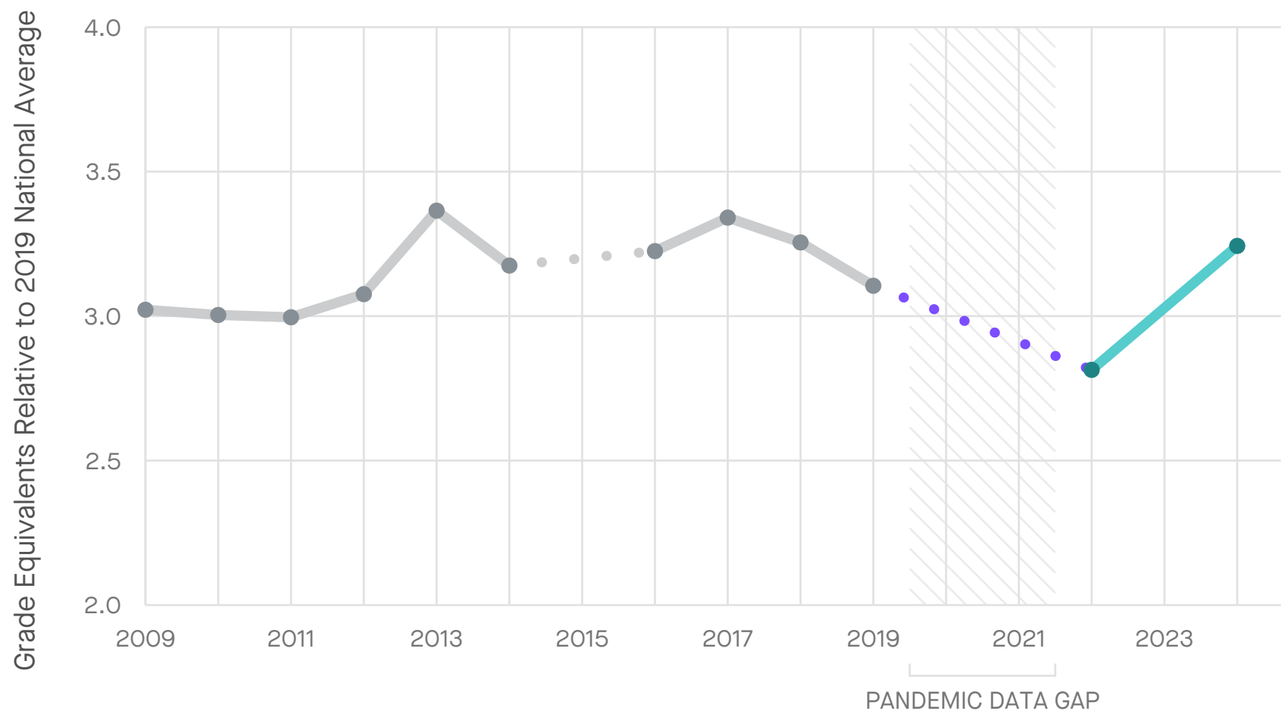
Needham, MA

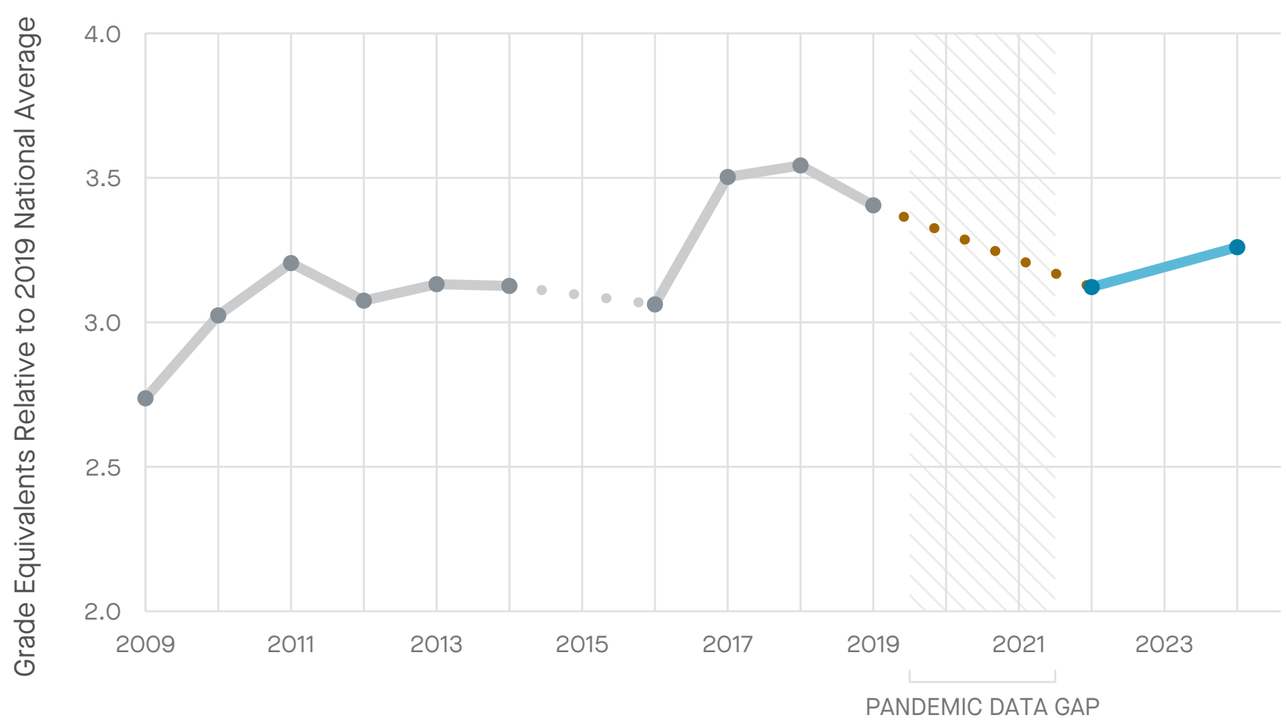
Math Performance, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



Average Math Scores and Trends in Scores
in Grade Level Equivalents Relative to the 2019 National Average

2019 Average	3.10
2022 Average	2.81
2024 Average	3.24
2019-2022 Change	-0.29
2022-2024 Change	+0.43
Since 2019	+0.14

Reading Performance, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



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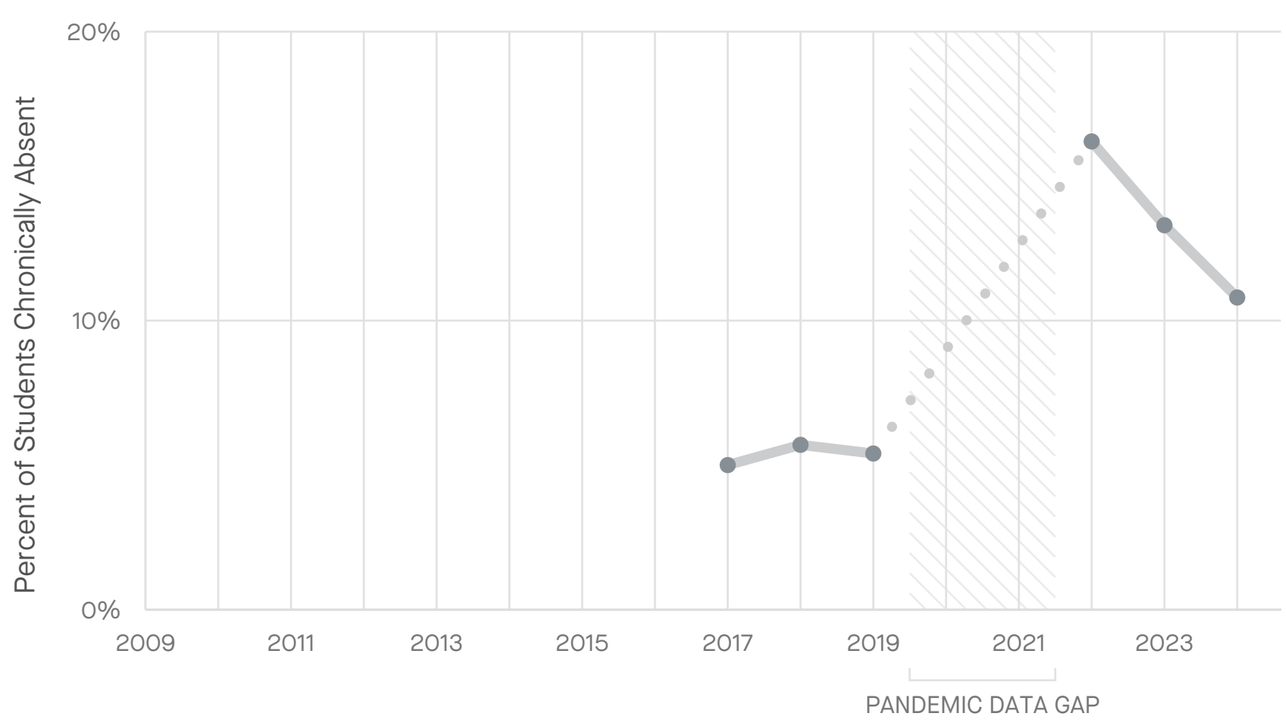
2019 Average	3.40
2022 Average	3.12
2024 Average	3.26
2019-2022 Change	-0.28
2022-2024 Change	+0.14
Since 2019	-0.15

