

Woonsocket
Data in Your Backyard:
The 2003 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook



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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

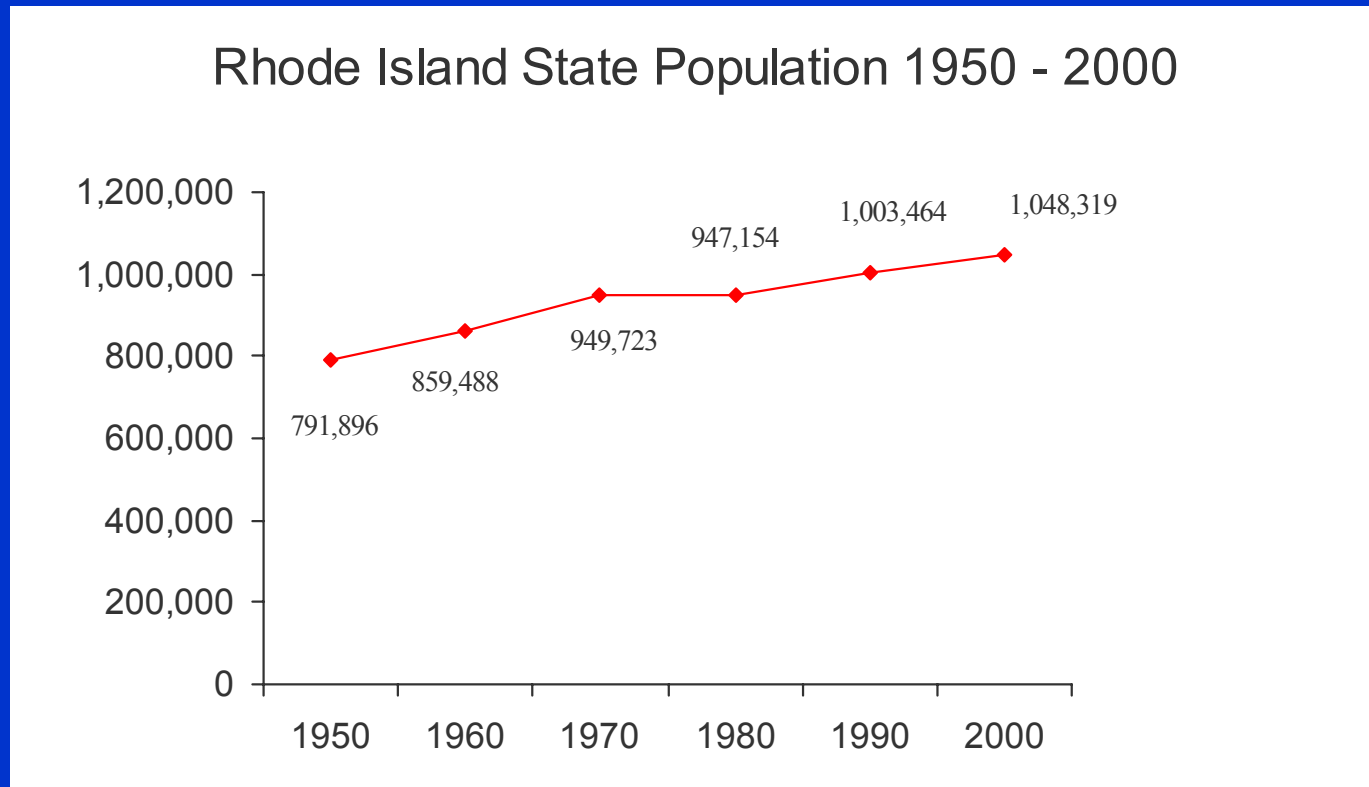


2003 Factbook
contains 51 indicators
of child well-being
with most including
city and town level
information.



Family and Community

Rhode Island State Population

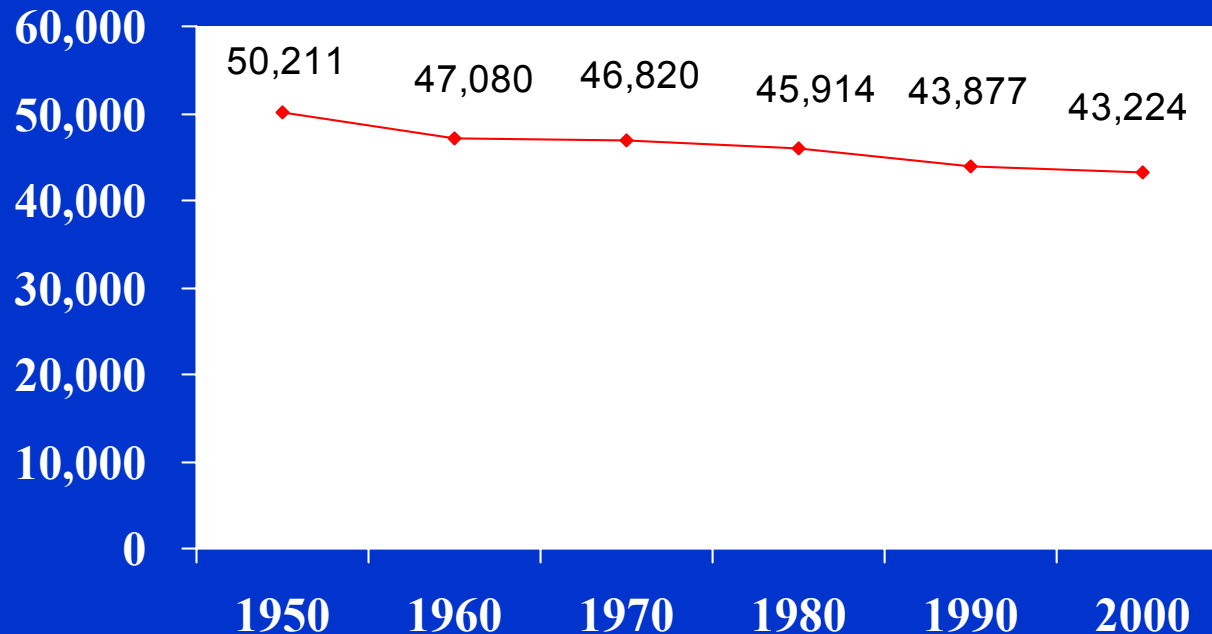


Source: RI Department of Statewide Planning

Rhode Island's population has increased since 1950.

Woonsocket's Overall Population

Total Population - Woonsocket



Source: RI Department of Statewide Planning

- In 1950 Woonsocket was 6% of the RI population.
- In 2000 Woonsocket was 4% of the state's population.

Woonsocket's Families

Woonsocket in 2000

Total Woonsocket Households: 17,750

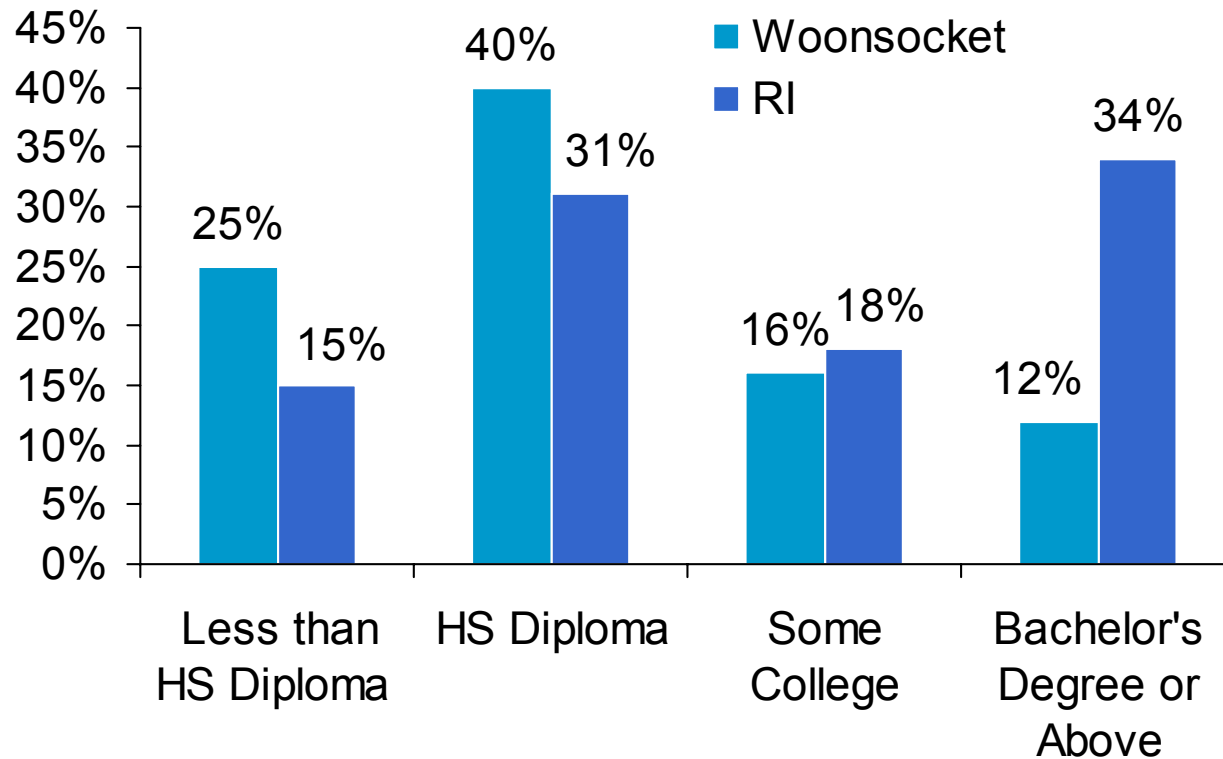
| | | <u>Woonsocket</u> <u>% families</u> <u>with children</u> | <u>RI</u> <u>% families</u> <u>with children</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Family households with own children under 18: | 5,532 | 100% | 100% |
| Married-couple families: | 2,934 | 53% | 69% |
| Female householder:* | 2,090 | 38% | 25% |
| Male householder:* | 508 | 9% | 6% |

