

*2008 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook:
West Warwick Data in Your Backyard*



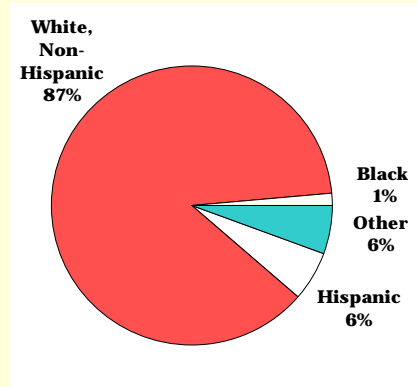
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Family and Community



West Warwick Child Population, by Race & Ethnicity

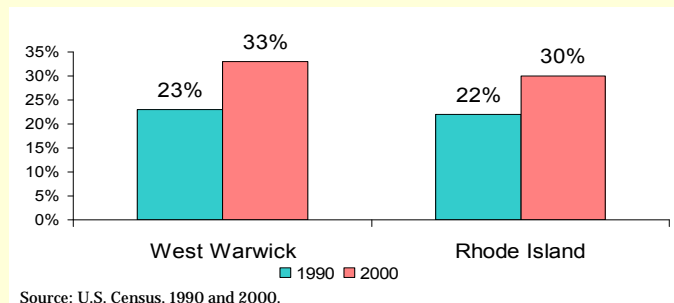
- There were 6,632 children under age 18 living in West Warwick in 2000, up from 6,560 in 1990.
- 87% were White non-Hispanic, 1% were Black, 6% were Hispanic, and 6% belonged to other racial and ethnic groups.
- The proportion of the population that identifies as White is larger in West Warwick than in the state as a whole.



Source: U.S. Census 2000.

Children in Single-Parent Families

Children Under Age 18 Living in Single-Parent Families

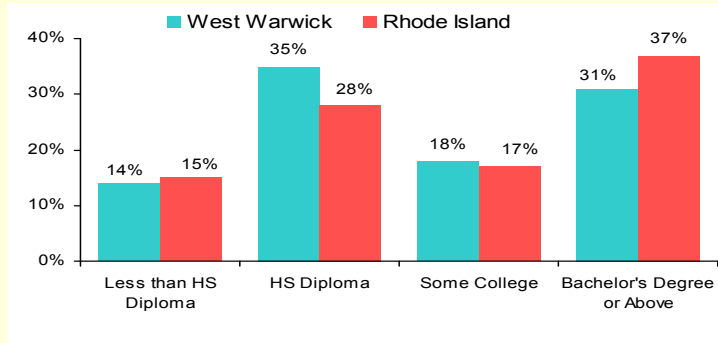


Source: U.S. Census, 1990 and 2000.

- In 2000 in West Warwick, 33% of children lived in single-parent families compared to the state rate of 30%.
- In 2006 in Rhode Island, 33% of children lived in single-parent families.
- Rhode Island is currently ranked 44th out of 50 states (where 1st is the best) in the U.S. for percentage of children living in single-parent households.

Mother's Education Level

Births by Education Level of Mother 2002-2006



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, 2001-2005.

- Research shows strong links between parental education levels and a child's school readiness, health, and the level of education that the child will ultimately achieve.
- Between 2002-2006 in West Warwick, 14% of mothers had less than a high school diploma, compared to 15% for the state. The proportion of mothers with a Bachelor's Degree or above is lower in West Warwick (31%) than in the state as a whole (37%).

