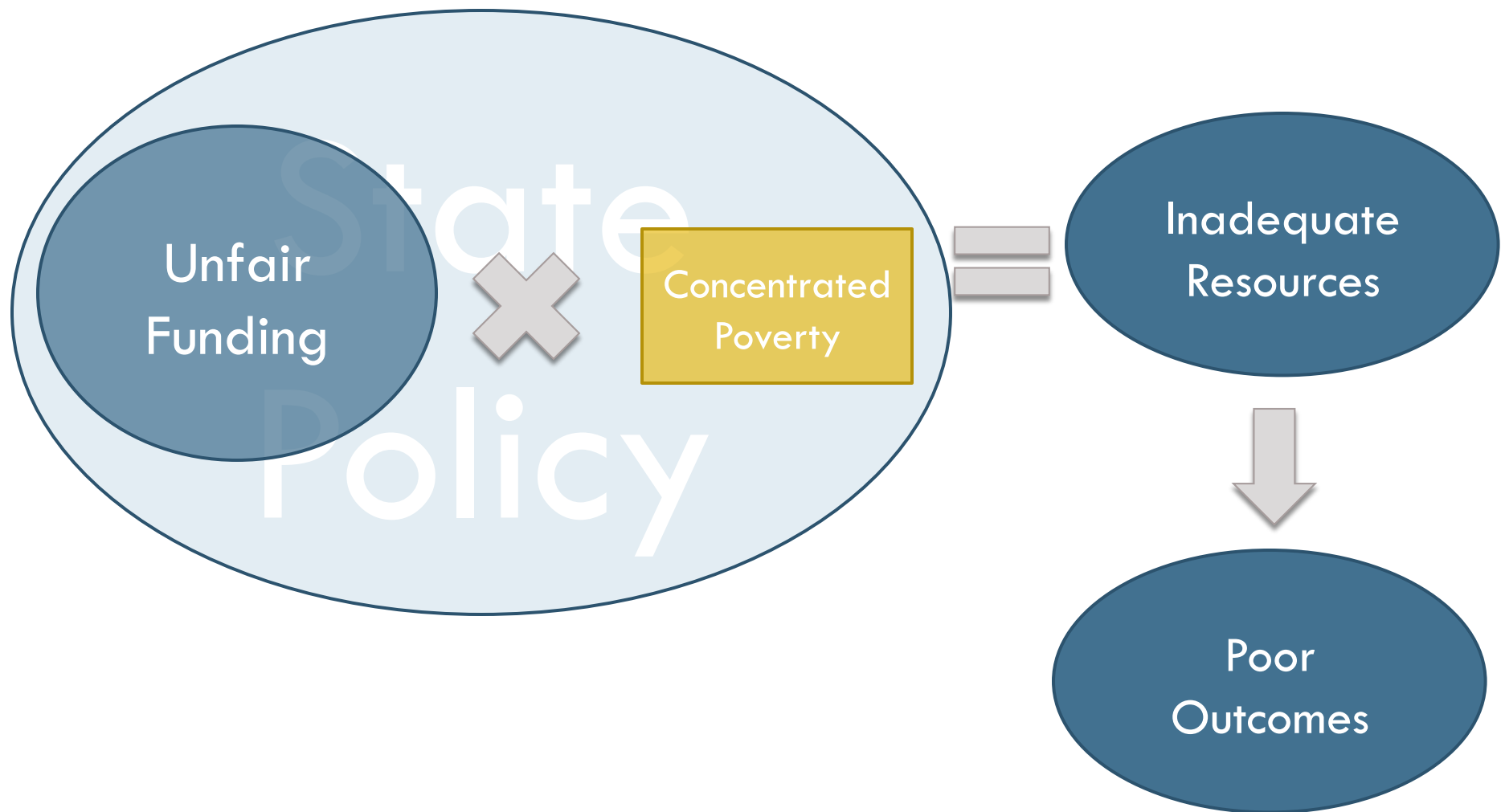




RESOURCE EQUITY AND STUDENT SUCCESS

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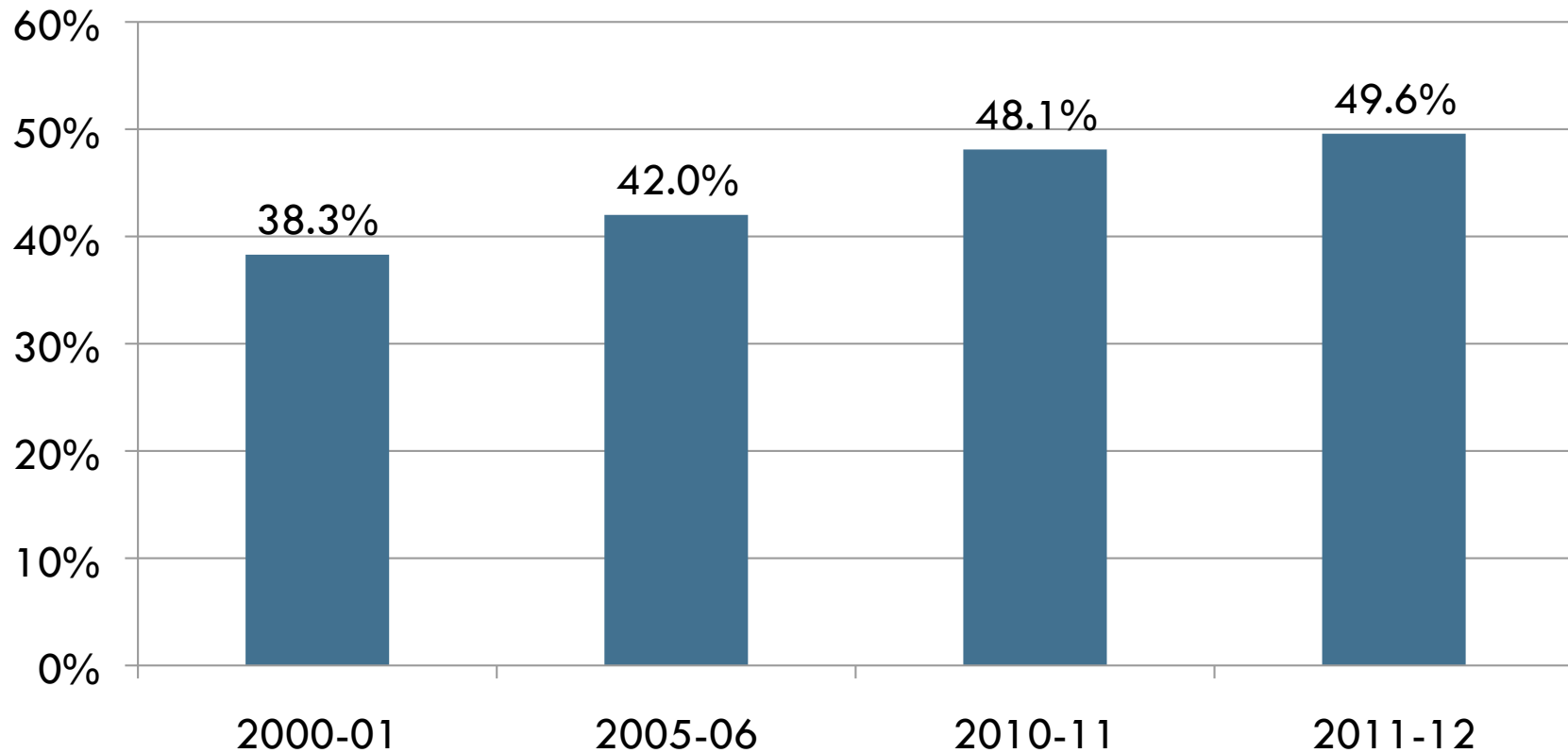
A Formula for Inequity