* with no husband/wife present

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

Mother's Education Level

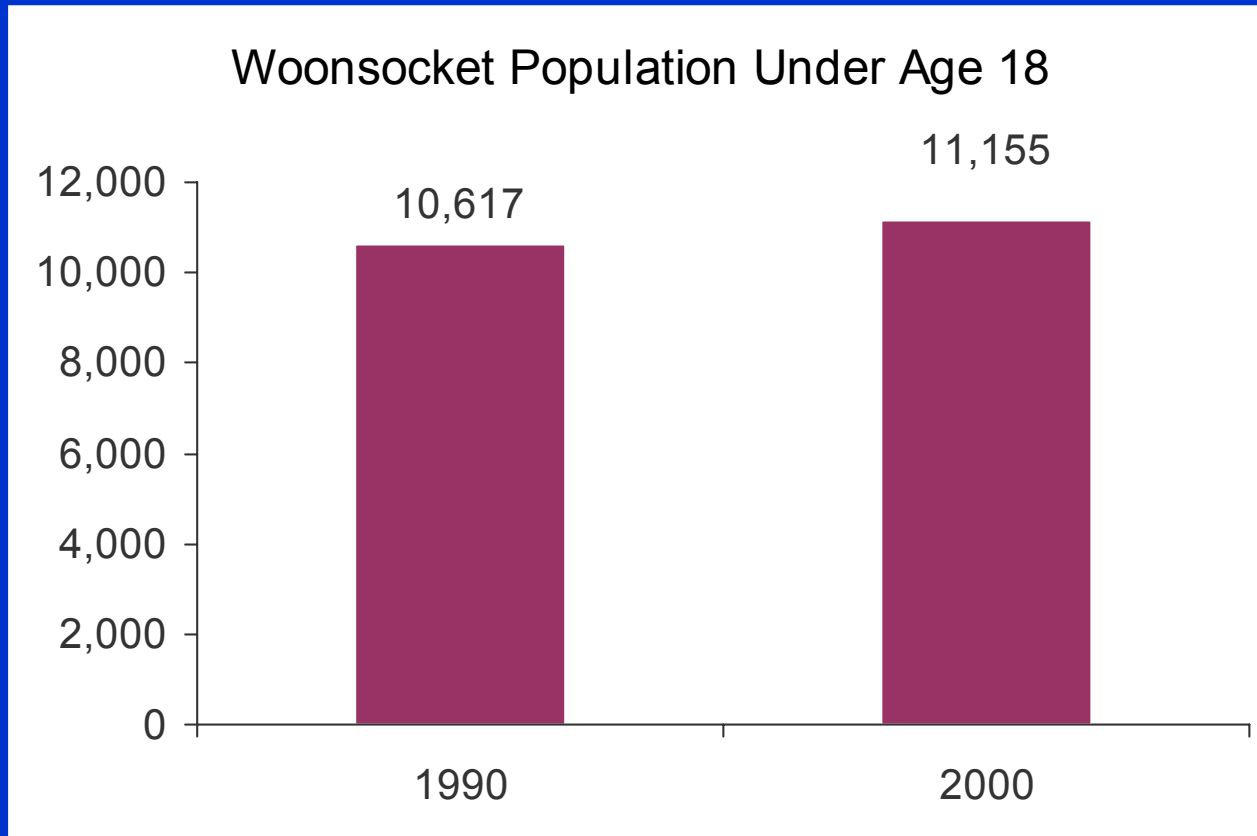
Education Level of Mother at Time of Birth,
Woonsocket and RI, 1997 - 2001



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.
- Changes in child population differs across RI's communities.

Woonsocket's Child Population



Citywide increase of 5.1% (538) from 10,617 in 1990 to 11,155 in 2000.

Woonsocket's Child Population by Race and Hispanic Origin 2000

| <u>Population Under 18 Years of Age</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Hispanic or Latino | 2,024 | 18.1% |
| White | 7,272 | 65.2% |
| Black or African American | 606 | 5.4% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 29 | <1% |
| Asian | 591 | 5.3% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 5 | <1% |
| Some Other Race | 46 | <1% |
| Two or More Races | <u>582</u> | <u>5.2%</u> |
| Total | 11,155 | 100% |

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

Median Household Income

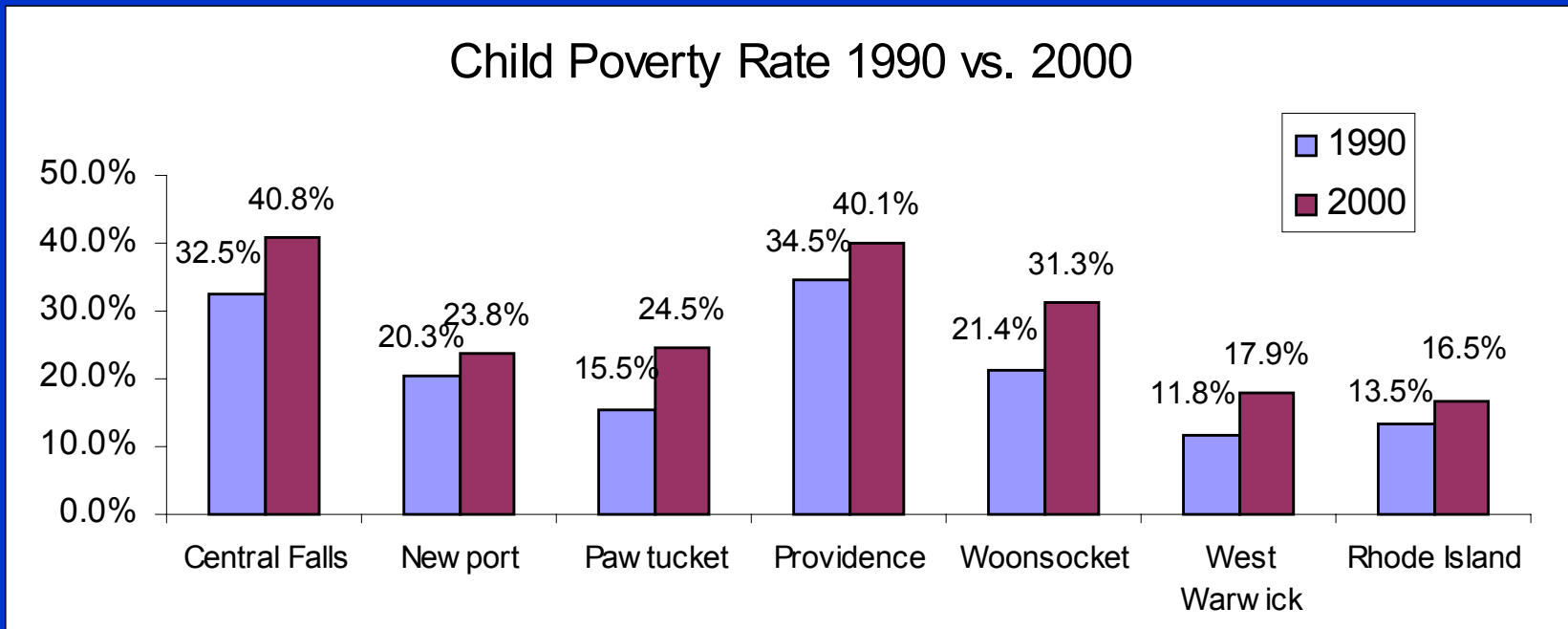
3 Lowest Income and 3 Highest Income Communities 1989 and 1999

| | Adjusted Median Income 1989 | Median HH Income 1999 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Central Falls | \$24,289 | \$22,628 |
| Providence | \$28,894 | \$26,867 |
| Woonsocket | \$33,090 | \$30,819 |
| 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 Woonsocket in 1999 was \$34,465.

