

Hypothetical progress in closing achievement gaps in selected states, 2002–2009

African American/white gap, grade 4 reading

	2002 percentage proficient for lower-achieving subgroup	2002 percentage proficient for higher-achieving subgroup	2002 percentage point gap	2009 percentage proficient for lower-achieving subgroup	2002 percentage proficient for higher-achieving subgroup	2009 percentage point gap	Average Annual rate of closure in percentage points	Hypothetical years to close gap
Florida	36%	67%	31	59%	84%	25	0.9	28
Louisiana	42%	73%	31	62%	82%	20	1.6	12.5
Washington State	49%	71%	22	57%	78%	21	0.2	105
Latino/white gap, grade 8 math								
Colorado	45%	80%	35	67%	88%	21	2.0	10.5
Pennsylvania	24%	60%	36	52%	77%	25	1.5	17

SOURCE: Center on Education Policy