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# Trends in Academic Performance in Somerville Public School District, New Jersey

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This report summarizes district-level educational outcomes using data from the Stanford Education Data Archive (SEDA) from 2009-2025. Figures may contain gaps where source data are unavailable.

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## Average Grade 3-8 Test Scores, 2022-2025, by District Socioeconomic Status

Average test scores in grades 3-8 reflect the set of educational opportunities available to students in the district, including those provided by their families, preschools, neighborhoods, and elementary and middle schools.



Note: each bubble is a U.S. school district, with size proportional to district enrollment. Districts in New Jersey are highlighted. District socioeconomic status is a composite measure of a district's average family income, parental education, poverty rate, SNAP eligibility rate, unemployment rate, and female-headed household rate. Test scores are measured in grade levels relative to the 2019 national average.

## Average Test Scores and Trends, 2022-2025

### ALL STUDENTS

|  | 2022-2025<br>Average Scores | 2022-2025 Trend<br>in Test Scores |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Somerville Public School District</b> | -0.18                       | 0.18                              |
| <b>Similar Districts Avg.*</b>           | 0.08                        | -0.08                             |
| <b>New Jersey</b>                        | 0.21                        | 0.01                              |

Test scores are reported in grade level units, relative to the 2019 national average. For example, the first row above reads: "Students in Somerville Public School District performed 0.17 grade levels below the 2019 national average. Test scores in Somerville Public School District have been changing at a rate of +0.18 grade levels/year since 2022."

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### STUDENT SUBGROUPS

|                 | 2022-2025<br>Average Scores | 2022-2025 Trend<br>in Test Scores |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>White</b>    | 1.23                        | 0.21                              |
| <b>Black</b>    | -1.72                       | N/A                               |
| <b>Hispanic</b> | -1.25                       | 0.16                              |
| <b>Asian</b>    | 2.19                        | N/A                               |
| <b>Poor</b>     | -1.77                       | 0.14                              |
| <b>Non-Poor</b> | 0.83                        | 0.41                              |
| <b>Female</b>   | 0.17                        | 0.18                              |
| <b>Male</b>     | -0.48                       | 0.16                              |



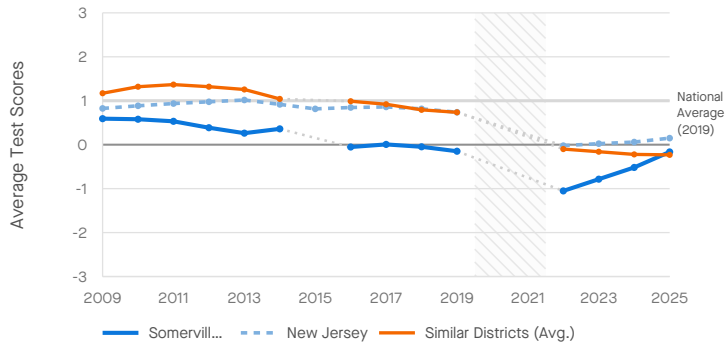
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## Trends in Average Grade 3-8 Test Scores, 2009-2025, by Subject and Student Subgroup

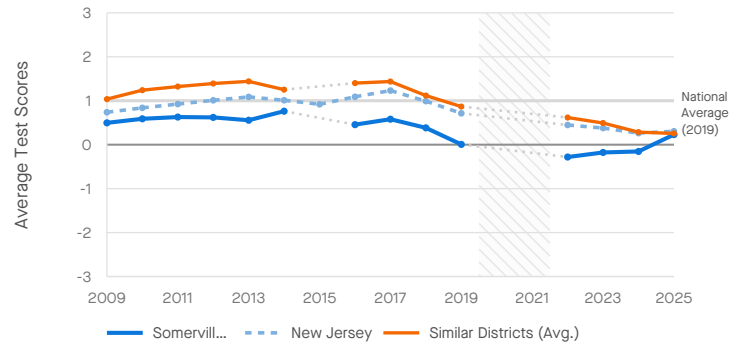
Trends in test scores may reflect changes in school quality, changes in demographics, and/or changes in out-of-school educational opportunities.