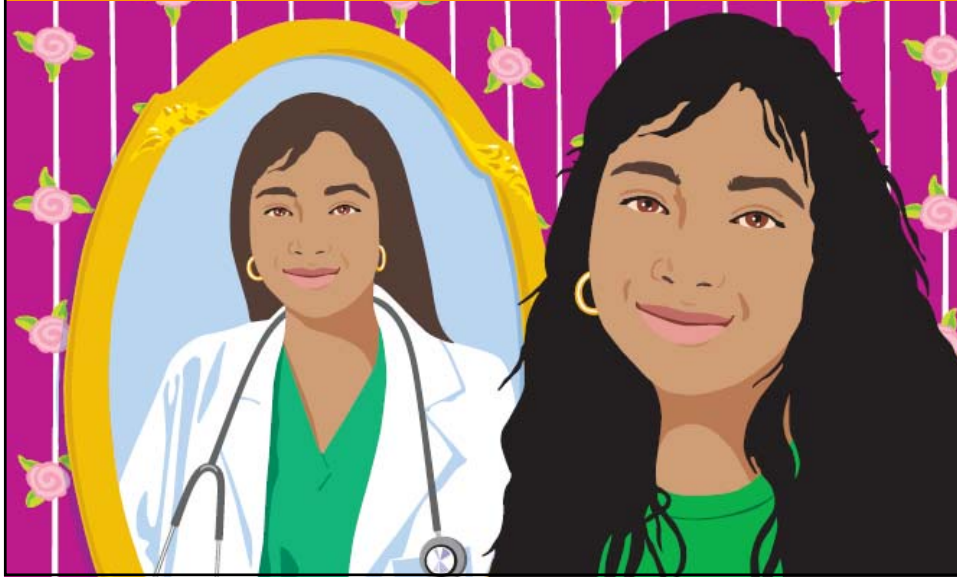
Infants Born at Highest Risk, 2007

	# of Births	# Born at Risk	# Born at Highest Risk
Central Falls	380	365	40 (11%)
Newport	308	265	17 (6%)
Pawtucket	1,166	1,078	86 (7%)
Providence	2,936	2,797	277 (9%)
West Warwick	409	356	10 (2%)
Woonsocket	653	602	47 (7%)
Core Cities	5,852	5,463	477 (8%)
Remainder of State	6,156	4,908	171 (3%)
Rhode Island	12,010	10,372	648 (5%)

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, KIDSNET Database, 2007.

- There are three important social and economic risk factors present at birth that, when combined, strongly predict childhood poverty and poor education outcomes: having a mother who is younger than 20, unmarried, and without a high school degree.
- In 2007, 2% of babies were born to West Warwick teen mothers who were unmarried, and without a high school diploma, compared to 5% for the state as a whole.

Economic Well-Being

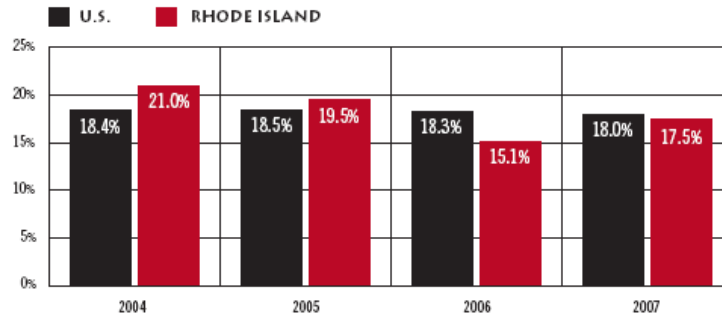


Child Poverty in West Warwick

- The **poverty level** in 2007 was family income below \$16,705 for a family of three with two children and \$21,027 for a family of four with two children. In West Warwick in 2000, 1,186 children (18.1%) were living in poverty.
- The **extreme poverty level** in 2007 was family income below \$8,353 for a family of three with two children and \$10,514 for a family of four with two children. In West Warwick in 2000, 462 children (7.0% of all children and 39% of poor children) were living in extreme poverty.
- The **low-income level** in 2007 was family income below \$30,710 for a family of three with two children and \$37,000 for a family of four with two children.
- The Poverty Institute's **2006 Rhode Island Standard of Need** states that a single-parent family with two children in which the parent is working would need an income of \$47,196 to pay basic living expenses, including housing, food, clothing, health insurance, child care and transportation.

Child Poverty in Rhode Island, 2007

CHILDREN IN POVERTY, U.S. AND RHODE ISLAND, 2004-2007



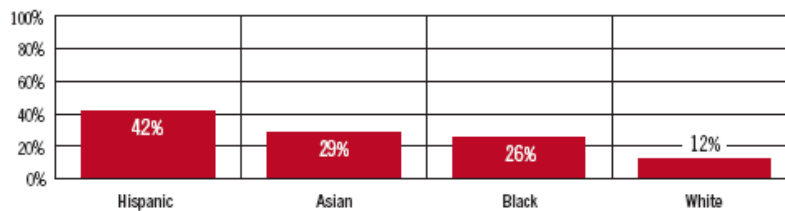
❖ According to ACS 2007, 17.5% (40,468) of Rhode Island children under age 18 lived below the federal poverty threshold. This is a significant decrease from 2004 when 21.0% (50,390) of Rhode Island children were living in poverty.

❖ Of the 40,468 children living in poverty, 44% lived in extreme poverty. In total, an estimated 8% (17,697) of all children in Rhode Island lived in extreme poverty in 2007.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2007.

Disparities in Poverty Rates

CHILDREN IN POVERTY BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, RHODE ISLAND, 2007



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2007.

❖ While nearly half (49%) of all poor children in Rhode Island are White, children who are Hispanic, Black and Asian are much more likely to be living in poverty.

❖ Young children are more likely to be living in poverty than older children. In 2000, 26.8% of West Warwick children under age 6 were living in poverty, compared with 18.1% of all children in West Warwick .

