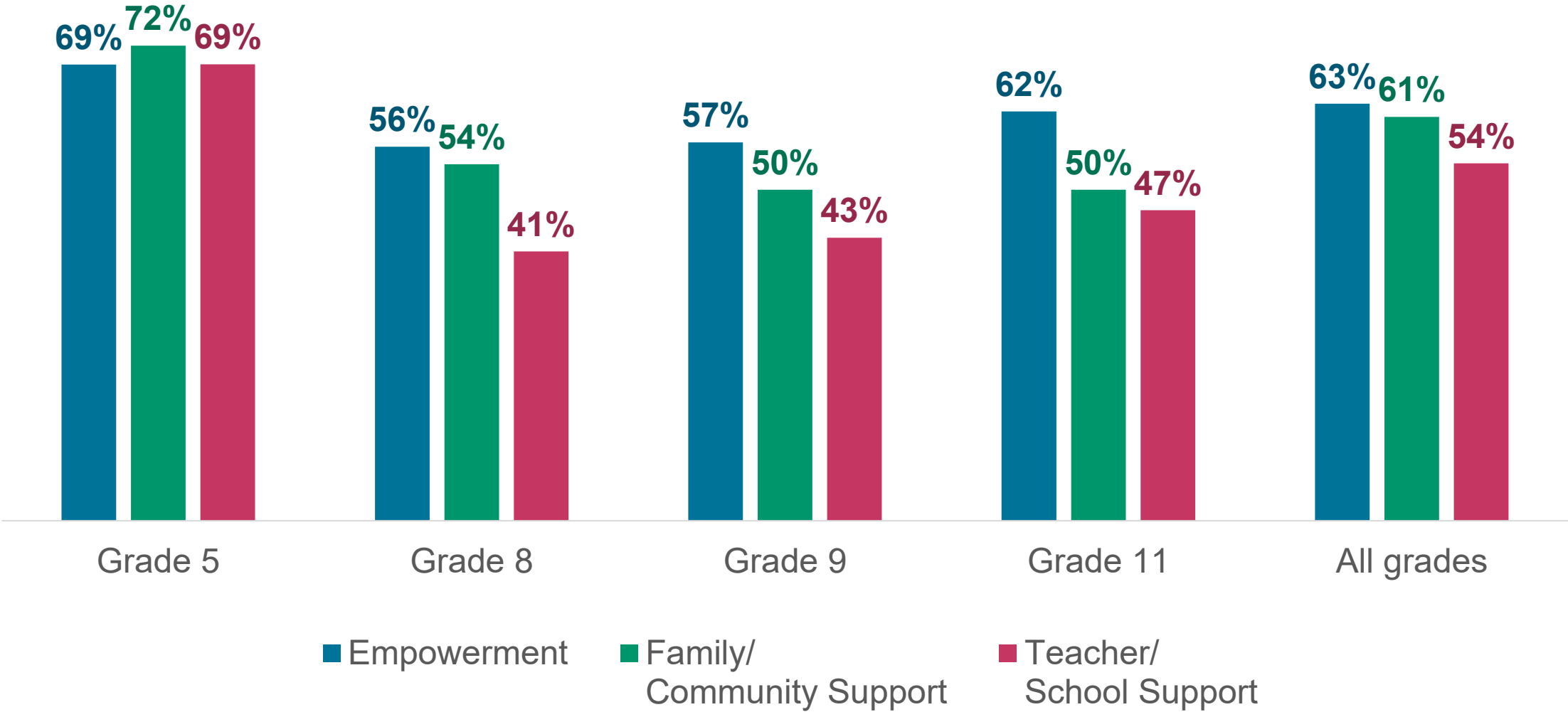
- **Teacher/School support**

Belief that adults at school treat students fairly and listen to students | Feel that school rules are fair | Feel that teachers care about students and care about and are interested in them



