

# Central Falls & Pawtucket Data in Your Backyard:

## The 2003 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook



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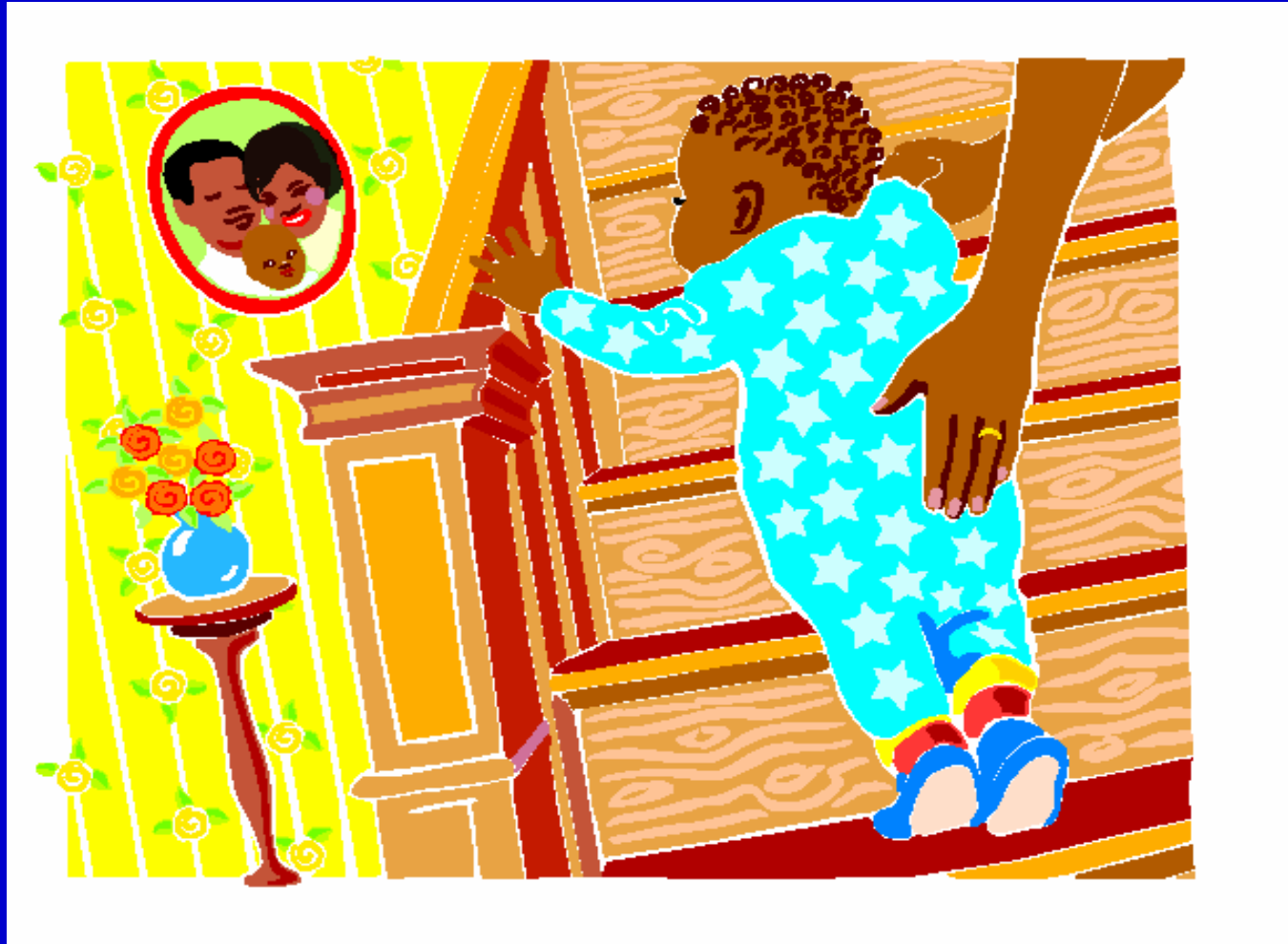
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# Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook

- Annual publication.
- Monitors child well-being in 5 areas:
  - Family and Community
  - Economic Security
  - Health
  - Safety
  - Education



*2003 Factbook*  
contains 52 indicators  
of child well-being  
with most including  
city and town level  
information.



**Family and Community**

# Rhode Island State Population

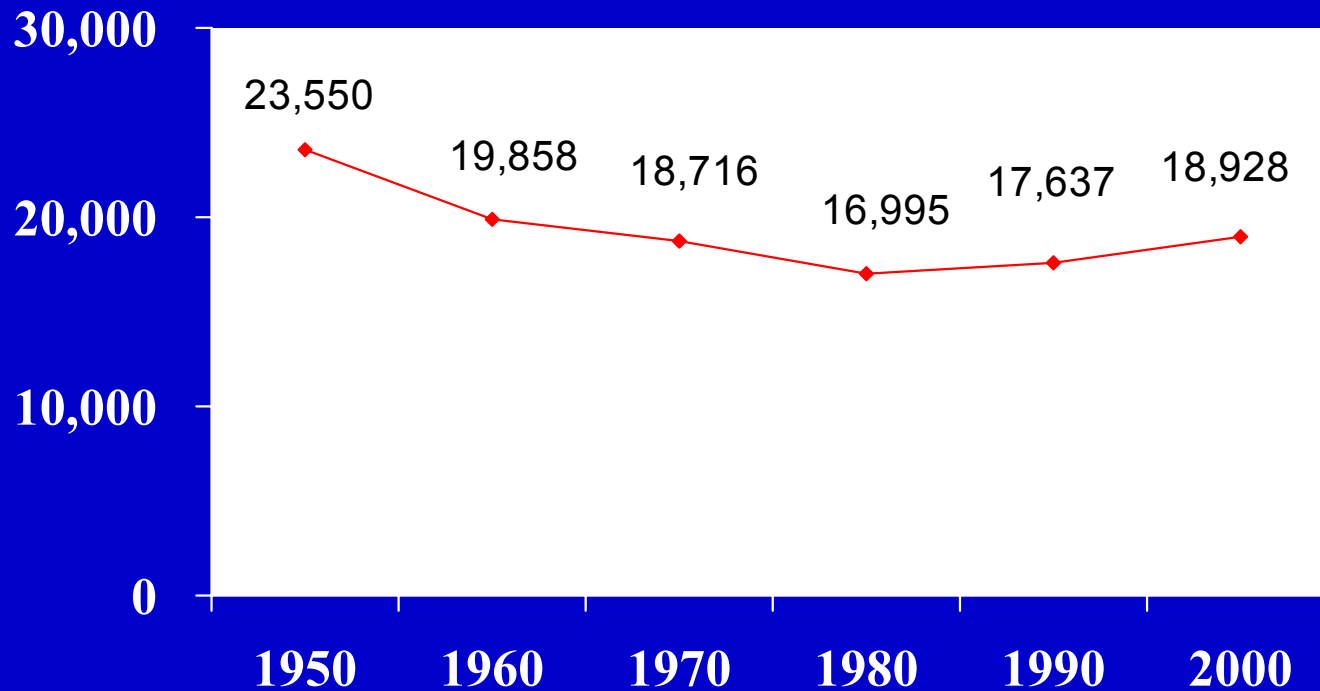


Source: RI Department of Statewide Planning

Rhode Island's population has increased since 1950.