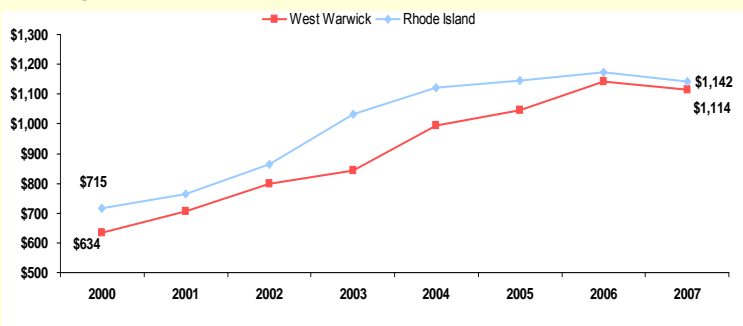
Children in Poverty, 2000

Children under Age 18 in Poor and Low-Income Families, 2000:

	<50% FPL	<100%FPL	<200% FPL
Central Falls	1,146 (21.2%)	2,210 (40.9%)	3,875 (71.7%)
Newport	773 (14.9%)	1,267 (24.4%)	2,223 (42.8%)
Pawtucket	2,195 (12.2%)	4,542 (25.3%)	9,047 (50.4%)
Providence	8,846 (19.9%)	18,045 (40.5%)	29,796 (66.9%)
West Warwick	462 (7.0%)	1,186 (18.1%)	2,655 (40.5%)
Woonsocket	2,061 (18.8%)	3,494 (31.8%)	5,961 (54.3%)
Rhode Island	19,773 (8.1%)	41,162 (16.9%)	83,420 (34.2%)

Cost of Rent

Average Cost of a Two Bedroom Apartment 2000-2007

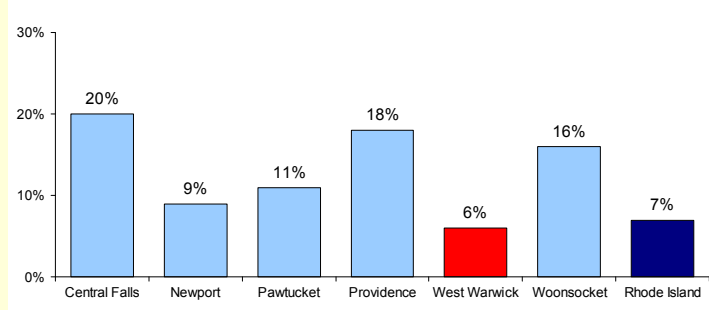


Source: Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, 2000 – 2007.

- Housing is considered affordable if it consumes 30% or less of a family's household income. A family of three living at the poverty level in West Warwick would have to devote 78% of their household income to the cost of rent (\$1,114).
- To afford the average rent in Rhode Island (\$1,142) without a cost burden, a worker would need to earn \$19.77 per hour for forty hours a week, this is almost three times the state's minimum wage in 2006 of \$7.40 per hour.

Family Independence Program

Children Enrolled in the Family Independence Program (FIP), Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2007

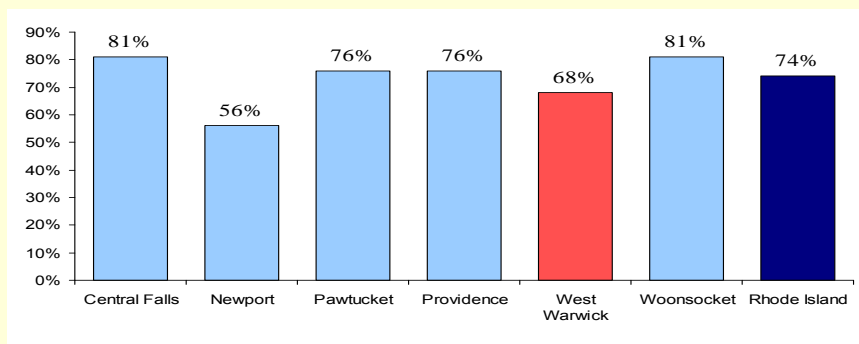


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, 2007 and U.S. Census 2000.

- As of December 1, 2007, 245 families with 417 children were enrolled in FIP in West Warwick. This was 6% of all children in West Warwick.
- Nearly three-quarters (74%) of all FIP beneficiaries in the state are children under the age of 18; more than two out of five (44%) children enrolled in FIP are under the age of six.

Children Receiving Food Stamp Benefits

Income-Eligible Children Under Age 18 Receiving Benefits, 2007

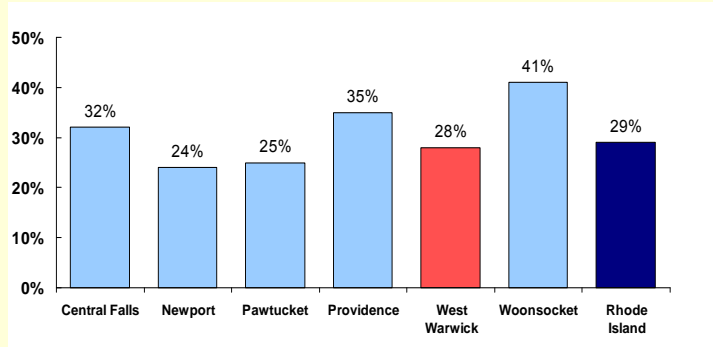


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, 2007.

