



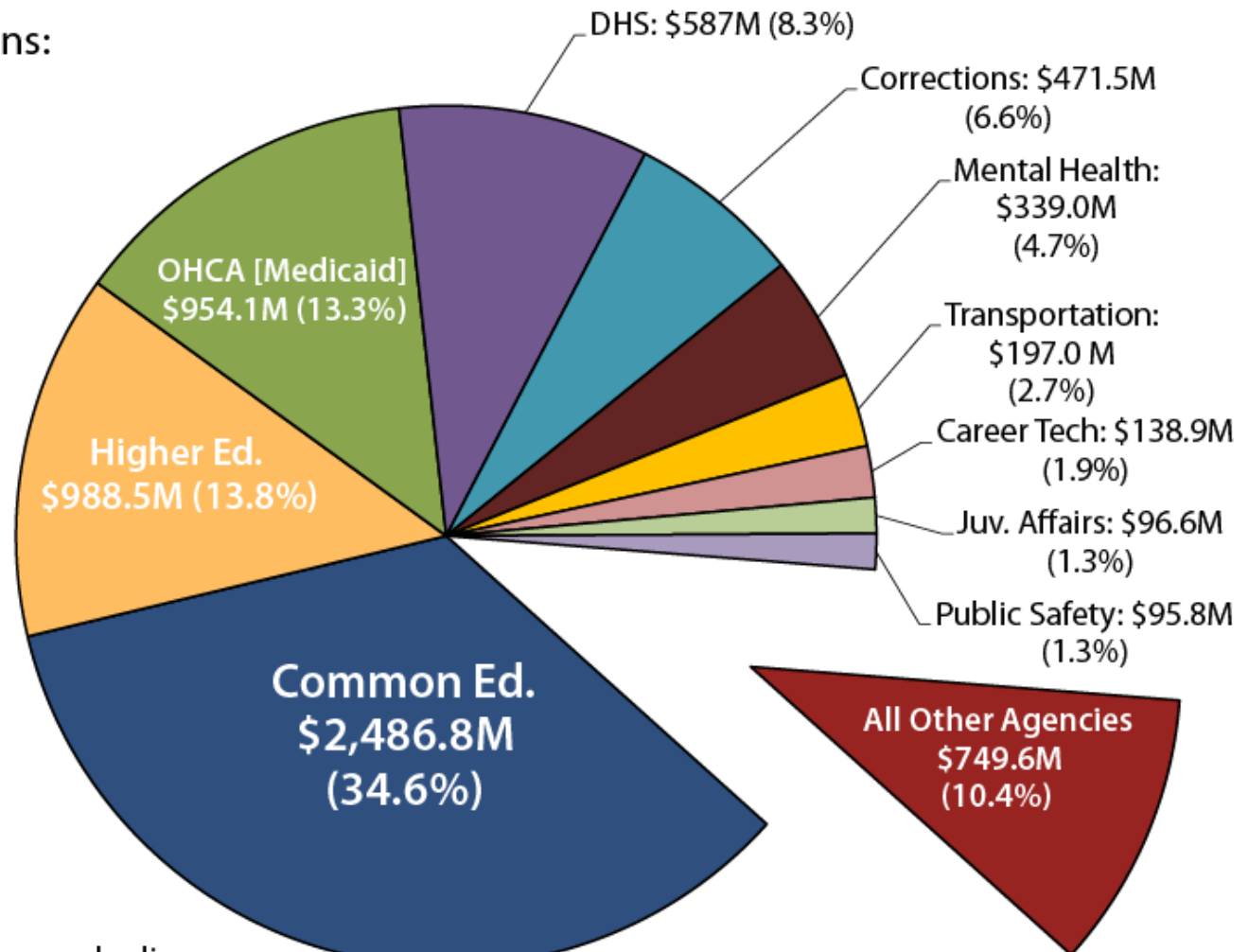
Oklahoma's Biggest Job

Common and higher education make up nearly half of state appropriations (FY '13)

FY 2015 Appropriations to Ten Largest Agencies

Total Appropriations:
\$7,193.3M

Total Ten Largest:
\$6,443.7M (89.6%)

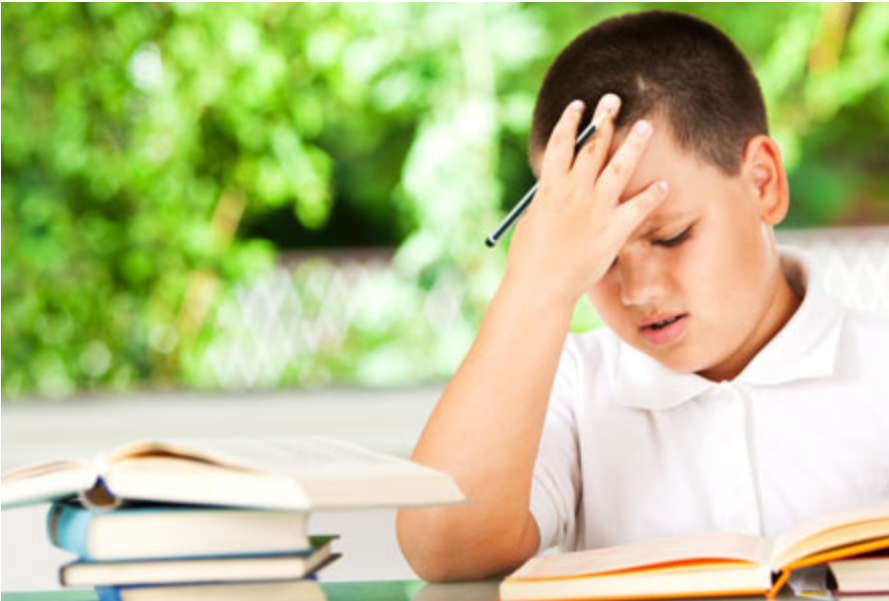


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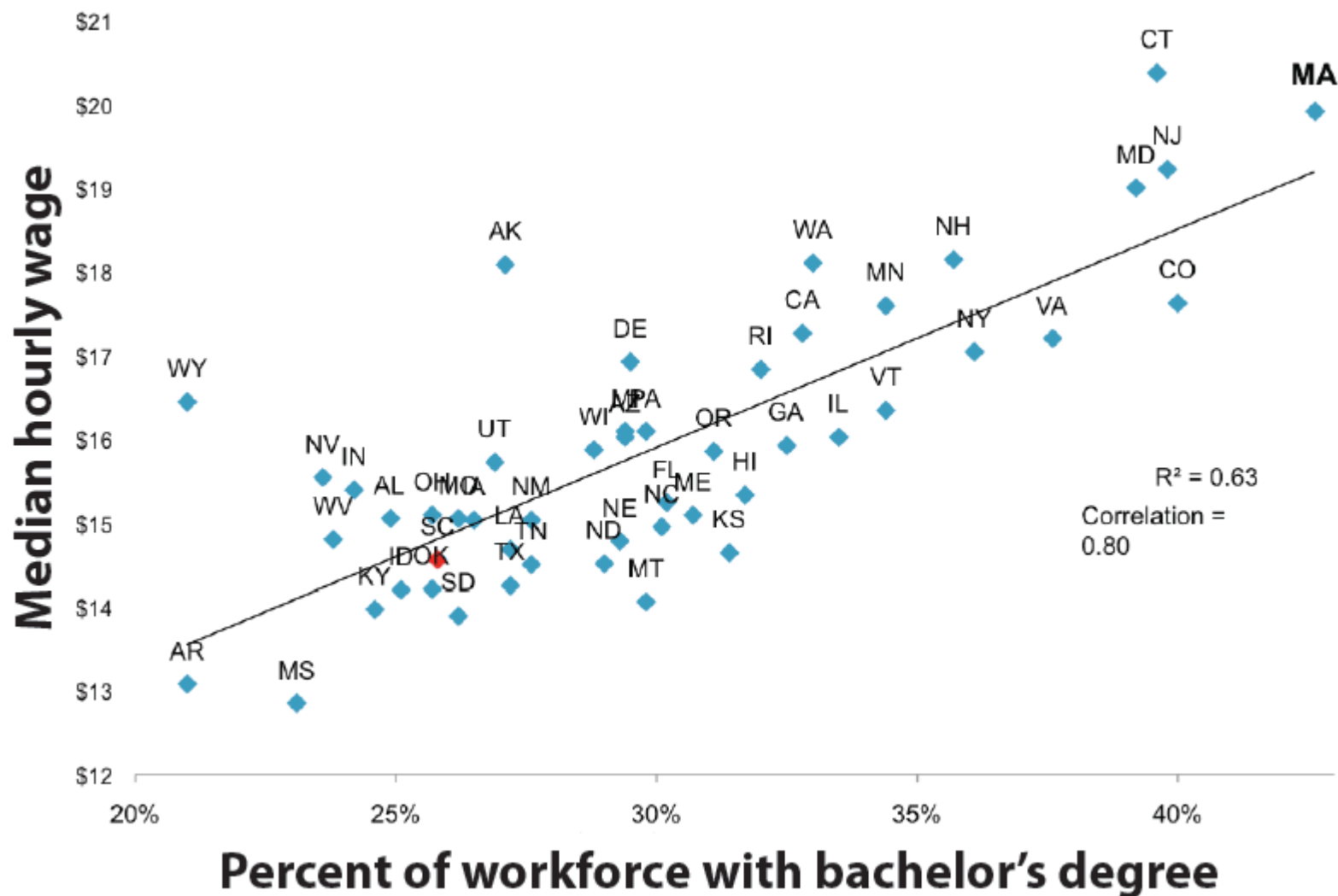
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Oklahoma has comparatively low student performance and educational attainment



