

Strategies for Improving College- and Career-Readiness for All Students

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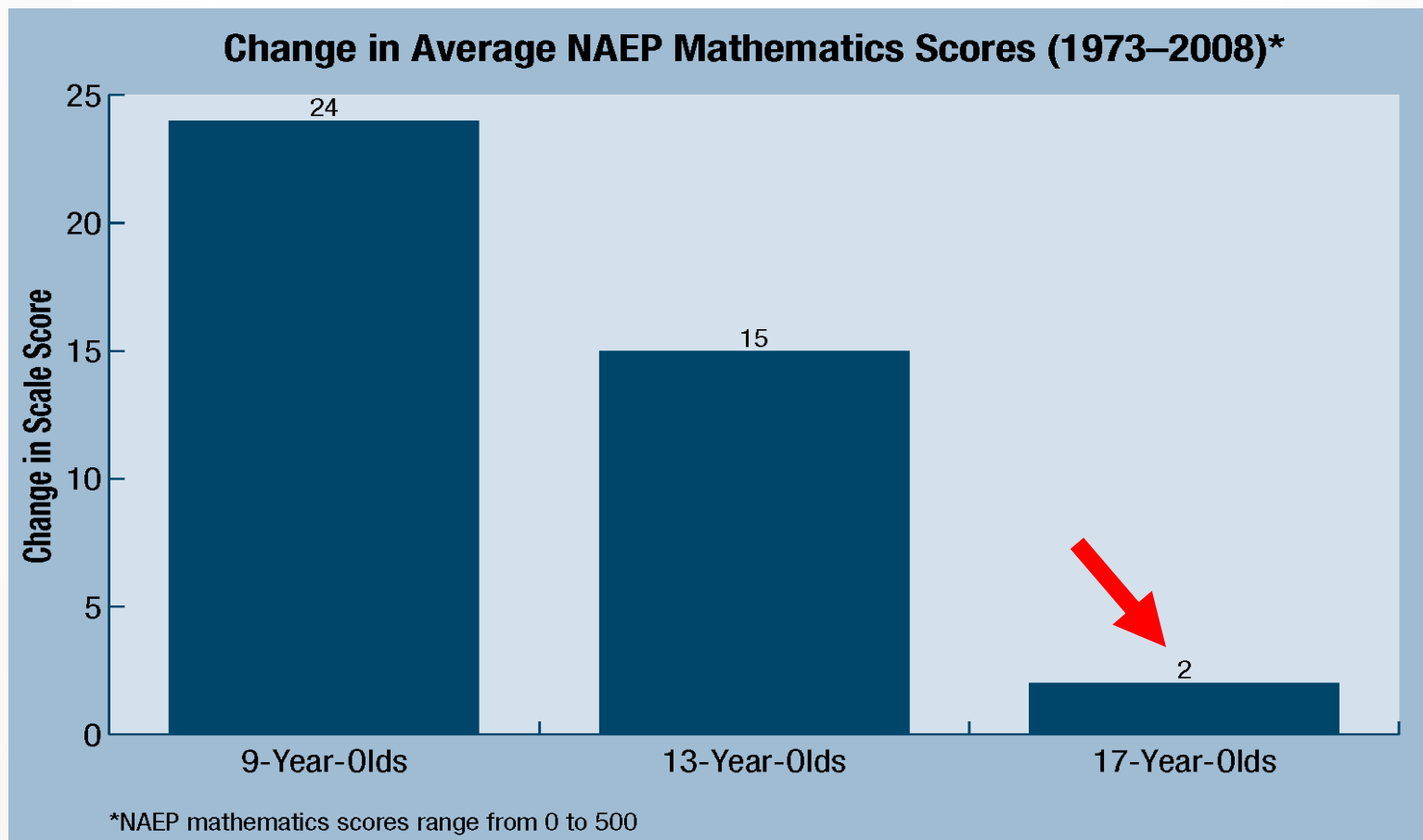
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Where We Stand

Since 1973, we've made no statistically significant gains in 12th grade math achievement. Reading shows similar trends.