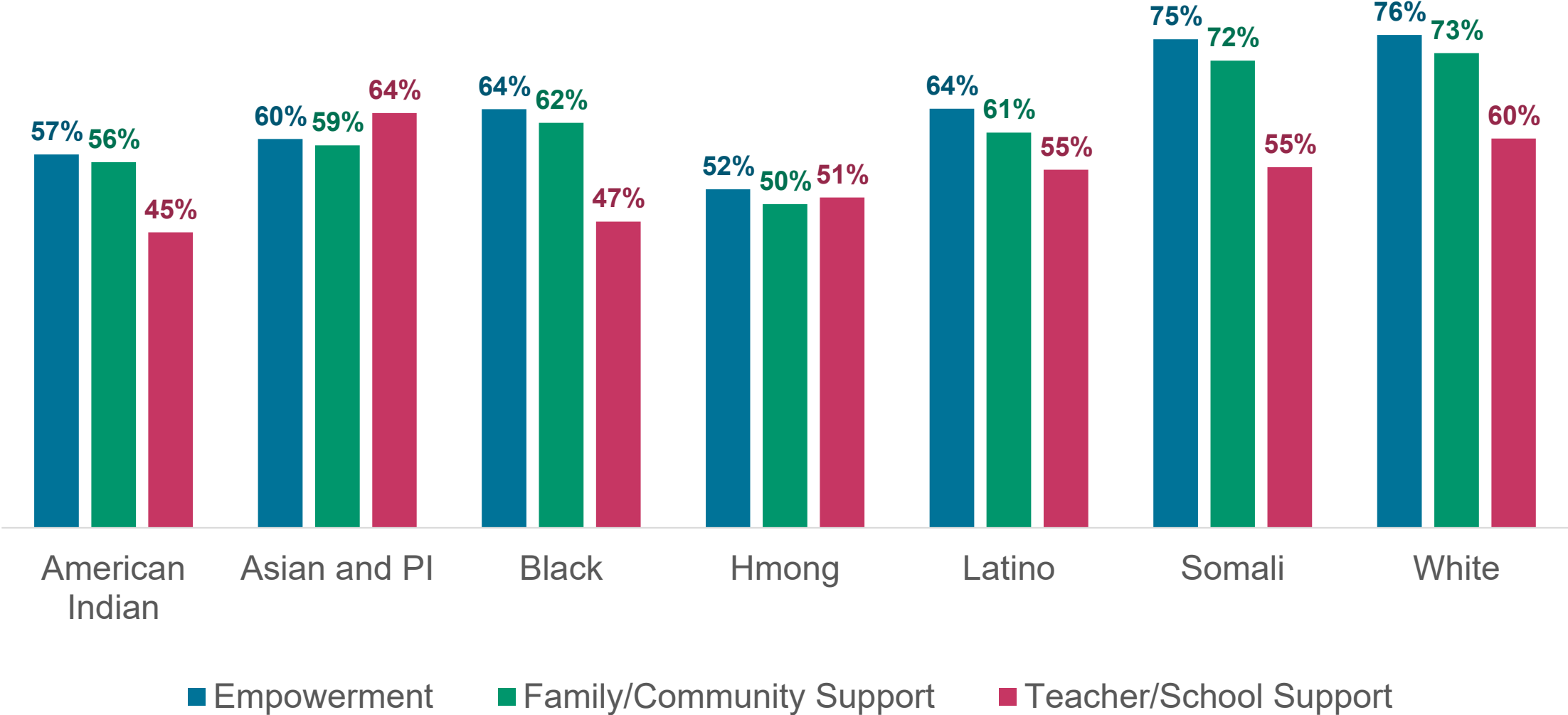
Students equipped for learning by grade and developmental support type

Saint Paul Public Schools, 2019



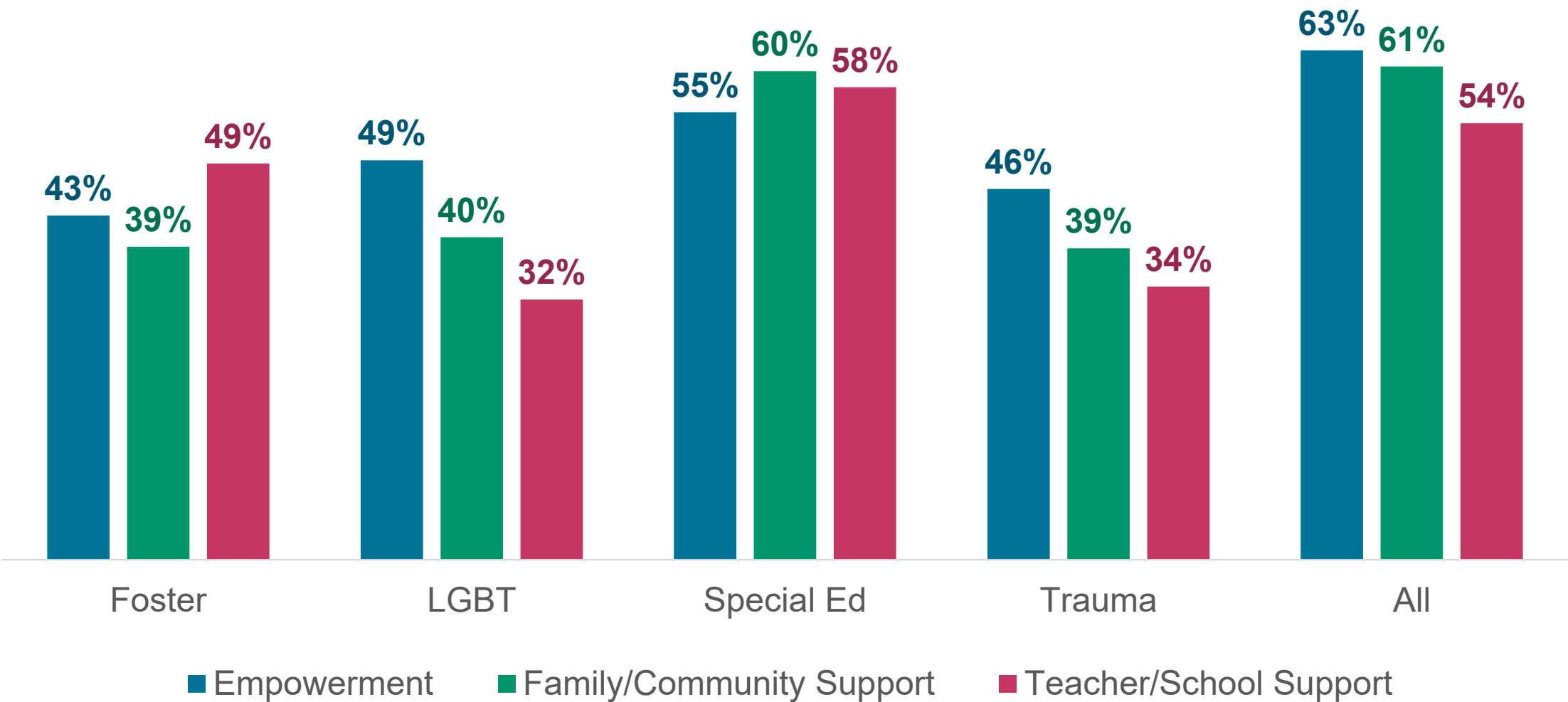
Students equipped for learning by race/ethnicity and developmental support type

