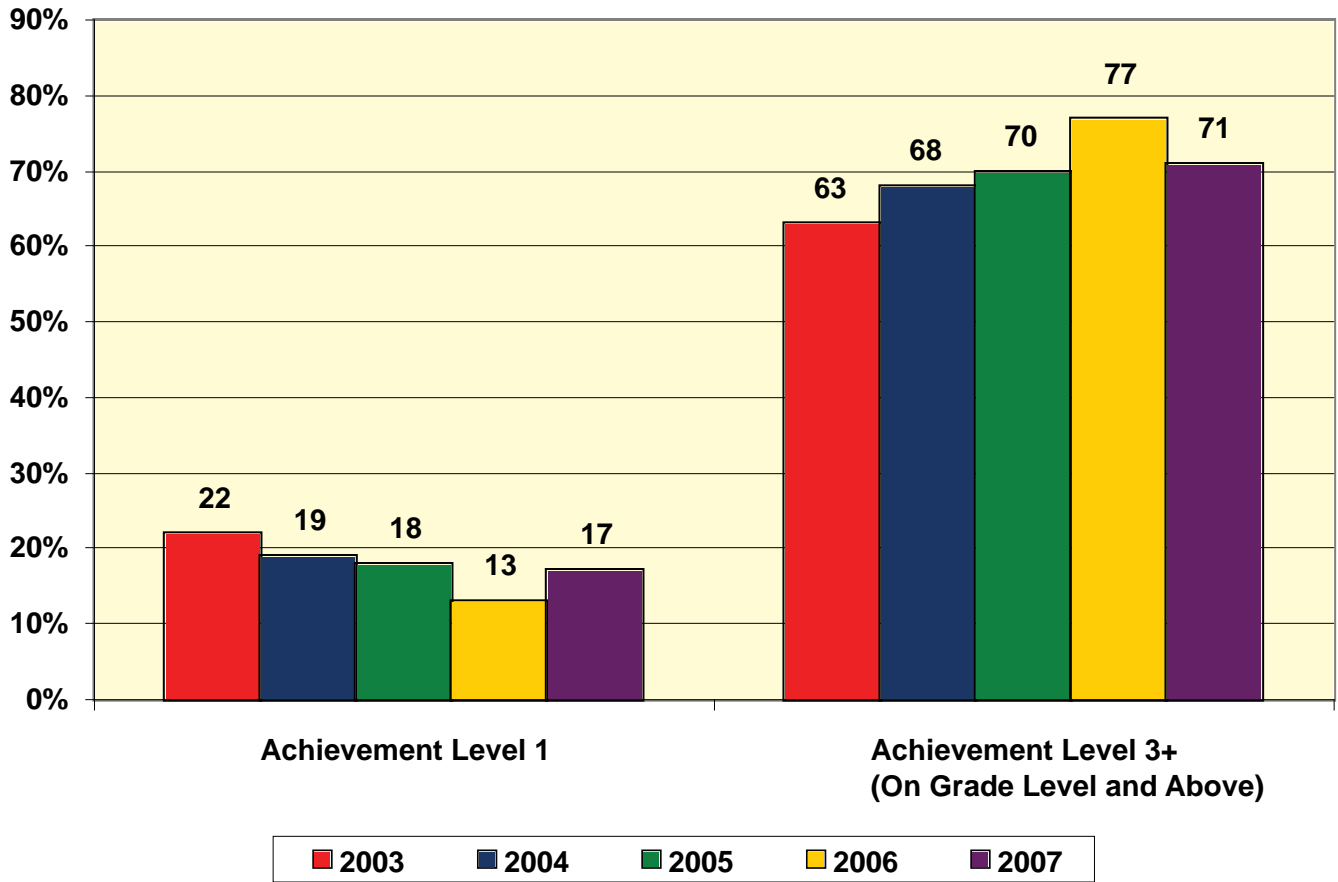


FCAT Reading First-Time Test Takers Achievement Levels 1 & 3 and Above Grade 3



In 2007, 17 percent of students in Grade 3 taking FCAT Reading for the first time were performing at Achievement Level 1. This represents a decrease from 22 percent in 2003, 19 percent in 2004, 18 percent in 2005, and an increase from 13 percent in 2006 for a total decrease of 5 percentage points since 2003. In 2007, 71 percent of students in Grade 3 taking FCAT Reading for the first time were performing at or above Achievement Level 3 (on grade level and above). This represents an increase from 63 percent in 2003, 68 percent in 2004, 70 percent in 2005 and a decrease from 77 percent in 2006 for a total increase of 8 percentage points since 2003.

Source: Florida Department of Education, May 2007