Public School Students Eligible for Free/Reduced Price Lunch

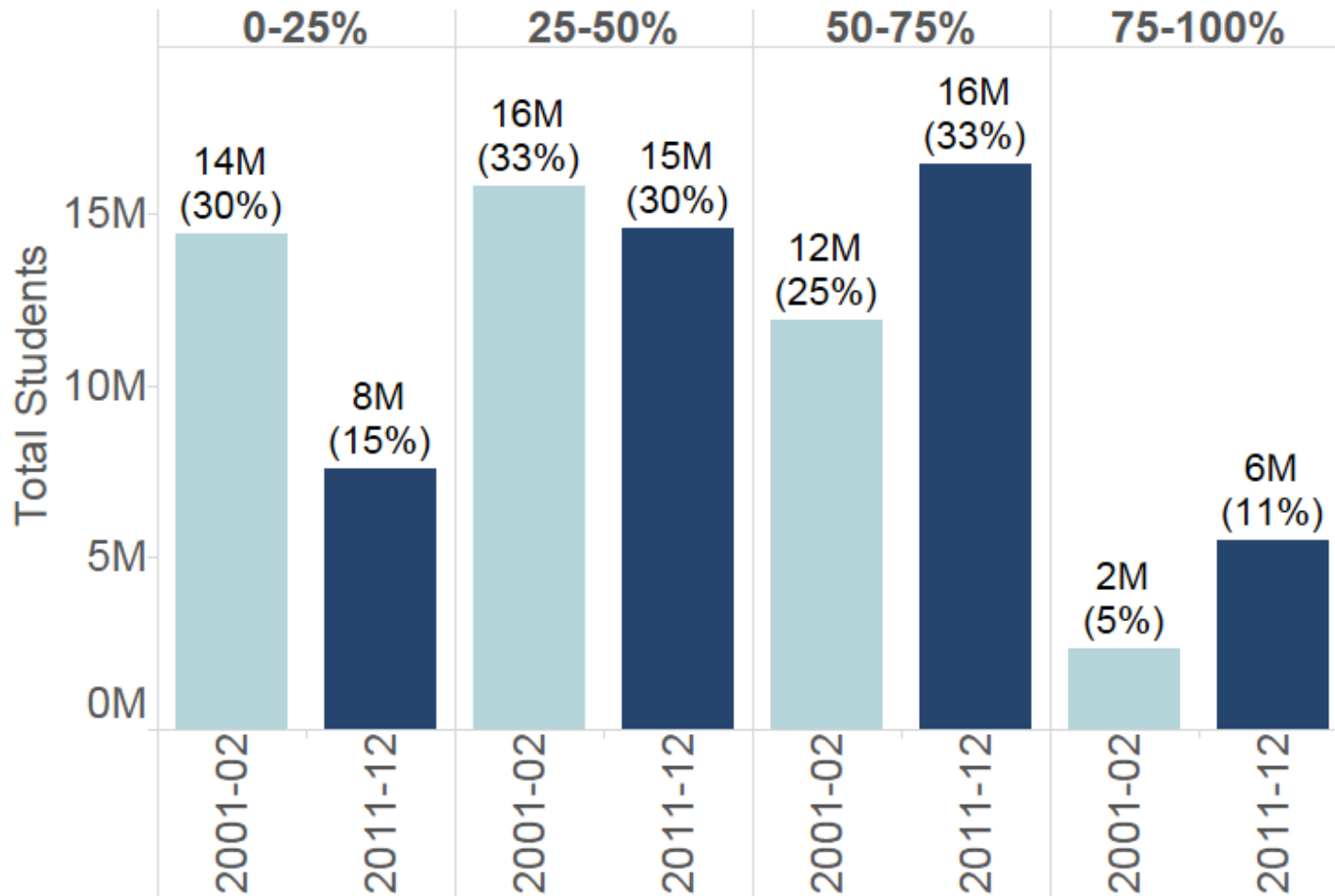


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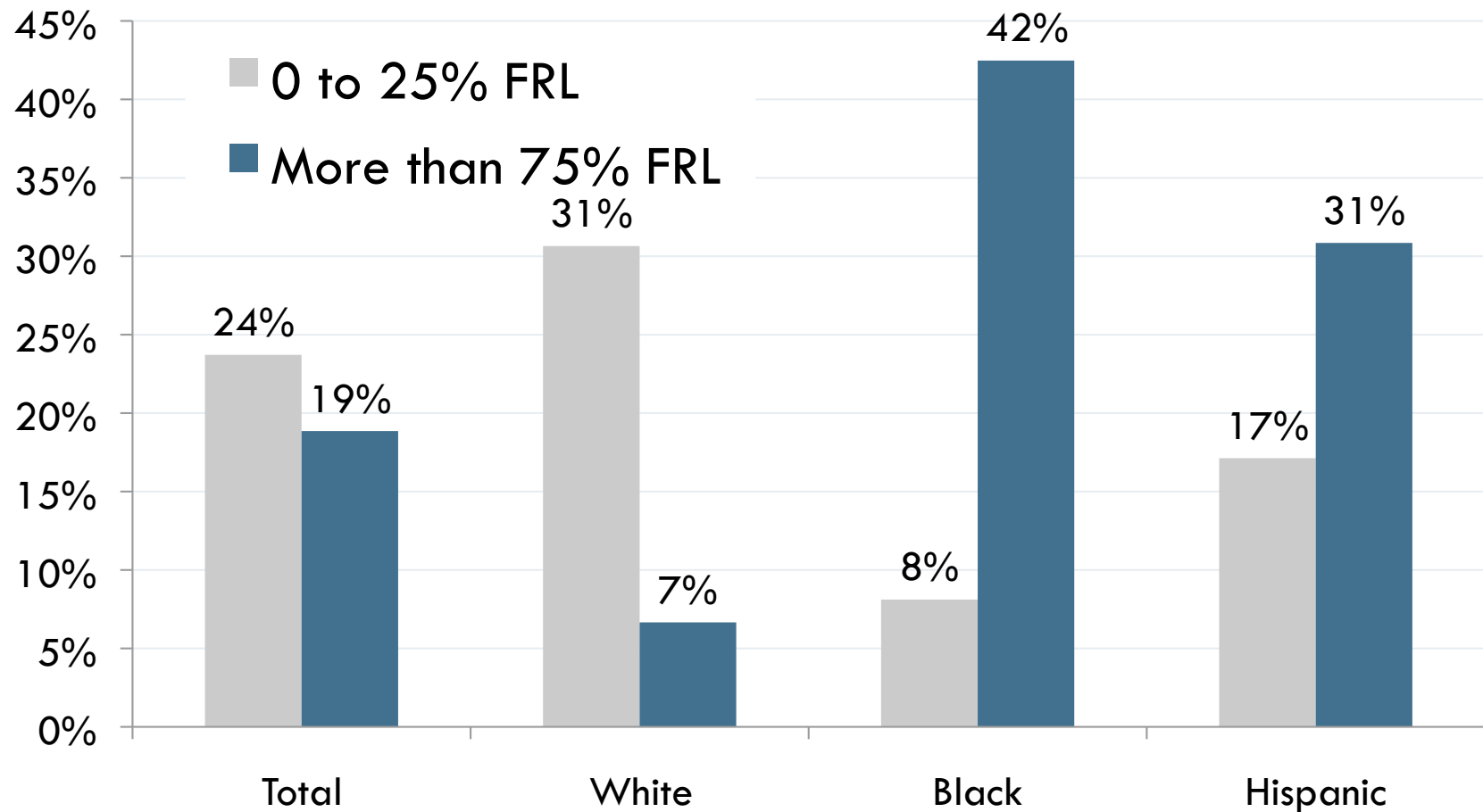
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Growth in Concentrated District Poverty (FRL), 2002 to 2012



