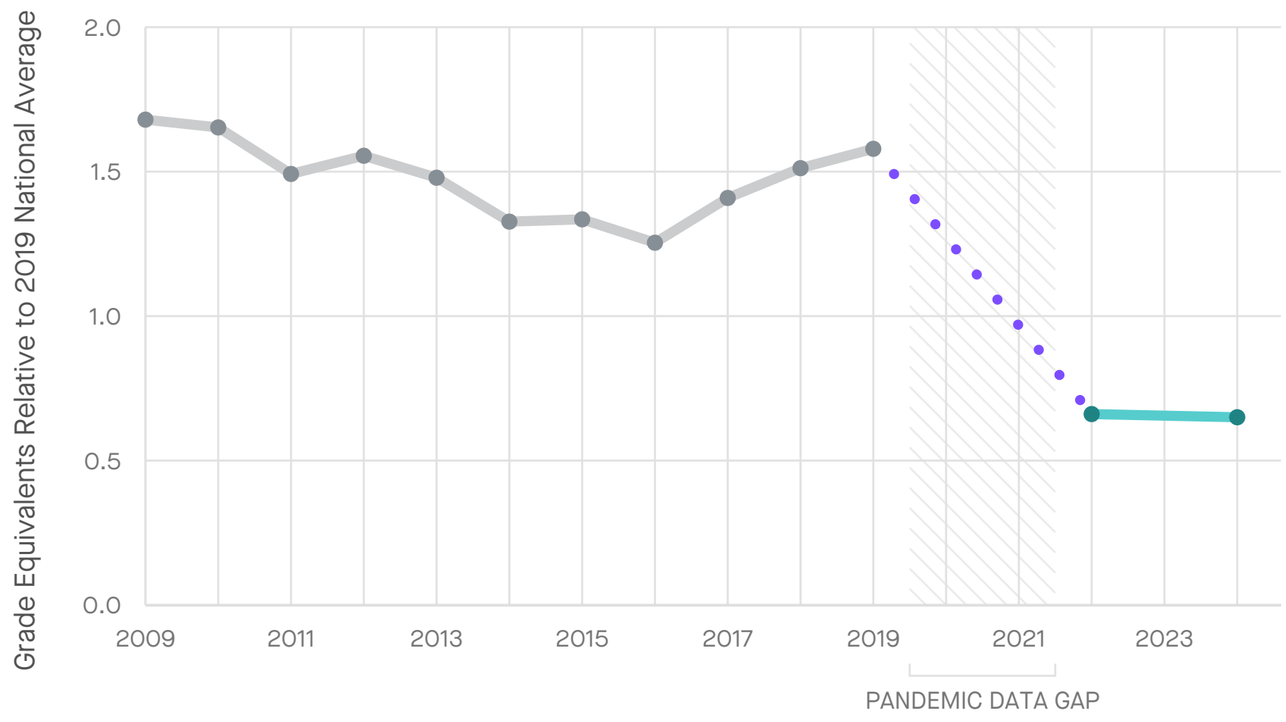
Polk County Schools, NC

Math Performance, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



Average Math Scores and Trends in Scores
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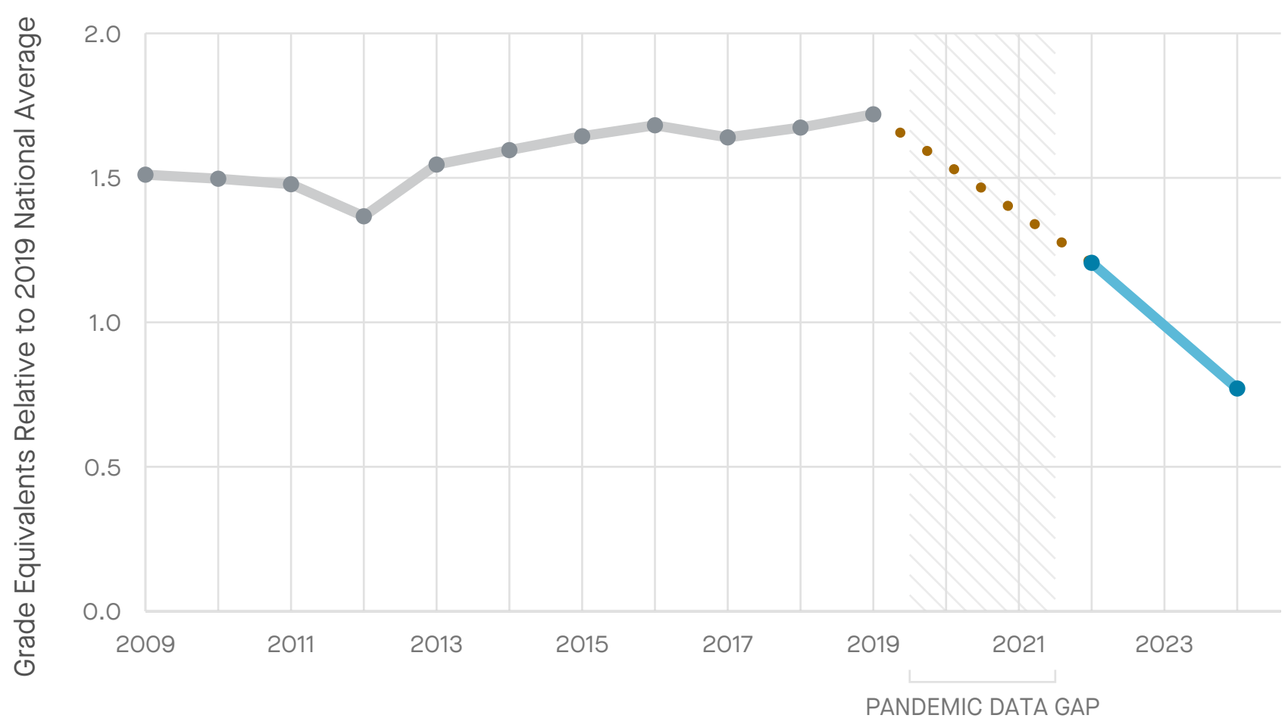
2019 Average	1.58
2022 Average	0.66
2024 Average	0.65
2019-2022 Change	-0.92
2022-2024 Change	-0.01
Since 2019	-0.93

Reading Performance, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



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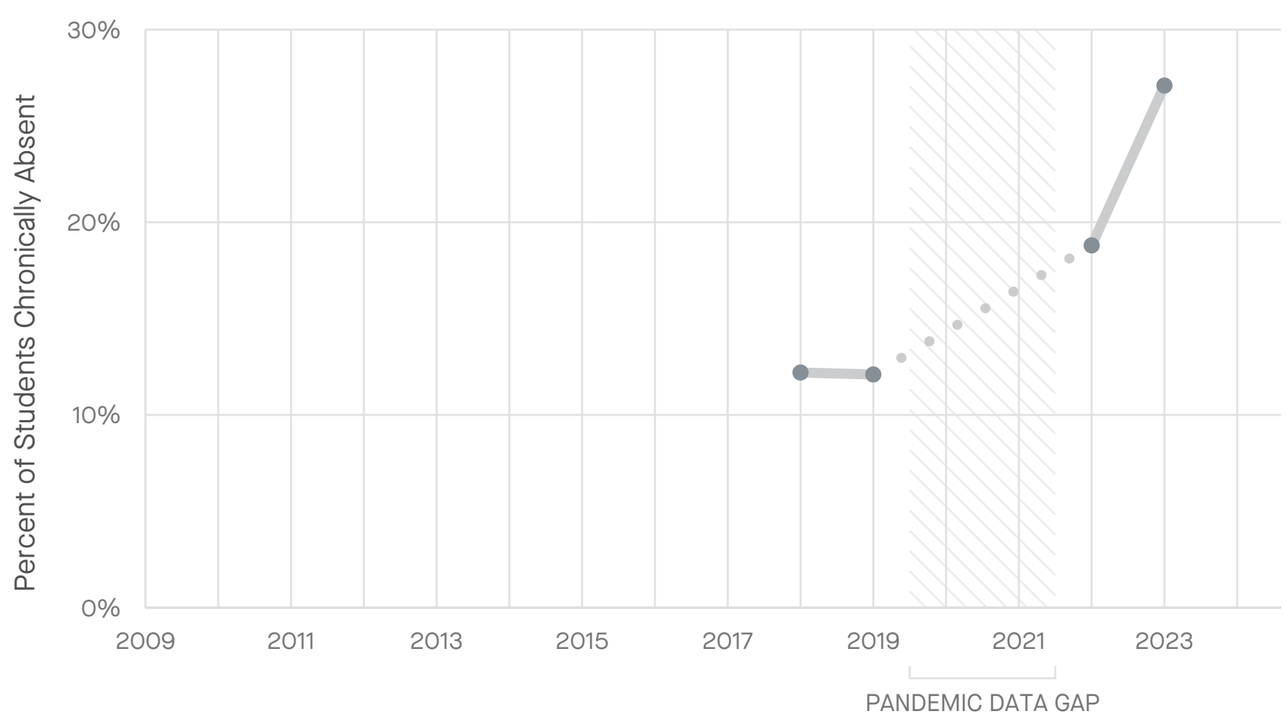
2019 Average	1.72
2022 Average	1.21
2024 Average	0.77
2019-2022 Change	-0.51
2022-2024 Change	-0.43
Since 2019	-0.95

Absenteeism, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



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2019-2023 Change	+0.15
Since 2009	N/A

