



Georgia School Funding A National Perspective

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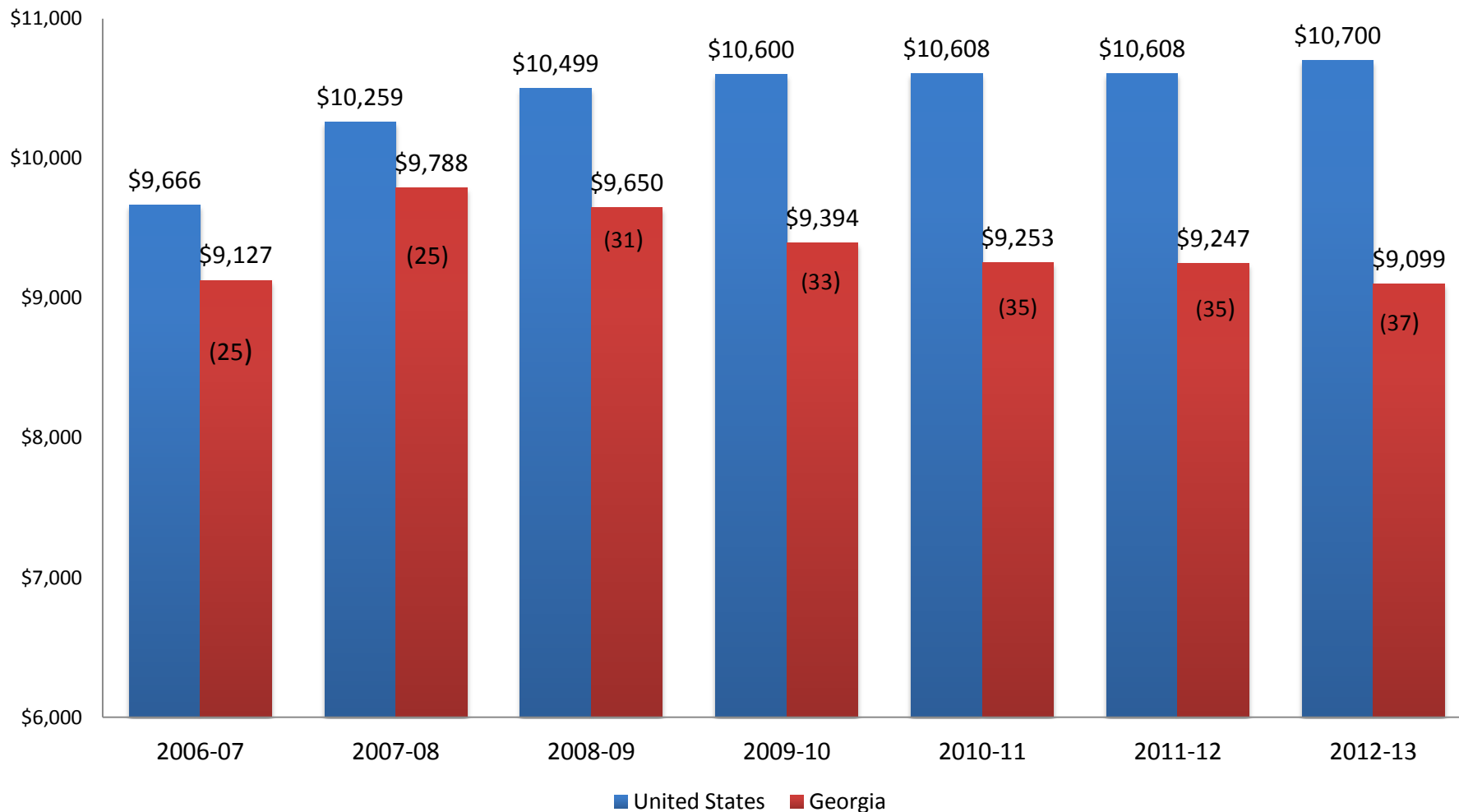
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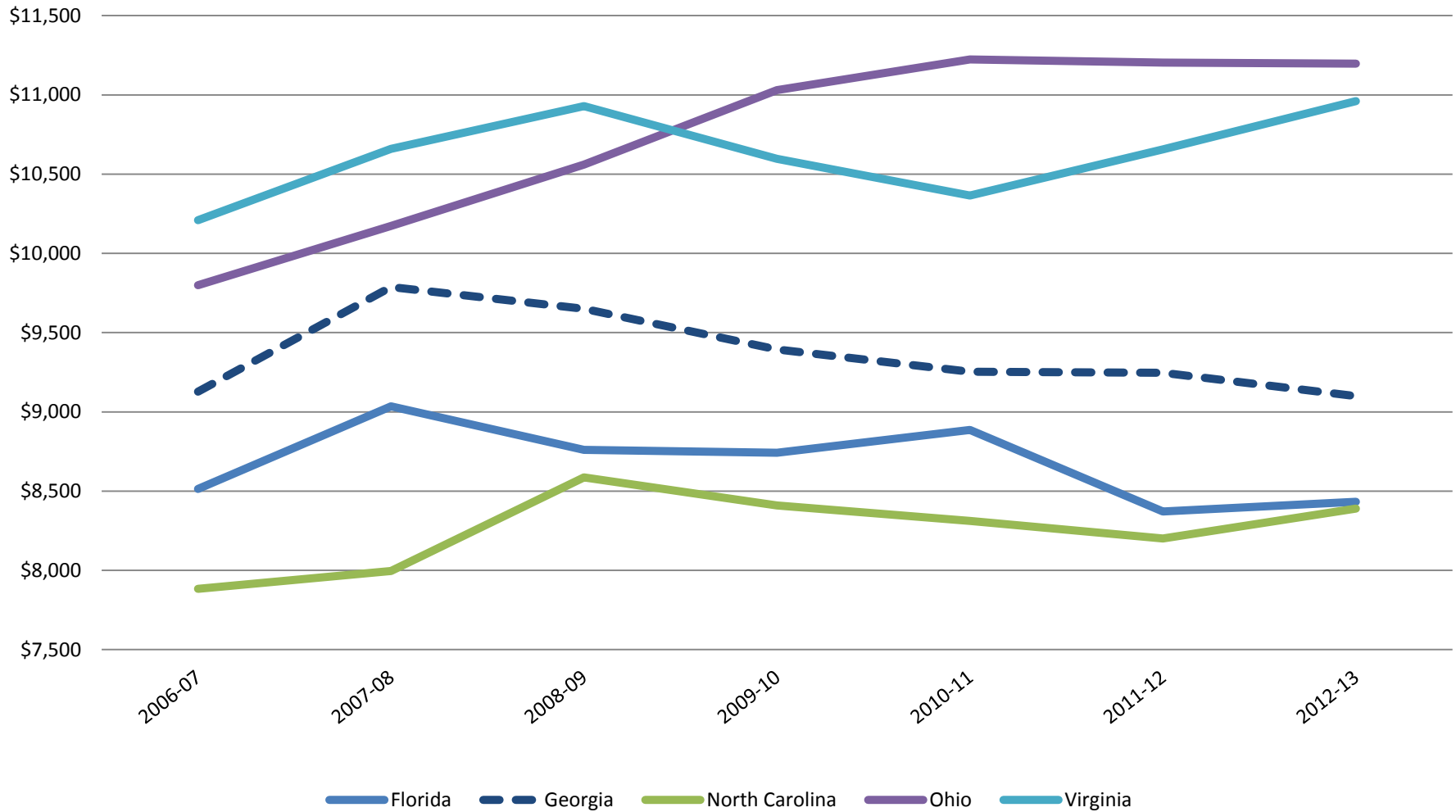