Saint Paul, 2019



Students equipped for learning by special population and developmental support type

Saint Paul, 2019



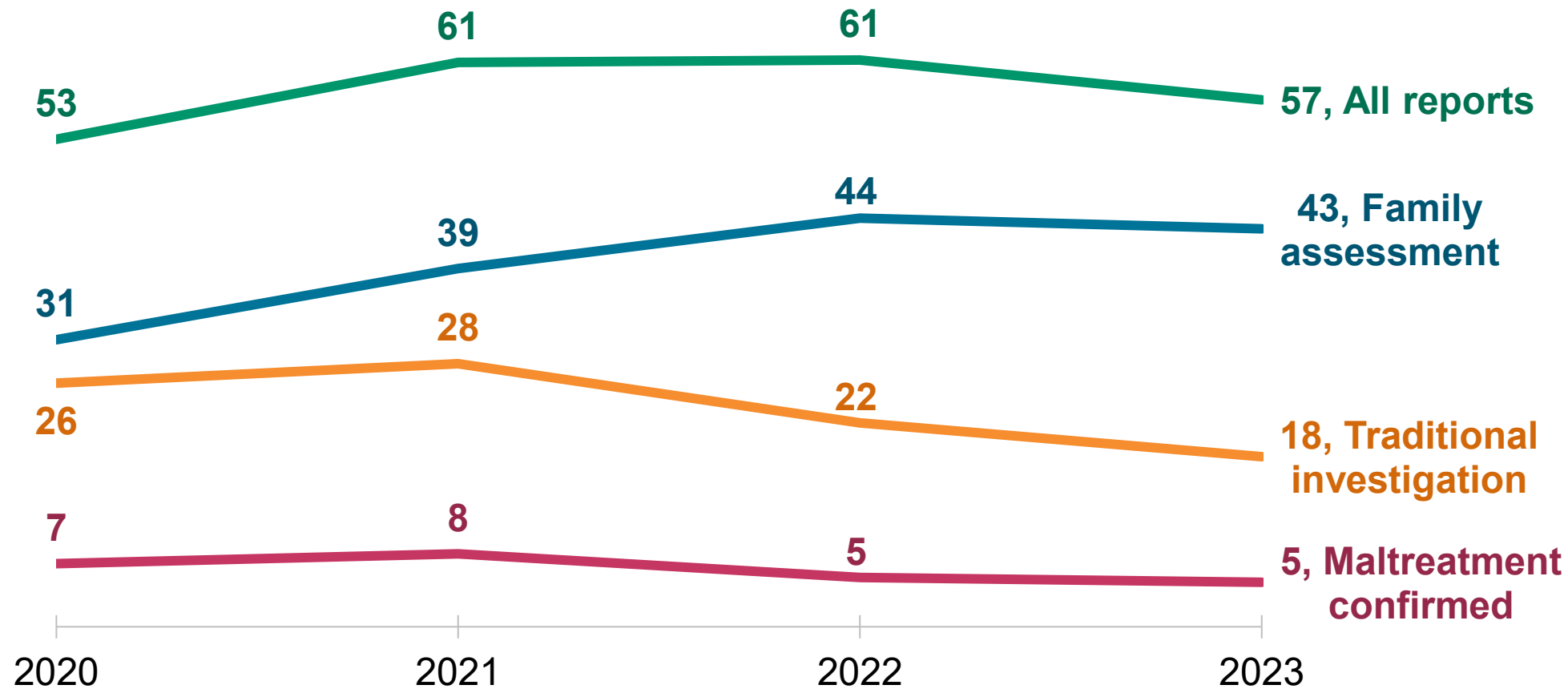
Young people are safe and free from child abuse and neglect

- There have been **slight decreases** in reports and confirmed cases of child maltreatment in recent years.
- While confirmed cases of neglect, physical abuse, and mental injury have declined over the last two years, confirmed cases of **sexual abuse** have remained steady.
- By race and ethnicity, there have been declines in confirmed cases of child maltreatment among **Asian/Pacific Islander**, **Black**, and **Latine** children.
- Across all Saint Paul children, the largest category of confirmed child maltreatment cases involve **neglect**. But there are differences across races and ethnicities.