# Central Falls' Overall Population

## Total Population - Central Falls

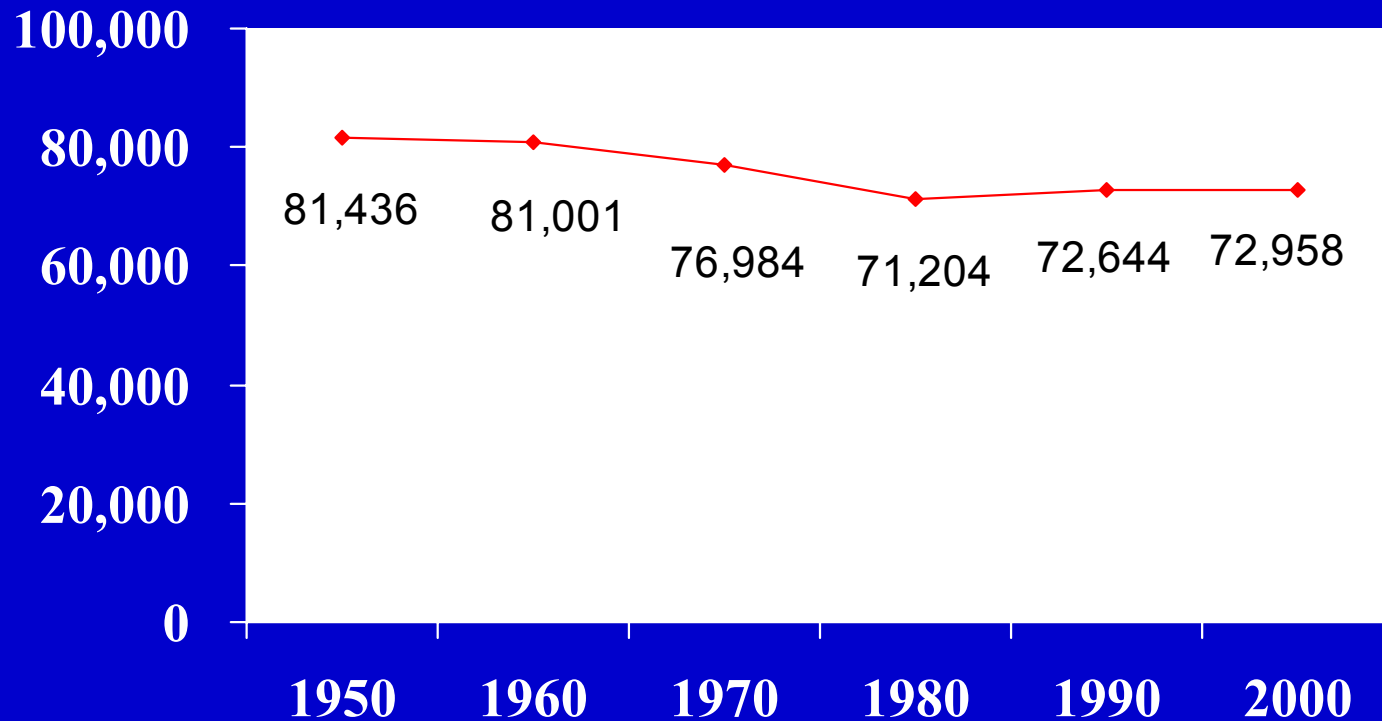


Source: RI Department of Statewide Planning

The number of people living Central Falls has increased by 11% since 1980 but is still well below its height in 1930 of 25,896.

# Pawtucket's Overall Population

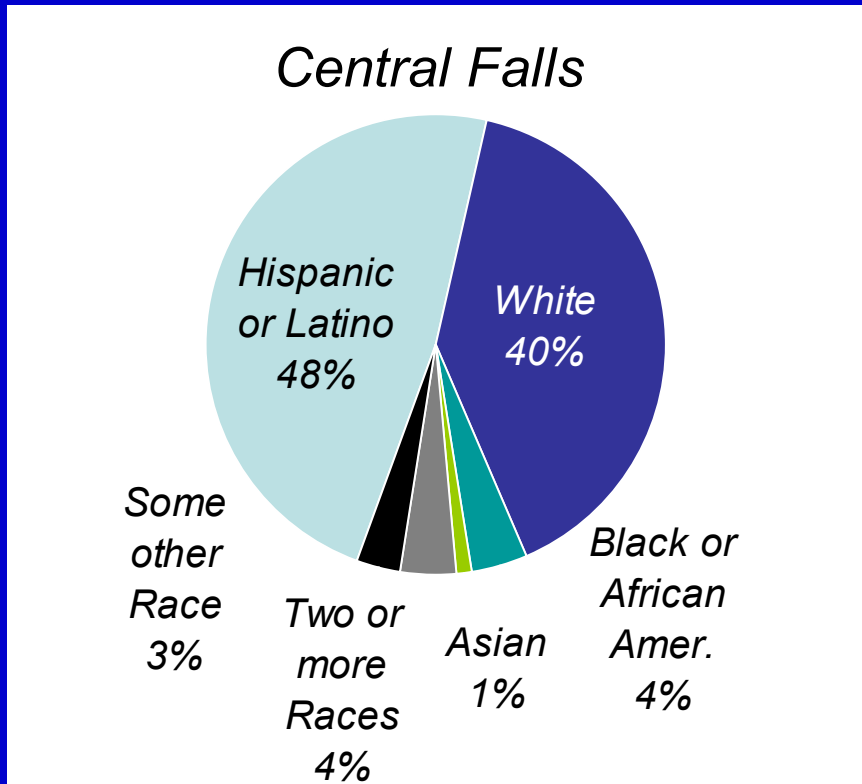
## Total Population - Pawtucket



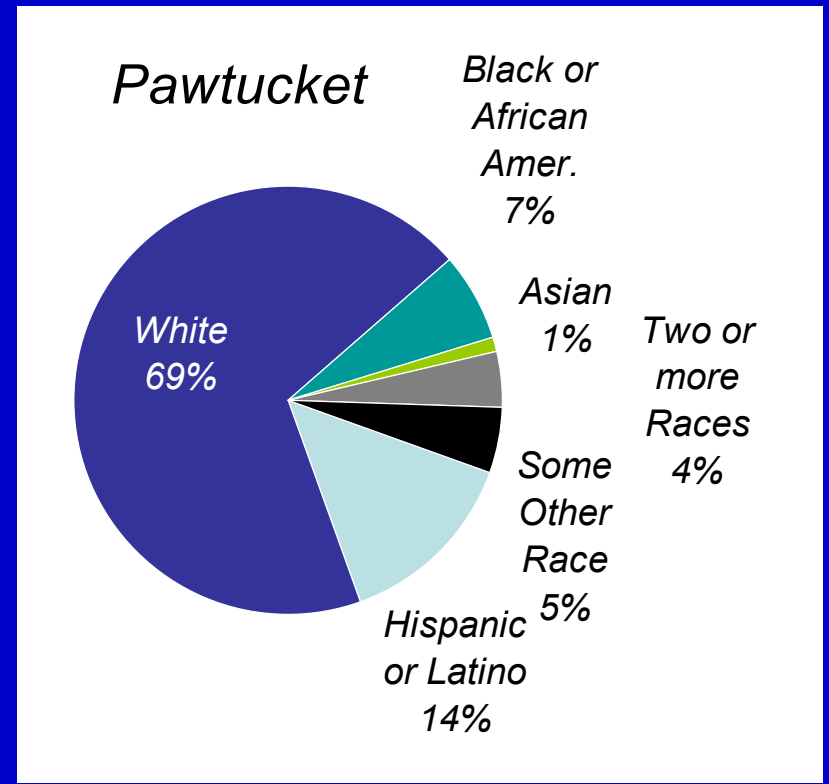
Source: RI Department of Statewide Planning

The number of people living Pawtucket has increased by 2% since 1980 but is still well below its height in 1950 of 81,436.

# Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000



*n* = 18,928



*n* = 72,958

Both Central Falls and Pawtucket are significantly more diverse than the state. Rhode Island is 8.7% Latino, 4% Black, and 2.2% Asian.

# Central Falls and Pawtucket Families

## Central Falls and Pawtucket in 2000

**Total Central Falls Households: 6,696**

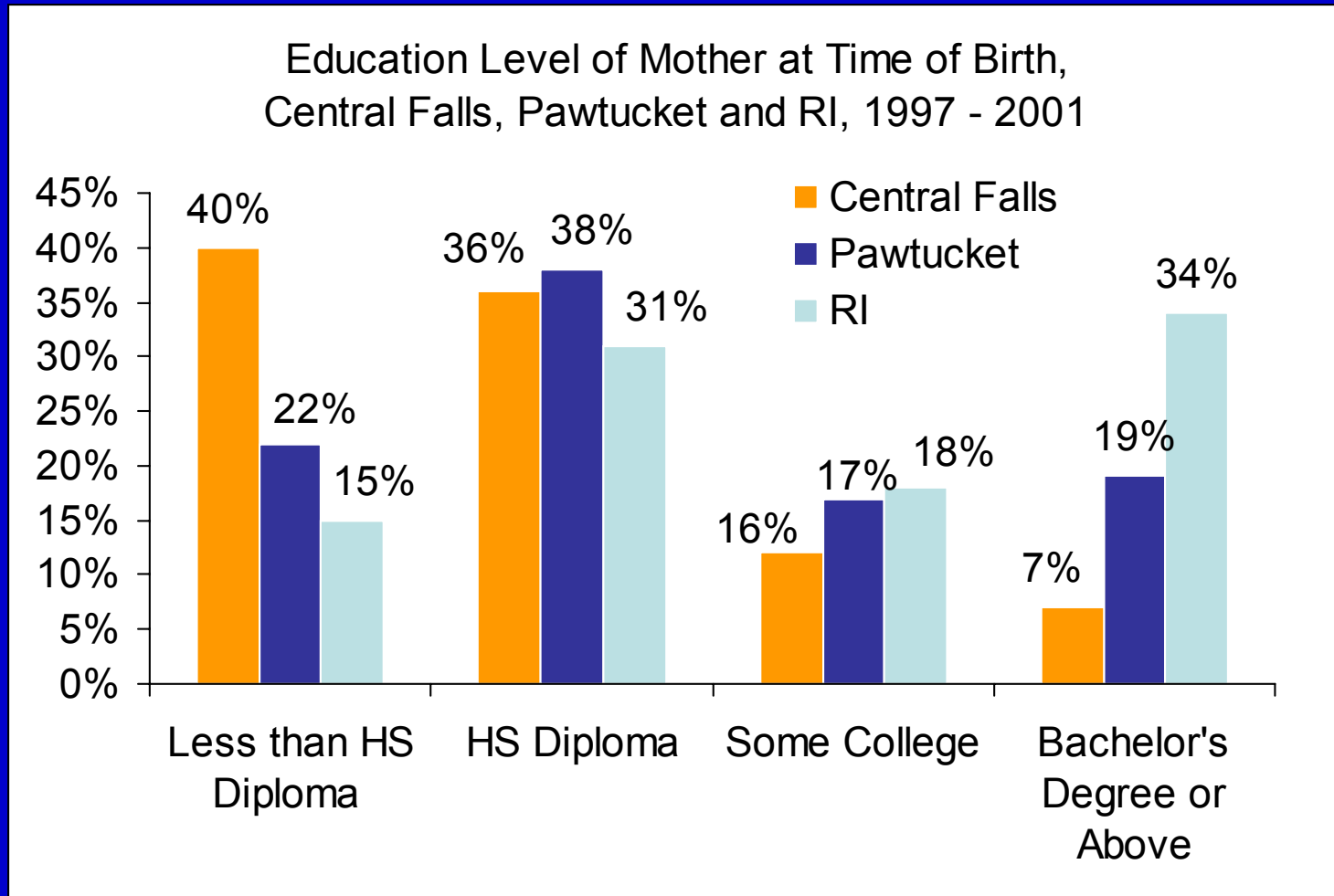
**Total Pawtucket Households: 30, 047**

	<b>Central Falls % families <u>with children</u></b>	<b>Pawtucket % families <u>with children</u></b>	<b>RI % families <u>with children</u></b>
<b>Family households with own children under 18:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Married-couple families:</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Female householder* :</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Male householder* :</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>

\* with no husband/wife present

Note: Own Child is a son or daughter by birth, marriage or adoption.

