

# City Study 2022:

NEWARK

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# REPORT OVERVIEW

## 01



# ○ About The City Studies Project



The City Studies project examines the performance of schools in select U.S. cities, including Newark. We study the academic progress of students as the measure of school performance.

● Cohort 1

● Cohort 2

# Sectors of Schools

COMMUNITIES MAY HAVE UP TO THREE SECTORS OF SCHOOLS



## CHARTER SCHOOLS

Public schools operated independently from the traditional school district, with autonomy in adapting school designs and held accountable for education results.



### Charter Management Organizations (CMOs)

Organizations holding the charter and overseeing the operation of at least three charter schools.



### Independent Charter Schools

Organizations holding the charter and overseeing the operation of a single or two charter schools.



## SELECTIVE MAGNET SCHOOLS

District-run schools with focused themes and academically selective admission.



## OTHER DISTRICT-RUN SCHOOLS

Public schools not belonging to any of above two types.



# ○ Research Question and Analyses

IN THIS REPORT WE EXAMINE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN NEWARK USING DATA FROM THE SCHOOL YEARS 2017-18 THROUGH 2018-19. THERE ARE THREE LEVELS OF ANALYSIS.

01

**Overall performance** in Newark schools in 2018-19 growth period.

02

**Performance for Newark charter schools, Newark magnet schools and the rest of Newark Public schools in 2018-19 growth period.**

03

Growth Performance in the 2018-2019 school year **by school type, race, poverty status, English language learner (ELL) status, special education status and gender.**

WE MAKE TWO SETS OF COMPARISONS.

- The performance of Newark students is benchmarked against the state average performance, accounting for student characteristics.
- The performance of charter school students and the performance of magnet school students within Newark are then compared to that of similar traditional public school (district school) students within Newark.



# ○ Measure of Academic Performance

## ACHIEVEMENT VS. GROWTH

Achievement scores capture what a student knows at a point in time. They are influenced by students' prior conditions in addition to schools' contributions.

Growth scores indicate how much progress a student makes from one year to the next. Growth scores allow us to zero in on the contributions of schools separately from other factors that affect point-in-time scores.

## IN THIS STUDY WE MEASURE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AS HOW MUCH GROWTH STUDENTS MAKE FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT.

We analyze student growth in standard deviation units so that the results can be assessed for statistical differences. The full set of findings appear in the Appendix.

In the following graphs of findings, we transform growth from standard deviation units into days of learning based on a typical 180-day school year.





## ○ RESEARCH FINDINGS

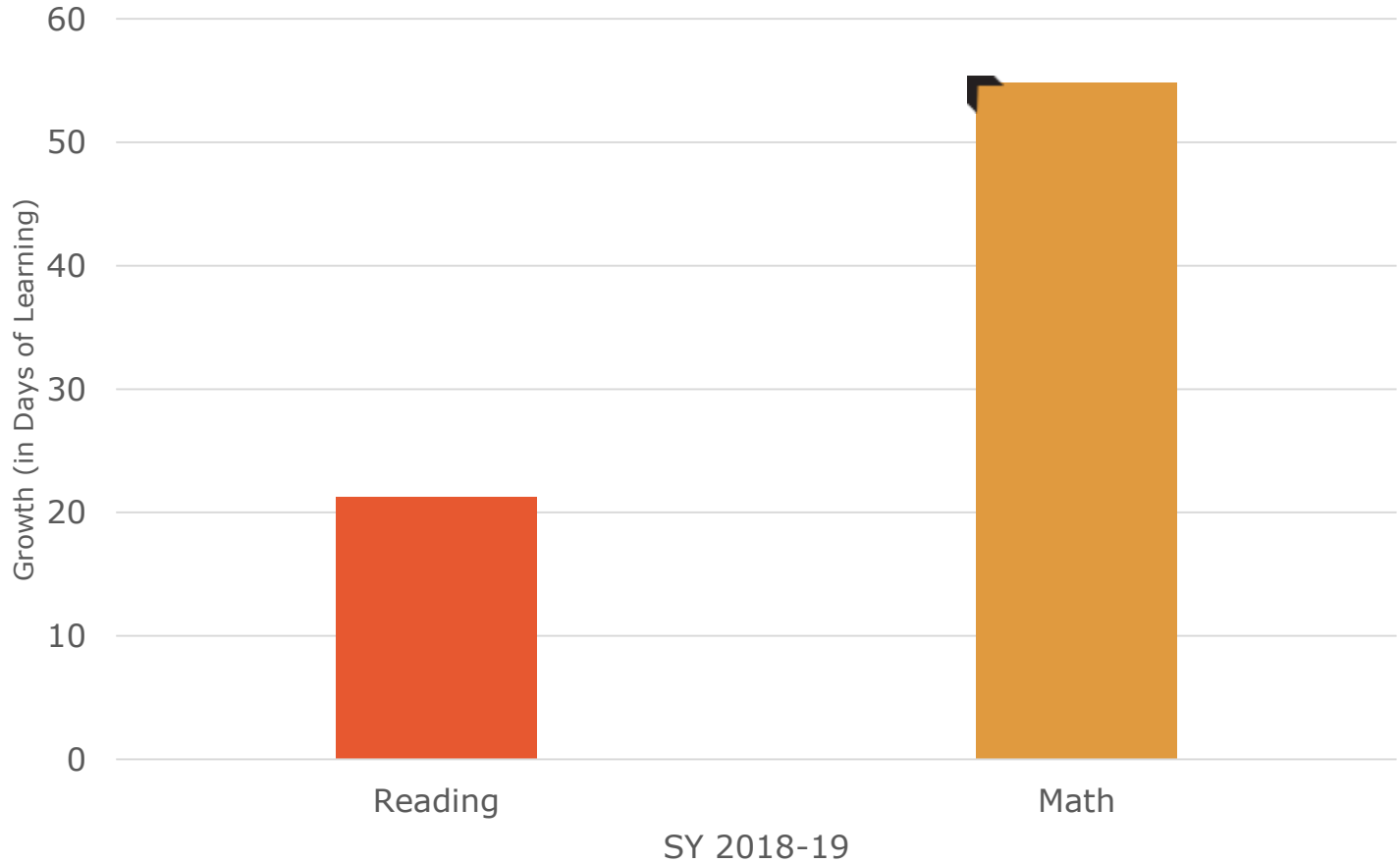
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# Research Findings > Overall Newark Results

## > Reading & Math



Average One-Year Learning Gains for All Newark Students Compared to the State Average Learning Gains, by Year and Subject

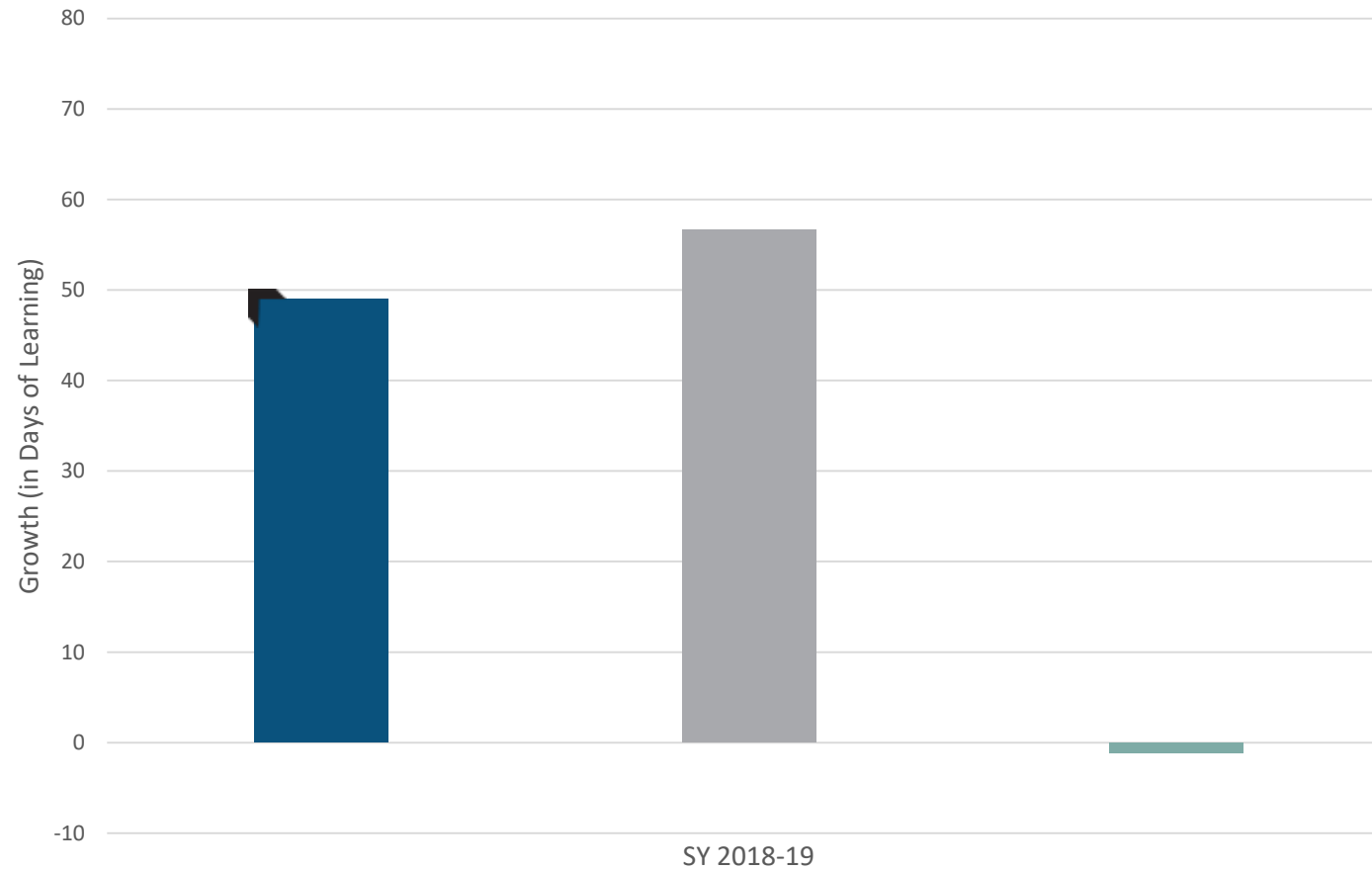
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# Research Findings > Sector Analysis

## > Reading

### VS. STATE & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains in Reading for Students in Newark  
Charter Schools, Newark Magnet Schools, and  
Newark District Schools Compared to the State  
Average Learning Gains, by Year