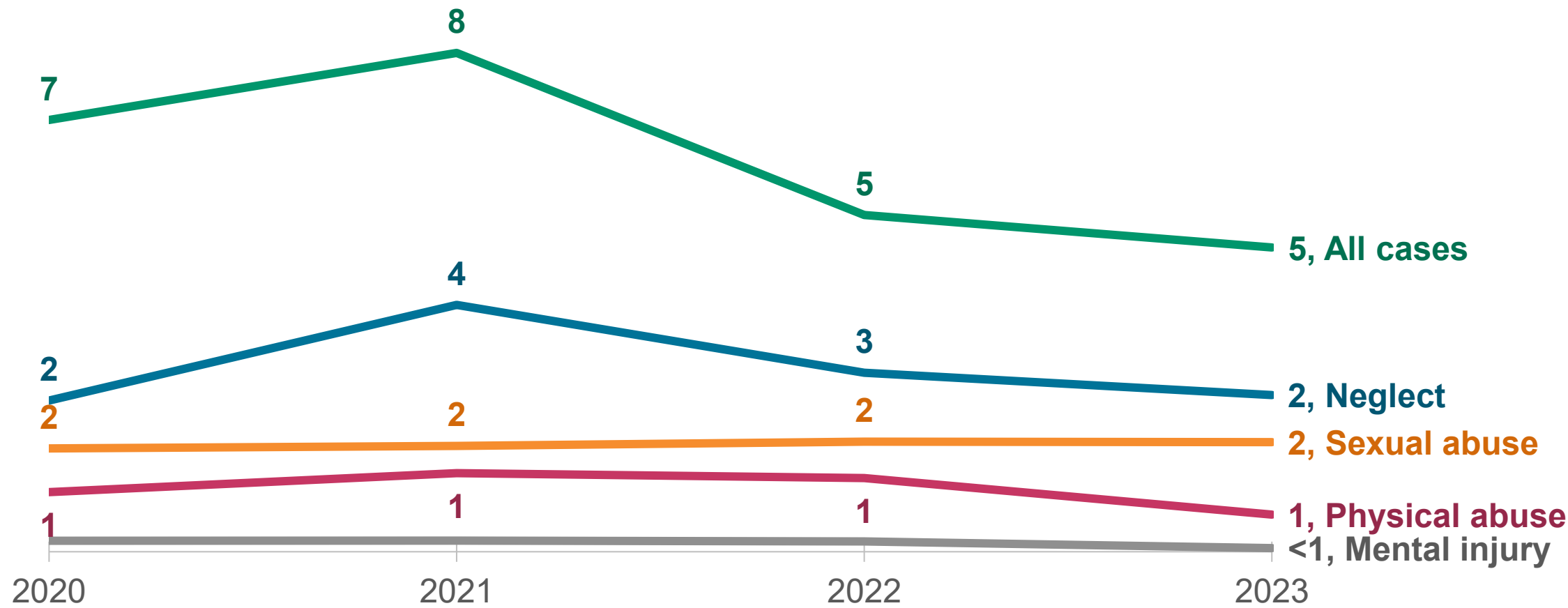
Child maltreatment reports and outcomes per 1,000 children

