

The Growth and Impact of School Choice in the U.S.

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What Do We Really Want To Know

- I. How Much has school choice grown in 20+ years?
 - a. Number and type of Programs
 - b. Enrollment
- I. Are children learning more? – Achievement Data
- II. Are children graduating at higher rates? – Attainment Data
- III. Are public schools responding to choice? - Competitive Effects
- IV. Are there really cost savings? – Fiscal Effects

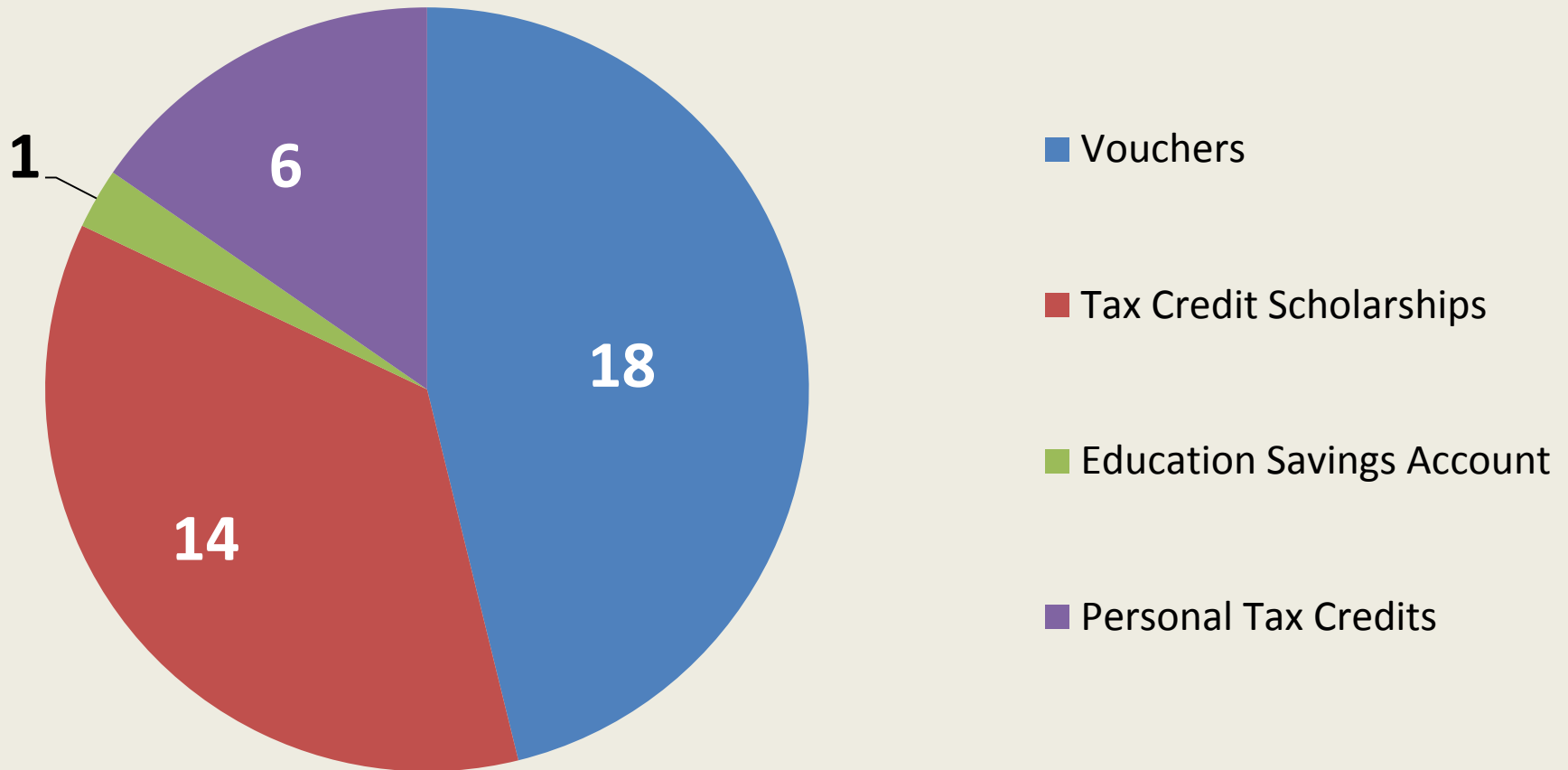


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39 Voucher and Tax Credit Programs in 21 States & DC