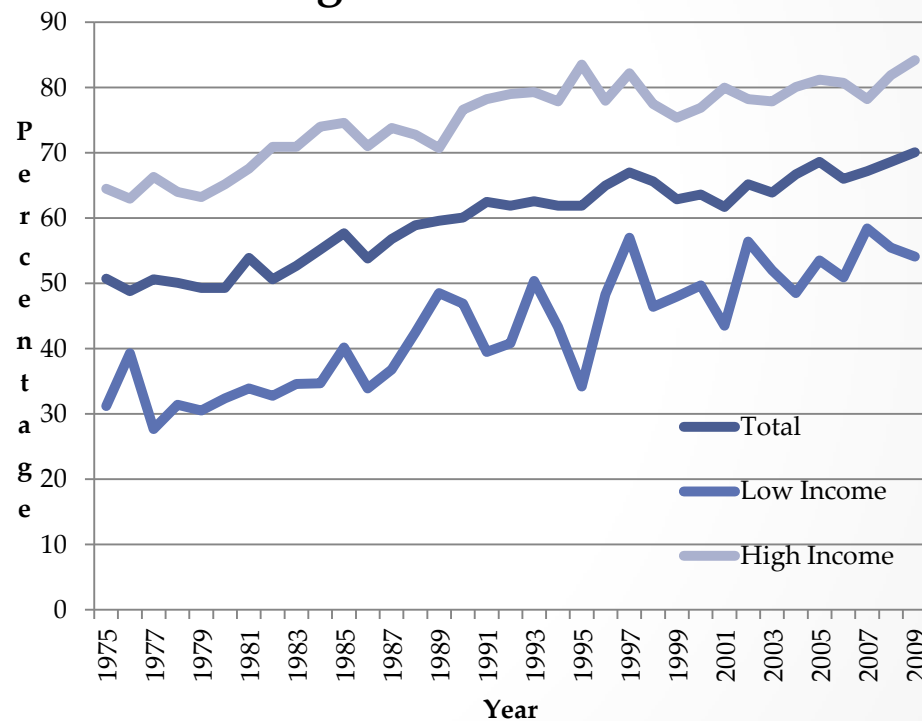


Where We Stand

We're winning the college access battle, but losing the readiness and completion war.

- Over 70% of young people enroll in some form of postsecondary education.
- But 1/3 need some form of remedial course.
- Half of those who enroll fail to earn a degree or certificate of any kind within six years of initial enrollment.