Saint Paul, 2020-2023



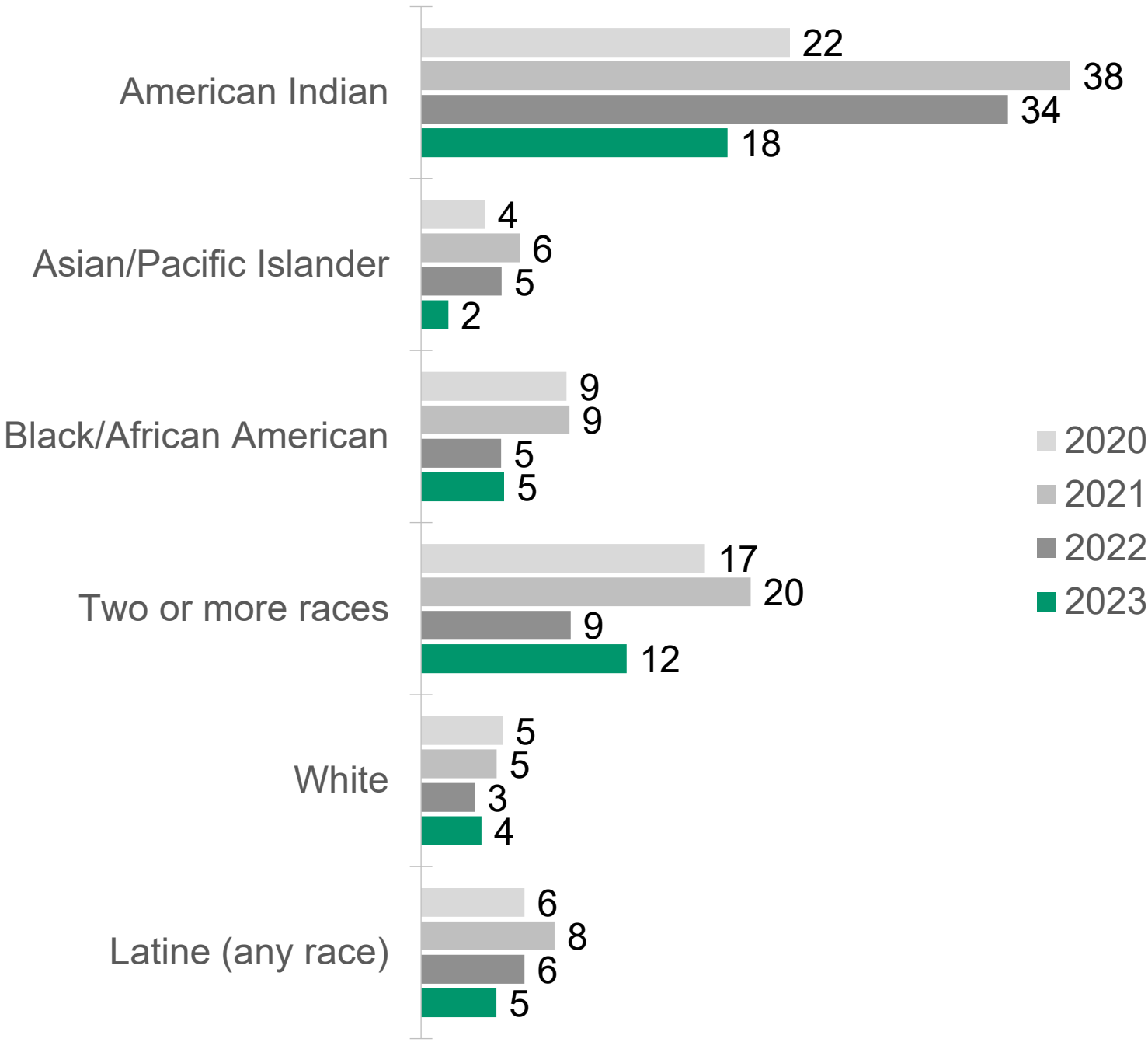
Confirmed maltreatment cases by type per 1,000 children

Saint Paul, 2020-2023



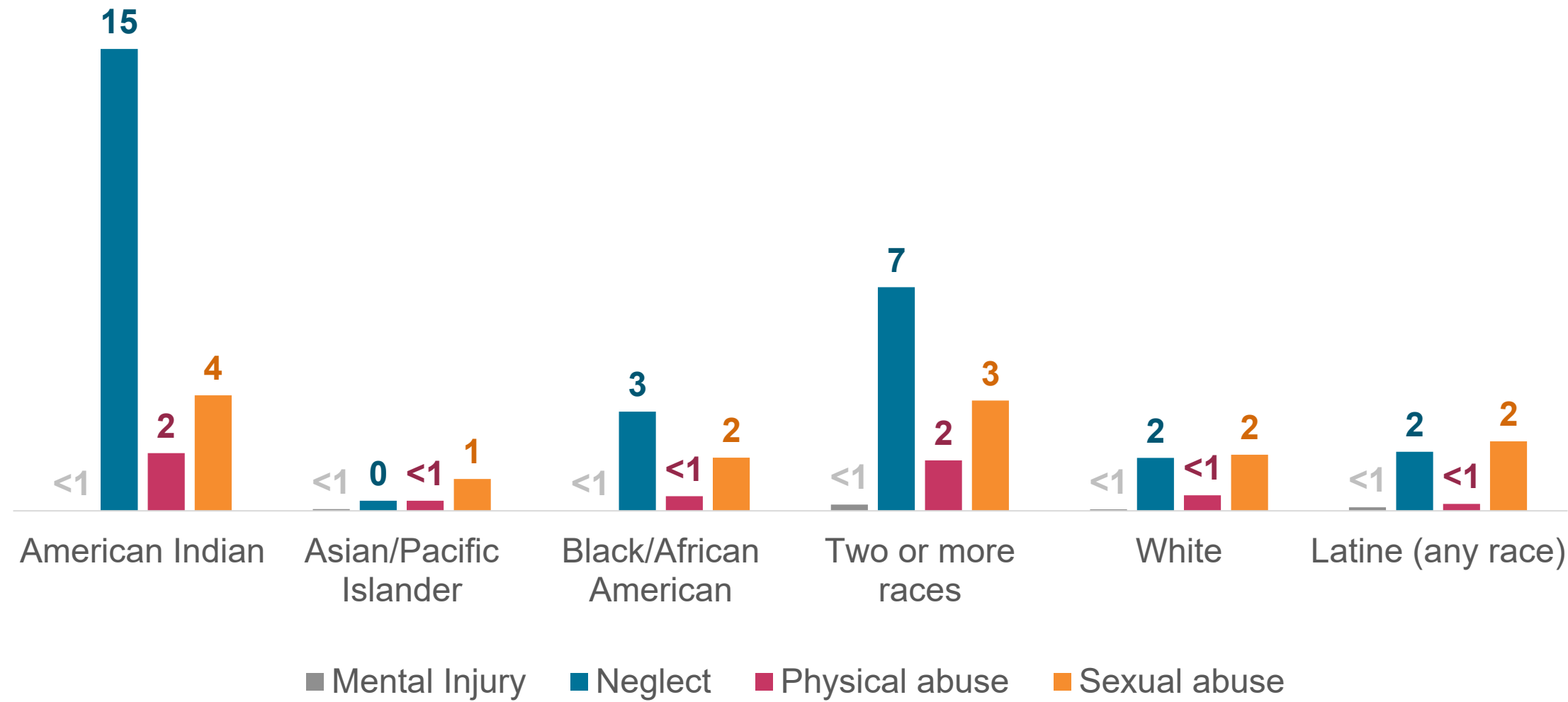
Confirmed maltreatment cases per 1,000 children by race / ethnicity