- 11th lowest 4th grade math scores and 12th lowest 4th grade reading scores out of all 50 states
(2013, National Center for Education Statistics)
- 31.0 percent of Oklahomans have an Associate's degree or better, below the national average of 37.2 percent
(2012, American Community Survey)

Strong Correlation Between Education and Wages



Source: Economic Policy Institute analysis of Current Population Survey

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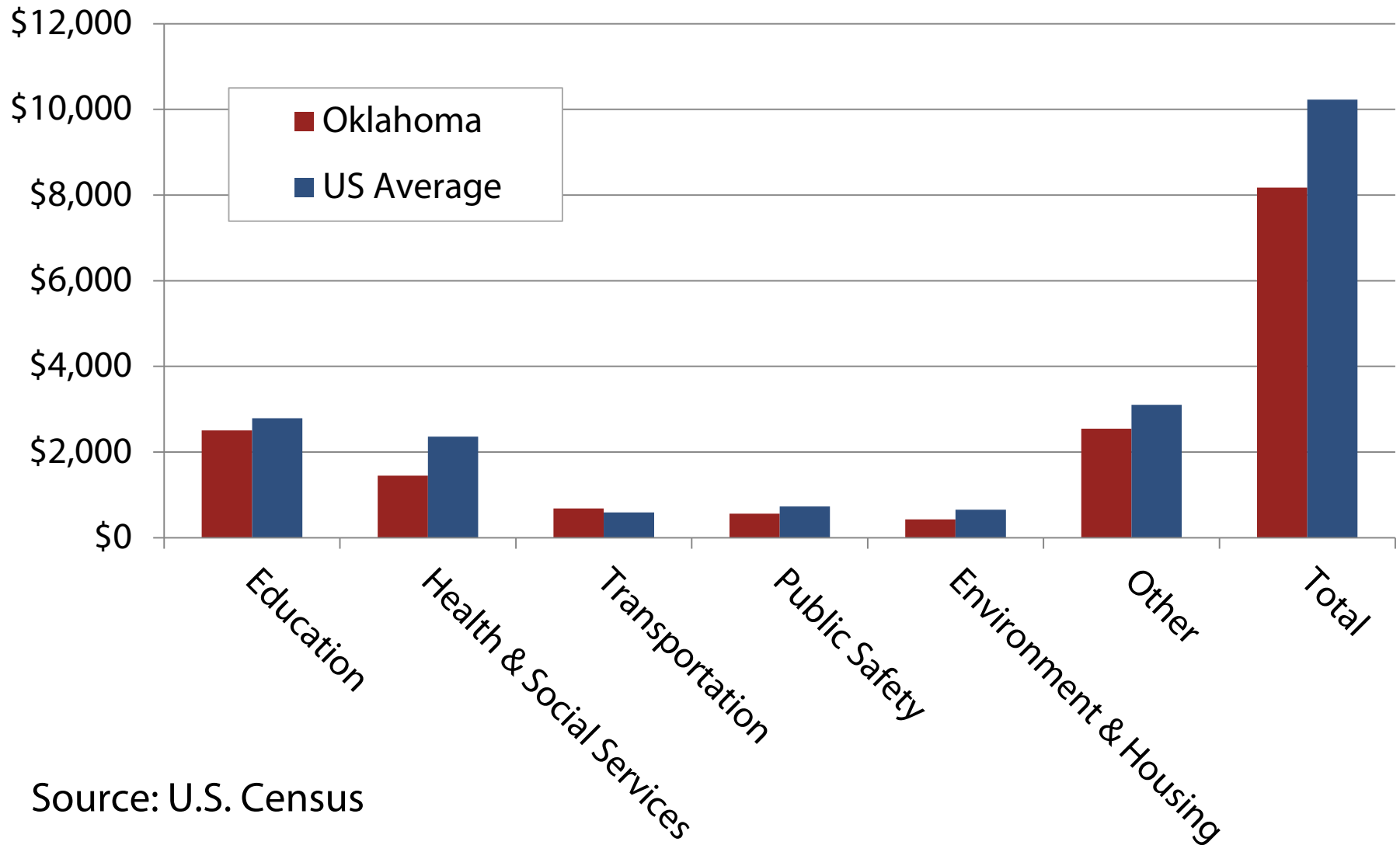
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Oklahoma invests less than most states in our public structures.