# Mother's Education Level



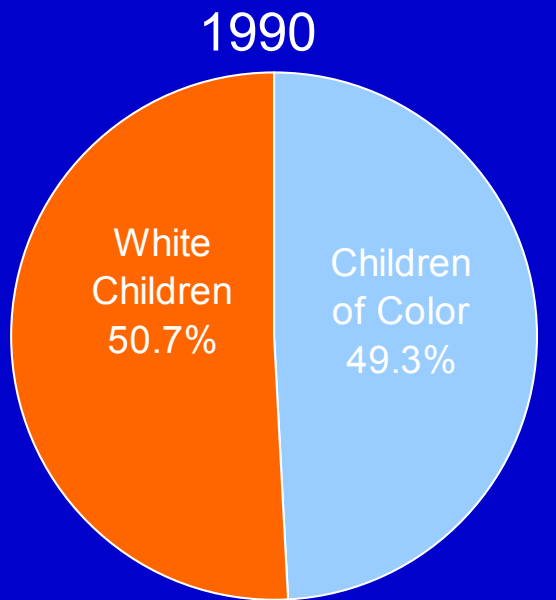
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# **Rhode Island Child Population: Highlights/Shifts**

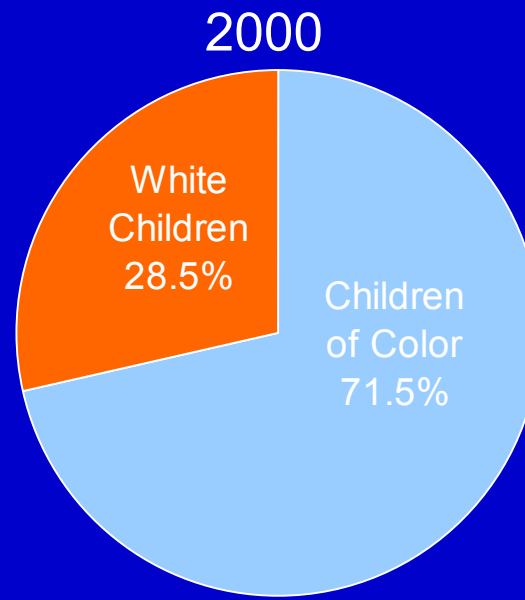
- **Nationally, the second largest increase in child population since the baby boom decade.**
- **Children of color (all other children besides White, non-Hispanic children) account for all of the growth in Rhode Island's child population.**
- **Statewide increase of 10% (22,132) from 225,690 in 1990 to 247,822 in 2000.**
- **The number of Latino children has more than doubled, from 16,000 in 1990 to 35,000 in 2000, a 117% increase. Fourteen percent of Rhode Island's children are Latino.**

# Central Falls' Children - Race and Hispanic Origin

Central Falls' child population has become significantly more diverse since 1990.



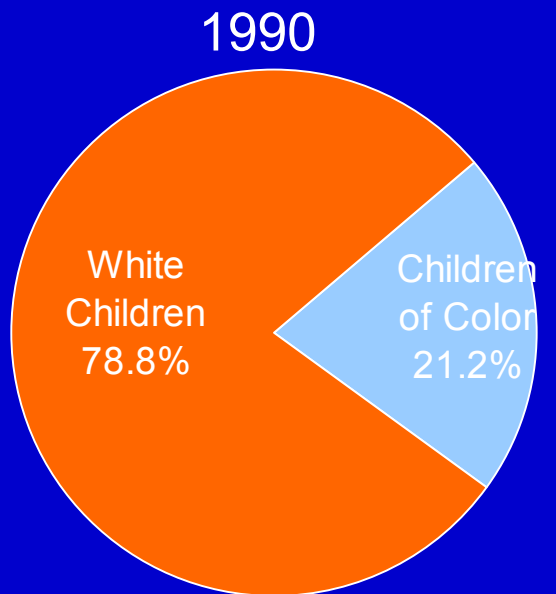
Total under 18 years of  
age = 4,810



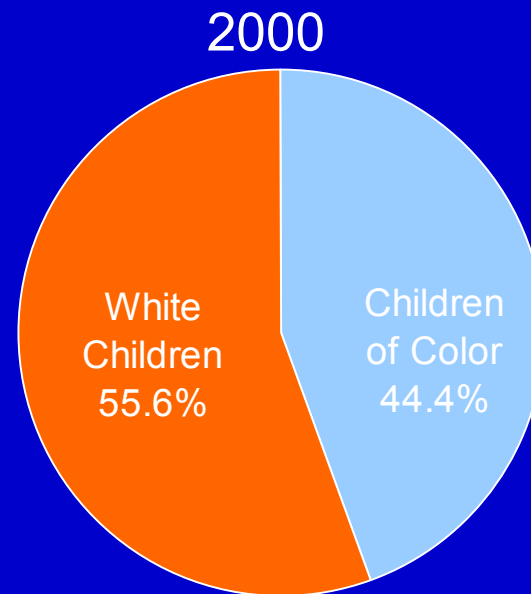
Total under 18 years of  
age = 5,531

# Pawtucket's Children - Race and Hispanic Origin

Pawtucket's child population has also become significantly more diverse since 1990.



Total under 18 years of  
age = 16,719



Total under 18 years of  
age = 18,151



**Economic Well-Being**

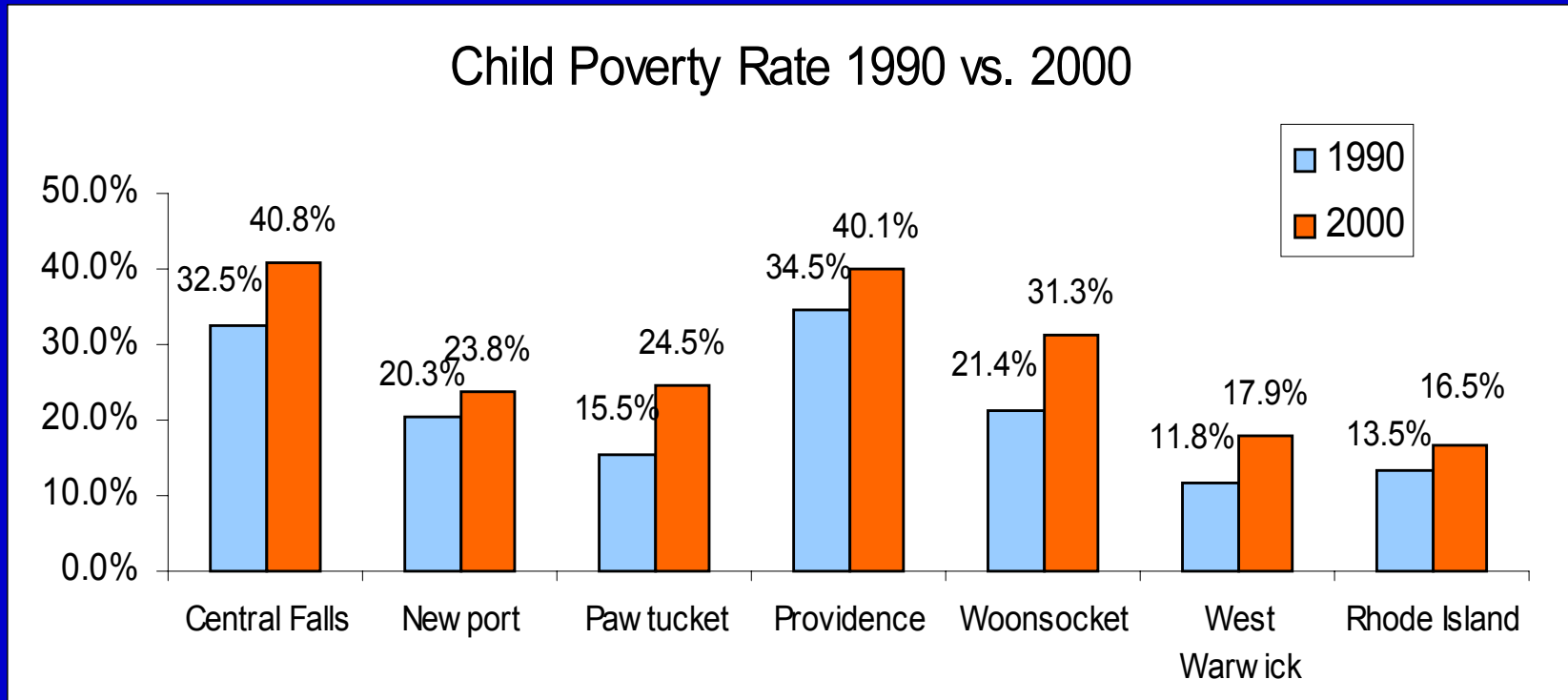
## Children Living in Poor Families

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Central Falls</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>2,189</b>
<b>Pawtucket</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>4,353</b>

Child poverty increased by 9% in Pawtucket and 8.3% in Central Falls between 1990 and 2000. These increases were the second and third highest in the state.