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Distribution of students by low/high FRL status of school, 2011-12

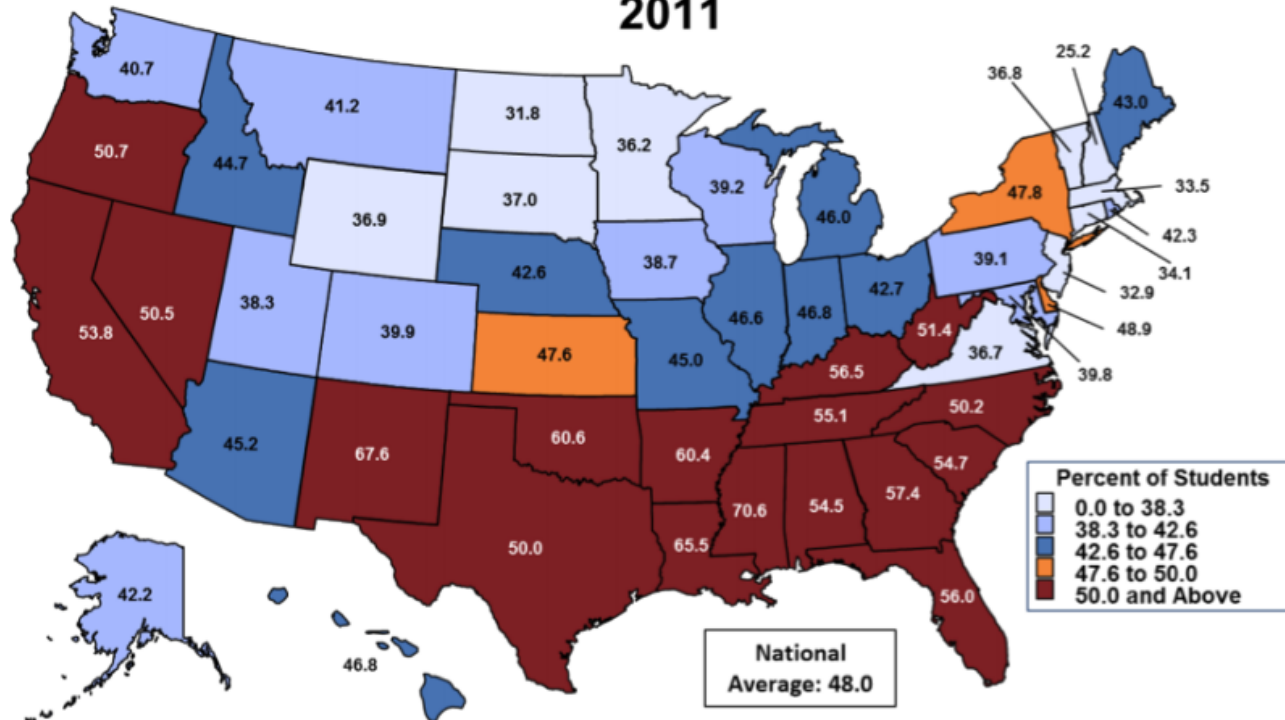


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Low Income Students (FRL) are the majority in 17 states



Percent of Low Income Students in All Public Schools 2011



Source: Southern Education Foundation, A New Majority: Low Income Students in the South and Nation, Oct. 2013