#### Tests of Differences

Reading	'18-'19
Charter vs. District	↗
Magnet vs. District	
Charter vs. Magnet	

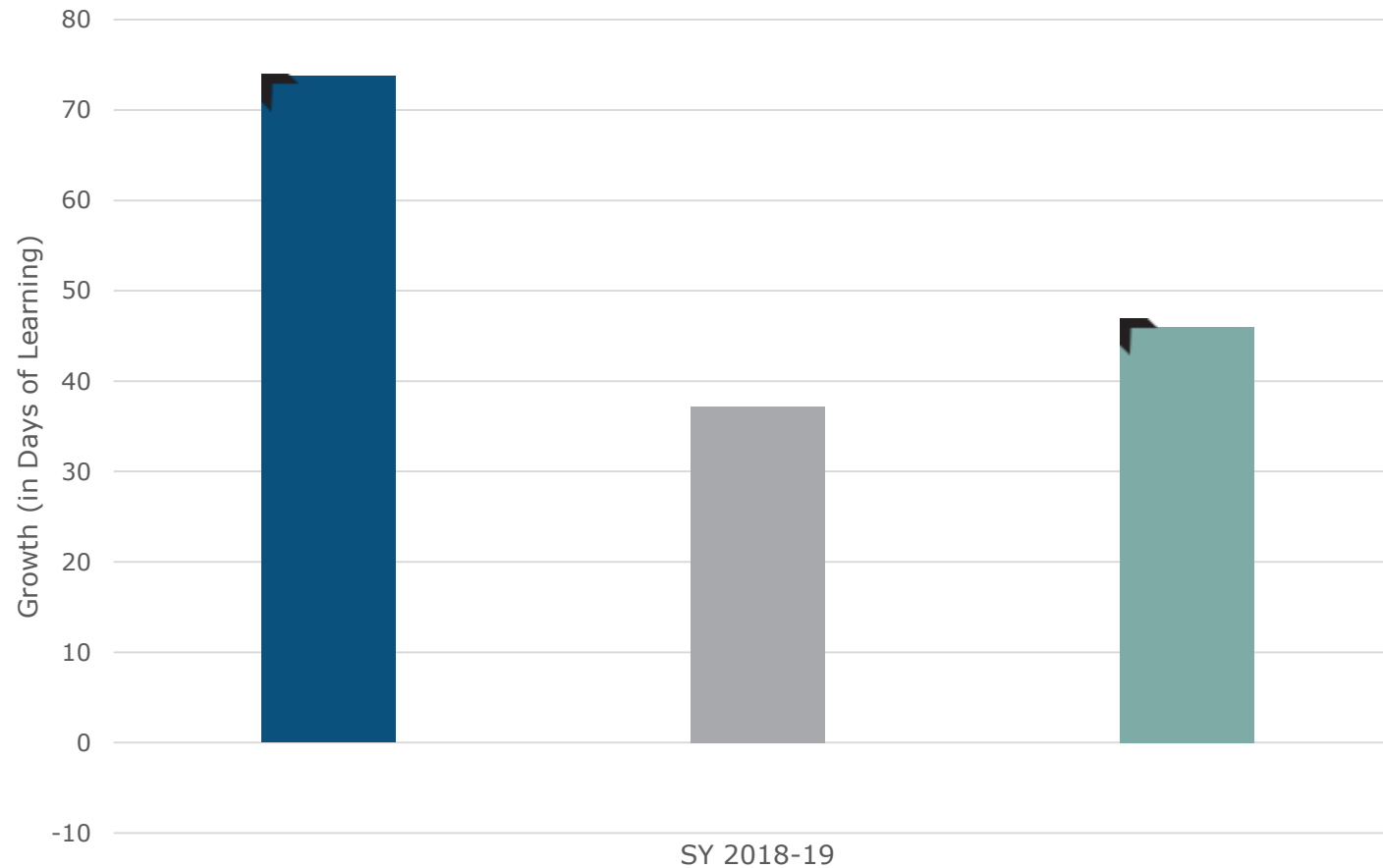
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# Research Findings > Sector Analysis

## > Math

### VS. STATE & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains in Math for Students in Newark Charter Schools, Newark Magnet Schools, and Newark District Schools Compared to the State Average Learning Gains, by Year



#### Tests of Differences

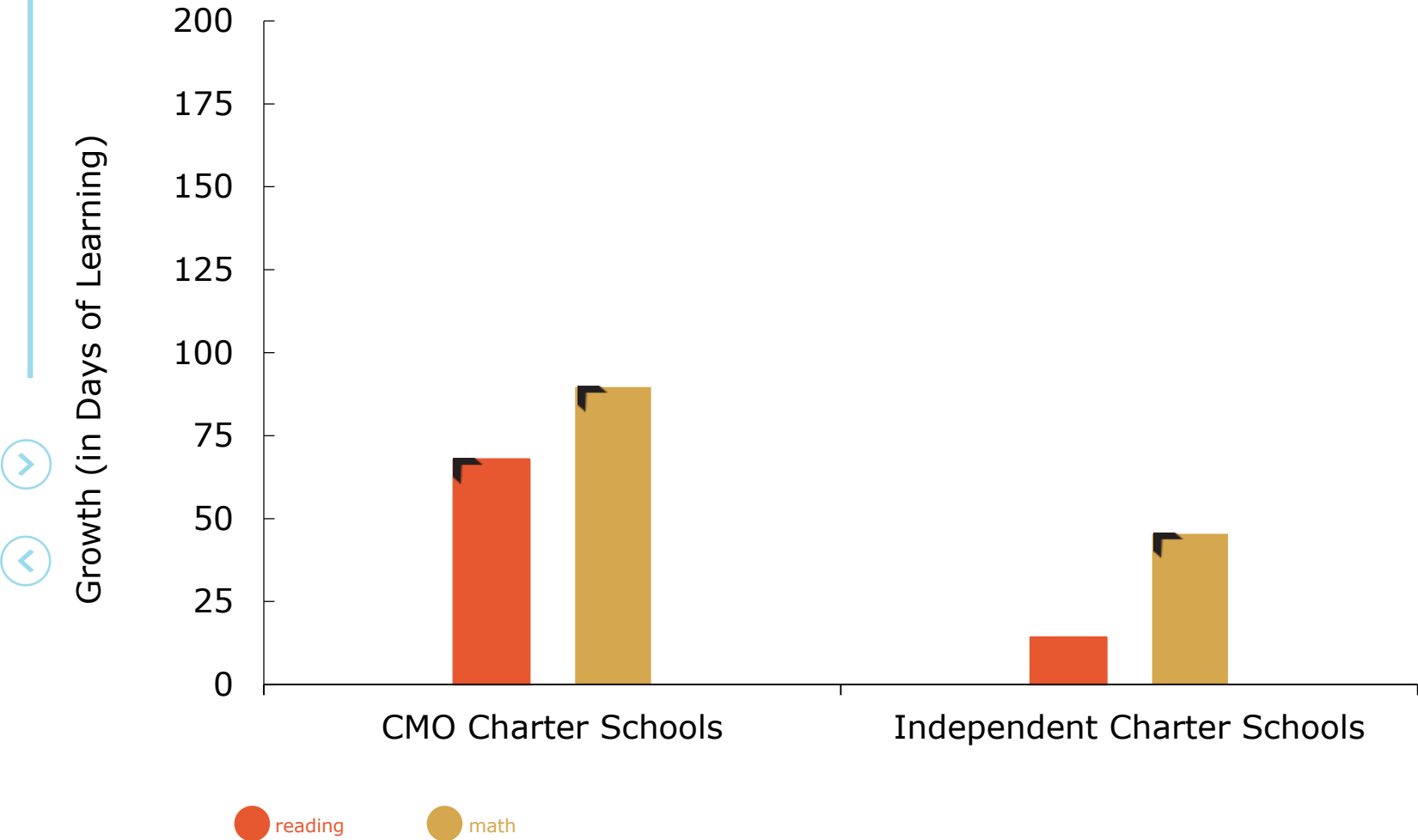
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# Research Findings > Charter Subsector Analysis

## > vs. state & comparison within Newark

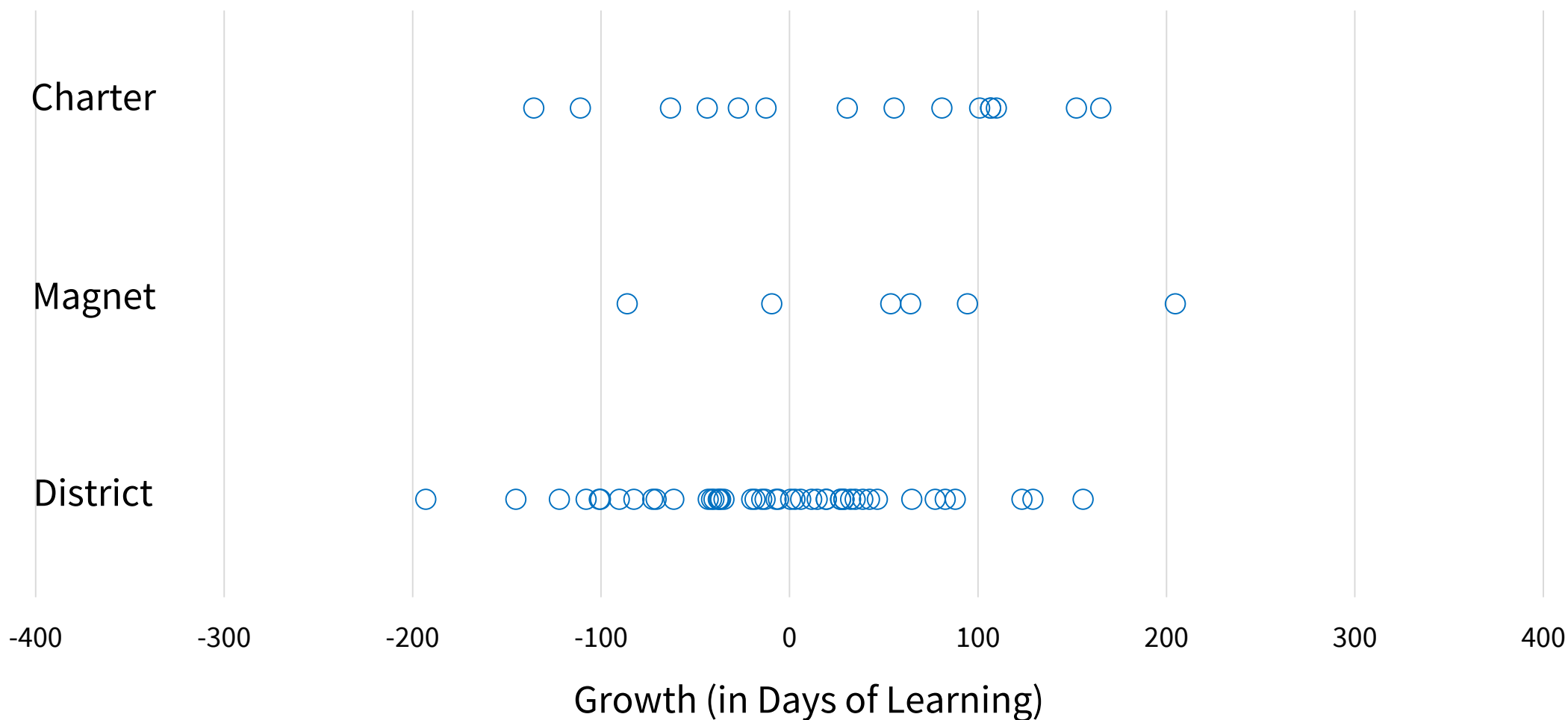
Relative Learning Gains for Students in Newark CMO-Affiliated Charter Schools and Independent Newark Charter Schools Compared to the Average Learning Gains for All Student in the State, by Subject