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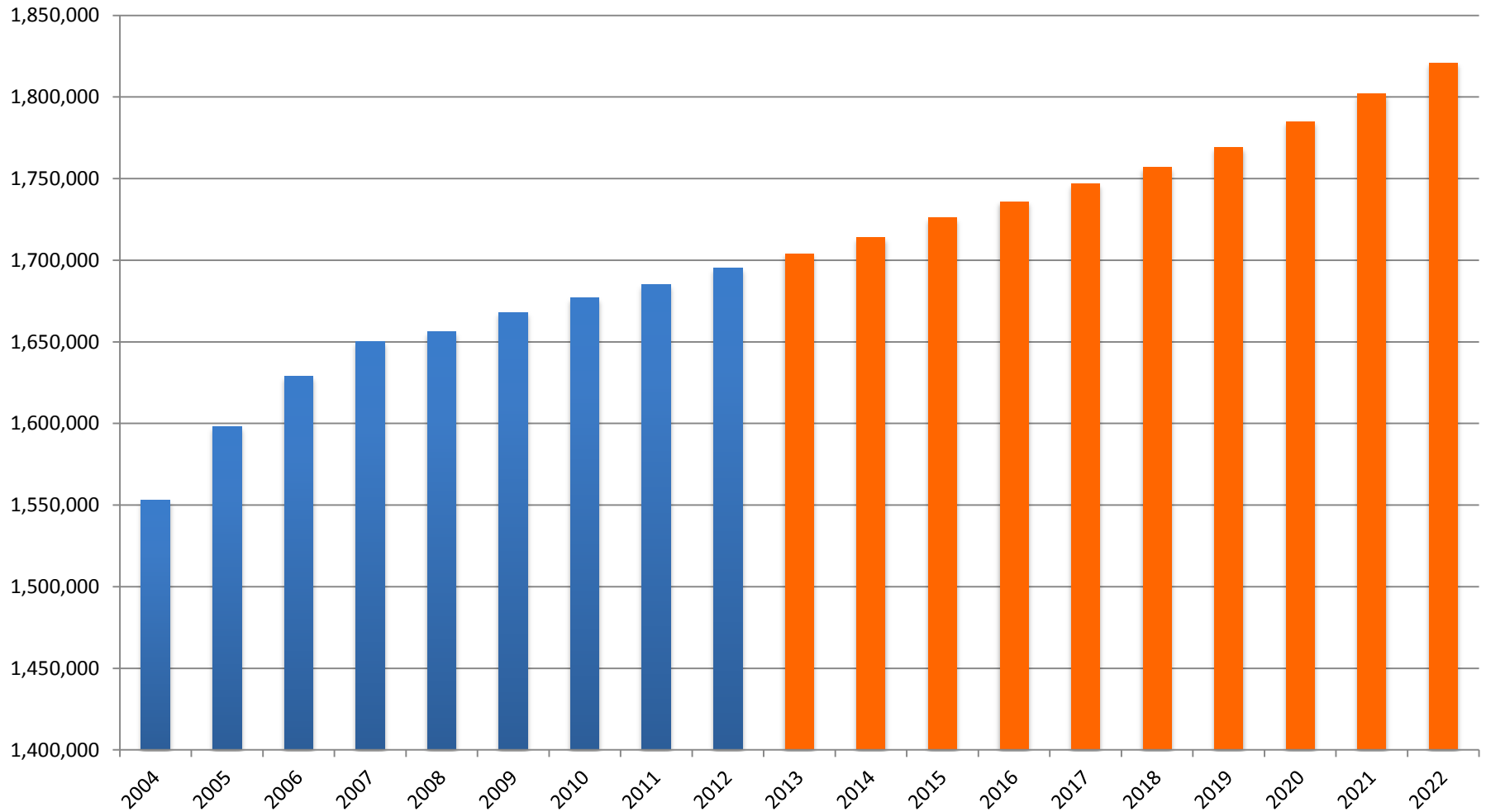
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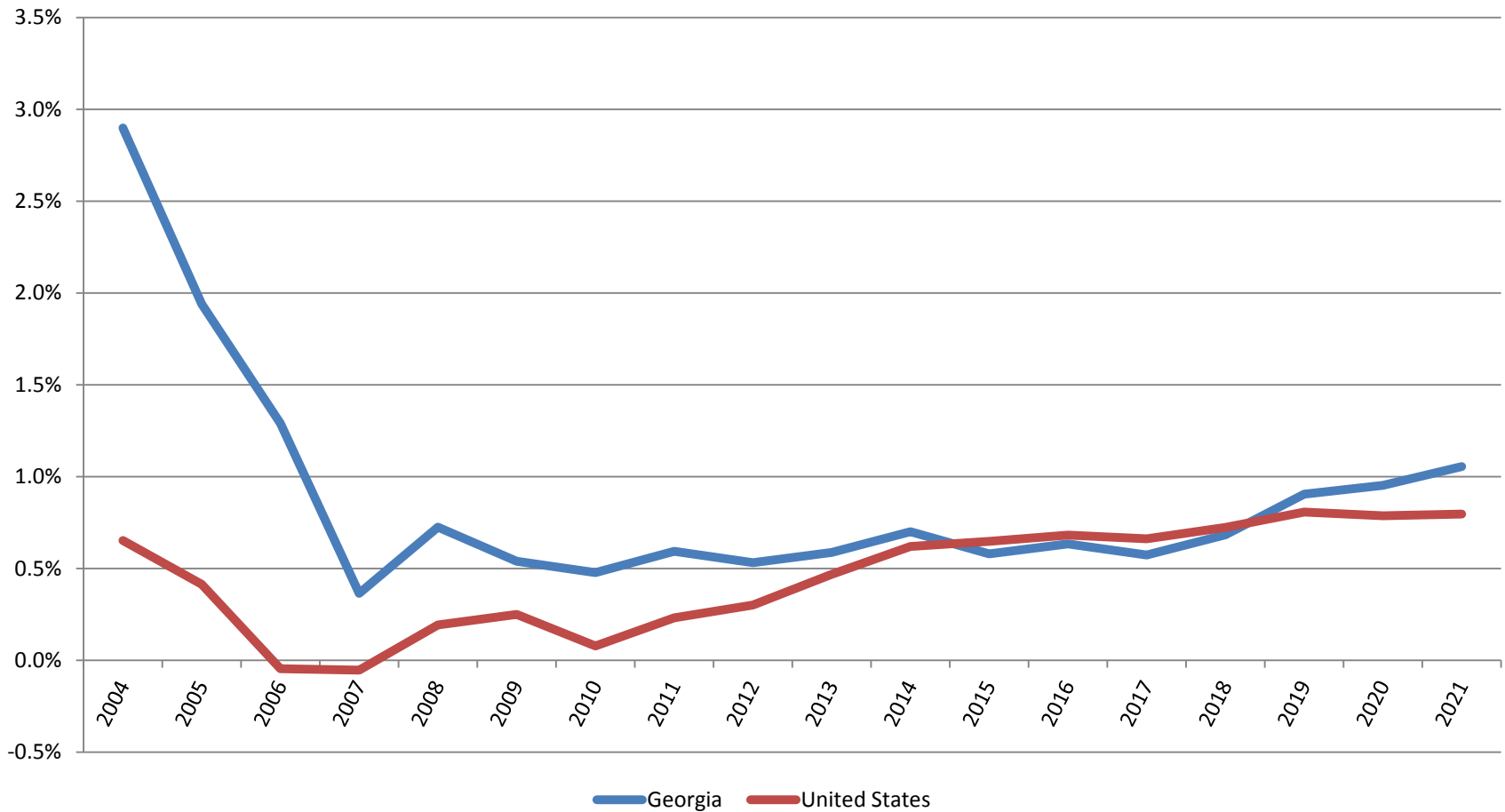
Total Student Enrollment in Georgia

