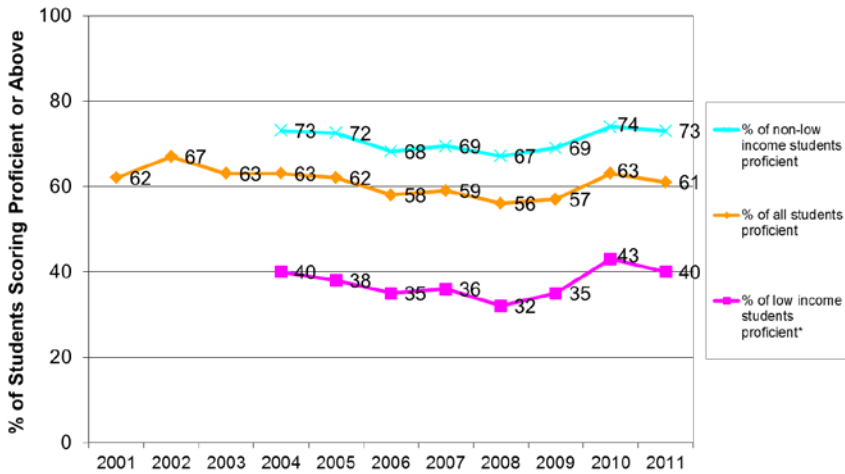


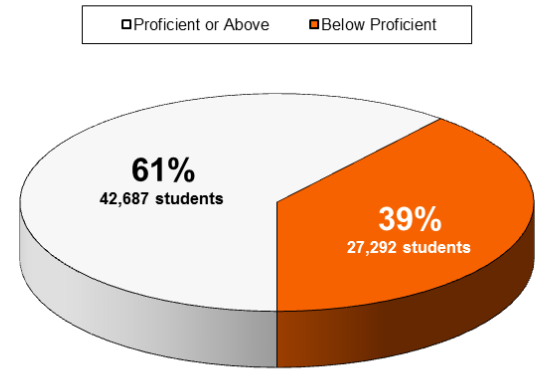
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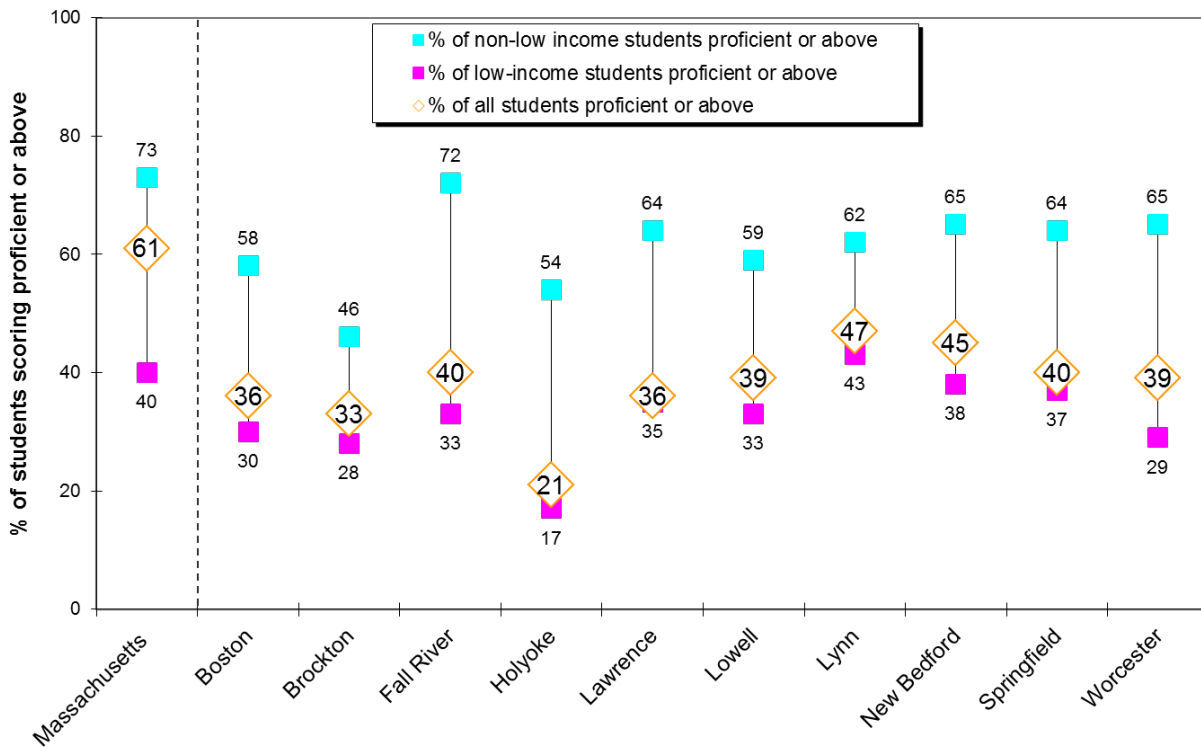
Third Grade Reading Proficiency in Massachusetts, 2001-2011 MCAS, By Income



Third Grade Reading Proficiency in Massachusetts, 2011 MCAS



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 *The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has designated ten Massachusetts school districts as Commissioner's Districts for the purpose of organizing support and assistance through its Center for Targeted Assistance. These ten districts- [Boston](#), [Brockton](#), [Fall River](#), [Holyoke](#), [Lawrence](#), [Lowell](#), [Lynn](#), [New Bedford](#), [Springfield](#), and [Worcester](#) -share commonalities of size, demographics, and level of infrastructure. They also serve among the highest percentages of students living in poverty statewide and contain all 35 underperforming "level 4" schools. For more, visit <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sda/ucd/> and <http://www.doe.mass.edu/sda/framework/level4/>