Central Falls now has the highest child poverty rate in Rhode Island at 41%.

# Percentage of Children Under Age 18 Living Below the Poverty Line, Core Cities and the State



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

- ❖ Rhode Island has the highest child poverty rate of any New England State and is ranked 30<sup>th</sup> worst nationwide on this indicator.
- ❖ West Warwick is now the sixth core city in Rhode Island with a child poverty rate of 17.9%

# Median Household Income

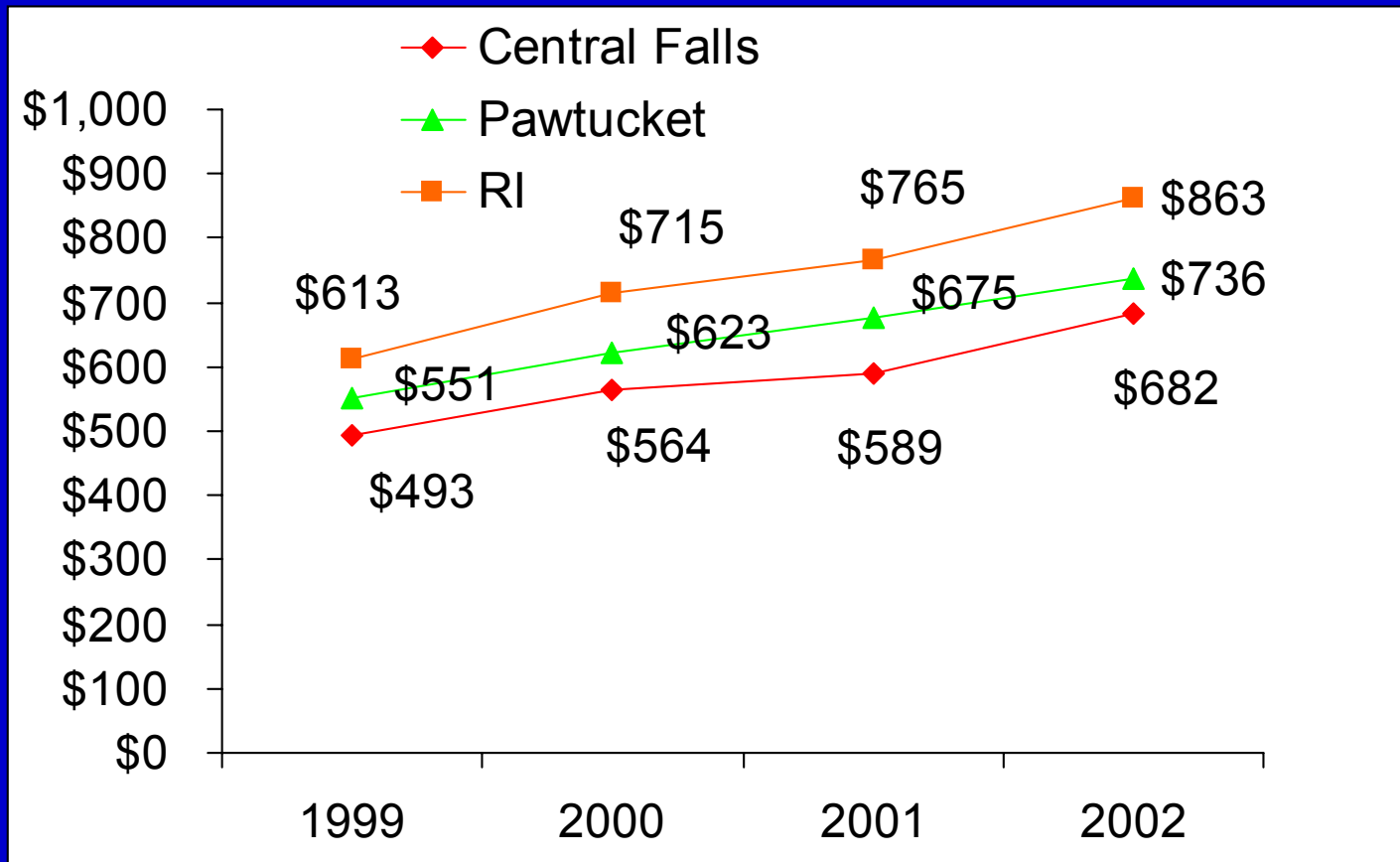
Lowest Income and Highest Income Communities 1989 and 1999

	Adjusted Median HH Income 1989	Median HH Income 1999
Central Falls	\$24,289	\$22,628
Providence	\$28,894	\$26,867
Woonsocket	\$33,090	\$30,819
Pawtucket	\$34,627	\$31,775
Barrington	\$69,222	\$74,591
East Greenwich	\$66,401	\$70,062
West Greenwich	\$53,817	\$65,725
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>\$41,985</i>	<i>\$42,090</i>

The Median Family Income for a family with a child under age 18 in Central Falls in 1999 was \$22,008 in Pawtucket it was \$33,562.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 Census.

# Cost of Rent – 2 Bdrm Apt.



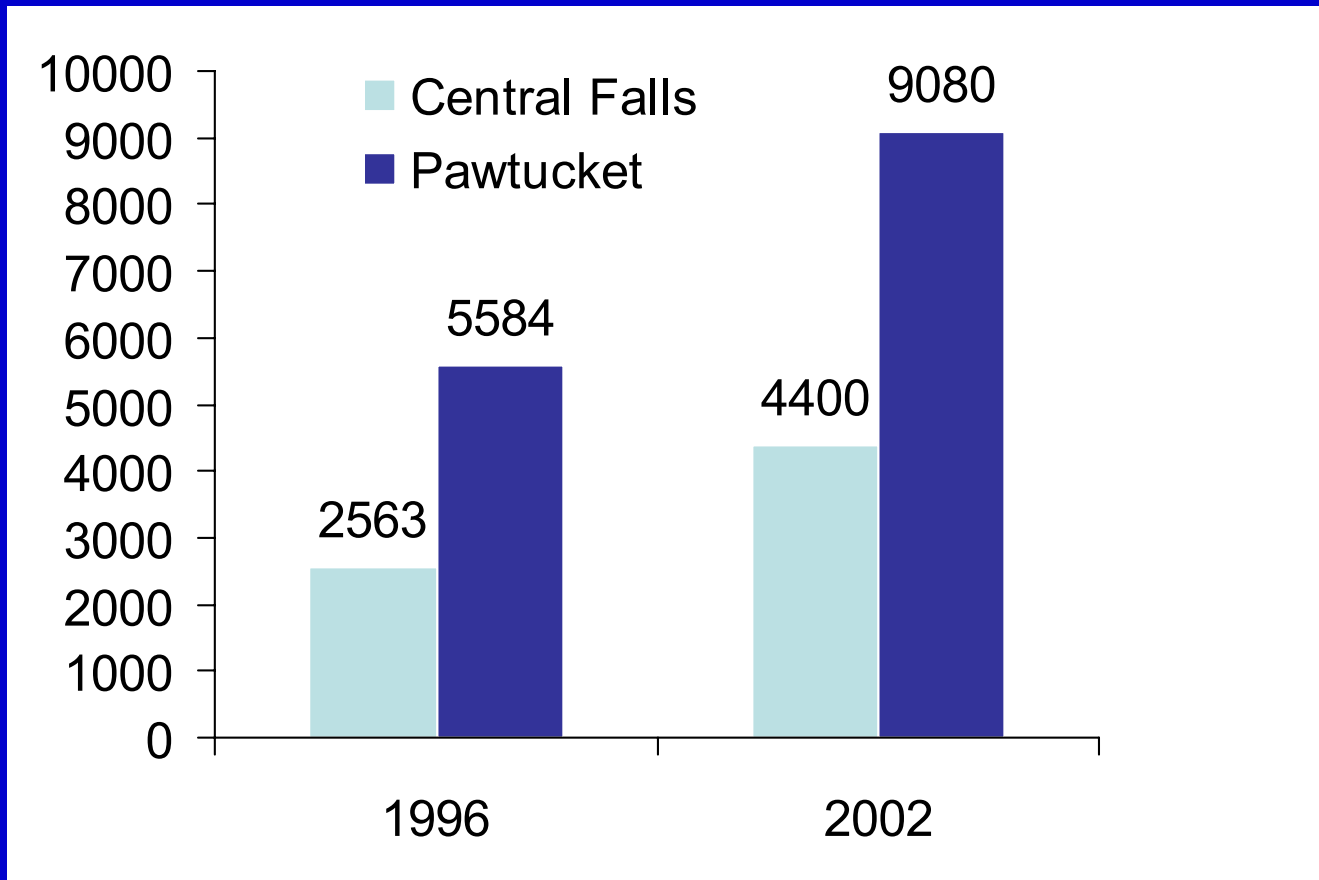
Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 1994 - 2002

A family of three living at the poverty level is able to afford rent of \$376 per month.