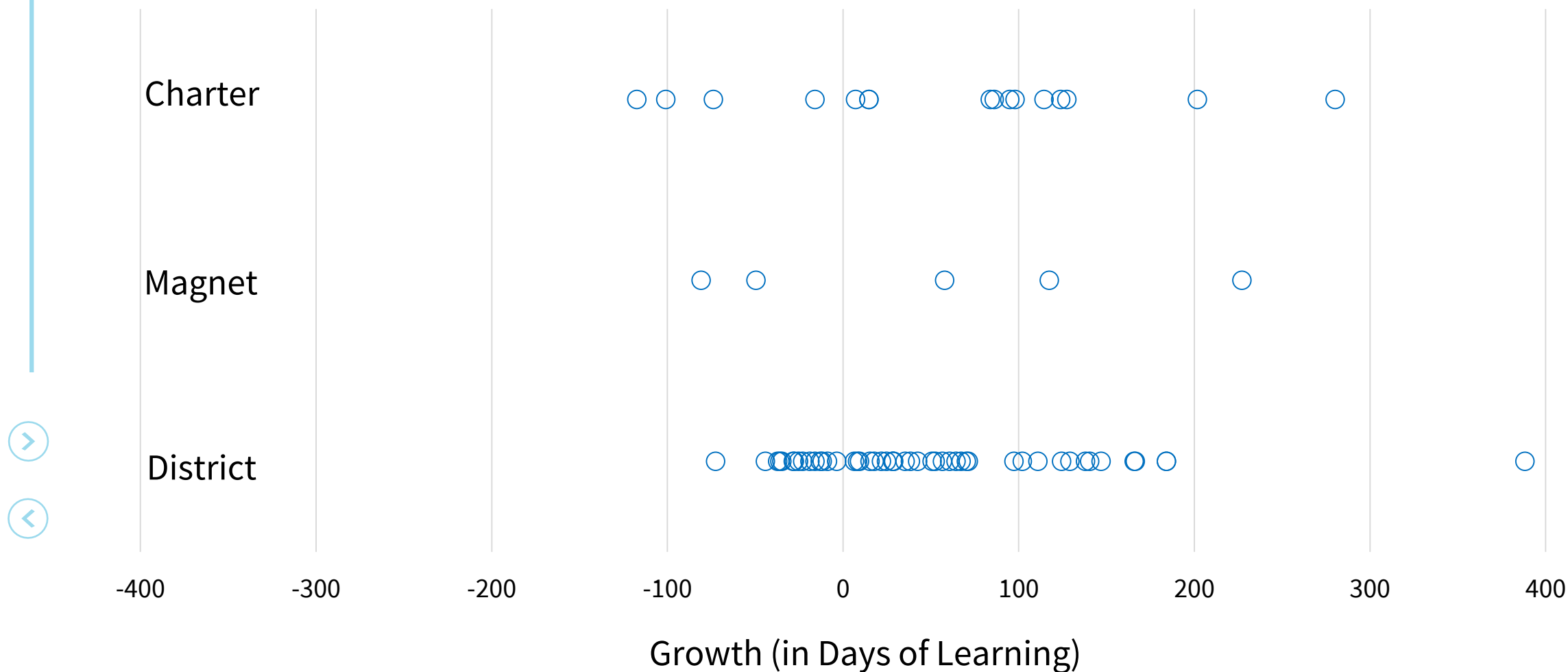
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CMOs vs Independent Charter Schools	
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# Research Findings > School-Level Performance by Sector > Math

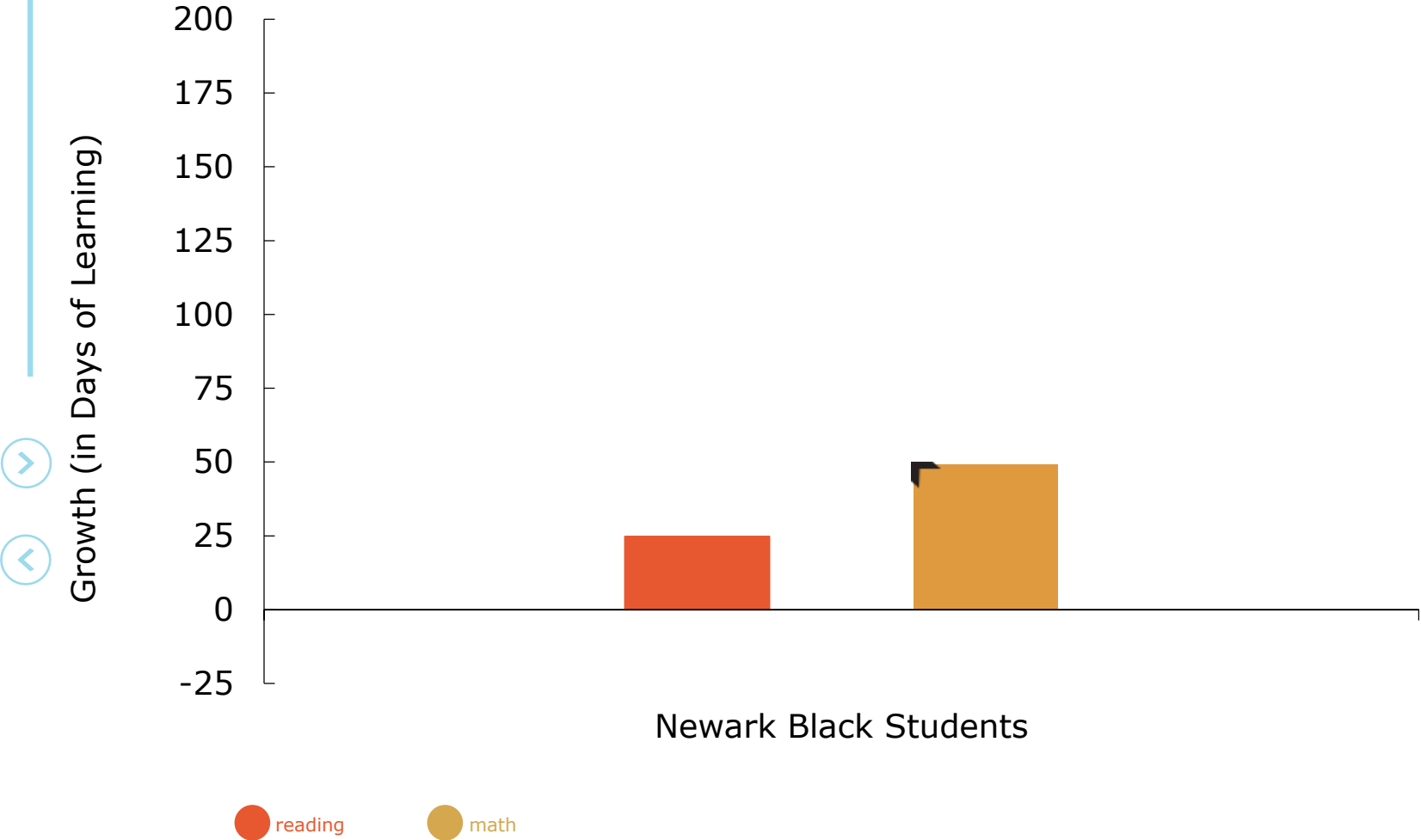


# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Black Students

ALL VS. STATE

Learning Gains for All Newark Black Students  
Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Black  
Students Statewide, by Subject



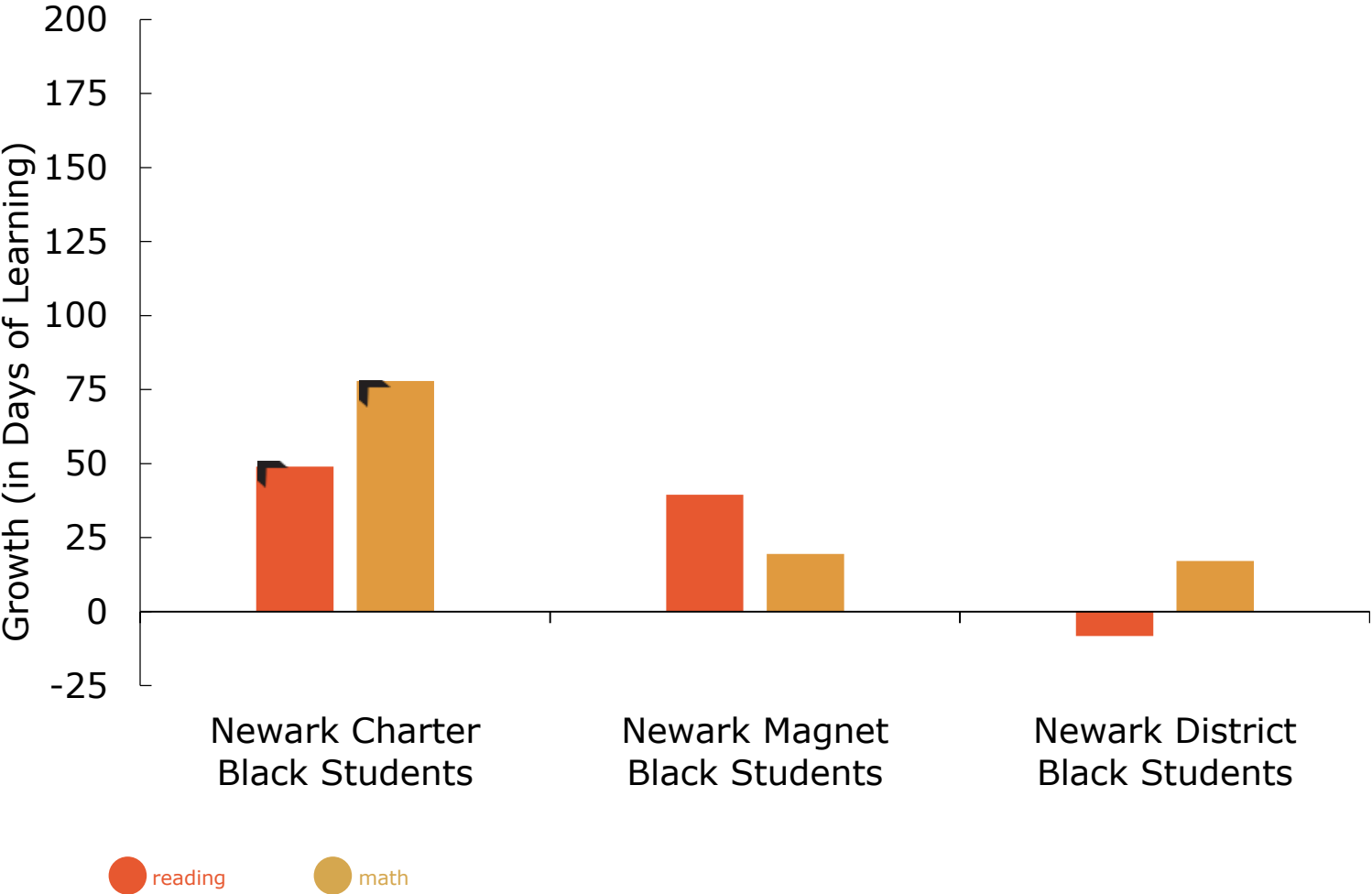
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Black Students

VS. STATE BY SECTOR & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains for Black Students in Newark Charter Schools, Black Students in Newark Magnet Schools, and Black Students in Newark District Schools Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Black Students Statewide, by Subject