- Research shows that hunger and lack of regular access to sufficient food are linked to serious health, psychological, emotional and academic problems in children and can impede their healthy growth and development.
- Between 2006 and 2007, the percentage of income-eligible children participating in the Food Stamp Program increased across all the core cities and Rhode Island. In West Warwick in 2007, 68% of income-eligible children participated in the program, an increase from 2006 when 59% participated.

School Breakfast Program

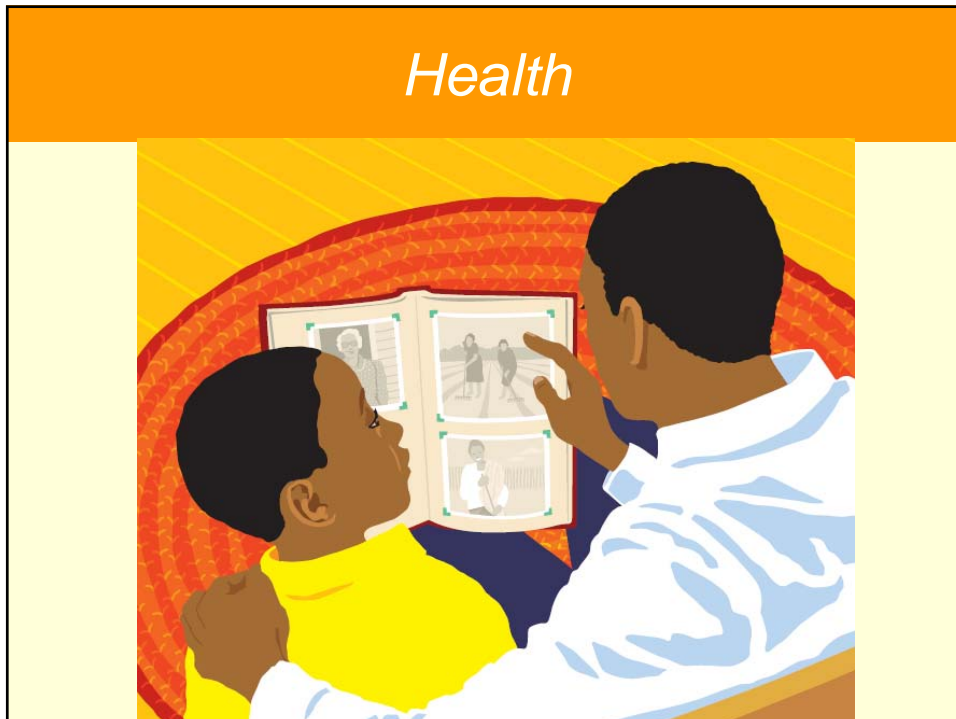
Low-Income Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2007



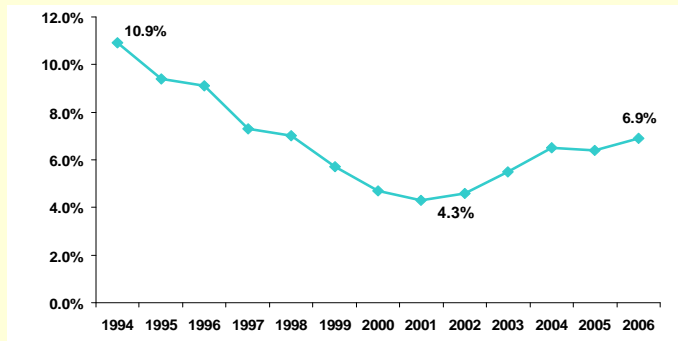
Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2007.

- In the Fall of 2007, an average of 453 low-income children in West Warwick participated in the school breakfast program each day out of 1,768 who were eligible for free or reduced-price breakfast. The percentage of low-income students participating in school breakfast in West Warwick increased between 2006 and 2007 from 23% to 28%.
- In October 2007, Central Falls, Cranston, Pawtucket, Providence and Woonsocket all offered universal breakfast throughout the district. Selected schools in East Providence and South Kingston also offered universal breakfast.

Health



Children without Health Insurance, Rhode Island, 1994-2006



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, 1994-2007, three-year averages, compiled by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT. Data are for children under 18 years of age.

❖ In Rhode Island between 2005 and 2007 (denoted by the mid-year, 2006), 6.9% of children under age 18 were uninsured, lower than the national rate of 11.2%. Rhode Island ranks 11th best in the country for lowest percentage of children uninsured.

❖ In Rhode Island, the percentage of uninsured children in the last three years has increased, largely due to the decline in employer sponsored health insurance and changes in RIte Care eligibility.