Immediate College-Going Rate of High School Graduates

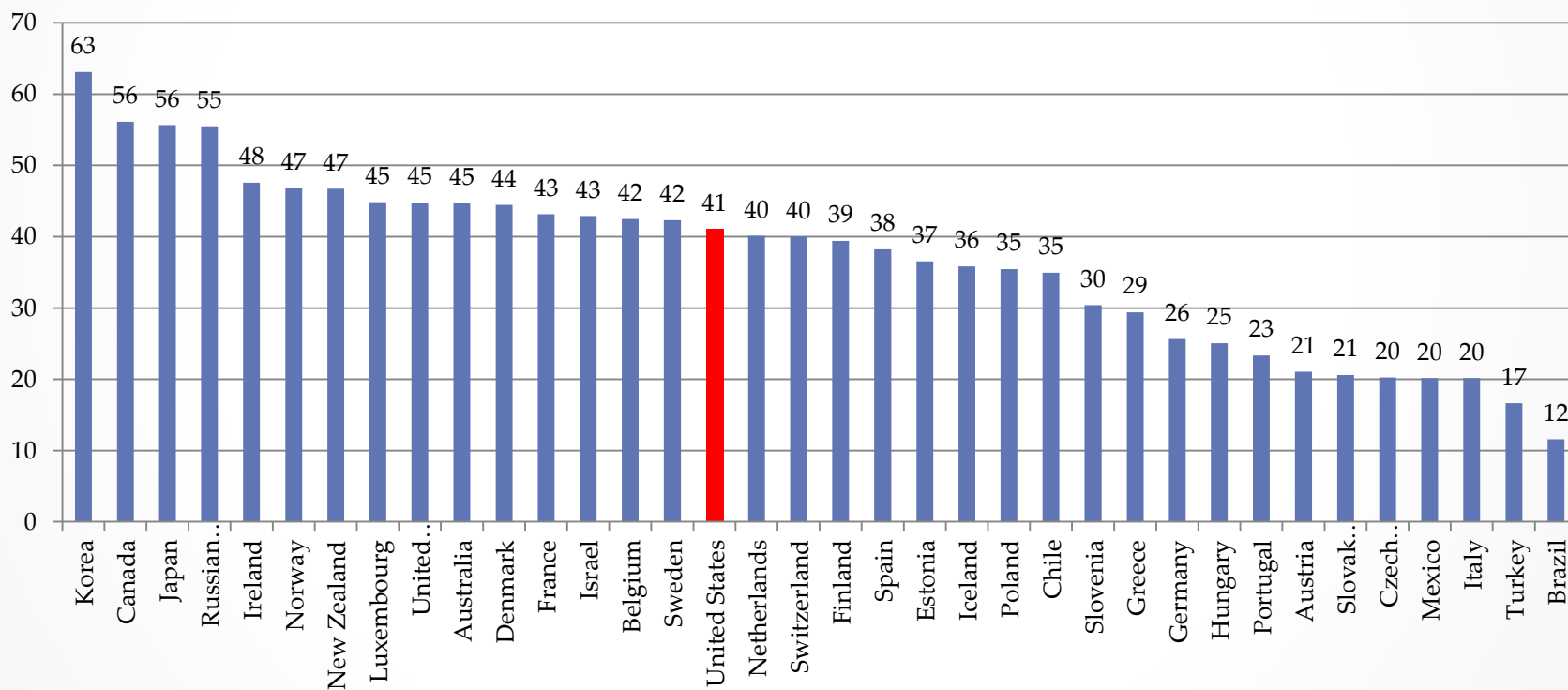


Source: Adapted from the US Department of Education's *Condition of Education*

Where We Stand

Stagnant high school and college graduation rates have led to a loss in college completion world leadership.