School Funding Remains Unfair

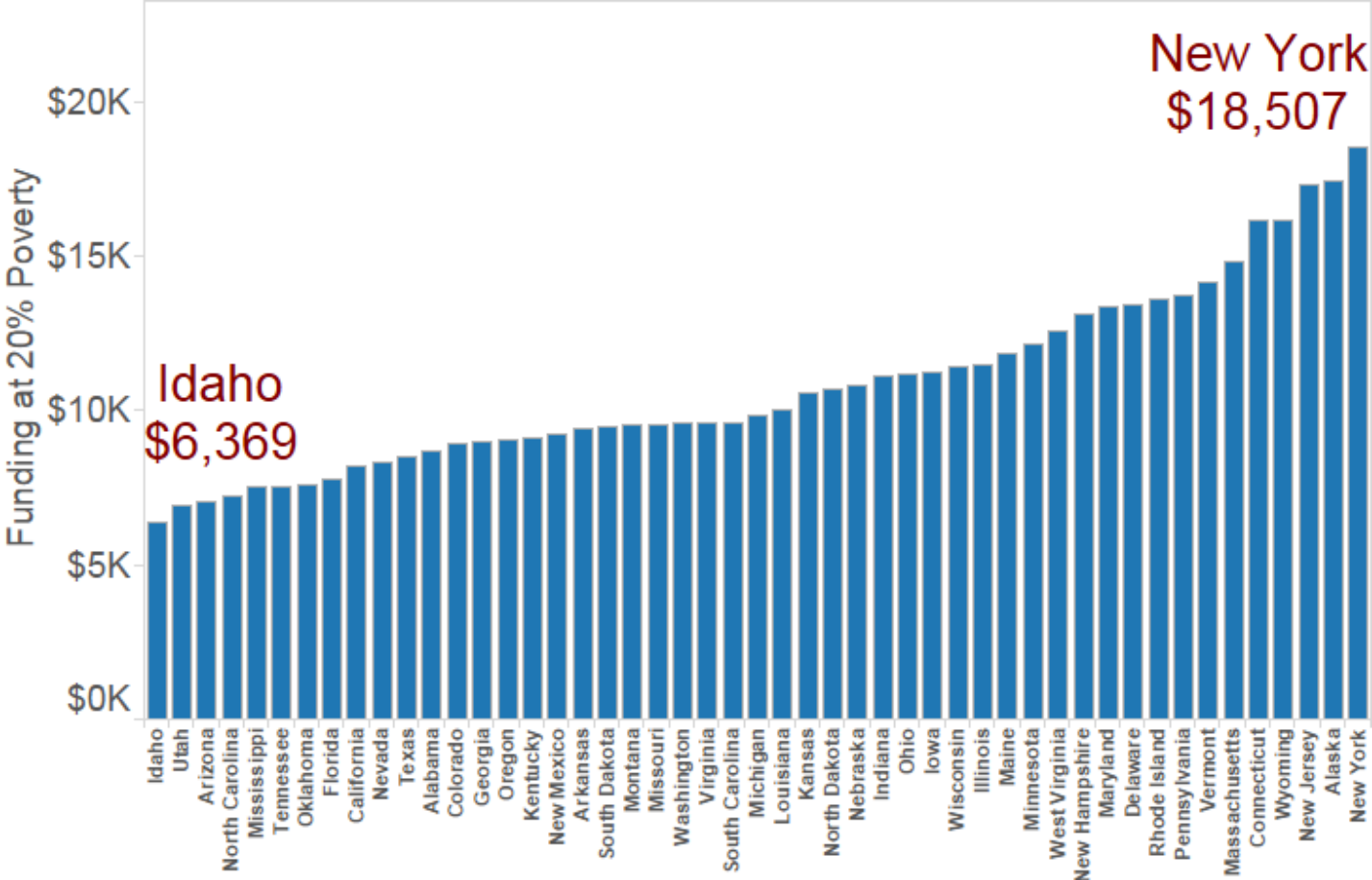


“Fair” school funding is defined as a state finance system that provides a sufficient level of funding to ensure equality of educational opportunity, with funding distributed to districts within the state to account for additional needs generated by student poverty.

Baker, Sciarra, Farrie, National Report Card: Is School Funding Fair?
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Funding Level (at 20% Census Poverty)

2012

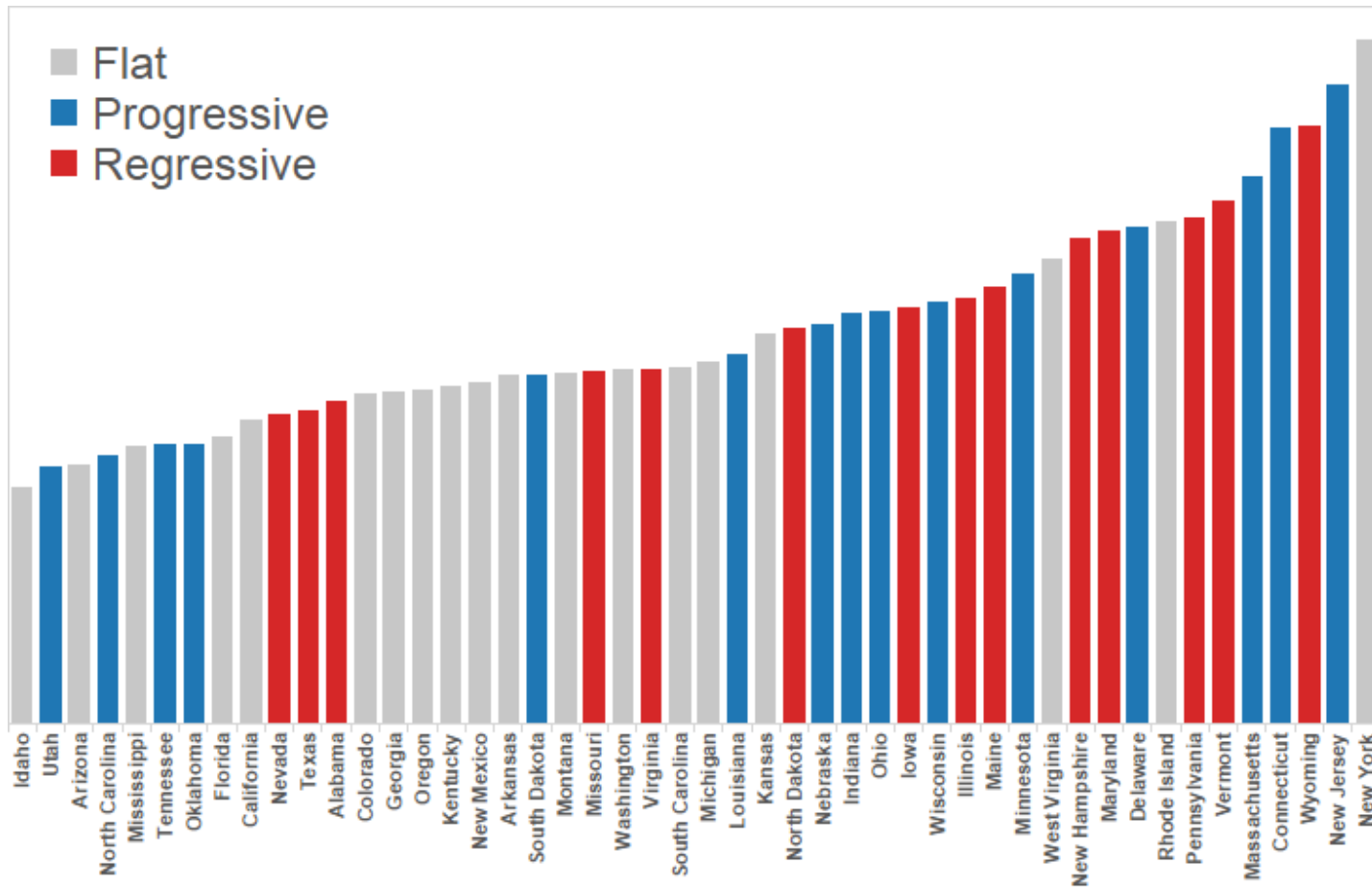


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Funding Level and Distribution