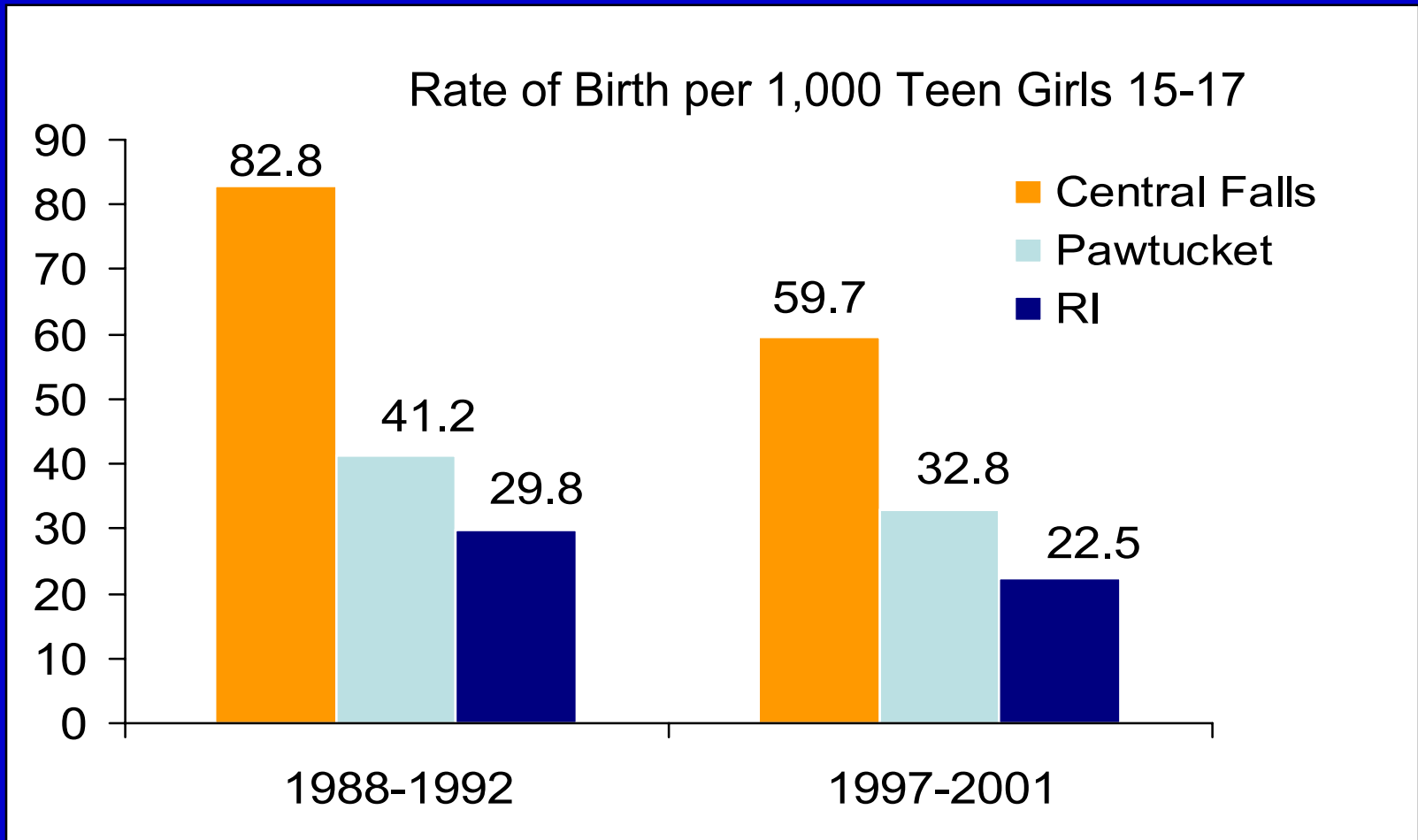
**Health**

# Children Under Age 19 Receiving Medical Assistance



As of 2001, 4.5% of Rhode Island's children under age 19 were uninsured, the lowest rate of uninsured children in the country.

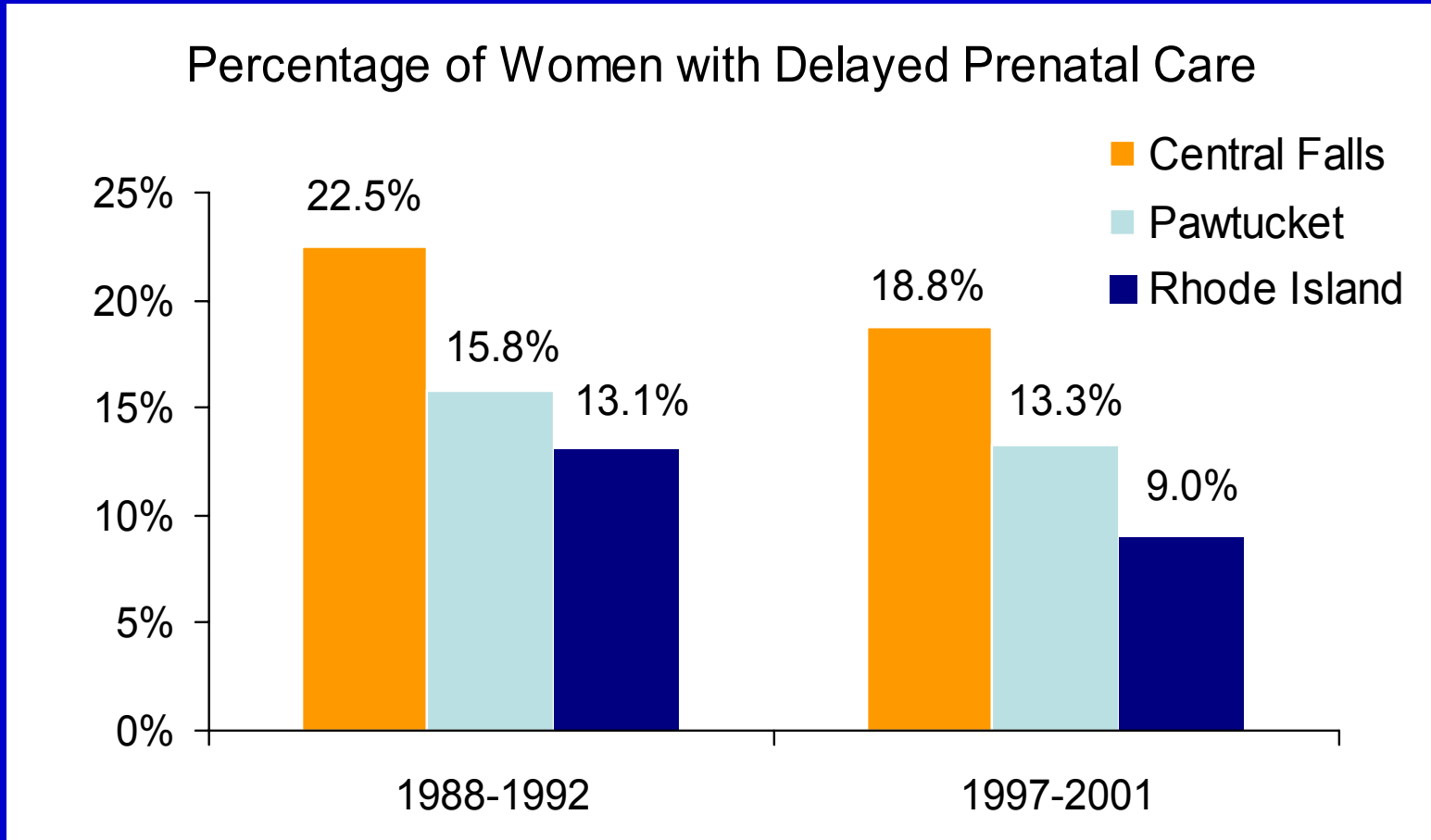
# Births to Teens



Although both teen birth rates dropped significantly over the decade, Central Falls still has the highest and Pawtucket has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest rate in the state.