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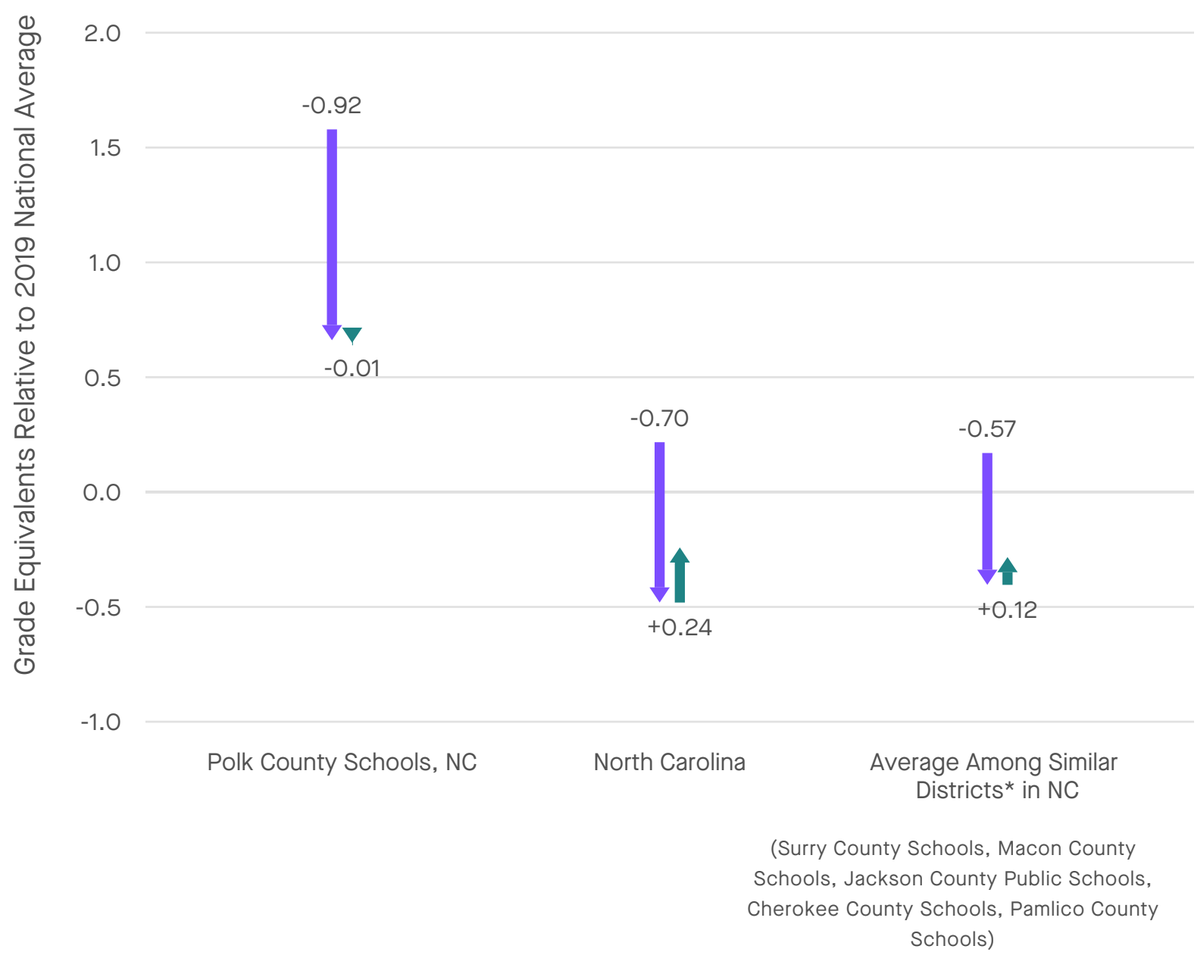
Math Performance in Polk County Schools vs. North Carolina and Similar Districts, Grades 3-8, 2019-2024



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
Polk County Schools, NC	1.58	0.66	0.65	↓ -0.92	↓ -0.01	↓ -0.93
North Carolina	0.22	-0.48	-0.24	↓ -0.70	↑ 0.24	↓ -0.46
Similar Districts* in North Carolina	0.17	-0.40	-0.28	↓ -0.57	↑ 0.12	↓ -0.45

*Comparison districts are the nearest matches within the same state based on socioeconomic status, demographics, and size.

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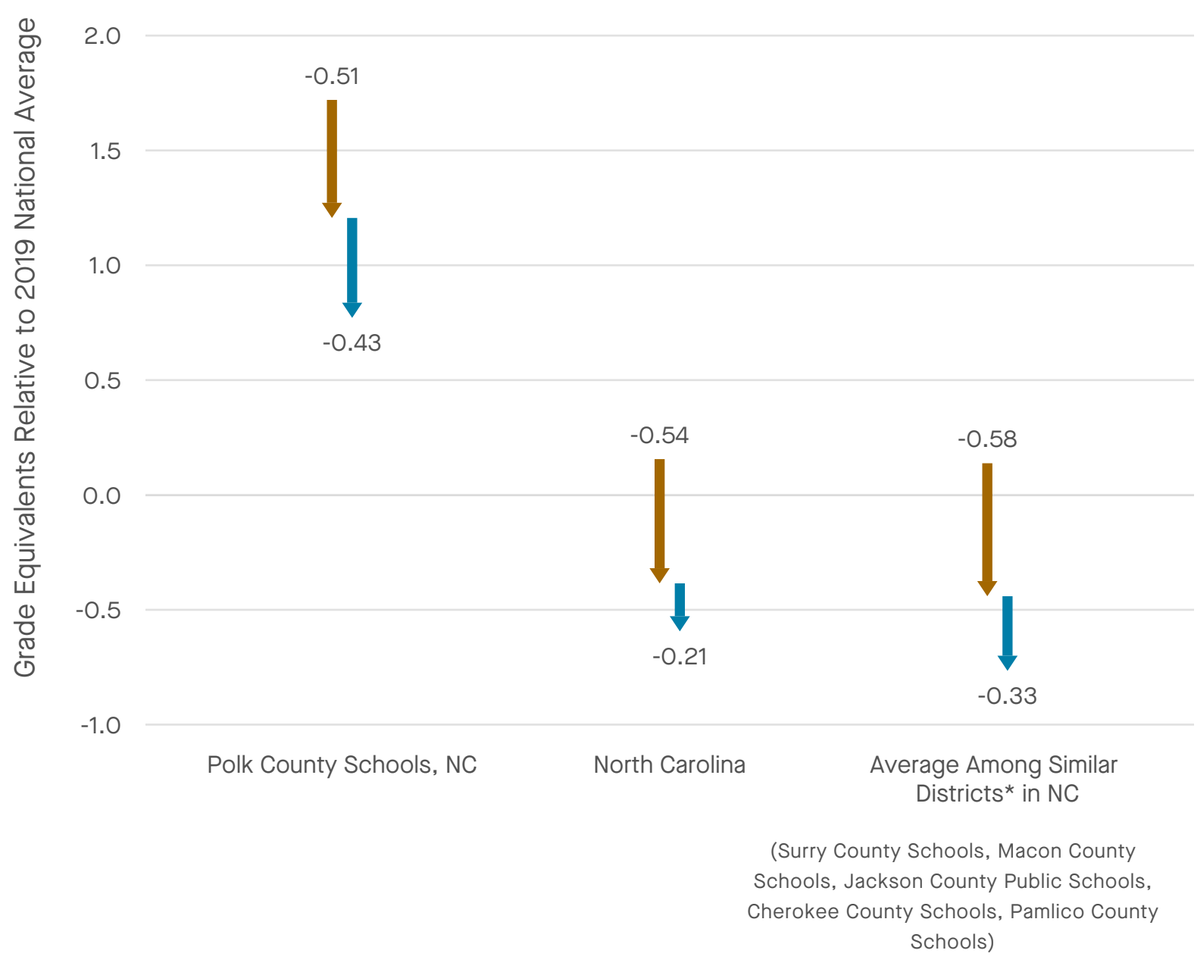

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in Grade Level Equivalents Relative to the 2019 National Average

	2019 Average	2022 Average	2024 Average	2019-22 Change	2022-24 Change	2019-24 Change
Polk County Schools, NC	1.72	1.21	0.77	↓ -0.51	↓ -0.43	↓ -0.95
North Carolina	0.16	-0.38	-0.59	↓ -0.54	↓ -0.21	↓ -0.75
Similar Districts* in North Carolina	0.14	-0.44	-0.77	↓ -0.58	↓ -0.33	↓ -0.90

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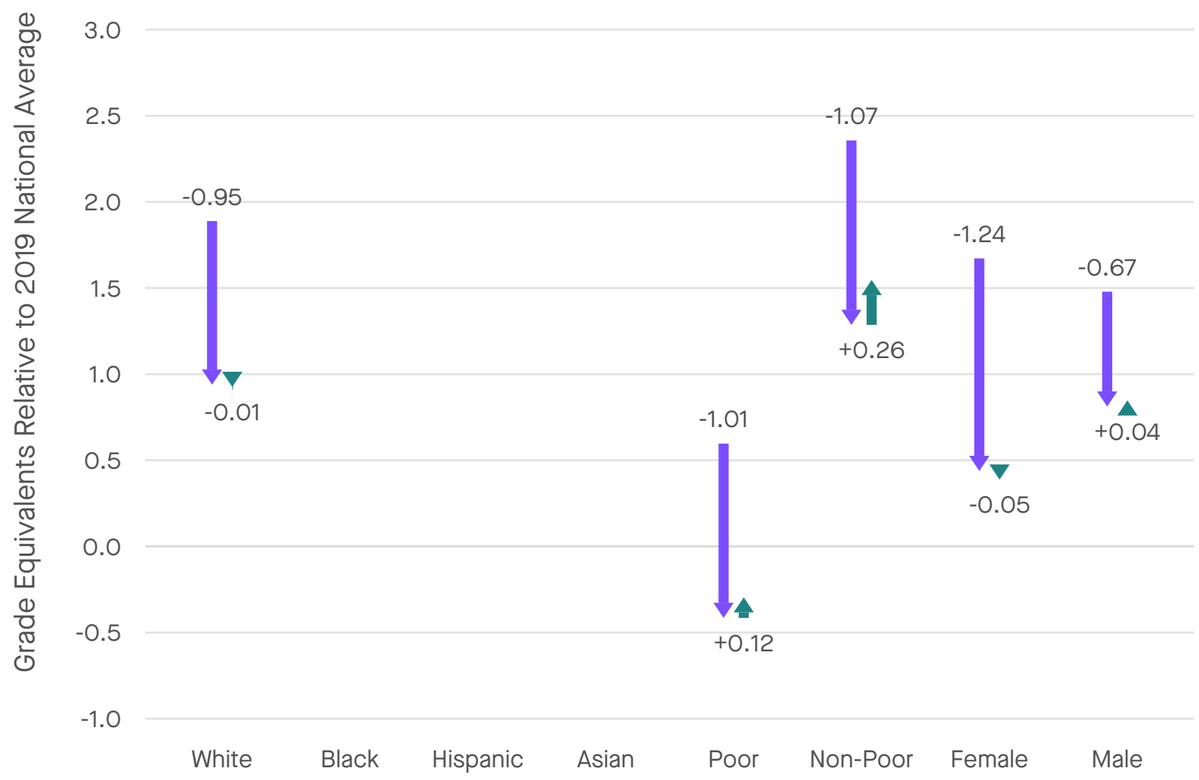
Math Performance by Subgroup, Grades 3-8, 2019-2024