Infant Health Outcomes, 2002-2006

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Preterm Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1000 Births
Central Falls	15.8%	11.4%	6.1%	4.5
Newport	13.1%	11.0%	7.3%	4.6
Pawtucket	13.5%	12.3%	8.7%	6.6
Providence	14.9%	14.0%	9.5%	9.2
Warwick	7.4%	11.6%	7.7%	4.8
West Warwick	10.4%	10.7%	7.2%	7.5
Woonsocket	14.9%	13.4%	9.5%	8.4
Remainder of State	7.6%	11.1%	7.5%	4.8
Core City Avg.	14.3%	13.0%	8.8%	7.9
Rhode Island	10.7%	12.0%	8.1%	6.2

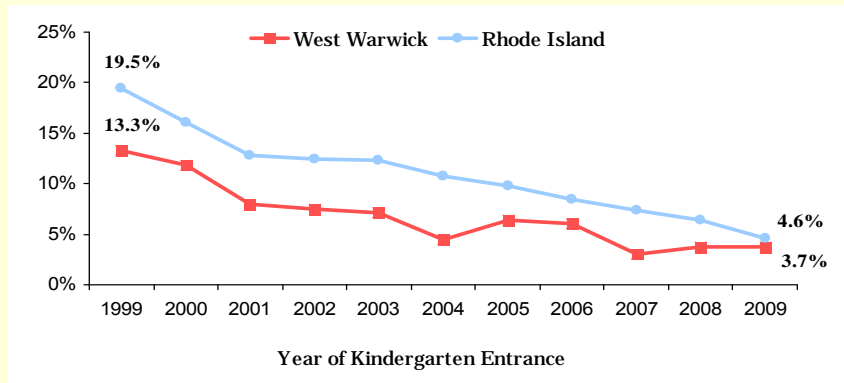
➤ Early prenatal care is important to identify and treat health problems and influence health behaviors that can compromise fetal development, infant health and maternal health.

➤ Over the last decade delayed prenatal care in Rhode Island has increased from 9.8% in 1993-1997 to 10.7% in 2002-2006. The delayed prenatal care rate has also increased for West Warwick over the same time period from 9.2% to 10.4%.

➤ The West Warwick Infant Mortality rate (7.5 per 1,000 births) is higher than the state rate (6.2 per 1,000 births).

Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels

Children Entering Kindergarten in 1999-2009 with a history of screened blood lead levels ≥ 10 mcg/dL



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health 1999-2007.

- Throughout the late 1990s, both West Warwick and the state saw dramatic overall decreases in the number of children entering kindergarten with a history of screening positive for elevated blood lead levels.
- In West Warwick, of the 351 children screened for lead, 13 (3.7%) screened positive and 8 (2.3%) confirmed positive for lead levels ≥ 10 mcg/dL.

Children with Asthma, 2002-2006

- Nationally, asthma is the number one chronic condition in children and the 3rd leading cause of hospitalization for children under age 15.
- Ongoing primary care, access to medications and mitigation of asthma triggers (like pollen, mold, dust and cigarette smoke) are critical to the management and control of asthma.
- Between 2002 and 2006, there were 170 hospitalizations for asthma for children living in West Warwick.
- The West Warwick rate has ranked the 3rd highest in the state in the last 4 Factbooks.

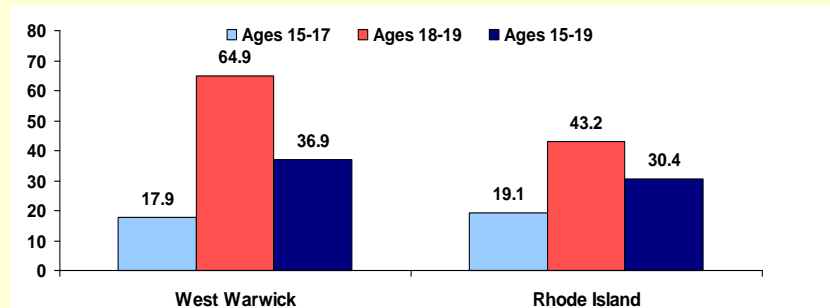
Childhood Asthma Hospitalization Rates, Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2002-2006

City/Town	Number of Children Hospitalized	Rate per 1,000 Children
Central Falls	189	6.8
Newport	95	3.7
Pawtucket	450	5.0
Providence	1,478	6.5
West Warwick	170	5.1
Woonsocket	263	4.7
Rhode Island	4,942	4.0

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Hospital Discharge Database, 2002-2006.

Births to Teens

Births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19, 2002-2006

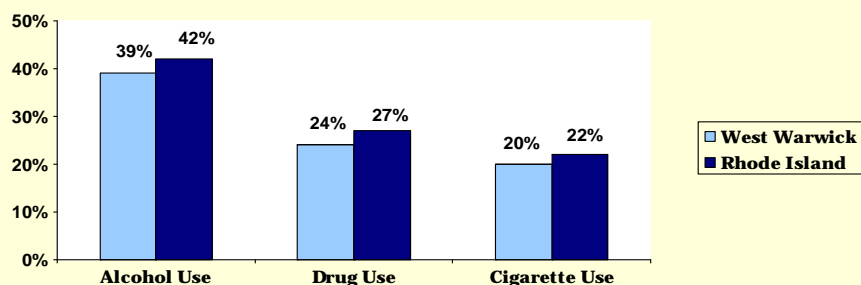


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, 2002-2006.

