

*Data in Your Backyard:*  
*2004 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook*  
**WOONSOCKET**



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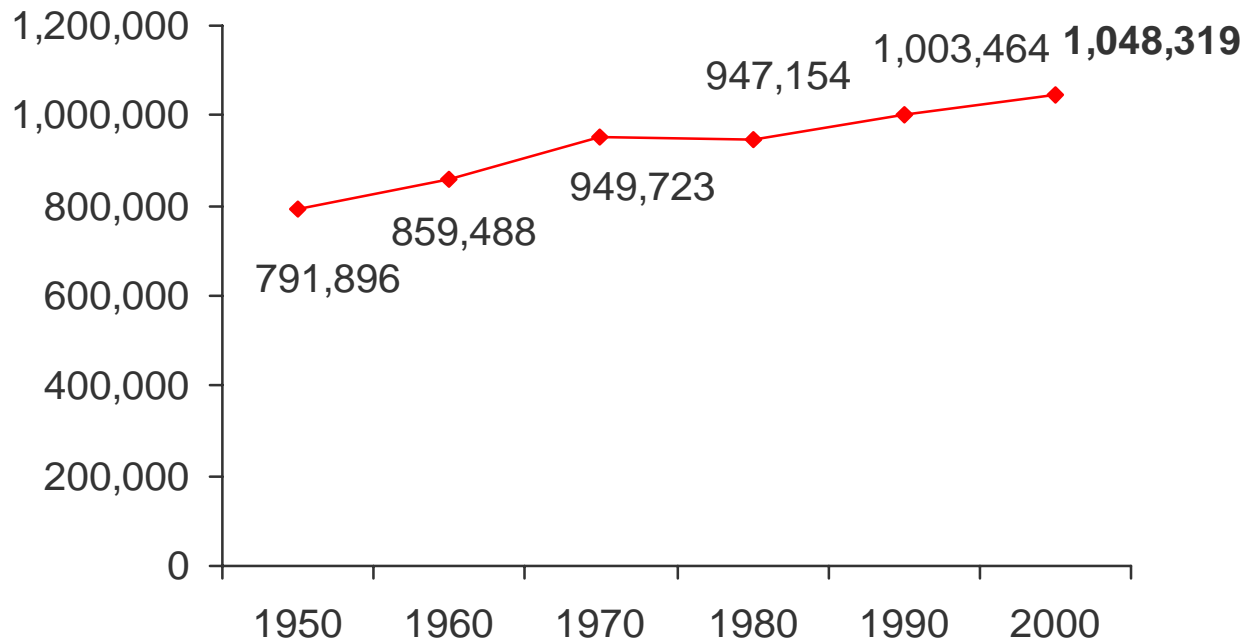
# 2004 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook

- The *2004 Factbook* is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual publication.
- The annual *Factbook* monitors child well-being in 5 areas:
  - Family and Community
  - Economic Security
  - Health
  - Safety
  - Education
- The *2004 Factbook* contains 54 indicators of child well-being. Most include city and town level information.

# Family and Community

# Rhode Island State Population

Rhode Island State Population 1950 - 2000



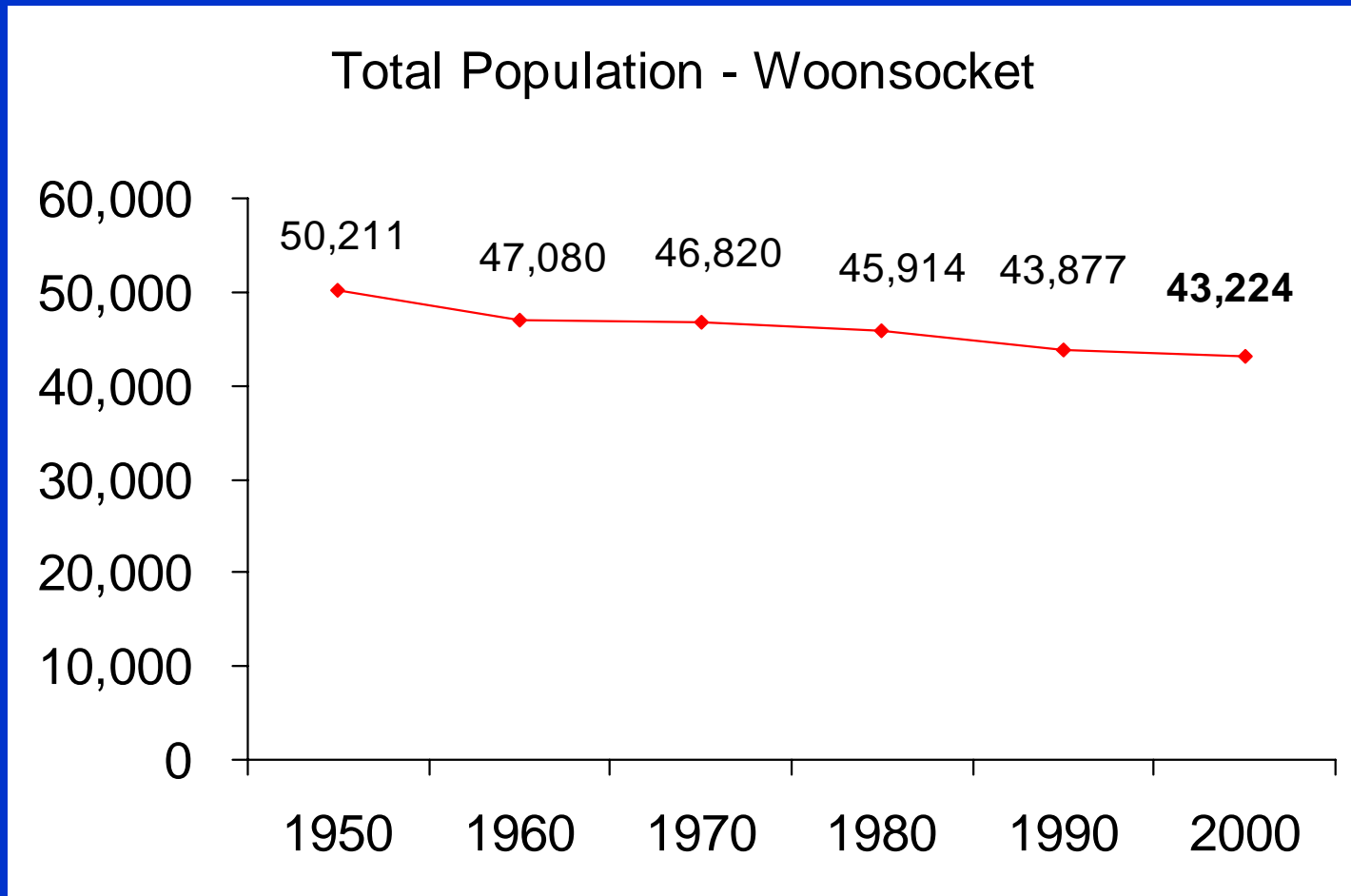
Source: RI Department of Statewide Planning