Absenteeism, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



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2019-2023 Change	+0.08
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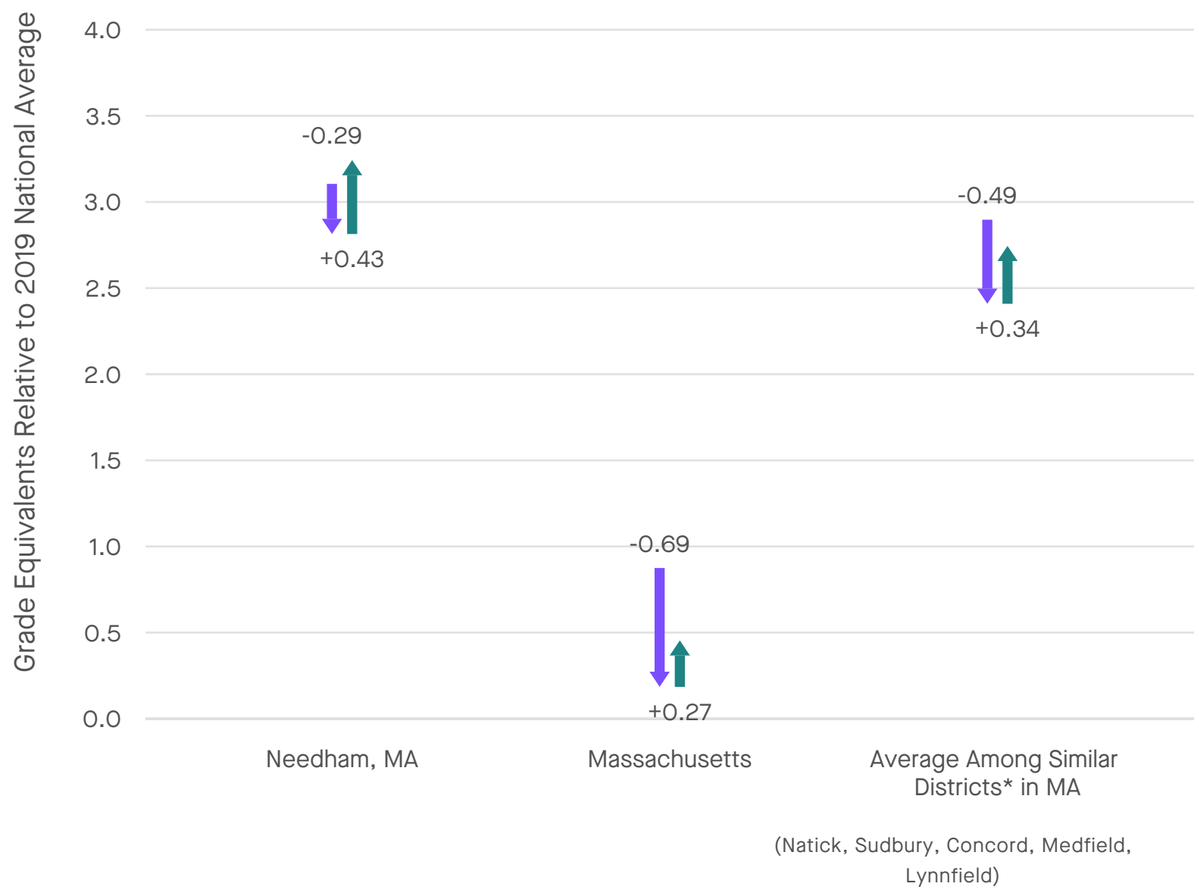
Needham, MA

Math Performance in Needham vs. Massachusetts and Similar Districts, Grades 3-8, 2019-2024



Average Math Scores and Trends in Scores

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	2019 Average	2022 Average	2024 Average	2019-22 Change	2022-24 Change	2019-24 Change
Needham, MA	3.10	2.81	3.24	↓ -0.29	↑ 0.43	↑ 0.14
Massachusetts	0.88	0.18	0.46	↓ -0.69	↑ 0.27	↓ -0.42
Similar Districts* in Massachusetts	2.90	2.41	2.74	↓ -0.49	↑ 0.34	↓ -0.15

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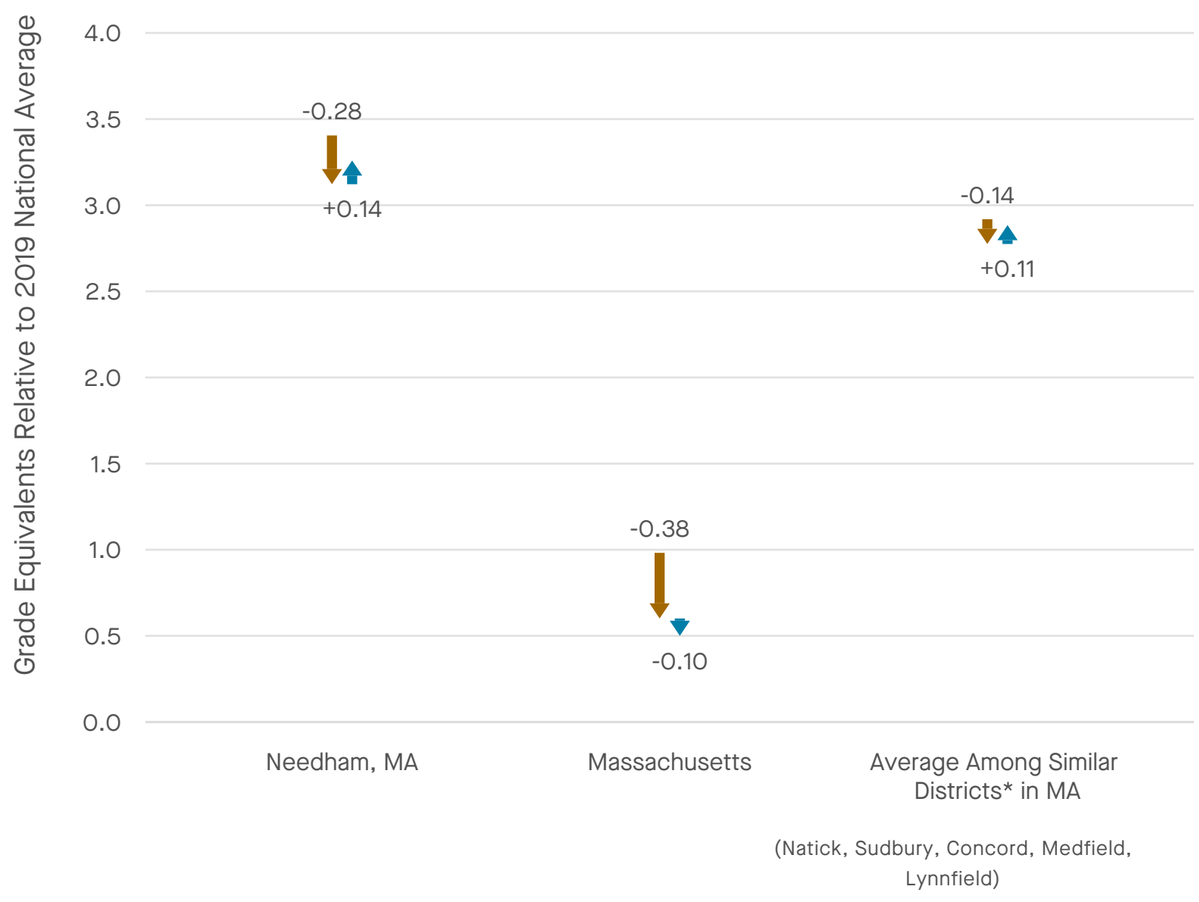

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	2019 Average	2022 Average	2024 Average	2019-22 Change	2022-24 Change	2019-24 Change
Needham, MA	3.40	3.12	3.26	↓ -0.28	↑ 0.14	↓ -0.15
Massachusetts	0.98	0.60	0.50	↓ -0.38	↓ -0.10	↓ -0.48
Similar Districts* in Massachusetts	2.92	2.78	2.88	↓ -0.14	↑ 0.11	↓ -0.03

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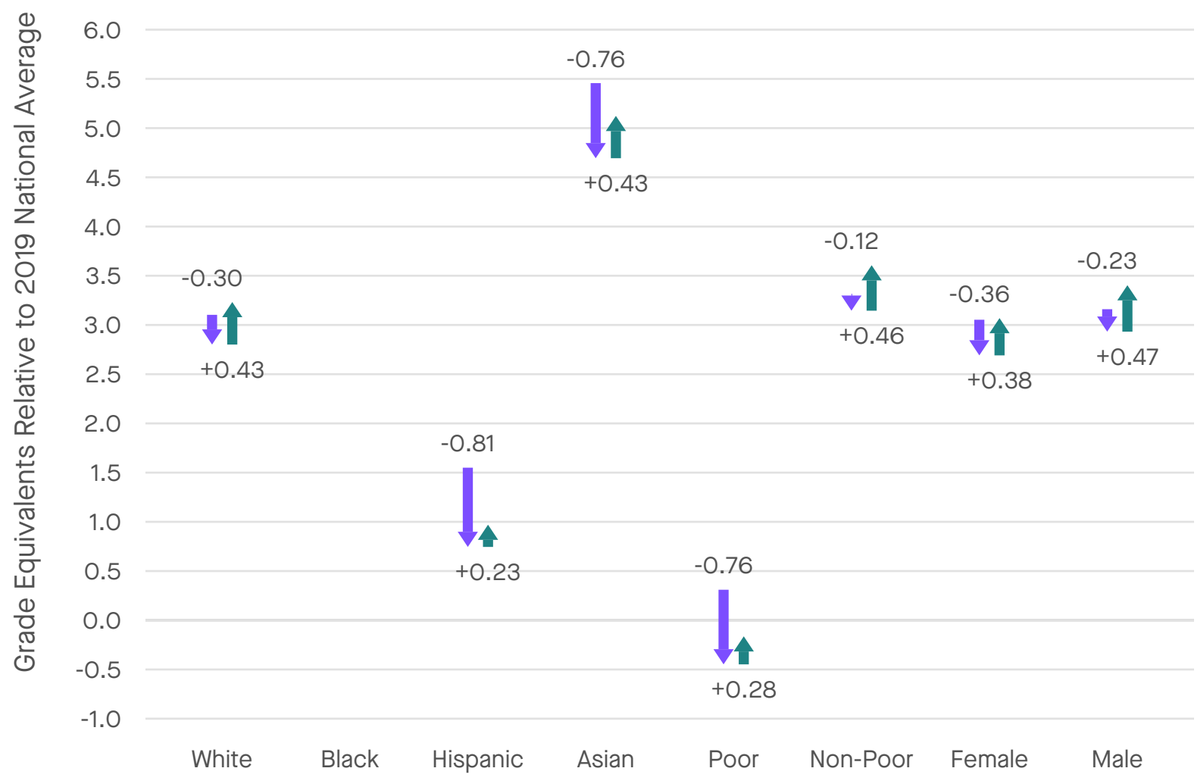
Needham, MA