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	1.89	0.94	0.93	-0.95	-0.01	-0.96
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Poor	0.60	-0.41	-0.29	-1.01	0.12	-0.89
Non-Poor	2.36	1.29	1.55	-1.07	0.26	-0.81
Female	1.67	0.44	0.39	-1.24	-0.05	-1.28
Male	1.48	0.81	0.85	-0.67	0.04	-0.63

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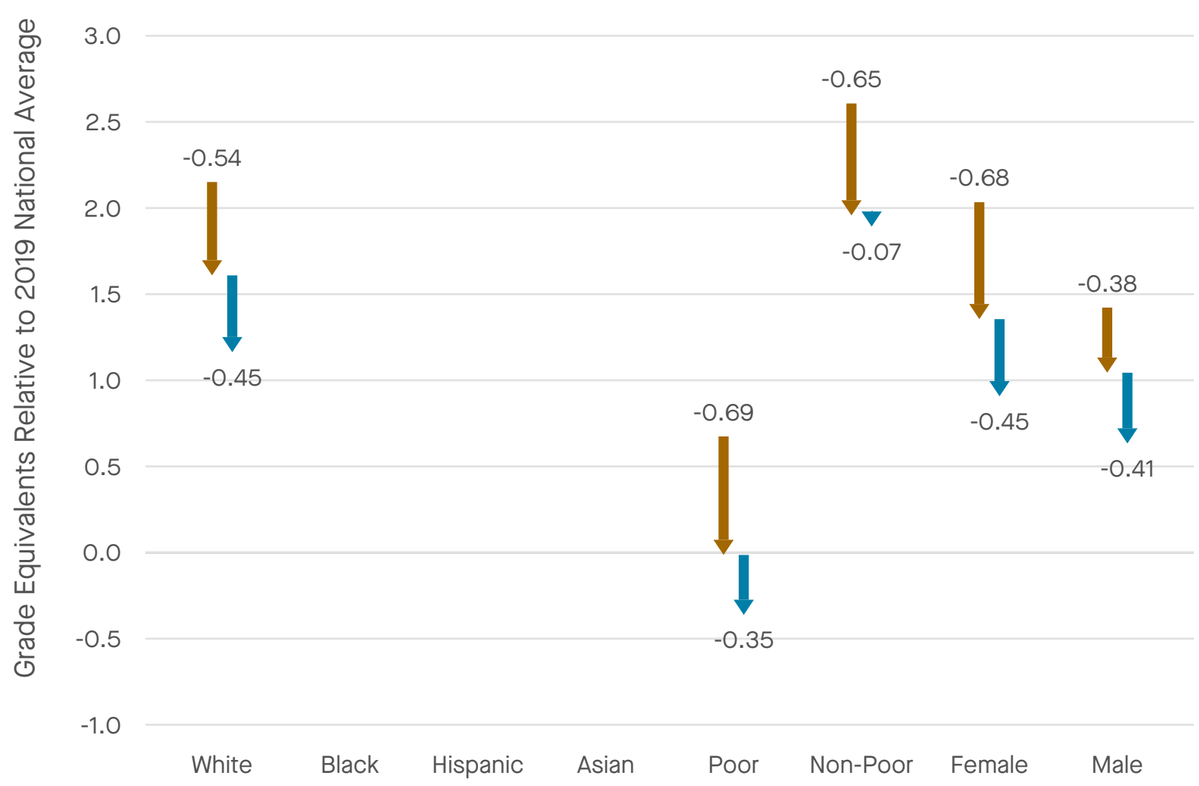

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	2019 Average	2022 Average	2024 Average	2019-22 Change	2022-24 Change	2019-24 Change
White	2.15	1.61	1.16	-0.54	-0.45	-0.99
Black	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Asian	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Poor	0.67	-0.01	-0.36	-0.69	-0.35	-1.04
Non-Poor	2.61	1.96	1.89	-0.65	-0.07	-0.71
Female	2.03	1.35	0.91	-0.68	-0.45	-1.13
Male	1.42	1.04	0.63	-0.38	-0.41	-0.79

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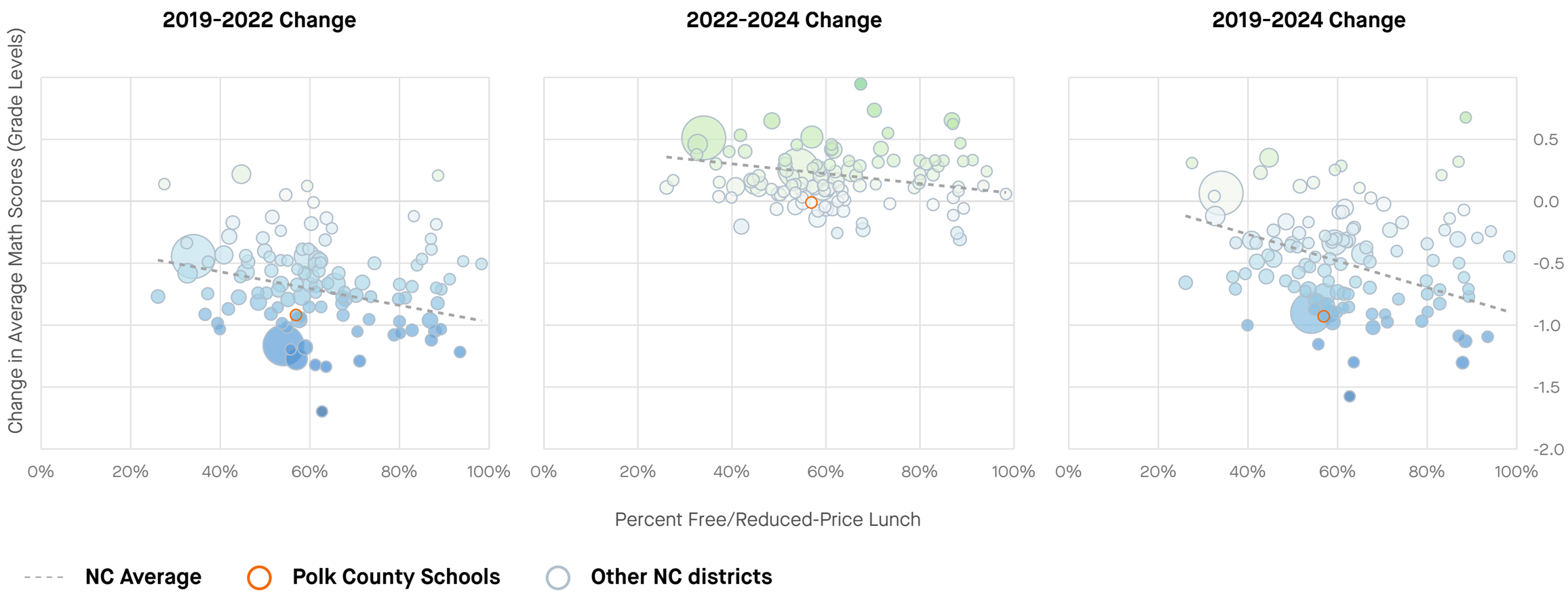
Change in Math Performance in North Carolina Districts vs. Percent Free/Reduced-Price Lunch, Grades 3-8, 2019-2024



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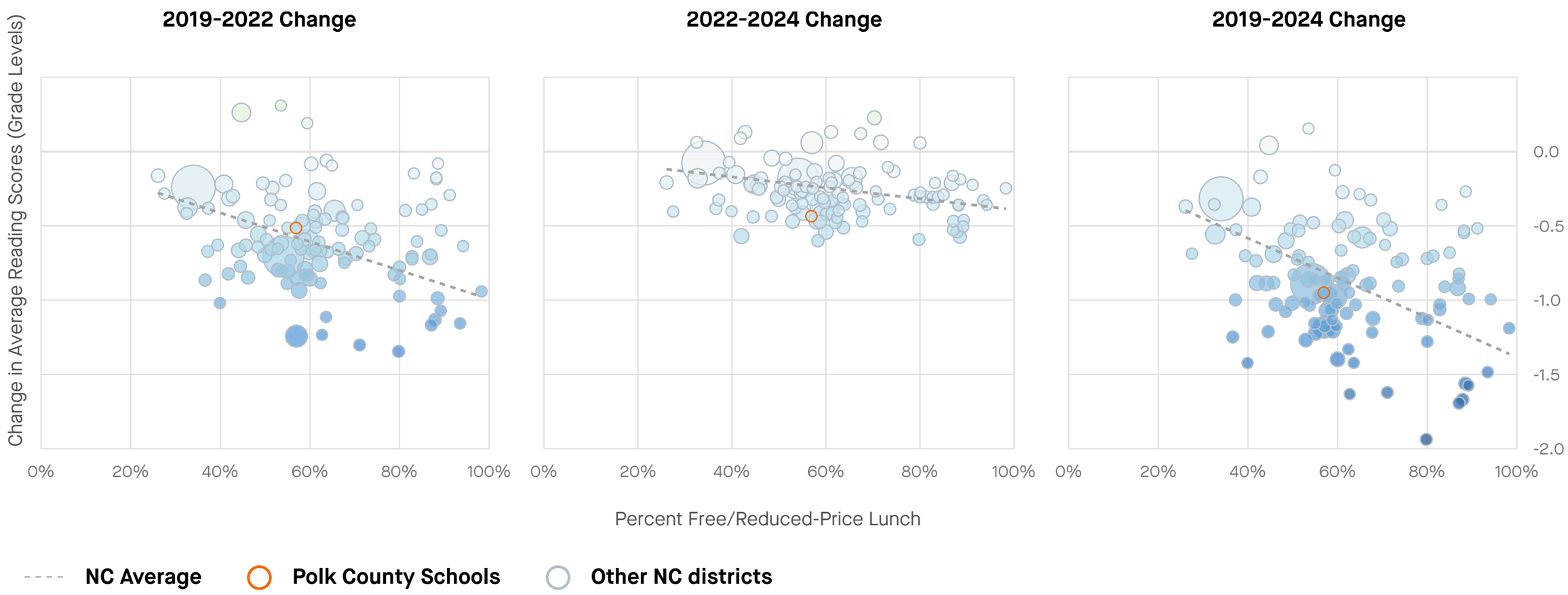