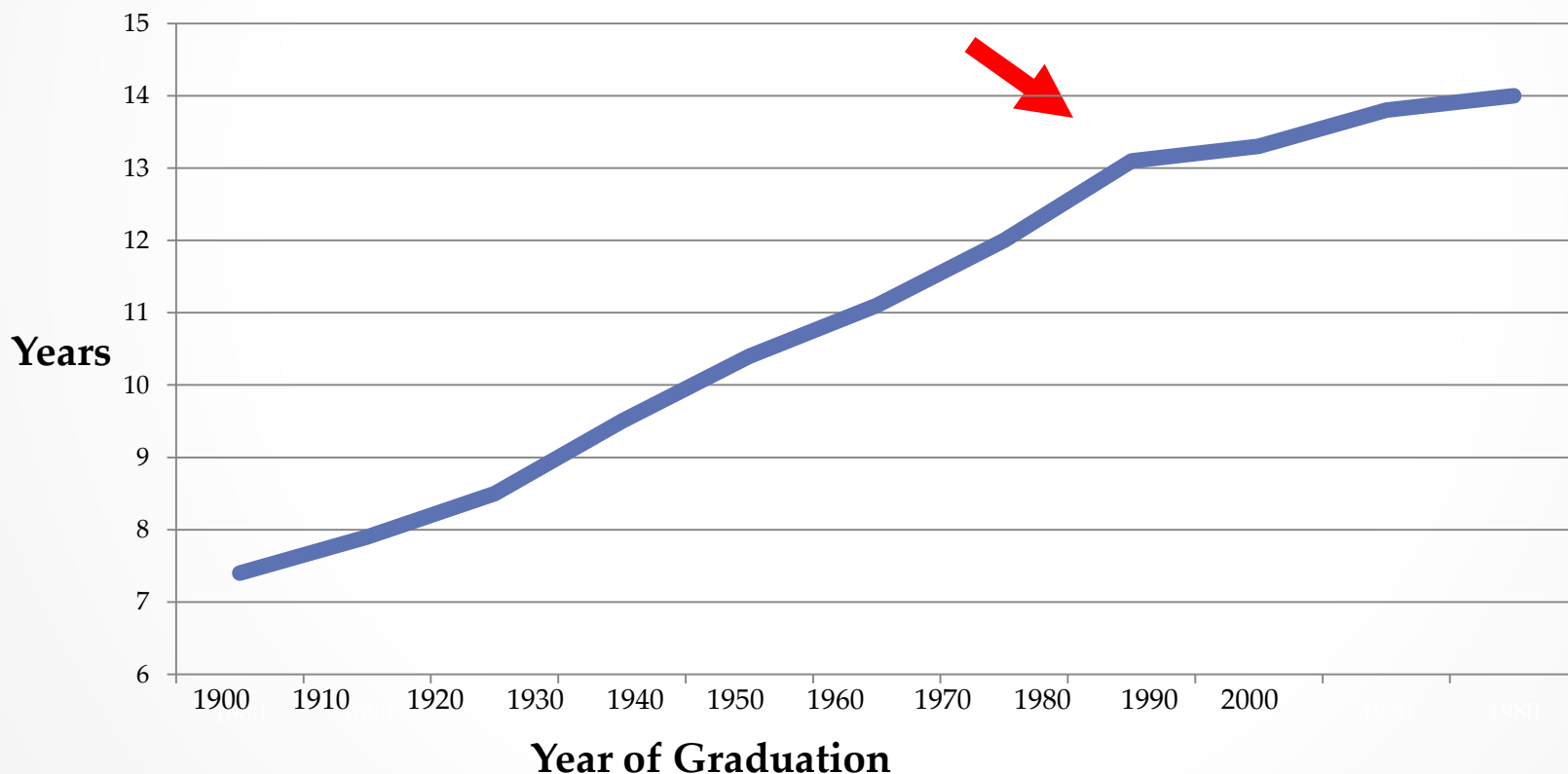
We're now 16th in college completion.



Where We Stand

After climbing throughout much of the 20th Century, average educational attainment has slowed considerably.

Average Years of Schooling, Native-Born Workers



Source: Adapted from Claudia Goldin and Lawrence F. Katz, "Long-Run Changes in the Wage Structure: Narrowing, Widening, Polarizing," http://www.economics.harvard.edu/faculty/goldin/files/GoldinKatz_Brookings.pdf

ESEA Blueprint: College- and Career-Readiness

- Adoption of college- and career-ready standards
- Option to include assessments in other subjects
- Report on college-going and college remediation rates
- Proposed \$86 million College Pathways program for:
 - expanding the availability of AP and IB courses
 - dual-enrollment programs
 - “early college high schools” that allow students to earn a high school degree and an Associate’s degree or 2 years of college credit simultaneously

ESEA Flexibility: College- and Career-Readiness

- Adoption of college- and career-ready standards
- Option to include assessments in other subjects in addition to other measures
- Report on college-going and college credit accumulation rates

ESEA Flexibility: College- and Career-Readiness

- In November ESEA Flexibility requests:
 - **10 states** added new subjects
 - **6 states** would hold schools accountable for AP/ IB tests (FL, GA, IN, NJ, NM, OK)
 - **2 states** added dual enrollment (IN & NM)
 - **5 states** proposed using ACT/ SAT scores (CO, GA, KY, NJ, NM,)
 - **3 states** proposed using college- going and the need for remediation (FL, GA, NJ)
 - **6 states** proposed career-readiness measures (GA, IN, KY, NJ, NM, OK)