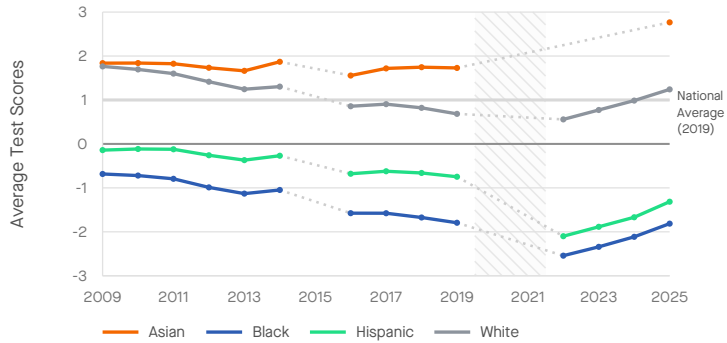
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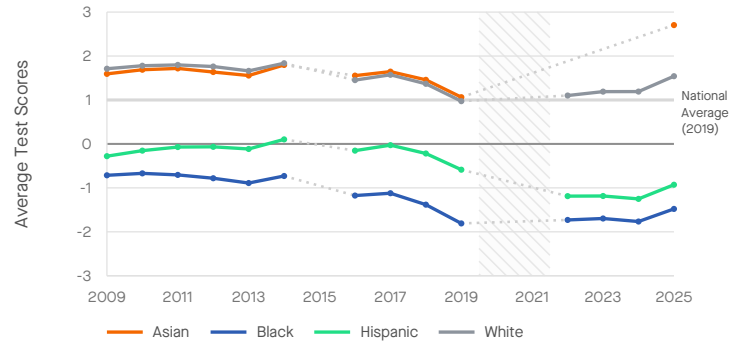
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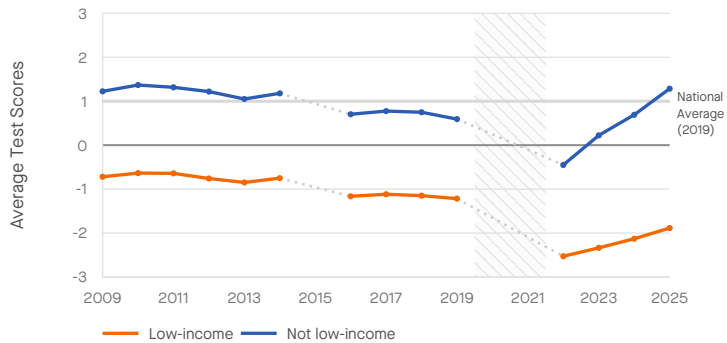
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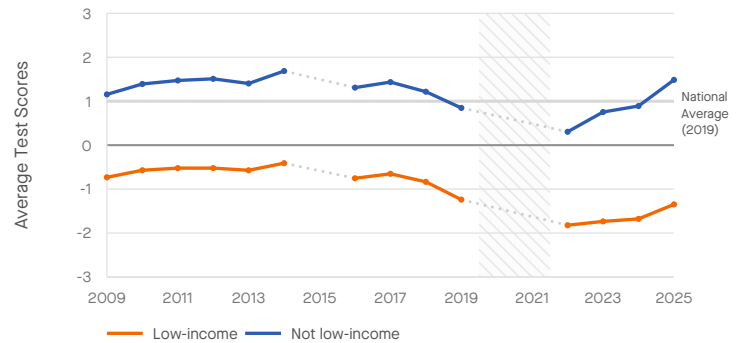
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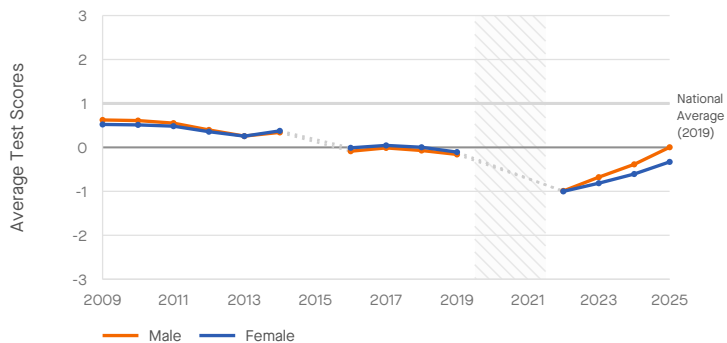
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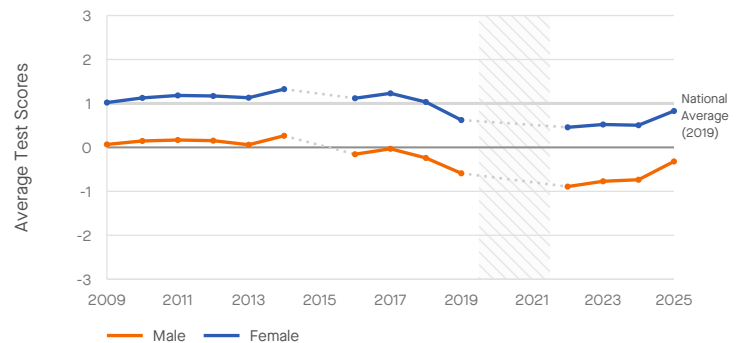
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Trend in Math Scores, by Student Gender