# Delayed Prenatal Care

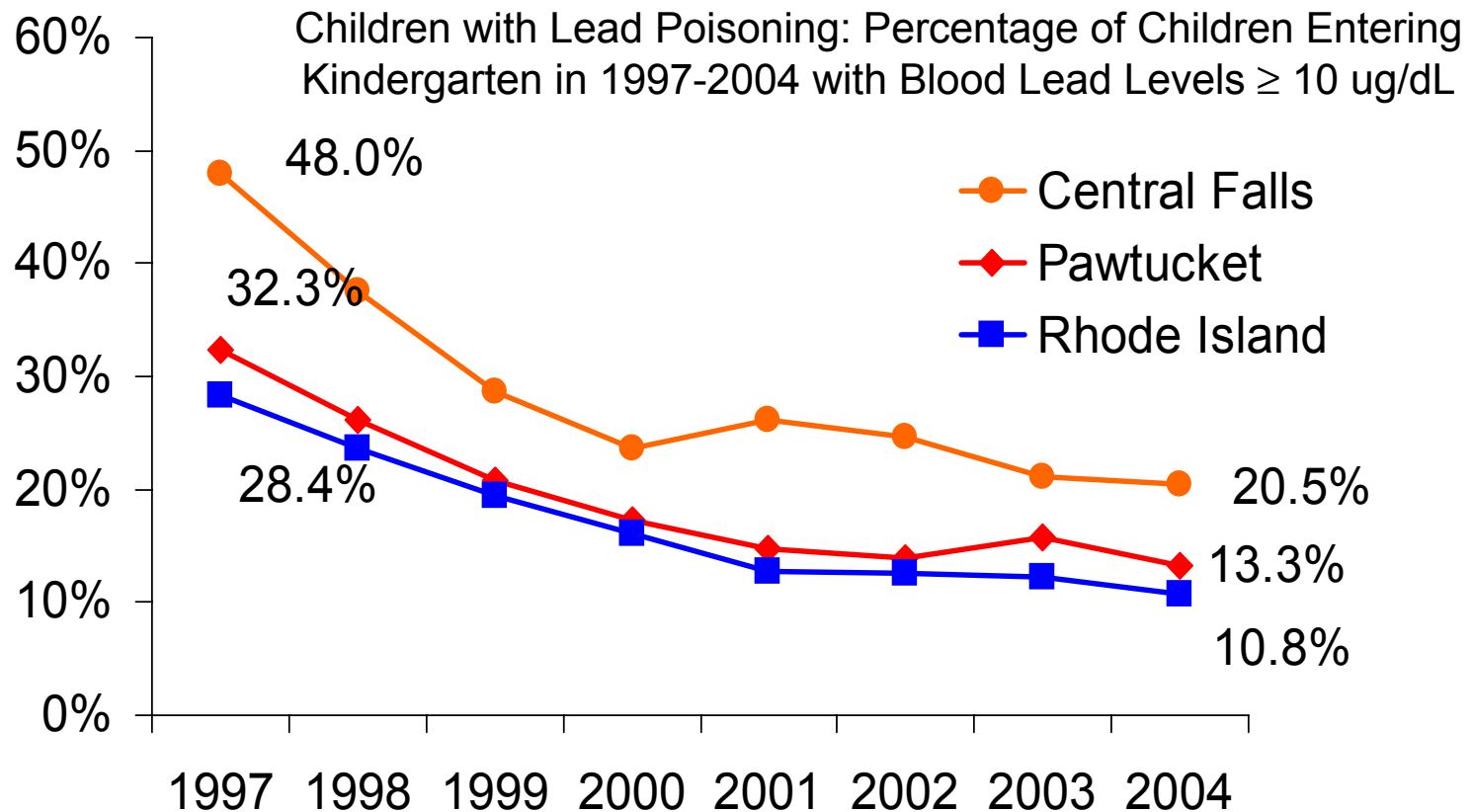
Incidence of delayed prenatal care has declined in Central Falls and Pawtucket. Central Falls continues to have the highest percentage of delayed prenatal care in the state. (Pawtucket is #4)



Source: 1996 and 2003 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook

# Children with High Lead Levels

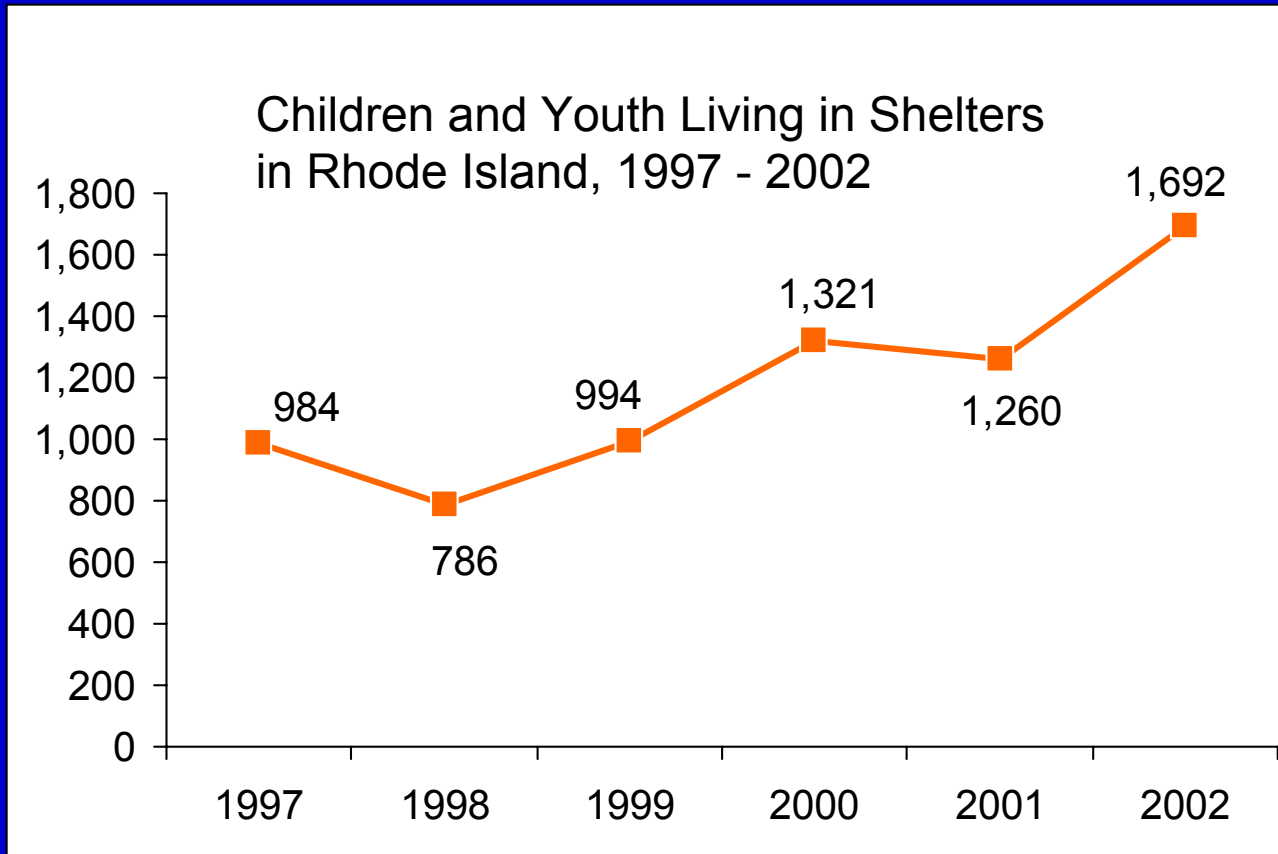
Throughout the decade, Central Falls, Pawtucket and the state have seen dramatic overall decreases in the number of children entering kindergarten with elevated lead levels.





**Safety**

# Homeless Children and Homeless Youth



*Of the 5,440 people who received shelter services in RI in 2002, 127 people claimed Central Falls and 267 claimed Pawtucket as their city of last residence.*

Source: Rhode Island Emergency Shelter Information Project. represents FY July 1 – June 30.

# Juveniles in Family Court and the Training School

In 2002, in Rhode Island, there were 5,049 juveniles referred to Family court for 9,348 wayward and delinquent offenses.

*In 2002, juveniles in from Central Falls committed 309 offenses, and juveniles from Pawtucket committed 671 offenses.*

In 2002, 1,061 juveniles spent time at the Rhode Island Training School. This is 1% of all 10 – 17 year olds.

*Of these 53 were from Central Falls and 98 were from Pawtucket.*

Source: Rhode Island Family Court, and Rhode Island Department of Children Youth and Families.

# Child Abuse and Neglect

	<u># of Indicated Cases* - 2002</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Children</u>
Central Falls	63	9.8
Pawtucket	196	9.4
Rhode Island	2,209	7.5