- Rhode Island's population has increased by 32% since 1950.
- The population increased by 4.5% between 1990 and 2000.

# Rhode Island Child Population: Highlights and Shifts

- Between 1990 and 2000, Rhode Island experienced its second largest increase in child population since the baby boom decade.
- Children of color (all racial and ethnic groups except White, non-Hispanic) account for all of the growth in Rhode Island's child population.
- Rhode Island's child population increased by 10% in the last decade, 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.

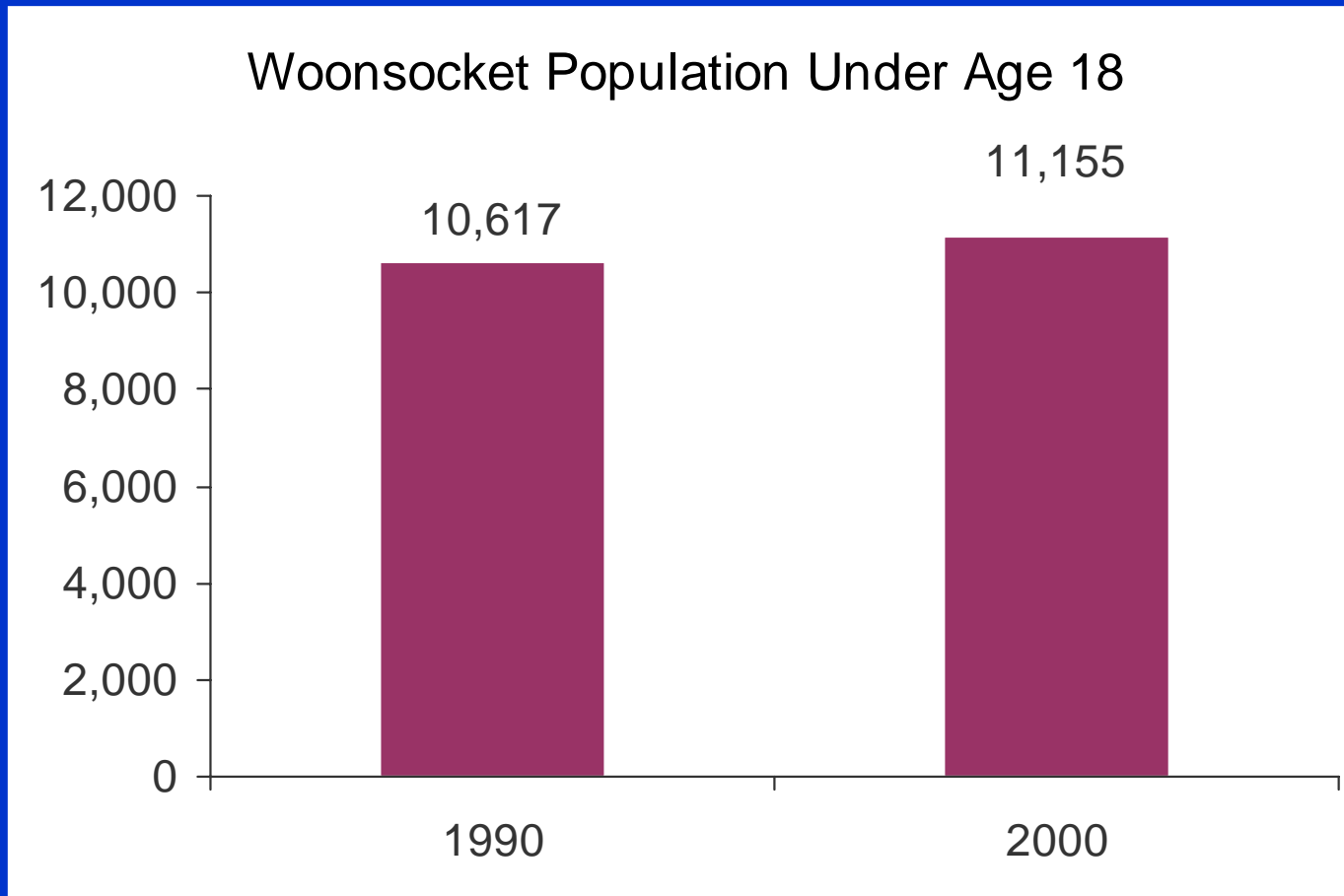
# Woonsocket's Overall Population



Source: RI Department of Statewide Planning

- In 1950 Woonsocket comprised 6% of the RI population.
- In 2000 Woonsocket comprised 4% of the RI population.