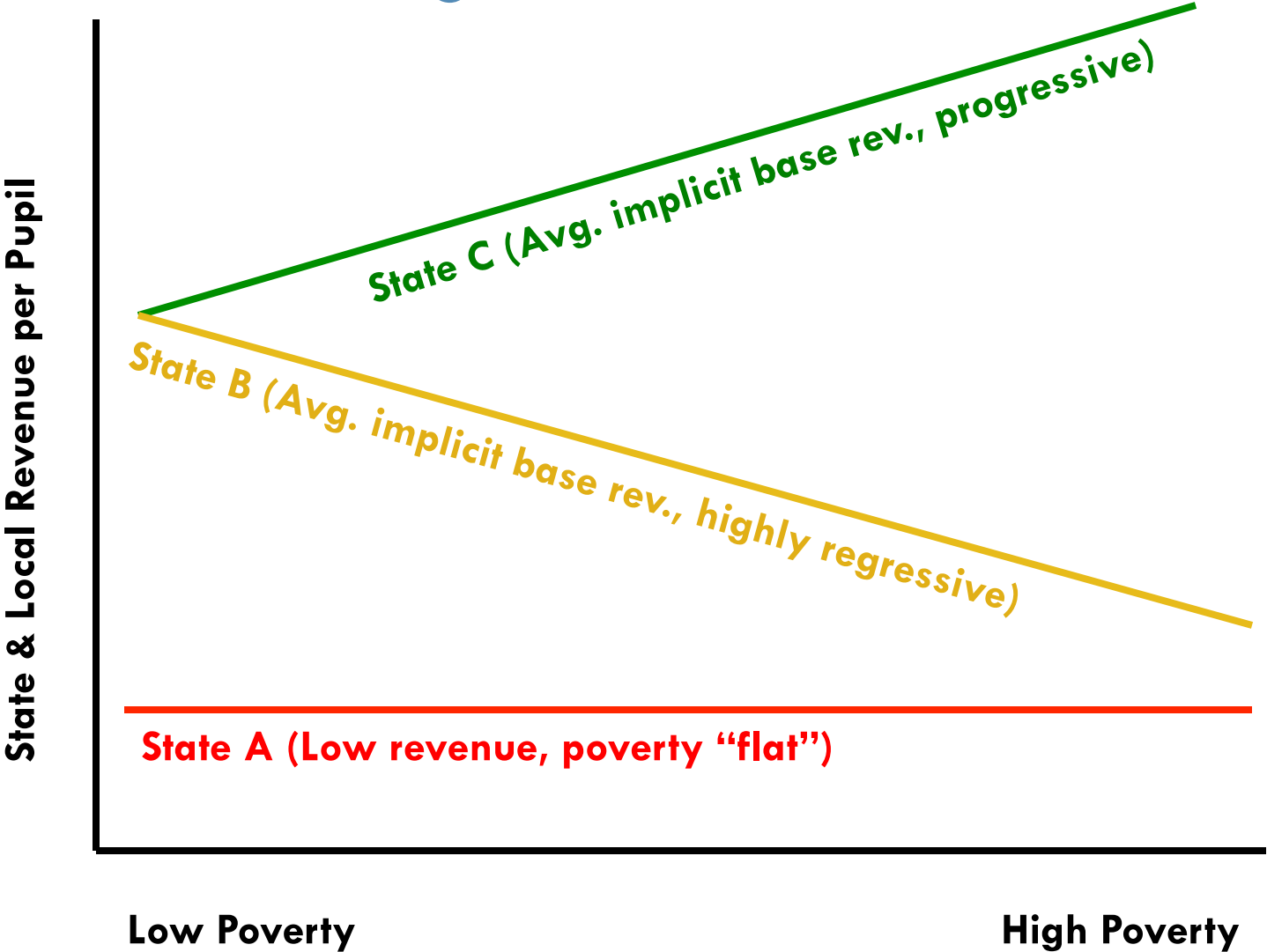


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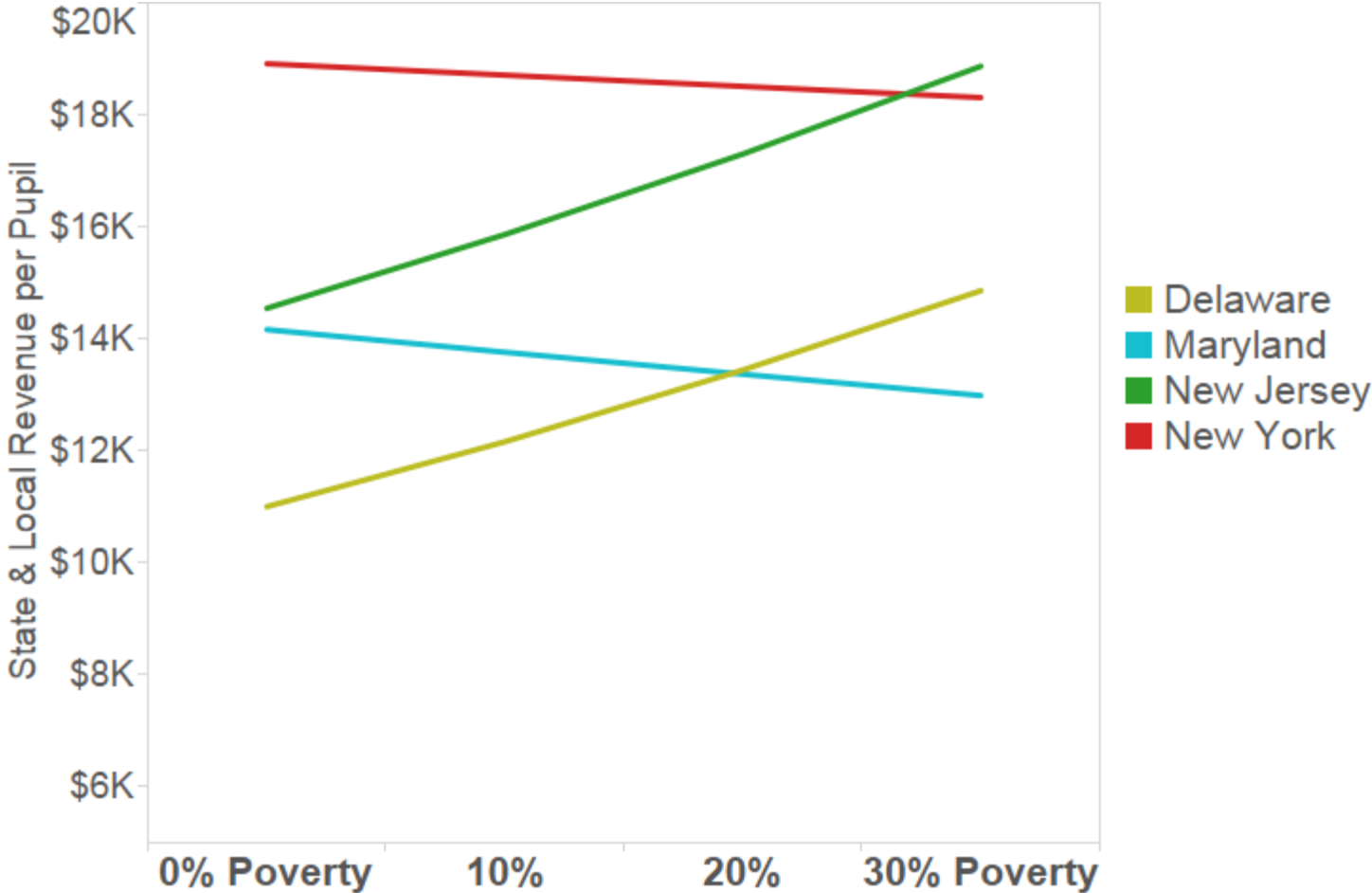


