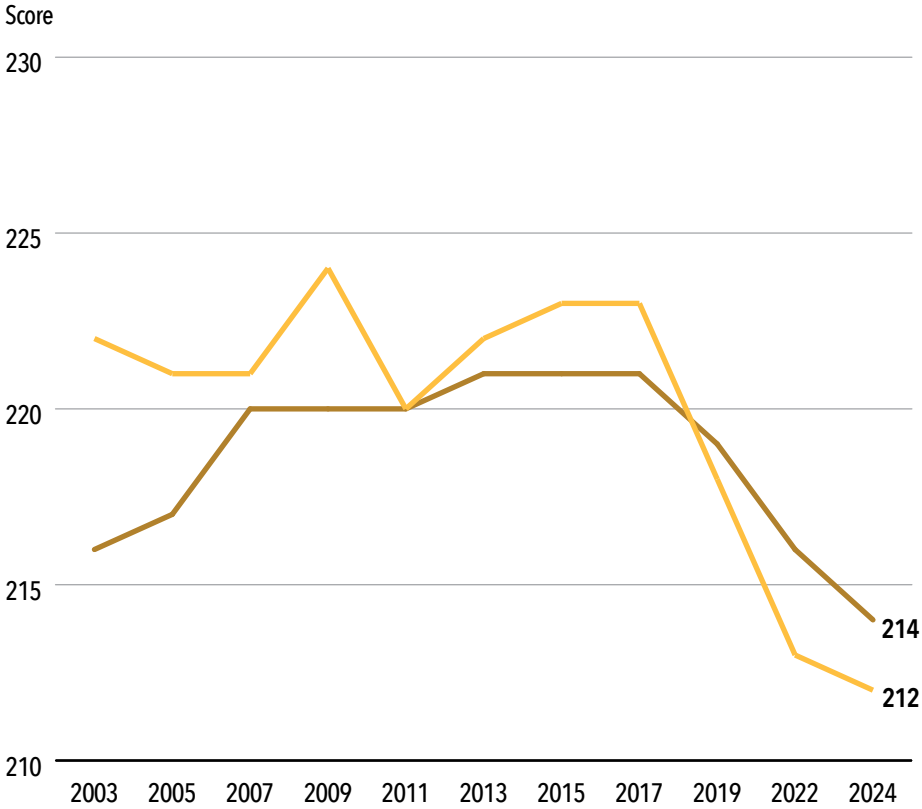


Missouri's reading scores continue to decline

In 2024, 42% of Missouri's fourth grade students scored below the lowest performance standard of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, according to the Nationa's Report Card. To combat low reading scores, Missouri teachers are being asked to implement phonics-based education, which aligns with the new initiatives set by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Missouri National

Fourth grade reading scores



Eighth grade reading scores

