

2021–2022 Nova Scotia Assessment

Reading, Writing, and Mathematics in Grade 6



About the Assessment

Grade 6 students wrote this assessment on four mornings in October 2021 (90 minutes/day for Reading and Writing and 60 minutes/day for Mathematics). For the reading portion of the assessment, students read different types of texts and answered questions about what they read. They also completed two writing tasks. For the mathematics portion, students answered questions in each of the mathematics strands (number and operations, patterns and relations, measurement, geometry, and statistics and probability).

Nova Scotia teachers work with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to develop this assessment, to score the writing tasks, and to set the assessment expectation. The expectation is what students should know and be able to do on their own at the beginning of grade 6. All the items and texts on the assessment are aligned with selected reading, writing, and mathematics outcomes in the curriculum up to grade 5. The mathematics portion of the assessment was revised in 2021 to reflect foundational outcomes.

The 2021–2022 assessment results will provide:

- teachers with information to inform instructional planning;
- parents and guardians with information on their child’s performance;
- the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Regional Centres/CSAP with information to inform educational decisions.

Student assessment and evaluation are core components of our public education system. This assessment is one of many ways in which we monitor and respond to student progress. Teachers use a variety of assessment methods to gather information about student learning, inform instruction, and provide timely feedback to students. Provincial assessment results are used by teachers, together with classroom assessment information, to inform instructional decisions that are best suited to the individual student. Provincial assessment results do not affect report card grades or decisions about promotion or retention.

For more information about the assessment, visit <https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/grade6>.

Did you know?

Nova Scotia students were able to attend school in person throughout the majority of the pandemic.

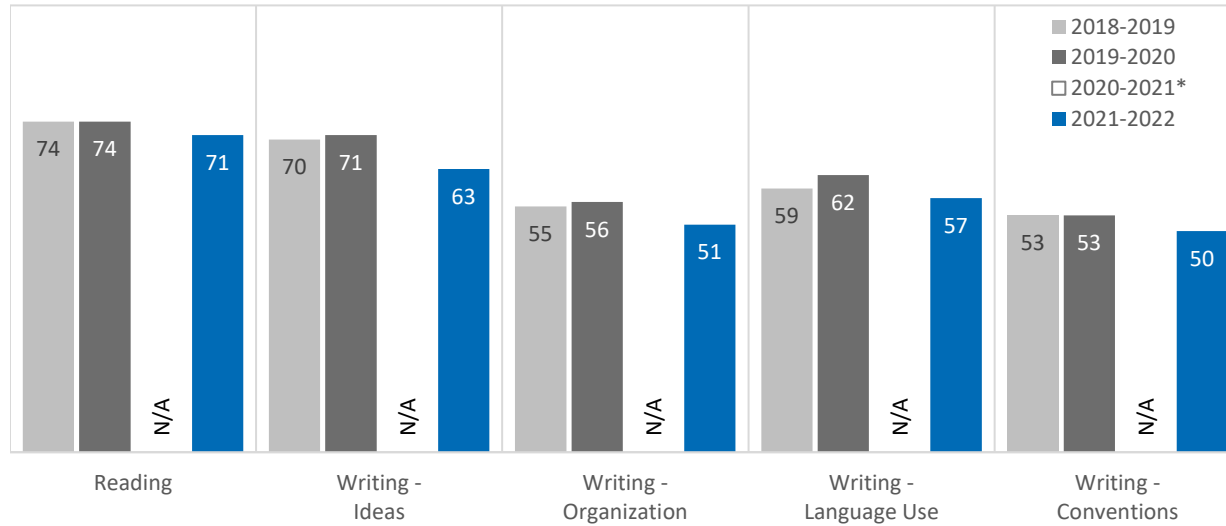
Assessment results provide valuable information on how students are doing, enabling us to examine the impact of COVID-19 disruptions.

Nova Scotia Assessments are developed and scored in Nova Scotia by our teachers working with department staff.

[Lessons Learned documents are available to teachers and administrators to support their use of assessment information to inform next steps.](#)

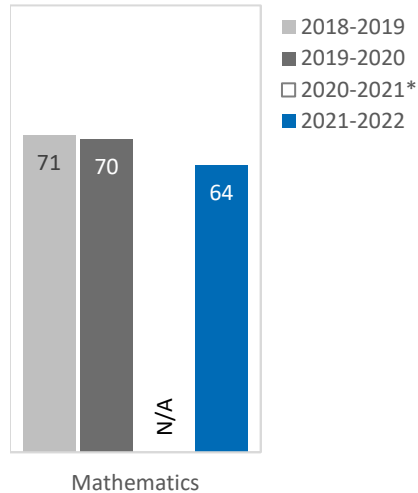
Provincial Results: Reading and Writing

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation



Provincial Results: Mathematics

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation



Note: The 2021-2022 assessment is aligned with the foundational outcomes in mathematics.