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

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



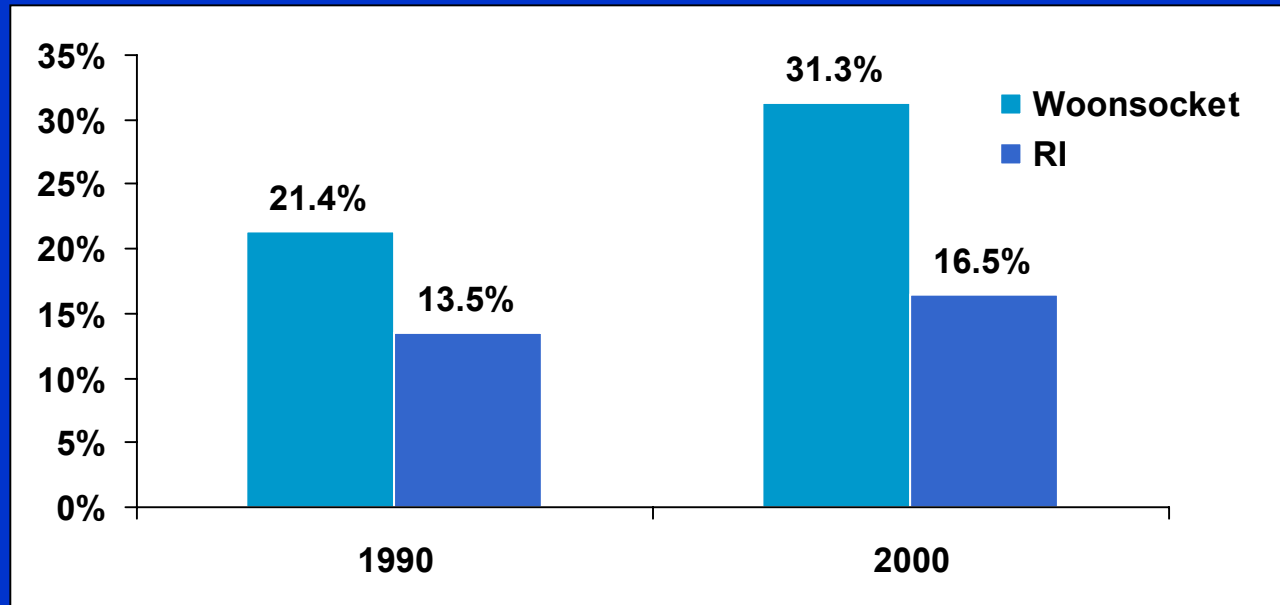
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

Rhode Island has the highest child poverty rate of any New England State and is ranked 30th nationwide on this indicator.

West Warwick is now the sixth core city in Rhode Island with a child poverty rate of 17.9%

CHILD POVERTY RATE

Percentage of Children Under Age 18 Living Below the Poverty Line



3,413 children live in poor families in Woonsocket. 1,178 more than in 1990.

In Woonsocket, 61% of poor children are children of color. Statewide, 64% of all poor children are children of color.

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

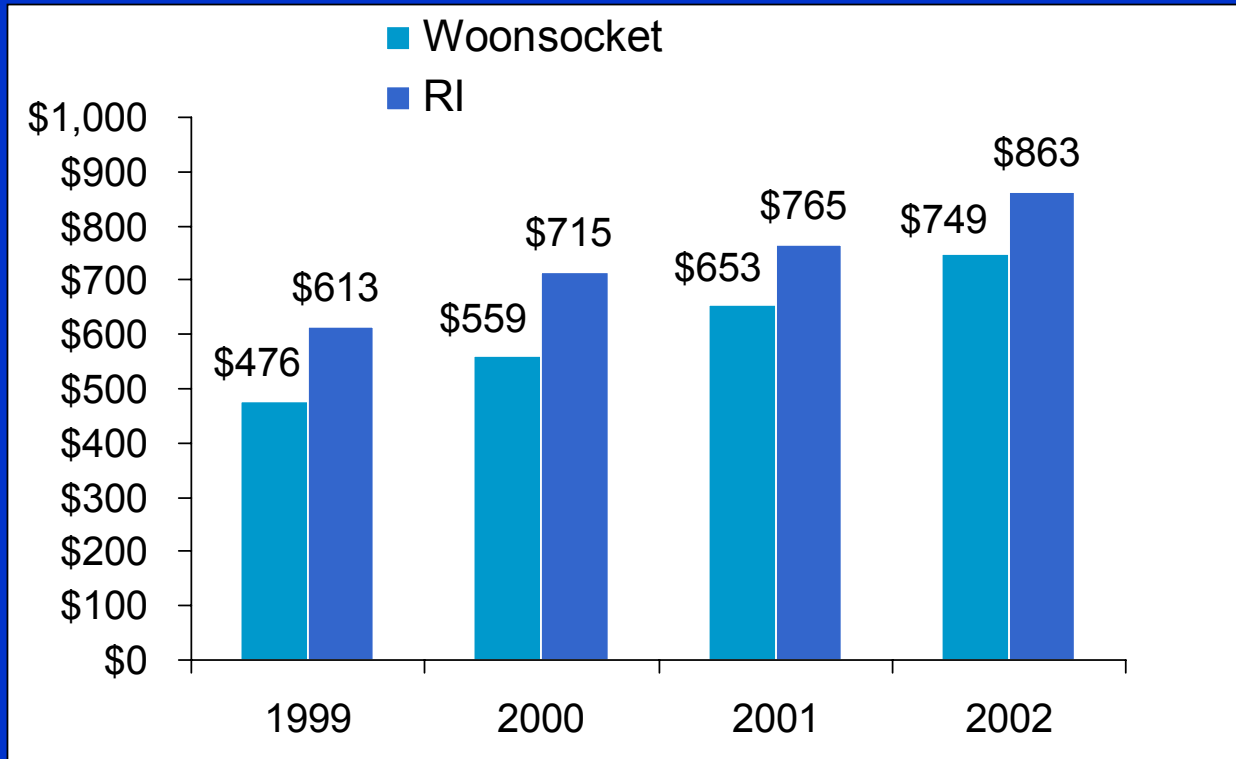
Poverty Status in Woonsocket

Woonsocket:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Individuals in poverty: | 8,205 | 19.4% |
| Children under age 5: | 1,145 | 34.8% |
| Children ages 5 – 17: | 2,268 | 29.4% |
| | | |
| Families in poverty: | 1,803 | 16.7% |
| With related children under 18: | 1,581 | 26.8% |
| With related children under 5: | 891 | 34.3% |

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

Cost of Rent – 2 Bdrm Apt.