Math Performance by Subgroup, Grades 3-8, 2019-2024



Average Math Scores and Trends in Scores

in Grade Level Equivalents Relative to the 2019 National Average

	2019 Average	2022 Average	2024 Average	2019-22 Change	2022-24 Change	2019-24 Change
White	3.10	2.80	3.23	-0.30	0.43	0.13
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	1.55	0.74	0.97	-0.81	0.23	-0.58
Asian	5.46	4.69	5.12	-0.76	0.43	-0.33
Poor	0.31	-0.45	-0.16	-0.76	0.28	-0.47
Non-Poor	3.27	3.15	3.61	-0.12	0.46	0.34
Female	3.05	2.69	3.07	-0.36	0.38	0.02
Male	3.16	2.93	3.40	-0.23	0.47	0.24

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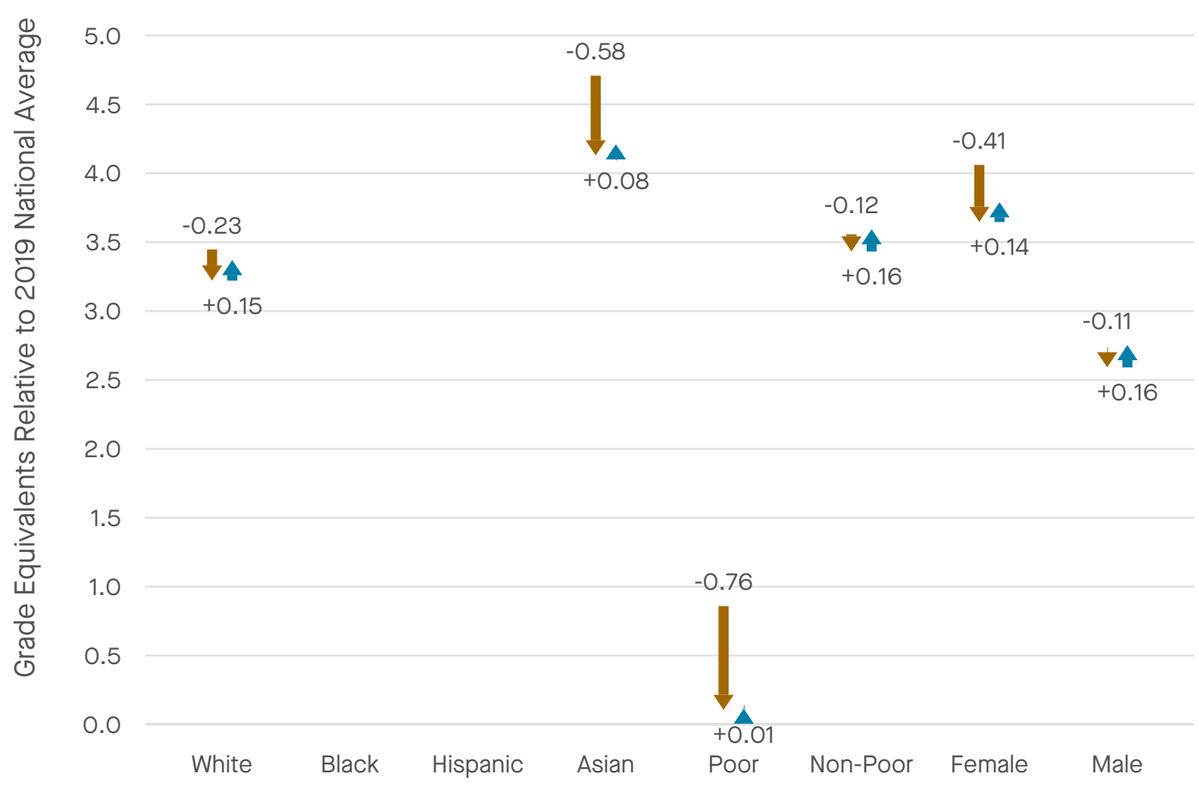

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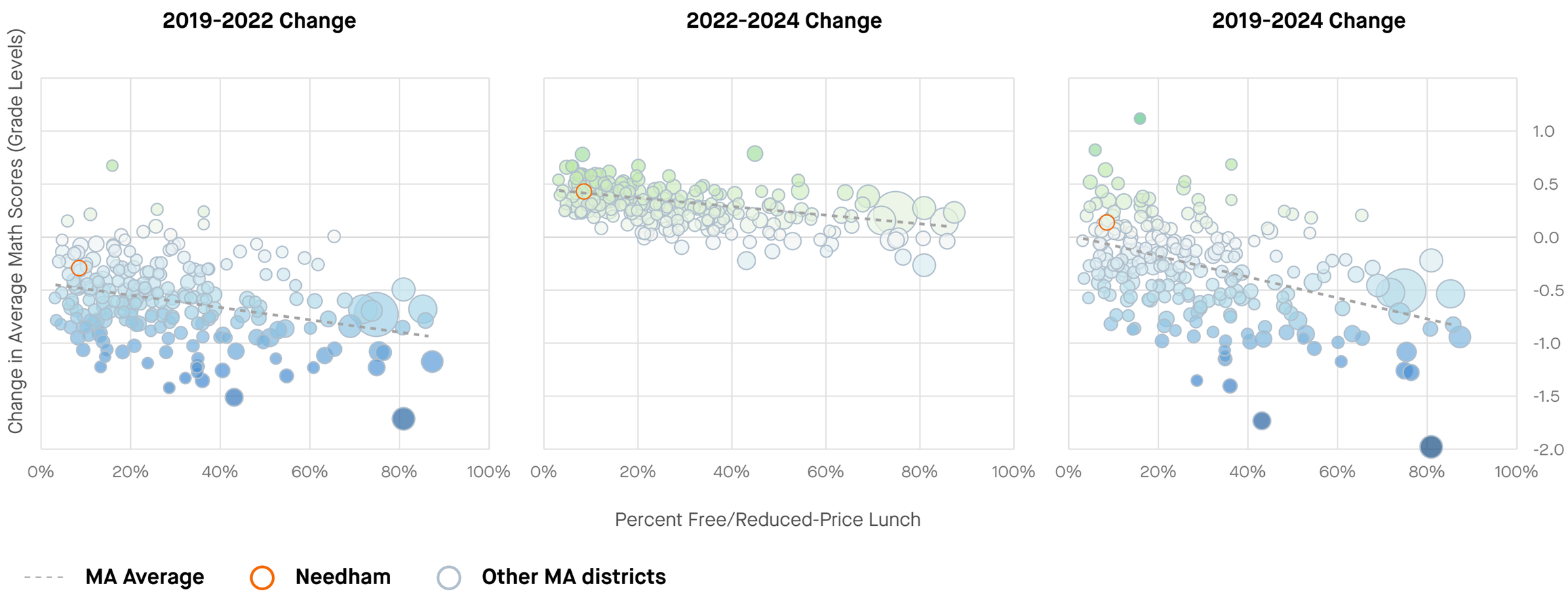
	2019 Average	2022 Average	2024 Average	2019-22 Change	2022-24 Change	2019-24 Change
White	3.45	3.22	3.37	-0.23	0.15	-0.08
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	4.71	4.13	4.21	-0.58	0.08	-0.50
Poor	0.86	0.10	0.12	-0.76	0.01	-0.74
Non-Poor	3.56	3.43	3.59	-0.12	0.16	0.04
Female	4.06	3.65	3.79	-0.41	0.14	-0.27
Male	2.70	2.59	2.75	-0.11	0.16	0.05

Needham, MA

Change in Math Performance in Massachusetts Districts vs. Percent Free/Reduced-Price Lunch, Grades 3-8, 2019-2024



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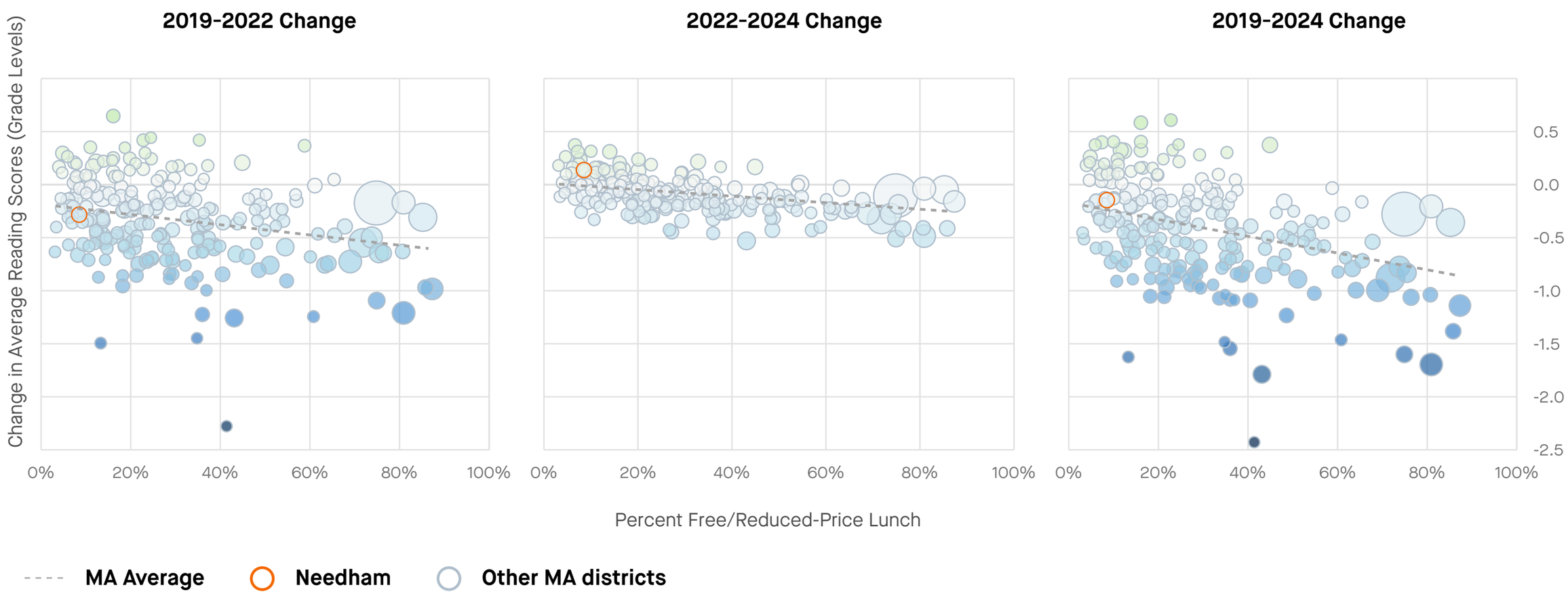

