

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Results in Pictures

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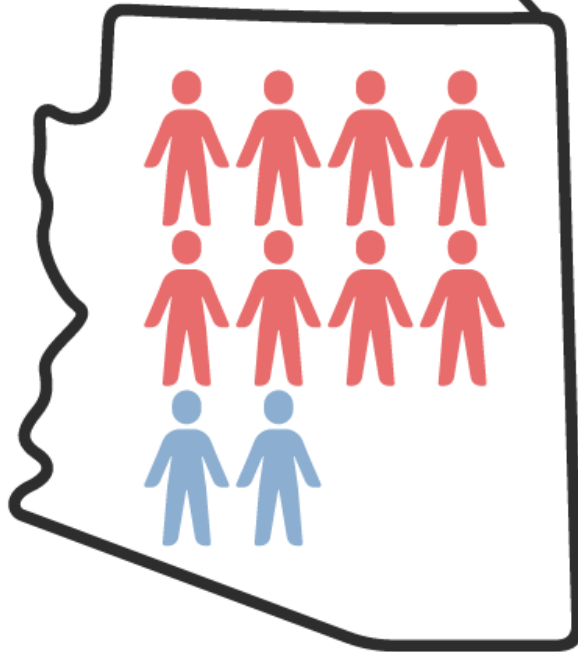
Who benefits from school vouchers?



The majority of voucher users in these states have never attended a public school. Vouchers subsidize tuition for students who already attend pricey private schools.

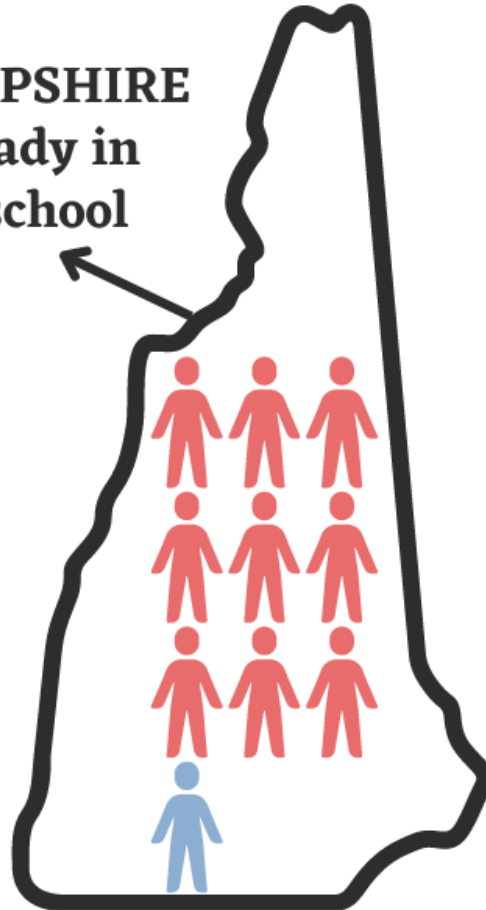
ARIZONA

80% already in private school



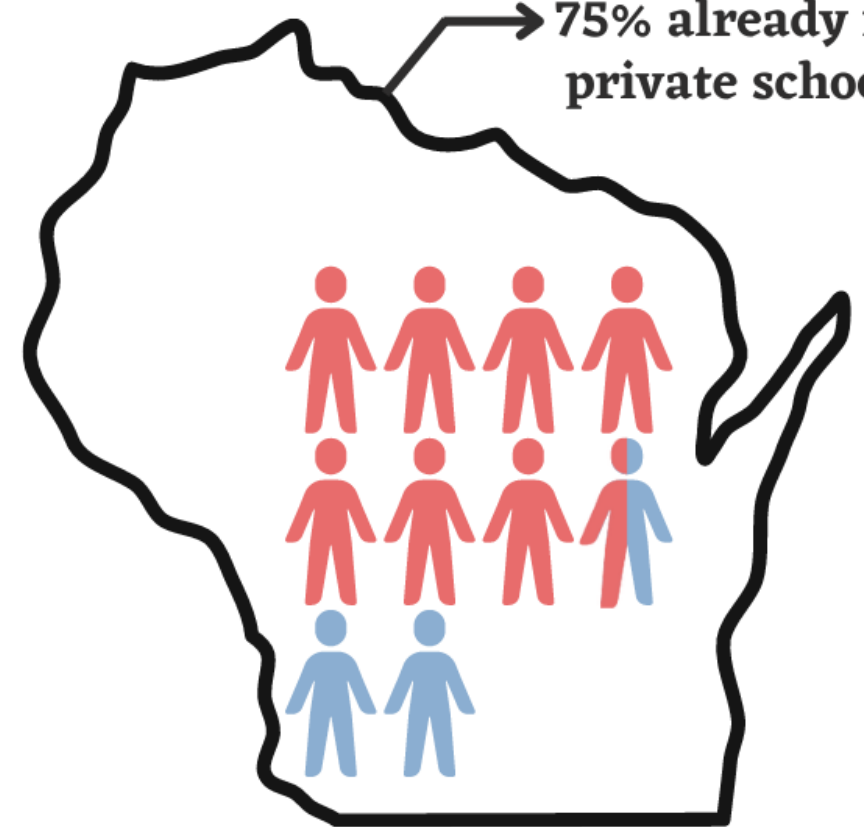
NEW HAMPSHIRE

89% already in private school



WISCONSIN

75% already in private school



(This shouldn't take media reporting to know)

