

**Racial and Ethnic Disparities:
Information from the
*2003 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook***



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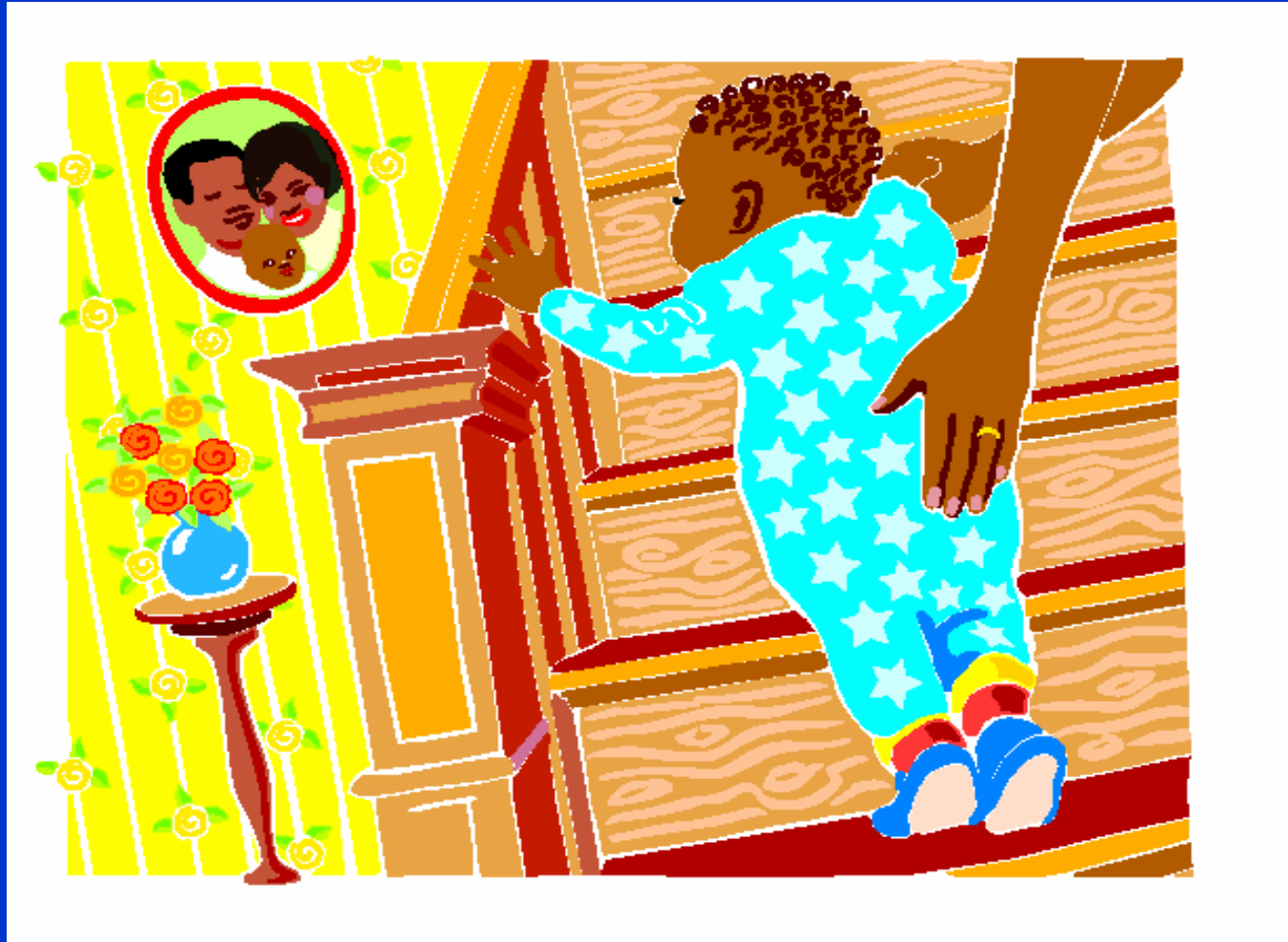
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Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook

- 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

The Diversity of Rhode Island's Children

- ◆ The diversity of Rhode Island's children has increased substantially in the last decade. Children of color (all other children besides White, non-Hispanic children) account for all of the growth in Rhode Island's child population between 1990 and 2000.
- ◆ According to the 2000 Census, 27% of Rhode Island's children are racial and ethnic minorities, up from 16% in 1990.
- ◆ 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.