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 1994 - 2002

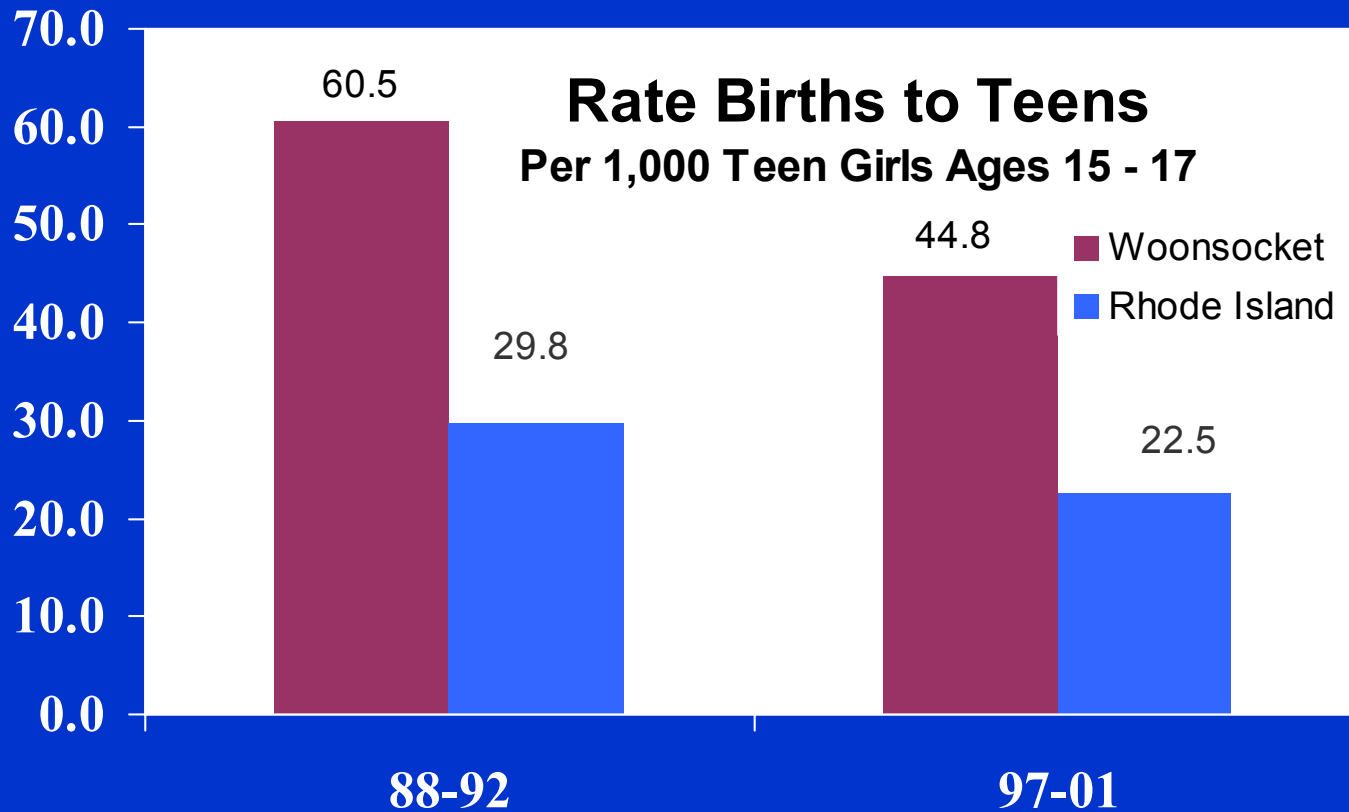
A family of three living at the poverty level is able to afford rent of \$376 per month.



Health

Births to Teens

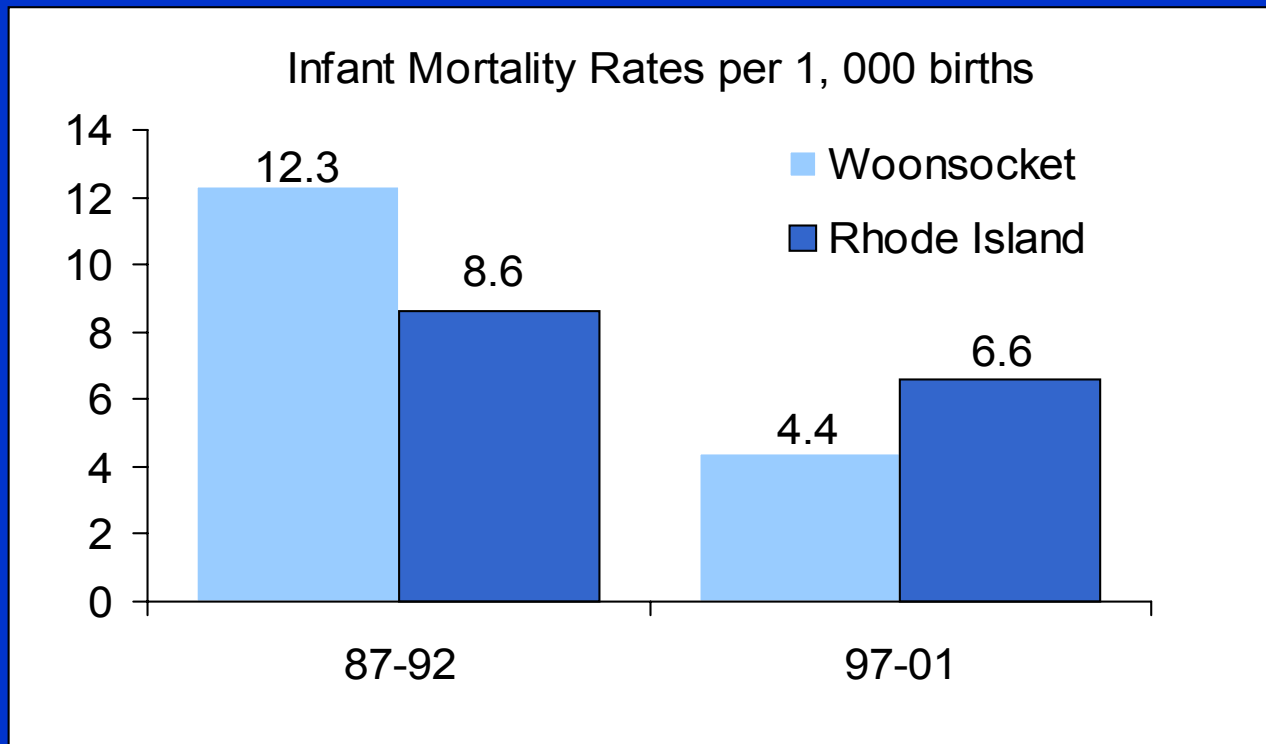
The birth rate for teens girls ages 15-17 dropped in Woonsocket from 60.5 per 1,000 to 44.8 per 1,000 Teens over the decade. It is still double the state rate.



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 1994 – 2003.

Infant Mortality

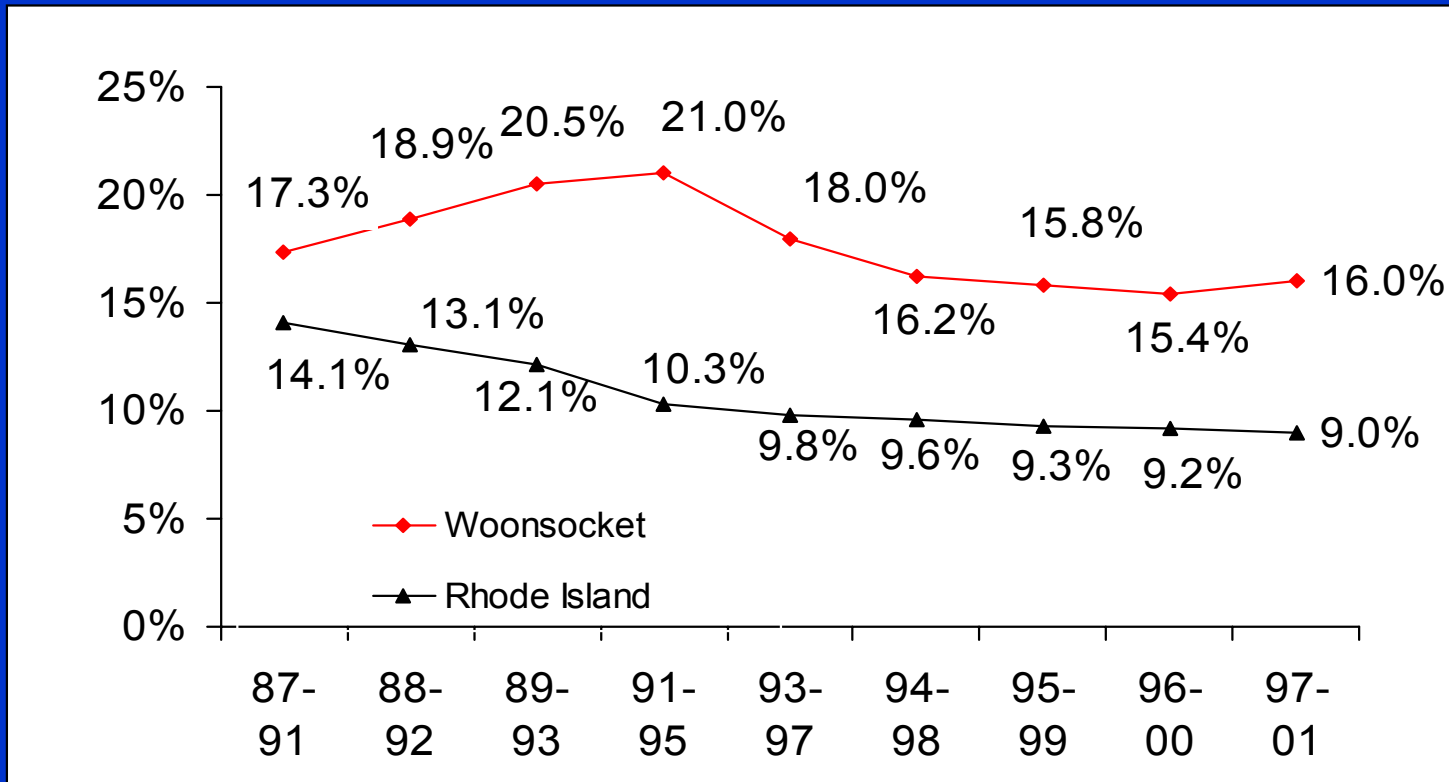
Infant mortality rates continue to decline in Woonsocket and remain consistently lower than the state infant mortality rate . For 1997-2001 the infant mortality rate was 4.4 per 1,000 live births compared to 6.6 per 1,000 for RI.