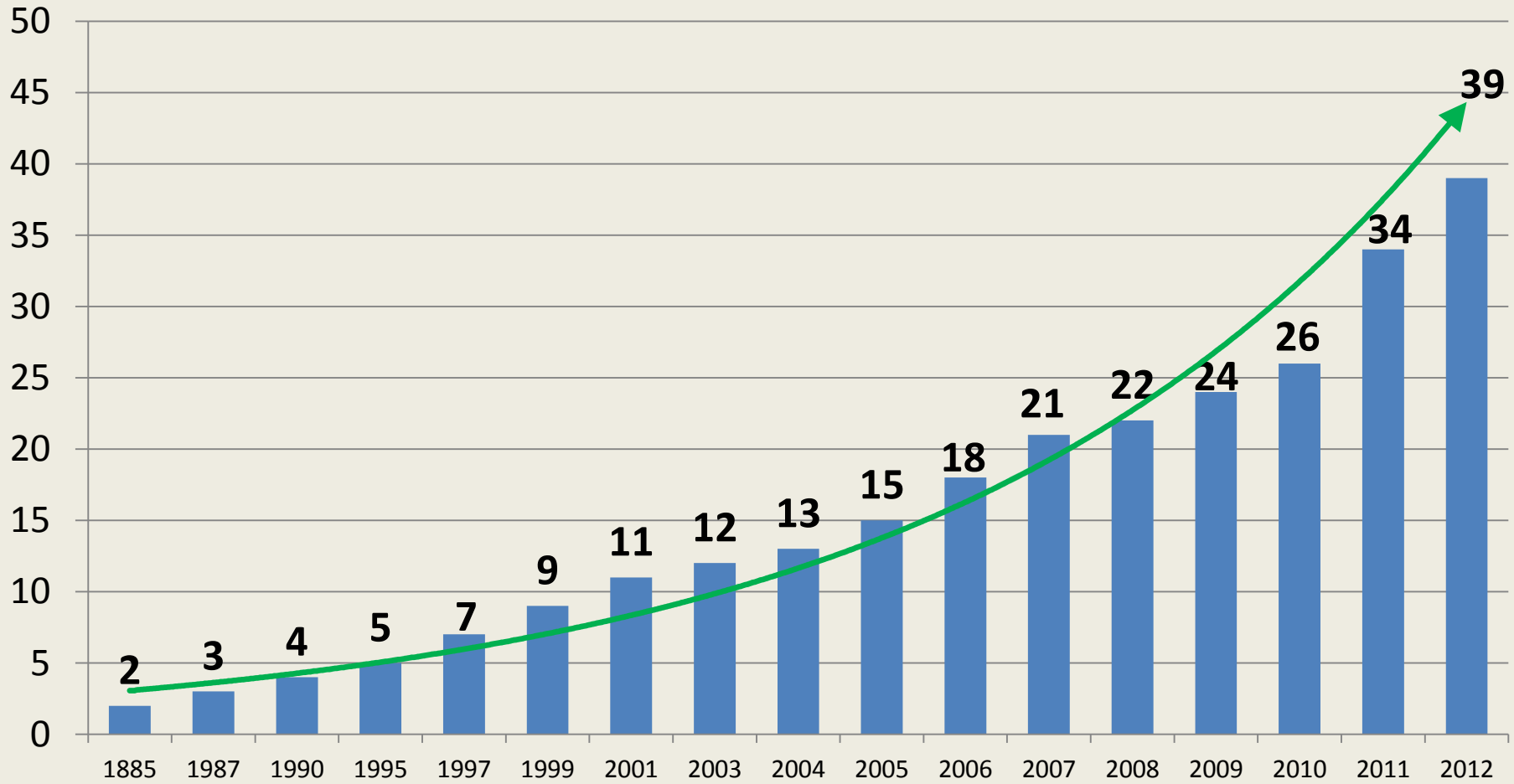


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Number of Programs Has More Than Doubled Since 2006



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2011-12 - Year of Growth For School Choice

2011-12 School Choice Scorecard

Number of States Introducing Choice	42
Total Number of Bills Introduced	112
Number of States Enacting Choice	15
Total Number of Bills Enacted	27
Number of New Choice Programs	13
Number of Expanded Programs	14

A Rising Tide

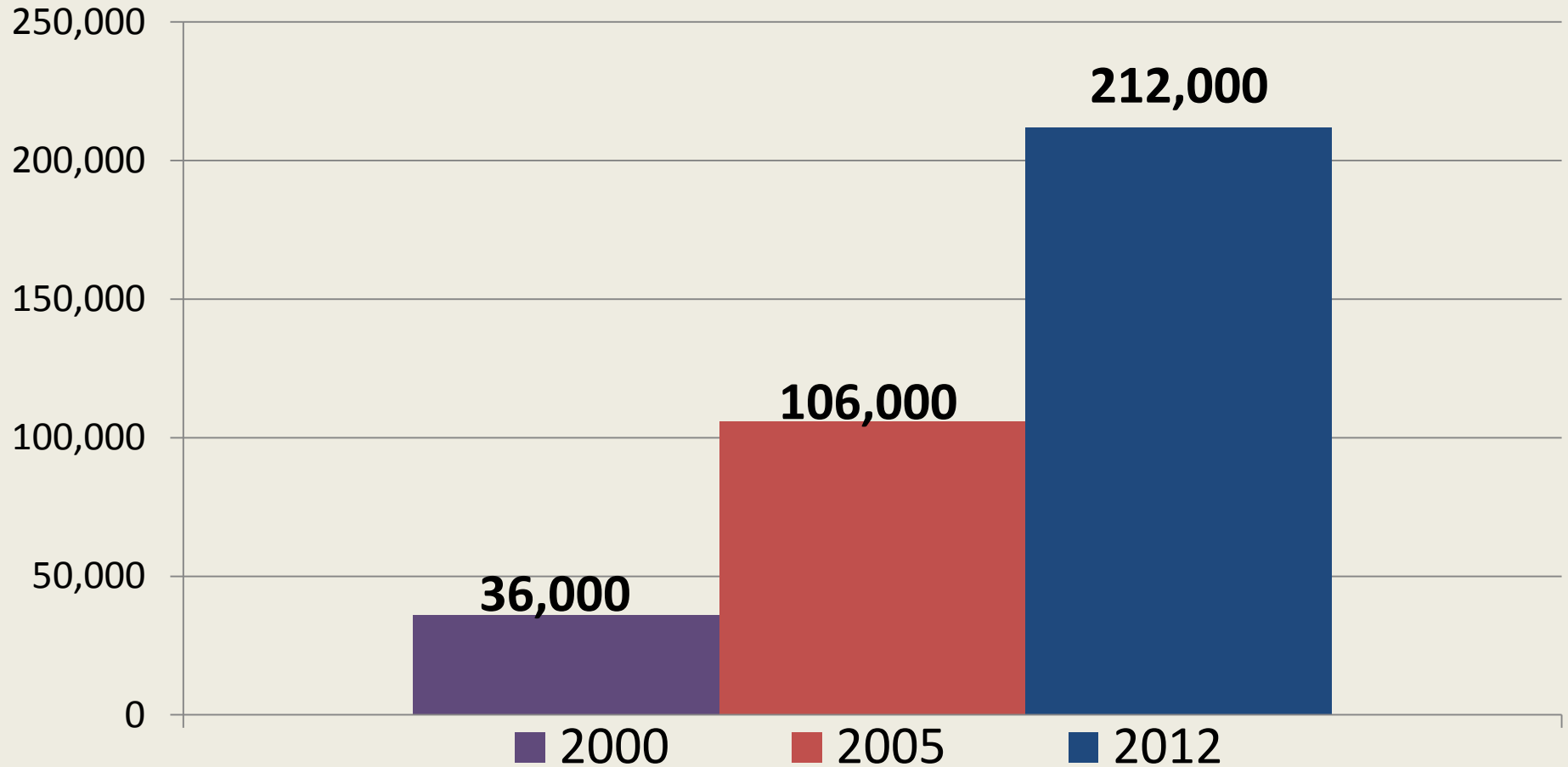


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212,000 Children Now Use Vouchers and Tax Credit Scholarships at Non-Public Schools— up 488% since 2000