### Tests of Differences

**Reading**

Charter Black vs. District Black	sig
Magnet Black vs. District Black	

**Math**

Charter Black vs. District Black	
Magnet Black vs. District Black	

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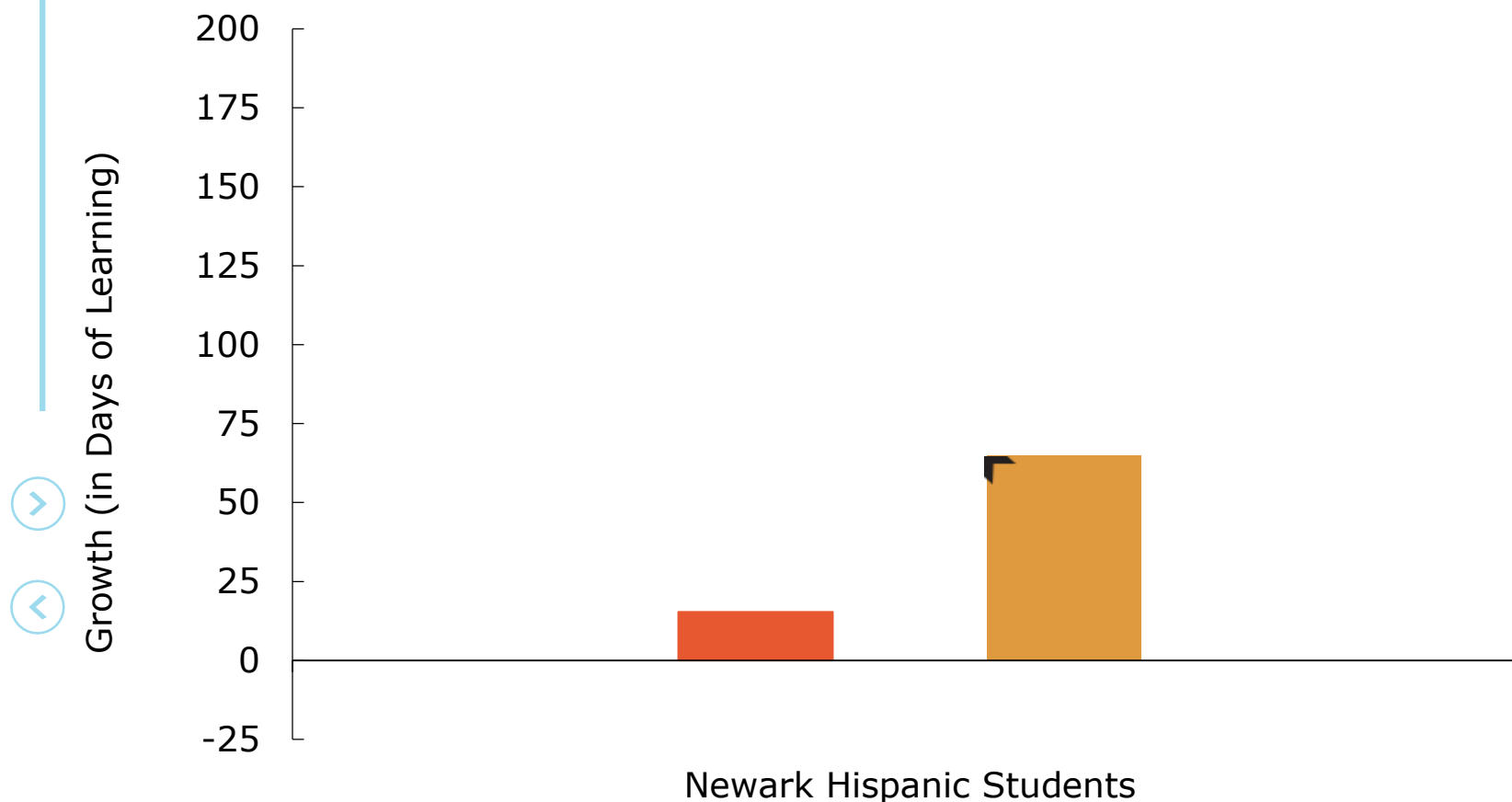


# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Hispanic Students

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Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Hispanic  
Students Statewide, by Subject



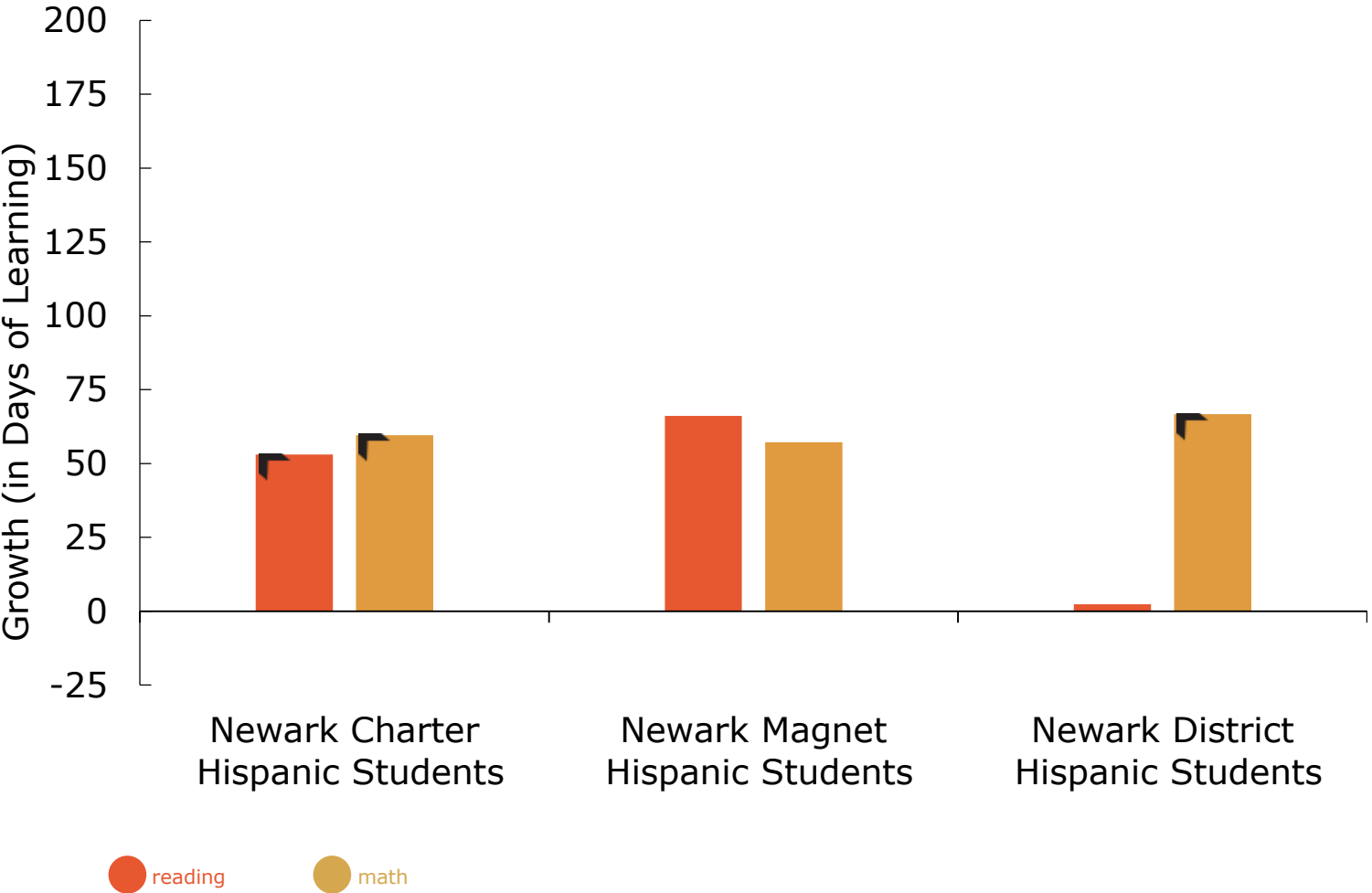
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Hispanic Students

VS. STATE BY SECTOR & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains for Hispanic Students in Newark Charter Schools, Hispanic Students in Newark Magnet Schools, and Hispanic Students in Newark District Schools Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Hispanic Students Statewide, by Subject



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Magnet Hispanic vs. District Hispanic

**Math**  
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Magnet Hispanic vs. District Hispanic

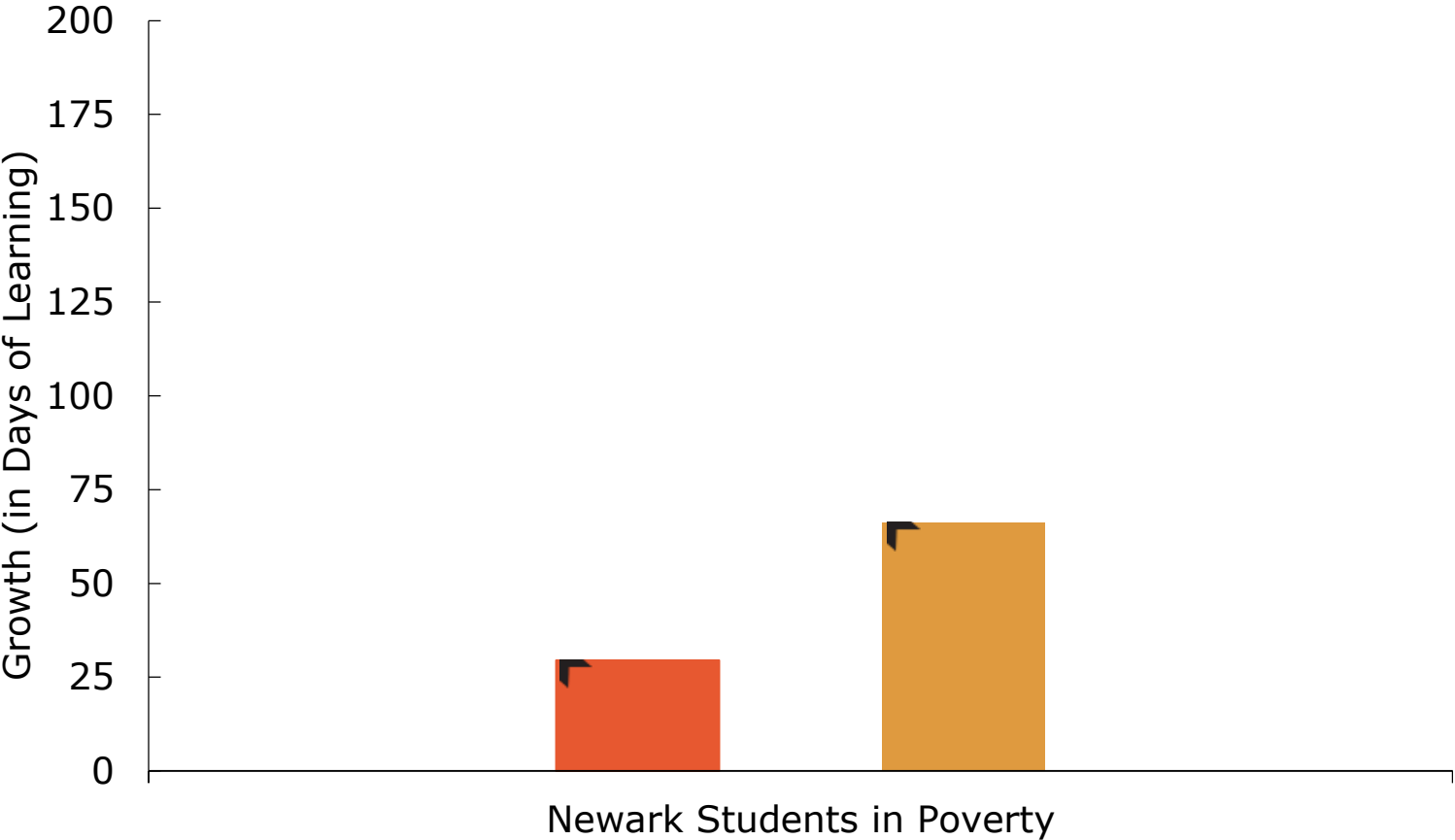
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## > Students in Poverty

ALL VS. STATE

Learning Gains for All Newark Students in Poverty  
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in Poverty Statewide, by Subject