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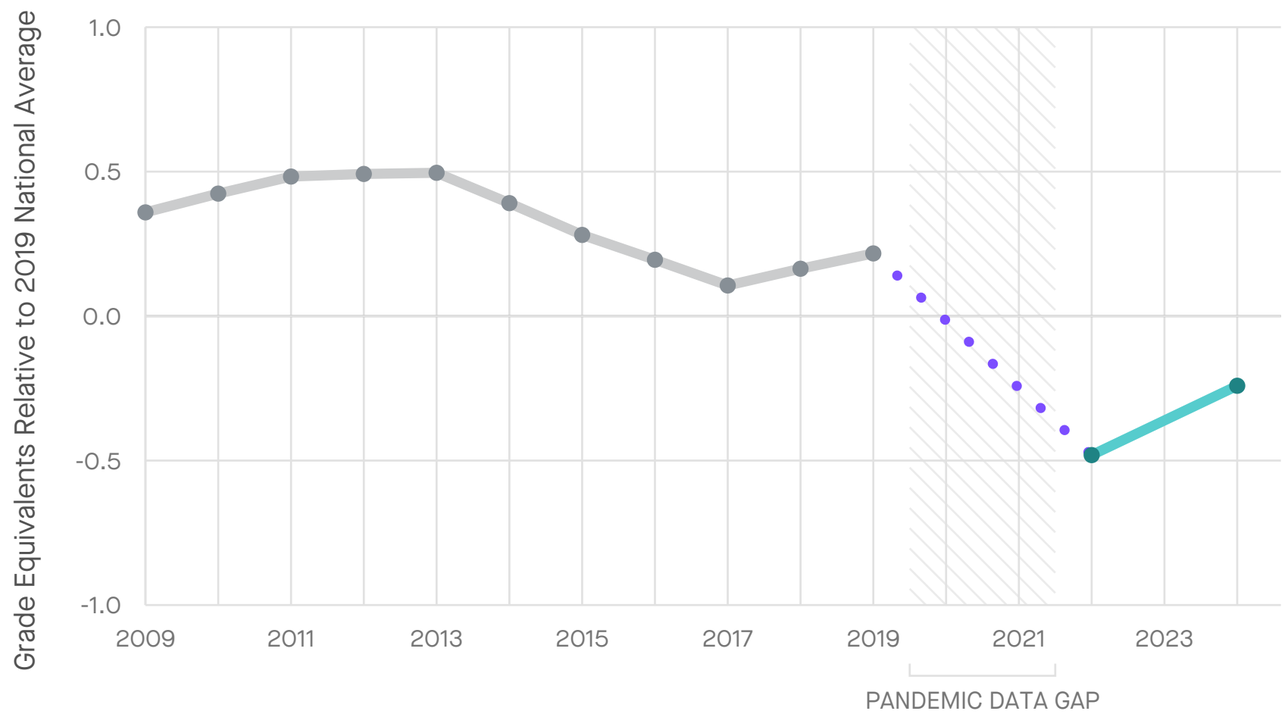

Average Math Scores and Trends in Scores
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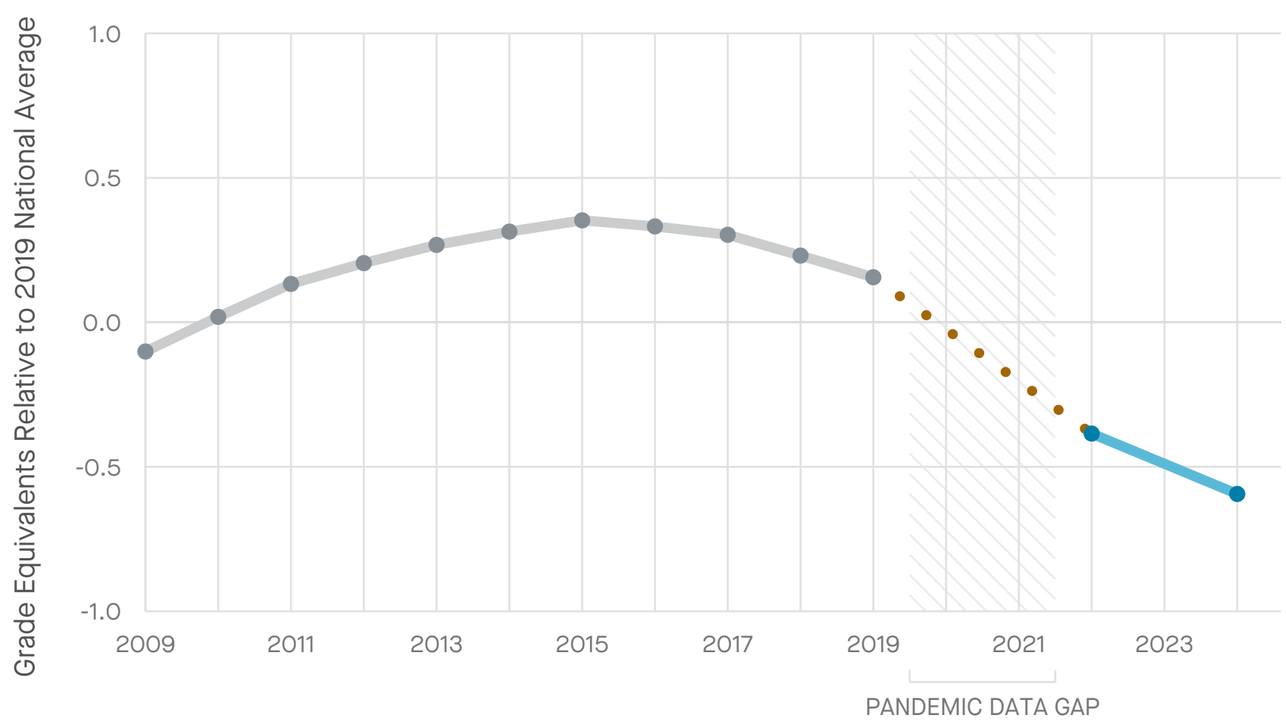
2019 Average	0.22
2022 Average	-0.48
2024 Average	-0.24
2019-2022 Change	-0.70
2022-2024 Change	+0.24
Since 2019	-0.46

Reading Performance, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



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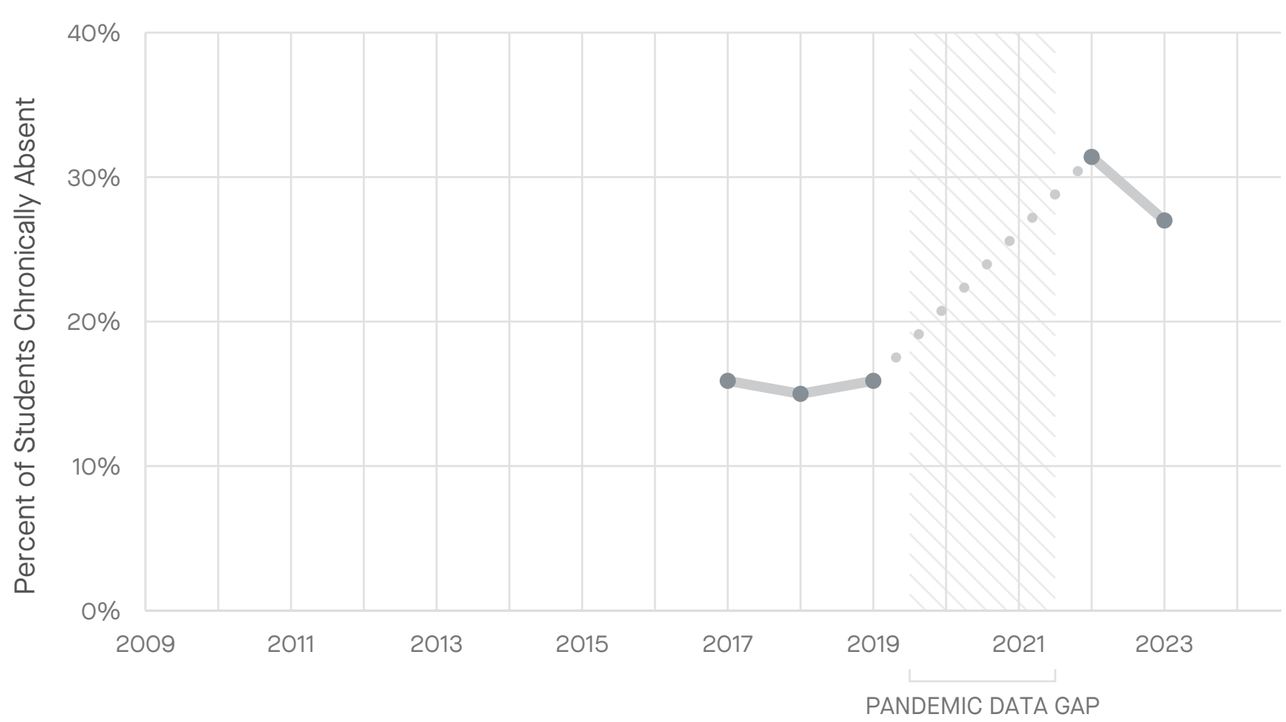
2019 Average	0.16
2022 Average	-0.39
2024 Average	-0.59
2019-2022 Change	-0.54
2022-2024 Change	-0.21
Since 2019	-0.75