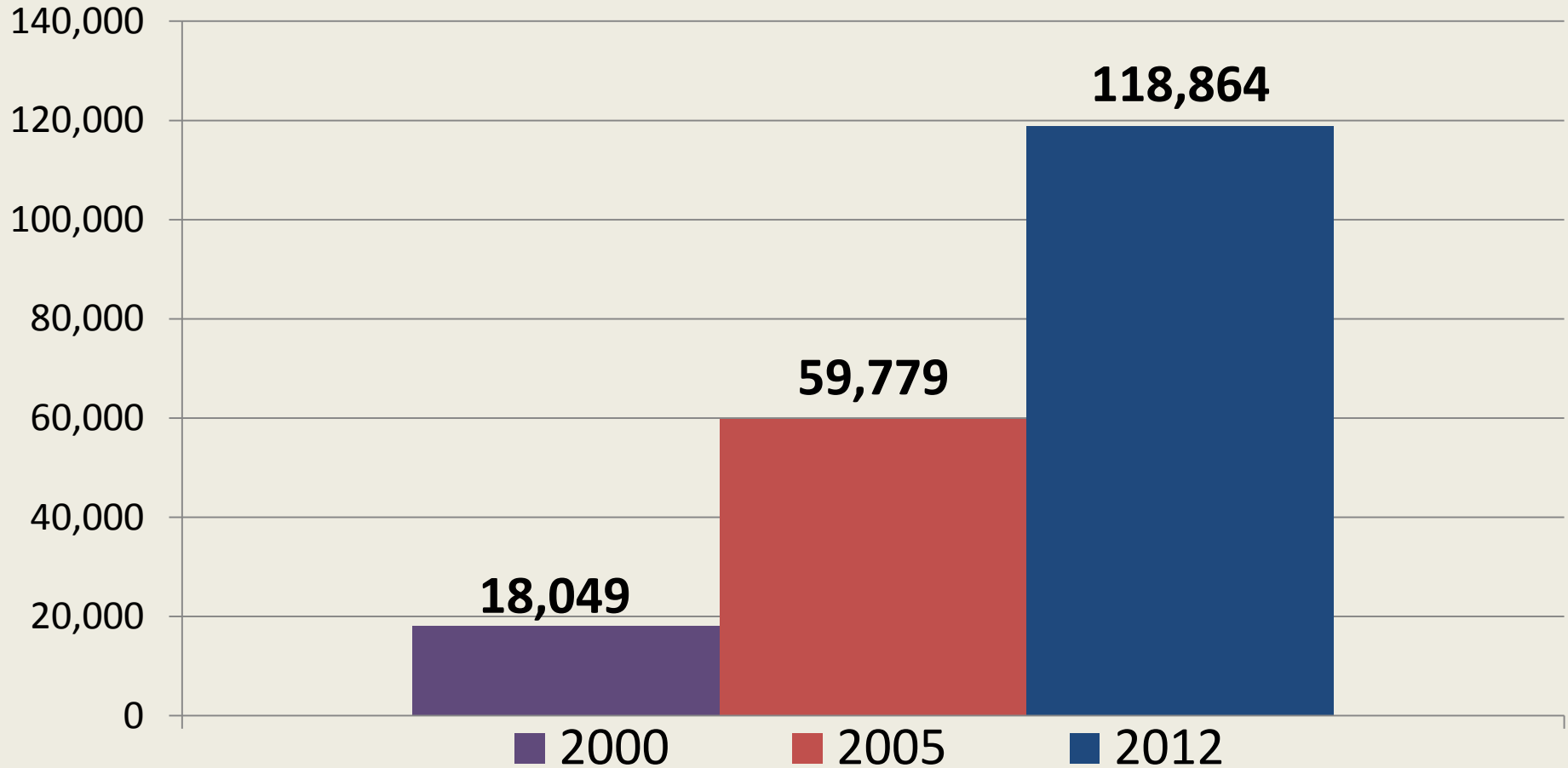


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More than 118,000 Children Tax Credit Scholarships to Attend Non-Public Schools – up 561% since 2000



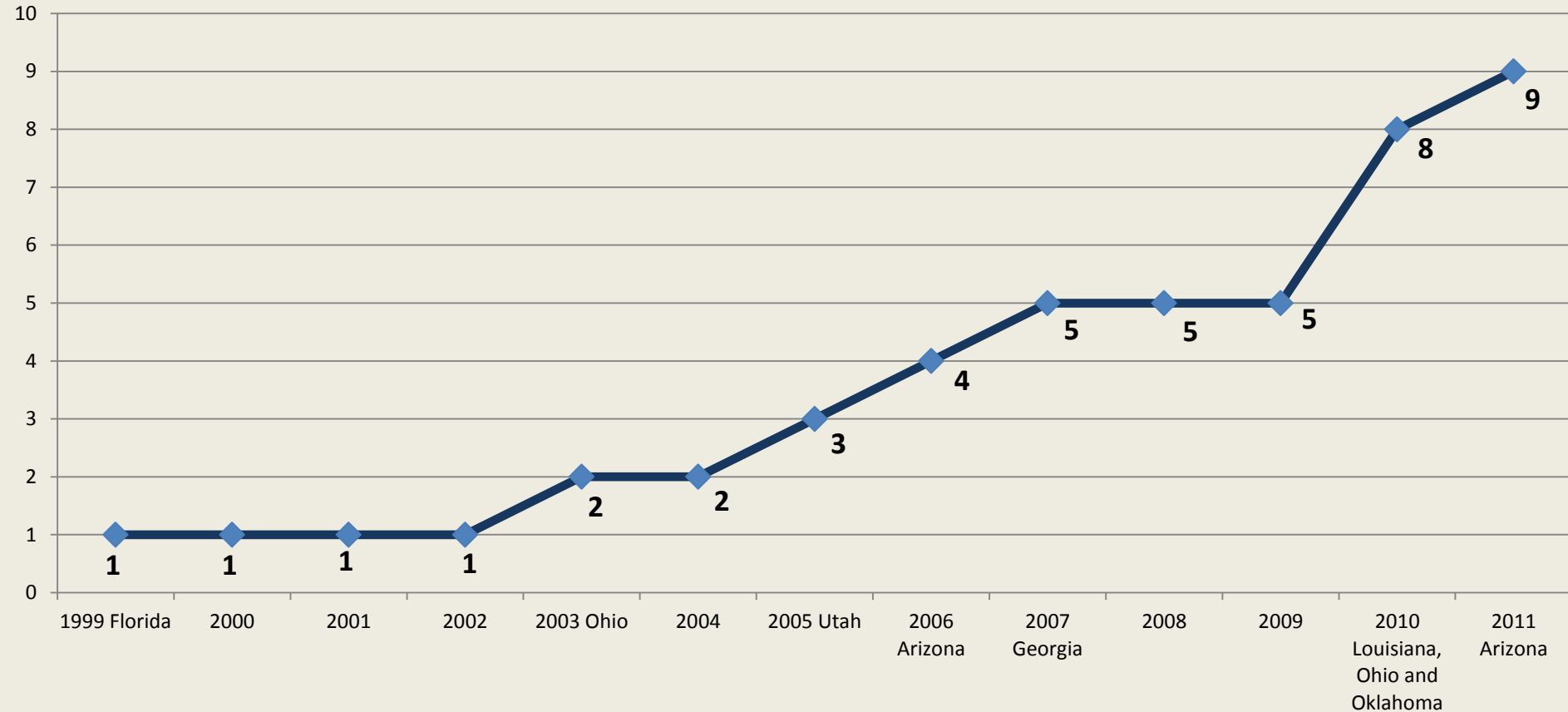
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Special Needs Voucher Programs Are Growing Fast