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State Funding Profile

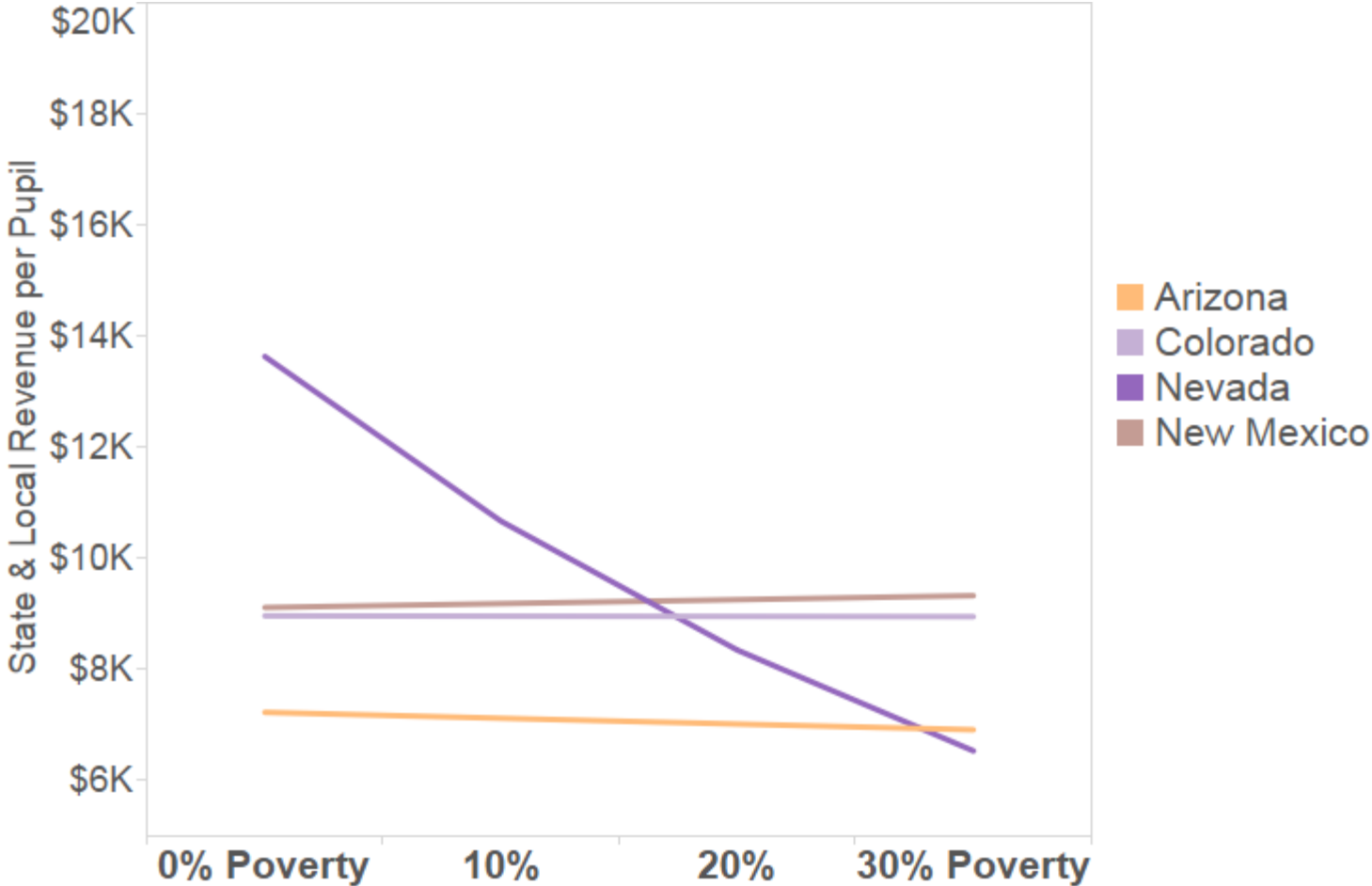


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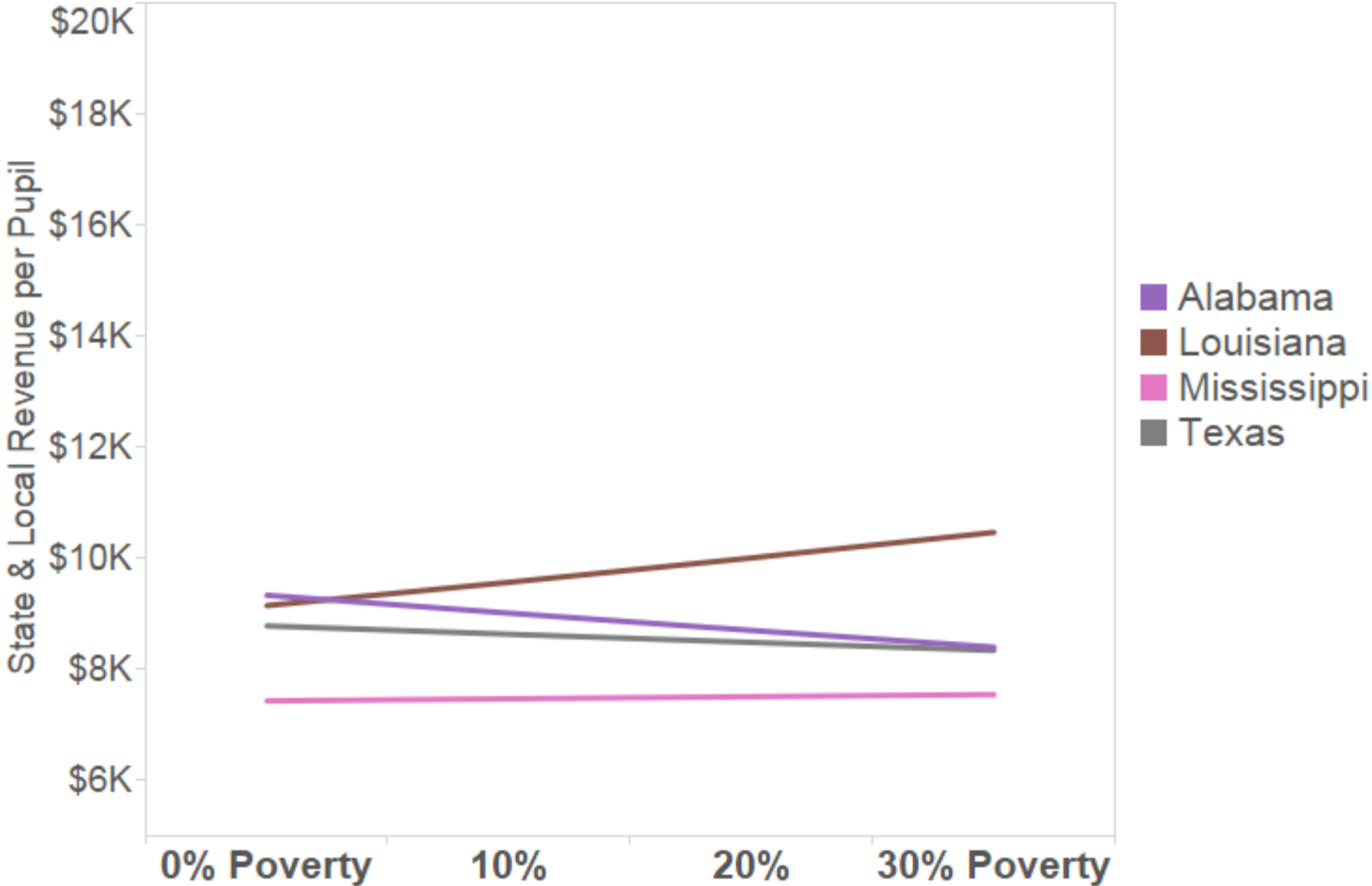