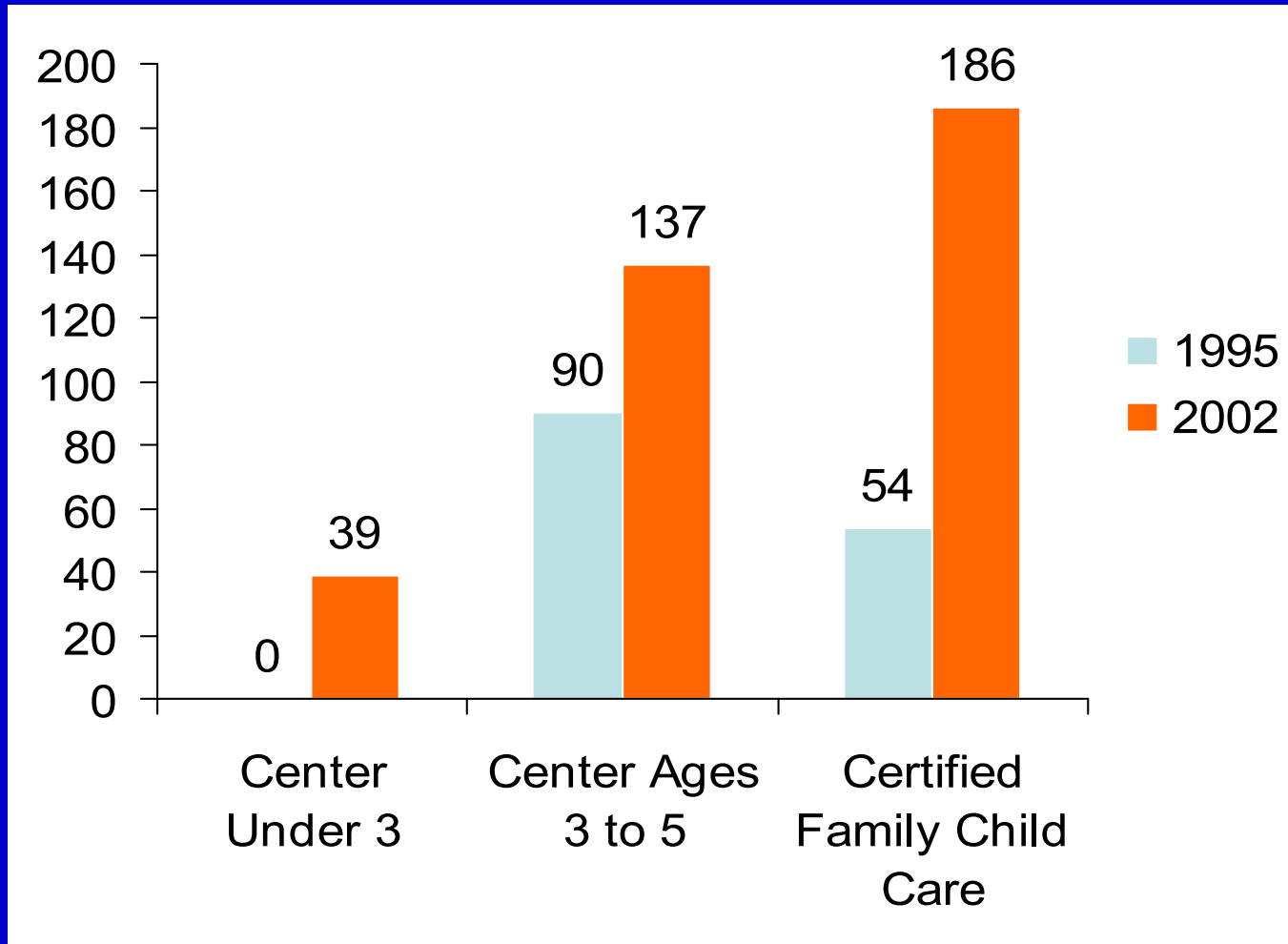
Although still significantly higher than the state rates, the 2002 numbers represent an improvement from the 1994 child abuse rates of 22.2 in Central Falls and 13.2 in Pawtucket.

\*An indicated case is an investigated report for which credible evidence exists that child abuse and/or neglect occurred.



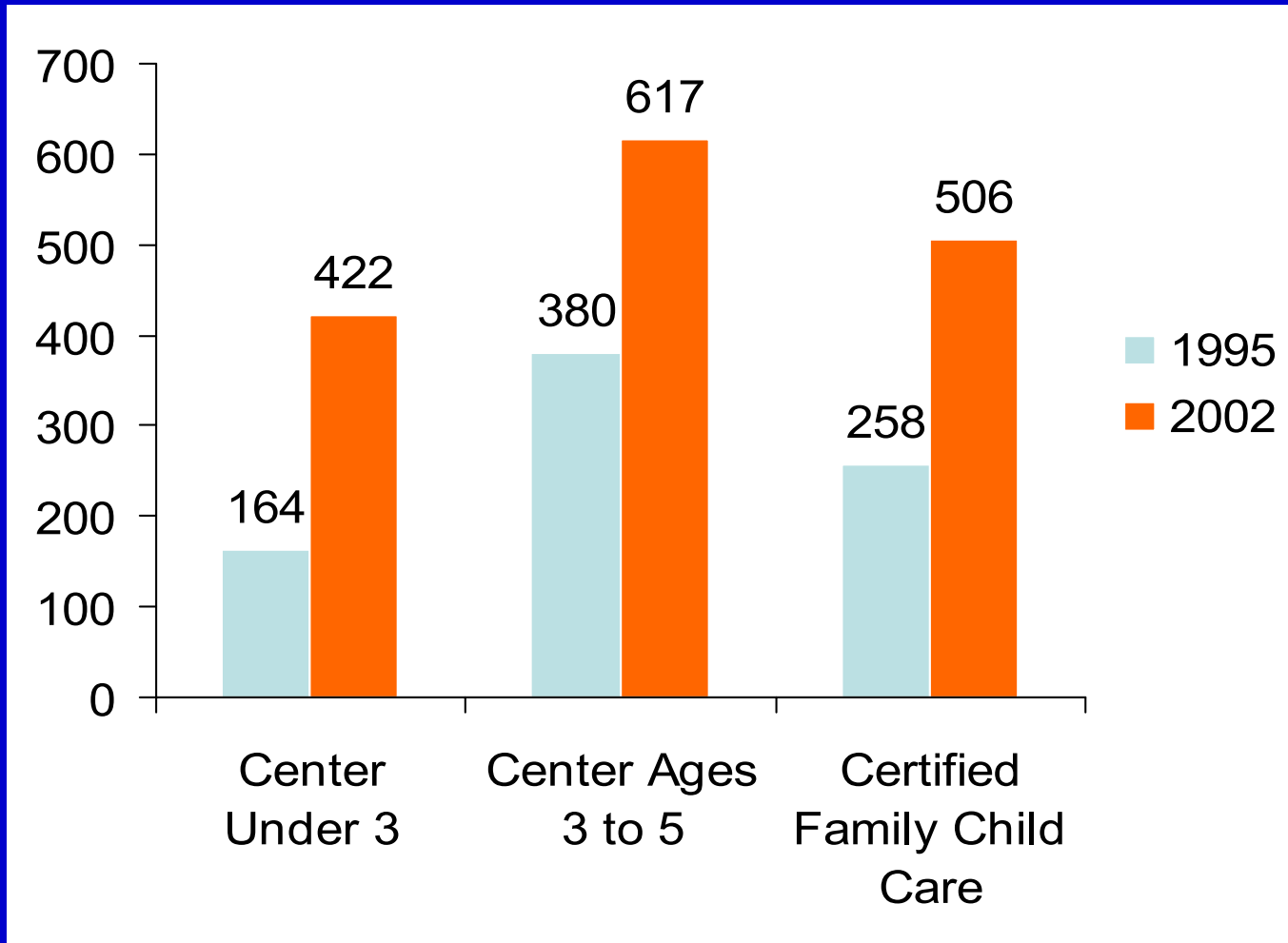
**Education**

# Licensed Child Care Capacity – Central Falls



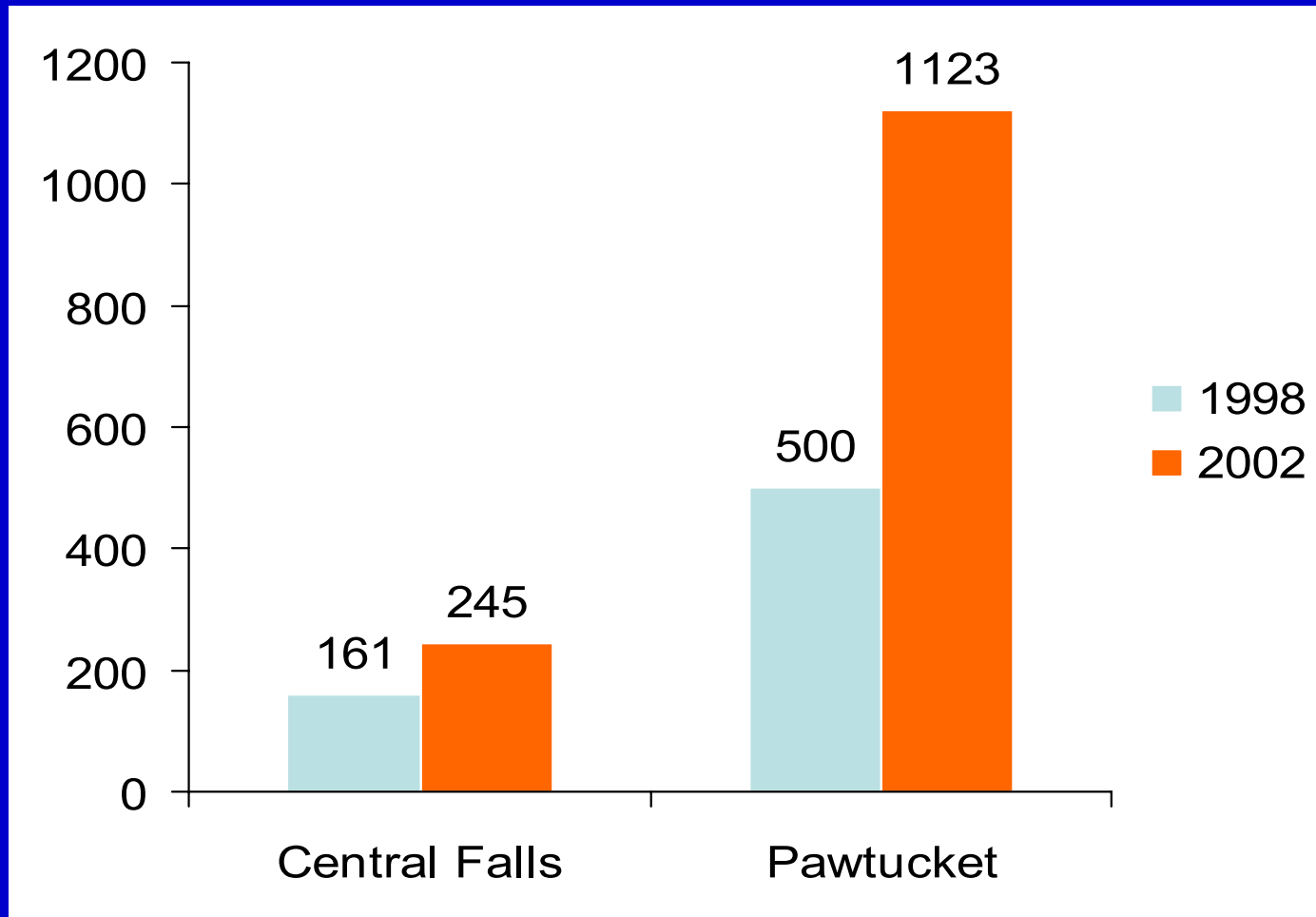
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# Licensed Child Care Capacity – Pawtucket