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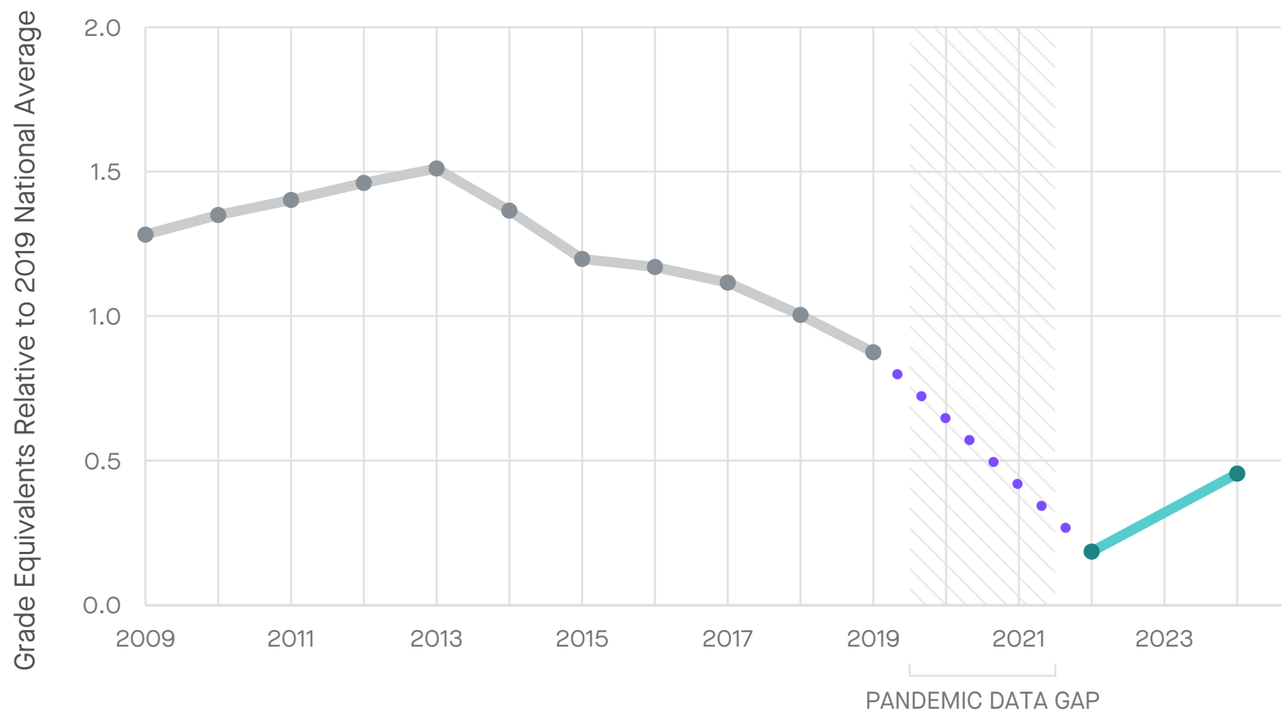

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2019 Average	0.88
2022 Average	0.18
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2019-2022 Change	-0.69
2022-2024 Change	+0.27
Since 2019	-0.42

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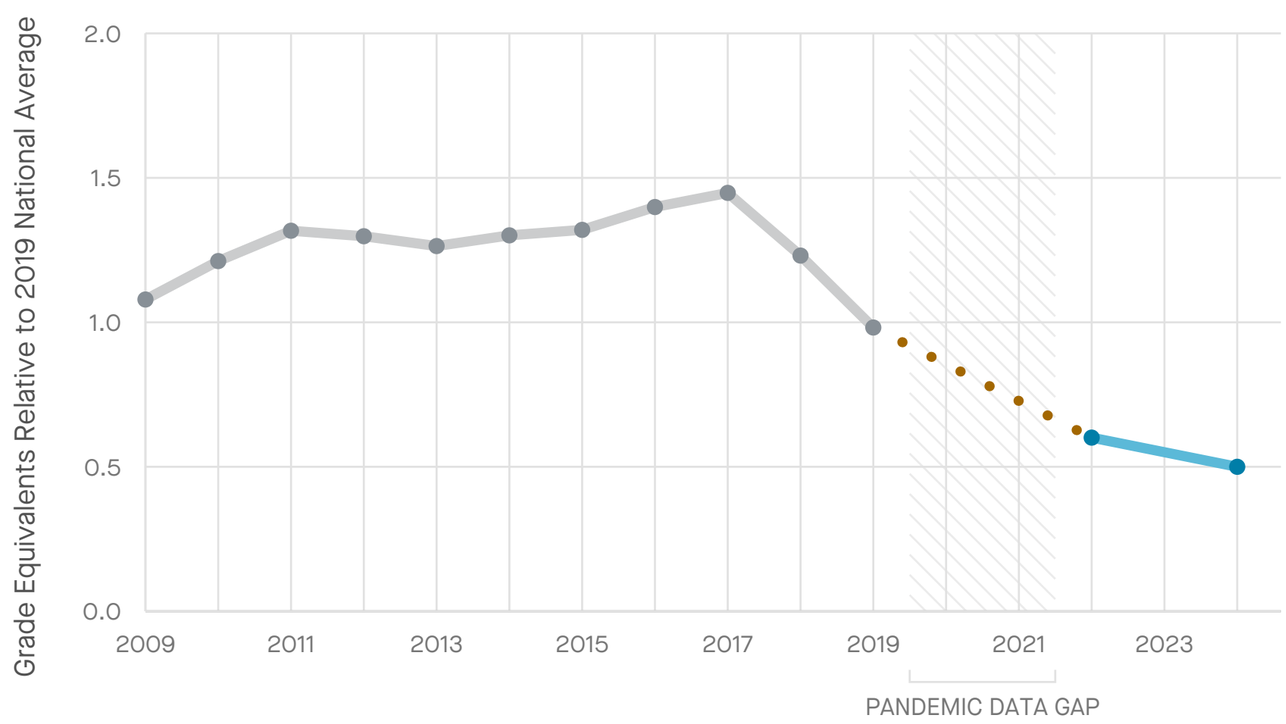

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2019 Average	0.98
2022 Average	0.60
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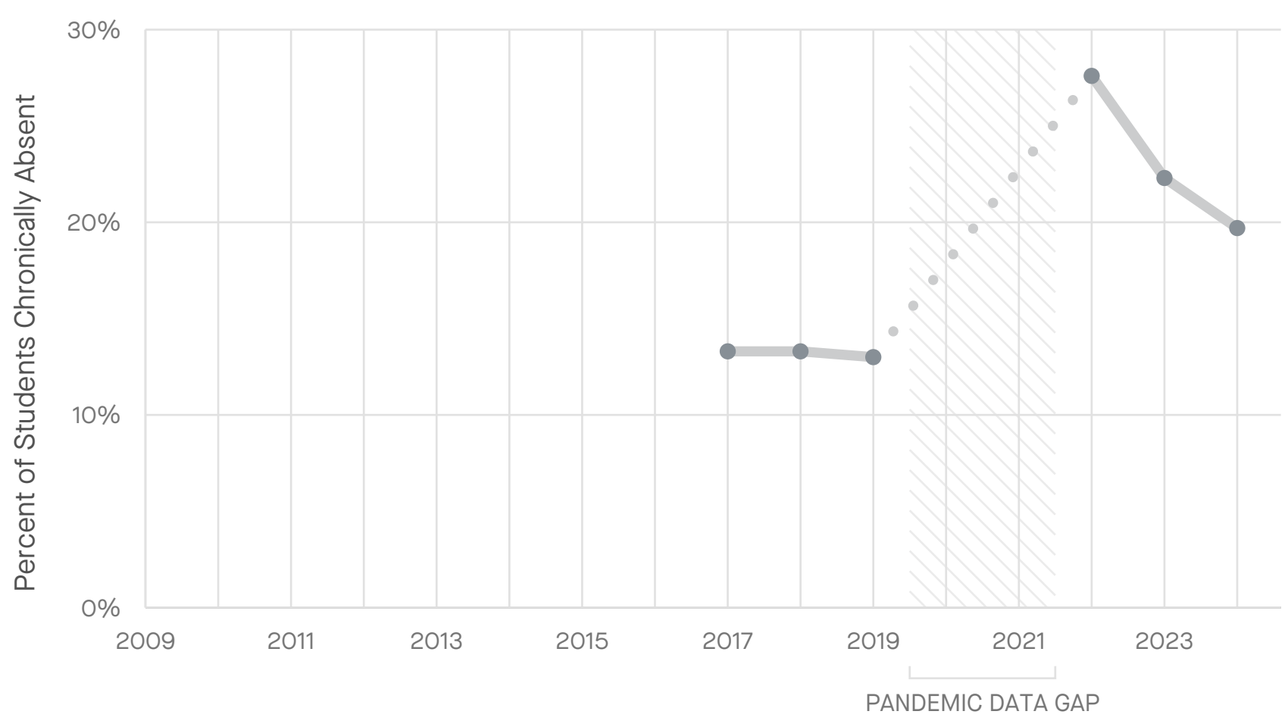
2022-2024 Change	-0.10
Since 2019	-0.48