Absenteeism, Grades 3-8, 2009-2024



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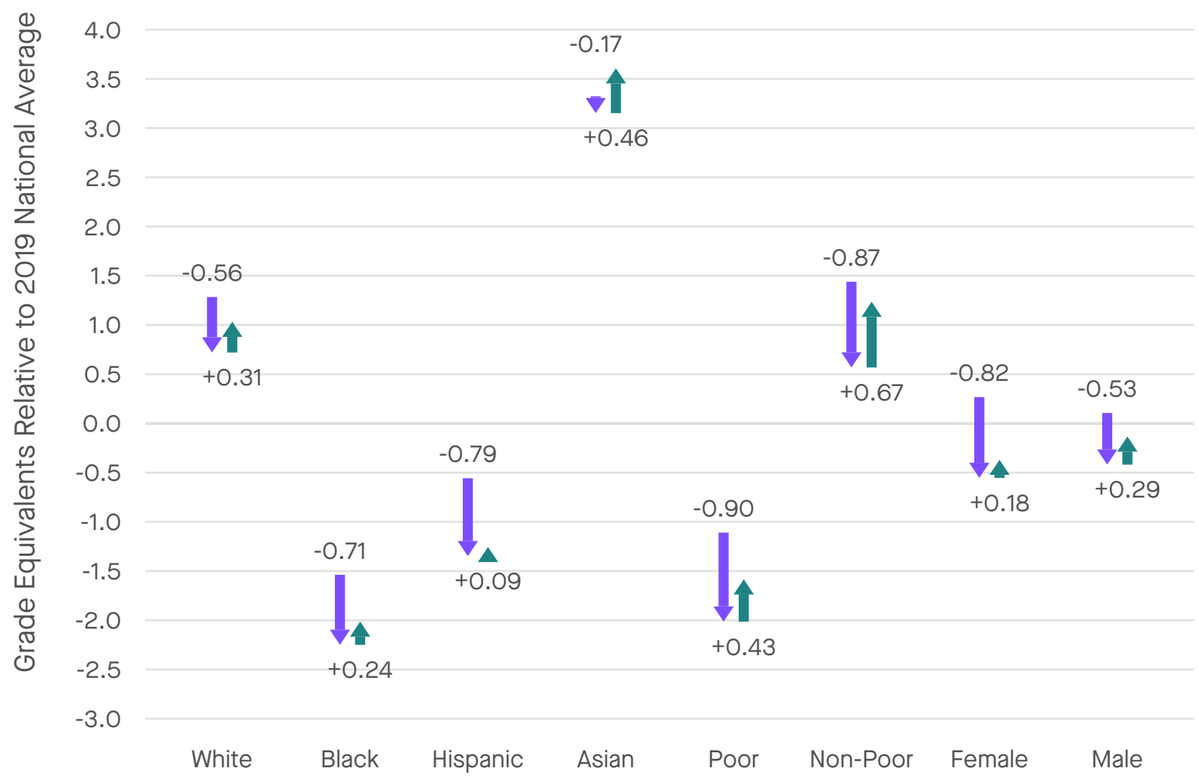

Average Math Scores and Trends in Scores

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	1.28	0.72	1.03	-0.56	0.31	-0.25
Black	-1.54	-2.25	-2.01	-0.71	0.24	-0.47
Hispanic	-0.56	-1.35	-1.25	-0.79	0.09	-0.70
Asian	3.32	3.15	3.61	-0.17	0.46	0.28
Poor	-1.11	-2.01	-1.58	-0.90	0.43	-0.47
Non-Poor	1.44	0.57	1.24	-0.87	0.67	-0.20
Female	0.27	-0.55	-0.37	-0.82	0.18	-0.64
Male	0.11	-0.42	-0.13	-0.53	0.29	-0.24

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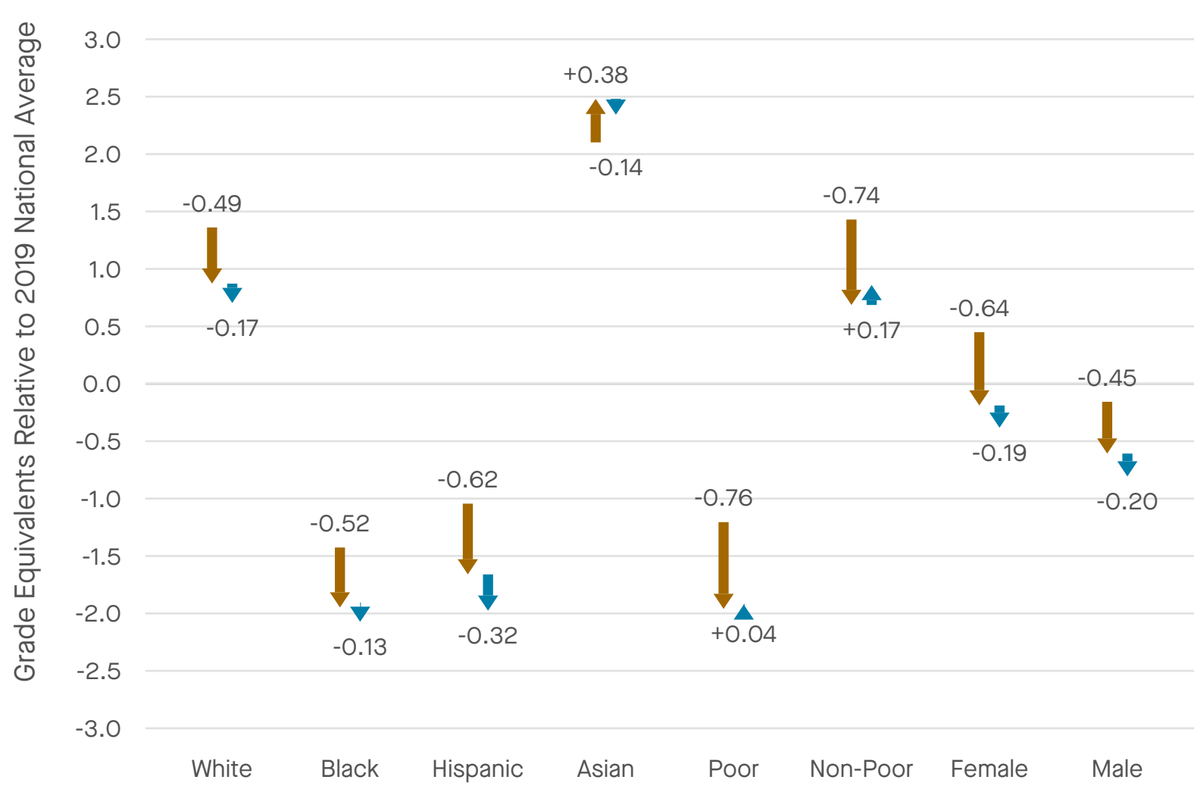

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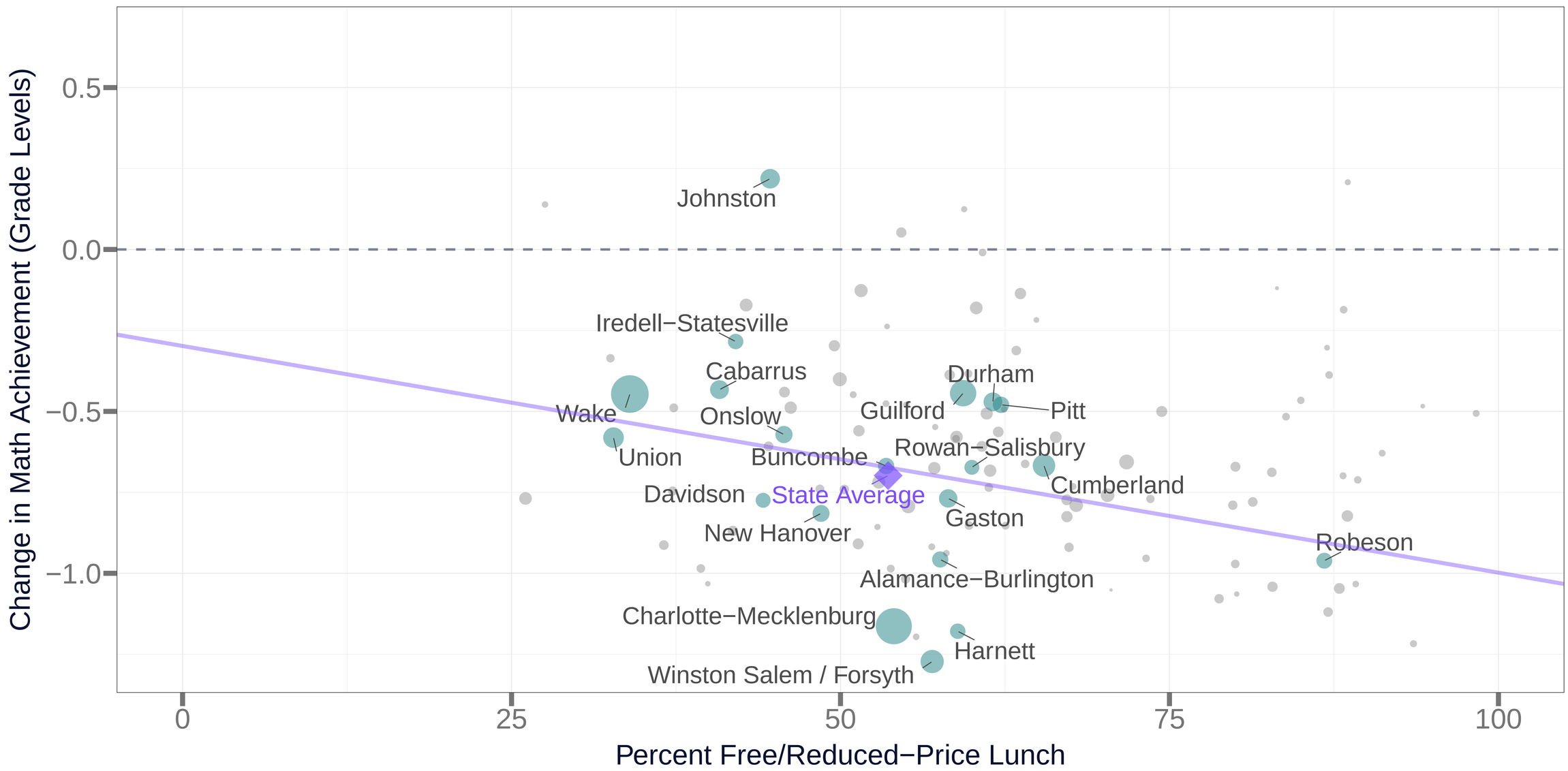
	2019 Average	2022 Average	2024 Average	2019-22 Change	2022-24 Change	2019-24 Change
White	1.36	0.87	0.70	-0.49	-0.17	-0.66
Black	-1.43	-1.95	-2.07	-0.52	-0.13	-0.65
Hispanic	-1.04	-1.66	-1.98	-0.62	-0.32	-0.93
Asian	2.10	2.48	2.34	0.38	-0.14	0.24
Poor	-1.21	-1.96	-1.92	-0.76	0.04	-0.72
Non-Poor	1.43	0.69	0.86	-0.74	0.17	-0.57
Female	0.45	-0.19	-0.38	-0.64	-0.19	-0.83
Male	-0.16	-0.61	-0.81	-0.45	-0.20	-0.65

