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Tweet: America's 13-year-olds test scores declined significantly between 2019-2020 and last school year. The mean 13-year-old lost 4pp in reading and 9pp in math a loss of 2.7% over a decade in reading and 5% in math.

Summary: The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) administered the NAEP long-term trend (LTT) reading and mathematics assessments to 13-year-old students from October to December of the 2022–23 school year. The average scores for 13-year-olds declined 4 points in reading and 9 points in mathematics compared to the previous assessment administered during the 2019–20 school year. Compared to a decade ago, the average scores declined 7 points in reading and 14 points in mathematics. The 2023 mathematics scores for age 13 students at all five selected percentile levels declined compared to 2020. The declines ranged from 6 to 8 points for middle- and higher-performing students to 12 to 14 points for lower-performing students, with larger declines for lower performers in comparison to their higher-performing peers. The percentage of students who reported missing 5 or more days doubled from 5 percent in 2020 to 10 percent in 2023.

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