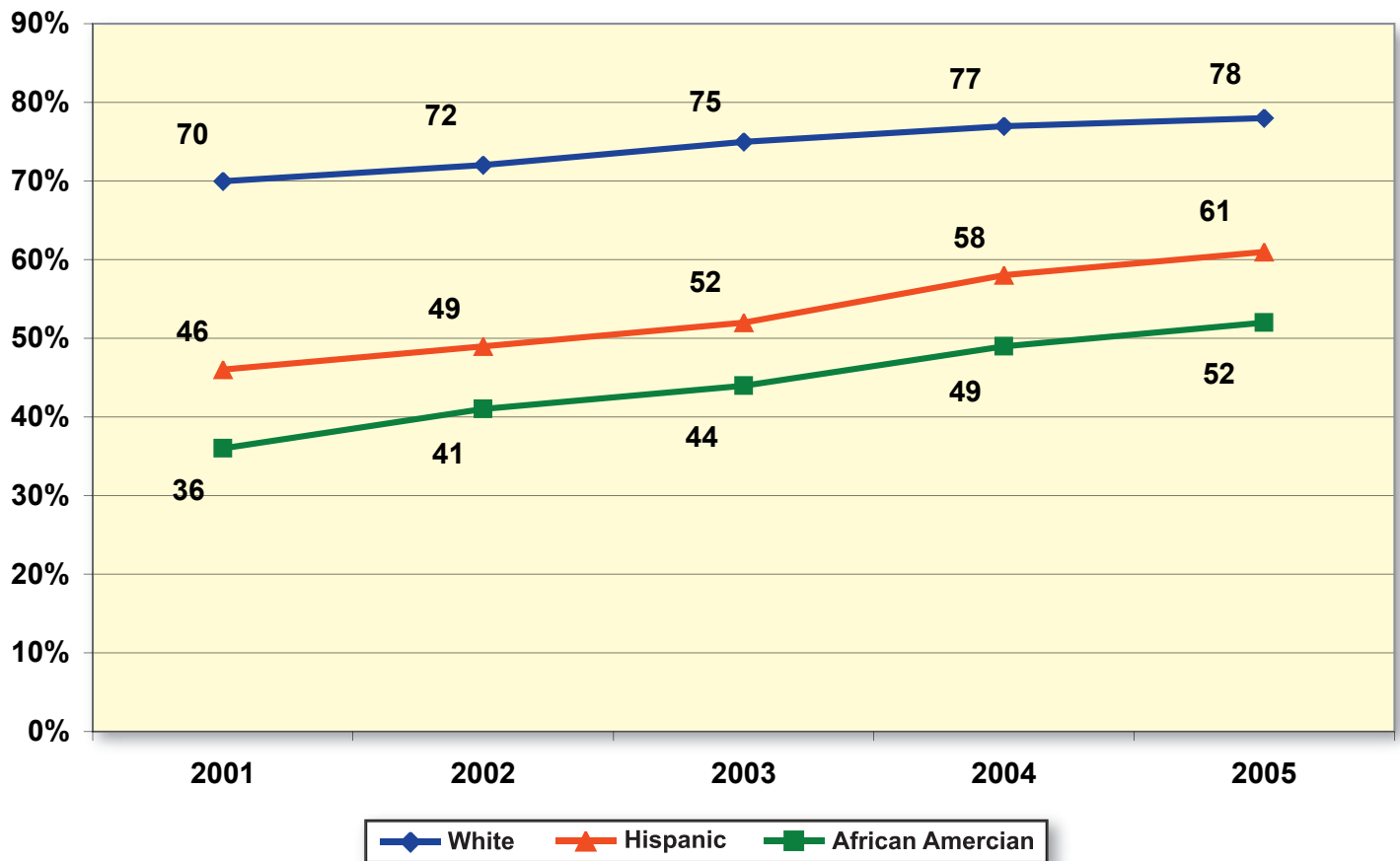


FCAT Reading Students at Achievement Level 3 and Above Grade 3



In 2005, 78 percent of Florida's white third graders scored in achievement level 3 and above on FCAT Reading. This represents an increase from 70 percent in 2001, 72 percent in 2002, 75 percent in 2003, and 77 percent in 2004 for a total increase of 8 percentage points since 2001 for white third graders. In 2005, 61 percent of Florida's Hispanic third graders scored in achievement level 3 and above on FCAT Reading. This represents an increase from 46 percent in 2001, 49 percent in 2002, 52 percent in 2003, and 58 percent in 2004 for a total increase of 15 percentage points since 2001 for Hispanic third graders. In 2005, 52 percent of Florida's African American third graders scored in achievement level 3 and above on FCAT Reading. This represents an increase from 36 percent in 2001, 41 percent in 2002, 44 percent in 2003, and 49 percent in 2004 for a total increase of 16 percentage points since 2001 for African American third graders.

Source: Florida Department of Education