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 1995-2003.

Women with Delayed Prenatal Care

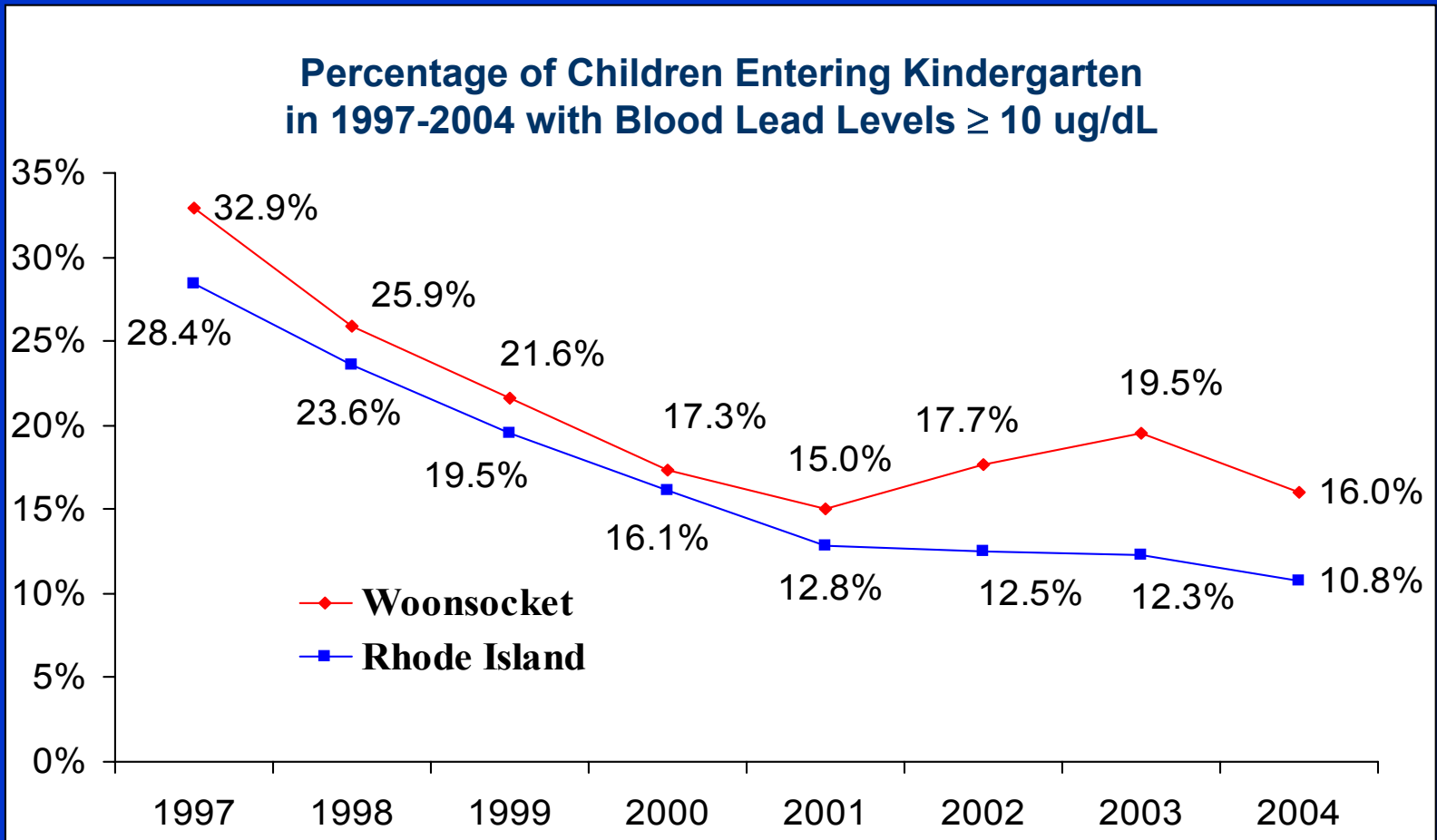
Incidence of delayed prenatal care has declined overall in Woonsocket, yet remains the second highest in the state.



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 1995-2002

Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels

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

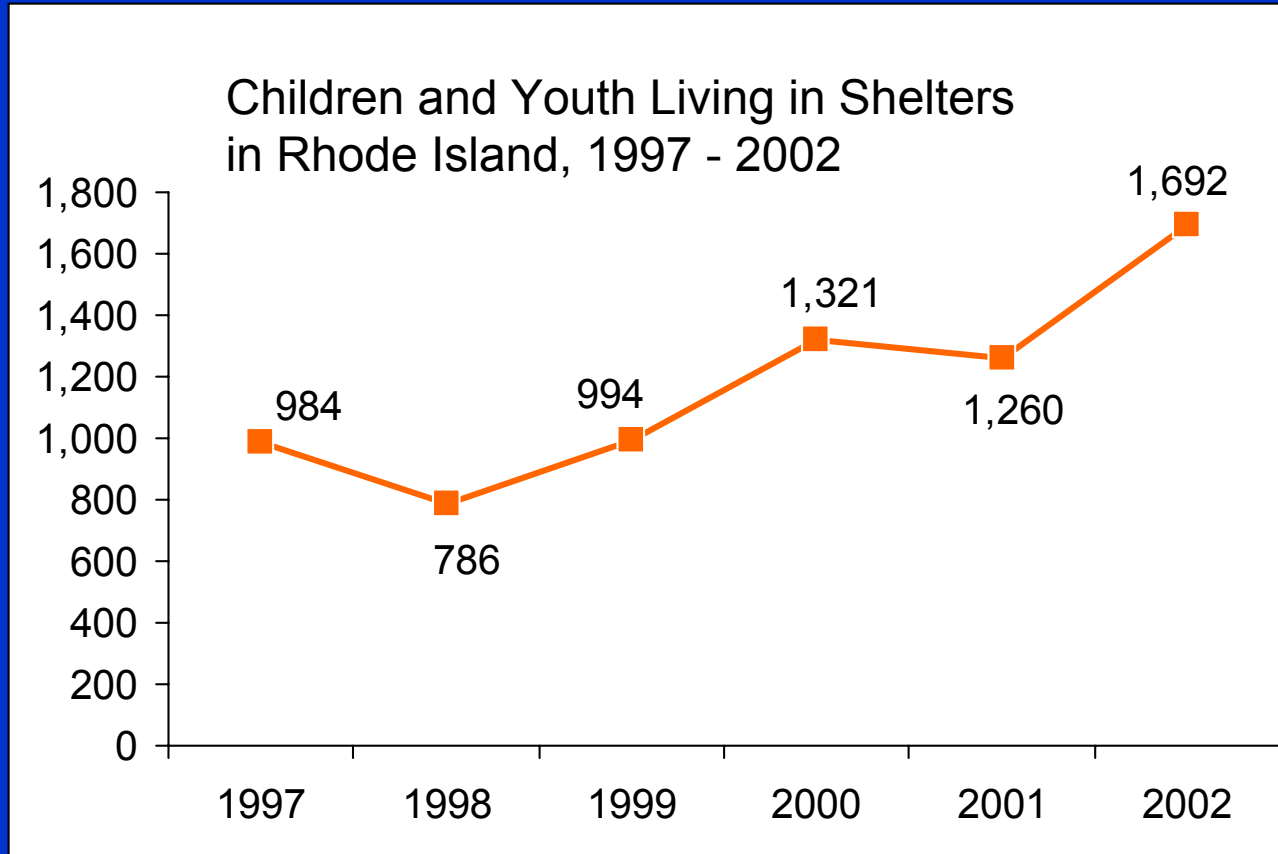


Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook 1996-2003



Safety

Homeless Children and Homeless Youth



Of the 5,440 people who received shelter services in RI in 2002, 364 people claimed Woonsocket as their city of last residence, up from 221 in 2001.