Saint Paul, 2020-2023



Confirmed maltreatment cases per 1,000 children by race/ethnicity and type

Saint Paul, 2020-2023

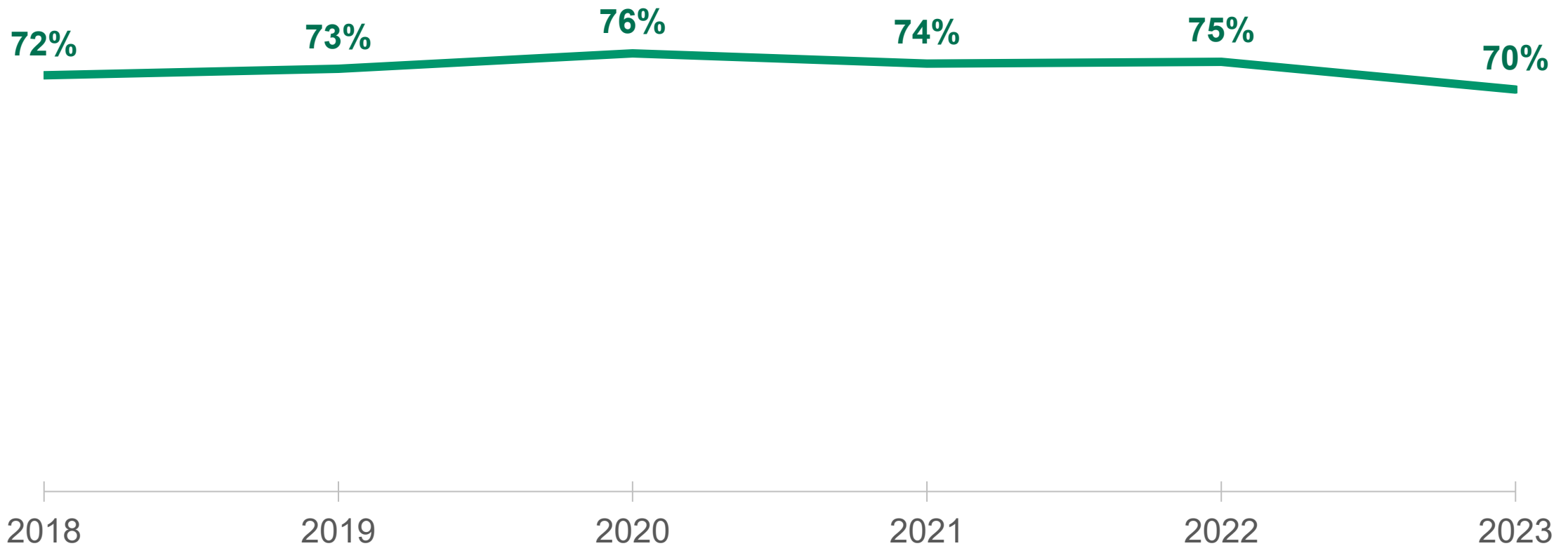


Young people graduate from high school

- In 2023, citywide, **70%** of students in public schools in Saint Paul (including charters) graduated within four years, the **lowest** on-time graduation rate in the past six years.
- **68%** of students in Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) graduated within four years, while on-time graduation rates in Saint Paul's charters range from **9%** to **97%**.
- In SPPS, on-time graduation rates are at least 10 percentage points lower than the district average for **American Indian** students, **Hispanic and Latino** students, and several **unique student subpopulations**.