Rhode Island Child Population by Race and Ethnicity

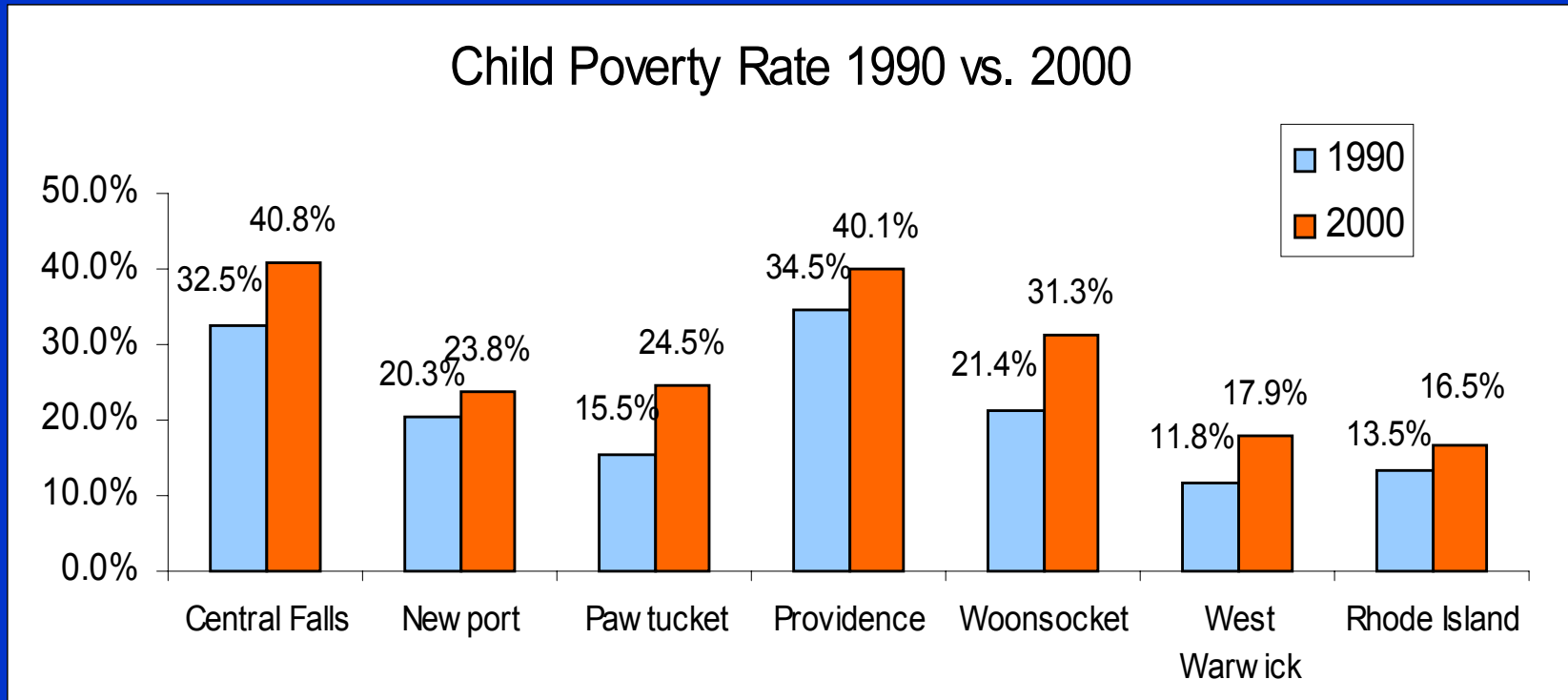
Hispanic or Latino	35,002	14%
Not Hispanic or Latino		
White	180,075	73%
Black or African American	13,585	5%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1,458	1%
Asian	6,609	3%
Native Hawaiian or other pacific islander	70	<1%
Some other race	2,874	1%
Two or more races	<u>8,149</u>	3%
Total Population Under Age 18	247,822	

Note: All categories are mutually exclusive. If Hispanic/Latino was selected as an ethnicity, individuals are not included in other racial categories. Likewise, if more than one race was selected individuals are included in two or more races not in the individual race categories that they selected. May not add due to rounding.



Economic Well Being

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



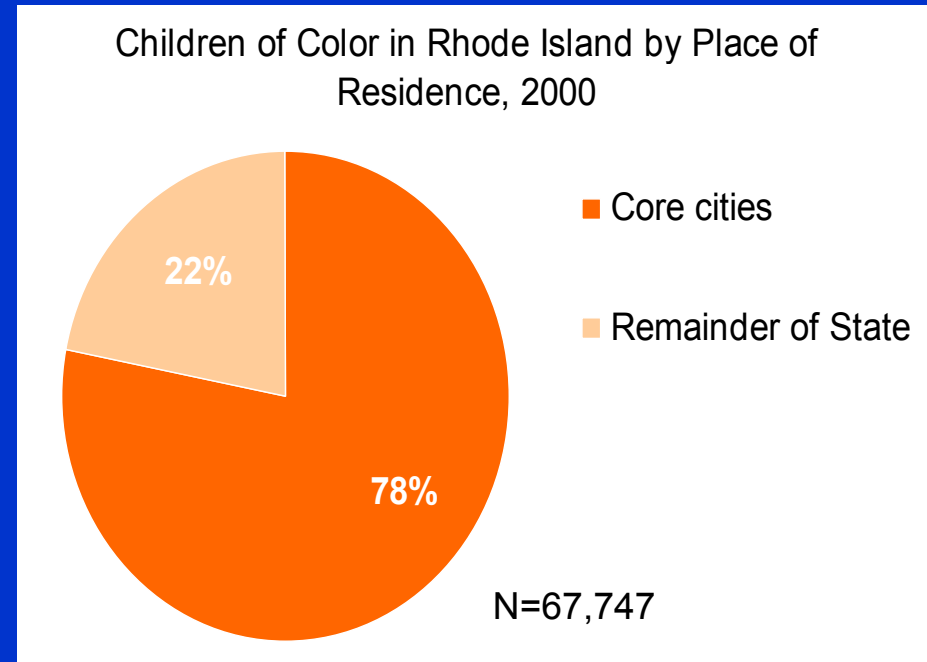
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

