

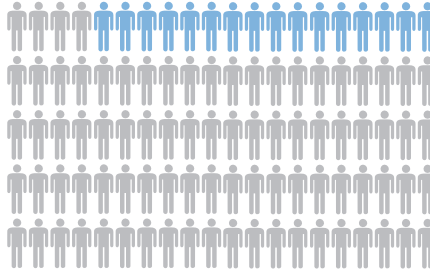
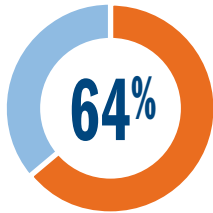
READING PROFICIENCY



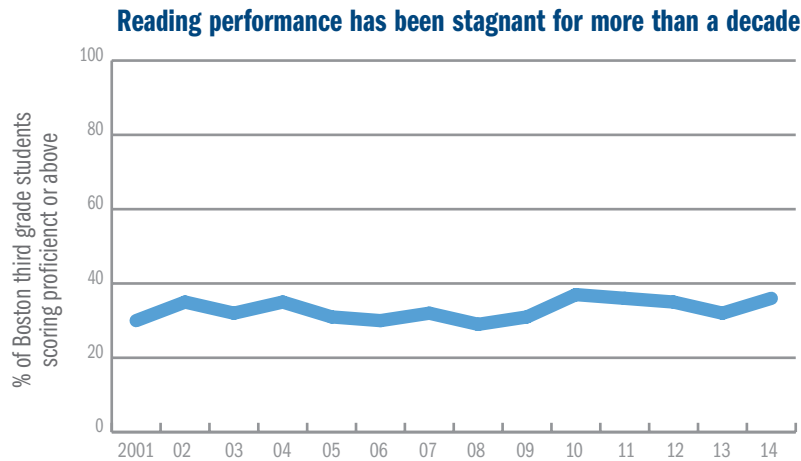
Invest early or pay later

third grade reading proficiency predicts a student's success through high school

Boston third graders scoring below proficient in reading in 2014



16% of children who are **not reading proficiently** by the end of third grade **do not graduate** from high school **on time**



= \$349,000

estimated costs to taxpayers of a Massachusetts **high school dropout** over his/her lifetime compared to a high school graduate

Sources: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Hernandez, D. J. (2012). Double Jeopardy: How third grade reading skills and poverty influence high school graduation. The Annie E. Casey Foundation.; Sum, A., Khatiwada, I., McLaughlin, J. Tobar, P., & Motroni, J. (January 2007). An Assessment of the Labor Market, Income, Health, Social, Civic and Fiscal Consequences of Dropping Out of High School: Findings for Massachusetts Adults in the 21st Century.