Absenteeism, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



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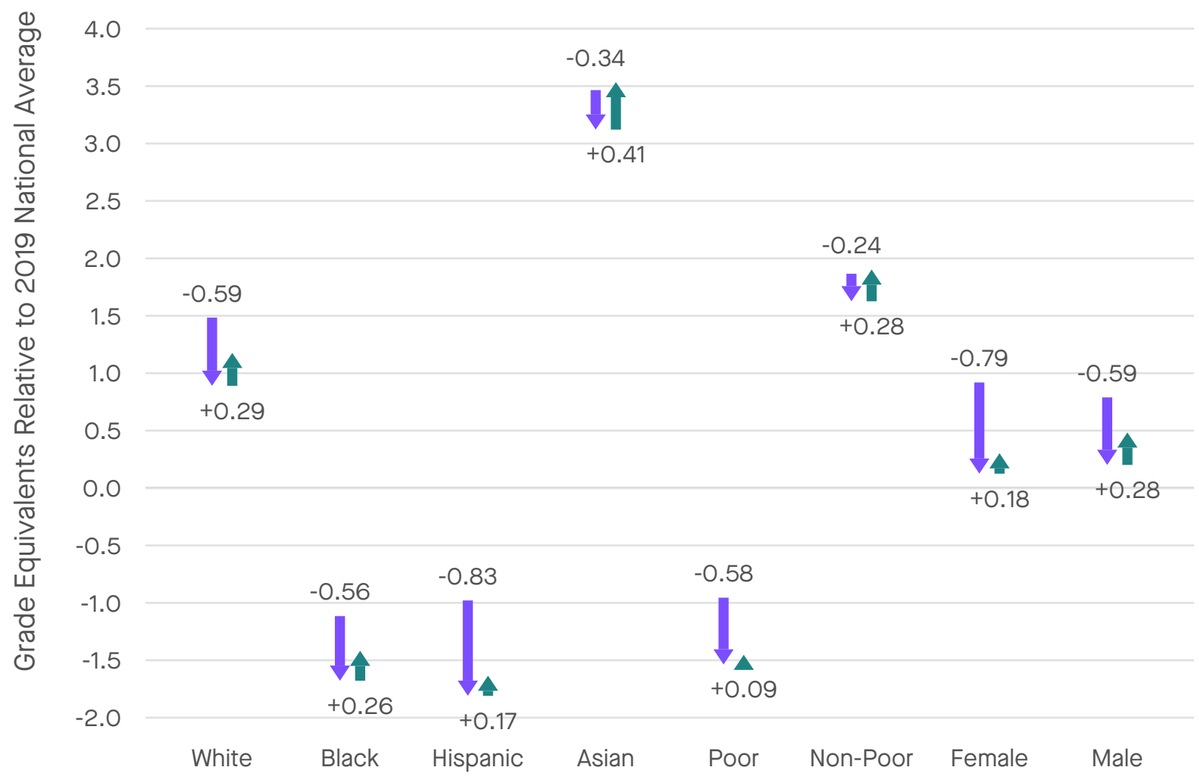

Average Math Scores and Trends in Scores

in Grade Level Equivalents Relative to the 2019 National Average

	2019 Average	2022 Average	2024 Average	2019-22 Change	2022-24 Change	2019-24 Change
White	1.48	0.89	1.18	↓ -0.59	↑ 0.29	↓ -0.31
Black	-1.11	-1.68	-1.42	↓ -0.56	↑ 0.26	↓ -0.30
Hispanic	-0.98	-1.81	-1.63	↓ -0.83	↑ 0.17	↓ -0.66
Asian	3.46	3.12	3.54	↓ -0.34	↑ 0.41	↑ 0.07
Poor	-0.95	-1.54	-1.45	↓ -0.58	↑ 0.09	↓ -0.50
Non-Poor	1.87	1.63	1.90	↓ -0.24	↑ 0.28	↑ 0.04
Female	0.92	0.13	0.30	↓ -0.79	↑ 0.18	↓ -0.61
Male	0.79	0.20	0.48	↓ -0.59	↑ 0.28	↓ -0.30

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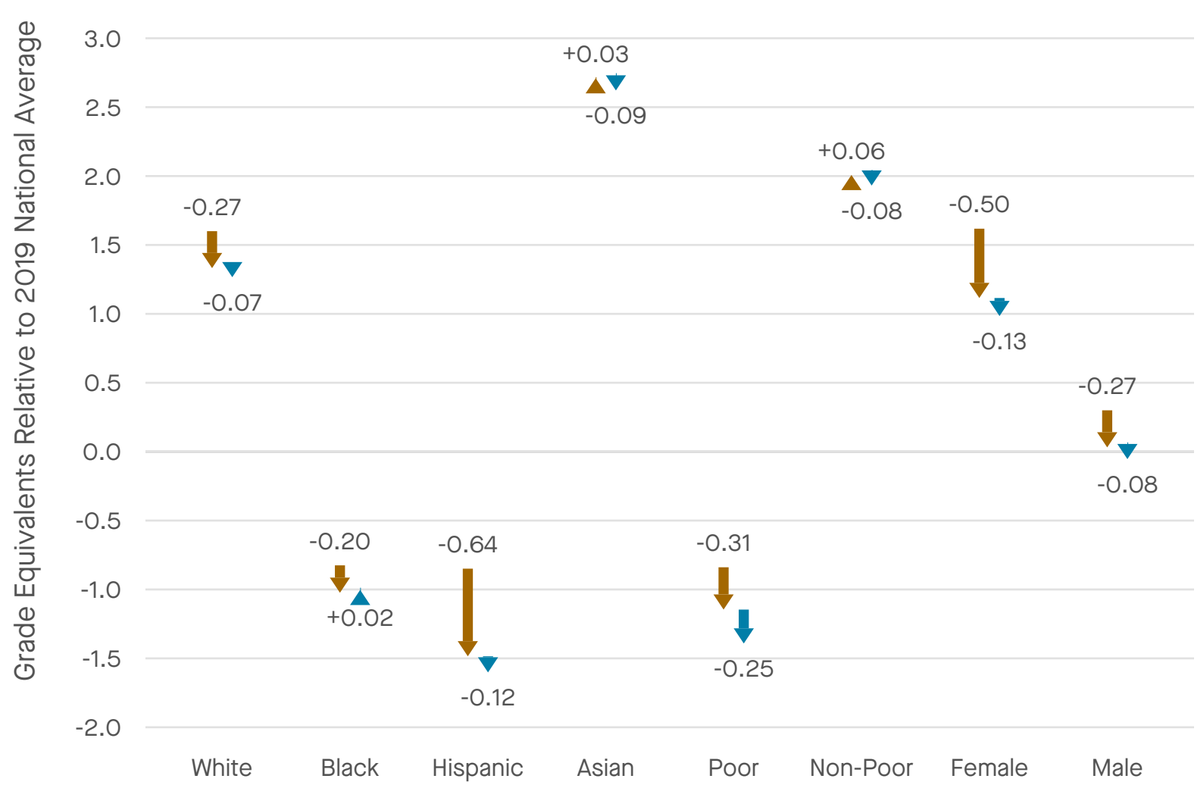

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White	1.60	1.33	1.27	↓ -0.27	↓ -0.07	↓ -0.34
Black	-0.82	-1.02	-1.00	↓ -0.20	↑ 0.02	↓ -0.18
Hispanic	-0.85	-1.49	-1.60	↓ -0.64	↓ -0.12	↓ -0.75
Asian	2.68	2.71	2.62	↑ 0.03	↓ -0.09	↓ -0.06
Poor	-0.84	-1.15	-1.39	↓ -0.31	↓ -0.25	↓ -0.55
Non-Poor	1.95	2.01	1.93	↑ 0.06	↓ -0.08	↓ -0.01
Female	1.62	1.11	0.98	↓ -0.50	↓ -0.13	↓ -0.63
Male	0.30	0.03	-0.05	↓ -0.27	↓ -0.08	↓ -0.35