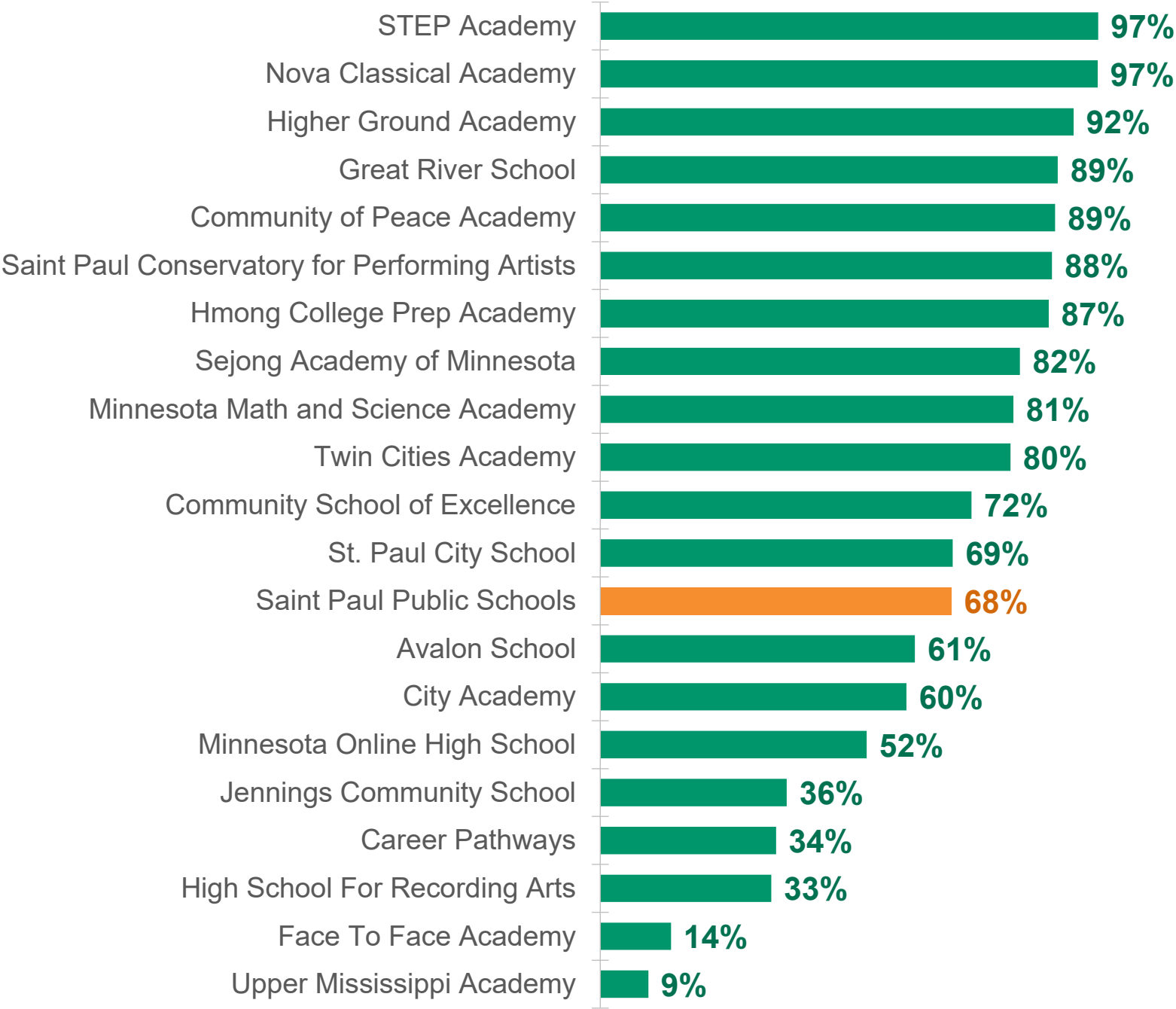
Students graduating high school on time

All public schools in the city of Saint Paul (including charters), 2018-2023



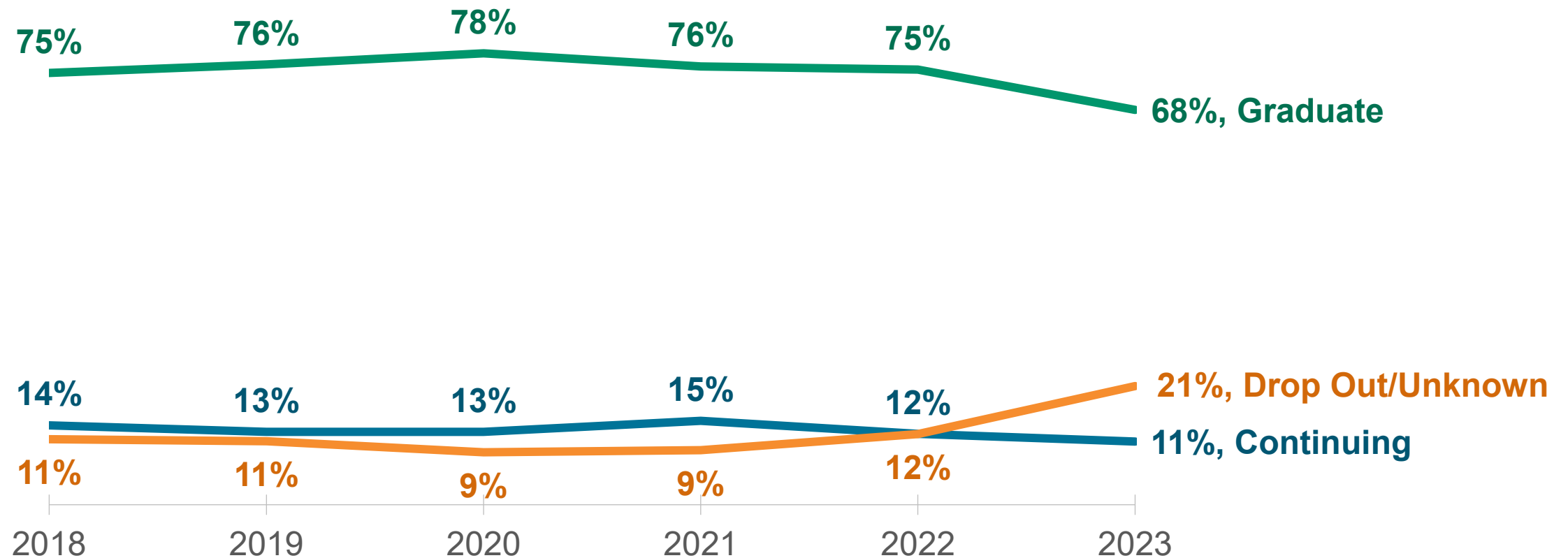
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Saint Paul Public Schools and Saint Paul charter schools, 2023