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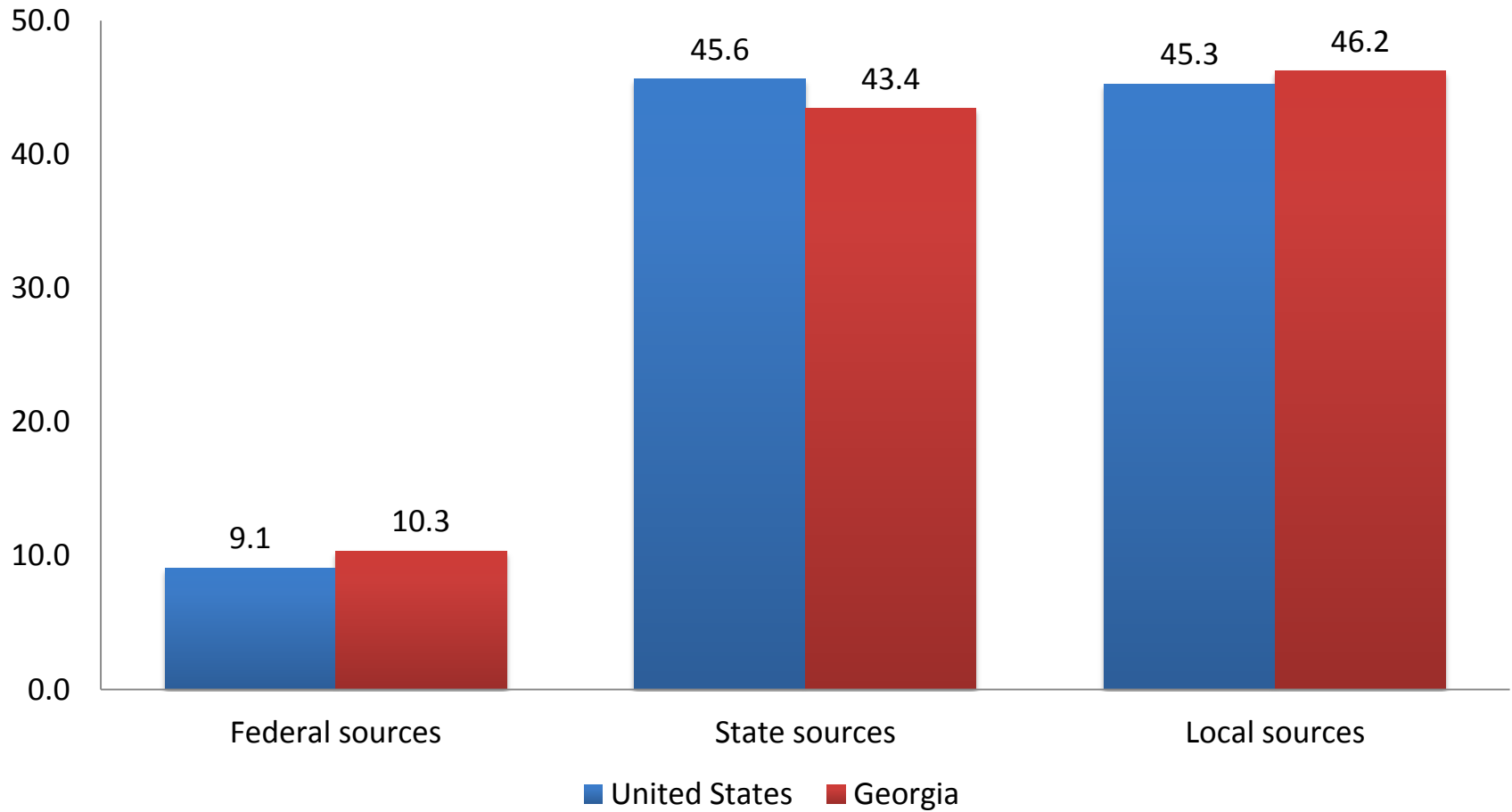
Annual Student Population Growth

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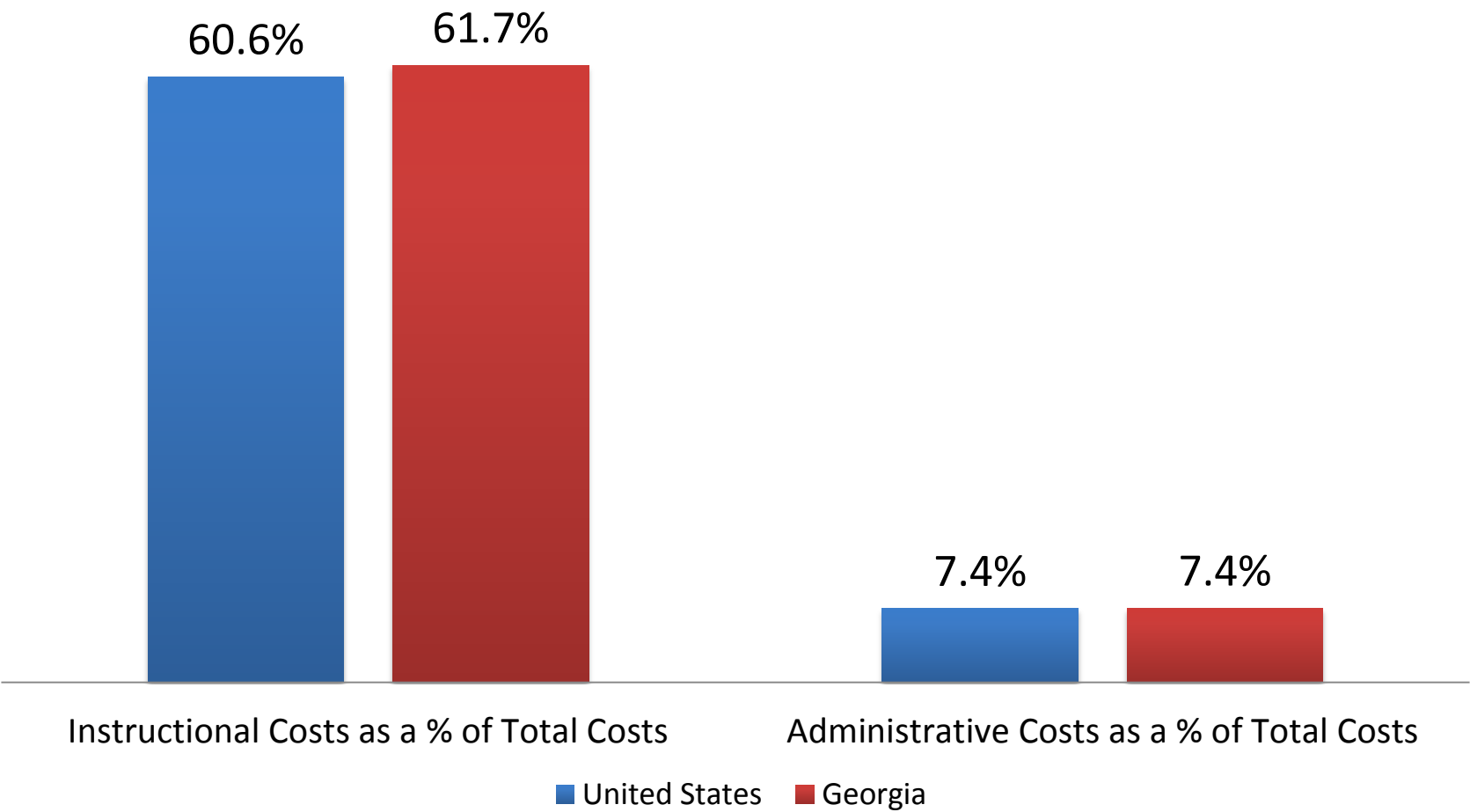
K-12 Education Funding Sources 2012-13 School Year