# Woonsocket's Child Population



- The child population of Woonsocket increased by 5.1% (538) from 10,617 in 1990 to 11,155 in 2000.

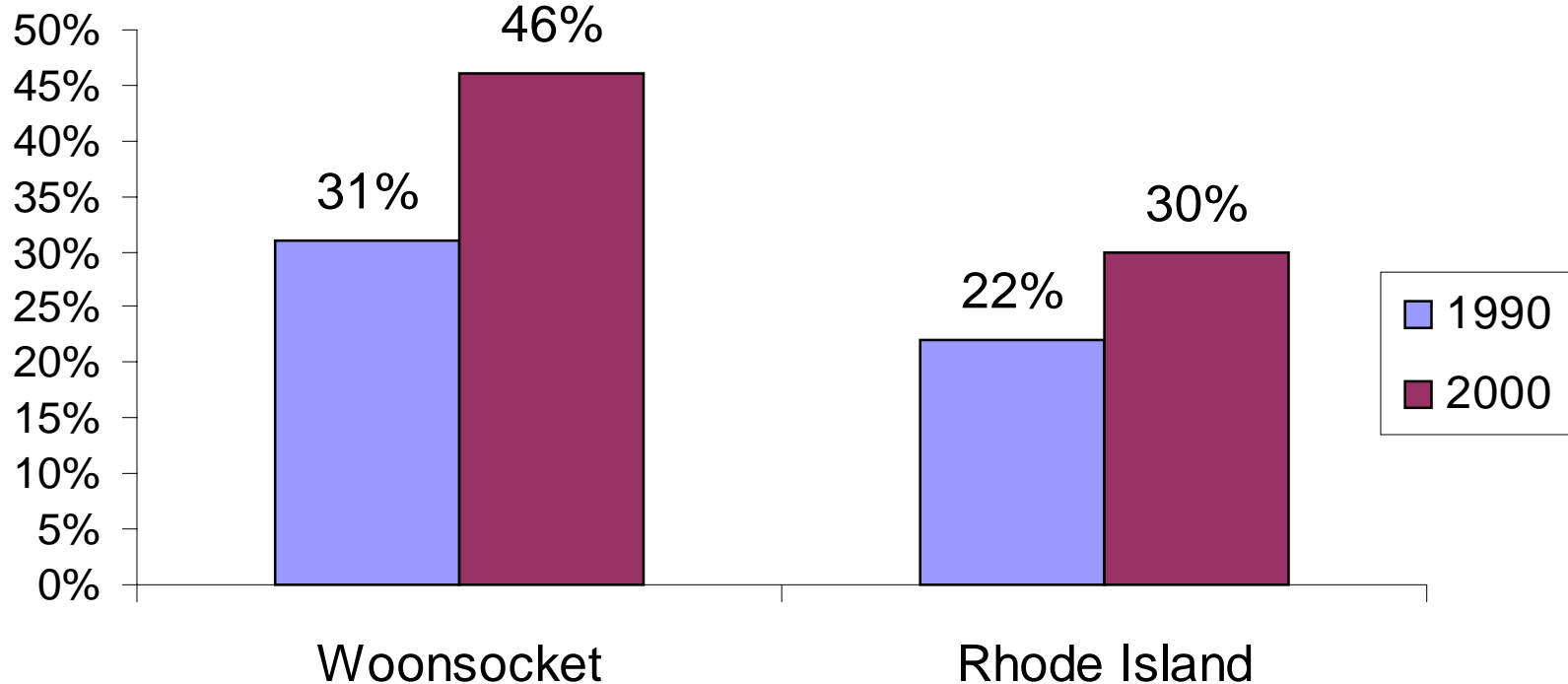
# Woonsocket's Child Population By Race and Ethnicity, 2000

<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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,155</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