Change in Math Achievement 2019−2022
by Percent FRPL in Massachusetts Districts

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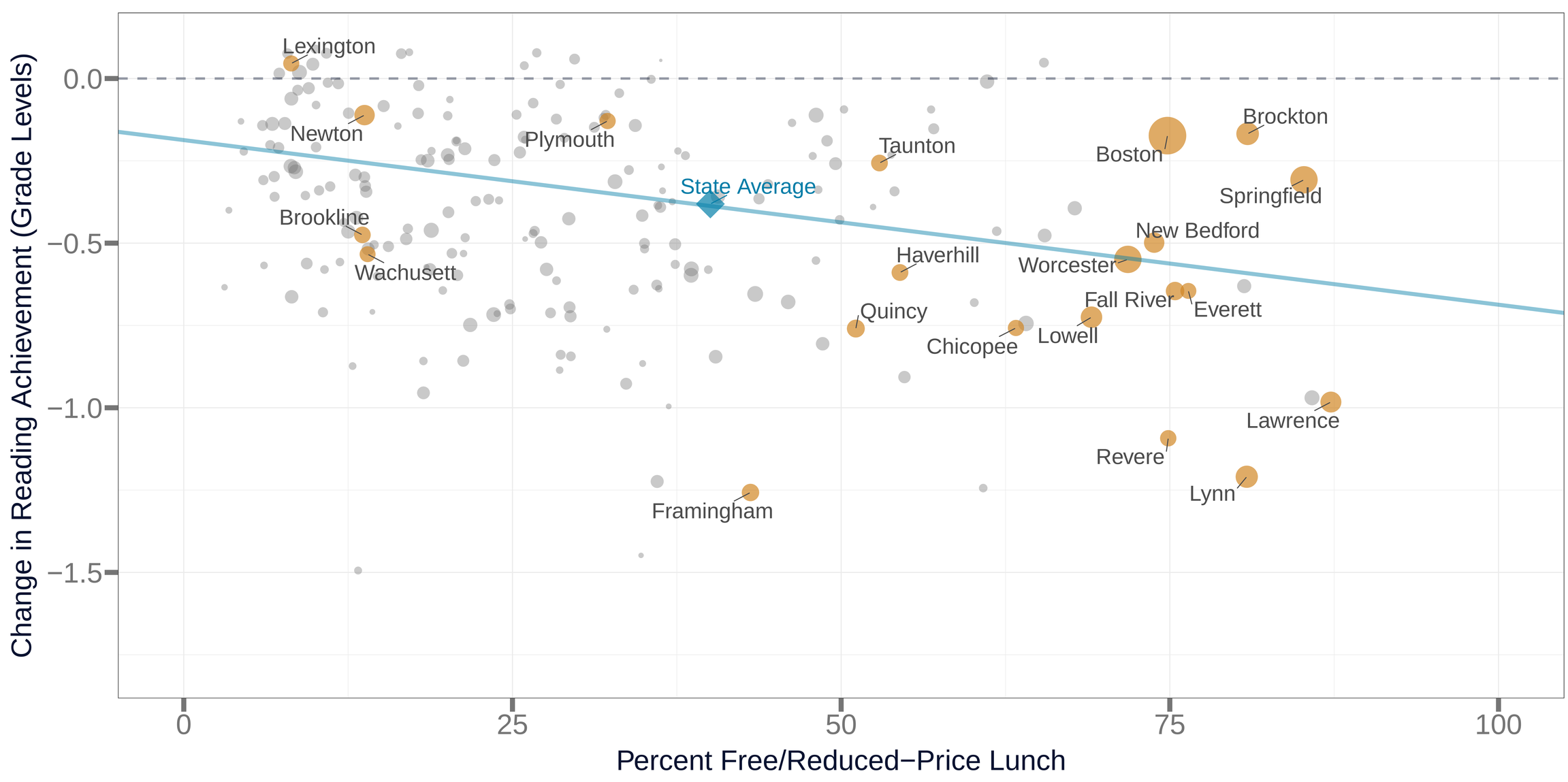

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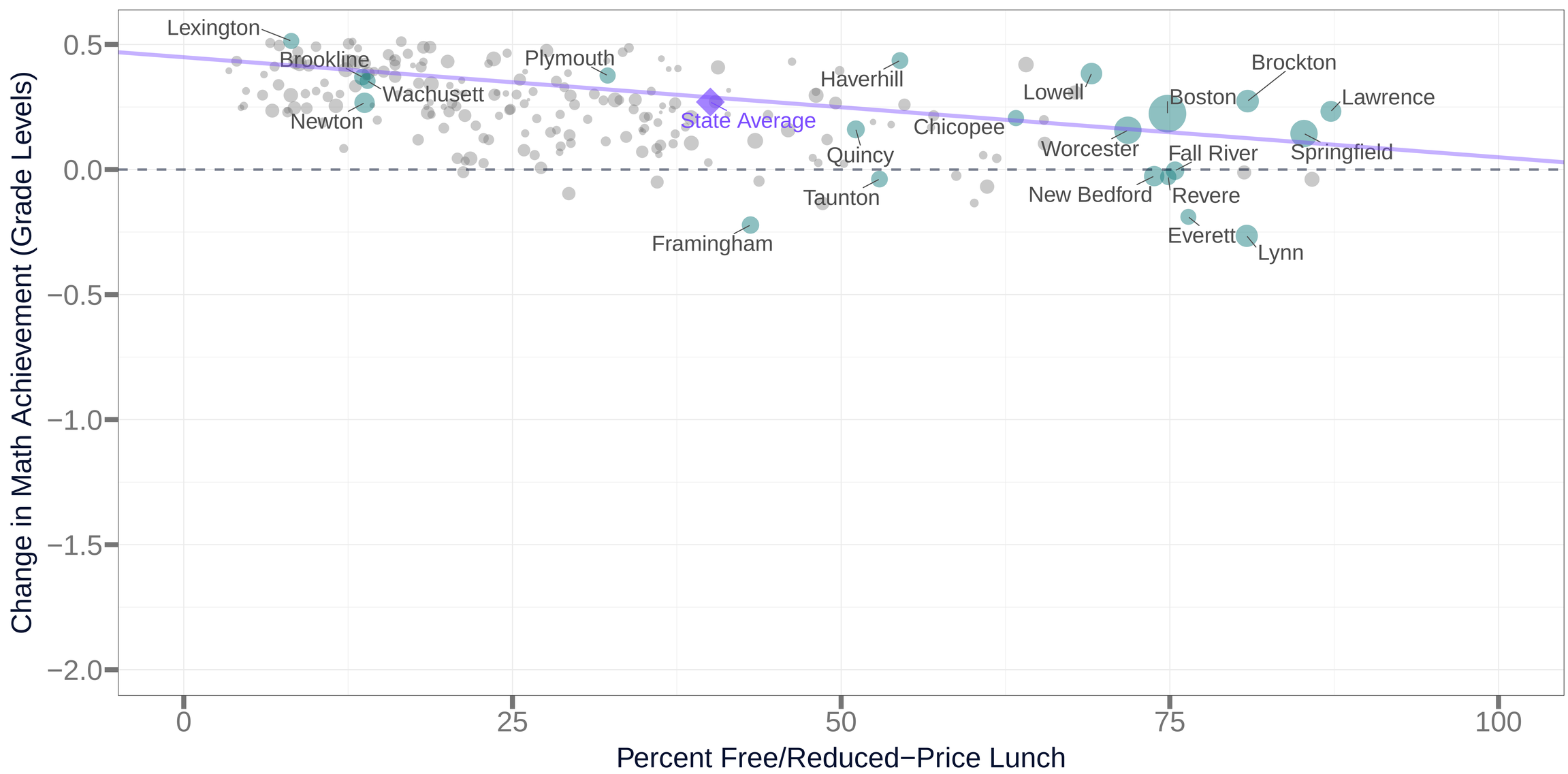

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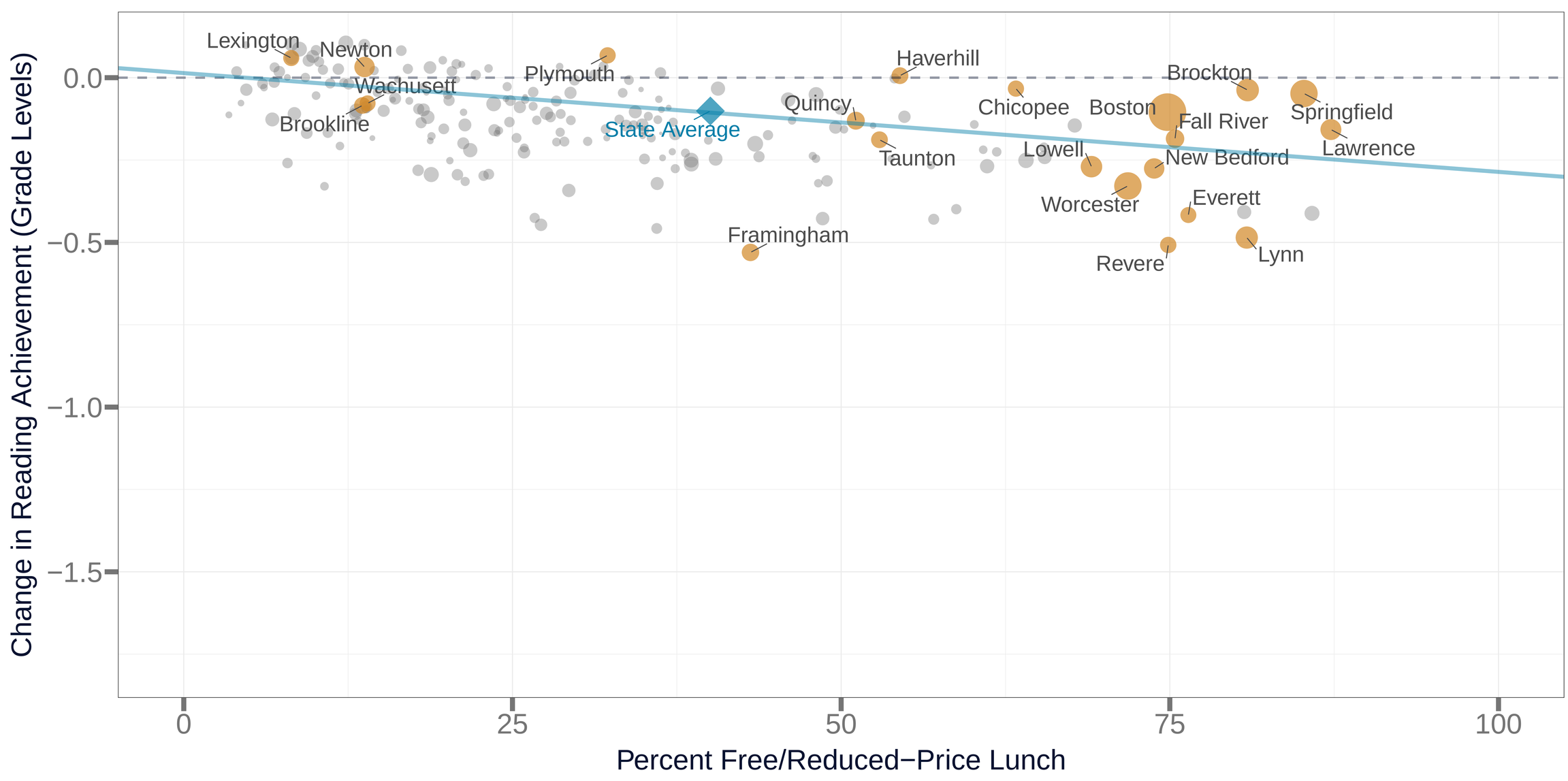

