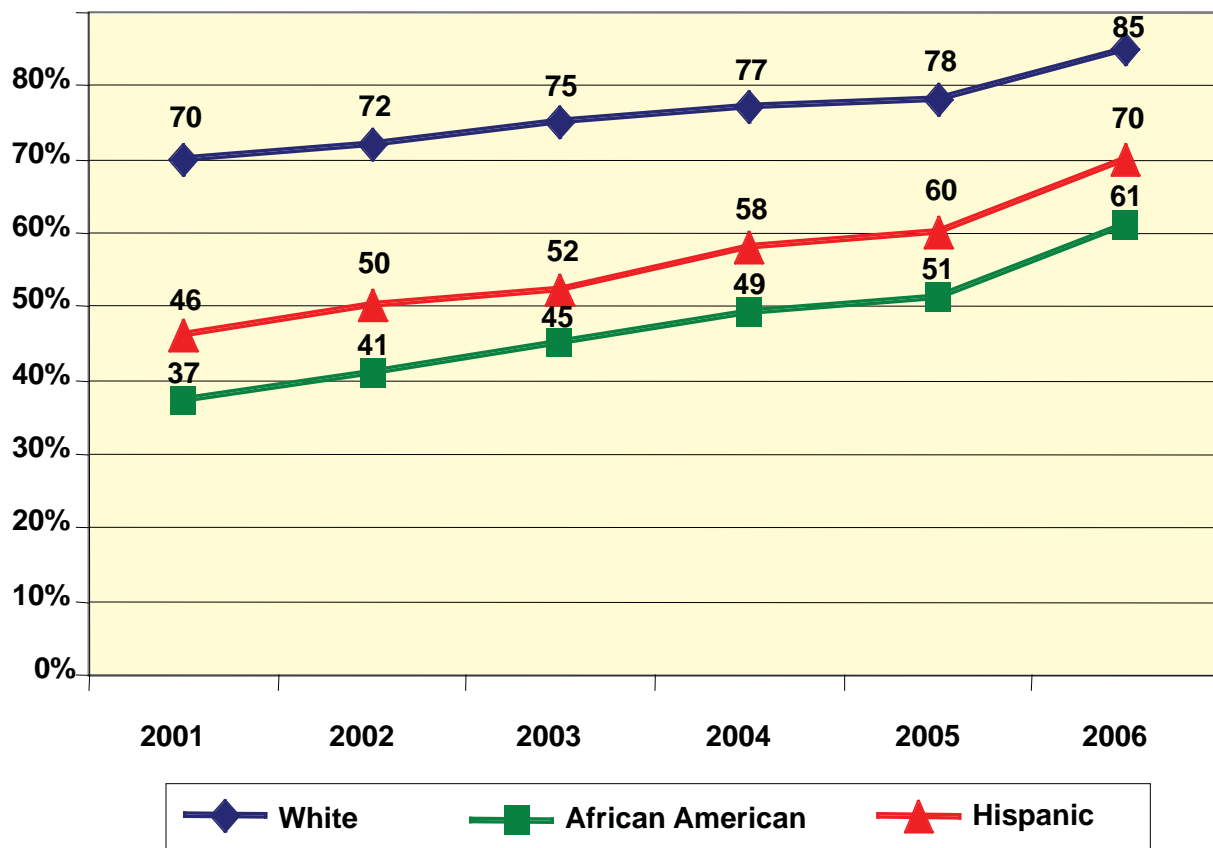


FCAT Reading Achievement Level 3 and Above (On Grade Level and Above) Grade 3



In 2006, 85 percent of White students in grade 3 were performing at or above achievement level 3 (on grade level) on FCAT Reading. This represents an increase from 70 percent in 2001, 72 percent in 2002, 75 percent in 2003, 77 percent in 2004, and 78 percent in 2005 for a total increase of 15 percentage points since 2001. In 2006, 70 percent of Hispanic students in grade 3 were performing at or above achievement level 3 (on grade level) on FCAT Reading. This represents an increase from 46 percent in 2001, 50 percent in 2002, 52 percent in 2003, 58 percent in 2004, and 60 percent in 2005 for a total increase of 24 percentage points since 2001. In 2006, 61 percent of African American students were performing at or above achievement level 3 (on grade level) on FCAT Reading. This represents an increase from 37 percent in 2001, 41 percent in 2002, 45 percent in 2003, 49 percent in 2004, and 51 percent in 2005 for a total increase of 24 percentage points since 2001.

Source: Florida Department of Education, May 2006