State and Local Spending Per Person by Function, 2010-11

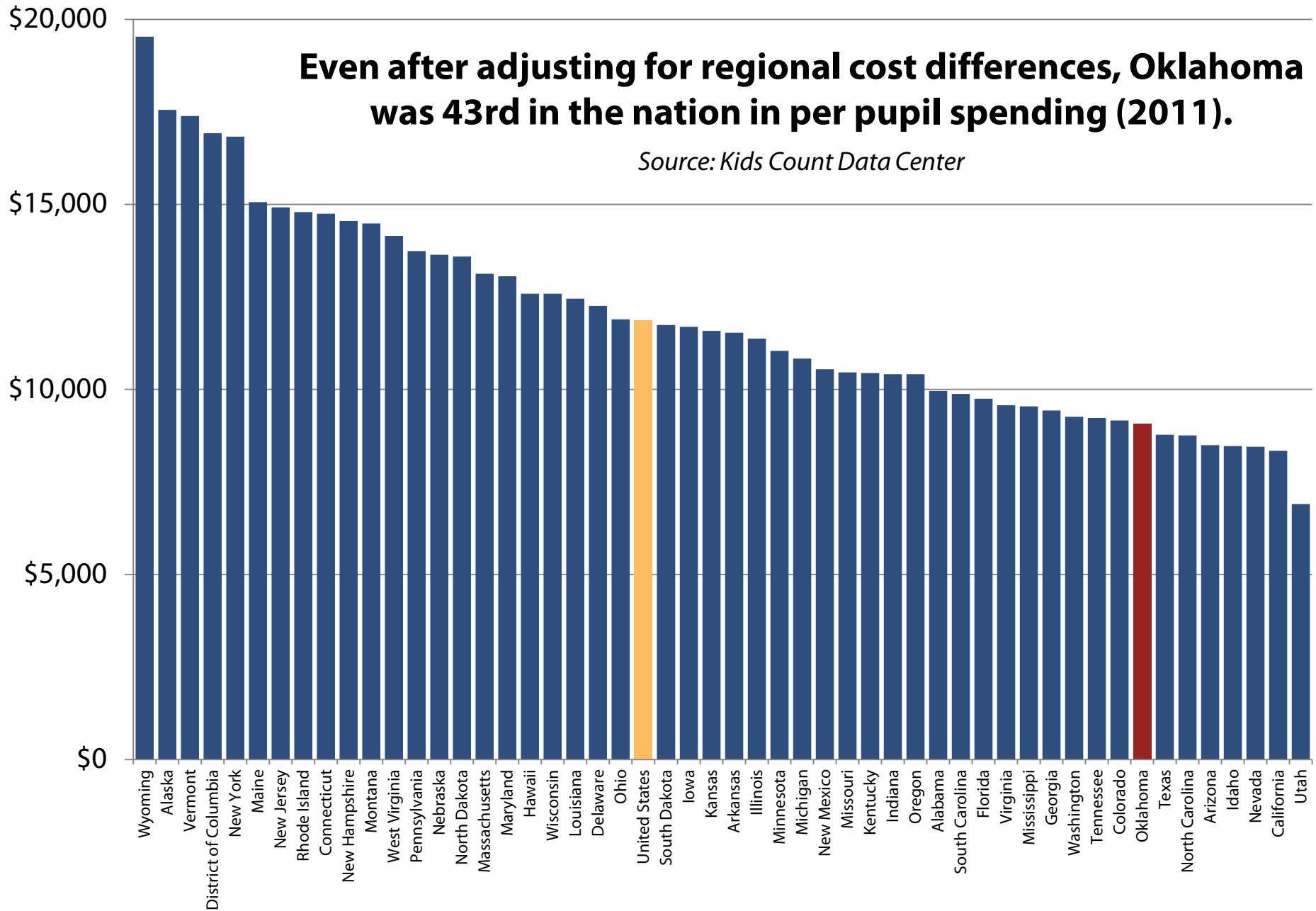


Source: U.S. Census

We spend less on education than most states

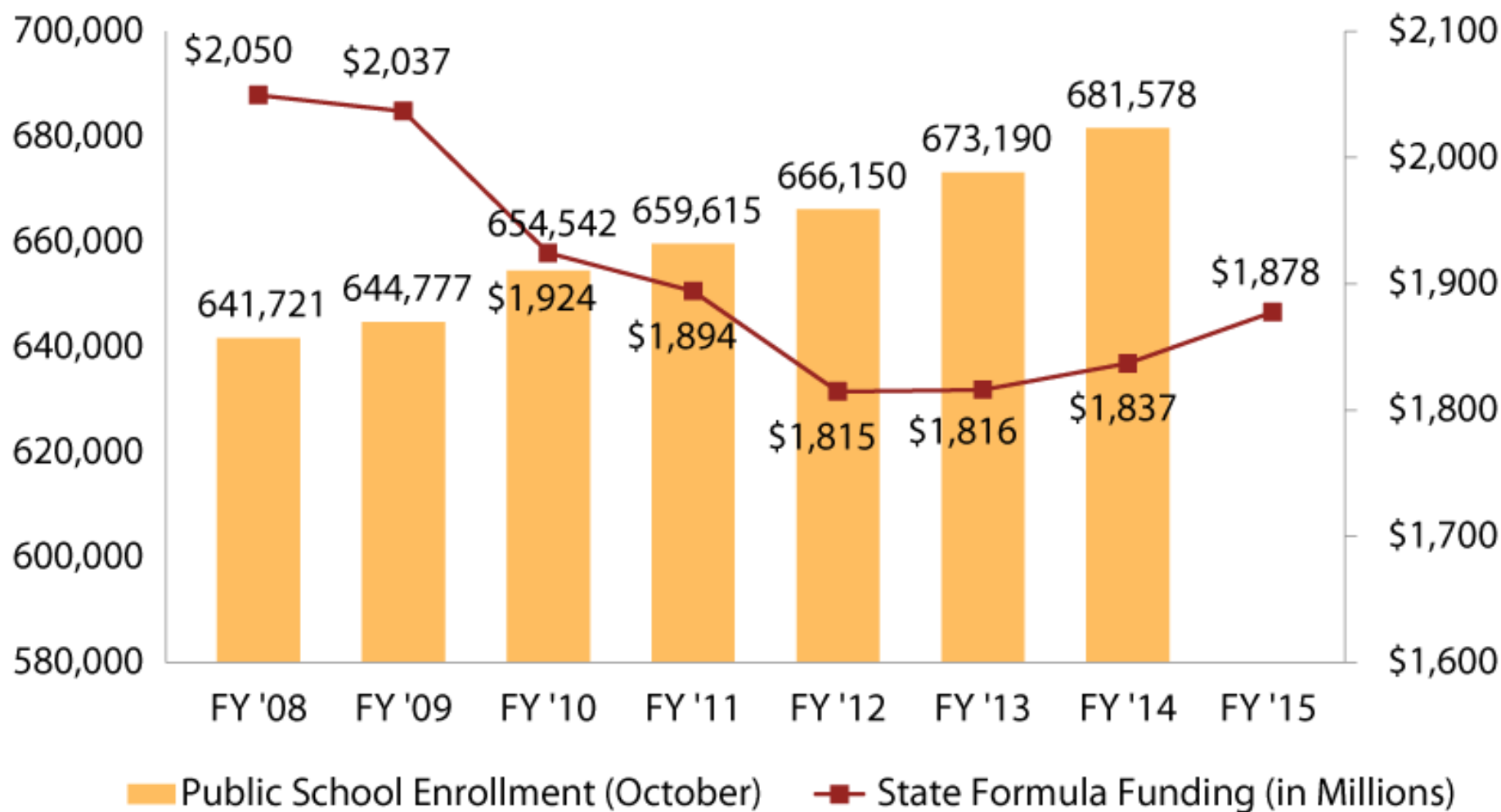
Even after adjusting for regional cost differences, Oklahoma was 43rd in the nation in per pupil spending (2011).

Source: Kids Count Data Center



State aid funding has not kept up with enrollment.