Number of Special Needs Choice Programs



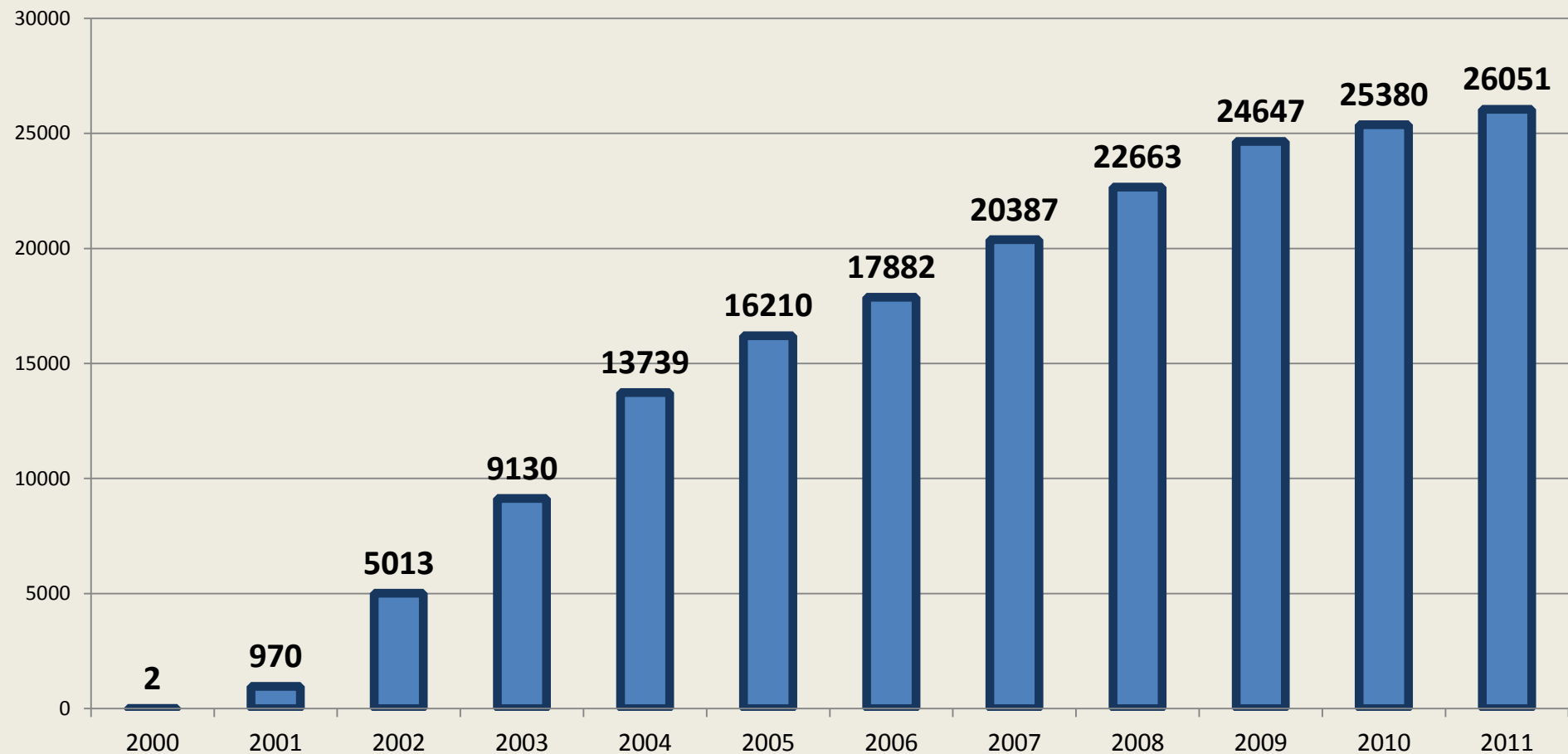
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Number of Children In Special Needs Program Has Grown By Over 400% Since 2002