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

Most Rhode Island Children of Color live in the Core Cities*

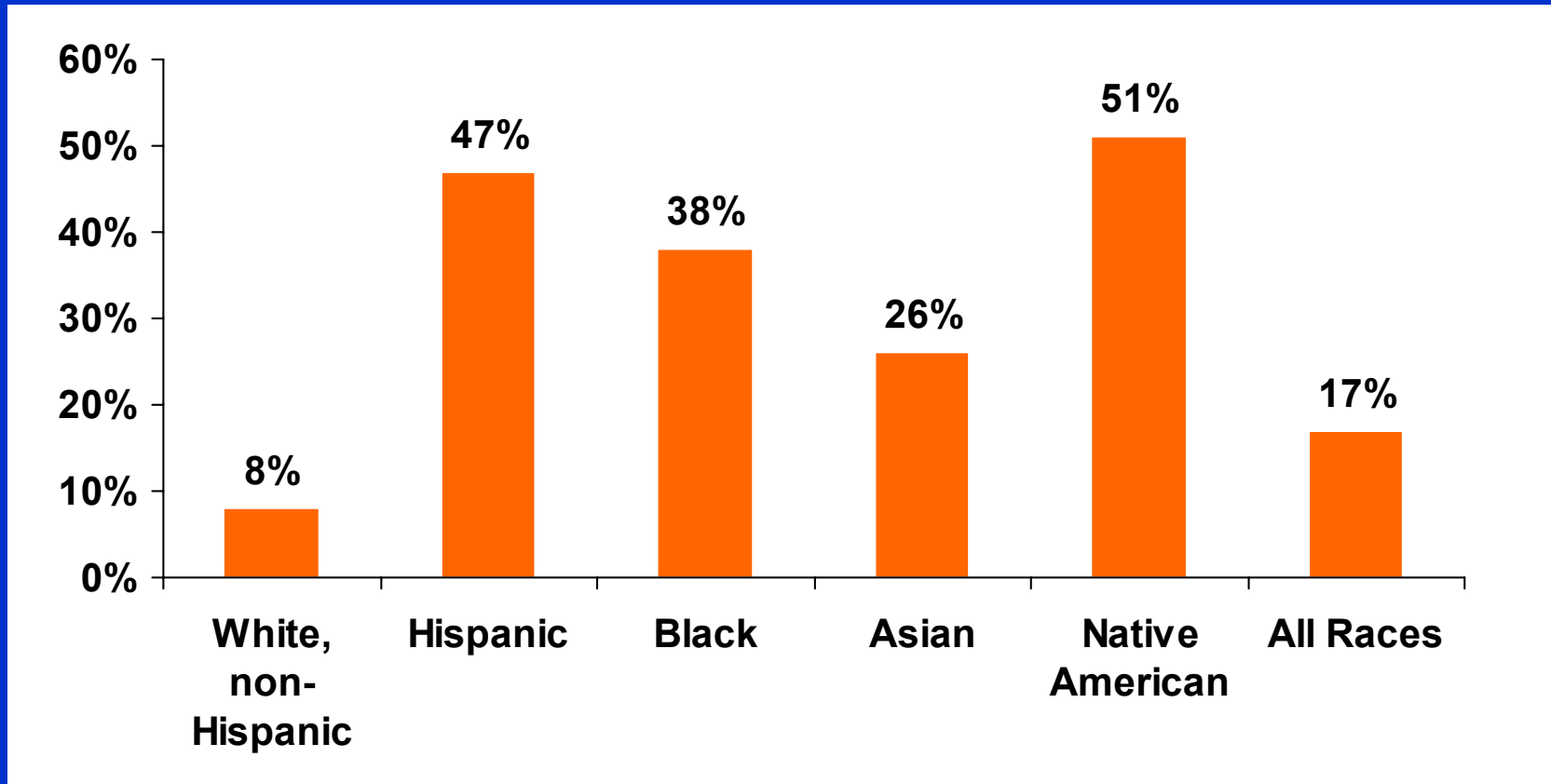
More than three-quarters (78%) of all minority children in Rhode Island live in these six communities.

More than half (58%) of the children living in the core cities are children of color.