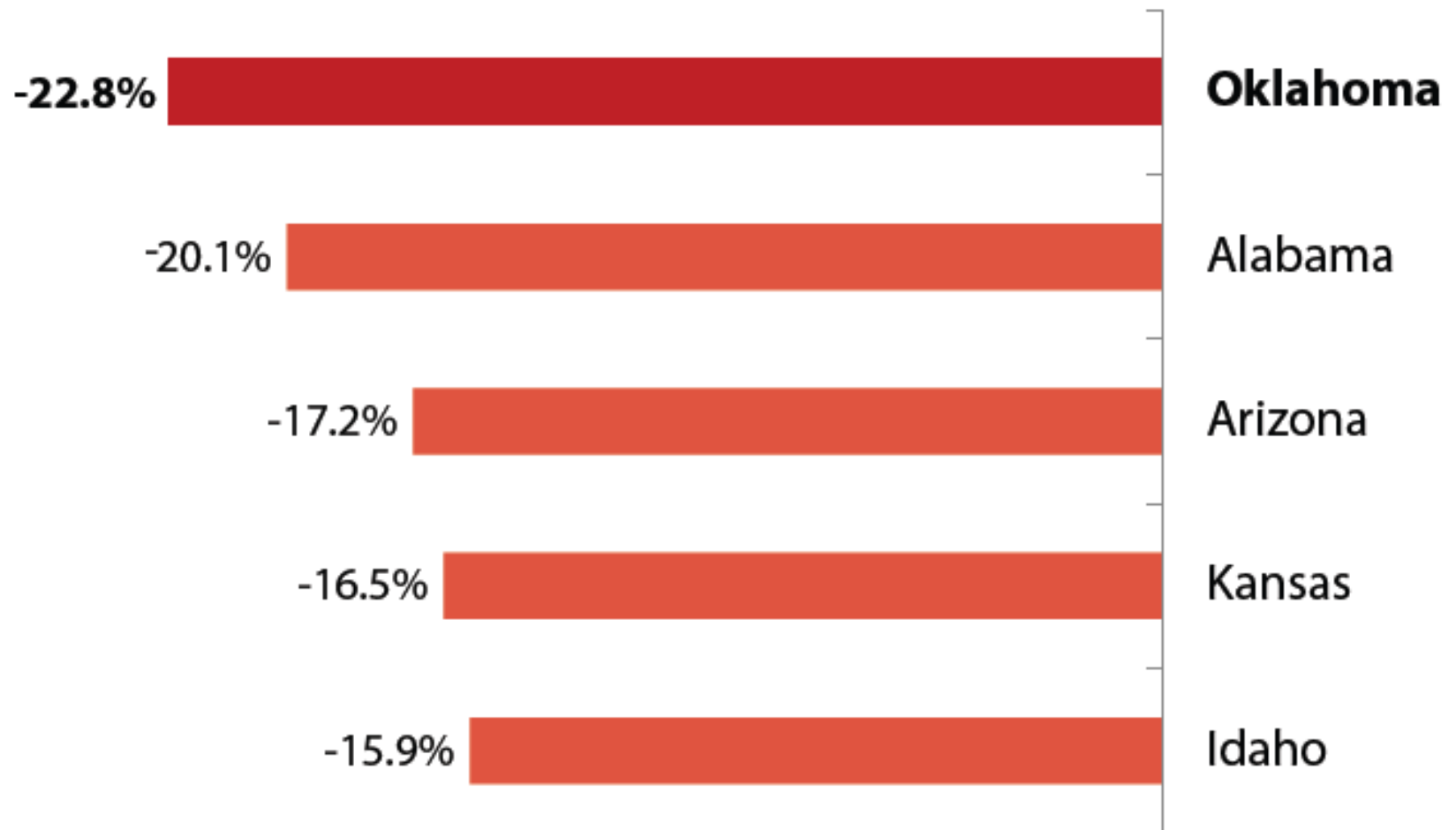
**Public School Enrollment and State Formula Funding (in millions),
FY 2008 to FY 2015**



Note: State Funding excludes money allocated for textbooks

Five Worst K-12 School Funding Cuts Since 2008

Percent change in spending per student, inflation adjusted, FY08 to FY14



Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

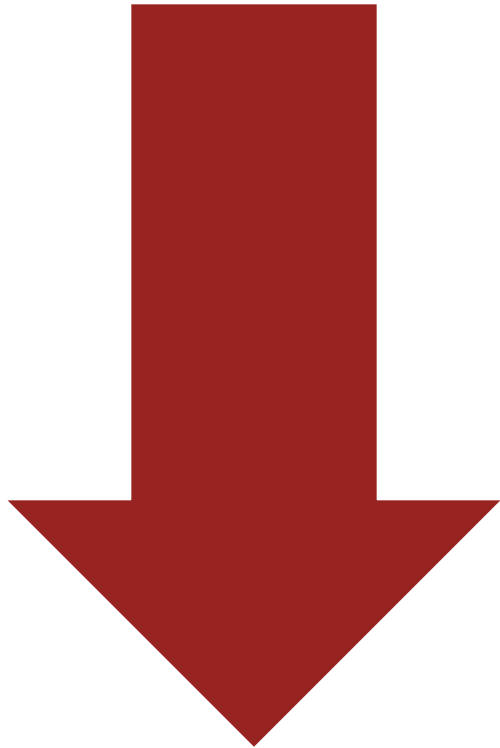
Schools Are Losing Funding In Multiple Ways



- The SQ 766 ban on intangible property taxes approved by Oklahoma voters in 2012 cost \$40.4 million to schools last year. The \$23 million tax break for AT&T alone exceeds the \$21.5 million increase in state aid funding in the FY 2014 budget.
- Federal budget cuts due to sequestration are estimated to cost Oklahoma schools \$12.2 million last year. These cuts especially hurt high-poverty (Title I) schools, Head Start, and programs for children with disabilities.

Impact of Funding Cuts

42,355



Oklahoma lost more than 500 teachers from the 2009-2010 to the 2012-2013 school year.

Source: National Education Association

41,832

Impact of Funding Cuts

“It used to be if you posted a middle school teaching job with a coaching position attached to it or an elementary school job, you would get 40 applicants for the job. Now, we are getting four, maybe five. And some of those haven’t even passed their certification test yet.”

-Todd Garrison, superintendent at Lone Grove Public Schools

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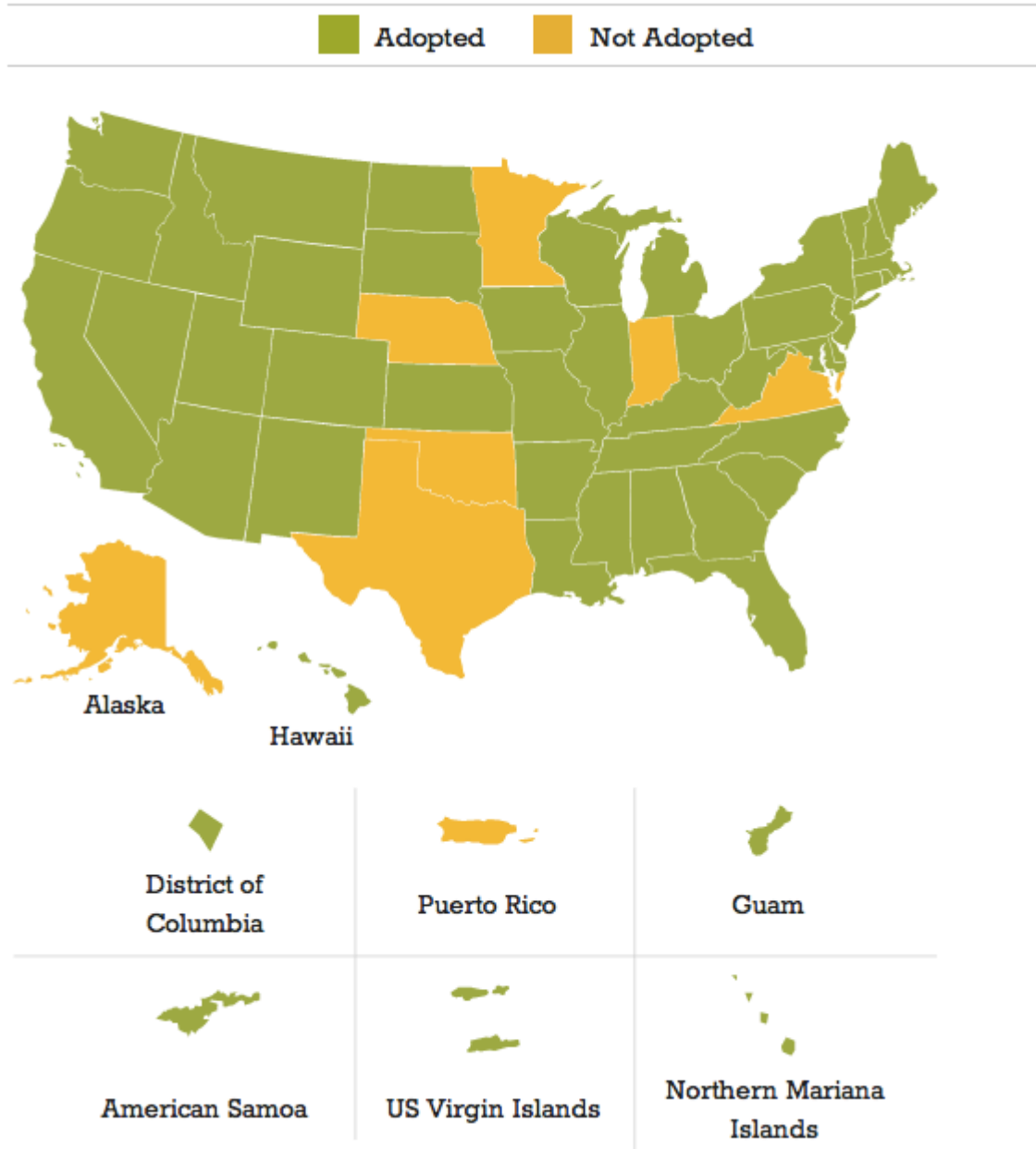