Number of Children in Special Needs Programs

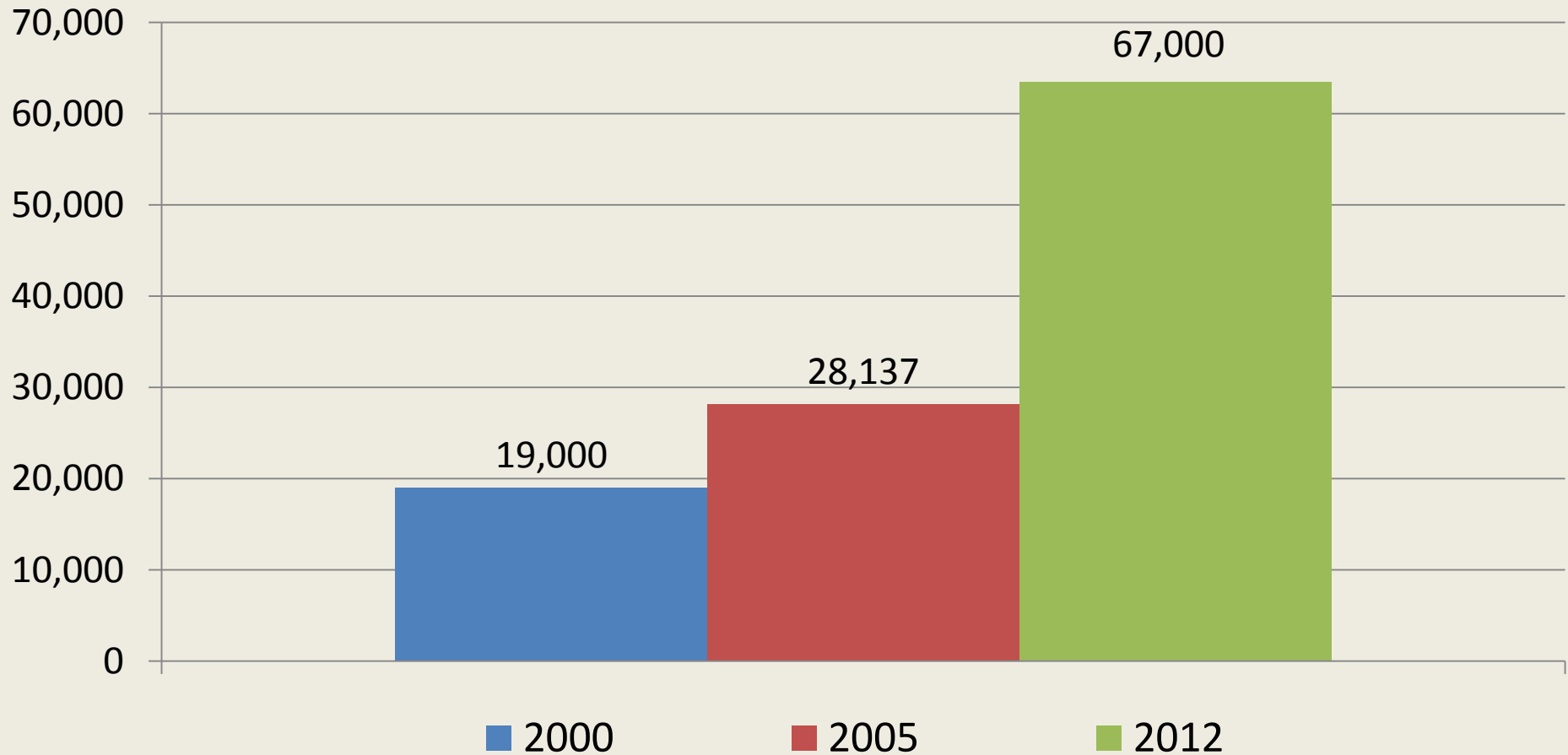


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Use of Non-Special Needs Vouchers Has Risen 253% Since 2000



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Are Parents who use tax funded scholarships More Satisfied?

- **Studies** - done by researchers from Harvard, Princeton, University of Indiana and University of Wisconsin.
- **Conclusions** - parents who use vouchers are:
 - more satisfied with their child's school, whether it's public or private;
 - more involved in their child's education.
 - Give their schools higher grades and report a safer environment
- **Settled issue** – Data on parental satisfaction and involvement not disputed by researchers, pro or con.
- **Policy Point** – Given the oft cited lack of parental involvement in public schools and acknowledged importance of parents in education, these results are strong indication of success of choice.



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Are children achieving more?

Effects of Vouchers on Participants
(Number of Studies)

Table 1

	Positive Effect		No Visible Effect	Negative Effect
	All Students	Some Students		
Milwaukee	2	0	0	0
Charlotte	2	0	0	0
D.C.	2	0	0	0
New York	0	2	1	0
Dayton	0	1	0	0

Note: All studies examining the impact of vouchers on participants using random-assignment methods are included. A total of eight studies are included; one study is represented more than once because it produced findings in three different cities.