# Children in Single-Parent Families

**Percent of Children Under Age 18 Living in Single-Parent Households**

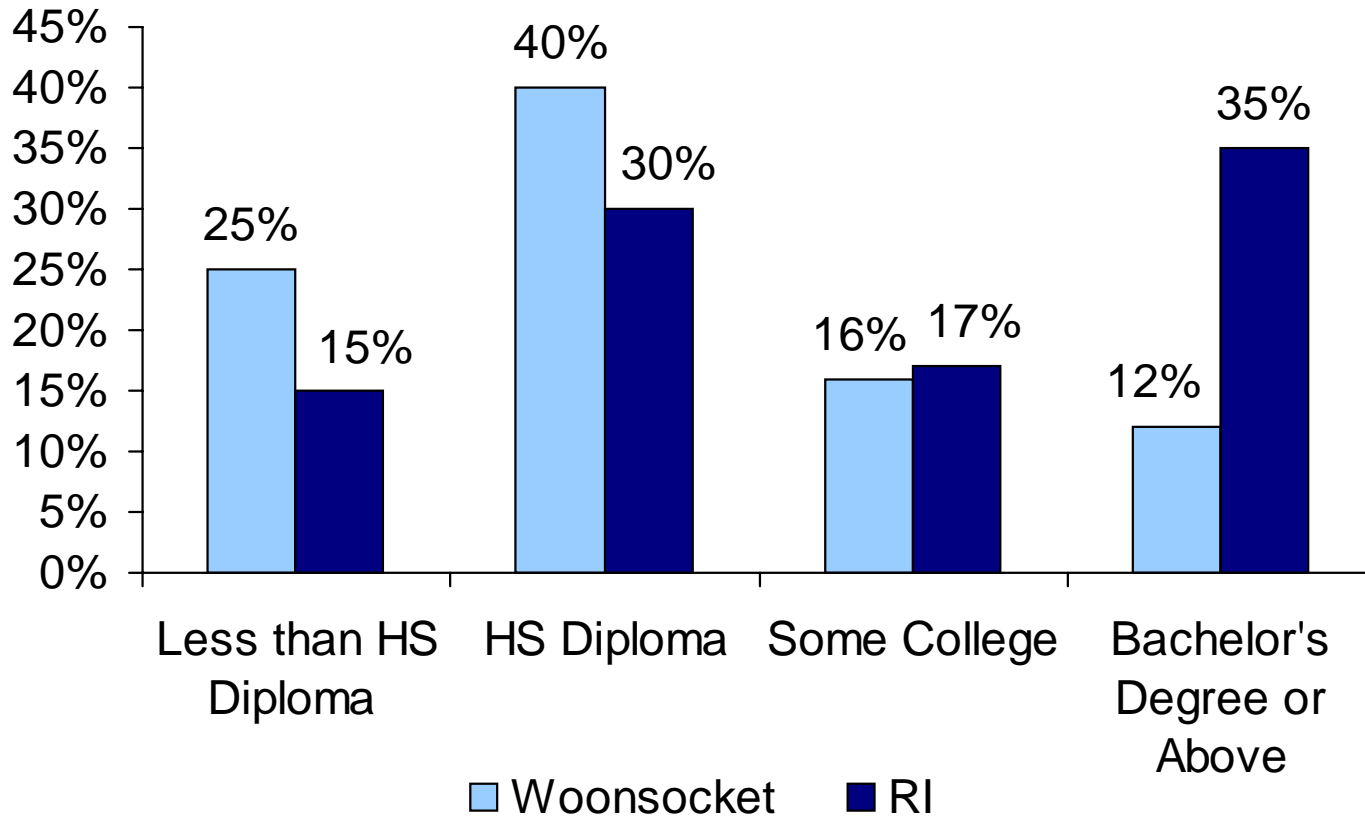


Total Woonsocket Households: 17,750

Source: 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census

# Mother's Education Level

Education Level of Mother at Time of Birth,  
Woonsocket and RI, 1998 - 2002



# Economic Well-Being

# Median Household Income

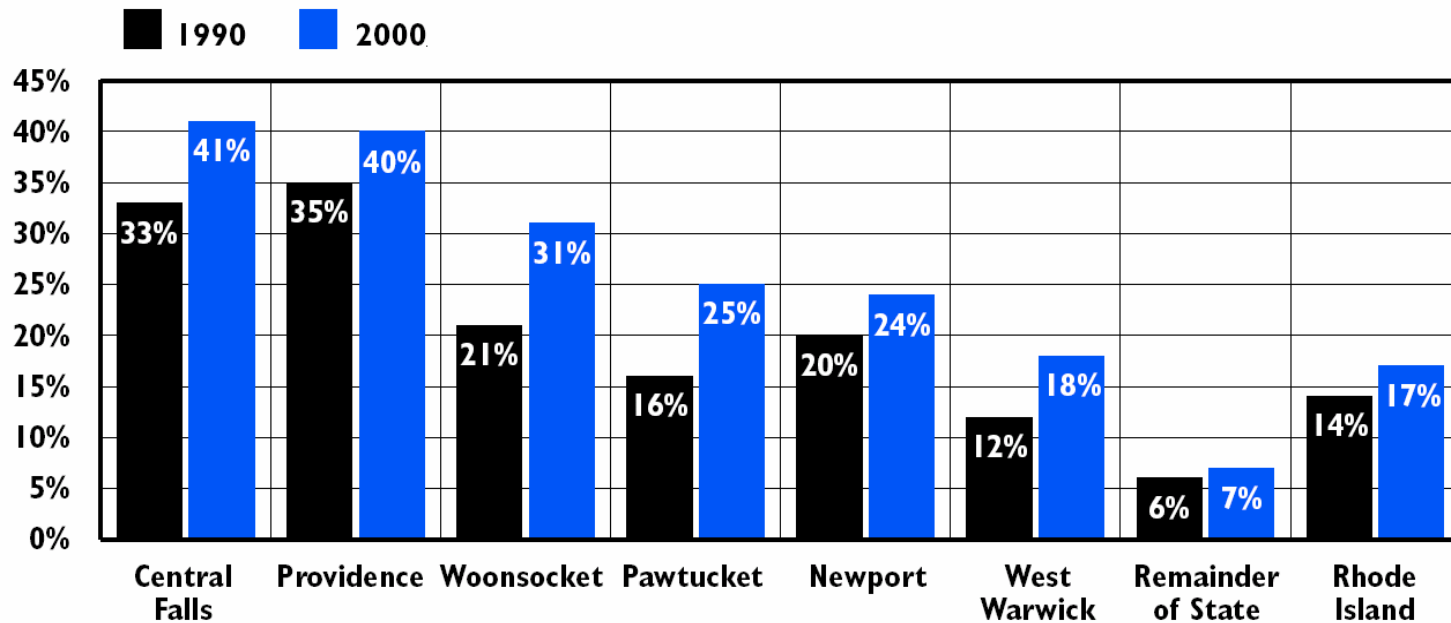
Lowest Income and Highest Income Communities, 1989 and 1999