- Department of Education eliminated funding for adult education, alternative education, research-based teacher training programs, evaluation contracts, and other programs.
- Despite new testing requirements, funding reduced for ACE remediation and eliminated for Reading Sufficiency in FY '13.
- Mandates to update textbooks and keep class sizes low have been suspended since the recession.

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How Many States Have Adopted Common Core?



Source: Vox



...what governors can do to more closely align common education, universities, community and technical colleges and workforce training providers with future labor demands.



China need[s] to raise people's science awareness and education levels, and train skilled and qualified personnel in order to achieve modernization goals.

 **COMMON CORE
COMMUNIST STANDARDS?**

www.RestoreOkPublicEducation.com

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**The need
for data.**

The cost of data.

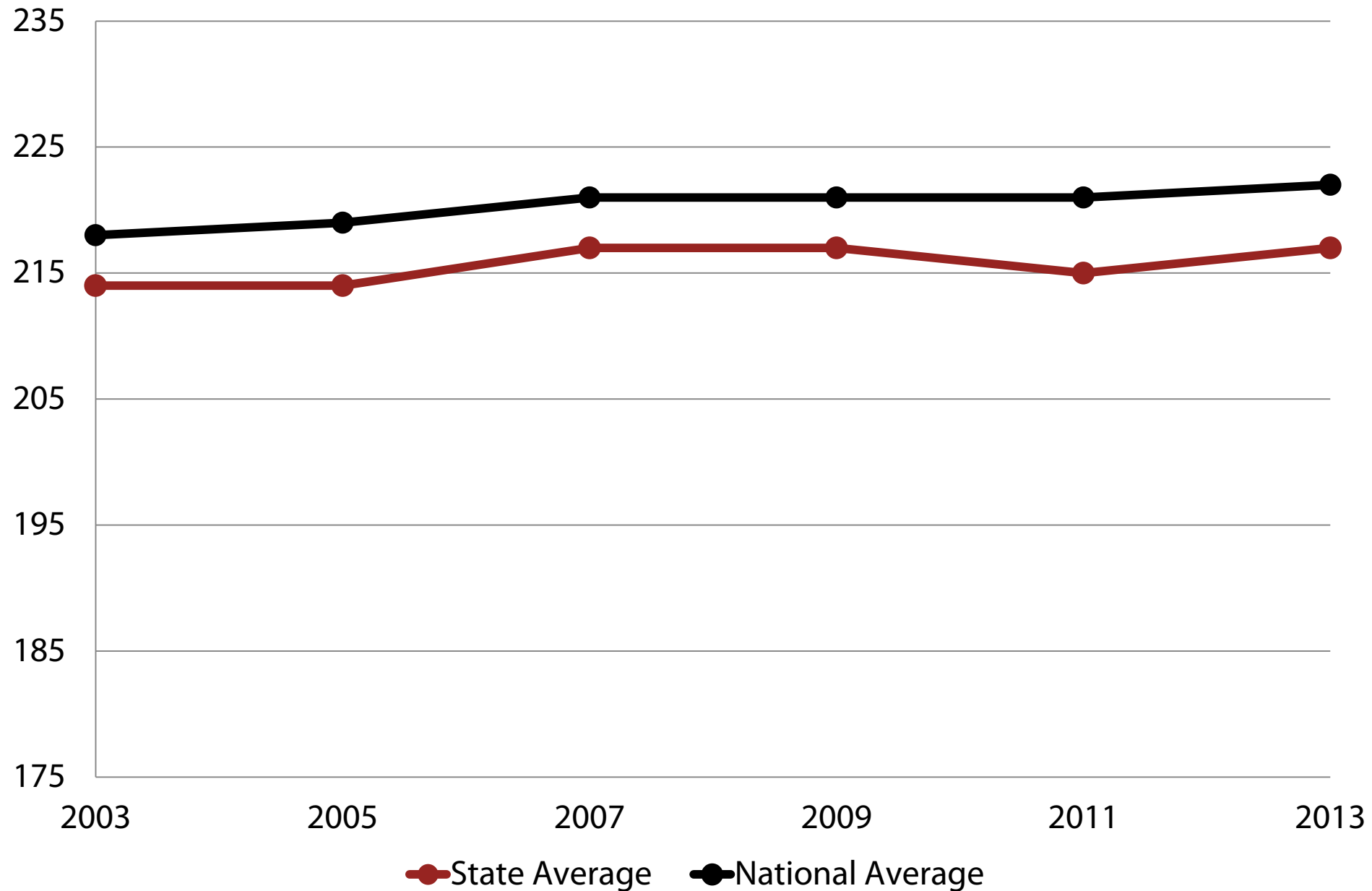
Table 2. Timeline, Oklahoma State Testing Program. Norm-referenced assessments are designated by blue font; criterion-referenced (and standards-referenced) tests designated by red font.

Year	Grade Level									
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1985	MAT6				MAT6			MAT6		
1987					MAT6 Writing			MAT6 Writing		
1989	Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program Initiated. 12 th -grade graduation test authorized.*									
1989	ITBS		ITBS		ITBS		ITBS		ITBS	
1989	Writing test (grades 7 and 10) changed to Stanford Writing Assessment									
1995	ITBS		OCCT		ITBS	OCCT			OCCT	
	OCCTs were phased in. Reading, Math and Science were tested in 1995. Writing was added in 1996 (replacing the Stanford), US History was added in 1997, and Geography and the Arts were added in 1998. Oklahoma History was added to the 11 th -grade test in 1998.									
1999	Oklahoma Performance Index created.									
2000	ITBS	NRT*	OCCT			OCCT	English II and US History EOIs replace 11 th -grade test.			
2001	Performance standards reset on the 5 th and 8 th grade OCCTs.**						Algebra I and Biology EOIs added.			
2002	API baseline year (state average API set to equal 1000).									
2003-2005	OCCT	OCCT	OCCT	OCCT	OCCT	OCCT				
	All NRTs discontinued and new OCCTs phased in for all grades 3-8. New math and reading tests created for Grade 4; Geography test for Grade 7. Arts tests discontinued. OCCTs will measure reading and math at all grades; science, writing, and US history in grades 5&8; geography at grade 7.									
2006	Grade 6 and 7 math and reading tests added. Standards reset for 5th and 8th grade Writing tests. **									
2007	New EOIs phased in: Algebra II, English III, Geometry. Standard reset for Algebra I.**									
2009	Standards reset for grade 3-8 reading and math tests.**						Standards reset on English II, Biology, and US History. **			
2010							Alternate assessments added.			
2012	Pearson replaced by CTB/McGraw Hill as the vendor for state assessments.									
2014	PARCC assessments will replace the OSTP Reading/Language Arts and Math tests.									