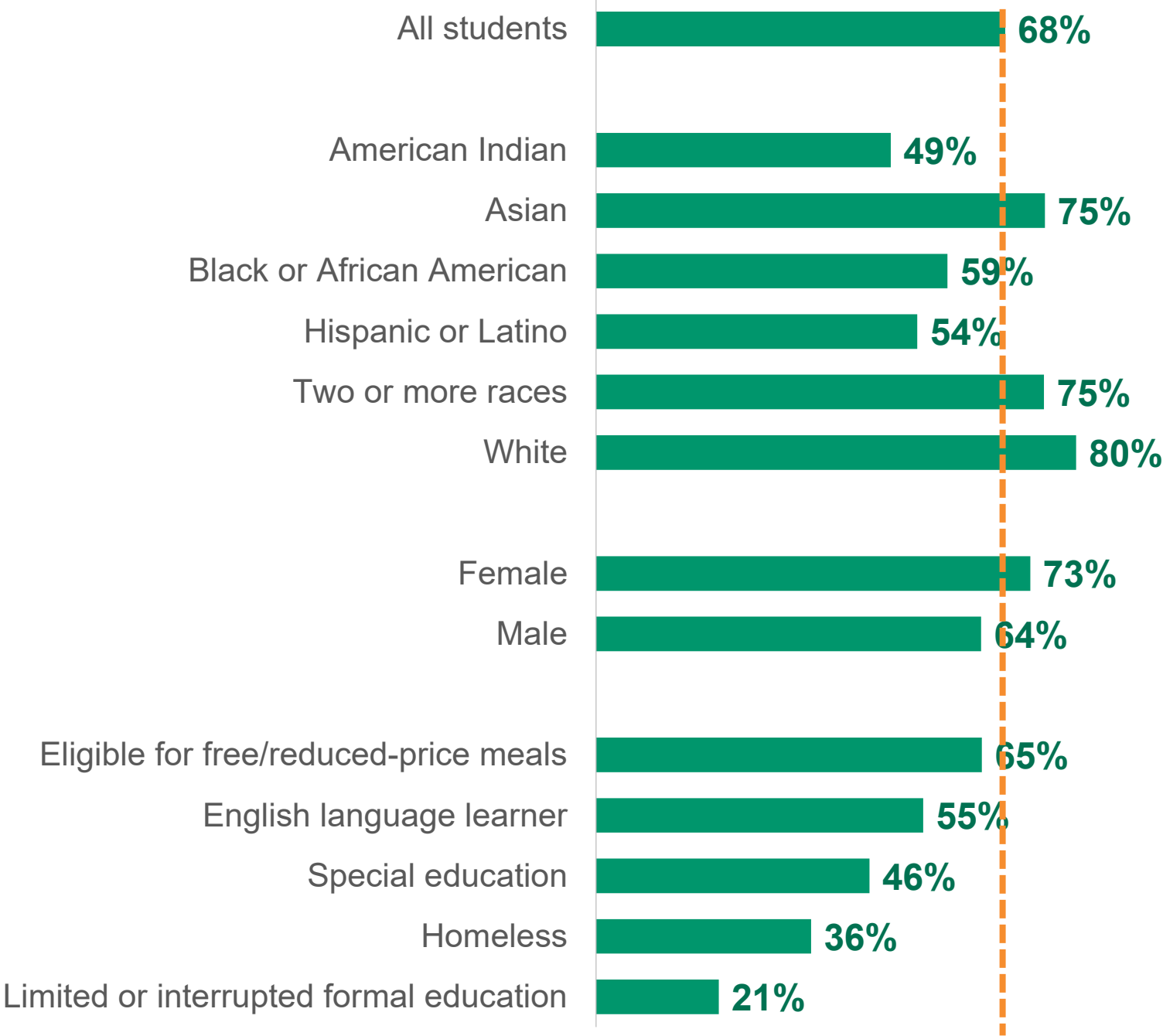
Student outcomes after four years of high school

Saint Paul Public Schools only, 2018-2023



Students graduating high school on time by subgroup

Saint Paul Public Schools only, 2023





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