	<u>Adjusted Median HH Income 1989</u>	<u>Median HH Income 1999</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Central Falls	\$24,289	\$22,628	-6.8%
Providence	\$28,894	\$26,867	-7.0%
<b>Woonsocket</b>	<b>\$33,090</b>	<b>\$30,819</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>
Barrington	\$69,222	\$74,591	7.8%
East Greenwich	\$66,401	\$70,062	5.5%
West Greenwich	\$53,817	\$65,725	22.1%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>\$41,985</i>	<i>\$42,090</i>	<i>0.3%</i>

➤ In 1999, the median household income in Woonsocket was the 3rd lowest in the state and experienced the 3rd greatest decline since 1989.

# Children in Poverty

**Rate of Children Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold, 1990 and 2000, Core Cities, Remainder of State and Rhode Island**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 Census of the Population.

- Woonsocket experienced the most dramatic increase in child poverty in the state between 1990 and 2000, from 21% of children under age 18 to 31%.

# Children in Poverty

**Children Under Age 18**

**Living Below the Poverty Threshold:**

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Woonsocket</b>	<b>2,235 (21.4%)</b>	<b>3,413 (31.3%)</b>
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>30,022 (13.5%)</b>	<b>40,117 (16.5%)</b>

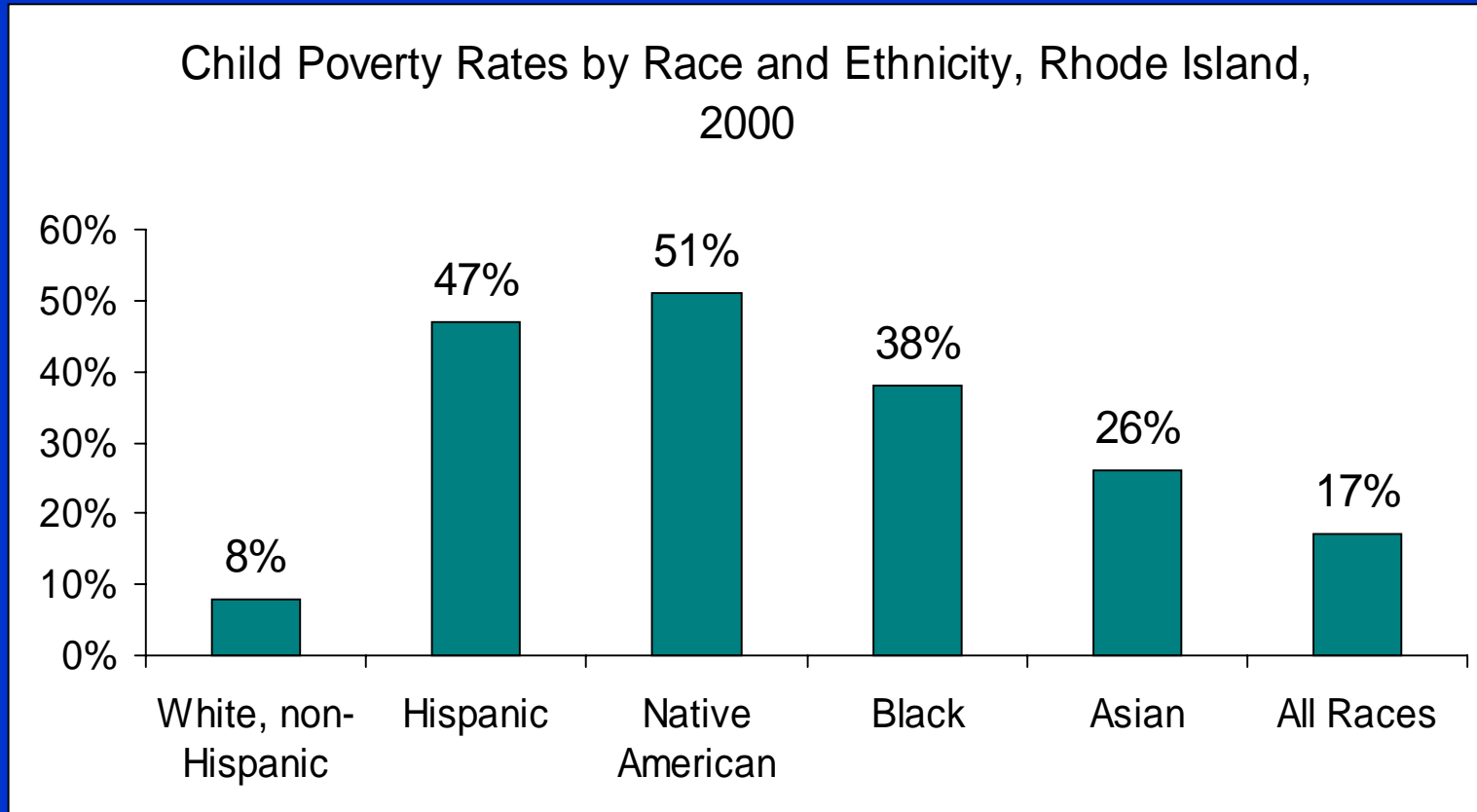
# Young Children in Poverty

**Children Under Age 6**

**Living Below the Poverty Threshold:**

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Woonsocket</b>	<b>1,034 (27%)</b>	<b>1,361 (35%)</b>
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>12,912 (16%)</b>	<b>14,548 (20%)</b>