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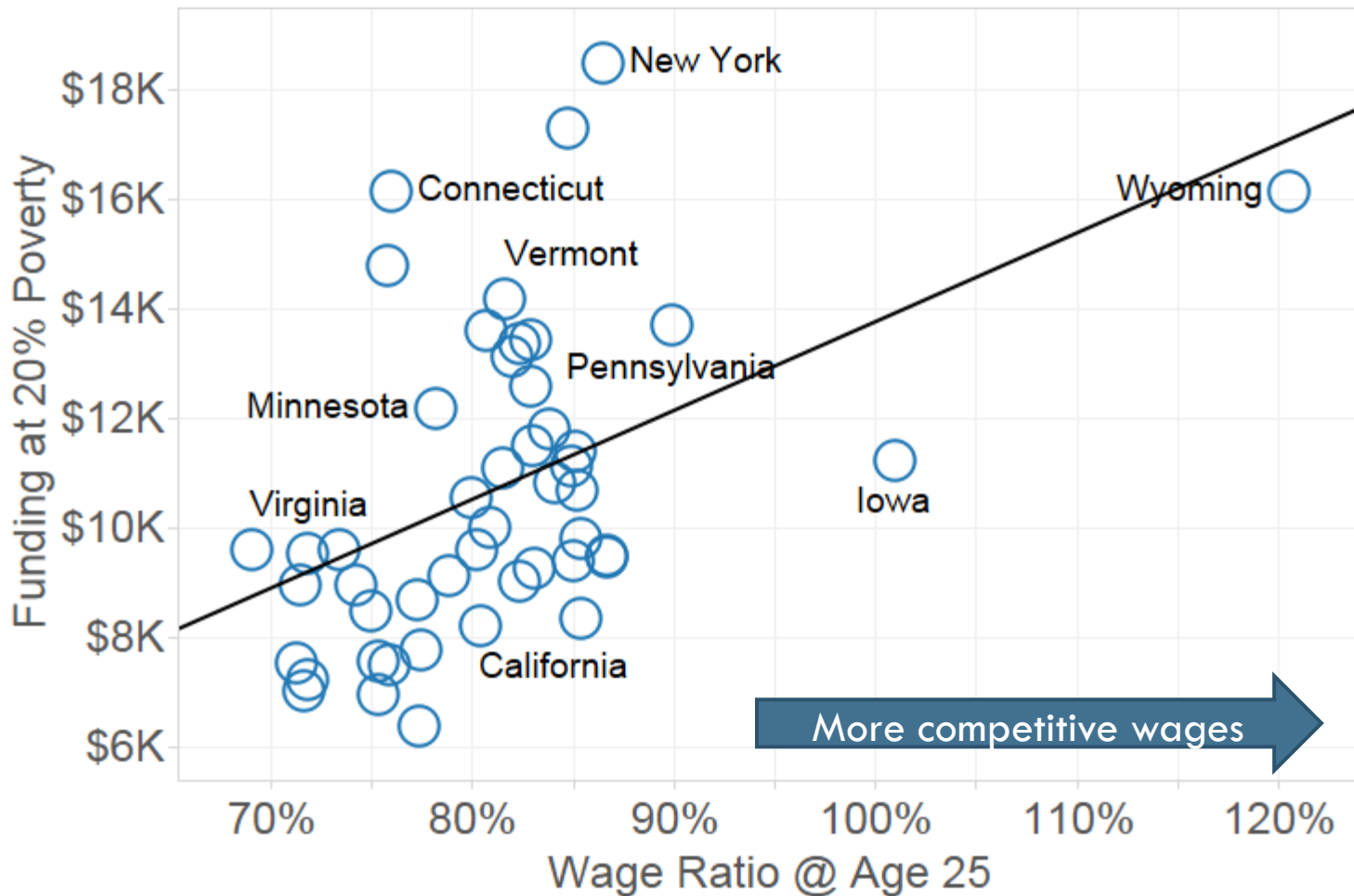
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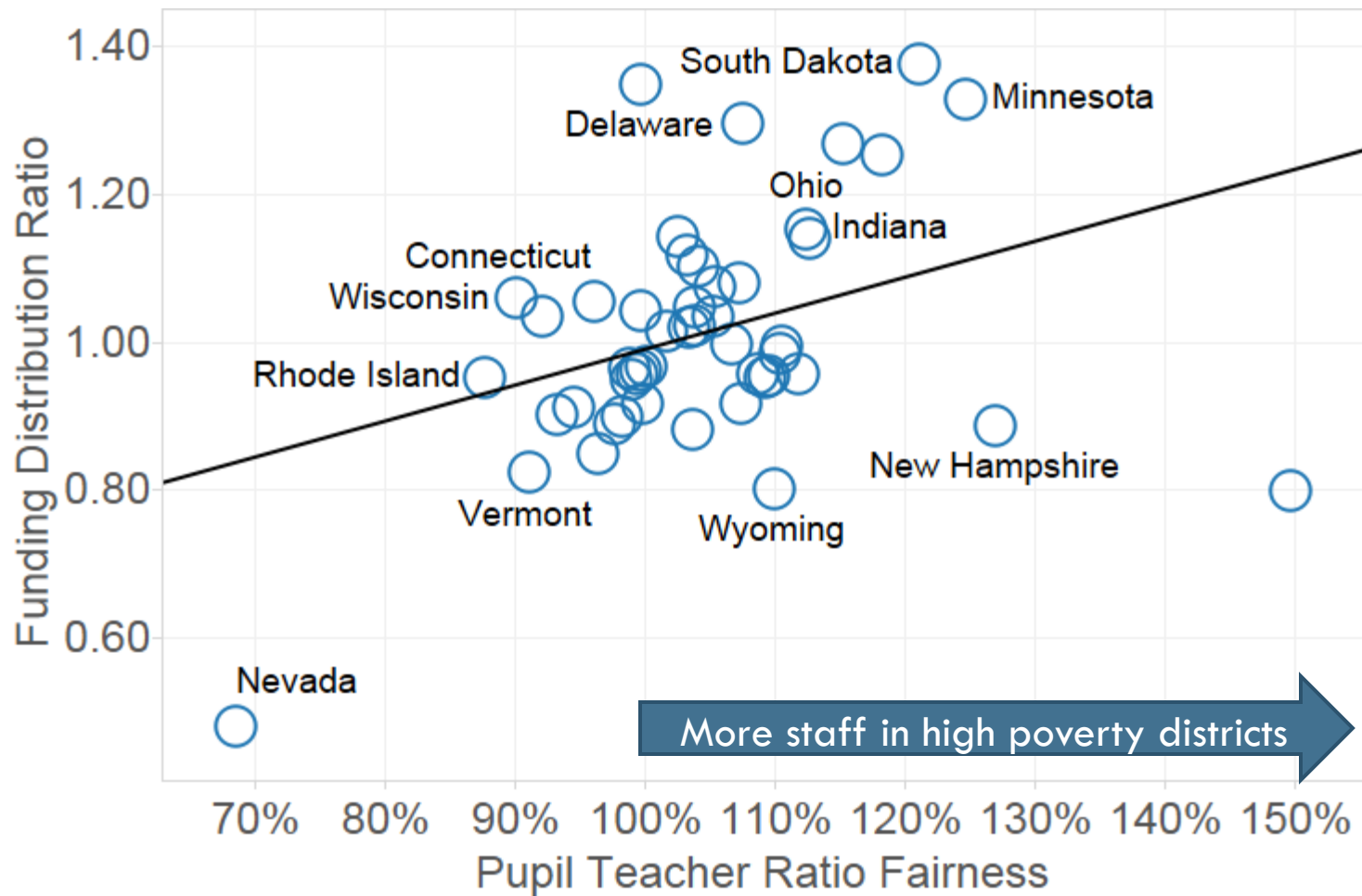
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Wage Competitiveness & Funding Level