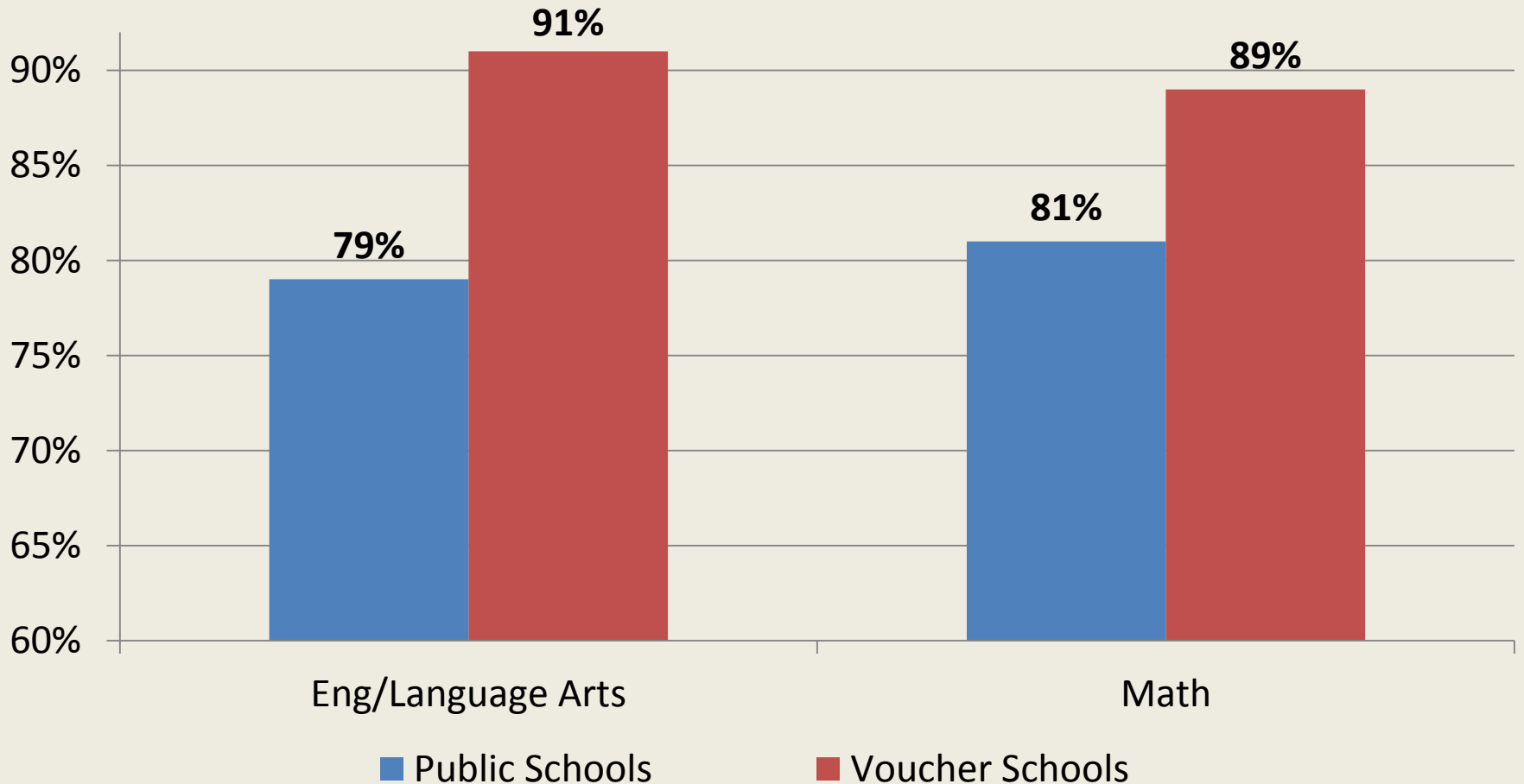


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Are children achieving more – Indiana 1st Year