To ensure comparability to previous years, the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 mathematics assessments were re-analyzed including only those items based on foundational outcomes. The results of that analysis showed no change to the overall assessment results for those years.

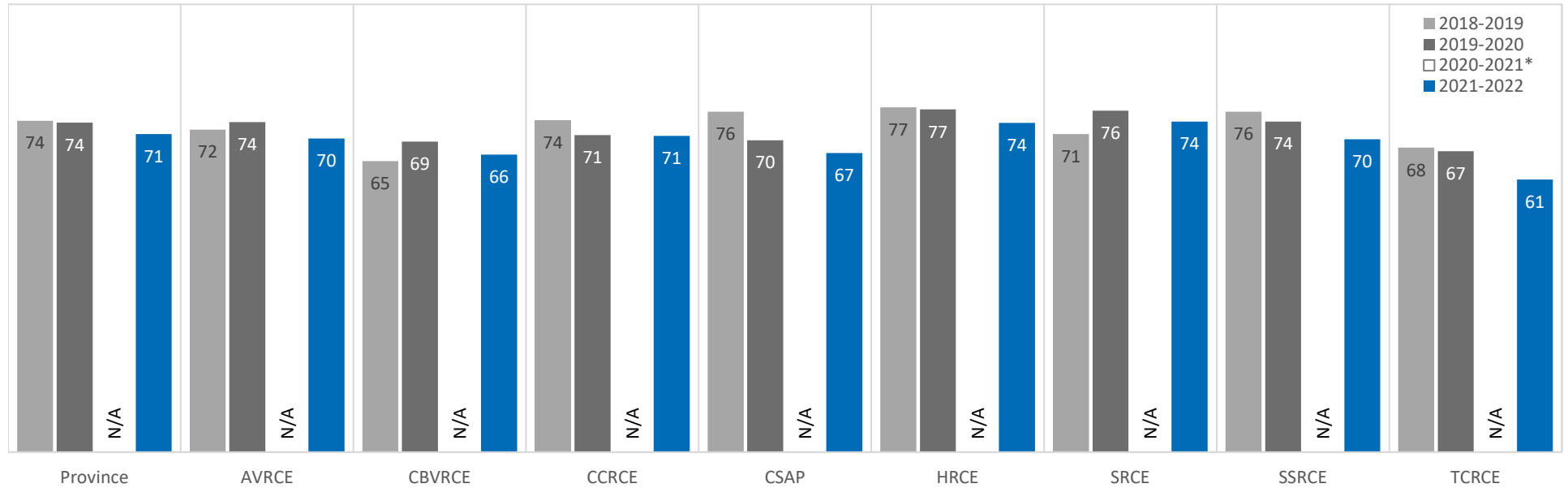
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Reading

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation (Province and Regional Centres/CSAP)



Participation rates reading and writing 2021–2022

	Province	AVRCE	CBVRCE	CCRCE	CSAP	HRCE	SRCE	SSRCE	TCRCE
Number of students in grade	9084	956	885	1471	496	4005	415	492	364
Number of students participating	8456	887	777	1360	470	3791	386	463	322
Participation rate	93%	93%	88%	92%	95%	95%	93%	94%	88%

