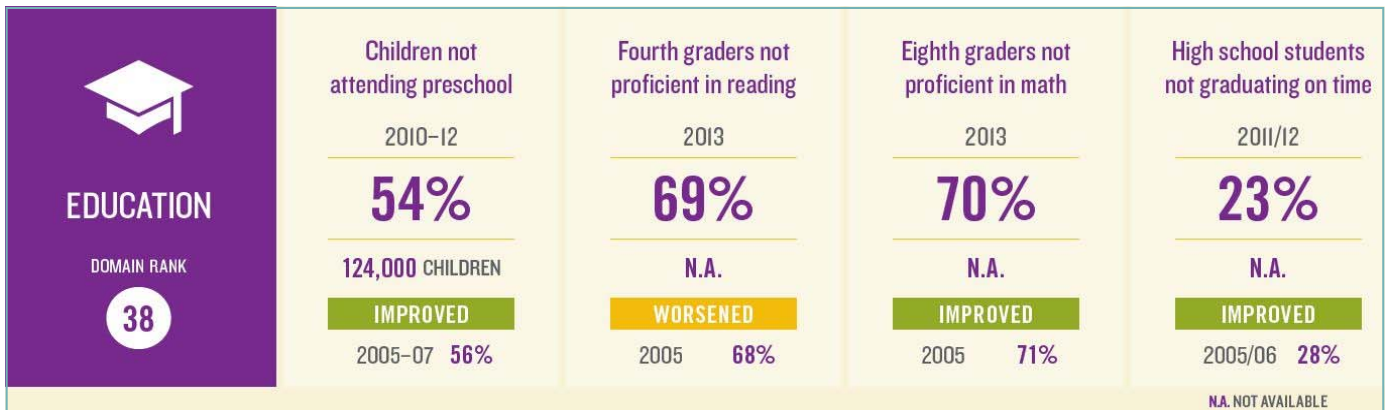


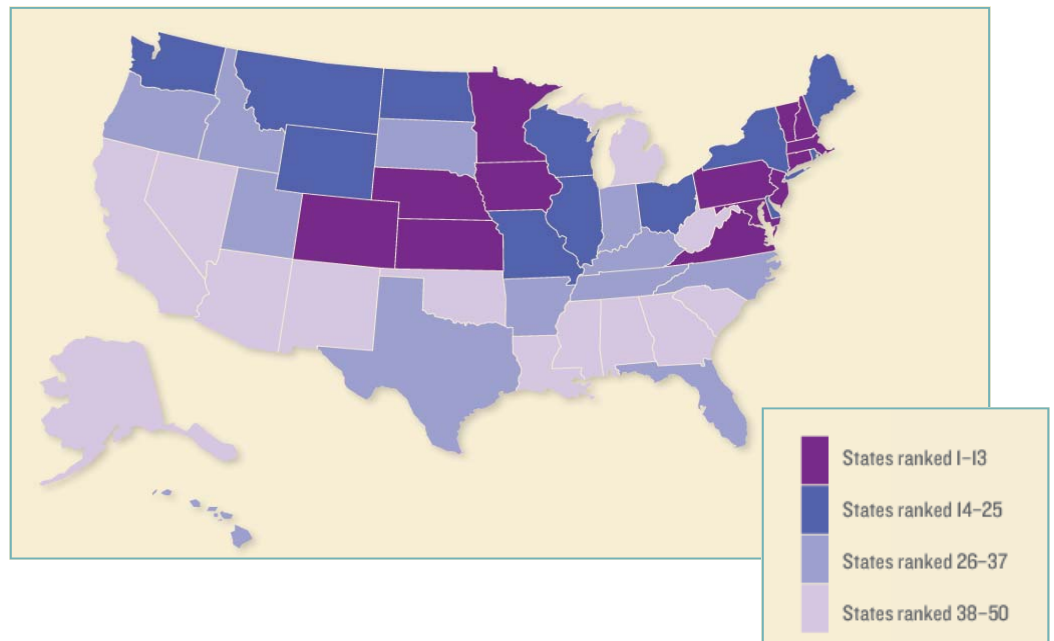
## MICHIGAN FALLS BEHIND IN EDUCATION

Michigan ranks 38th among the 50 states, with No. 1 being the best, based on four key indicators, according to the 2014 National KIDS COUNT Data Book. The state was only one of seven that saw no improvement in reading proficiency among fourth graders between 2005 and 2013.



Michigan ranks in the bottom quarter of the states for educational achievement. Restoring education funding cut since the Great Recession is critical.

Michigan needs to fund interventions that help more kids read proficiently by the end of third grade (as opposed to punitive policies requiring children to repeat a grade).



Source: The KIDS COUNT Data Book 2014.