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 (5% of all RI youth ages 10 to 17) referred to Family Court for 9,348 offenses.

Of these, 586 youth were from Woonsocket (13% of all youth 10 – 17)

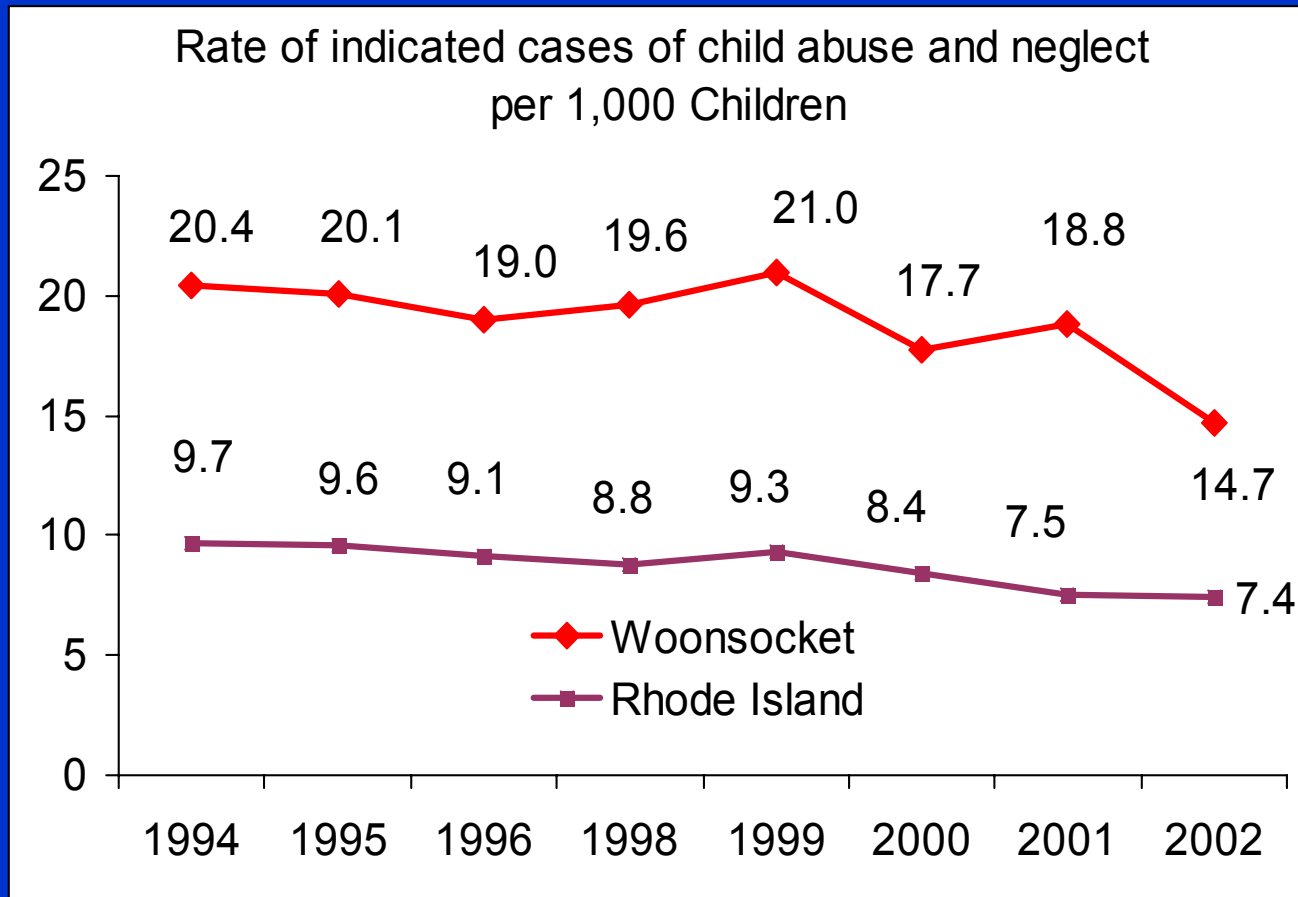
In 2002, 1,061 juveniles spent time at the Rhode Island Training School. This is 1% of all 10 – 17 year olds.

Of these 77 were from Woonsocket. This is 1.7% of all 10 to 17 year olds.

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

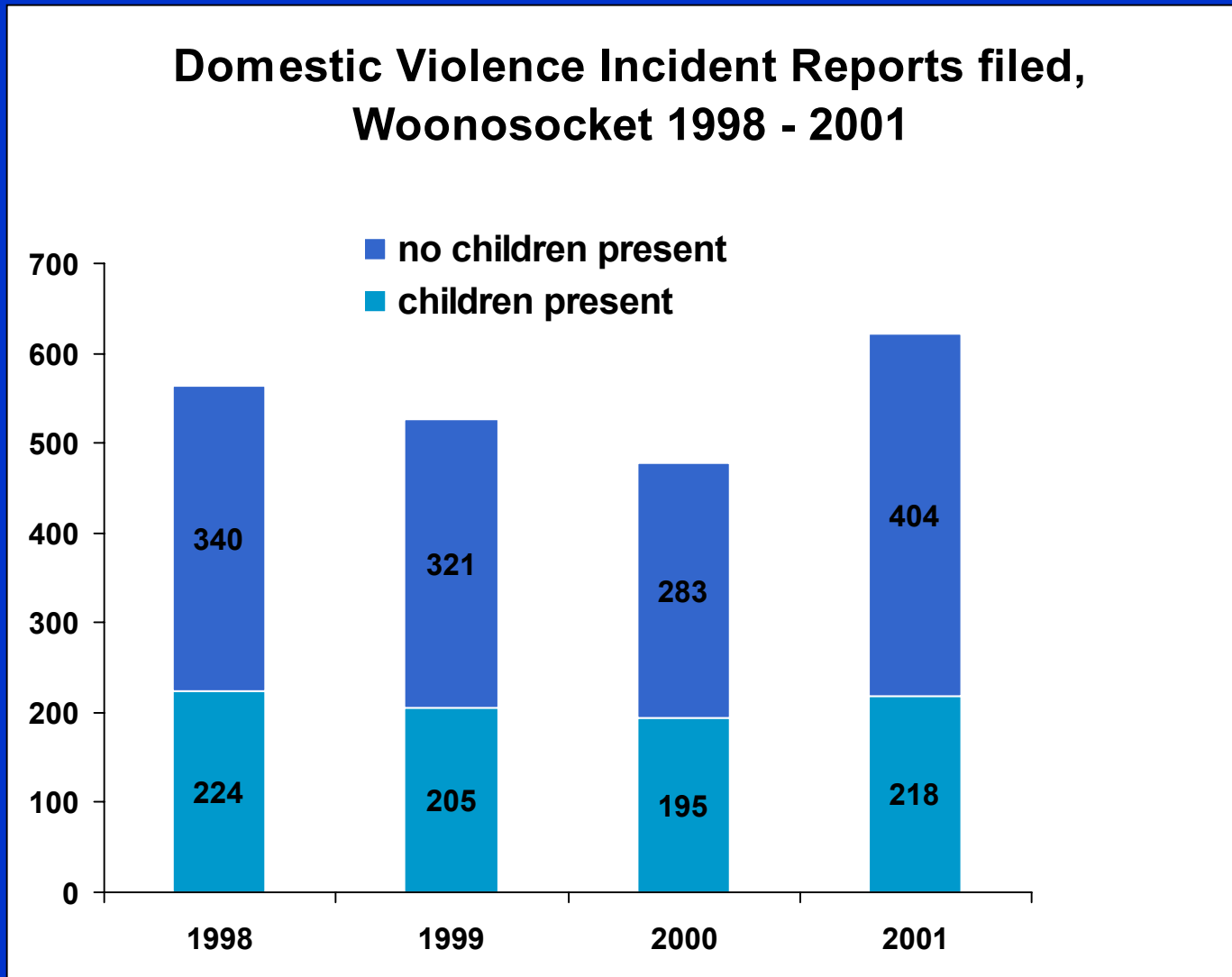
Child Abuse and Neglect Rates

Woonsocket's rate of indicated cases of child abuse and neglect has declined somewhat since 1994 but remains the highest in the state.