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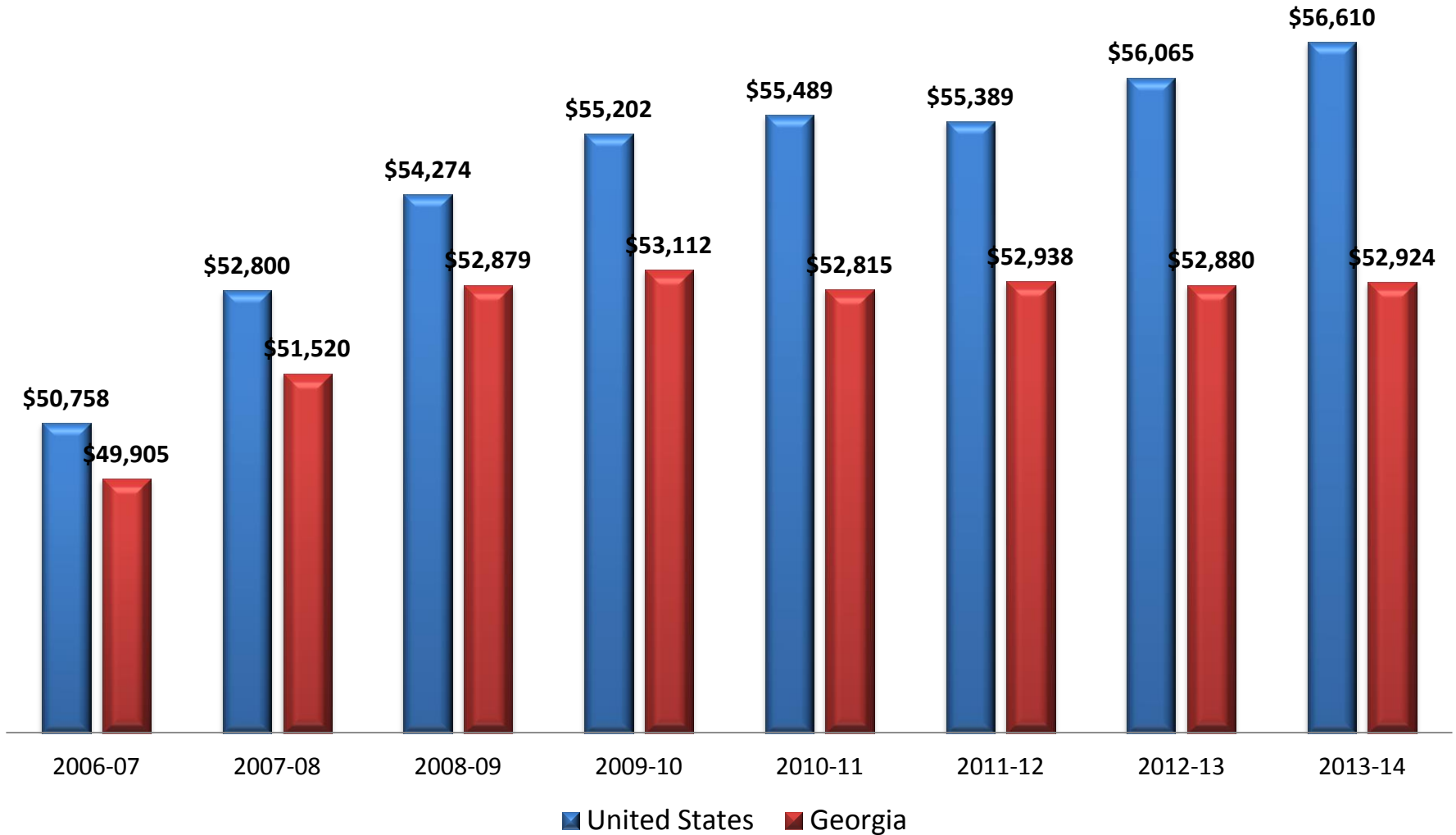
Current Spending for Elementary & Secondary Education 2012-13

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Average Teacher Wages

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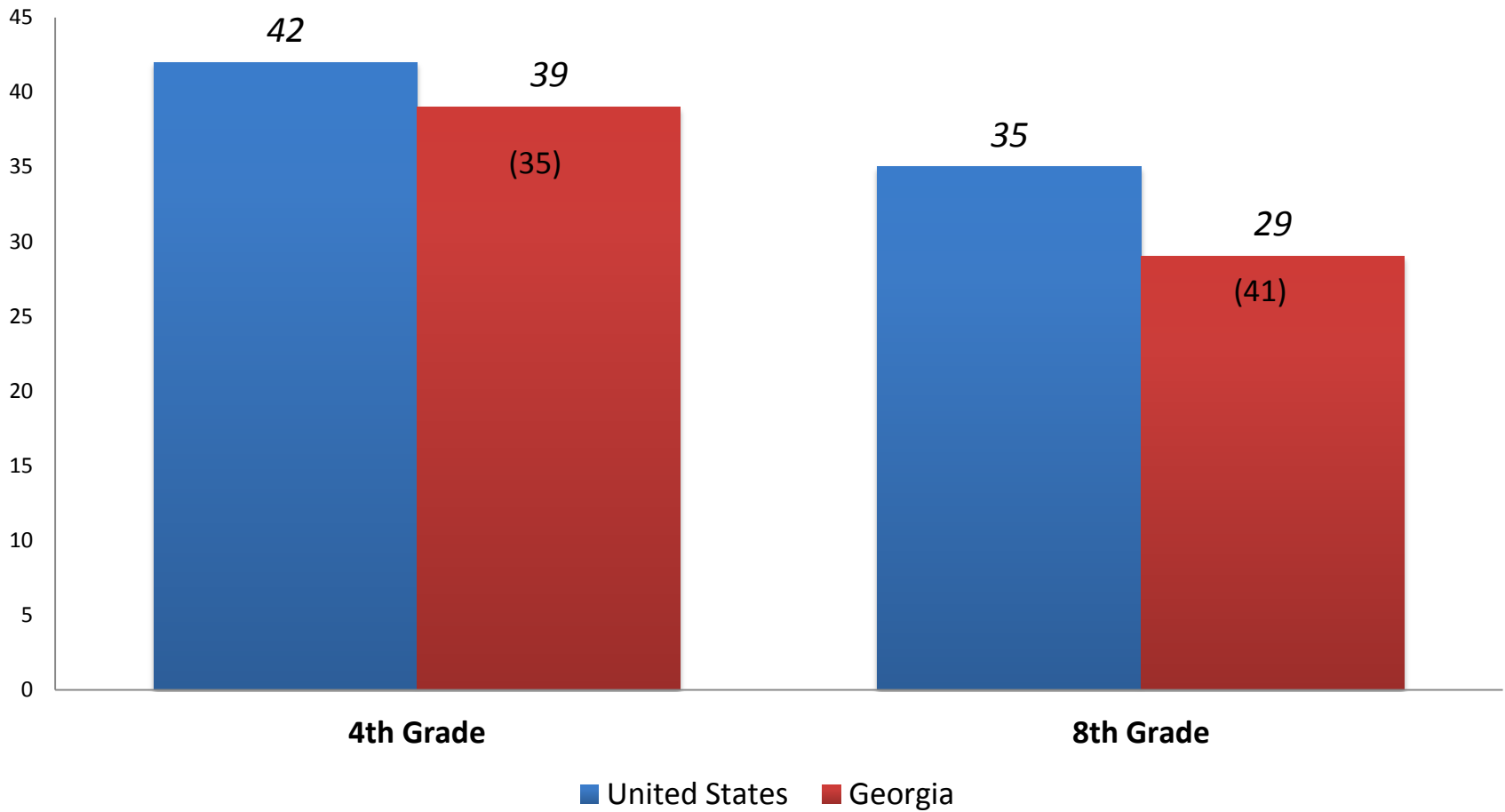


