Virginia First Cities have nearly 300,000 children accounting for 16% of the statewide child population

	Child Population	Virginia Share
Charlottesville	7044	0.4%
Hampton	33086	1.8%
Harrisonburg	7563	0.4%
Hopewell	6216	0.3%
Lynchburg	15046	0.8%
Martinsville	2938	0.2%
Newport News	50182	2.8%
Norfolk	60226	3.3%
Petersburg	8303	0.5%
Portsmouth	26198	1.4%
Richmond	45279	2.5%
Roanoke	20978	1.2%
Staunton	4843	0.3%
Winchester	5847	0.3%
First Cities Total	**293749**	**16.1%**
Statewide	1823201	

First Cities' average African American children population is 44%, accounting for 35% of Virginia's entire African American Child population.

	African American Children	%	Virginia Share
Statewide	433985	24%	
Charlottesville	2283	32%	1%
Hampton	18037	55%	4%
Harrisonburg	777	10%	0%
Hopewell	3075	49%	1%
Lynchburg	5863	39%	1%
Martinsville	1546	53%	0%
Newport News	25586	51%	6%
Norfolk	32360	54%	7%
Petersburg	6899	83%	2%
Portsmouth	15844	60%	4%
Richmond	28945	64%	7%
Roanoke	7370	35%	2%
Staunton	750	15%	0%
Winchester	853	15%	0%
First Cities Total	**150188**		**35%**

First Cities' average child poverty rate is 26%, nearly double the state poverty rate (14%).

	Children in Poverty	
Statewide	766852	14%
Charlottesville	1442	26%
Hampton	6452	20%
Harrisonburg	1629	22%
Hopewell	1655	27%
Lynchburg	3522	24%
Martinsville	957	33%
Newport News	9552	19%
Norfolk	16416	28%
Petersburg	2473	31%
Portsmouth	7321	29%
Richmond	15714	36%
Roanoke	5608	27%
Staunton	965	21%
Winchester	1032	18%
First Cities Total	**74738**	
First Cities Average		**26%**

Family risk factors are higher for First Cities compared to statewide rates.

	teen births (per/1000)	% children in single parent families
Statewide	15	30%
Charlottesville	27	59%
Hampton	16	57%
Harrisonburg	33	57%
Hopewell	33	55%
Lynchburg	26	56%
Martinsville	40	N/A
Newport News	22	59%
Norfolk	29	62%
Petersburg	50	38%
Portsmouth	31	56%
Richmond	42	54%
Roanoke	42	54%
Staunton	9	57%
Winchester	34	58%
First Cities Average	**31**	**56%**

Education indicators for First Cities show disparities in 3rd grade reading scores and graduation/drop out rates.

	% passing 3rd grade reading SOL	graduation rate	drop out rate
Statewide	86%	83%	2%
Charlottesville	87%	77%	3%
Hampton	79%	76%	2%
Harrisonburg	87%	81%	4%
Hopewell	83%	61%	5%
Lynchburg	83%	75%	3%
Martinsville	91%	86%	0%
Newport News	85%	75%	2%
Norfolk	82%	74%	4%
Petersburg	79%	61%	6%
Portsmouth	86%	64%	5%
Richmond	82%	69%	4%
Roanoke	79%	67%	4%
Staunton	85%	75%	2%
Winchester	86%	83%	0%
First Cities Average	**84%**	**73%**	**3%**

National Assessment of Educational Progress 4th grade reading scores illustrate wide disparities.

Virginia	Low Income Students	18% Proficient
	All other Students	49% Proficient
US	Low income students	17% Proficient
	All other Students	45% Proficient
Virginia	African American Students	18% Proficient
	White (non Hispanic) Students	47% Proficient

The Virginia Preschool Initiative has served a proportionally higher number of children in First Cities, currently accounting for 41% of all children served.

VPI children served 2009	
Statewide	14934
Charlottesville	80
Hampton	583
Harrisonburg	96
Hopewell	96
Lynchburg	252
Martinsville	47
Newport News	1062
Norfolk	1736
Petersburg	179
Portsmouth	578
Richmond	881
Roanoke	443
Staunton	44
Winchester	90
First Cities Total	**6167**

The Virginia Preschool Initiative has stepped in to serve large numbers of at risk preschoolers in First Cities.