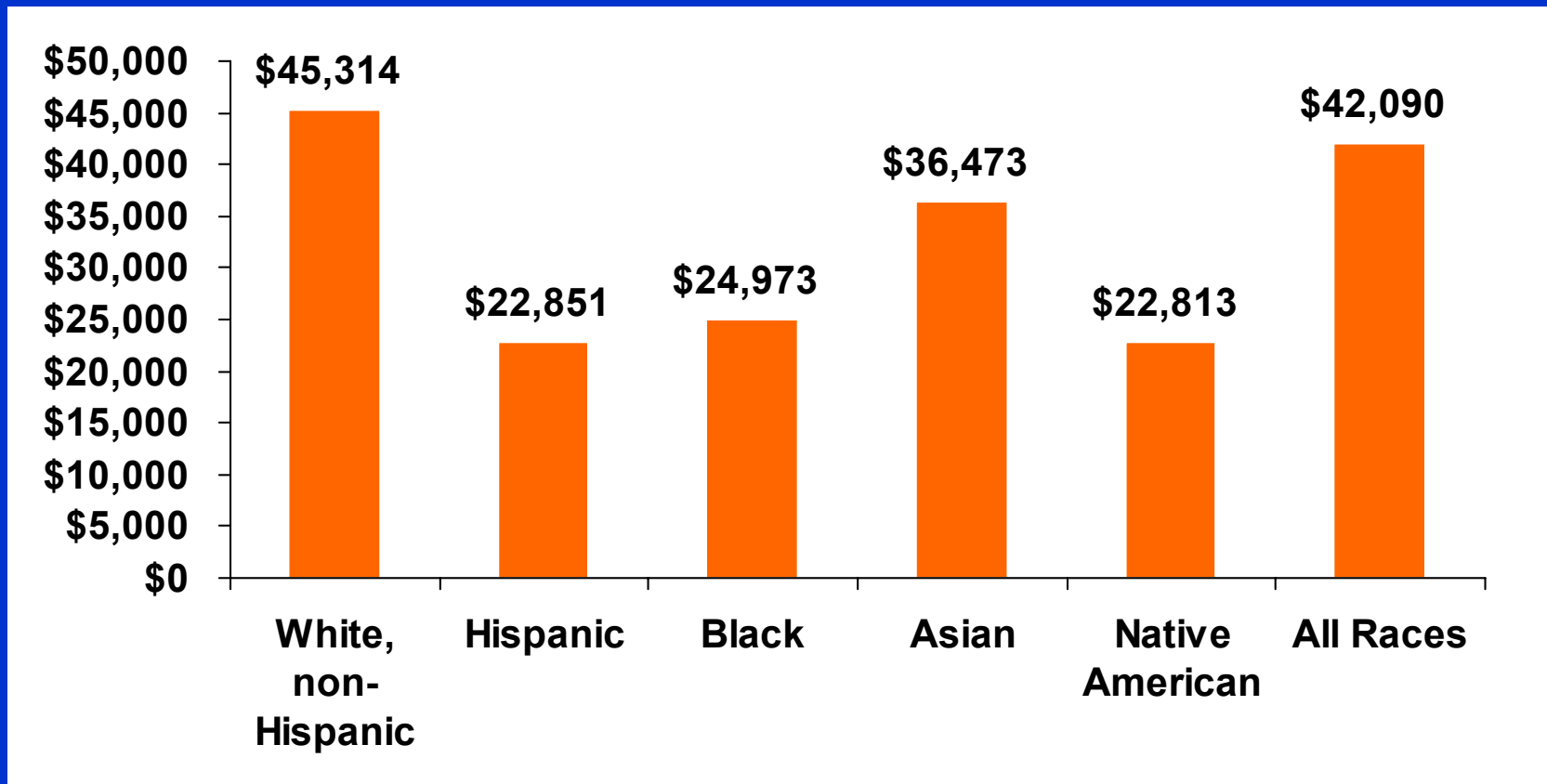
* Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick and Woonsocket

Rhode Island Child Poverty Rate by Race and Ethnicity, 2000



Source: Census 2000, data refers to only those individuals who selected one race. Black, Asian and Native American categories include both Hispanic and non-Hispanic individuals.

Rhode Island Median Household Income by Race and Ethnicity, 2000



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Major Economic Disparities

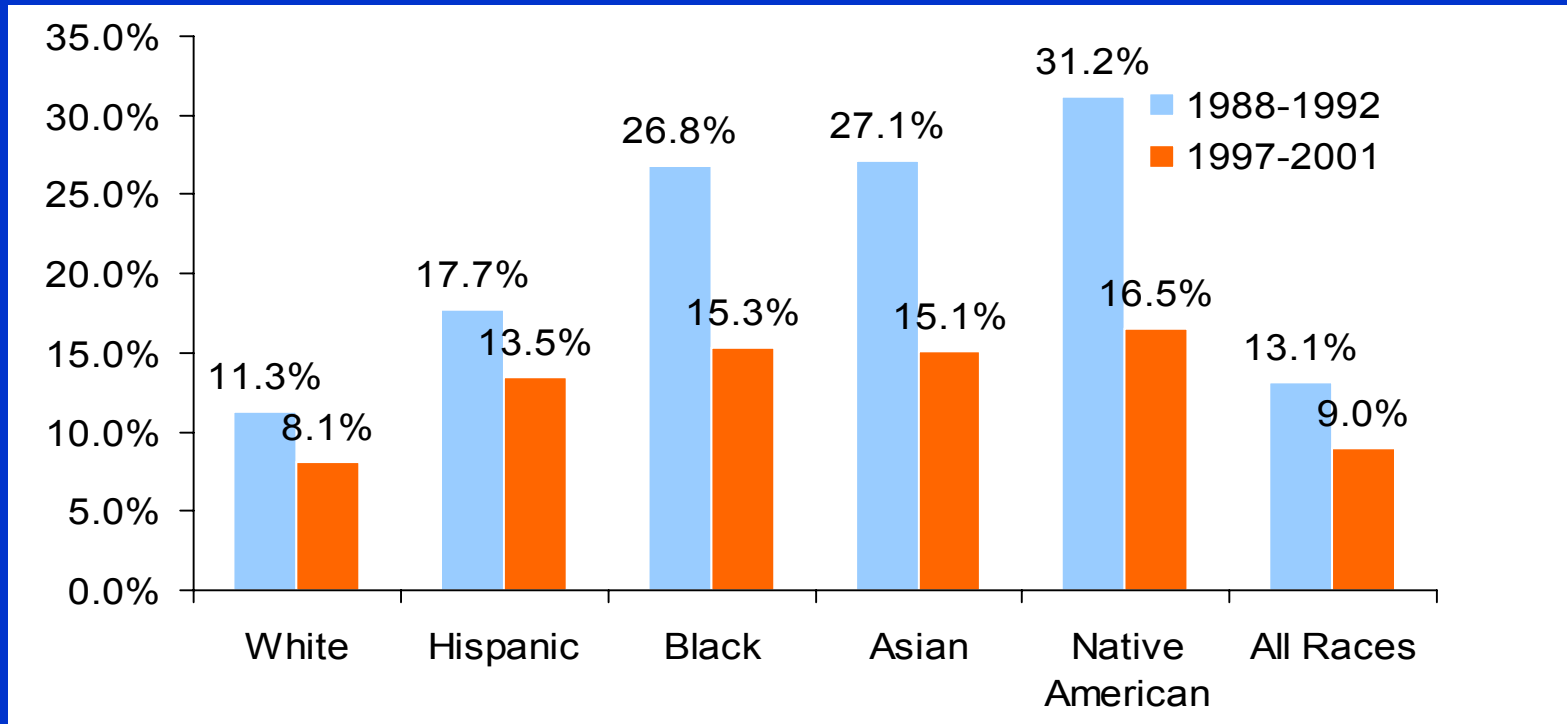
- Latinos in Rhode Island have highest child poverty rate and the lowest median family income of any Latinos in any state the country.
- African Americans in Rhode Island have the highest child poverty rate and lowest median family income of any in New England.

Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation, *KIDS COUNT Pocket Guides, State Level Measures of Child Well Being from the 2000 Census.*



Health

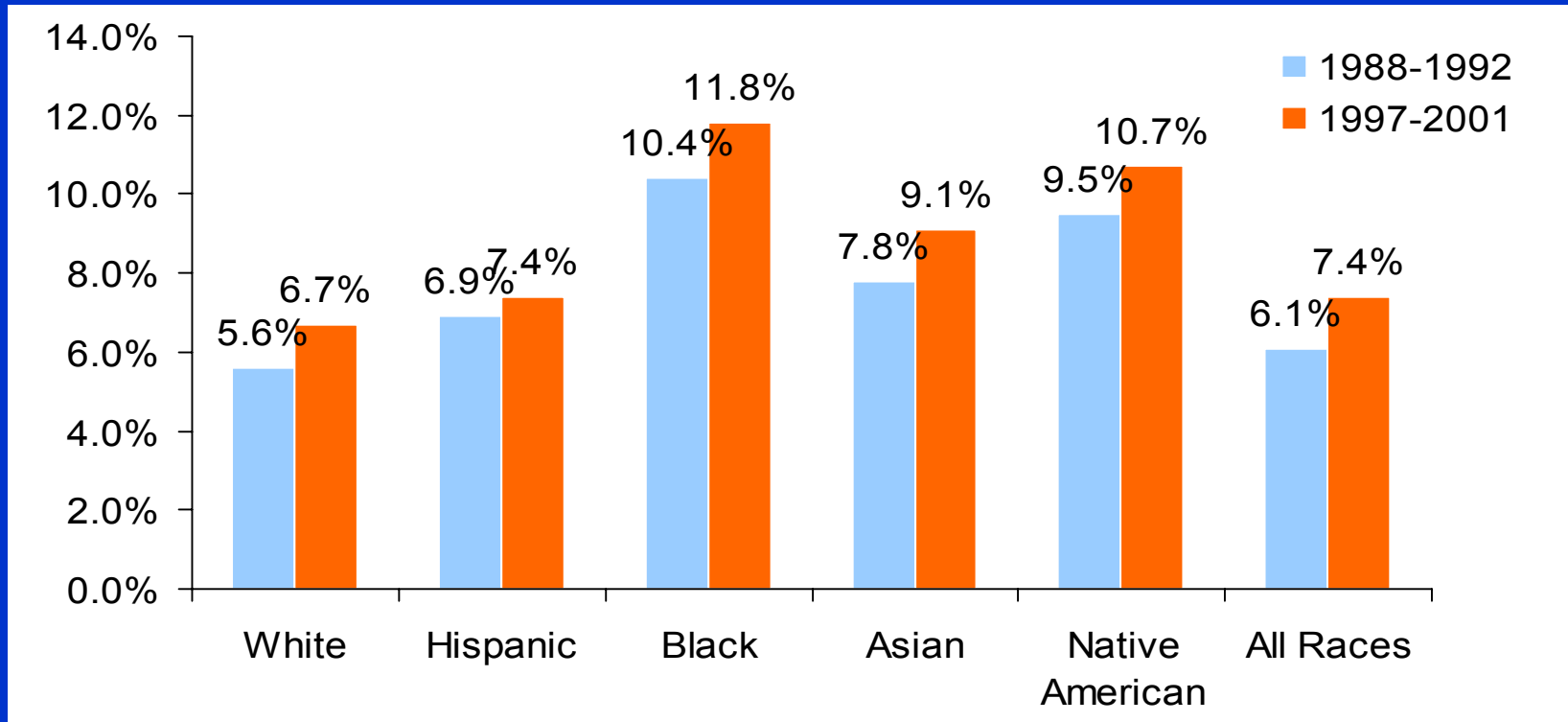
Women with Late or no Prenatal Care, by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island



- ❖ During the 1990s, the rate of delayed prenatal care decreased from about 13% to 9% statewide.
- ❖ **RI ranks #1 best in the country on this indicator.**

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Database

Low Birthweight Infants, by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island