Arizona 75% never in public

<https://www.azmirror.com/2022/09/01/private-school-students-flock-to-expanded-school-voucher-program/>

Indiana: “less than one third from public school”

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/education/2023/03/24/who-would-texas-education-savings-accounts-be-for-a-divide-over-homeschoolers-emerges/?outputType=amp>

Missouri: 60% never in public

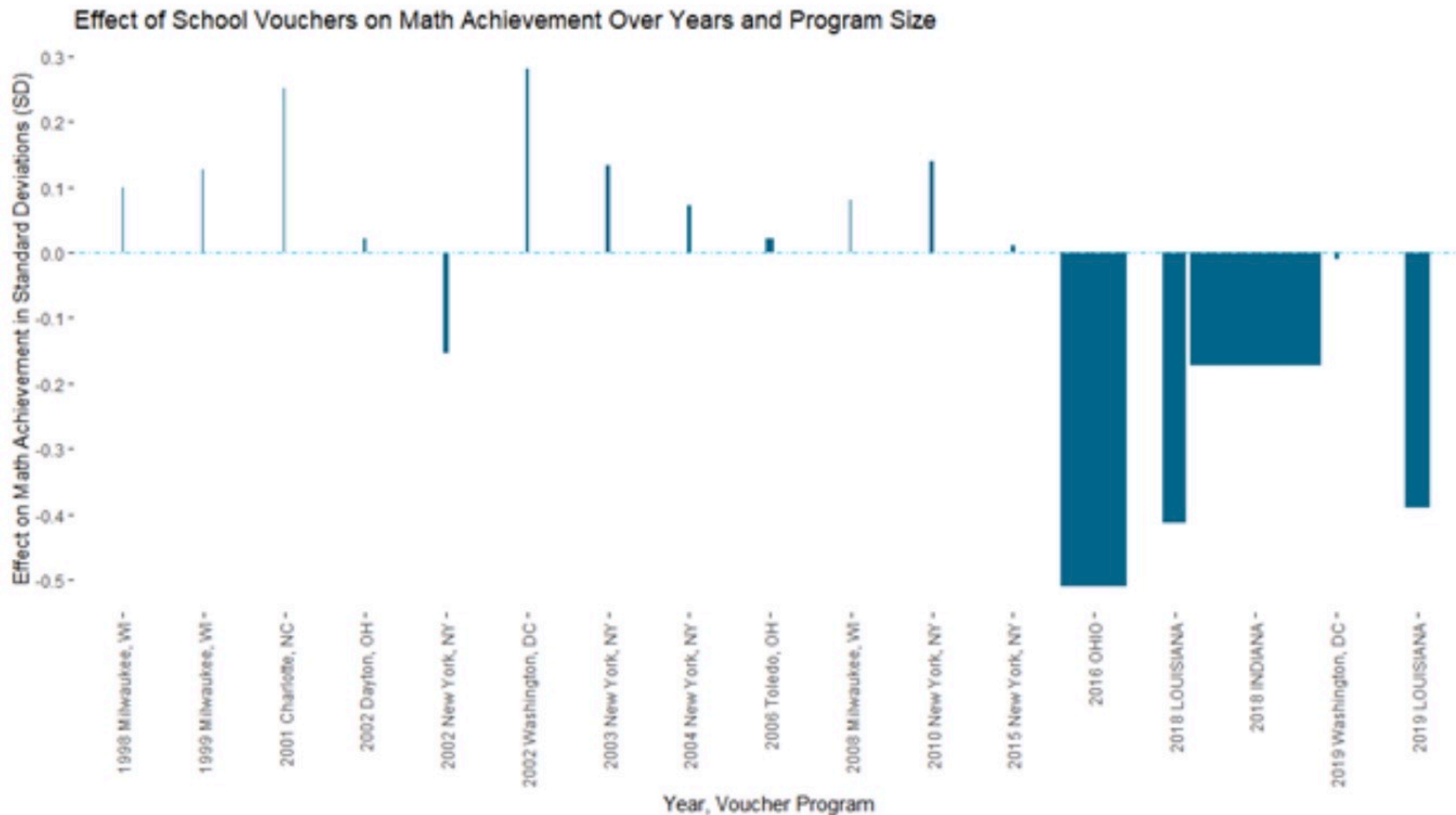
https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/missouri-lawmakers-look-to-expand-tax-credit-voucher-program-mostly-serving-religious-schools/article_ef0b7afb-6805-586b-a668-67b2d10ecd64.html