# Child Poverty by Race and Ethnicity in Rhode Island



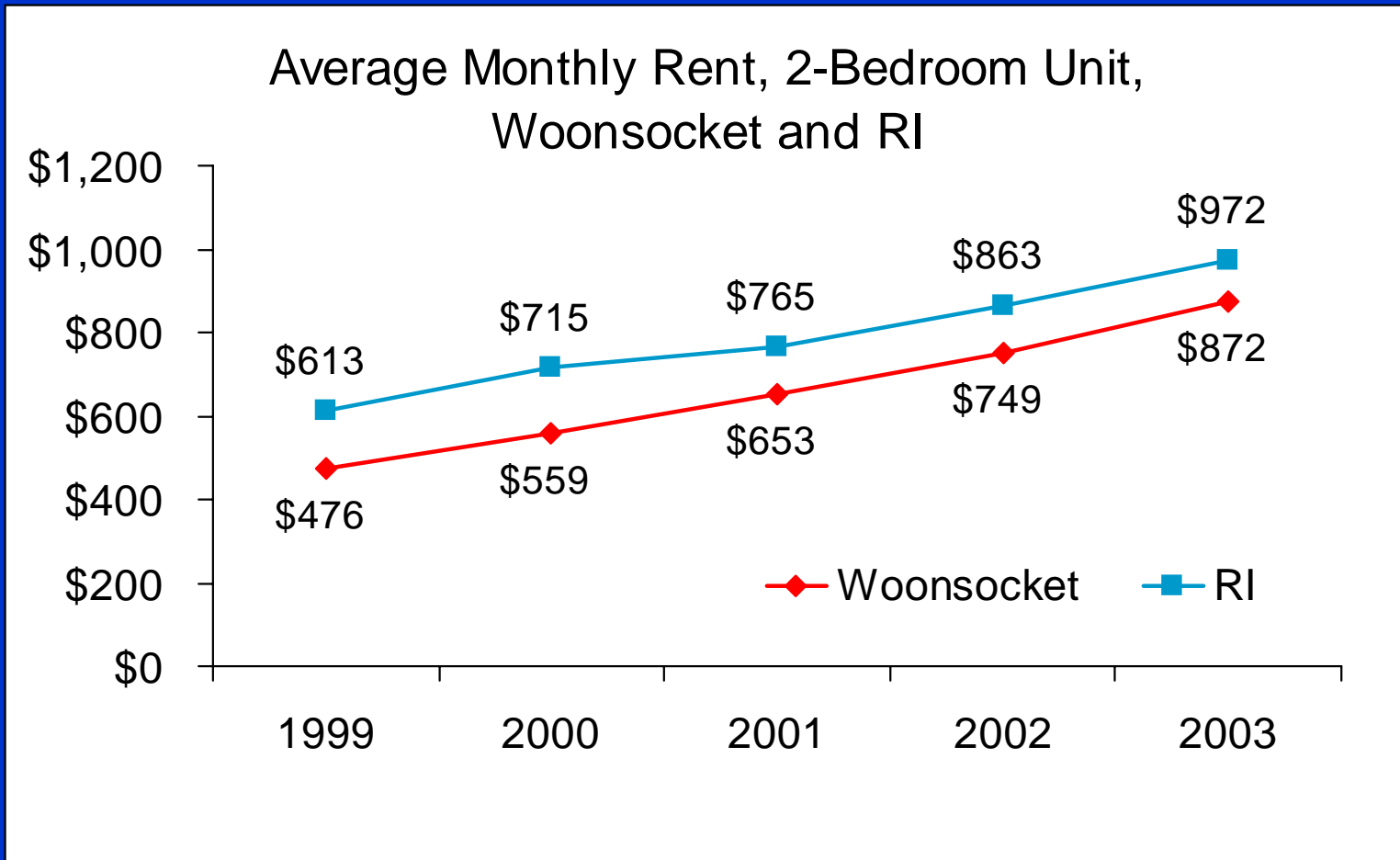
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

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

## Rhode Island Standard of Need:

According to the Poverty Institute's 2003 Rhode Island Standard of Need, a two-parent family with two young children in which both parents are working needs an income of \$48,096 (or \$23 per hour for 40 hours per week) to pay for basic living expenses, including housing, food, clothing, health insurance, child care and transportation.