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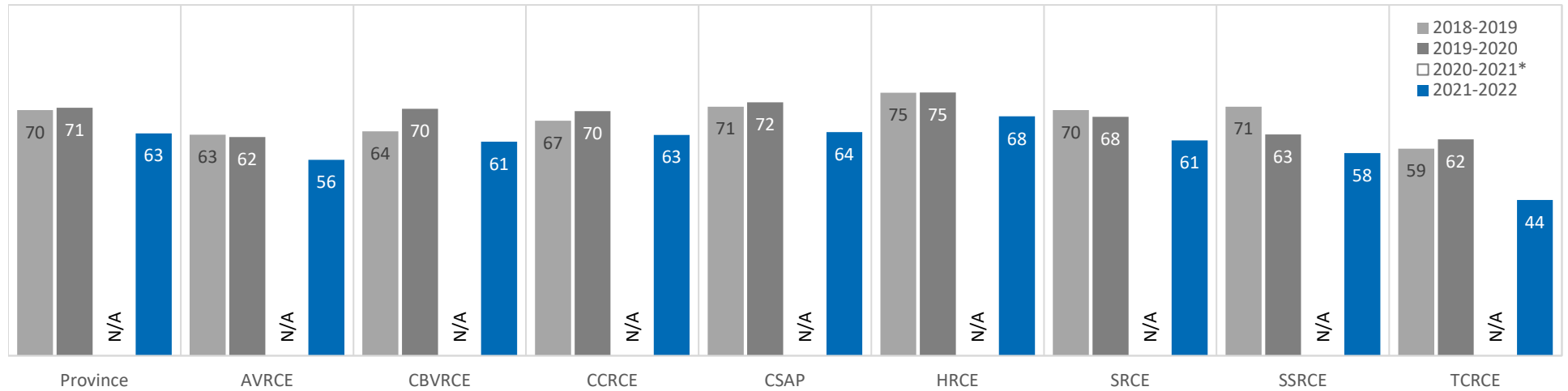
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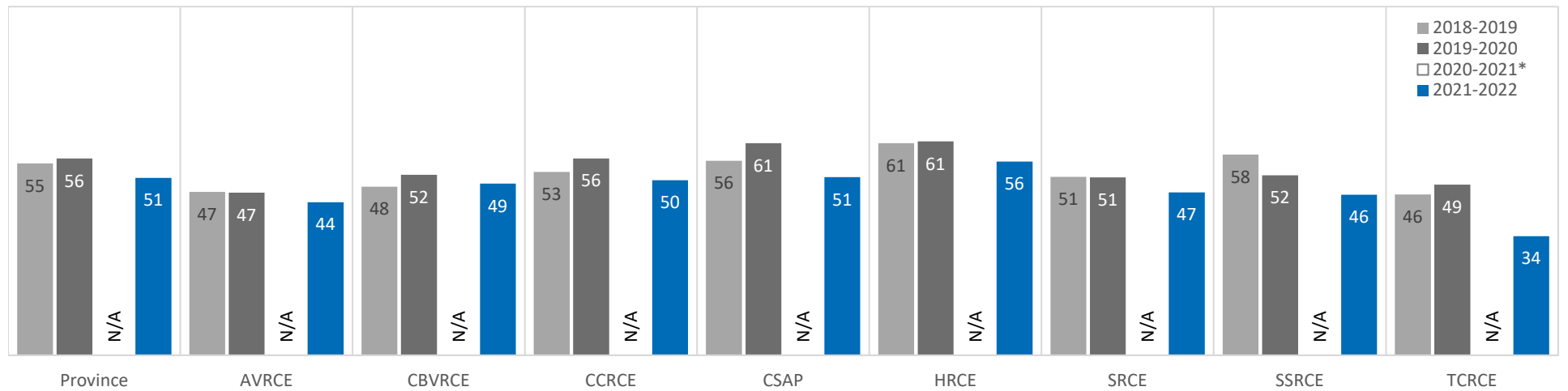
Writing

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation (Province and Regional Centres/CSAP)

Ideas



Organization



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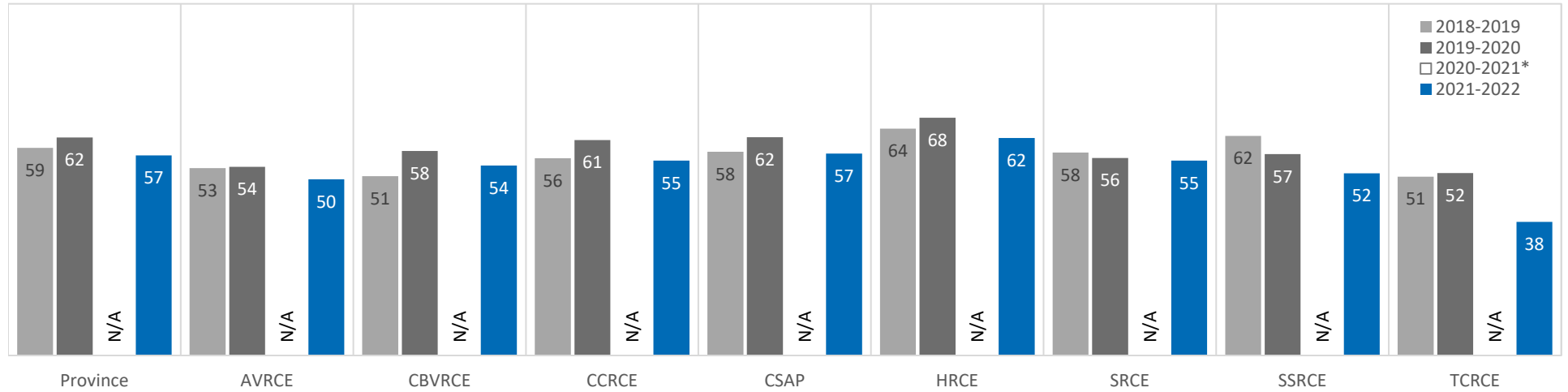
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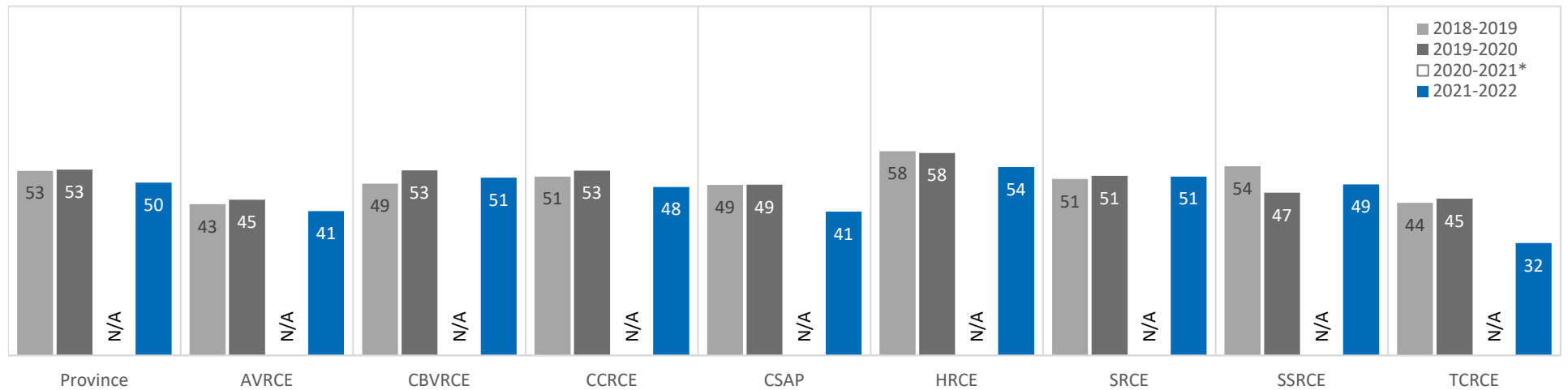
Writing