Student Results

- National Assessment of Educational Progress
 - Given every two years
 - 50 state results in math & reading for 4th & 8th grade from 2003
 - Other subjects tested: Arts, Civics, Economics, Geography, U.S. History, Science, Tech & Engineering and Writing
- High School Graduation Rates
 - Number of 9th grade students who graduate within 4 years

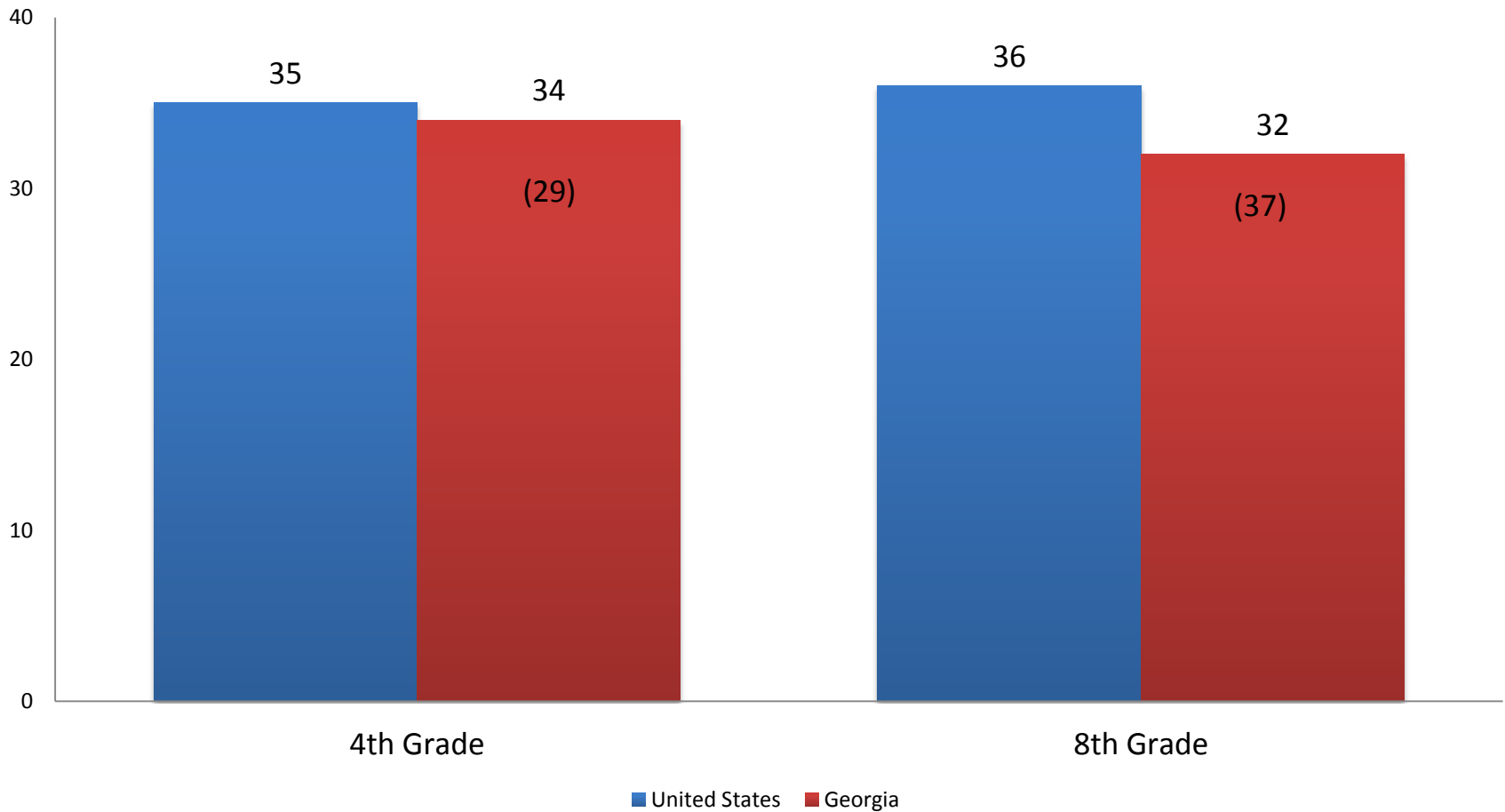
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Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient and Above