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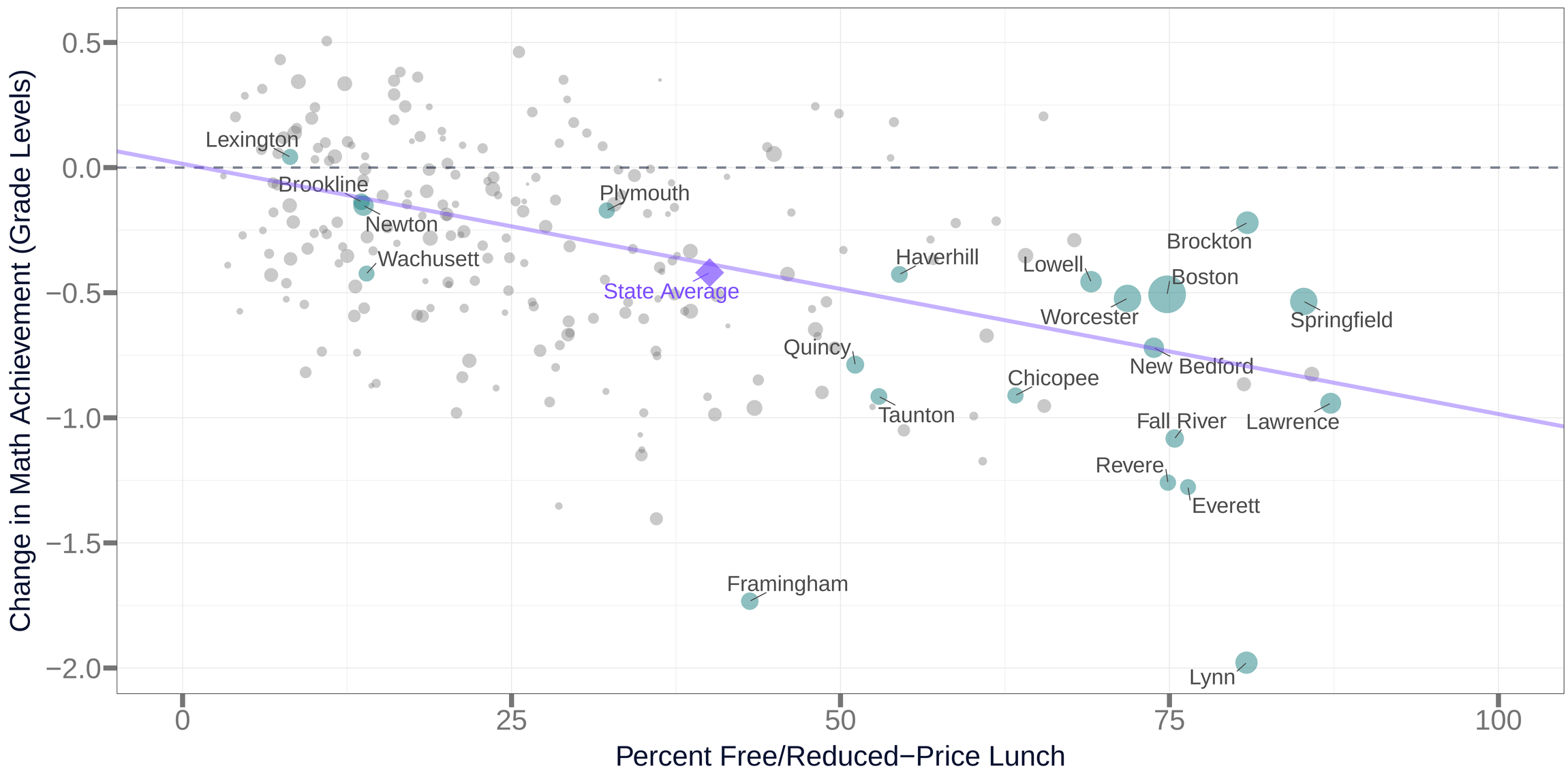

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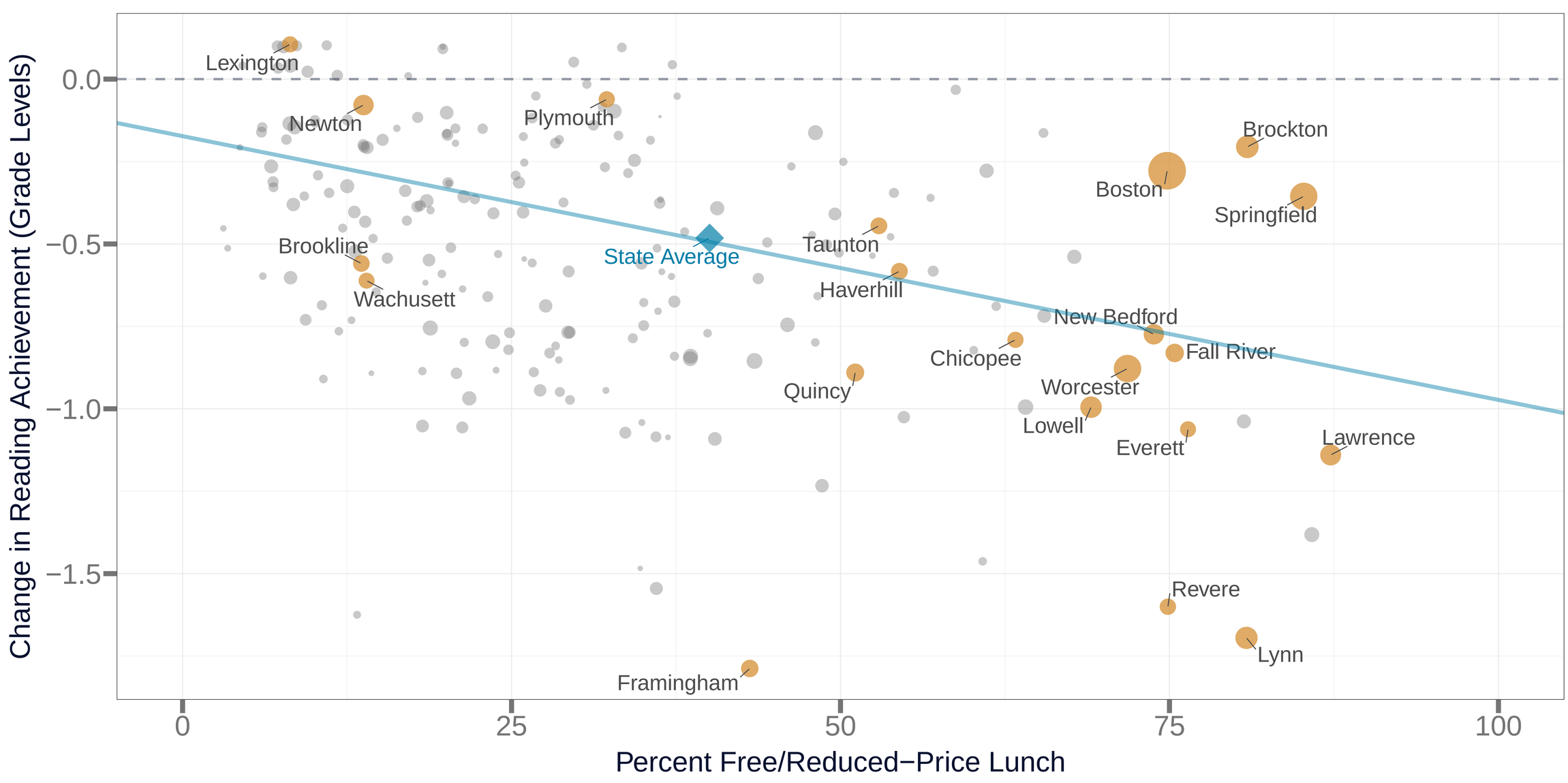