- The teen birth rate per 1,000 teen girls ages 15-19 in West Warwick (36.9) is higher than the state average (30.4), although the teen birth rate for girls ages 15-17 is lower in West Warwick (17.9) than in the state (19.1). Between 2002 and 2006, there were 44 births to West Warwick teen girls ages 15-17 and 108 births to West Warwick girls ages 18-19.
- Since the early 1990's, the teen birth rate for Rhode Island girls ages 15 to 19 has declined by 22% mirroring the national trend.
- Between 2002 and 2006 in Rhode Island, almost one in five teen births (18%) were to teens who were already mothers (repeat births).

Alcohol, Drug and Cigarette Use by Teens

Reported High School Use, 2006-2007 School Year



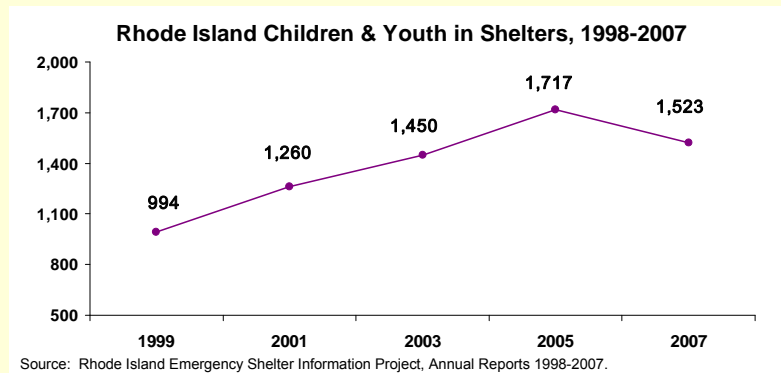
- 39% of West Warwick high school students reported using alcohol in the 30 days prior to taking the SALT survey, 24% reported using drugs and 20% reported smoking cigarettes.

Source: Rhode Island SALT Survey reports, 2006-2007 school year.

Safety



Homeless Children and Youth



➤ In Rhode Island, between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, 766 families sought emergency shelter. Of these families, nearly one quarter (23%) were employed and earning income.

➤ Of families seeking shelter, 90% were female-headed households. Of these households, 52% reported staying with family and friends prior to seeking shelter.

Juveniles Referred to Family Court and Juveniles at the Training School

- ❖ Of the wayward and delinquent offenses referred to Family Court in Rhode Island during 2007, 71% were committed by males and 29% by females.
- ❖ 45% of offenses were committed by youth between the ages of 16-17, 37% by youth ages 14 and 15, 17% by youth ages 13 or younger, and less than 1% by youth over age 17.
- ❖ In 2007, 8,301 wayward or delinquent offenses were referred to Family Court.

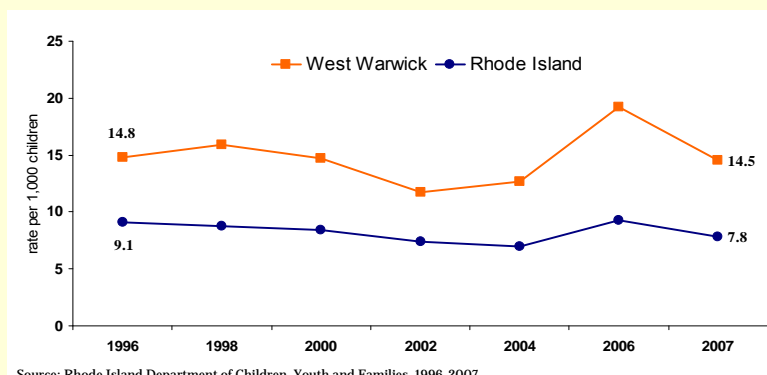
26% - property crimes	5% - traffic offenses
19% - status offenses	5% - violent crimes
19% - disorderly conduct	3% - weapons offenses
10% - simple assault	5% - Other
8% - alcohol and drug offenses	

- ❖ In 2007, 30 youth from West Warwick passed through the Training School.
- ❖ In 2007, a total of 1,062 Rhode Island youth passed through to the Training School.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families, 2007.

Child Abuse & Neglect

Indicated Investigations of Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 children, West Warwick and Rhode Island, 1996-2007



Source: Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families, 1996-2007.

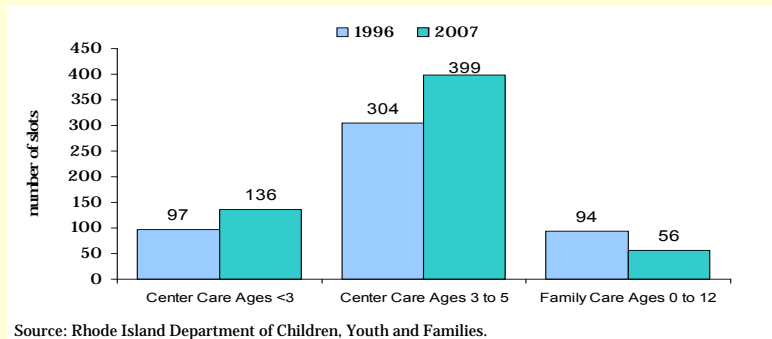
- Between 2006 and 2007, West Warwick's rate of child abuse and neglect dropped from 19.2 indicated investigations per 1,000 children to 14.5, but was still almost twice the state rate.
- West Warwick has consistently ranked 3rd highest in the state for indicated investigations of child abuse and neglect for 3 years.
- The number of indicated investigations decreased from 149 in 2006 to 112 in 2007.