Trend in Reading Scores, by Student Gender

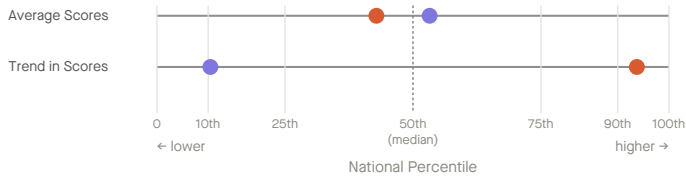


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Academic Performance Rankings, 2022-2025, Relative to Other Districts in the U.S.



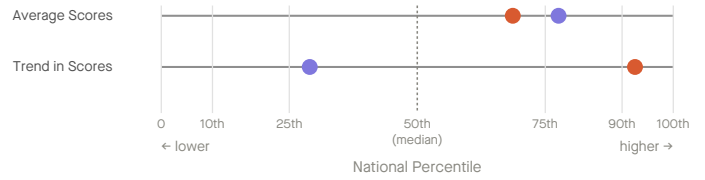
## Math Ranks



|                                   | Average                   | Trend                    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Somerville Public School District | 5,832 / 10,205 (43rd pct) | 344 / 5,468 (94th pct)   |
| Similar Districts Avg.            | 4,770 / 10,205 (53rd pct) | 4,898 / 5,468 (10th pct) |

Somerville Public School District ranked higher than 43% of districts nationwide in average math performance during the 2022-25 school years (5,832nd of 10,205 districts with available data).

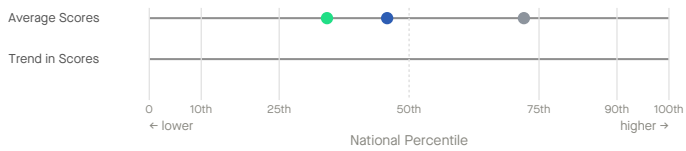
## Reading Ranks



|                                   | Average                   | Trend                    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Somerville Public School District | 3,159 / 10,076 (69th pct) | 425 / 5,673 (93rd pct)   |
| Similar Districts Avg.            | 2,258 / 10,076 (78th pct) | 4,028 / 5,673 (29th pct) |

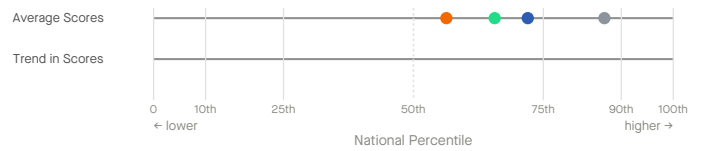
Somerville Public School District ranked higher than 69% of districts nationwide in average reading performance during the 2022-25 school years (3,159th of 10,076 districts with available data).