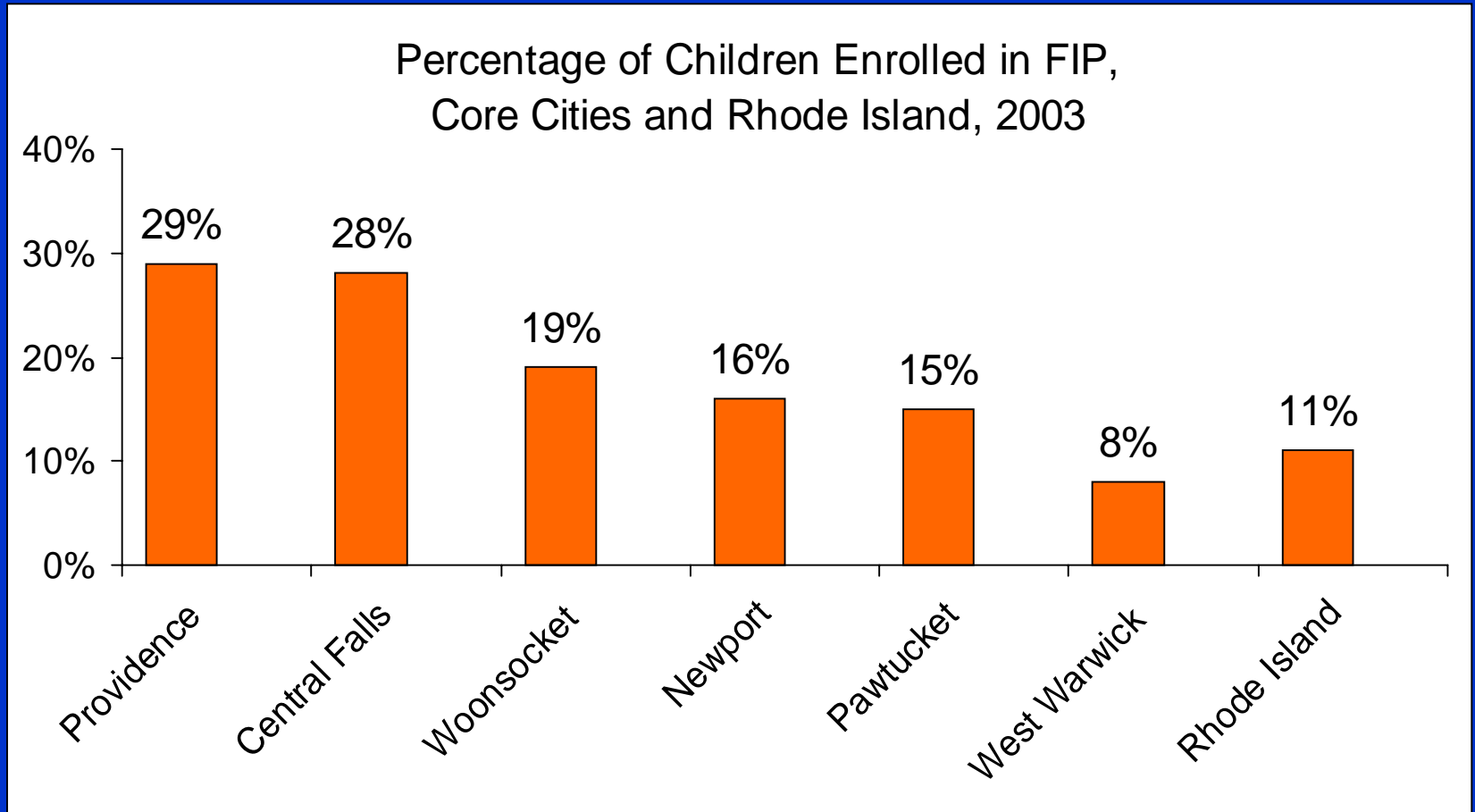
# Cost of Rent



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbooks 2000 - 2004

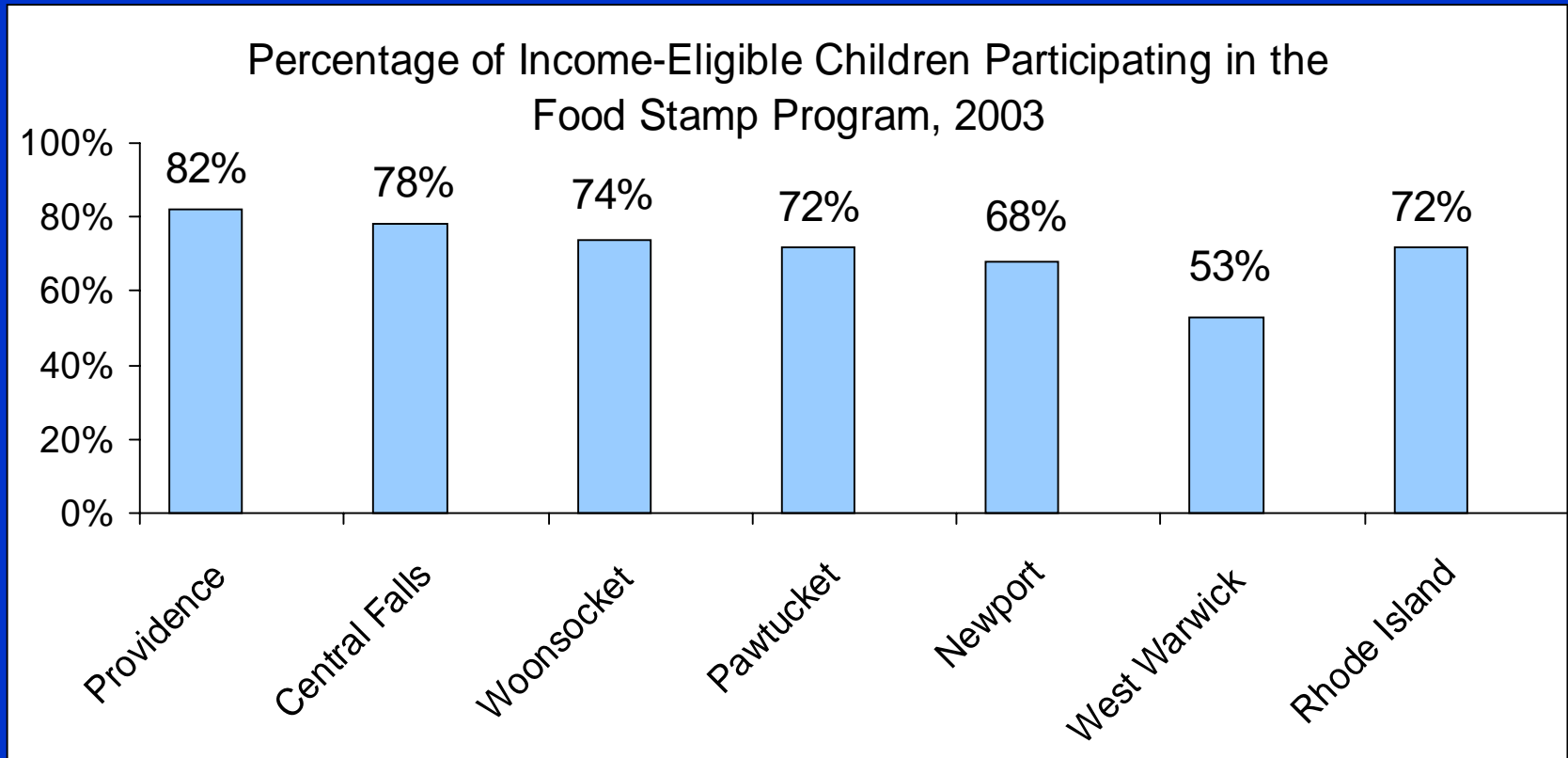
- A family of three living at the poverty level is able to afford rent of \$381 per month. Housing is considered affordable if it consumes 30% or less of a family's household income.