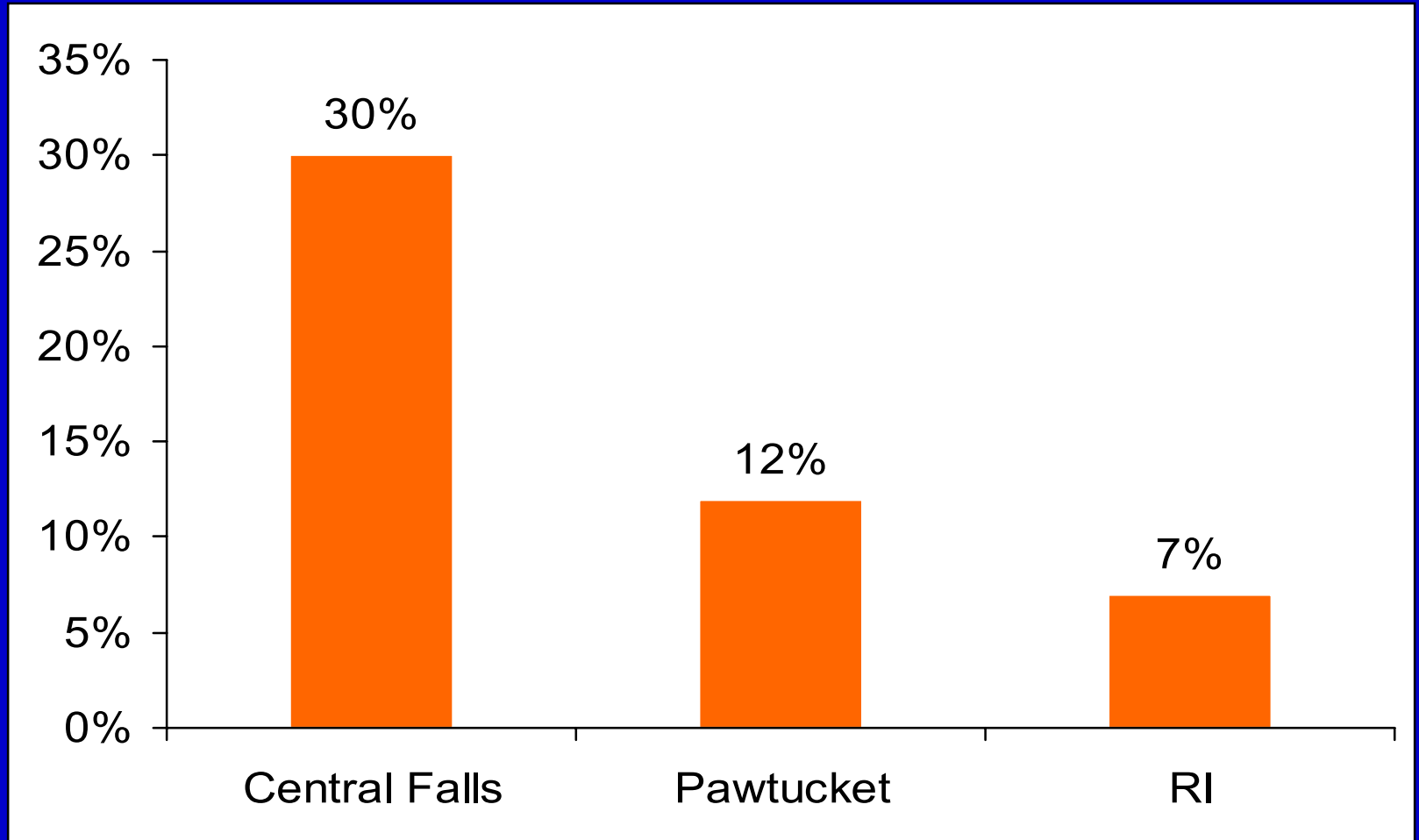
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# Licensed School Aged Child Care Capacity – Pawtucket and Central Falls



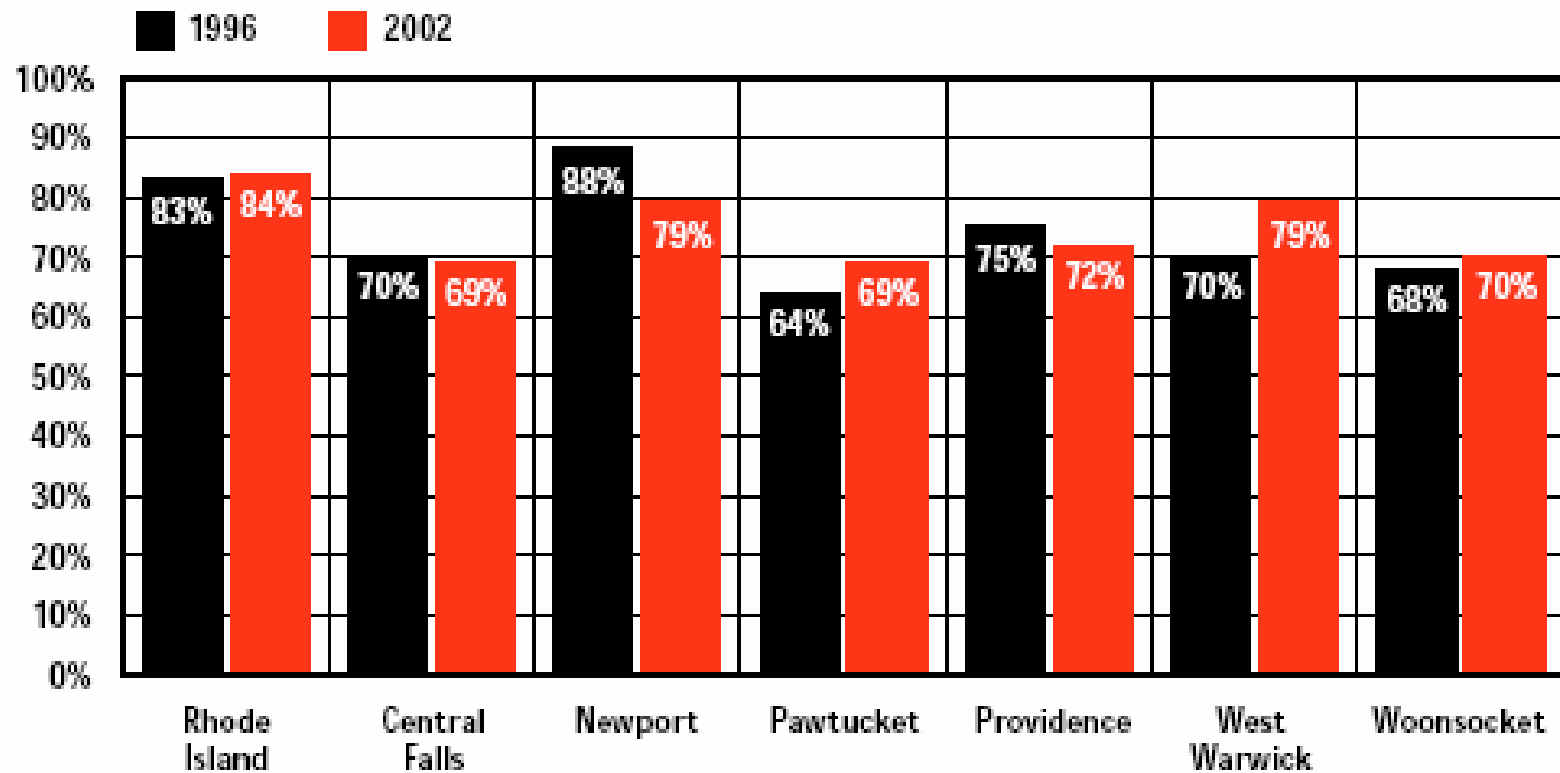
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# English Language Learners



Central Falls has 1,100 children in ELL programs, the highest percentage in the state. Pawtucket has 1,196 children in ELL programs, the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest percentage in the state.

## High School Graduation Rate, Core Cities and Rhode Island, 1996-2002



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 1994 - 2003



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