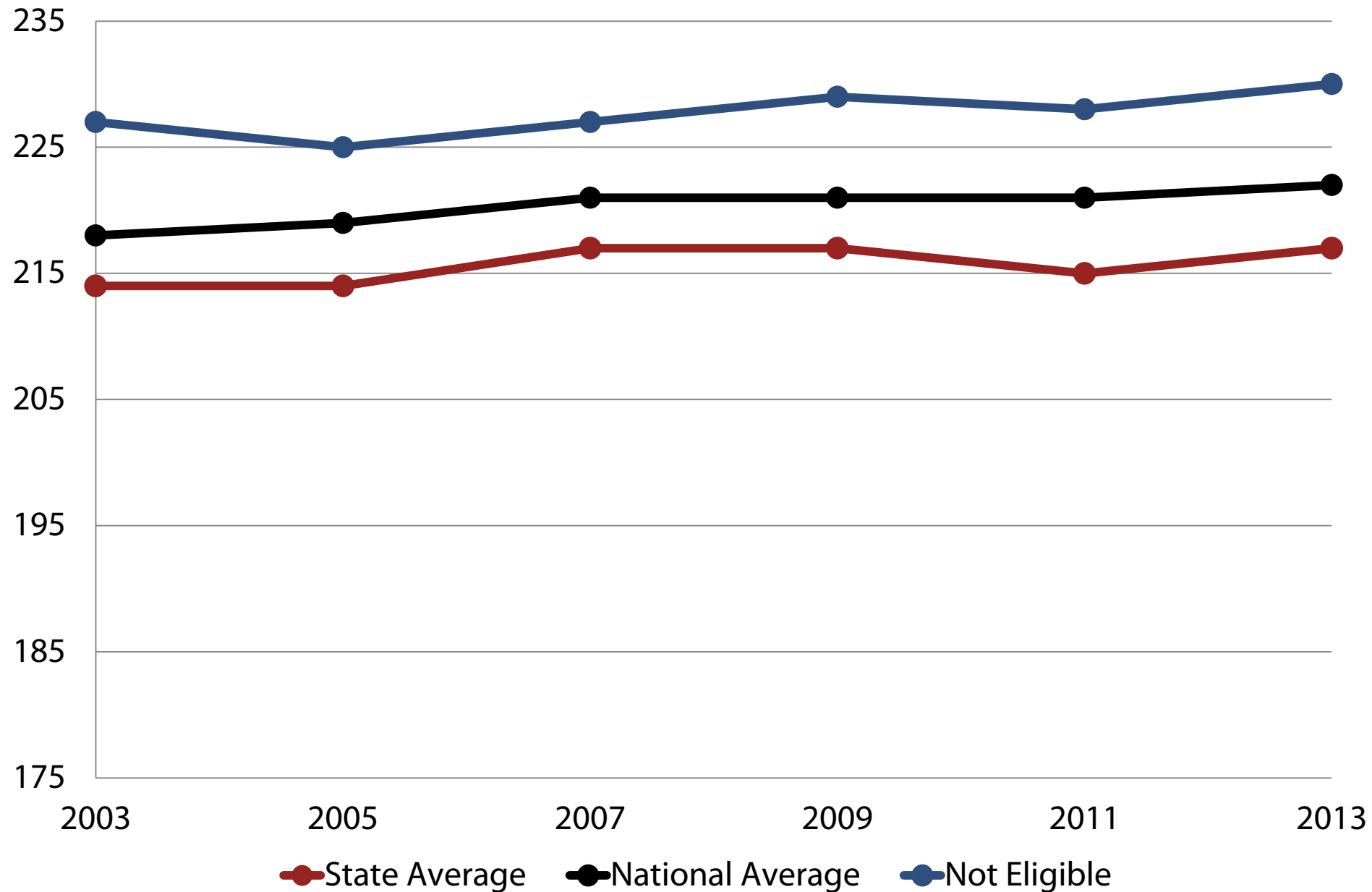
* Designates tests that were never implemented.