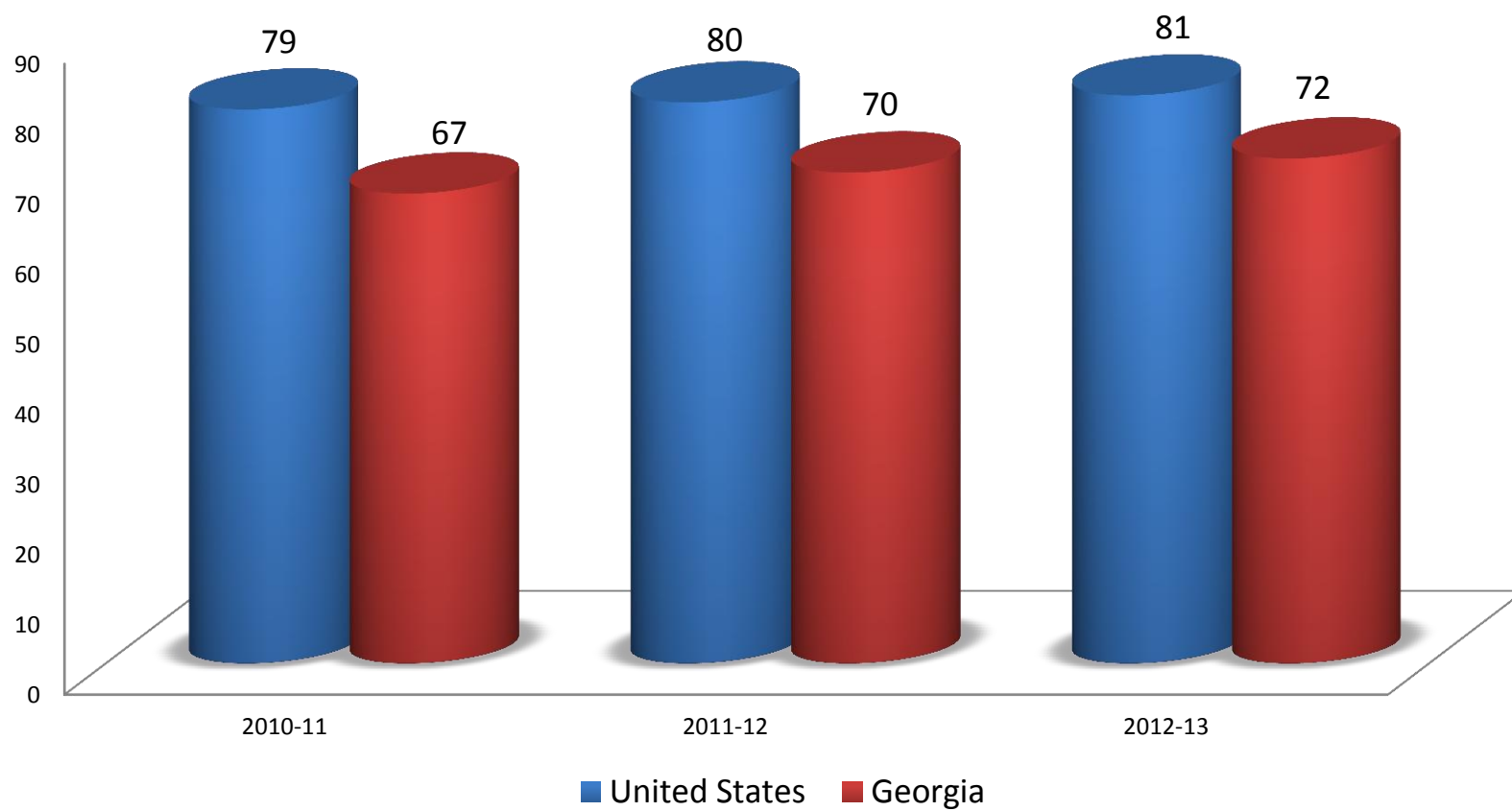


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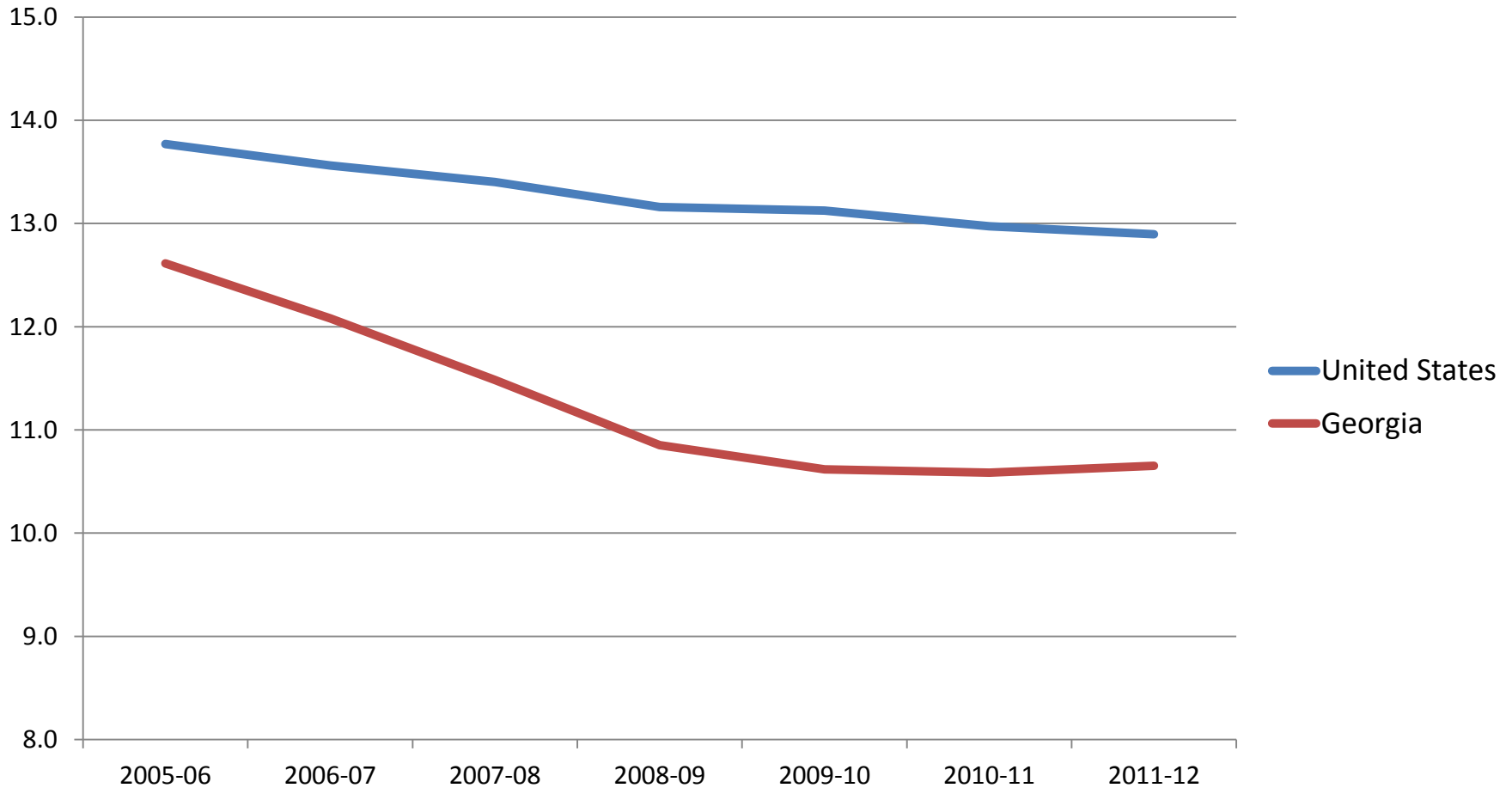