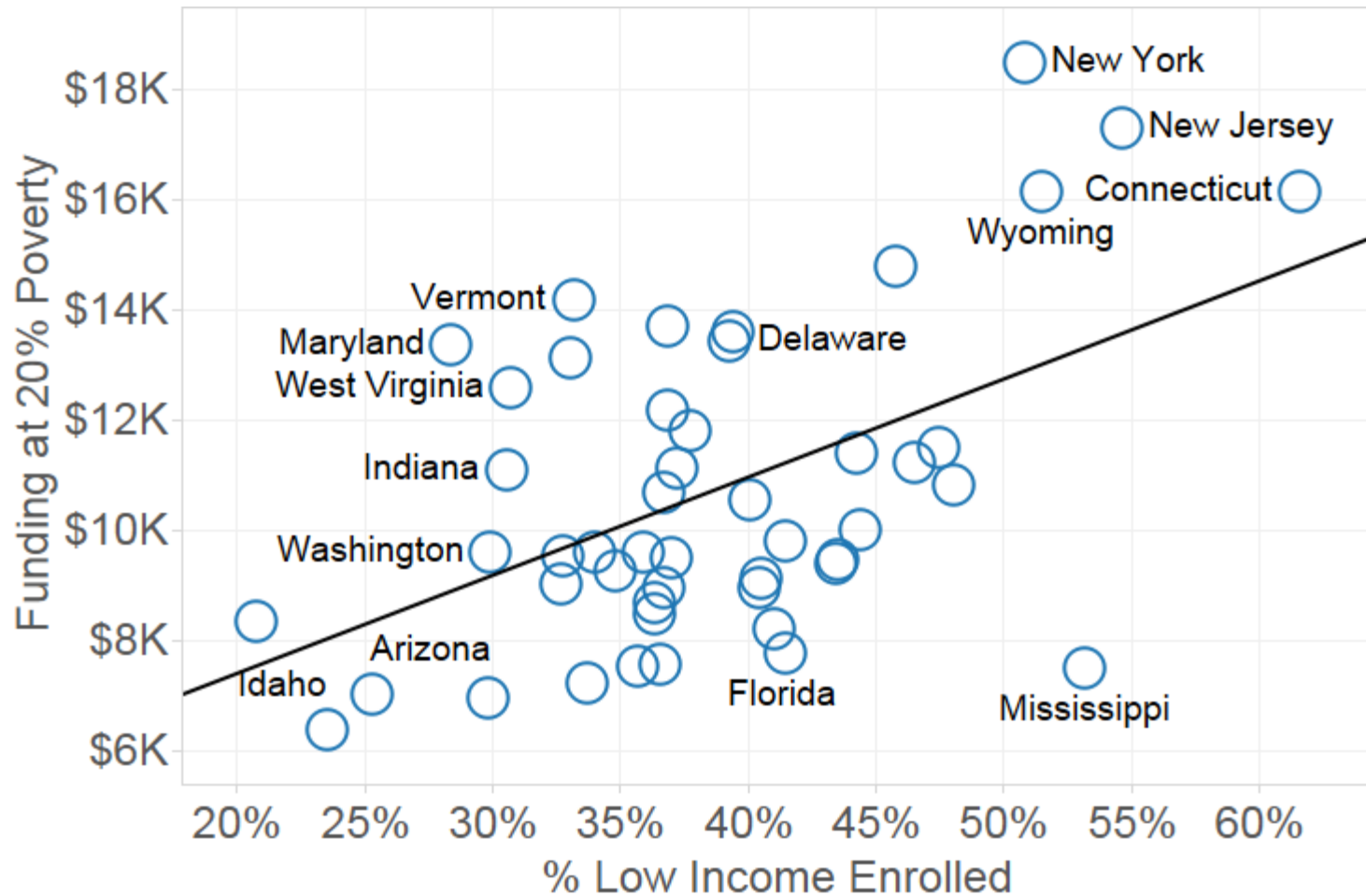
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Pupil to Teacher Ratios & Funding Distribution



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Low-Income Early Childhood Education & Funding Level



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THE PATH TO FAIR FUNDING



- CCSS and state standards require resources/funding linked to actual cost of giving all students opportunity to achieve
- Include cost of additional programs & services for at-risk, ELL, etc.
- Include measures for “effective and efficient use” of funds to enable all students to achieve standards

AN EQUITY-FIRST FEDERAL ROLE

- Now: funding & mandates without regard for underlying state resource inequity/funding unfairness
- Step 1: hold states to account for essential resource equity (CORE)
- Step 2: incentivize and reward states to advance “standards-linked” school finance reform

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