**Resetting standards means that results cannot be compared with those of prior years.

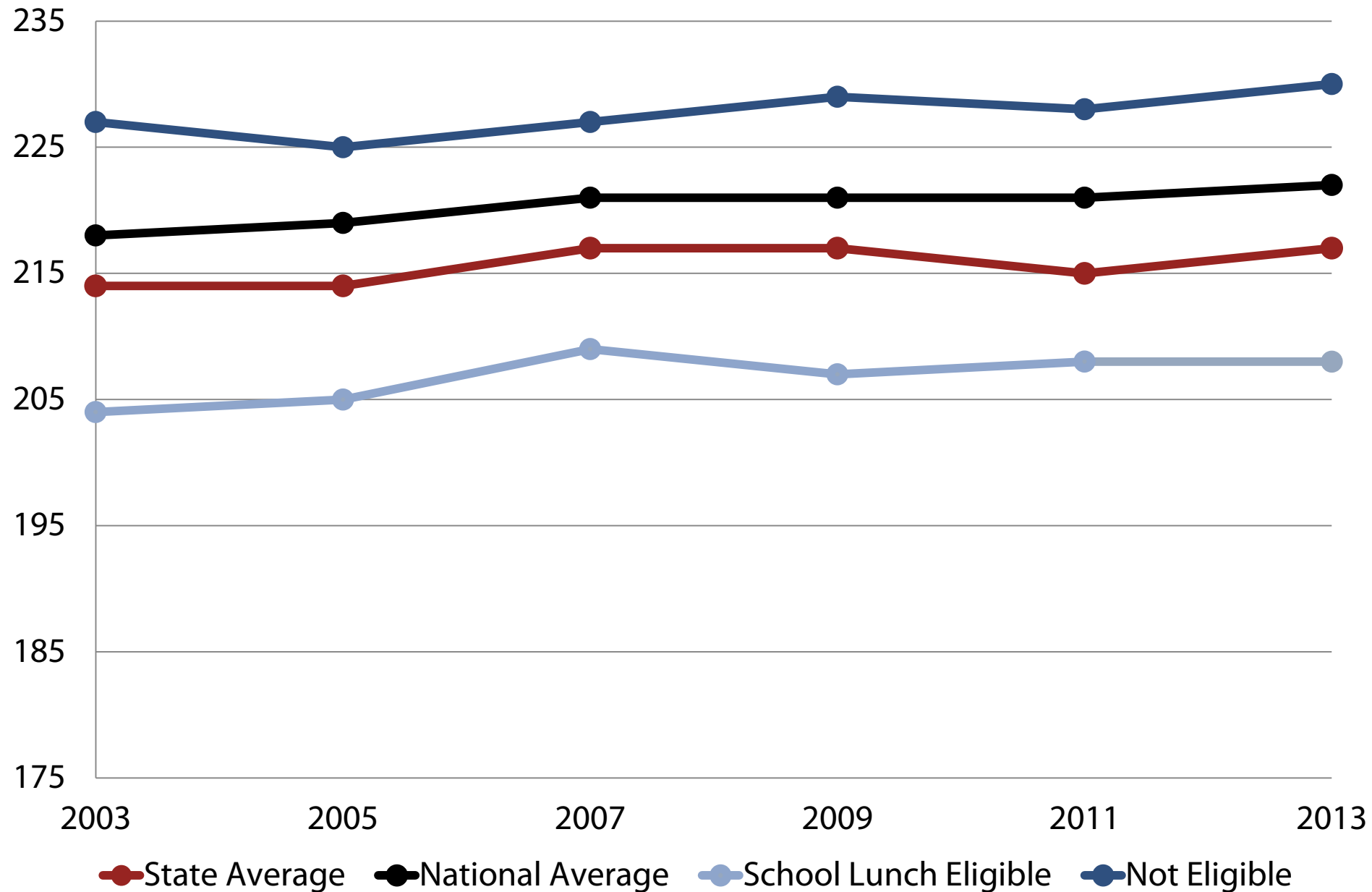
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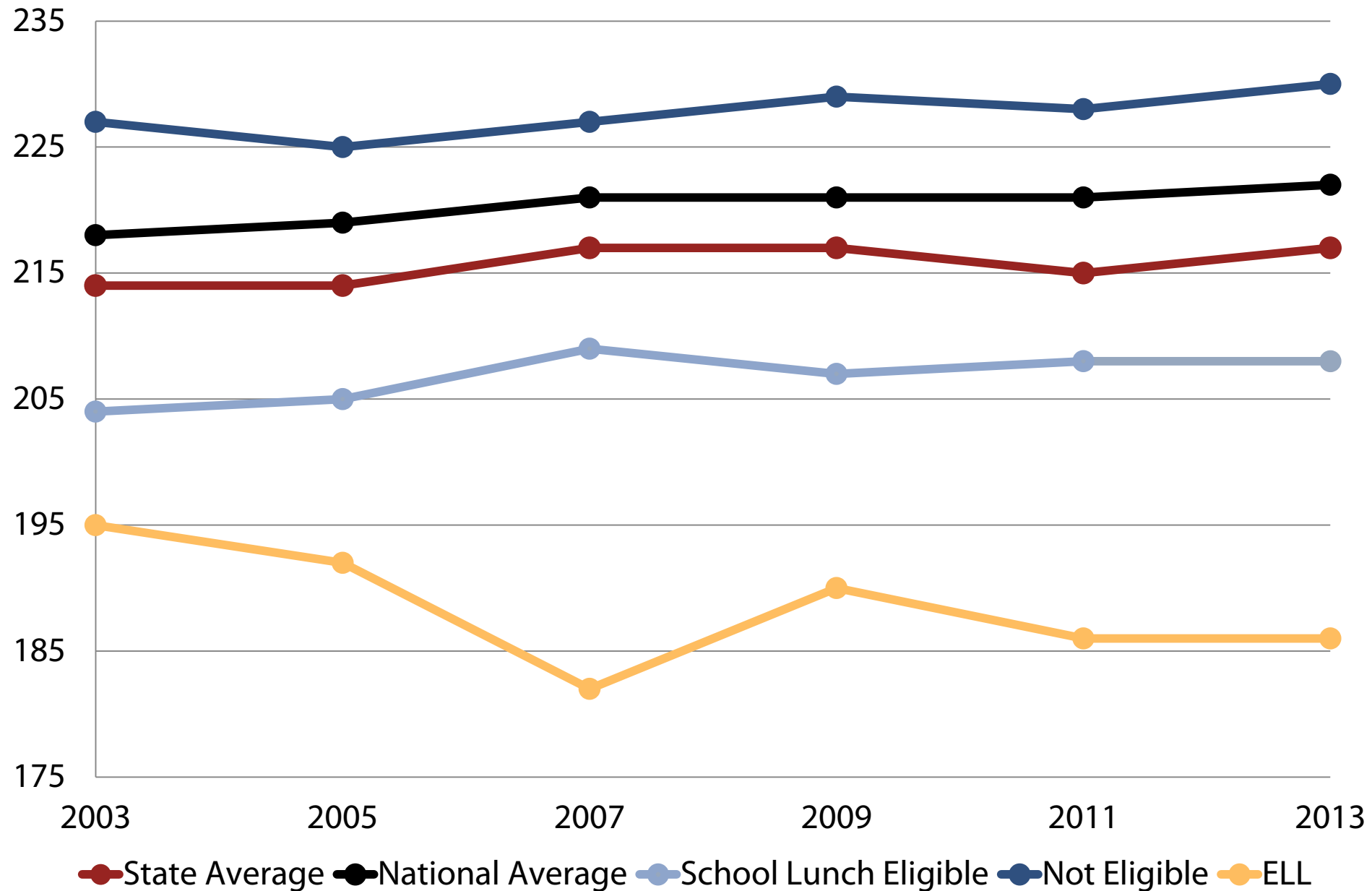
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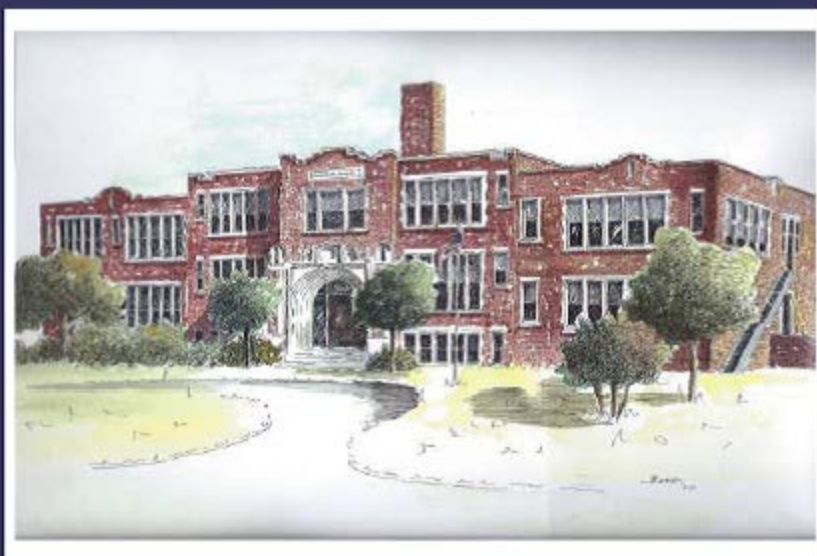
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Who Are Schools For?

- Michael is a white male student from a middle-income household. He wants to be an artist. He struggles at school because of dyslexia.
- Becky is an African-American female student. Her parents are college professors. She wants to be an engineer and builds robots in her garage at home.
- Ivan is a Hispanic male student from a lower-income household. He is an English Language Learner whose parents speak only Spanish. He wants to be a lawyer.
- Nancy is a white female student from a lower-income household. She often comes to school hungry and has trouble paying attention in class.

OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Edgemere Elementary



A Community School

3200 N Walker Ave.

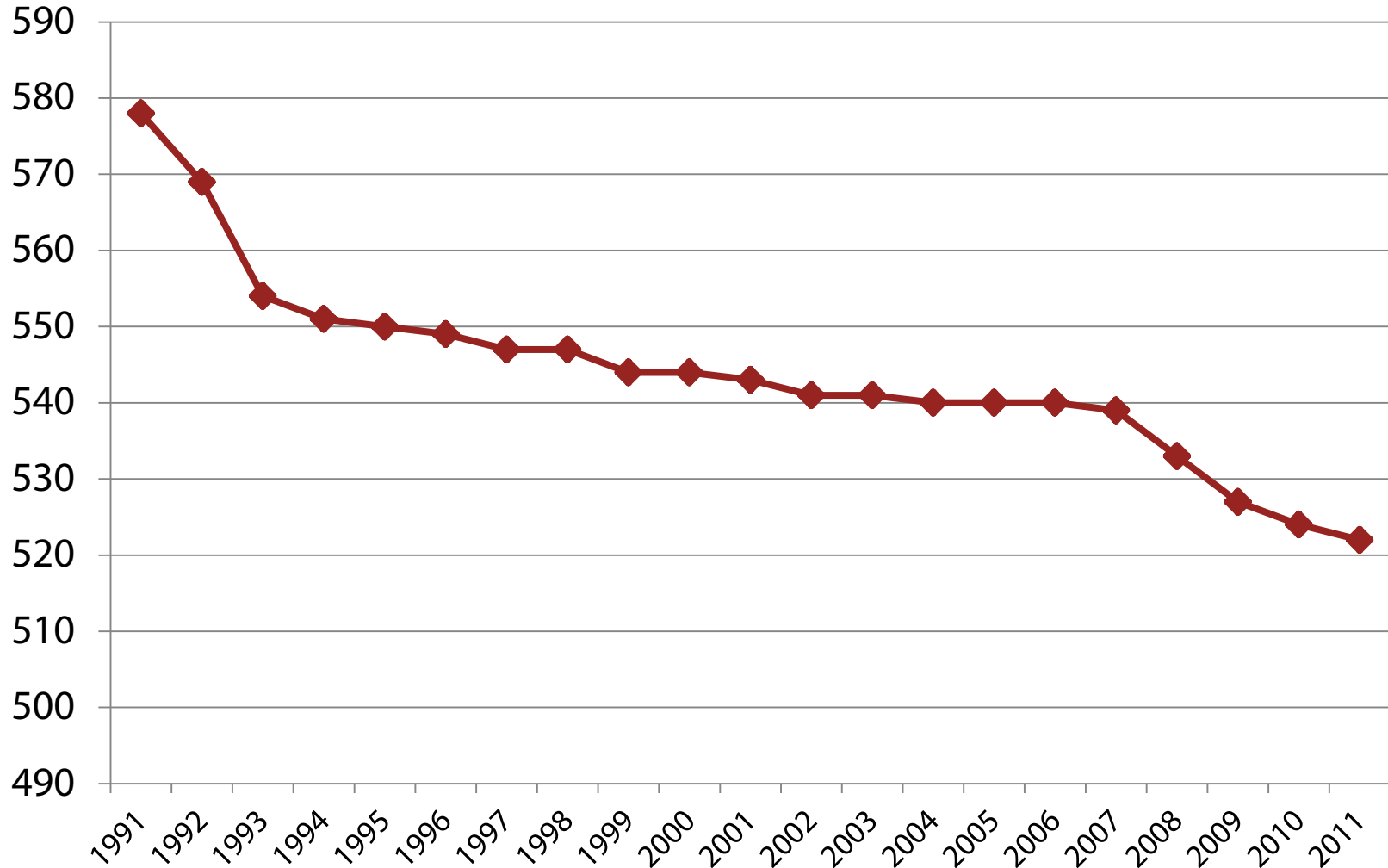
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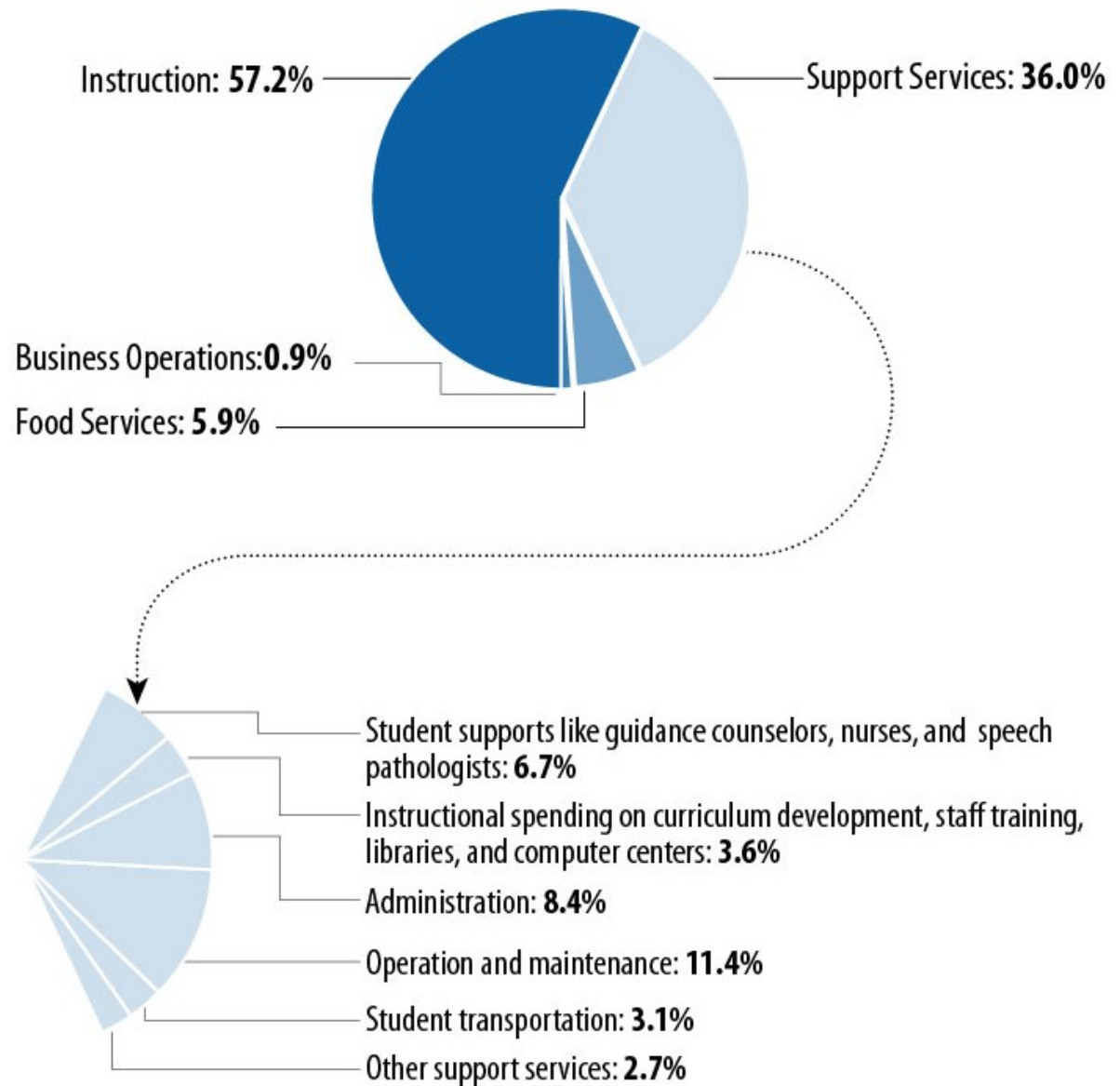
School Consolidation Is Happening

Number of School Districts in Oklahoma



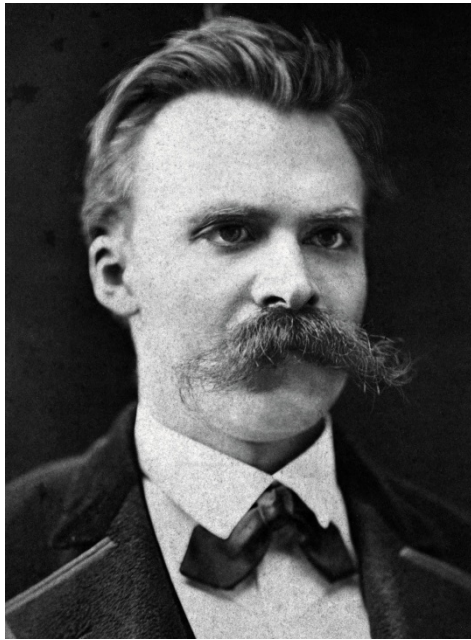
Most Oklahoma Education Spending Goes to Instruction or Support Services

Spending as a portion of K-12 current expenditures



Source: National Center for Education Statistics





"In large states public education will always be mediocre, for the same reason that in large kitchens the cooking is usually bad."

Friedrich Nietzsche



"Going to school is not the same as going shopping. Parents should not be burdened with locating a suitable school for their child. They should be able to take their child to the neighborhood public school as a matter of course and expect that it has well-educated teachers and a sound educational program."

Diane Ravitch

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More Resources:

Online

OK Policy Education Issues Page - <http://okpolicy.org/issues/education>

NCES Test Score Data - <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

Education Week State Report Cards -

http://www.edweek.org/ew/qc/2013/state_report_cards.html

NEA State Rankings - <http://www.nea.org/home/32073.htm>

Books

- “The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way”
by Amanda Ripley
- “Class Warfare: Inside the Fight to Fix America's Schools” by Steven Brill
- “The Teacher Wars: A History of America’s Most Embattled Profession”
by Dana Goldstein (coming soon)

Documentaries

- “Waiting for Superman”
- “American Teacher”