Education



Early Care & Education

Child Care for Children in West Warwick, 1996 and 2007



➤ In 2007 in Rhode Island, there were 24,417 slots for children under age 6 in licensed child care centers and certified family child care homes.

➤ Between 1996 and 2007 there was a net increase of 96 slots in child care for young children in West Warwick, from 495 to 591.

➤ There were 578 child care slots for children ages 6 to 12 in West Warwick in 2007.

➤ The number of children receiving child care subsidies in West Warwick fell from 344 in 2006 to 164 in 2007.

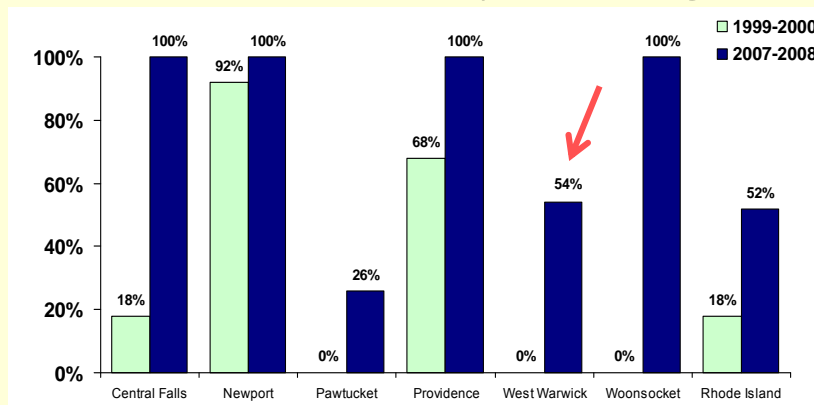
Children Enrolled in Early Head Start, 2007

- According to Census 2000, an estimated 299 children in West Warwick under age 3 were income-eligible for enrollment in the Early Head Start program. *In 2007, 32 (11%) of these children were enrolled in Early Head Start.*
- In 2007, Early Head Start served 5% of the estimated 7,342 eligible children under age 3 in Rhode Island.

Children Enrolled in Head Start, 2007

- According to Census 2000, an estimated 207 children in West Warwick ages 3-4 were income-eligible for enrollment in the Head Start preschool program. *In 2007, 100 (48%) of these children were enrolled in Head Start.*
- In 2007, Head Start served 47% of the estimated 4,848 eligible children ages 3-4 in Rhode Island.

Children in Full Day Kindergarten

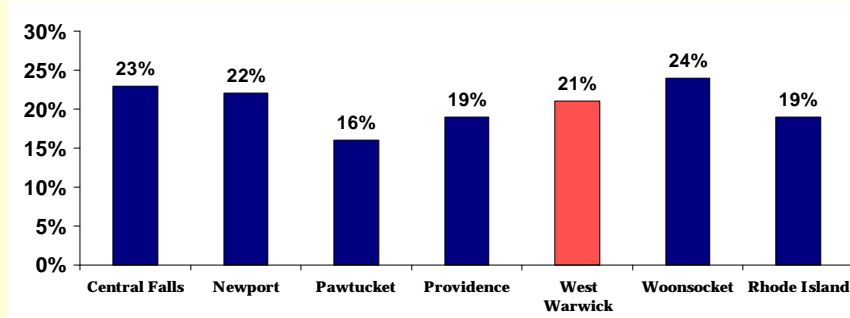


Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1999-2000 and 2006-2007.

- In Rhode Island in 2007-2008, 52% of children who attended kindergarten were in a full-day program. As of the 2007-2008 school year, 13 school districts offered universal access to full-day kindergarten classrooms. Another 8 school districts operated at least 1 full-day kindergarten classroom, including West Warwick.
- The percentage of children participating in full-day kindergarten in the core cities has more than doubled, from 40% in 1999-2000 to 84% in 2006-2007.

Children in Special Education

*Percent of Students, Kindergarten – 12th Grade in Special Education
Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2006-2007*



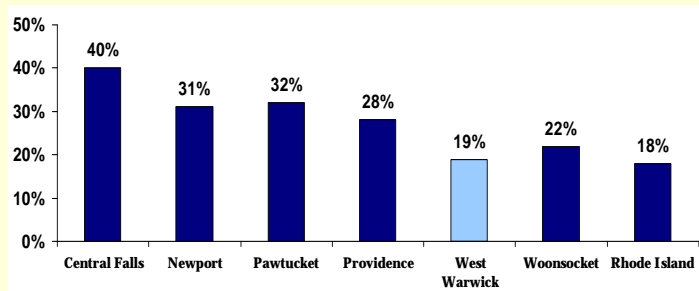
Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2006-2007.