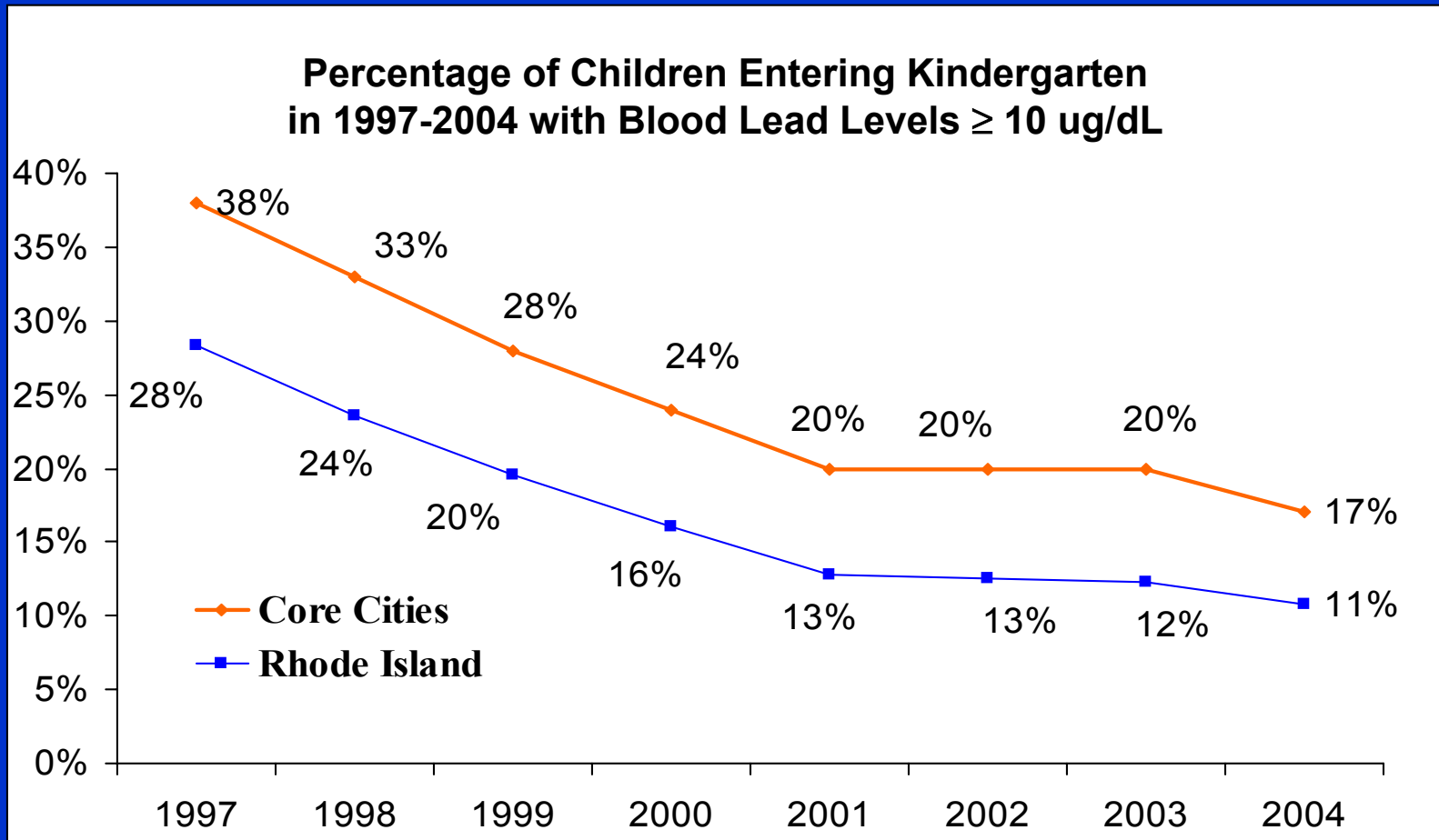


- ❖ Over the past decade, the rate of low birthweight infants has increased in RI and in the US, across all racial and ethnic categories.
- ❖ **RI ranks 21st in the country on this indicator.**

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Database

Children with a History of Elevated Blood Lead Levels

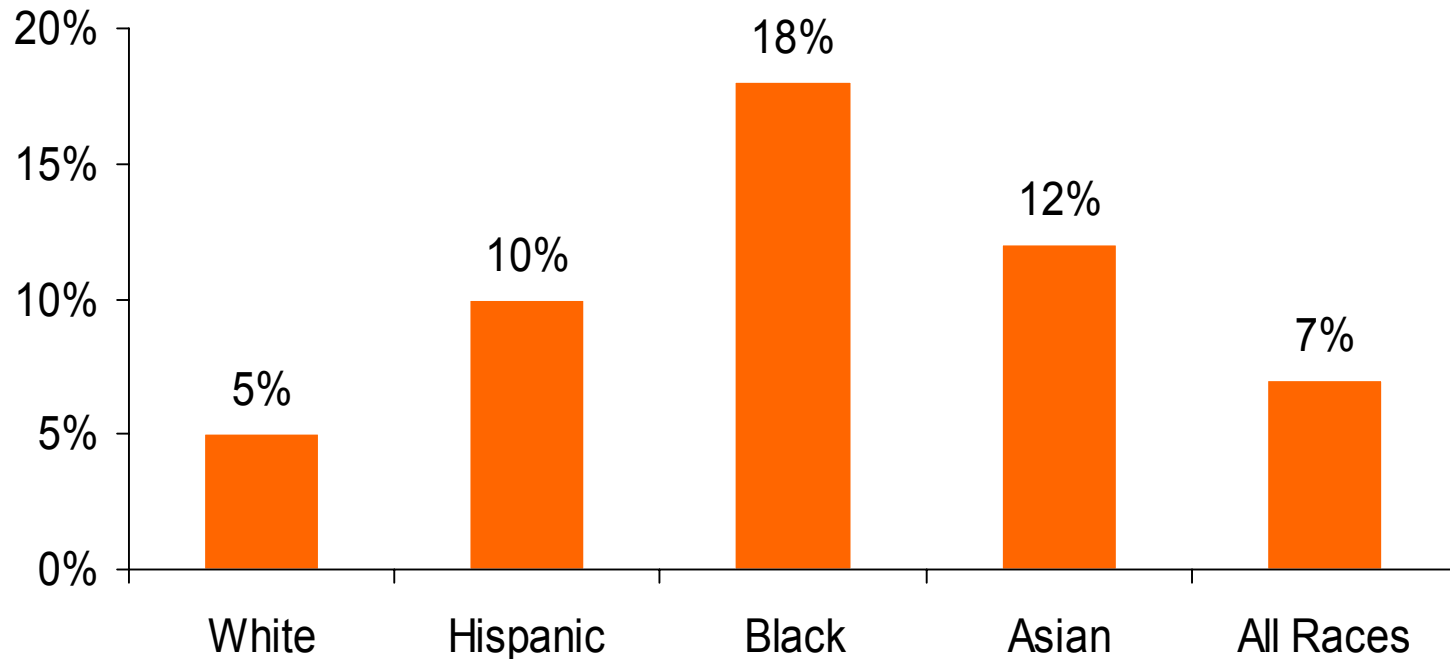
Throughout the decade, the core cities and the state have seen dramatic decreases in the number of children entering kindergarten with a history of elevated lead levels.