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation (Province and Regional Centres/CSAP)

Language Use



Conventions



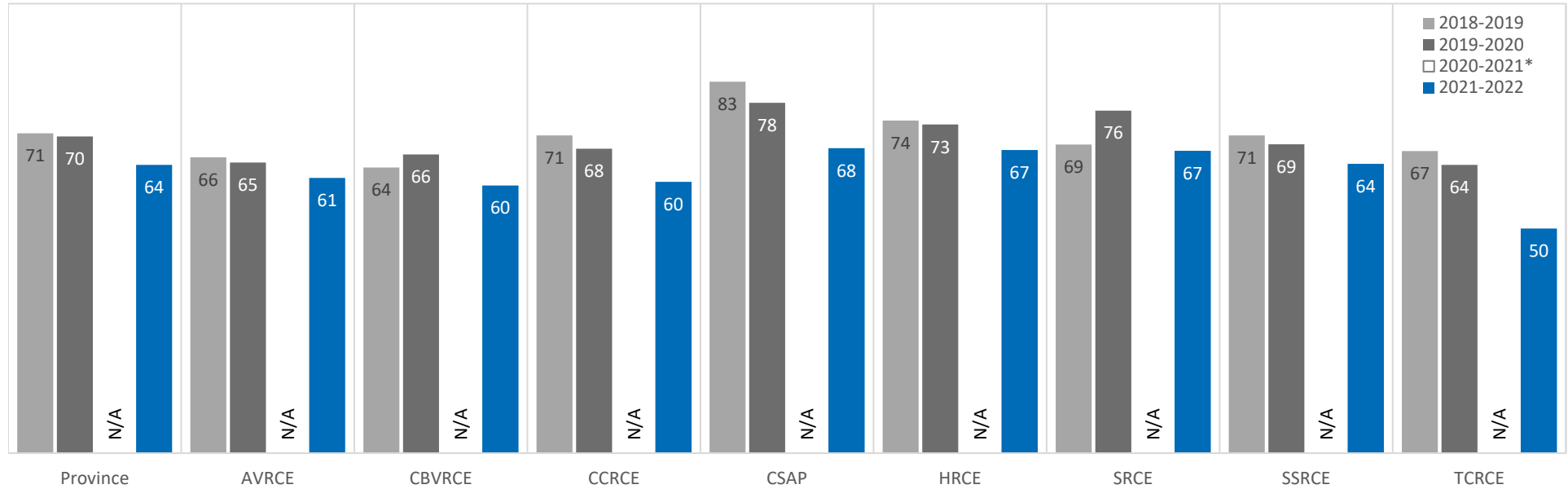
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Mathematics

Percentage of students at or above the assessment expectation (Province and Regional Centres/CSAP)



Participation rates for mathematics in 2021–2022

	Province	AVRCE	CBVRCE	CCRCE	CSAP	HRCE	SRCE	SSRCE	TCRCE
Number of students in grade	9084	956	885	1471	496	4005	415	492	364
Number of students participating	8371	888	754	1343	456	3770	383	458	319
Participation rate	92%	93%	85%	91%	92%	94%	92%	93%	88%

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