VPI Children Served in First Cities
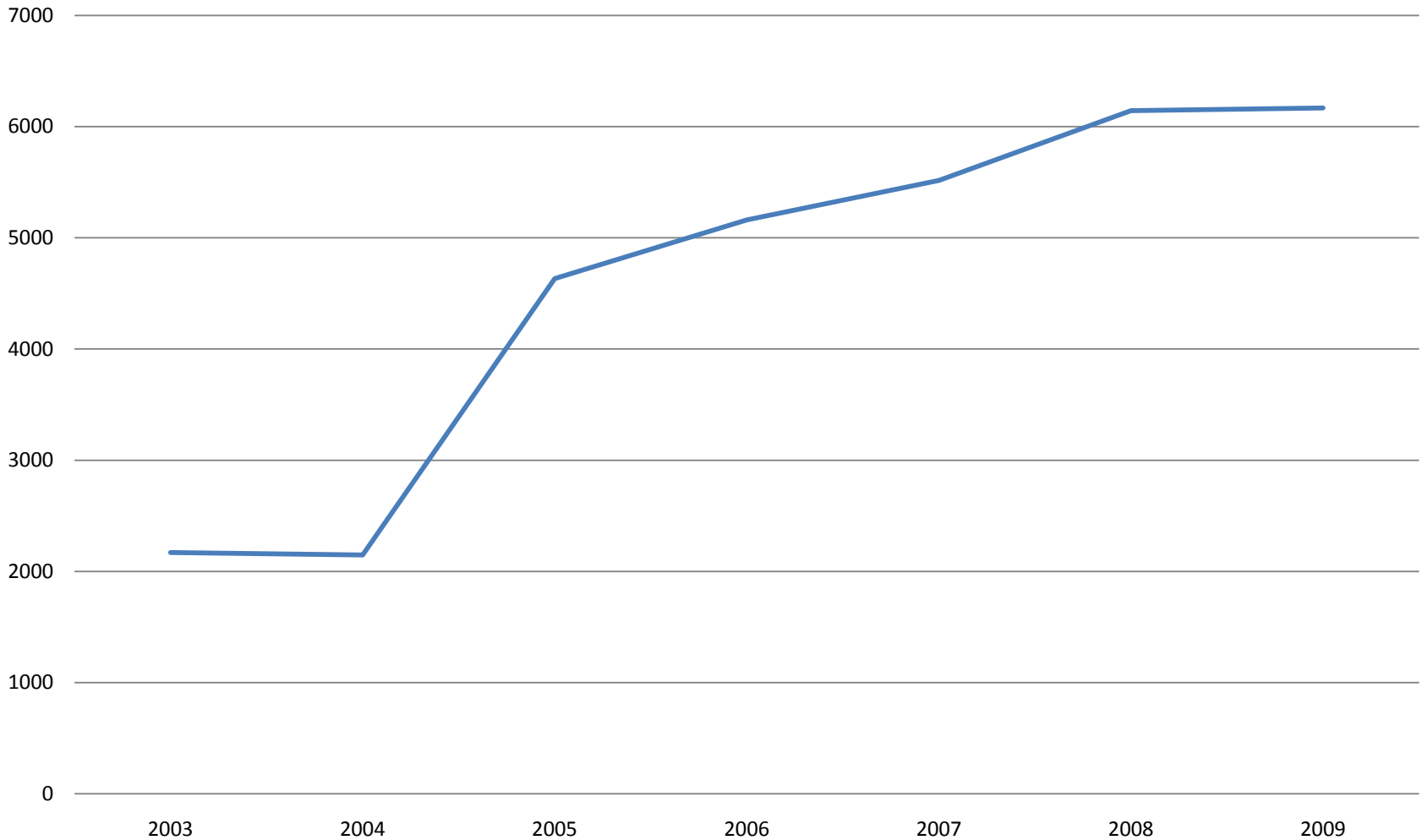
Third grade reading standards of learn scores have increase for children in First Cities in recent years.

% Passing 3rd SOL test in First Cities