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook 1996-2003

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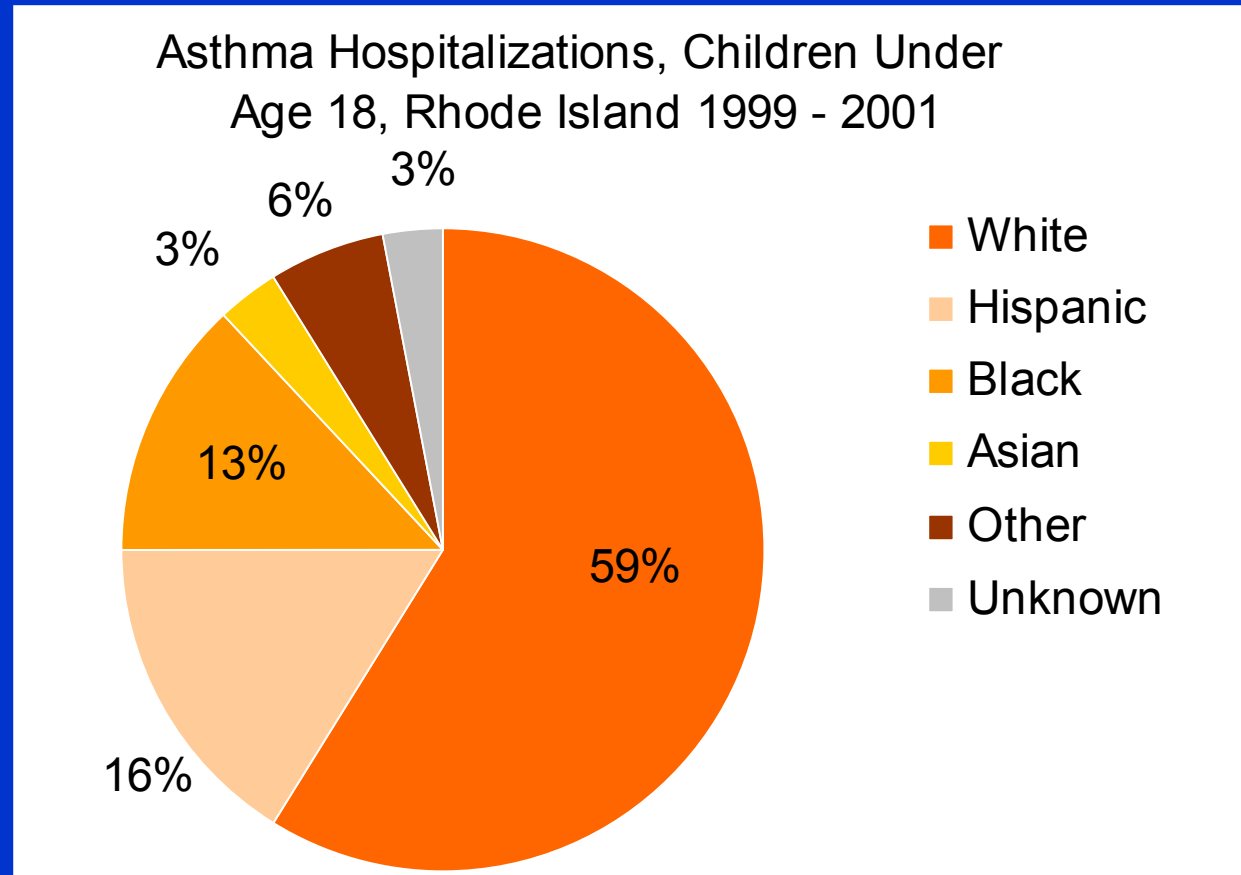
**RI Children under age 6 with high lead levels
(≥ 10 ug/dL), 2002**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Childhood Lead Prevention Program.
Note: Native American were not included because of small numbers.