## Math Ranks by Race/Ethnicity



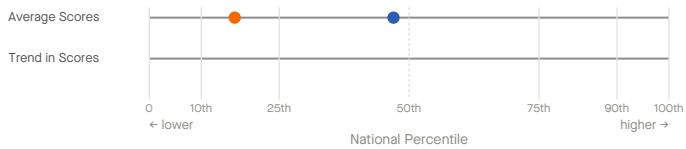
|          | Average                  | Trend |
|----------|--------------------------|-------|
| White    | 2,431 / 8,707 (72nd pct) | N/A   |
| Black    | 1,361 / 2,508 (46th pct) | N/A   |
| Hispanic | 3,016 / 4,583 (34th pct) | N/A   |

## Reading Ranks by Race/Ethnicity



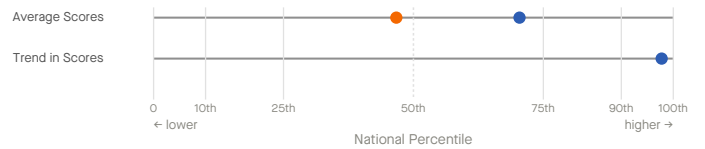
|          | Average                  | Trend |
|----------|--------------------------|-------|
| White    | 1,165 / 8,785 (87th pct) | N/A   |
| Black    | 741 / 2,644 (72nd pct)   | N/A   |
| Hispanic | 1,603 / 4,662 (66th pct) | N/A   |
| Asian    | 718 / 1,642 (56th pct)   | N/A   |

## Math Ranks by Income



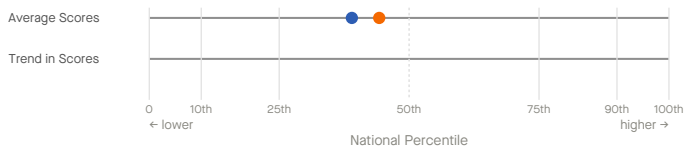
|                | Average                  | Trend |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Low-income     | 7,416 / 8,875 (16th pct) | N/A   |
| Not low-income | 4,500 / 8,489 (47th pct) | N/A   |

## Reading Ranks by Income



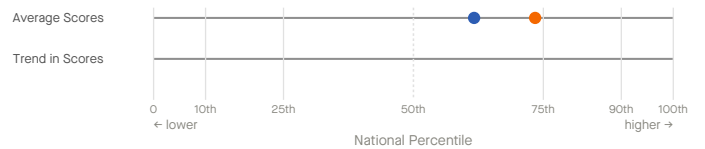
|                | Average                  | Trend                 |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Low-income     | 4,790 / 8,987 (47th pct) | N/A                   |
| Not low-income | 2,544 / 8,596 (70th pct) | 75 / 3,311 (98th pct) |

## Math Ranks by Gender



|        | Average                  | Trend |
|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Female | 4,745 / 8,509 (44th pct) | N/A   |
| Male   | 5,185 / 8,497 (39th pct) | N/A   |

## Reading Ranks by Gender



|        | Average                  | Trend |
|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| Female | 2,306 / 8,670 (73rd pct) | N/A   |
| Male   | 3,317 / 8,652 (62nd pct) | N/A   |



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## Average Grades 3-8 Learning Rates, 2022-2025, by District Socioeconomic Status

Learning rates measure how much students' scores improve as they progress from grade to grade. They are a better indicator of school quality than average test scores, which are influenced by a range of experiences outside of school.



Note: each bubble is a U.S. school district, with size proportional to district enrollment. Districts in New Jersey are highlighted. District socioeconomic status is a composite measure of a district's average family income, parental education, poverty rate, SNAP eligibility rate, unemployment rate, and female-headed household rate.

### Learning Rates and Trends, 2022-2025

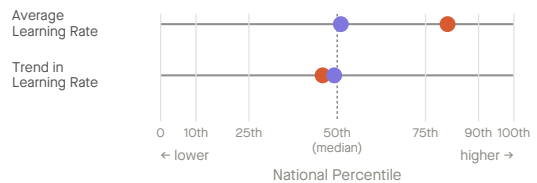
#### ALL STUDENTS

|  | 2022-2025 Learning Rate | 2022-2025 Trend in Learning Rates |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Somerville Public School District</b> | 1.11                    | -0.02                             |
| <b>Similar Districts Avg.*</b>           | 0.92                    | -0.02                             |
| <b>New Jersey</b>                        | 1.04                    | 0.00                              |

Learning rates are measured in grade levels of skills gained per year and are averaged over math and reading. The national average learning rate is 1.0. For example, the first row above reads: "Students in Somerville Public School District learned an average of 1.11 grade levels/year during 2022-2025. Learning rates in Somerville Public School District have been changing at a rate of -0.02 grade levels/year since 2022."