Four-Year High School Grad Rates



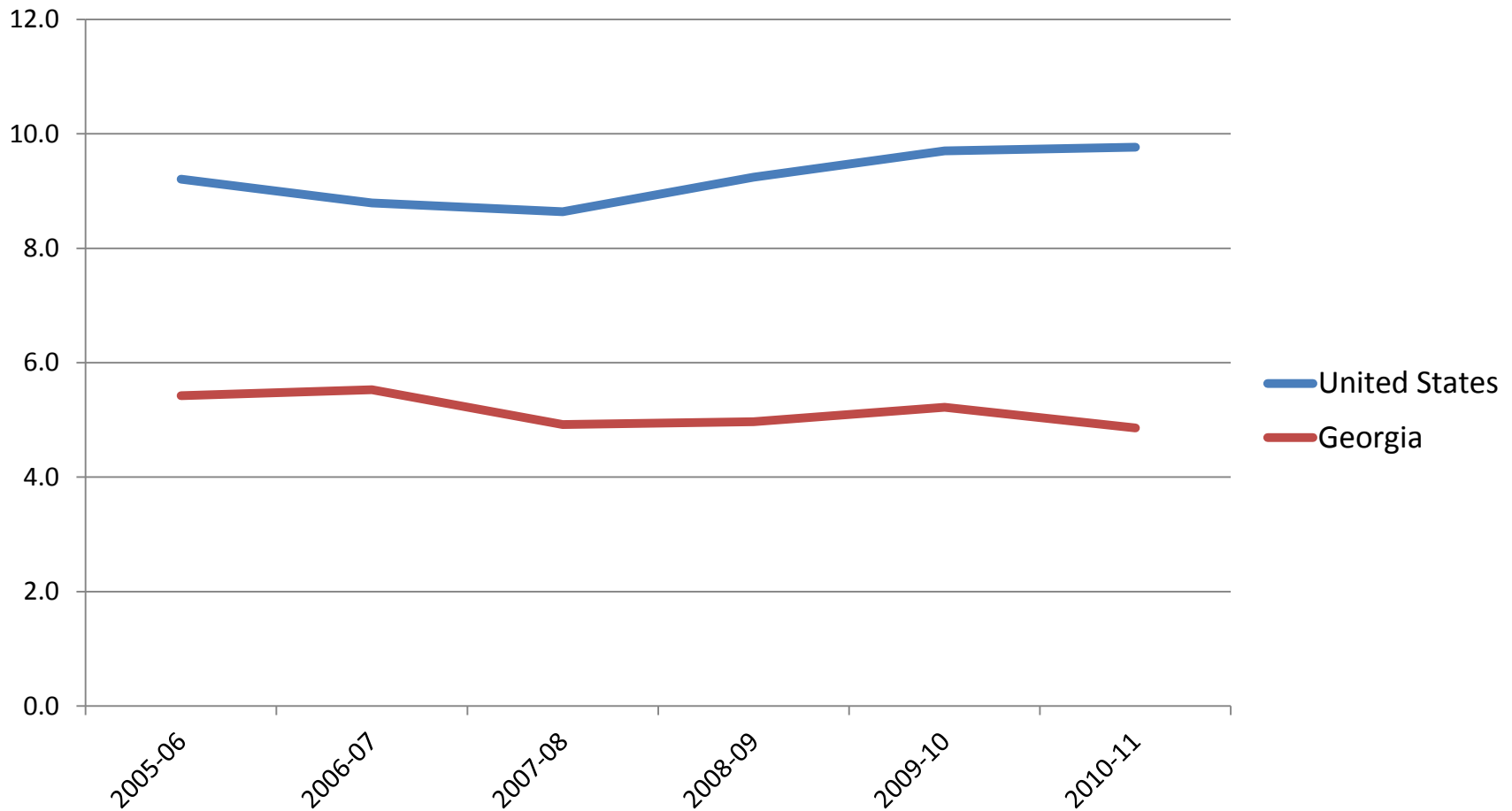
Special Education Population As a Percentage of Total Student Population

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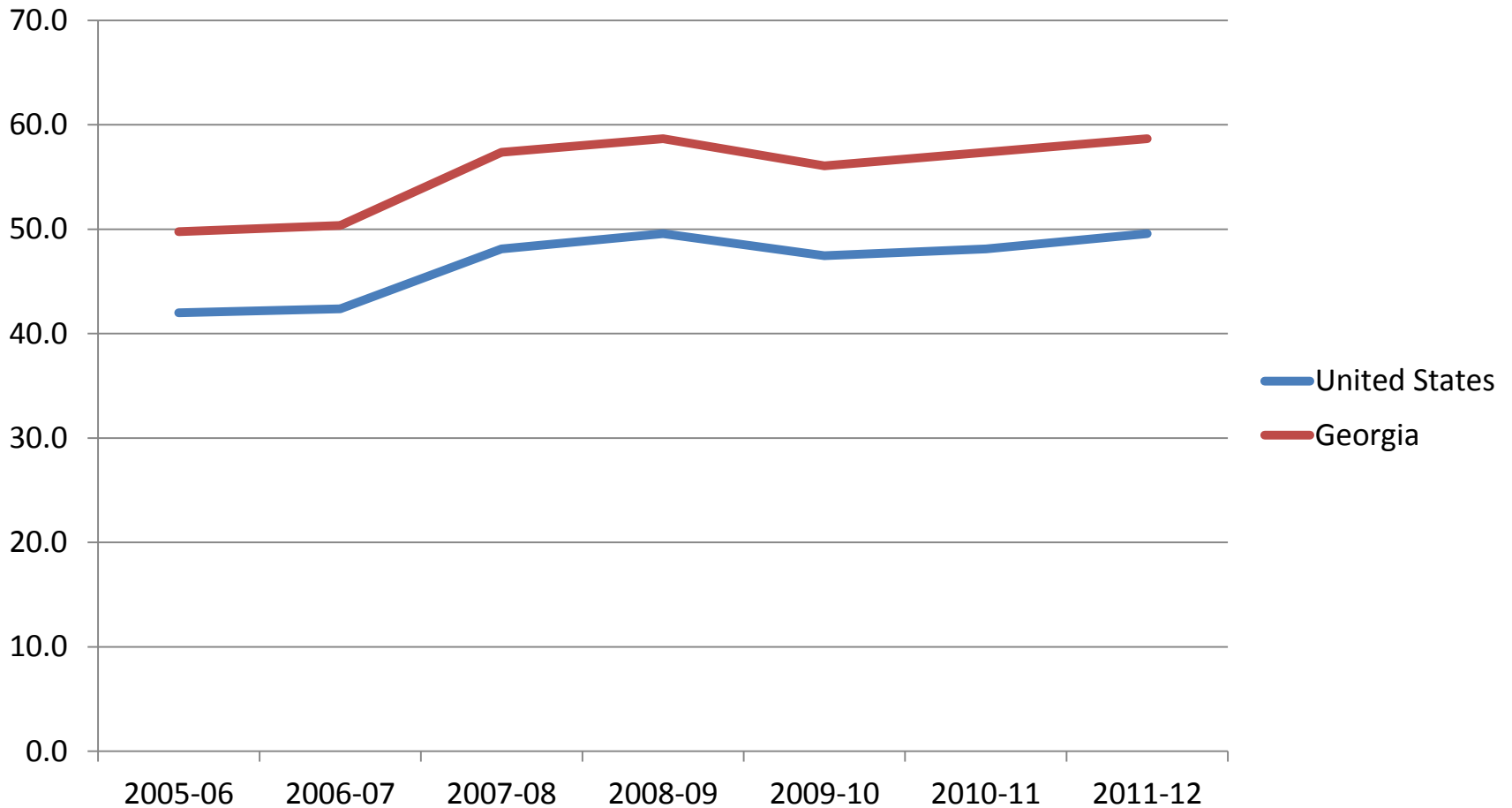
English Language Learner Population As a Percentage of Total Student Population