Change in Math Achievement 2019−2022
by Percent FRPL in North Carolina Districts



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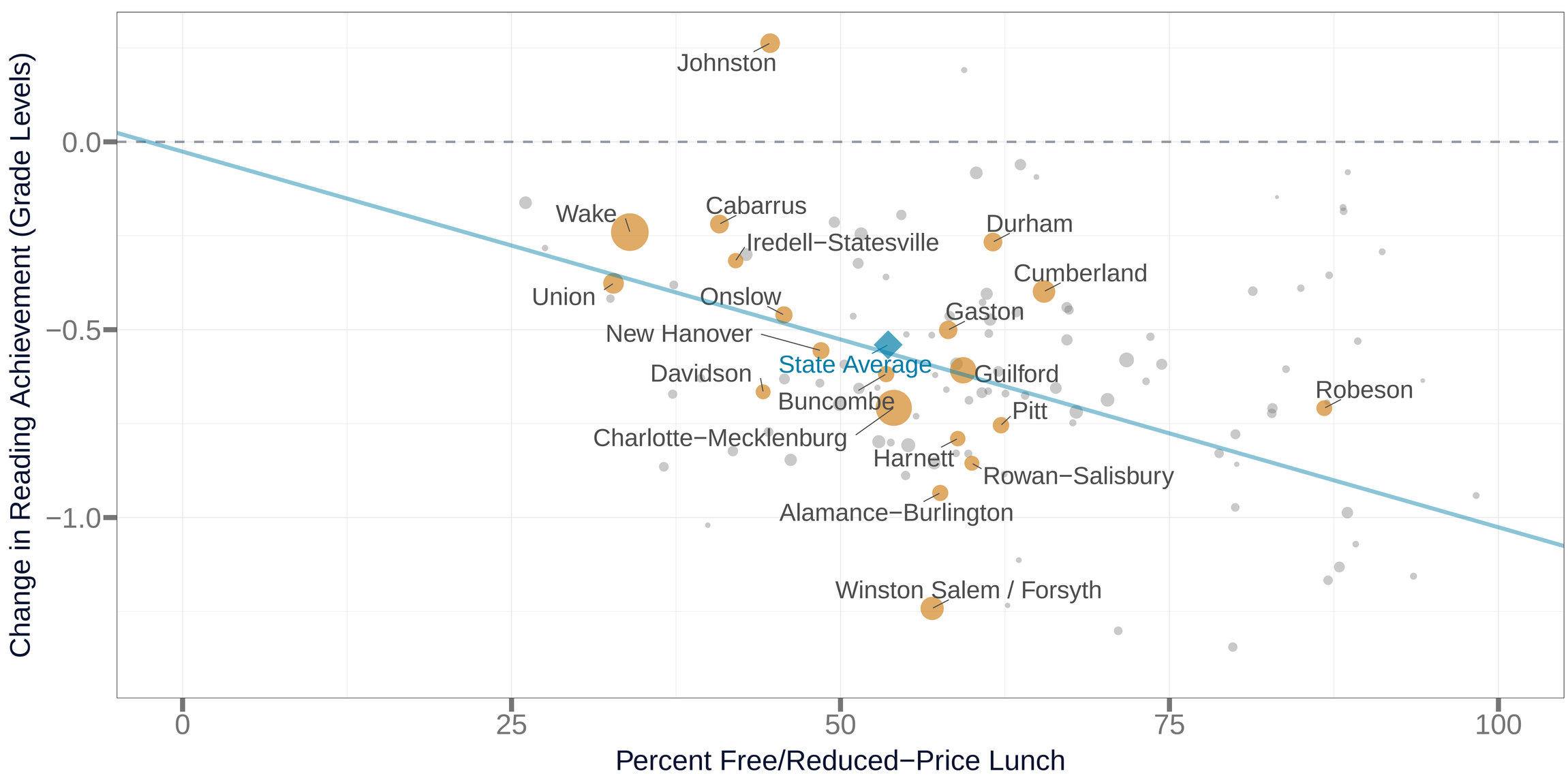

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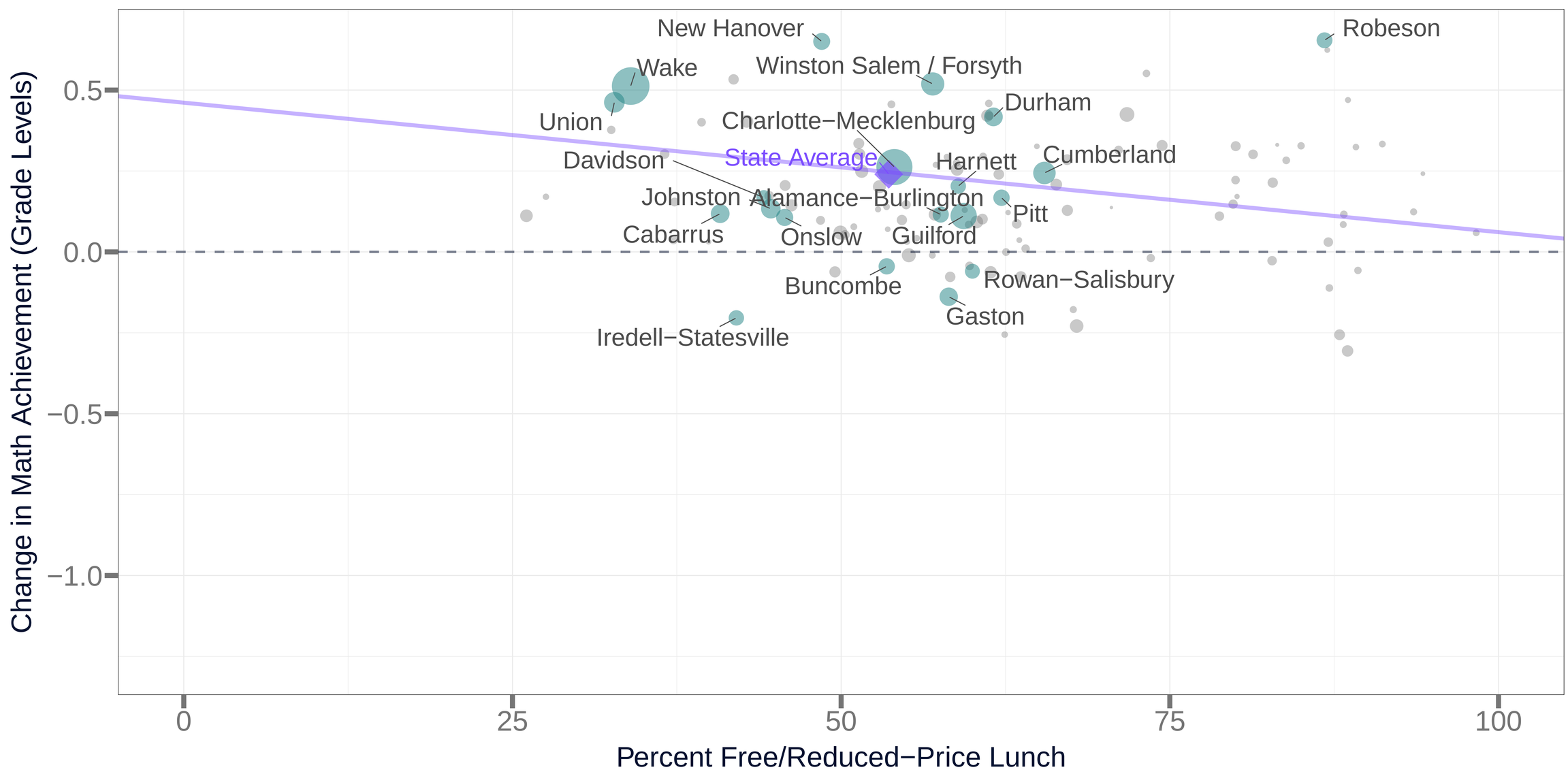

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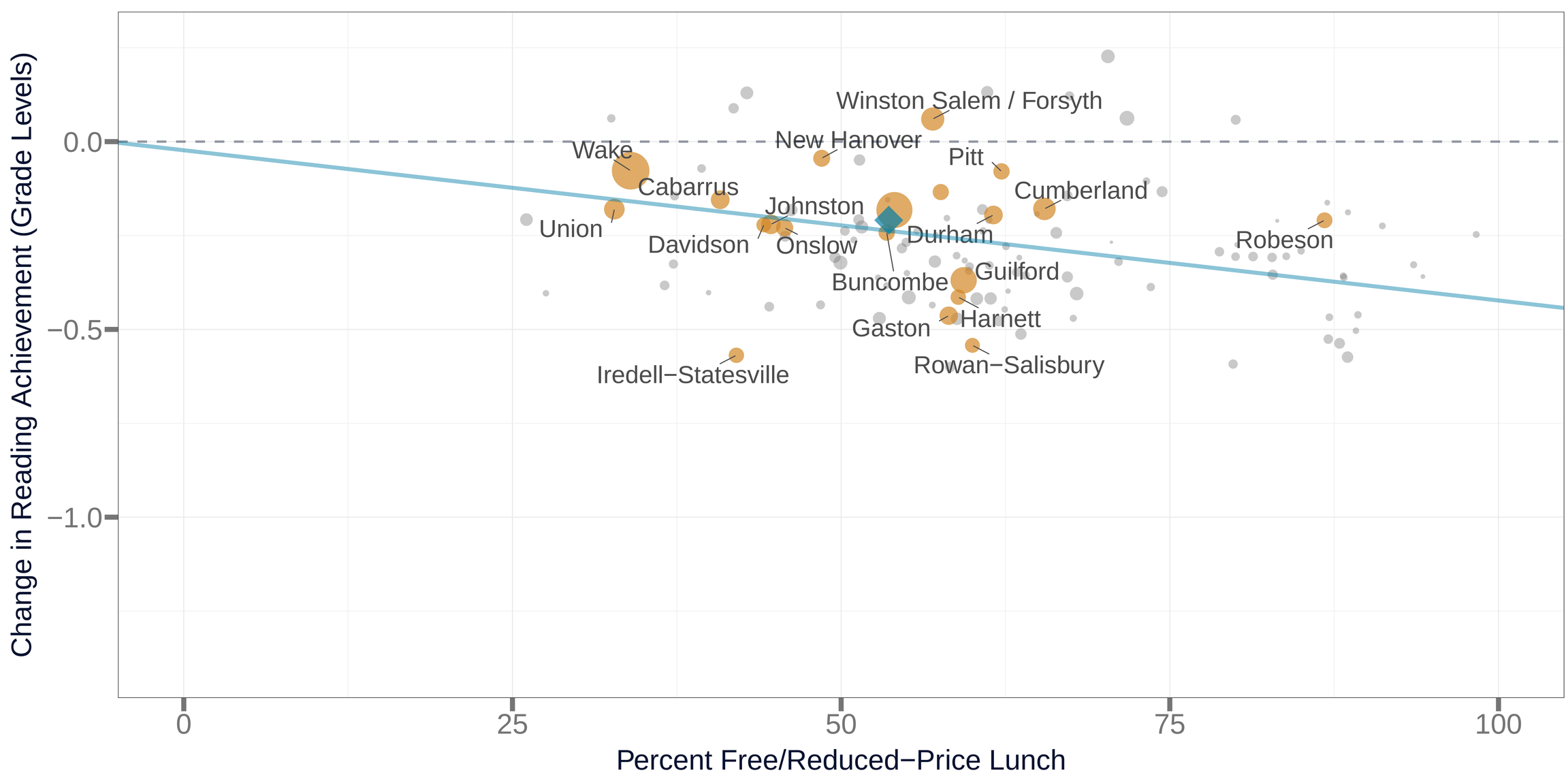