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### Learning Rate Rankings



|  | Average                  | Trend                    |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Somerville Public School District</b> | 1,530 / 8,147 (81st pct) | 3,285 / 6,065 (46th pct) |
| <b>Similar Districts Avg.</b>            | 3,991 / 8,147 (51st pct) | 3,085 / 6,065 (49th pct) |

Somerville Public School District ranked higher than 81% of districts nationwide in average learning rates during the 2022-25 school years (1,530th of 8,147 districts with available data).



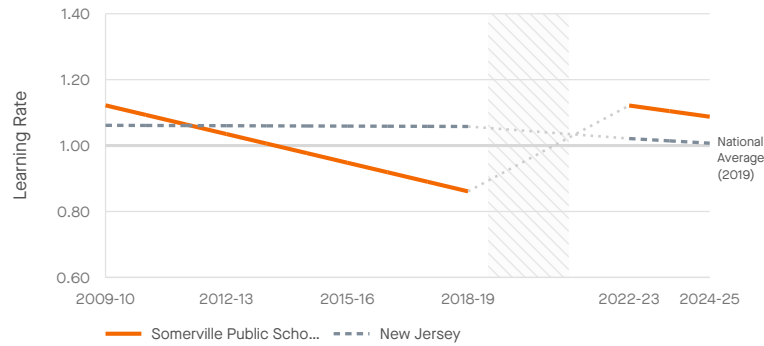
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## Trends in Average Grade 3-8 Learning Rates, 2009-2025, by Student Subgroup

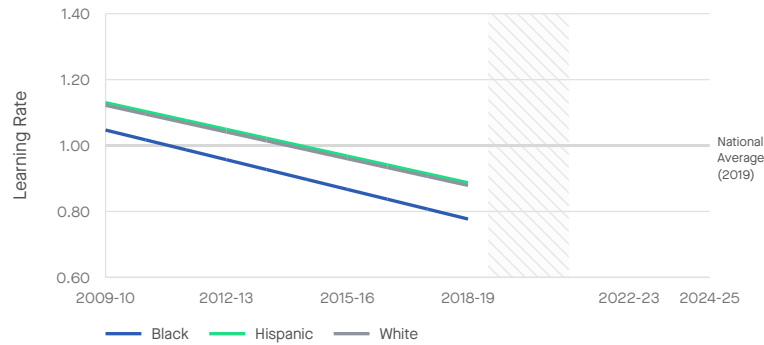


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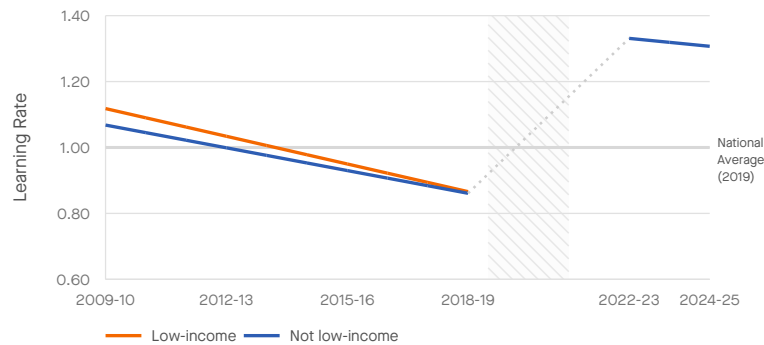
### Trend in Learning Rates (All Students)