New Hampshire 89% never in public

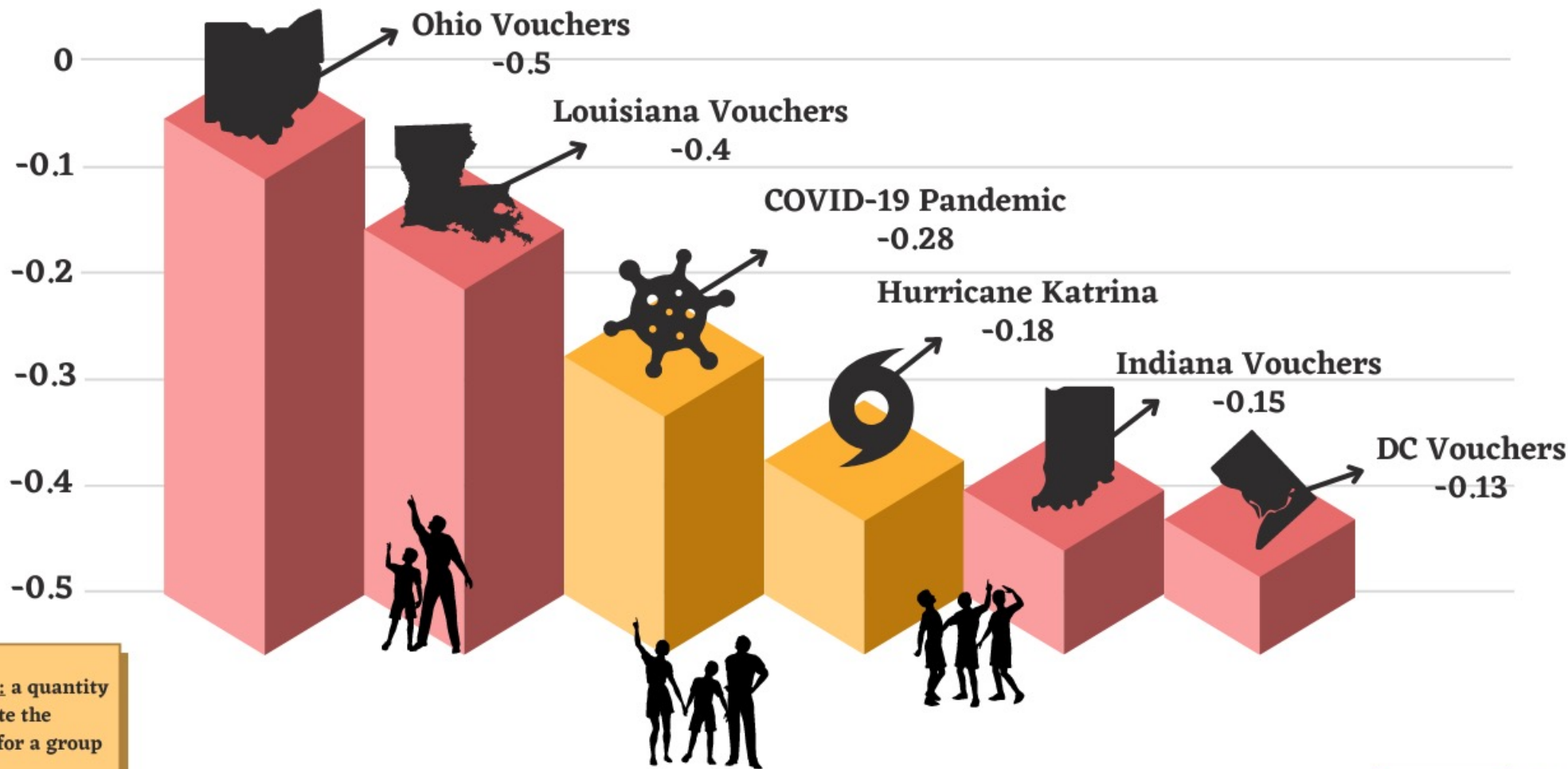
<https://newhampshirebulletin.com/briefs/most-education-freedom-account-recipients-not-leaving-public-schools-department-says/>

Wisconsin 75% never in public

<https://archive.jsonline.com/news/education/75-of-state-voucher-program-applicants-already-attend-private-school-b99274333z1-259980701.html/>



Voucher Impacts on Student Outcomes As Harmful as Natural Disasters (Measured in Standard Deviation)



Standard Deviation: a quantity calculated to indicate the extent of deviation for a group as a whole.

CHARTERS & CHOICE

Betsy DeVos's explanation for negative voucher results: Program was 'not very well conceived'

By Matt Barnum | May 6, 2019, 3:05pm EST

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Do voucher students' scores bounce back after initial declines? New research says no

By Matt Barnum | Apr 23, 2019, 12:01am EST



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Choice for most: In nation's largest voucher program, \$16 million went to schools with anti-LGBT policies

By Julia Donheiser | Aug 10, 2017, 6:30am EST

FLYPAPER

School failure in Milwaukee's school voucher program

41% private schools receiving school vouchers in Wisconsin have failed/closed since the program began

Pop-up schools last 4 years or less after opening to receive taxpayer \$\$

Notes:

- See <https://ceep.indiana.edu/education-policy/policy-briefs/2022/evolving-evidence-on-school-voucher-effects.pdf>
- Thanks to the National Council for Public Education for graphics; citations in the pictures.