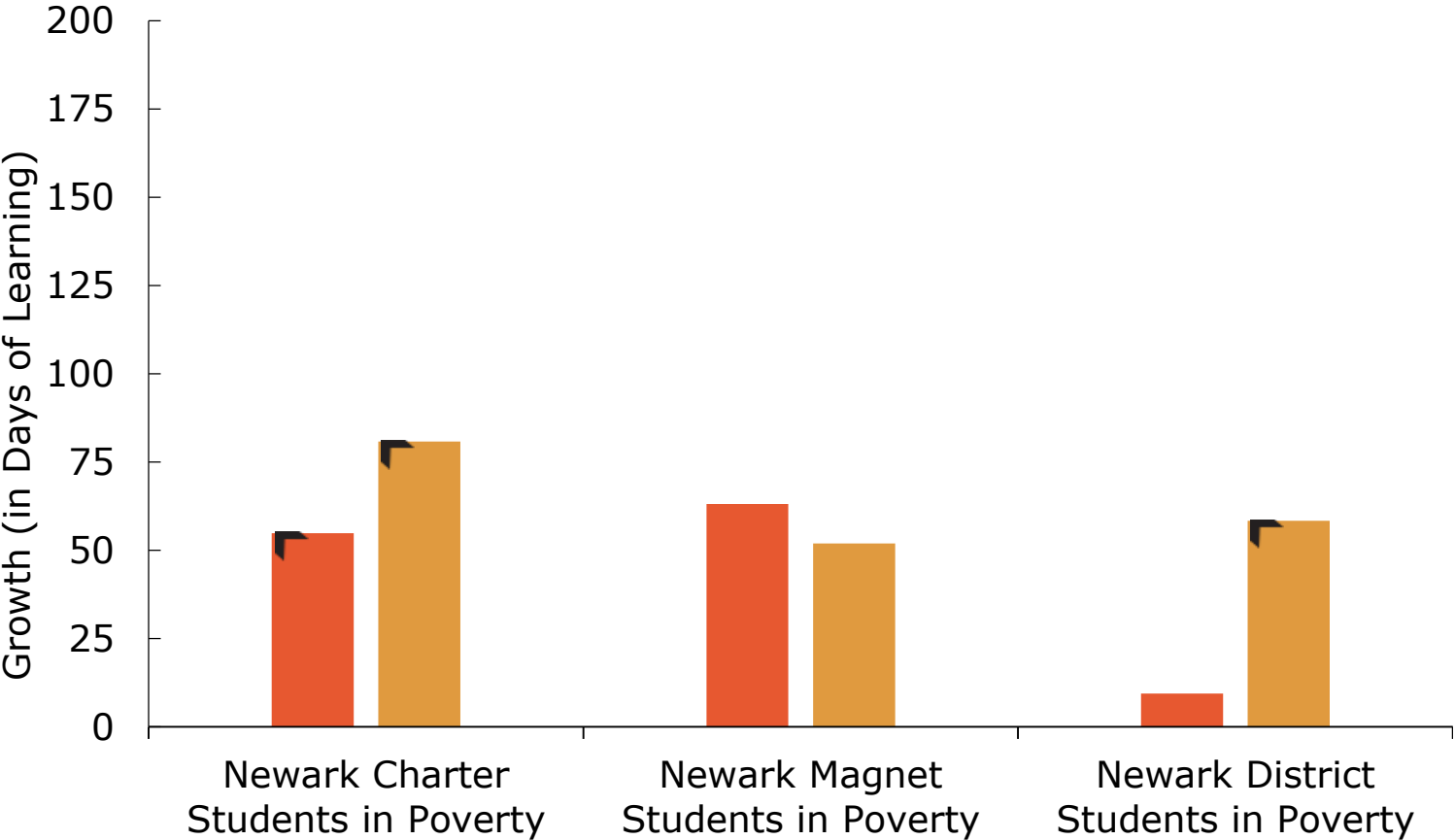
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Students in Poverty

VS. STATE BY SECTOR & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains for Newark Charter School Students in Poverty, Newark Magnet School Students in Poverty, and Newark District School Students in Poverty Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Students in Poverty Statewide, by Subject



Tests of Differences	
Reading	
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Magnet Poverty vs. District Poverty	
Math	
Charter Poverty vs. District Poverty	
Magnet Poverty vs. District Poverty	

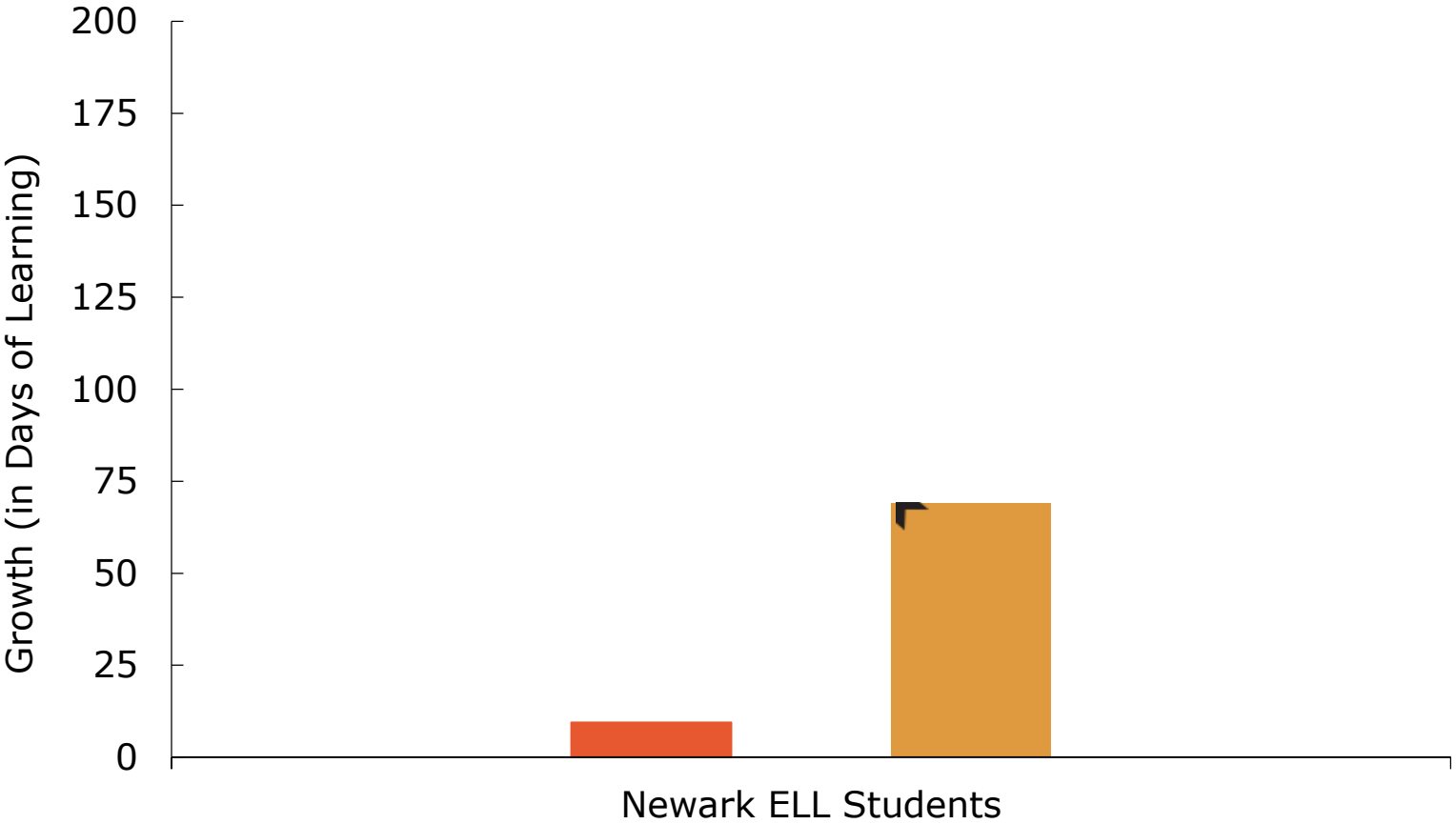
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > ELL Students

ALL VS. STATE

Learning Gains for All ELL Students in Newark  
Compared to the Average Learning Gains of ELL  
Students Statewide, by Subject



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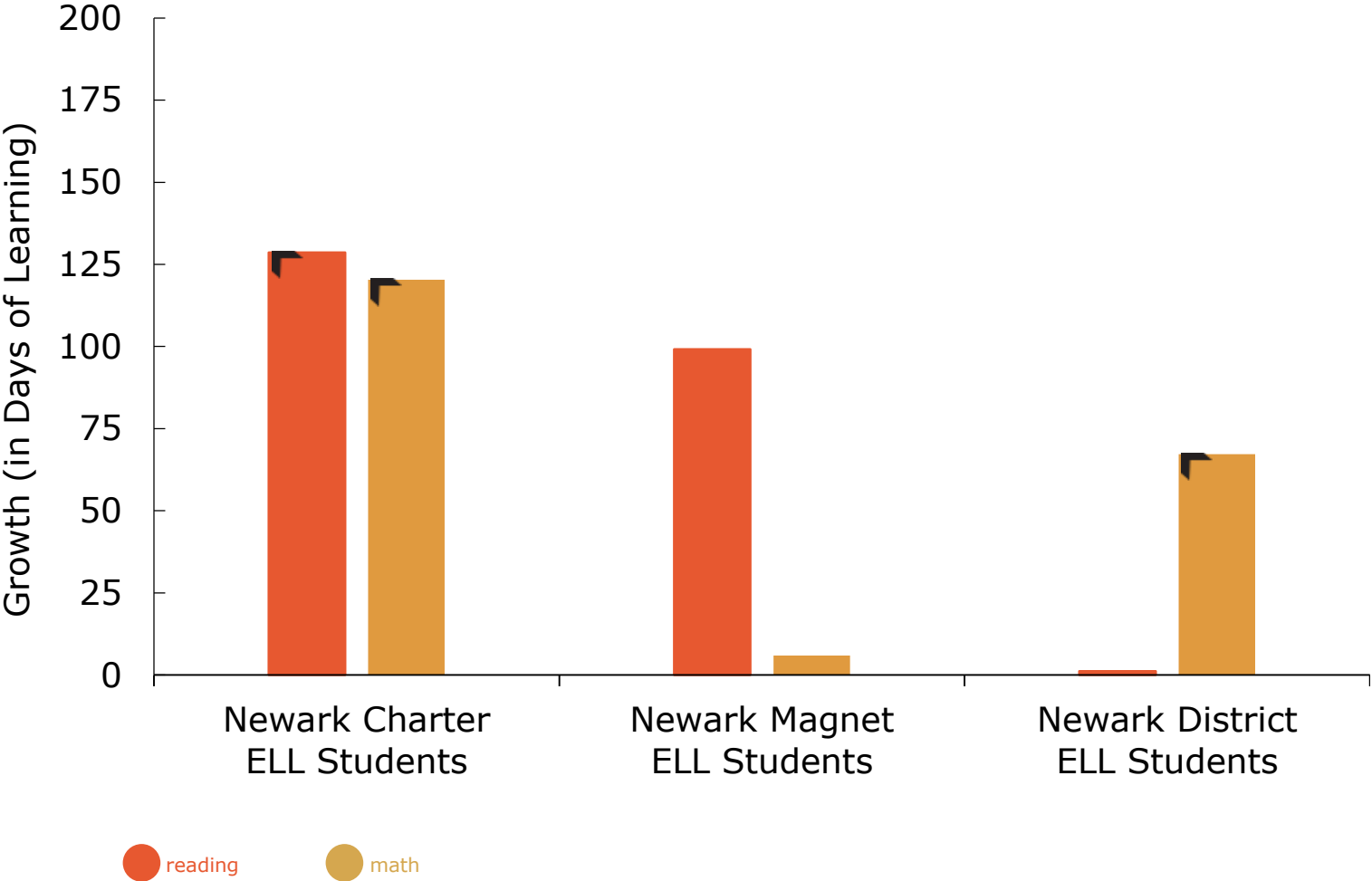
math

# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > ELL Students

VS. STATE BY SECTOR & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains for ELL Students in Newark Charter Schools, ELL Students in Newark Magnet Schools, and ELL Students in Newark District Schools Compared to the Average Learning Gains of ELL Students Statewide, by Subject



Tests of Differences	
Reading	
	Charter ELL vs. District ELL
	Magnet ELL vs. District ELL
Math	
	Charter ELL vs. District ELL
	Magnet ELL vs. District ELL

sig

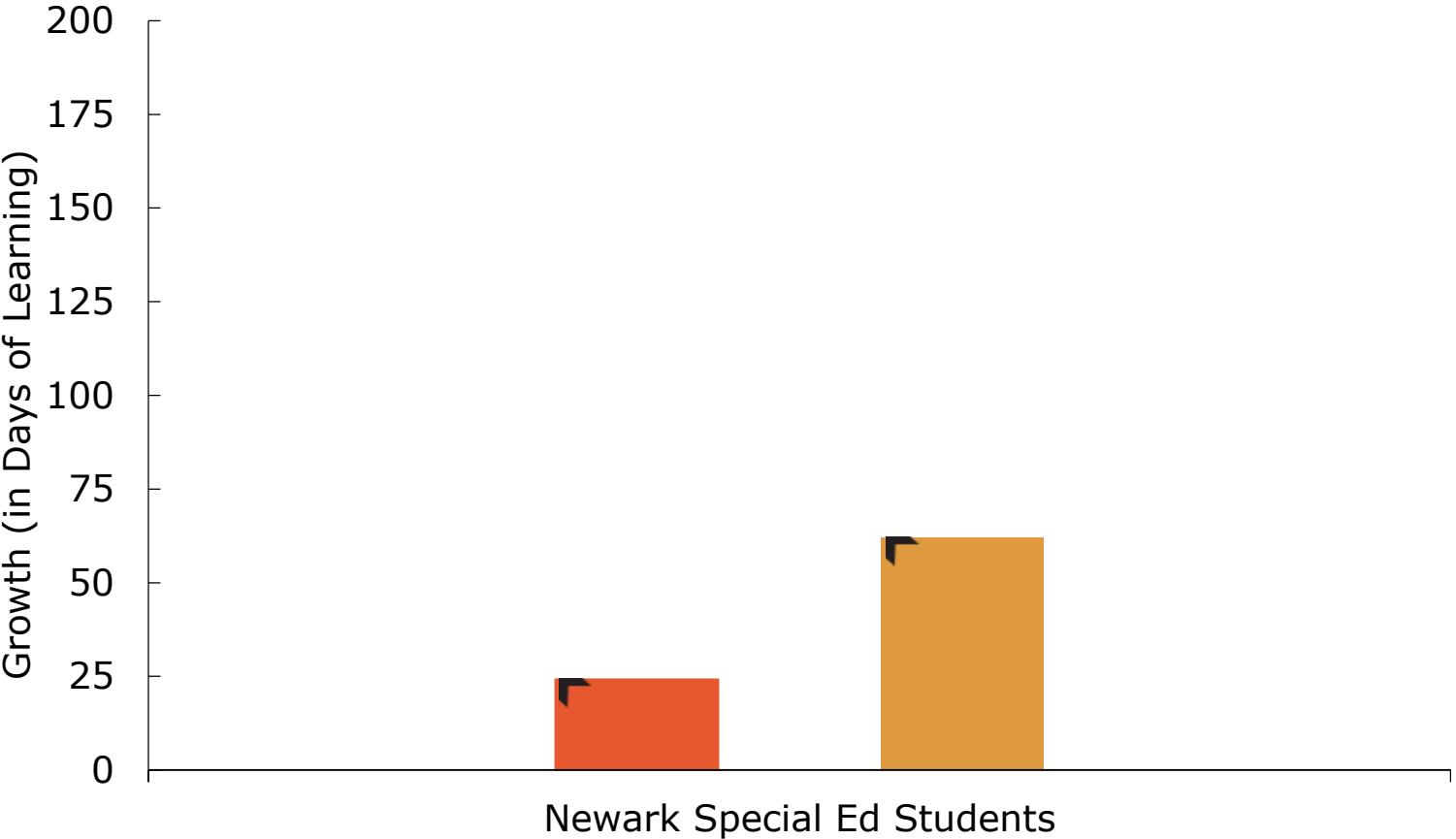
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Special Ed Students

ALL VS. STATE

Learning Gains for All Newark Students in Special Education Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Students in Special Education Statewide, by Subject



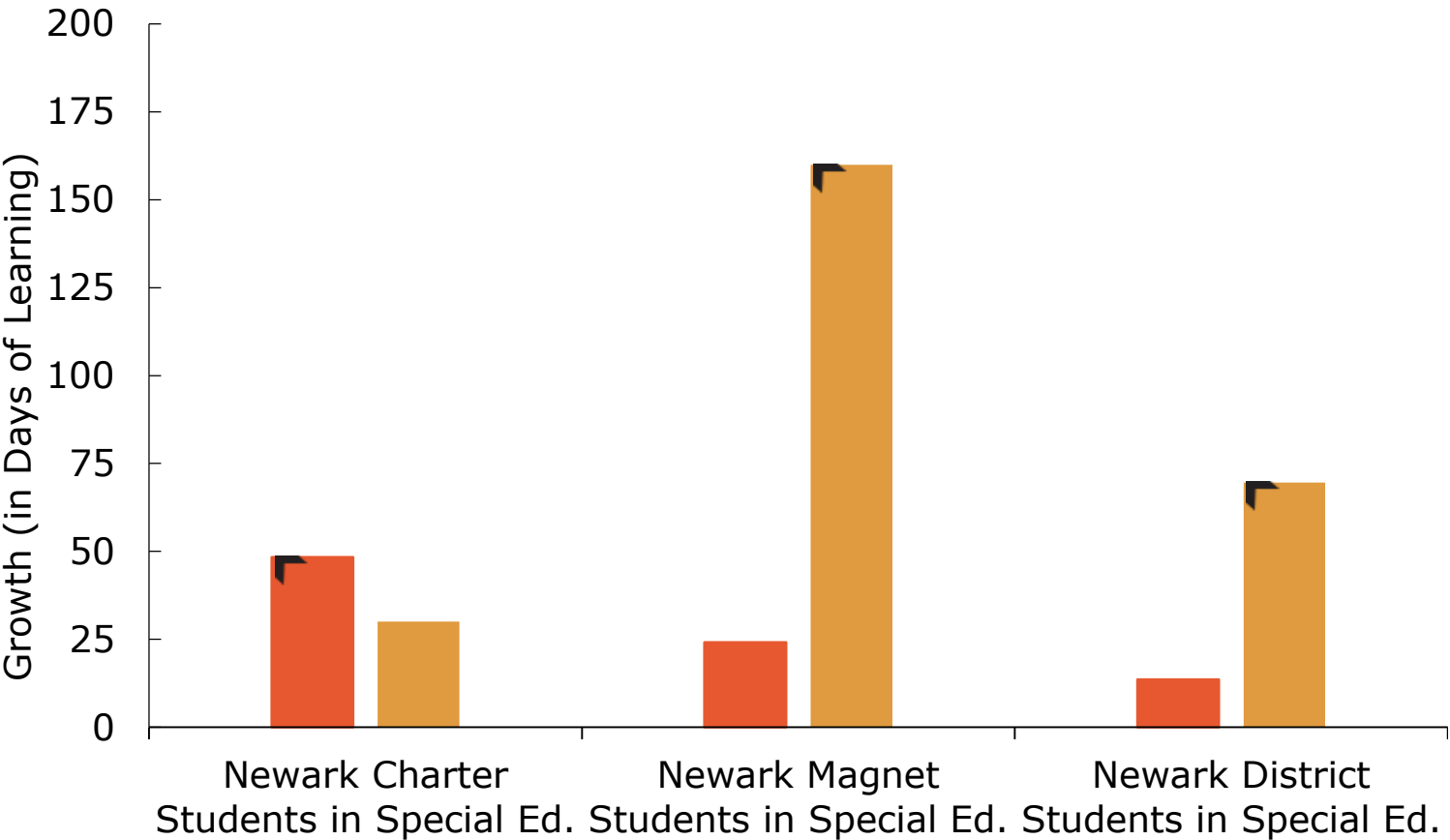
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Special Ed Students

VS. STATE BY SECTOR & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains for Newark Charter School Students in Special Ed., Newark Magnet School Students in Special Ed., and Newark District School Students in Special Ed. Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Students in Special Ed. Statewide, by Subject



Tests of Differences	
Reading	sig
Charter Sped vs. District Sped	
Magnet Sped vs. District Sped	
Math	
Charter Sped vs. District Sped	
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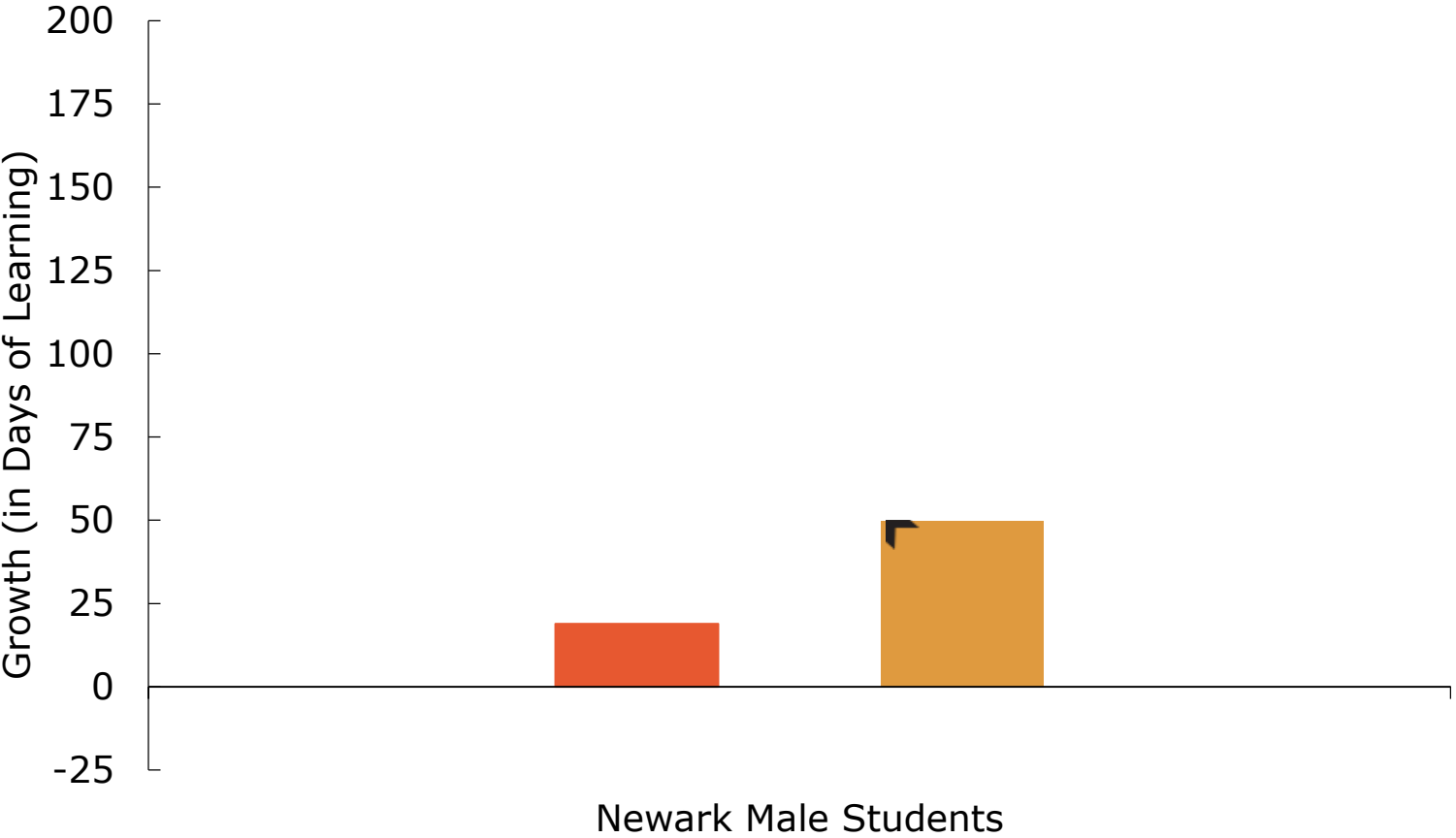



# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Male Students

ALL VS. STATE

Learning Gains for All Newark Male Students  
Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Male  
Students Statewide, by Subject



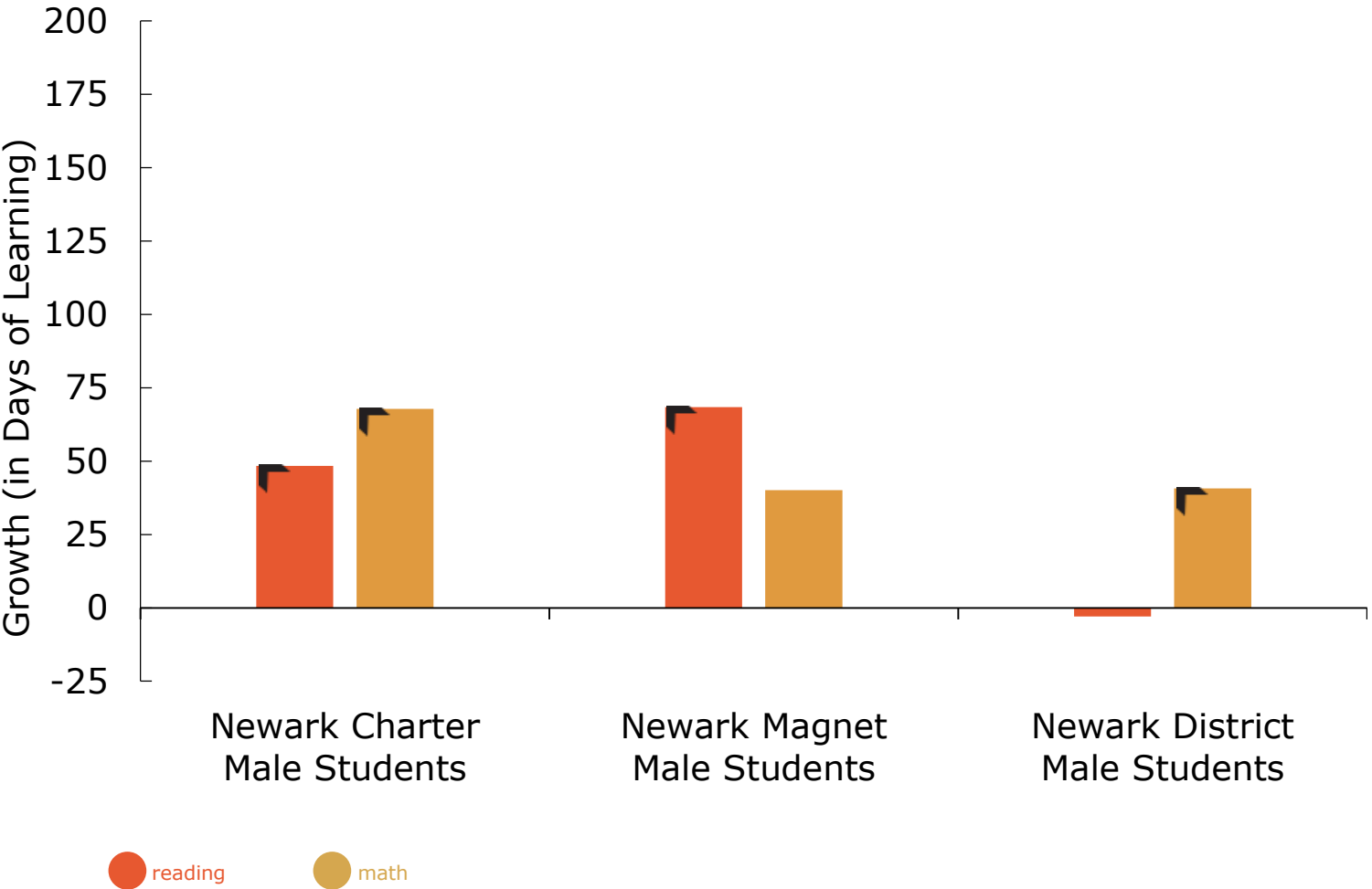
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Male Students

VS. STATE BY SECTOR & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains for Male Students in Newark Charter Schools, Male Students in Newark Magnet Schools, and Male Students in Newark District Schools Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Male Students Statewide, by Subject



### Tests of Differences

**Reading**

Charter Male vs. District Male	sig
Magnet Male vs. District Male	

**Math**

Charter Male vs. District Male	
Magnet Male vs. District Male	

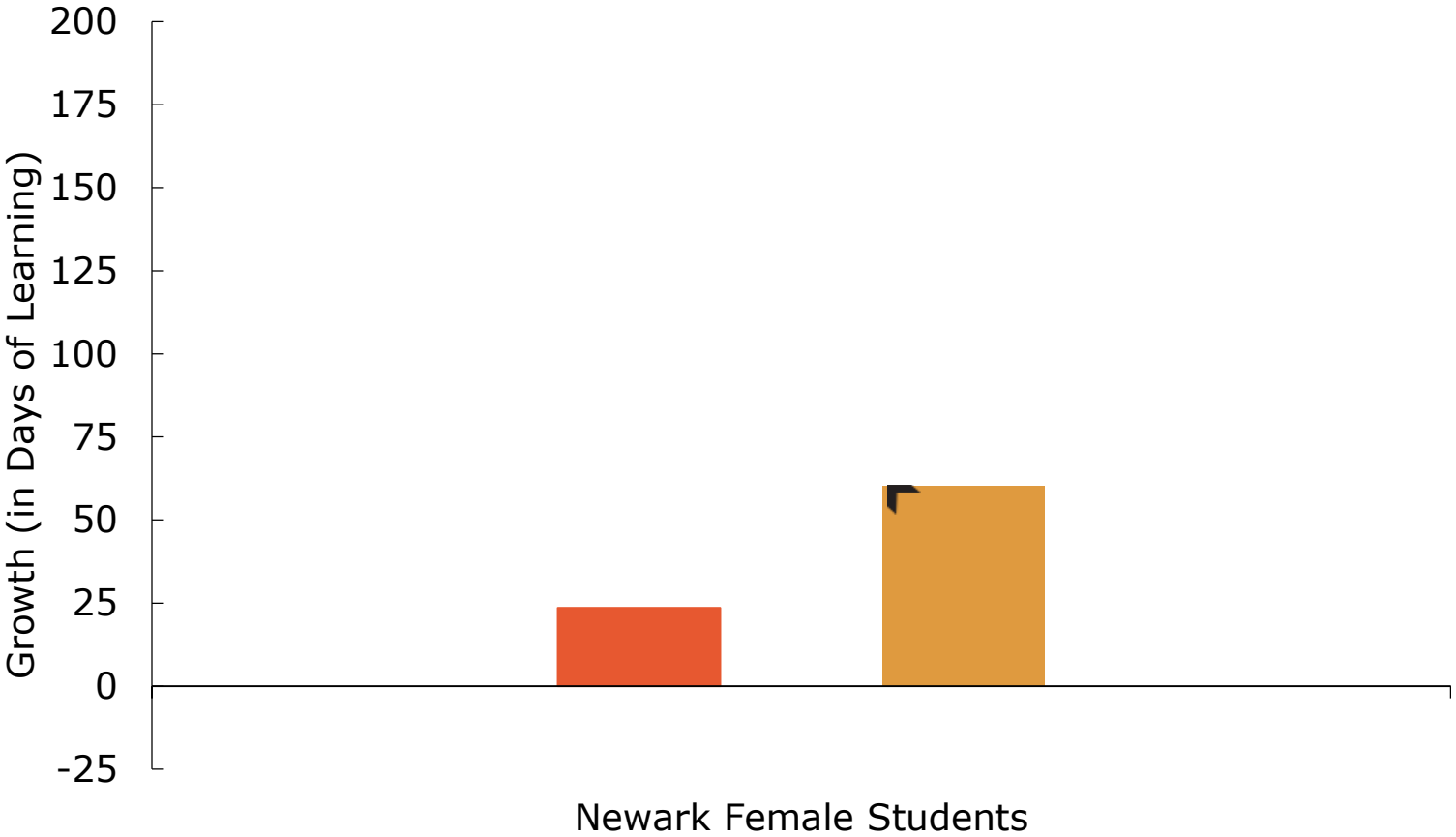
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Female Students

ALL VS. STATE

Learning Gains for All Newark Female Students  
Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Female  
Students Statewide, by Subject