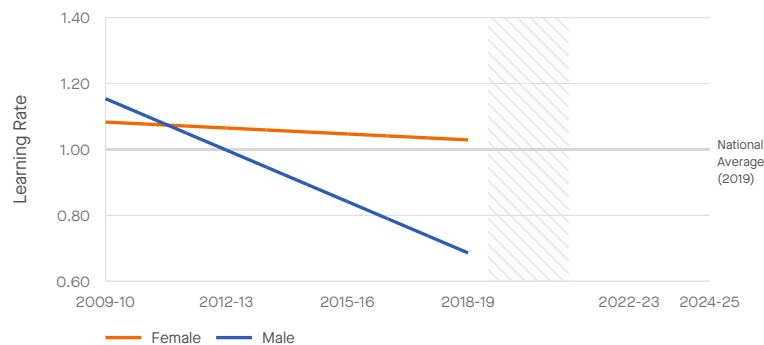
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### Trend in Learning Rates, by Student Income Level



### Trend in Learning Rates, by Student Gender



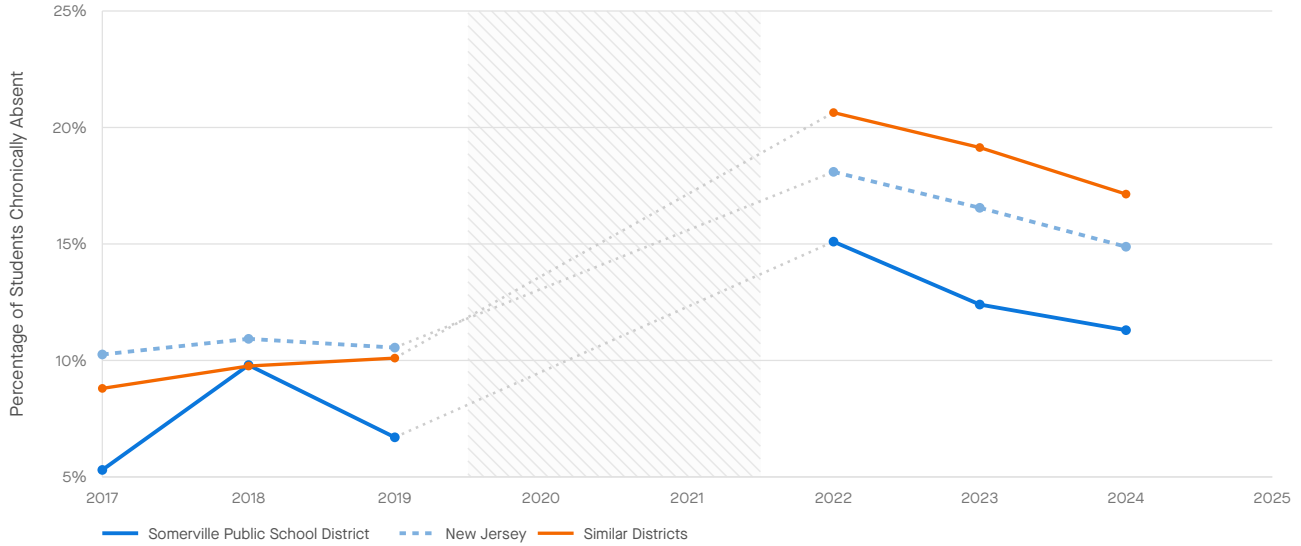
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## Trends in Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism rates indicate the proportion of students who were absent 10% or more of the school year.

Trends in Chronic Absenteeism



## Trends in Chronic Absenteeism

### ALL STUDENTS

|  | 2017-2019 Avg. Chronic Absenteeism | 2022-2025 Avg. Chronic Absenteeism | Change |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Somerville Public School District</b> | 7.3                                | 12.9                               | +5.7   |
| <b>Similar Districts Avg.*</b>           | 9.6                                | 19.0                               | +9.4   |
| <b>New Jersey</b>                        | 10.6                               | 16.5                               | +5.9   |

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Absenteeism data courtesy of [Nat Malkus, American Enterprise Institute](#).



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Changes in Average Math Scores in New Jersey Districts, 2019-2025 and 2022-2025, by District Free/Reduced-Price Lunch Eligibility Rate

## Change in Math Scores, 2019-2025



Figure produced by the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University

○ Largest Districts    ◆ State Average

## Change in Math Scores, 2022-2025



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## Change in Chronic Absenteeism in New Jersey Districts, 2019-2024, by District Free/Reduced-Price Lunch Eligibility Rate

### Change in Chronic Absenteeism, 2019-2024



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## Notes & Acknowledgments

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