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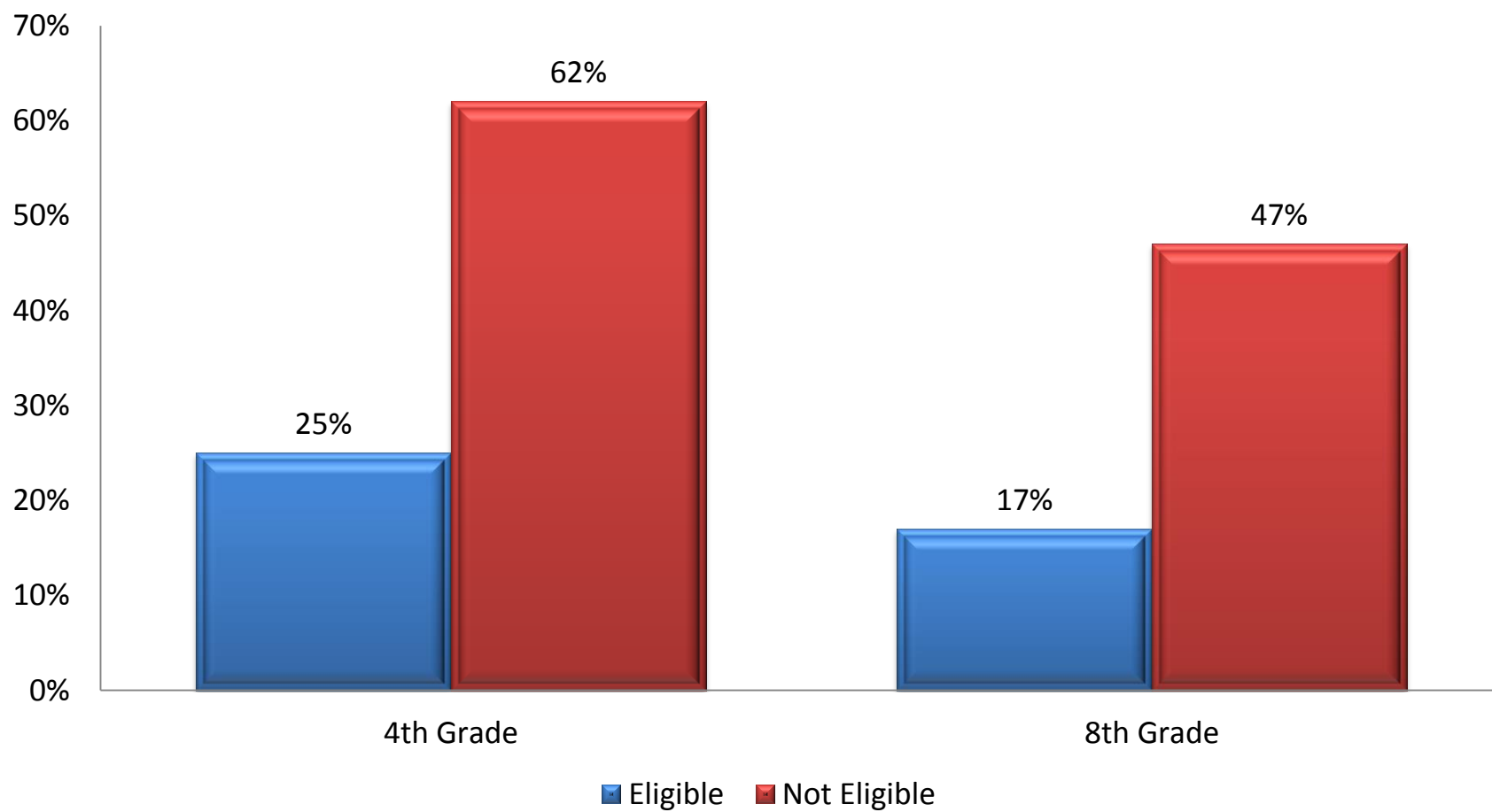
Free/Reduced Price Lunch Population As a Percentage of Total Student Population

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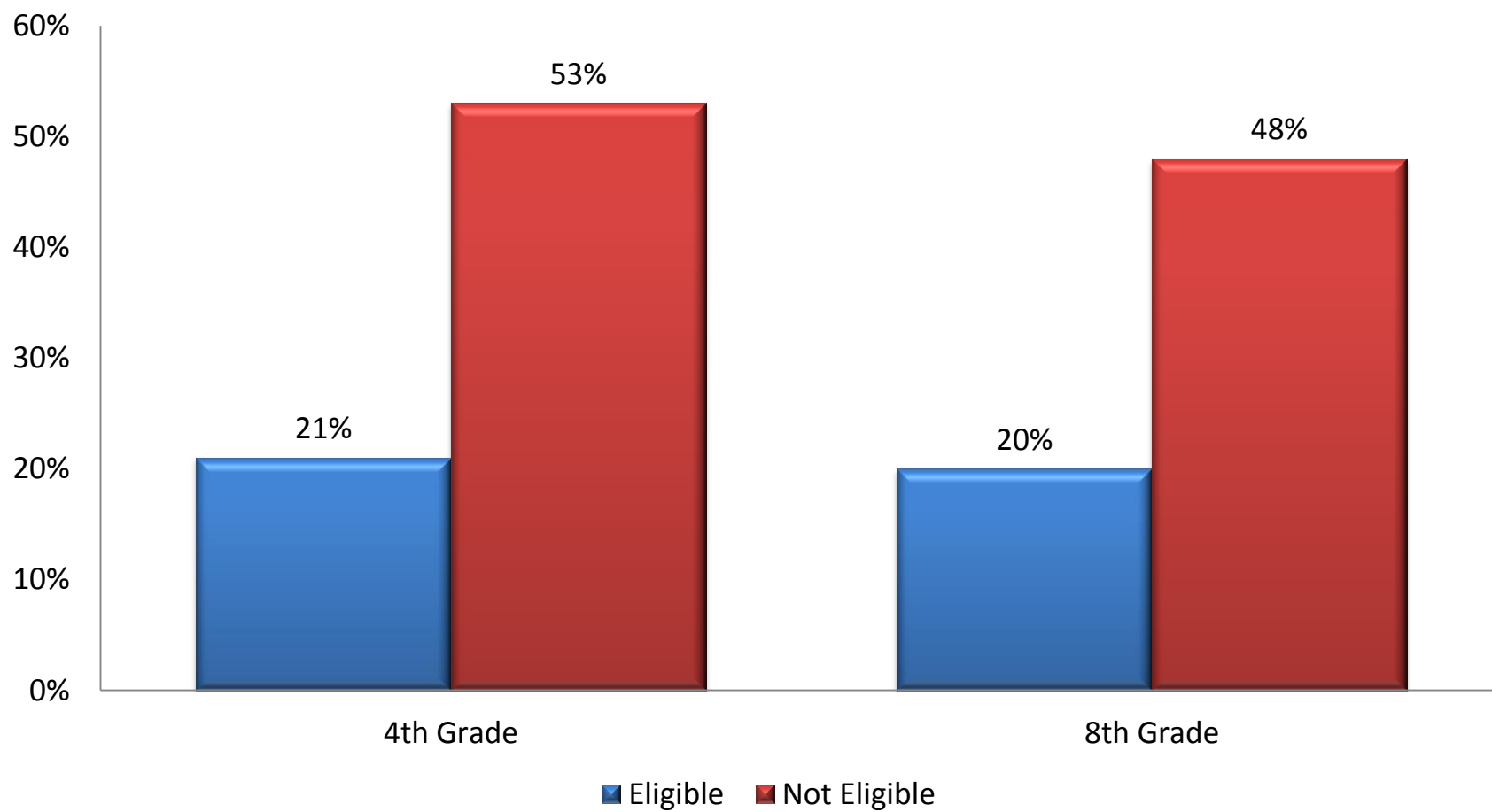
2013 NAEP Math Results for Free/Reduced Price Lunch Students

Students Scoring At Proficient or Above



2013 NAEP Reading Results for Free/Reduced Price Lunch Students

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Goals for A School Funding Formula

- Connecting funding and state education expectations
 - The funding formula should be aligned to state educational standards (*Massachusetts*)
- Striving for Equitable Funding
 - Relative equity in funding (*Montana, New Mexico and Texas*)
 - Equity in opportunity and offerings for all students (*Rhode Island and Wyoming*)

Goals for A School Funding Formula

- Being Transparent and Comprehensible
 - Fewer programs outside of the funding formula (*Maryland and New York*)
 - Clarity on how the formula functions (*Colorado and California*)
- Having Some Predictability
 - A predictable system allows the state and school districts to do advanced planning

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