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 1994 - 2003

Children Witnessing Domestic Violence



In 2002, there were 622 incidents of domestic violence 218 (35%) of these reports noted that children were present.

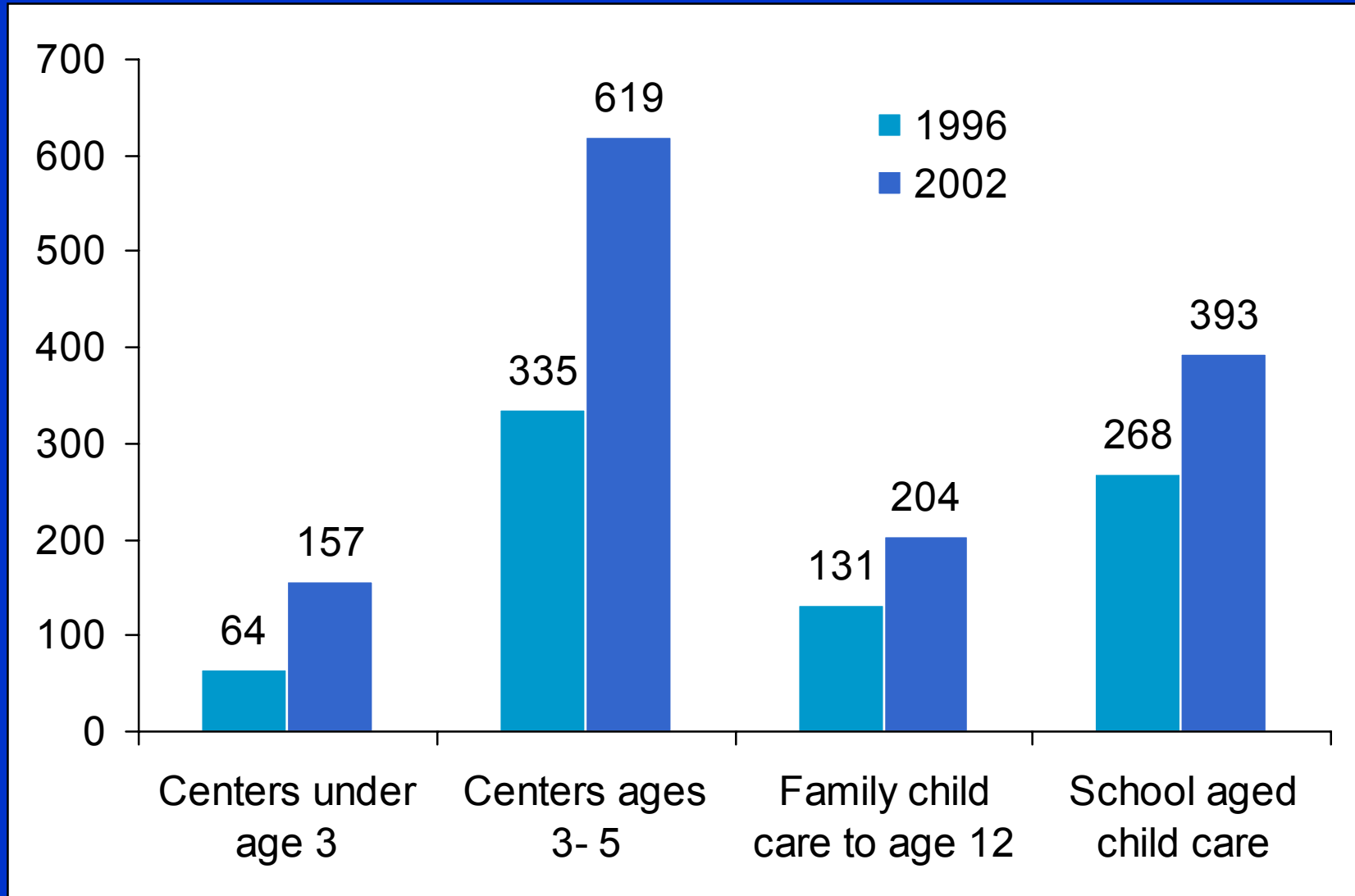
Children of Incarcerated Parents

- The number of U.S. children with parents in prison has grown from 936,500 in 1991 to 1.5 million in 1999.
- In Rhode Island in 2002, 1,779 adults at the ACI reported having 3,901 children.
- 101 of these parents (with 276 children) reported their last residence as Woonsocket.
- 24.7 per 1,000 children in Woonsocket have parents who are incarcerated compared to 15.7 statewide.