Children with Asthma

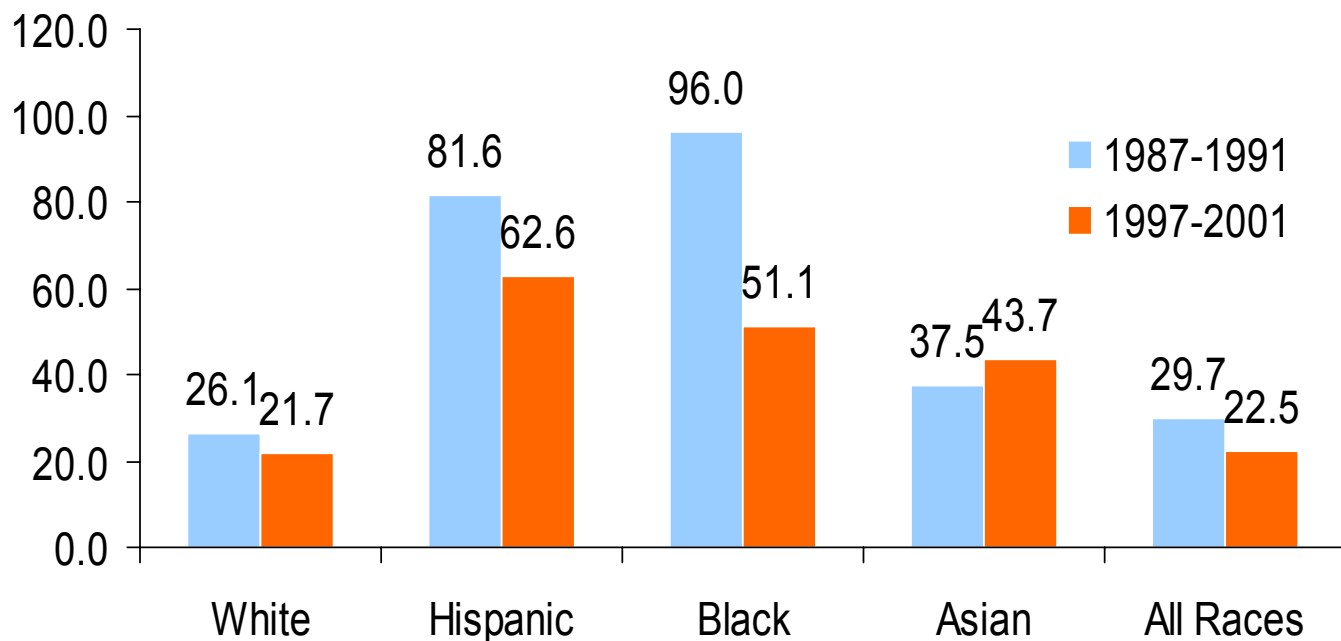
Although children of color make up 27% of RI's children, they are 38% of all children hospitalized for asthma in the state.



Source: RI Department of Health, Hospital Discharge Database, 1999 – 2001.

Births to Teens

Birth rate to teens per 1,000 girls ages 15-17,
by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island

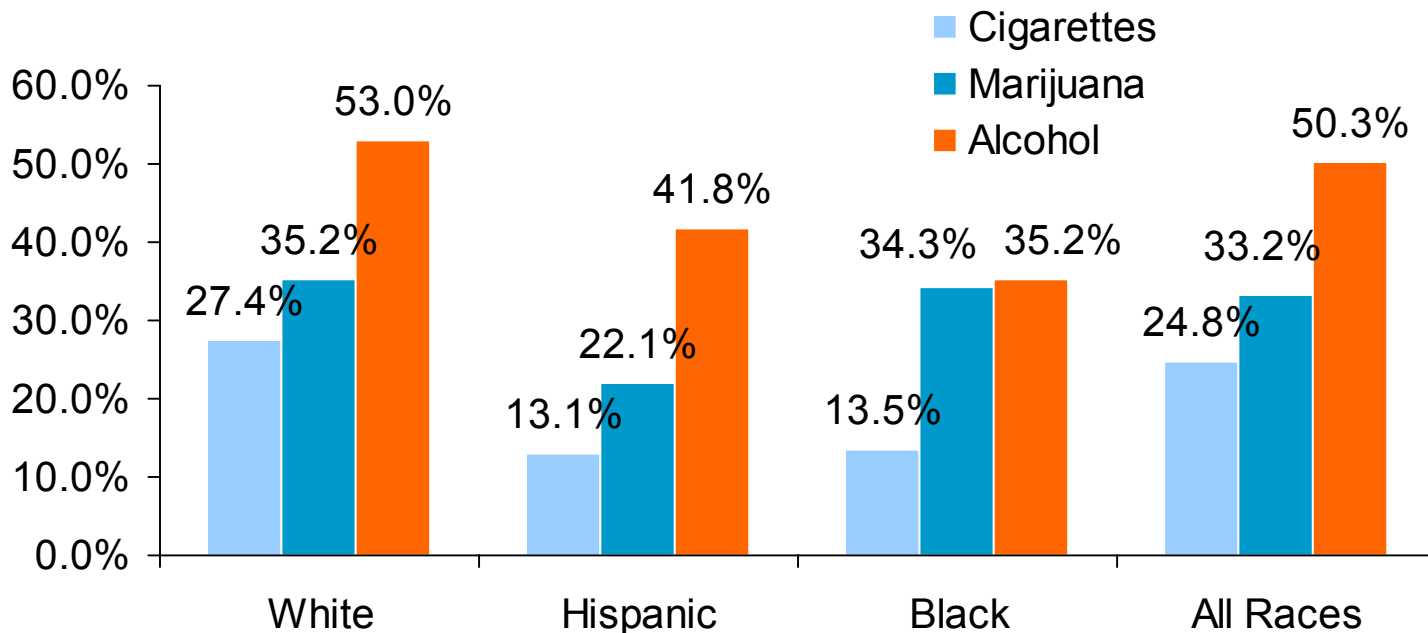


RI ranks 16th in the country on this indicator. The current US rate is 29 births to 1,000 teens ages 15 – 17.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health. Maternal and Child Health Database

Alcohol, Drug and Cigarette Use

Percent of High School students who responded they had used in the last month, Rhode Island, 2001



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics, 2001 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Other Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Publications

- 2000 U.S. Census Briefs
 - City/Town Sheets
 - Issue Briefs
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