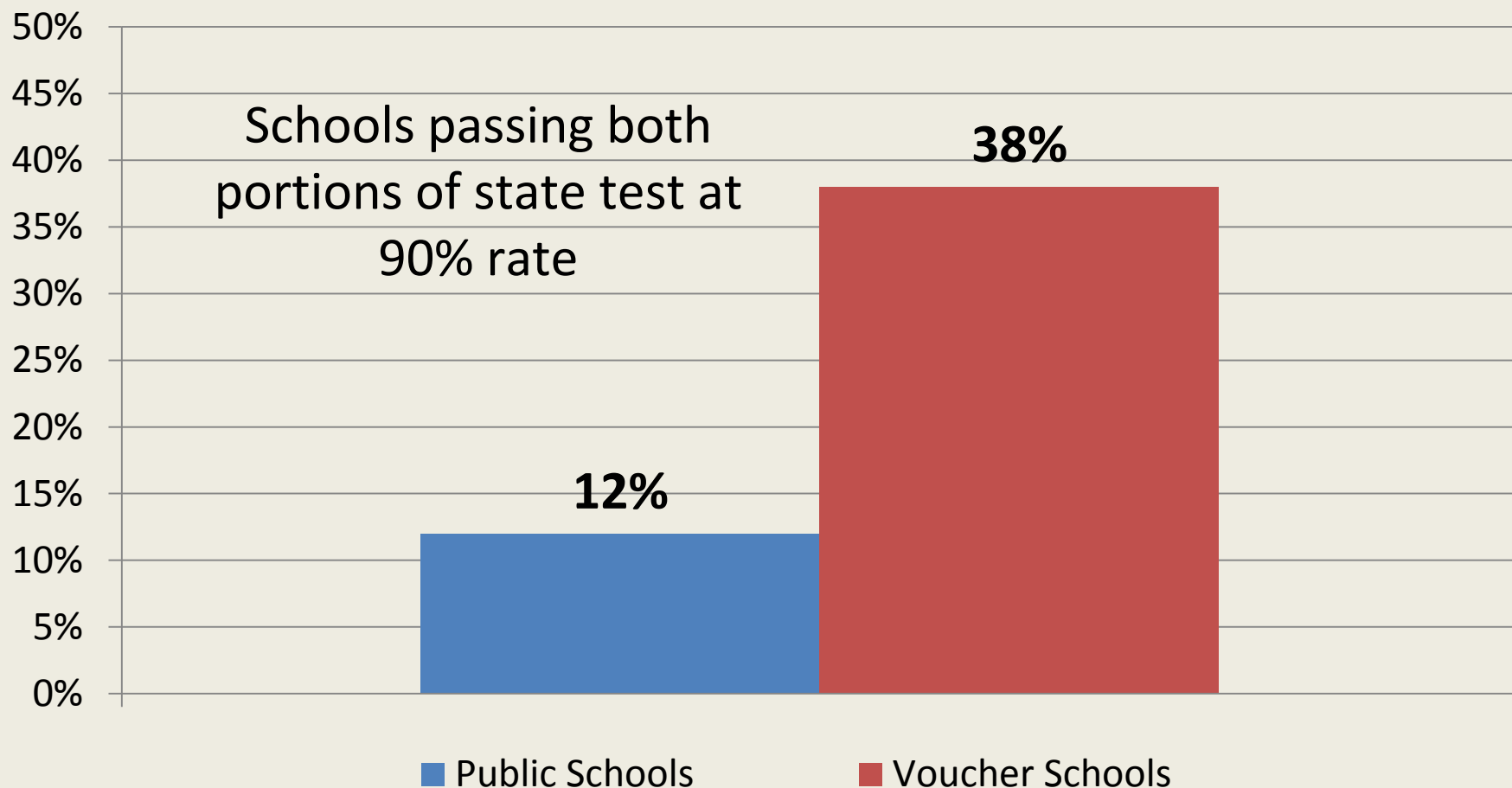


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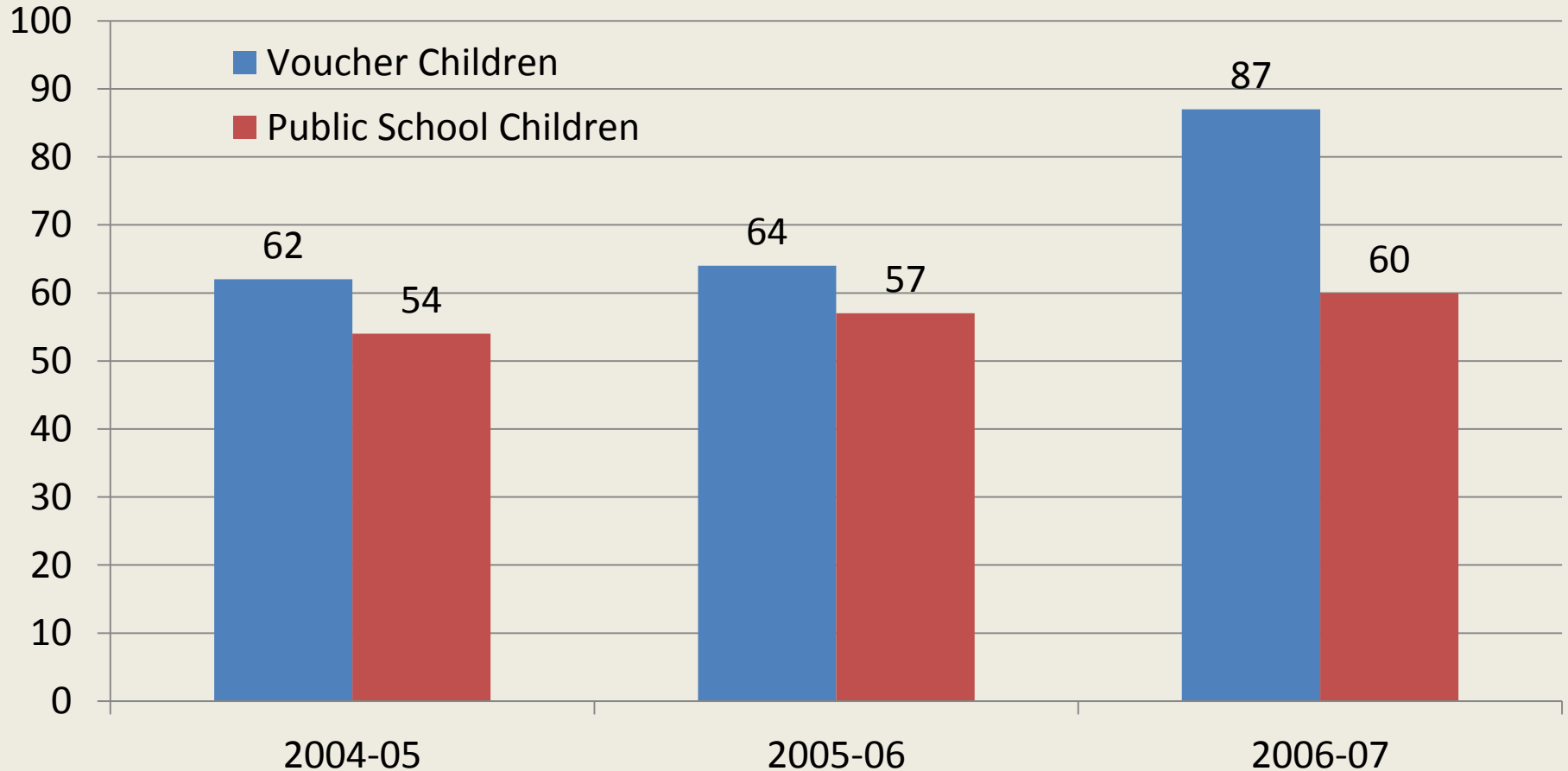


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Are Children Attaining More - Milwaukee, 2004-2007

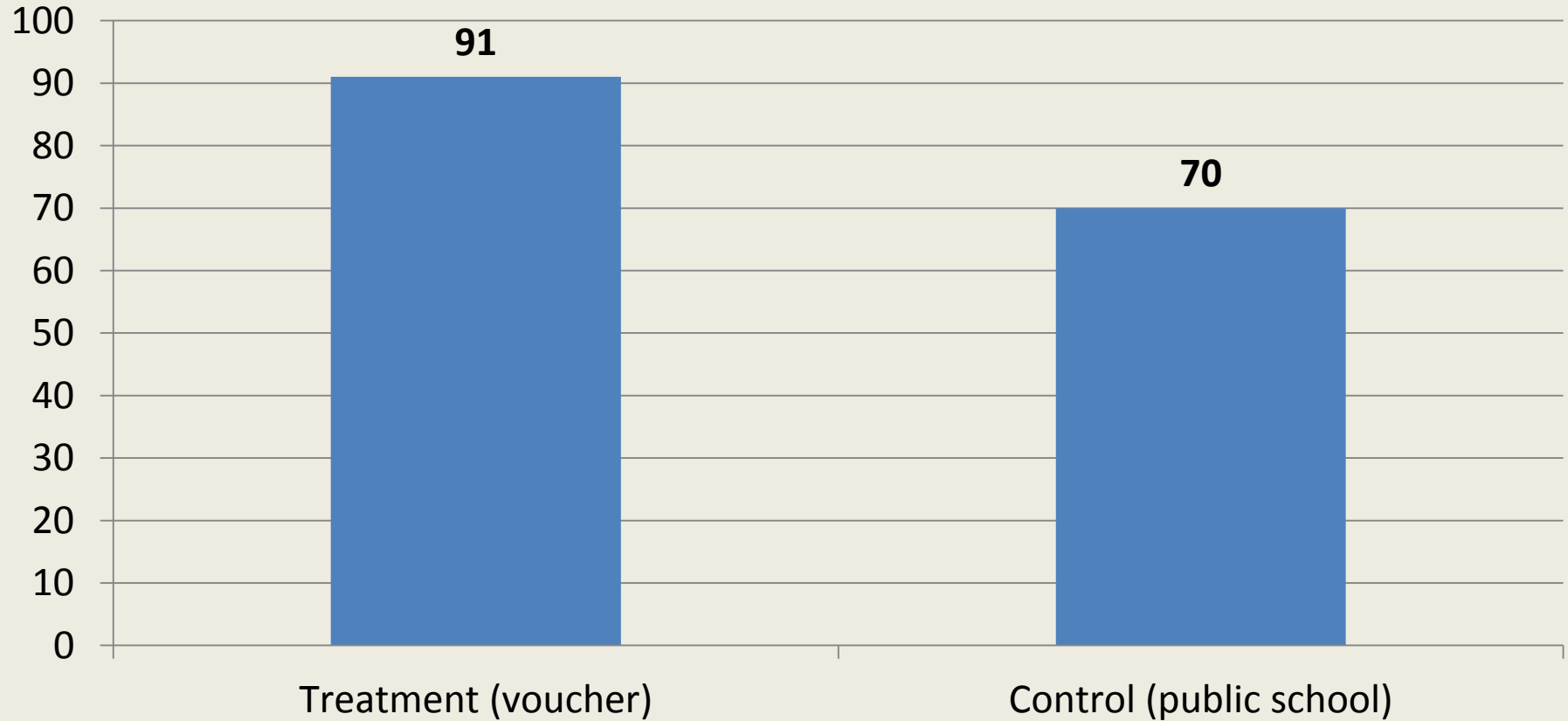


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Are Children Attaining More Washington, DC - 2010