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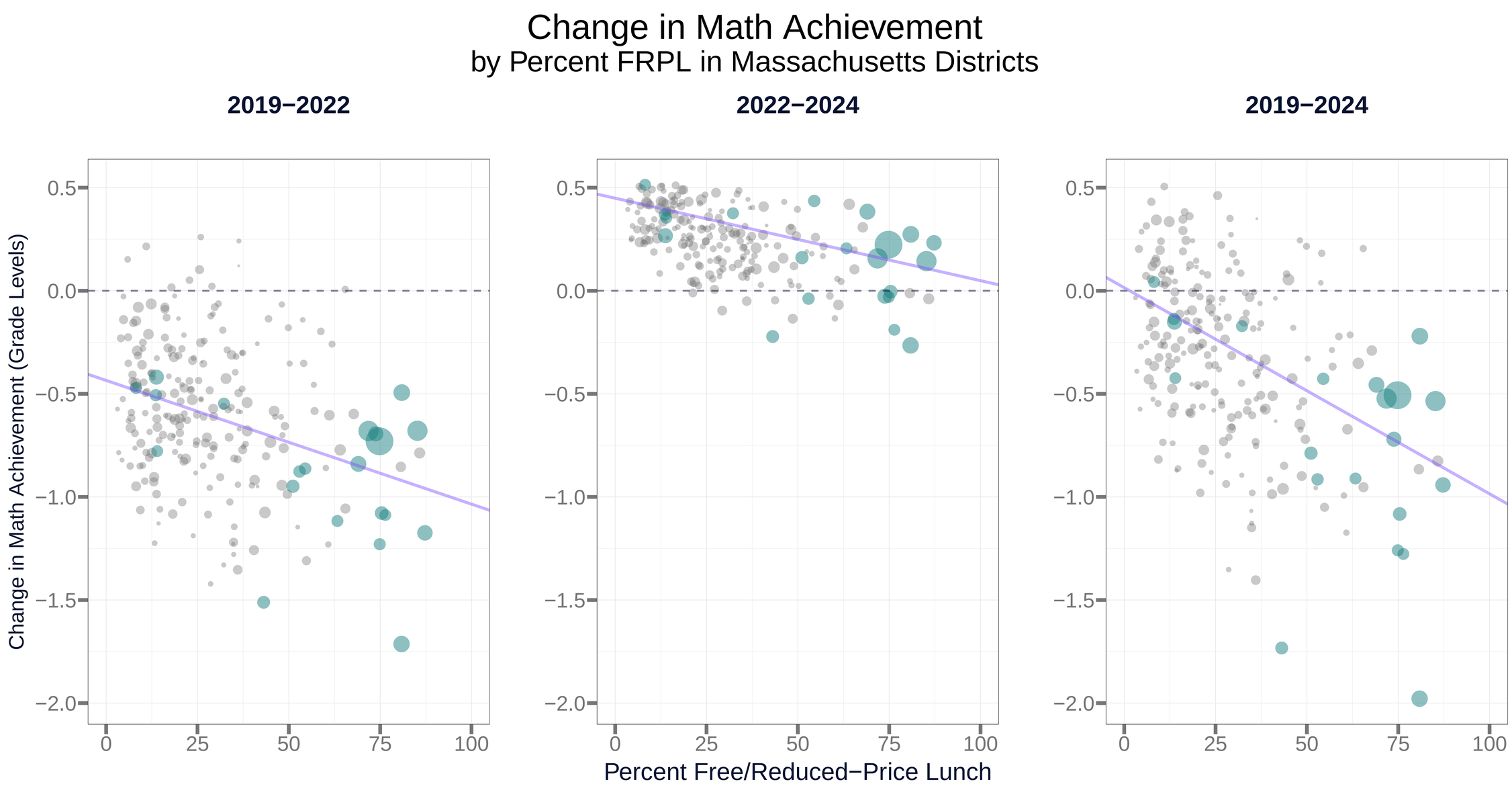

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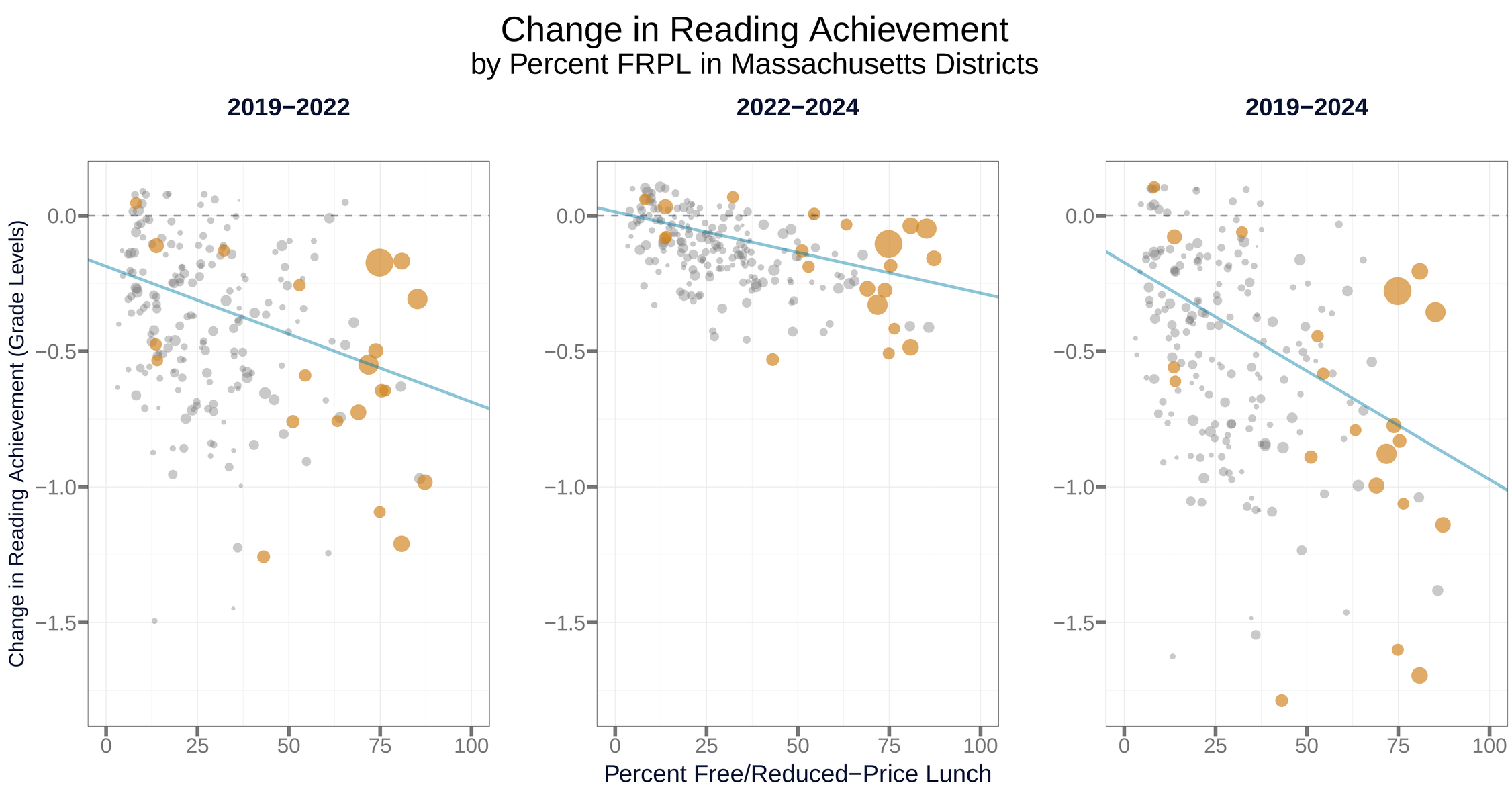

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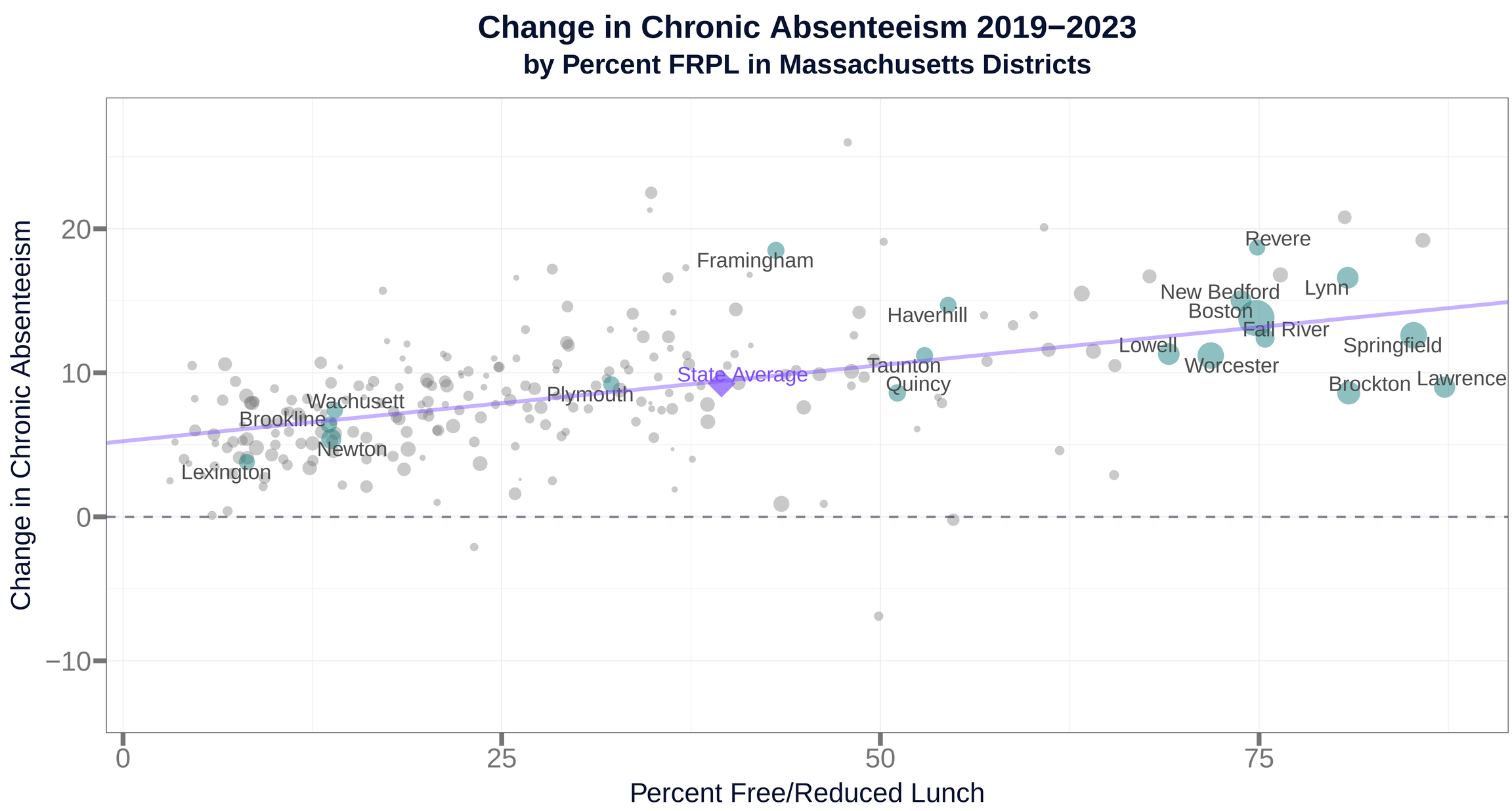

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