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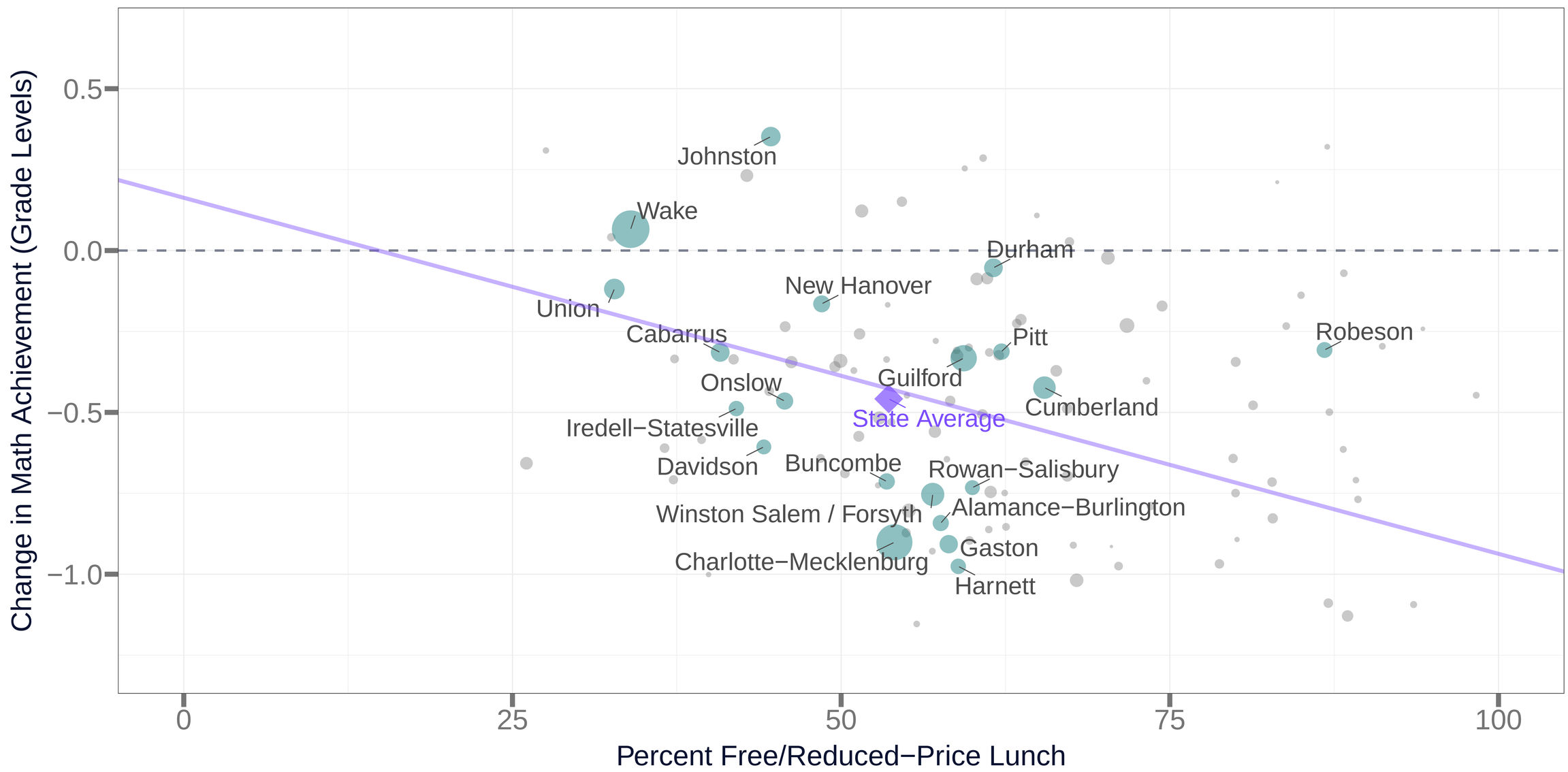

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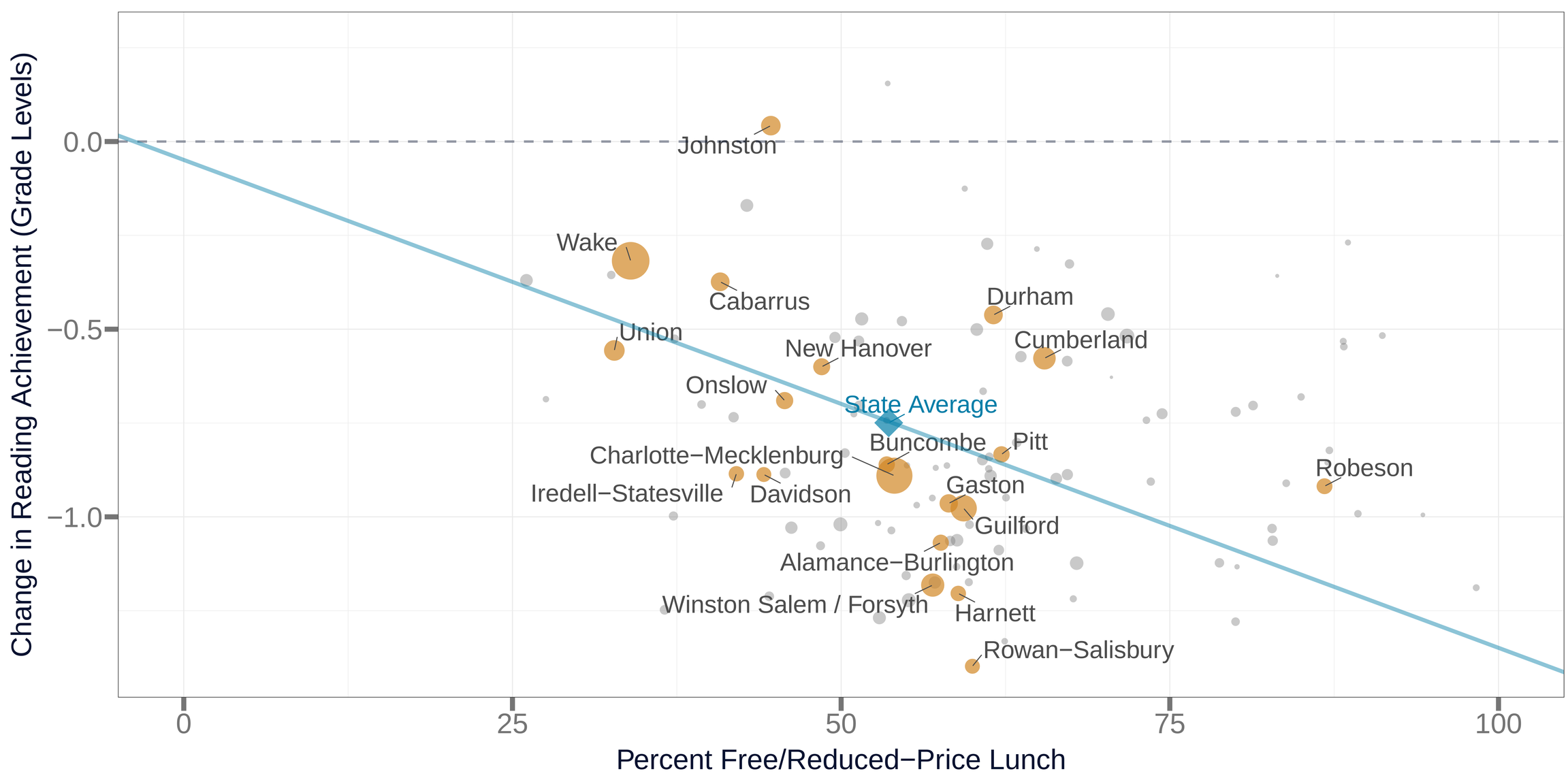