Education

Regulated Child Care in Woonsocket

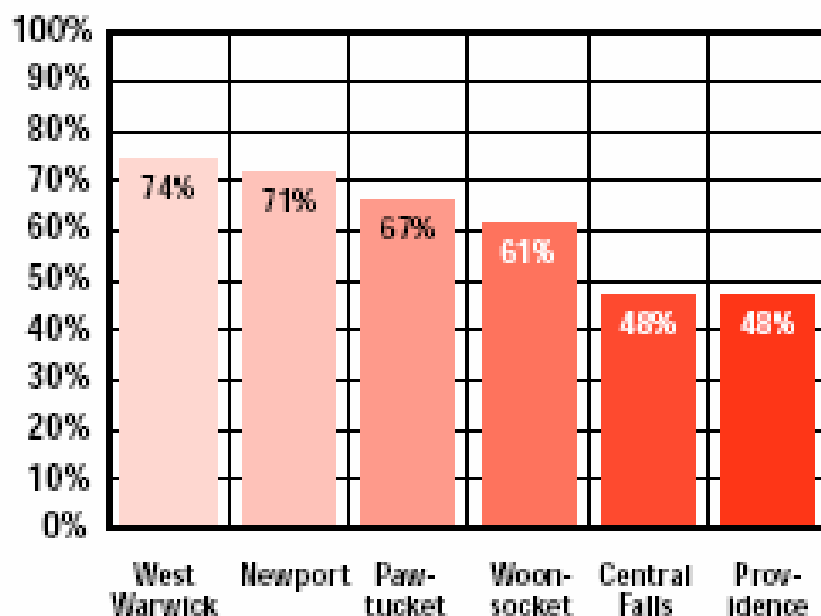


Fourth Grade Reading Scores

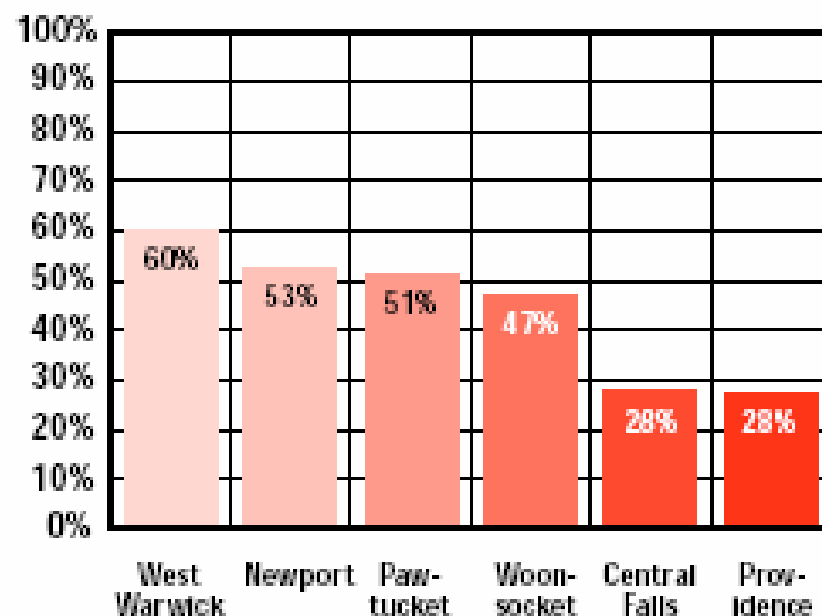


Rhode Island Public School 4th Grade Reading Proficiency, Core Cities, 2001-2002

Proficiency in Basic Understanding

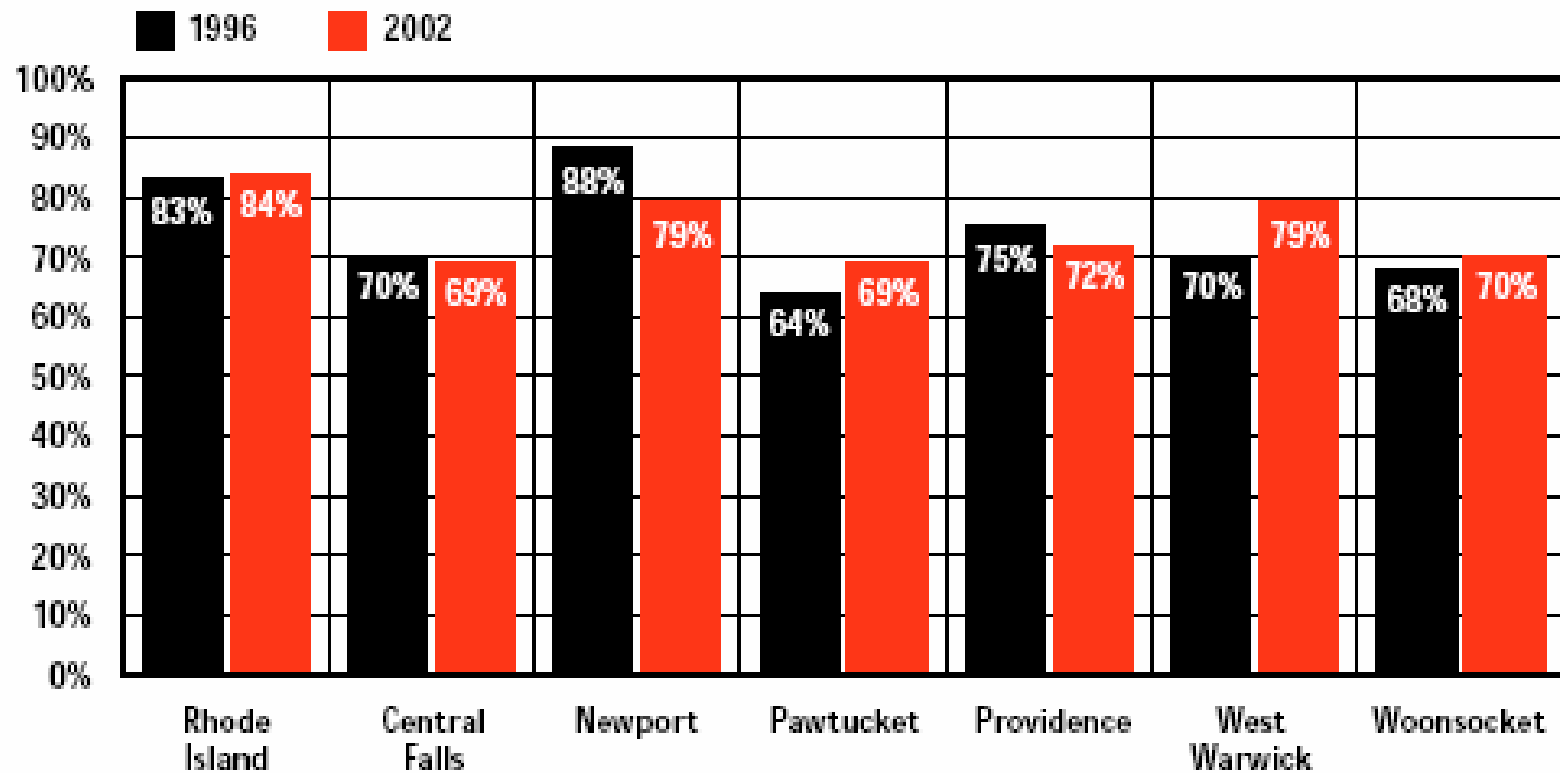


Proficiency in Analysis and Interpretation



Source: RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, New Standards English Language Arts Reference Exam at Grade 4, 2001-2002 school year.

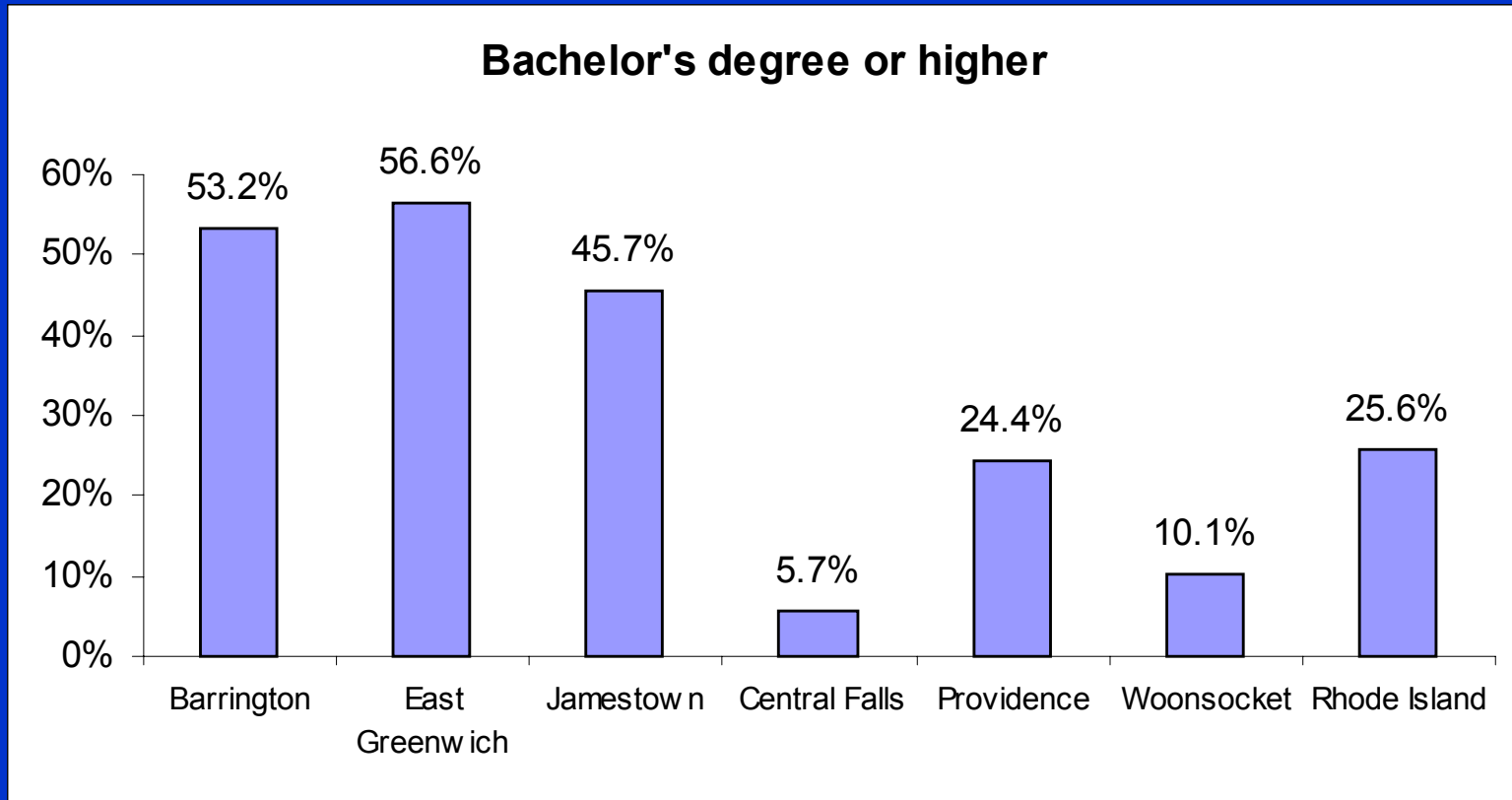
High School Graduation Rate, Core Cities and Rhode Island, 1996-2002



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 1994 - 2003

Education Level by City and Town



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

Other Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Publications

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