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How are public schools reacting to choice?

Effects of Vouchers on Public Schools (Number of Studies)

Table 2

	Positive Effect	No Visible Effect	Negative Effect
Milwaukee	6	0	0
Florida	11	0	0
Others	5	0	0
D.C.	0	1	0

Note: Because random-assignment methods cannot be used to study the impact of vouchers on public schools, all studies are included. A total of 19 studies are included; three studies are represented more than once because they each produced findings in two different locations.



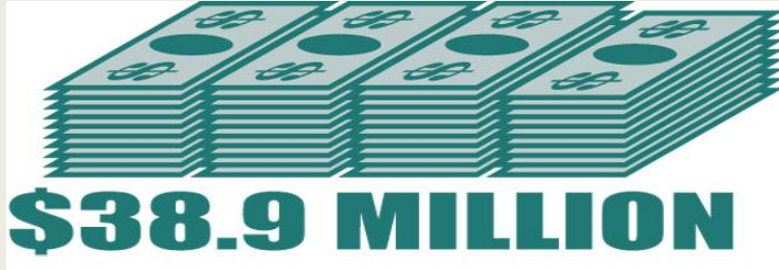
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Are States Saving Money?

Florida



Milwaukee



Indiana – Yr. 1



Nationwide



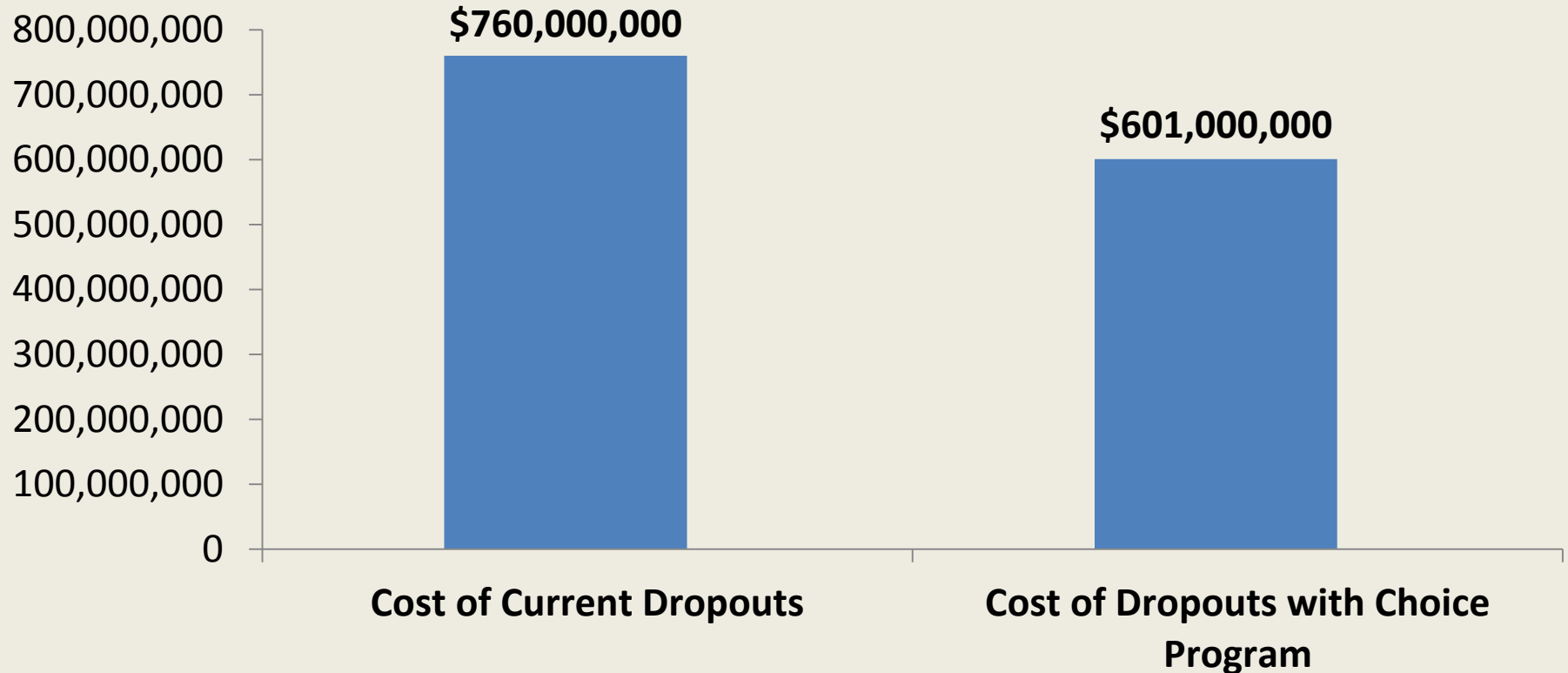
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Could Texas Save Money?

Higher Graduation Rates Through School Choice Could save \$159 Million per year



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So, What Do We Really Know

- I. School Choice has grown dramatically since 2000 and exploded in 2011 and 2012
- II. Parents are more satisfied
- III. The best studies show that kids are learning more
- IV. And graduating at higher rates
- V. Public schools are responding to choice – whether they want to or not.
- VI. States are already saving money and using tax dollars more effectively: AND they could dramatically reduce their outlay for other government programs such as Medicaid and Prison.
- VII. But if this isn't enough: IT IS THE MORAL THING TO DO.



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