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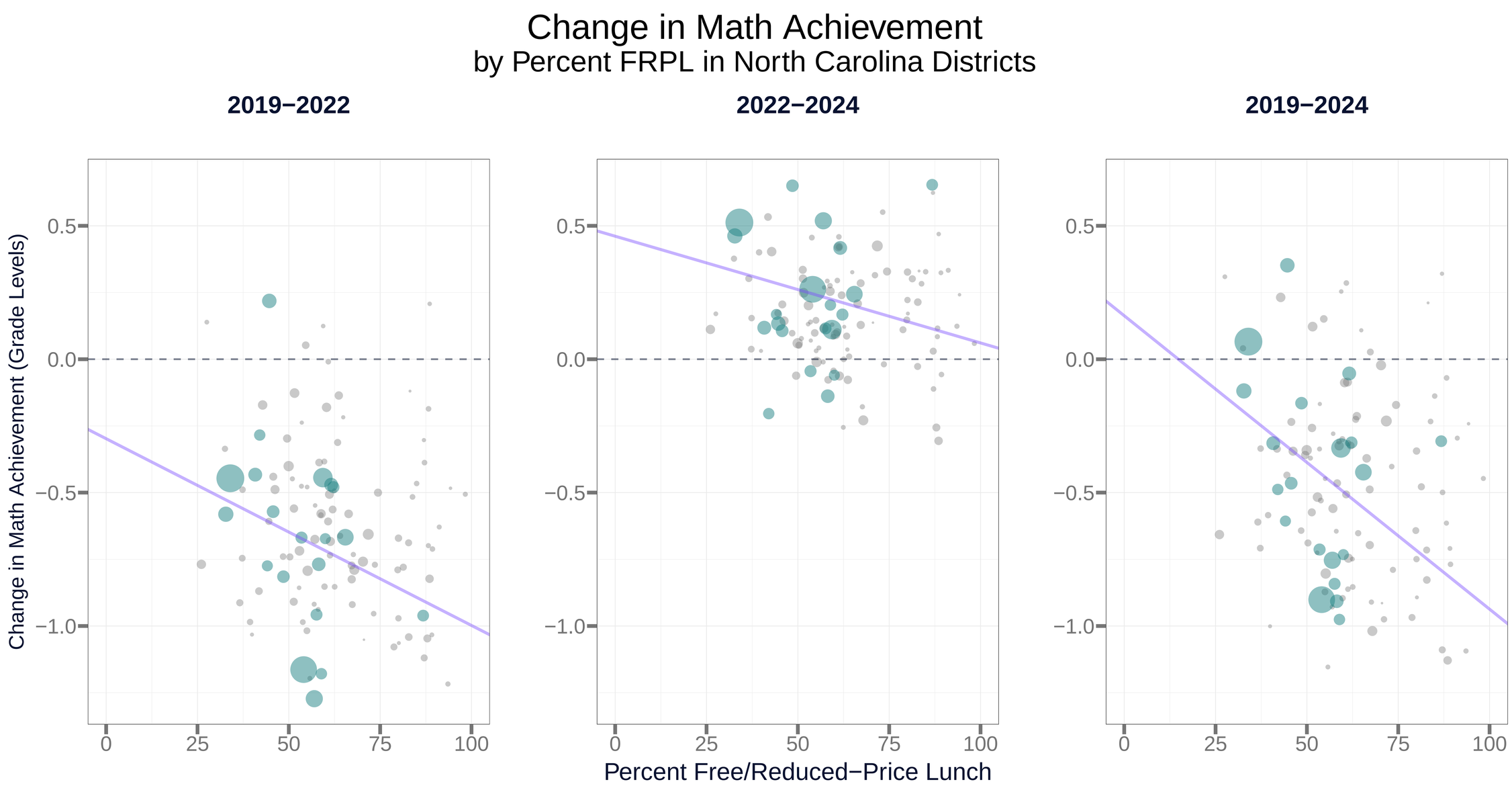

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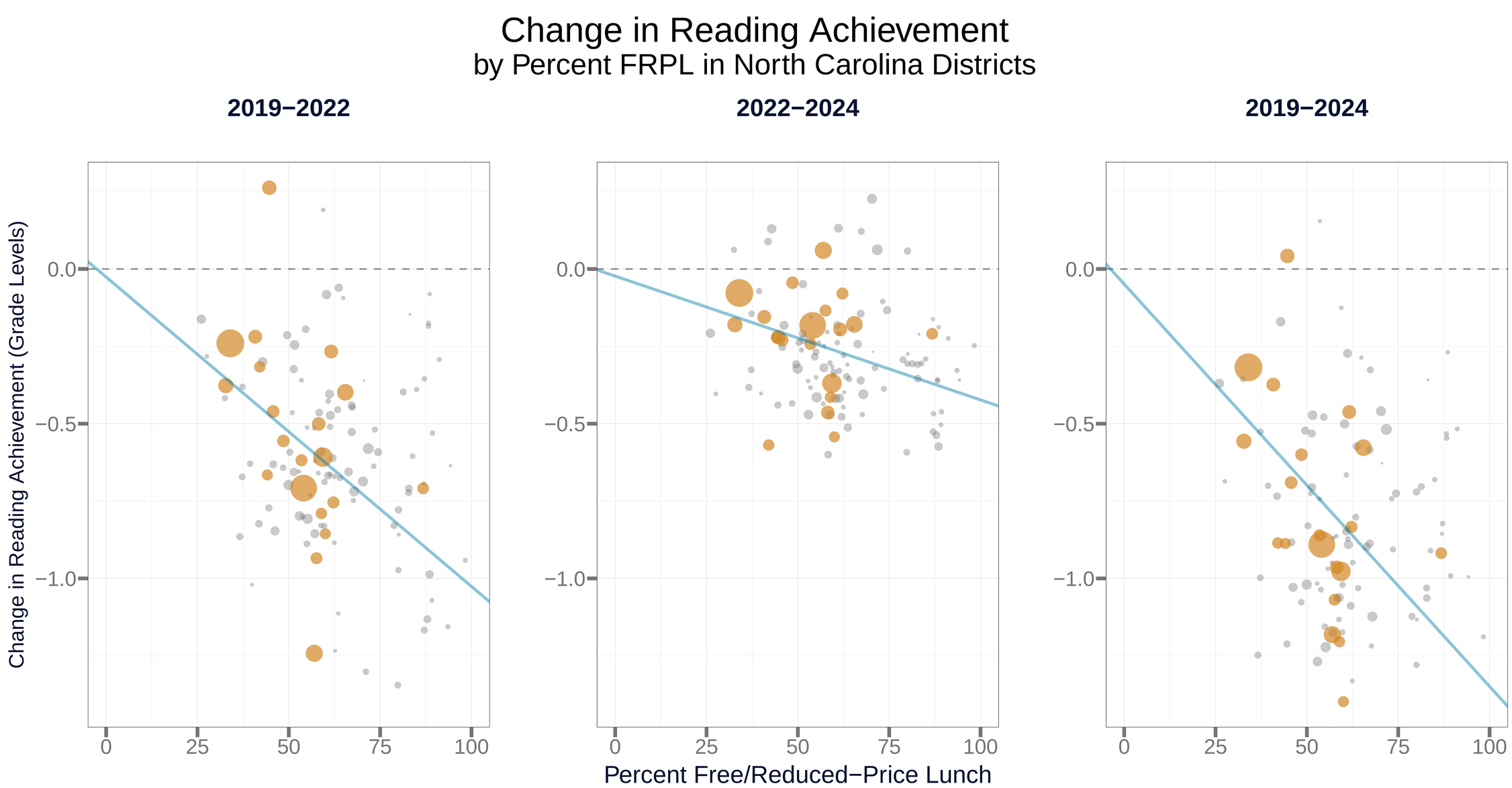

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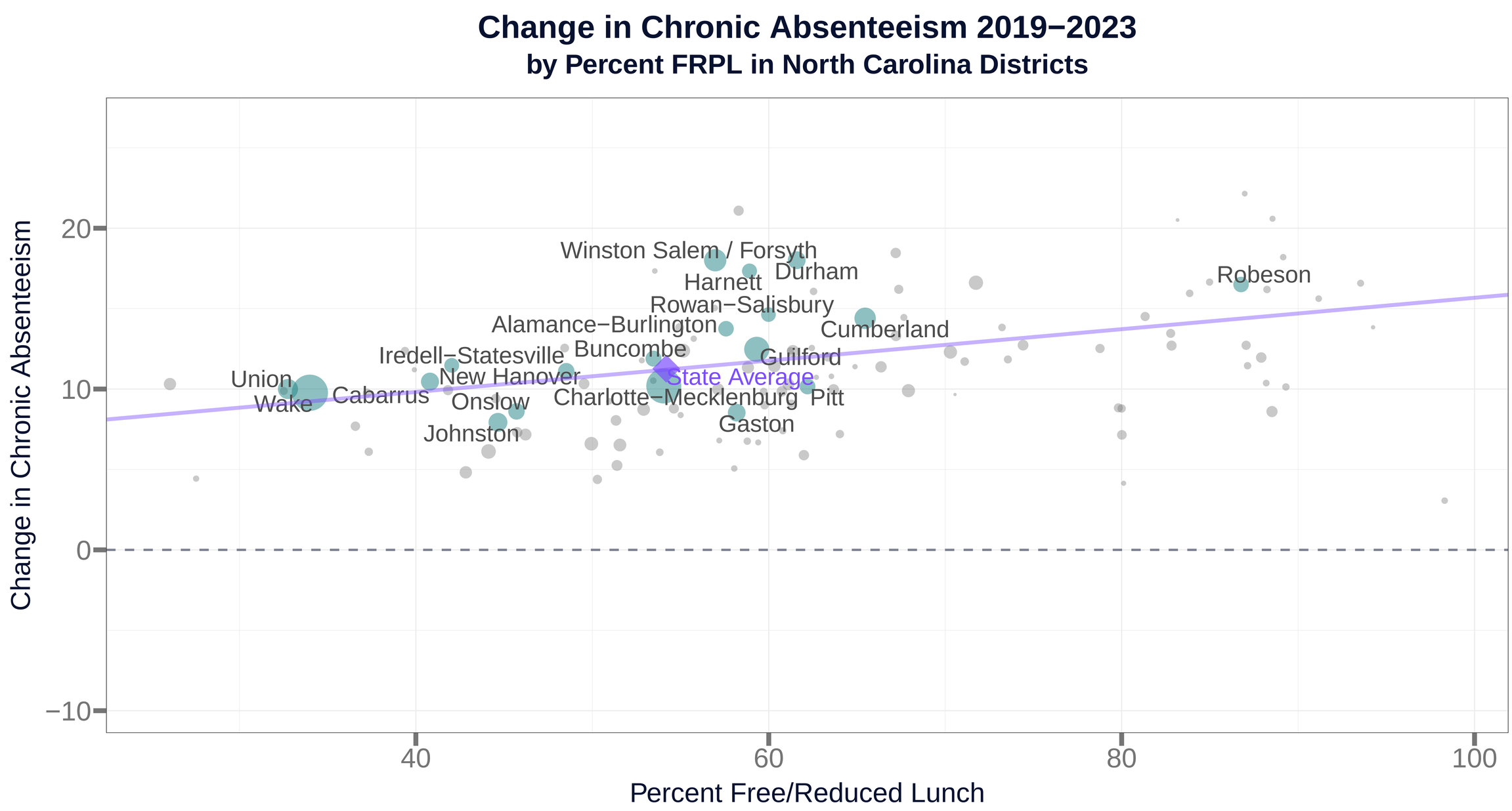

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