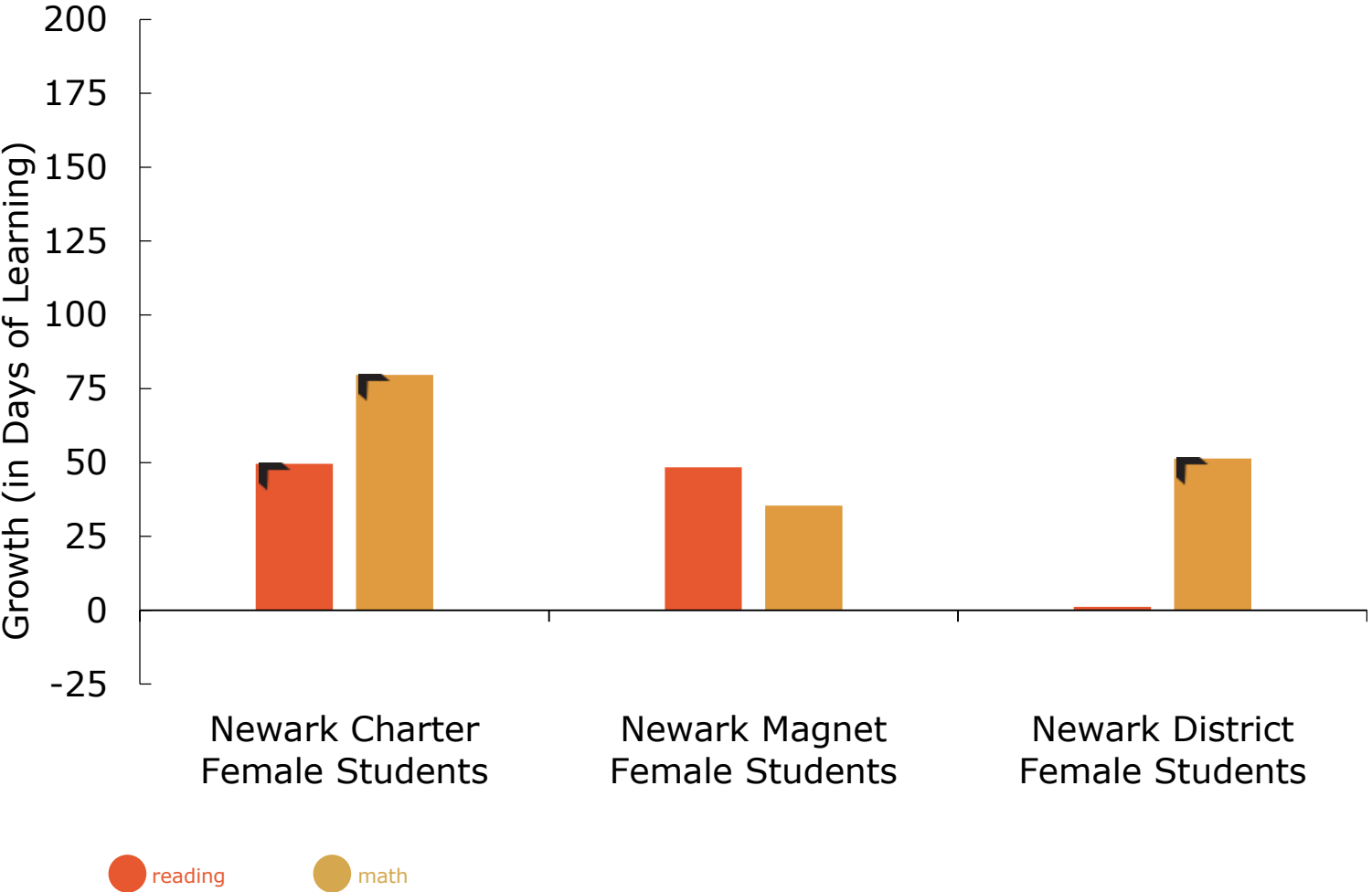
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# Research Findings > Student Subgroup Analysis

## > Female Students

VS. STATE BY SECTOR & COMPARISON WITHIN NEWARK

Learning Gains for Female Students in Newark Charter Schools, Female Students in Newark Magnet Schools, and Female Students in Newark District Schools Compared to the Average Learning Gains of Female Students Statewide, by Subject



### Tests of Differences

#### Reading

Charter Female vs. District Female  
Magnet Female vs. District Female

sig

#### Math

Charter Female vs. District Female  
Magnet Female vs. District Female

significantly different at  $p < 0.05$

## ○ Summary of Findings



The summary of the findings from the analysis of Newark schools is presented [here](#).





# ○ APPENDIXES

# 03



# ○ Acknowledgments



Student-level data were provided by the **New Jersey Department of Education**.



**New Jersey Children's Foundation** assisted CREDO with verifying the list of public schools in Newark.



# Types of Charter Schools

There are two types of charter schools.



## **CHARTER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CMOs)**

Organizations holding the charter and overseeing the operation of at least three charter schools.



## **INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Organization holding the charter and overseeing the operation of a single charter school. It may run the school directly or contract with an organization which provides services to one or two charter schools.



## **OUR ANALYSES OF NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOLS INCLUDE A BREAKOUT OF CMOs AND INDEPENDENT CHARTERS.**

- With more schools and students than a single charter school, CMOs have some operational advantages in their ability to spread administrative fixed costs, thus providing the possibility of greater efficiency. In addition, CMOs may be able to support additional programs and more robust staffing.
- Whether CMOs lead to better student outcomes is a matter of interest across the country.





# Methods



The annual academic growth of students in Newark from 2017-18 to 2018-19, overall and by sector, is benchmarked to the state average growth, accounting for student characteristics.

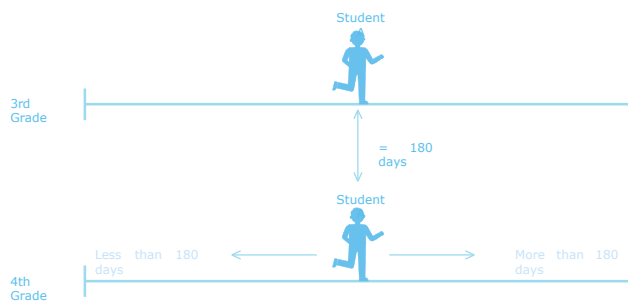
We also explore how one-year growth of Newark students for the period ending in Spring 2019 differs by school type, race, poverty status, English language learner status, special education status, and gender.



# Days of Learning

## CREDO USES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND SOPHISTICATED STATISTICAL TOOLS TO MEASURE STUDENTS, SCHOOLS AND THE EDUCATION LANDSCAPE.

While these tools create precise and reliable answers, they are presented in technical terms that are not user-friendly to a general audience. To translate the technical results into terms that are accessible to non-technical audiences, CREDO developed Days of Learning.



01

**Think about the students in your state's public schools.** For many of their years of schooling, they take achievement tests to measure what they know at the end of the school year. We can identify the average score for each test each year.

02

**Imagine a student who scores exactly at the average in one year,** say 4th grade, and then in the following year, scores exactly at the average again on the 5th-grade test. The amount of year-to-year learning for that student show us what the average learning is for all the students who took both tests.

03

**We do that calculation for every grade the state tests:** 4th to 5th, 5th to 6th, and so on.

04

**CREDO uses those annual measures of average learning** to represent a typical year of learning, and equates that to a typical 180-day school year. We say that the student in our example has gained 180 days of learning.

05

**If a student makes more progress than the average student,** we take the amount of extra achievement and translate it into 180-days of learning plus "X" extra days. We are creating a measure of student learning as if the student went to school for 180 days plus X days. The size of "X" depends on how much more the student learns than the average student — if it's a lot more, then "X" will be a large number, and if it's a small amount more, "X" will be a small number.

06

**The same is true for students who do not learn as much as the average student.** Instead of adding to the 180-days-of-learning average, we subtract from that base to reflect the smaller-than-average advances that those students realize. In these cases, the difference leads to numbers such a "165 days of learning" or "152 days of learning". Against the average standard of 180 days, these smaller days show that students learned as if they had only attended school for 180 days minus X days during the school year.

# Overall Newark Results

Newark Overall 2018-19

READING		MATH	
Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning
0.04	21	0.09**	54**

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$



# Newark School Sectors Compared to State Average

	READING		MATH	
	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning
Charter Schools 2018-19	0.08**	48**	0.13**	73**
Magnet Schools 2018-19	0.10	56	0.06	37
Other District Schools 2018-19	0.00	-2	0.08**	46**

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$

# Comparison of School Sectors within Newark

	READING		MATH	
	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning
Charter Schools vs. Other District Schools 2018-19	0.09*	50*	0.05	27
Magnet Schools vs. Other District Schools 2018-19	0.10	57	-0.02	-9

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$



# ○ Charter Subsector Analysis

	READING		MATH	
	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning
Newark CMOs vs. State Average	0.12**	67**	0.15*	89*
Newark Independent Charters vs. State Average	0.02	14	0.08*	45*
Newark CMOs vs. Newark Independent Charters	0.09	53	0.08	44

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$



# ○ Student Subgroup Analysis > Black Students

READING		MATH	
Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning

## Compared with Statewide Average of Black Students

Newark Black Students Overall	0.04	24	0.08*	48*
Newark Charter School Black Students	0.08*	48*	0.13*	77*
Newark Magnet School Black Students	0.07	39	0.03	19
Newark Other District School Black Students	-0.01	-9	0.03	17

## Compared with Black Students in Other District Schools in Newark

Newark Charter School Black Students	0.10**	57**	0.10	60
Newark Magnet School Black Students	0.08	47	0.00	2

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$

# ○ Student Subgroup Analysis > Hispanic Students

READING		MATH	
Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning

## Compared with Statewide Average of Hispanic Students

Newark Hispanic Students Overall	0.03	15	0.11**	64**
Newark Charter School Hispanic Students	0.09**	53**	0.10*	59*
Newark Magnet School Hispanic Students	0.11	66	0.10	57
Newark Other District School Hispanic Students	0.00	2	0.11**	66**

## Compared with Hispanic Students in Other District Schools in Newark

Newark Charter School Hispanic Students	0.09*	50*	-0.01	-8
Newark Magnet School Hispanic Students	0.11	63	-0.02	-10

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$



# ○ Student Subgroup Analysis > Students in Poverty

READING		MATH	
Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning

## Compared with Statewide Average of Students in Poverty

Newark Students in Poverty Overall	0.05*	29*	0.11**	66**
Newark Charter School Students in Poverty	0.09**	54**	0.14**	80**
Newark Magnet School Students in Poverty	0.11	63	0.09	51
Newark Other District School Students in Poverty	0.02	9	0.10**	58**

## Compared with Students in Poverty in Other District Schools in Newark

Newark Charter School Students in Poverty	0.08**	45**	0.04	22
Newark Magnet School Students in Poverty	0.09	53	-0.01	-7

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$

# ○ Student Subgroup Analysis > ELL Students

READING		MATH	
Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning

## Compared with Statewide Average of ELL Students

Newark ELL Students Overall	0.02	9	0.12**	69**
Newark Charter School ELL Students	0.22**	128**	0.20*	120*
Newark Magnet School ELL Students §	0.17	99	0.01	5
Newark Other District School ELL Students	0.00	1	0.11**	67**

## Compared with ELL Students in Other District Schools in Newark

Newark Charter School ELL Students	0.22*	127*	0.09	53
Newark Magnet School ELL Students	0.17	97	-0.10	-62

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$

# ○ Student Subgroup Analysis> Special Ed Students

READING		MATH	
Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning

## Compared with Statewide Average of Special Ed Students

Newark Special Ed Students Overall	0.04*	24*	0.11**	61**
Newark Charter School Special Ed Students	0.08**	48**	0.05	30
Newark Magnet School Special Ed Students	0.04	24	0.27**	159**
Newark Other District School Special Ed Students	0.02	13	0.12**	69**

## Compared with Special Ed Students in Other District Schools in Newark

Newark Charter School Special Ed Students	0.06	34	-0.07	-40
Newark Magnet School Special Ed Students	0.02	10	0.15**	90**

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$

# ○ Student Subgroup Analysis > Male Students

READING		MATH	
Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning

## Compared with Statewide Average of Male Students

Newark Male Students Overall	0.03	18	0.08**	49**
Newark Charter School Male Students	0.08*	48*	0.12*	67*
Newark Magnet School Male Students	0.12*	68*	0.07	40
Newark Other District School Male Students	-0.01	-3	0.07**	40**

## Compared with Male Students in Other District Schools in Newark

Newark Charter School Male Students	0.09**	51**	0.05	27
Newark Magnet School Male Students	0.12	71	0.00	-1

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$

# ○ Student Subgroup Analysis > Female Students

READING		MATH	
Standard Deviation	Days of Learning	Standard Deviation	Days of Learning

## Compared with Statewide Average of Female Students

Newark Female Students Overall	0.04	23	0.10**	60**
Newark Charter School Female Students	0.08**	49**	0.14**	79**
Newark Magnet School Female Students	0.08	48	0.06	35
Newark Other District School Female Students	0.00	1	0.09**	51**

## Compared with Female Students in Other District Schools in Newark

Newark Charter School Female Students	0.08**	48**	0.05	28
Newark Magnet School Female Students	0.08	47	-0.03	-16

Significant at  $p < 0.05^*$

Significant at  $p < 0.01^{**}$

# THANK YOU