➤ In the 2006-2007 school year, 21% of West Warwick's children in grades K-12 were enrolled in special education, compared to 19% for the state as a whole. There were an additional 2,985 preschool-age students receiving special education services in Rhode Island.

➤ In the 2004-2005 (the most recent year national data were tabulated) school year, Rhode Island had the highest percentage (18.5%) of public school students identified as disabled and receiving special education services in the country.

Student Mobility

Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2006-2007



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2006-2007

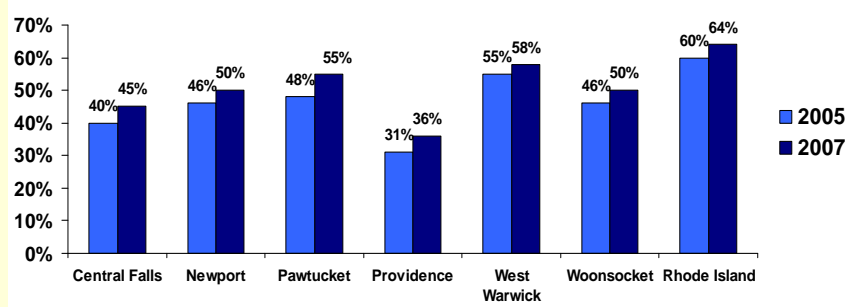
➤ Children who move perform worse on standardized tests than children who have not experienced mobility. The more frequent the number of moves, the worse the performance.

➤ In Rhode Island, students who move are absent more often than students who do not move. Rhode Island students who did not change schools had a 92% attendance rate, compared with 82% for those who moved once, 79% for those who moved 3 or more times and 70% for those who moved 4 times.

➤ The mobility rate in West Warwick was 19% compared to the state rate of 18%.

Fourth Grade Reading Skills

Percentage of Fourth Graders Reading at or above the Proficiency Level, Core Cities & RI, 2005-2007



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2005 & 2007.

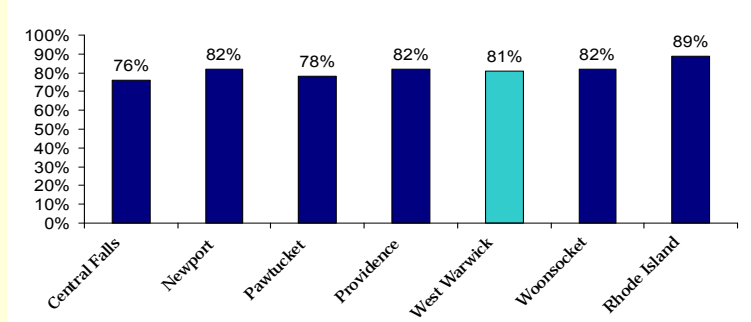
- Low reading ability in fourth grade has long-term implications for student academic success.
- West Warwick is tied with East Providence for the fifth lowest fourth grade proficiency level in Rhode Island.

School Suspensions, 2006-2007

School District	# of Students Enrolled	Out of School Suspension	In School Suspension	Alternative Program Placement	Total Disciplinary Actions	Actions per 100 Students
West Warwick	3,617	1,192	1,240	5	2,437	67
Core Cities	49,321	15,301	7,940	1,438	24,679	50
Rhode Island	147,196	28,419	14,637	3,999	47,065	32

- Suspended students are more likely to have poor academic performance and to drop out of school.
- Low-income and minority students are at increased risk for suspension. In Rhode Island in 2006-2007, 52% of disciplinary actions were to students in the core cities, even though they make up only 34% of RI students.
- In West Warwick in 2006-2007, there were 67 disciplinary actions for every 100 students. This is more than double the state rate of 32 actions per every 100 students and was the fourth highest rate in the state.

High School Graduation Rate (2007: Old Method)



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2006-2007.

- In 2007, West Warwick's high school graduation rate was 81%, lower than the state rate of 89%.
- In 2006-2007, the high school attendance rate in West Warwick was 89%, compared to 90% for the state as a whole.

High School Graduation and Dropout Rates (2007 Cohort: New Method)

	Graduation Rate	GED Rate	Retention Rate	Dropout Rate
Central Falls	46%	3%	12%	39%
Newport	60%	4%	11%	25%
Pawtucket	48%	12%	7%	33%
Providence	58%	4%	7%	31%
West Warwick	67%	4%	10%	18%
Woonsocket	54%	5%	8%	34%
Rhode Island	70%	5%	6%	19%

Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2007.

- This chart shows the percentage of students who matriculated as freshmen in 2003-2004 who graduated in 4 years, completed their GED, were retained in school and dropped out. These percentages are based on actual student counts using the unique student identifier system.
- In West Warwick in 2007, 67% of students graduated from high school on-time, compared to 70% for the state as a whole.

*Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.



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