# Family Independence Program (FIP)



Source: 2004 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook

# Children Receiving Food Stamps

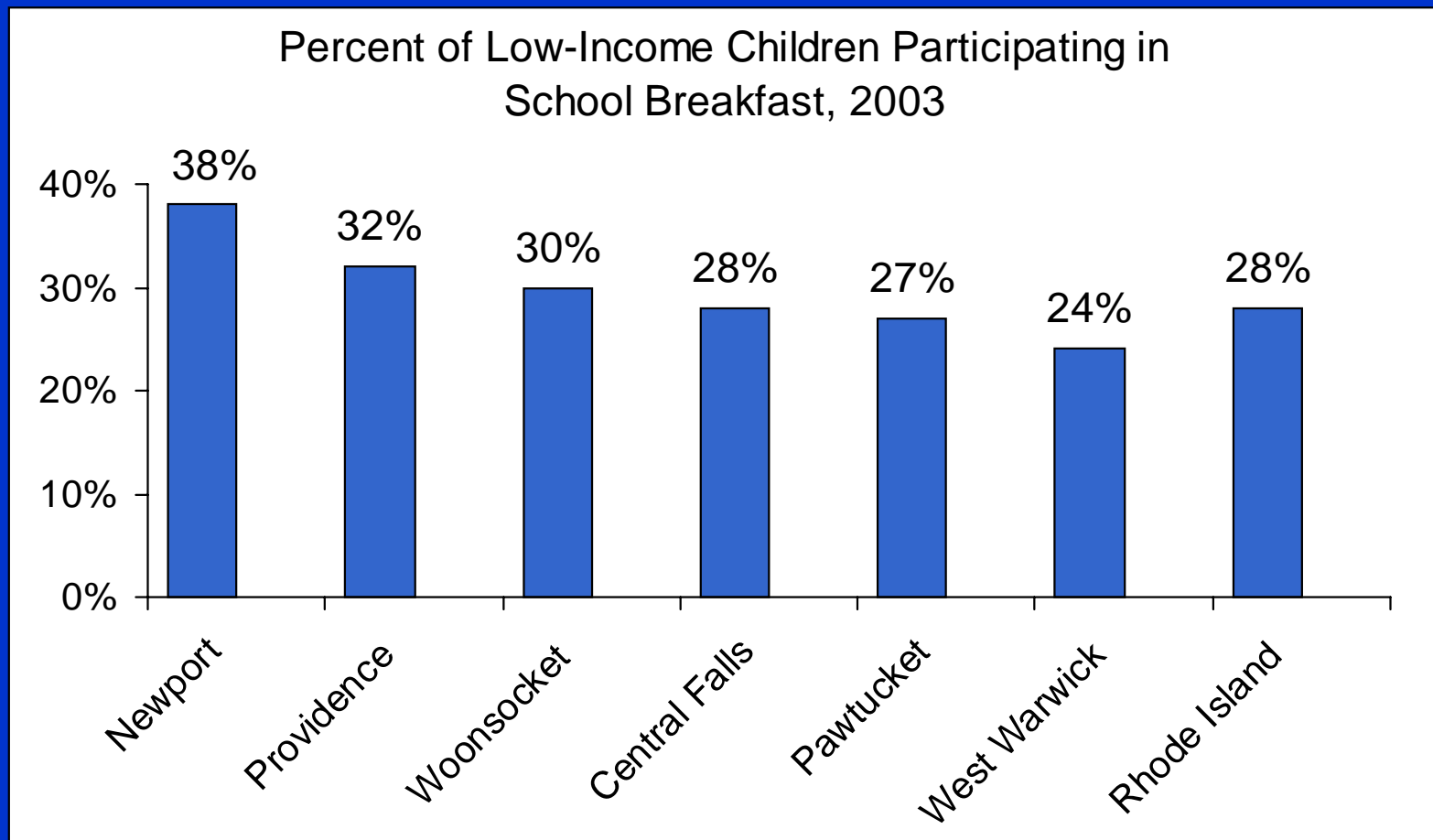


➤ In October 2003 in Woonsocket 3,032, out of 4,125 estimated eligible children under age 18 were participating in the Food Stamps Program.

Note: Estimates of the percentage eligible for the Food Stamp Program are based on the total number of children under age 18 living in families with incomes below 130% of the federal poverty level according to the 2000 census.

Source: 2004 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook

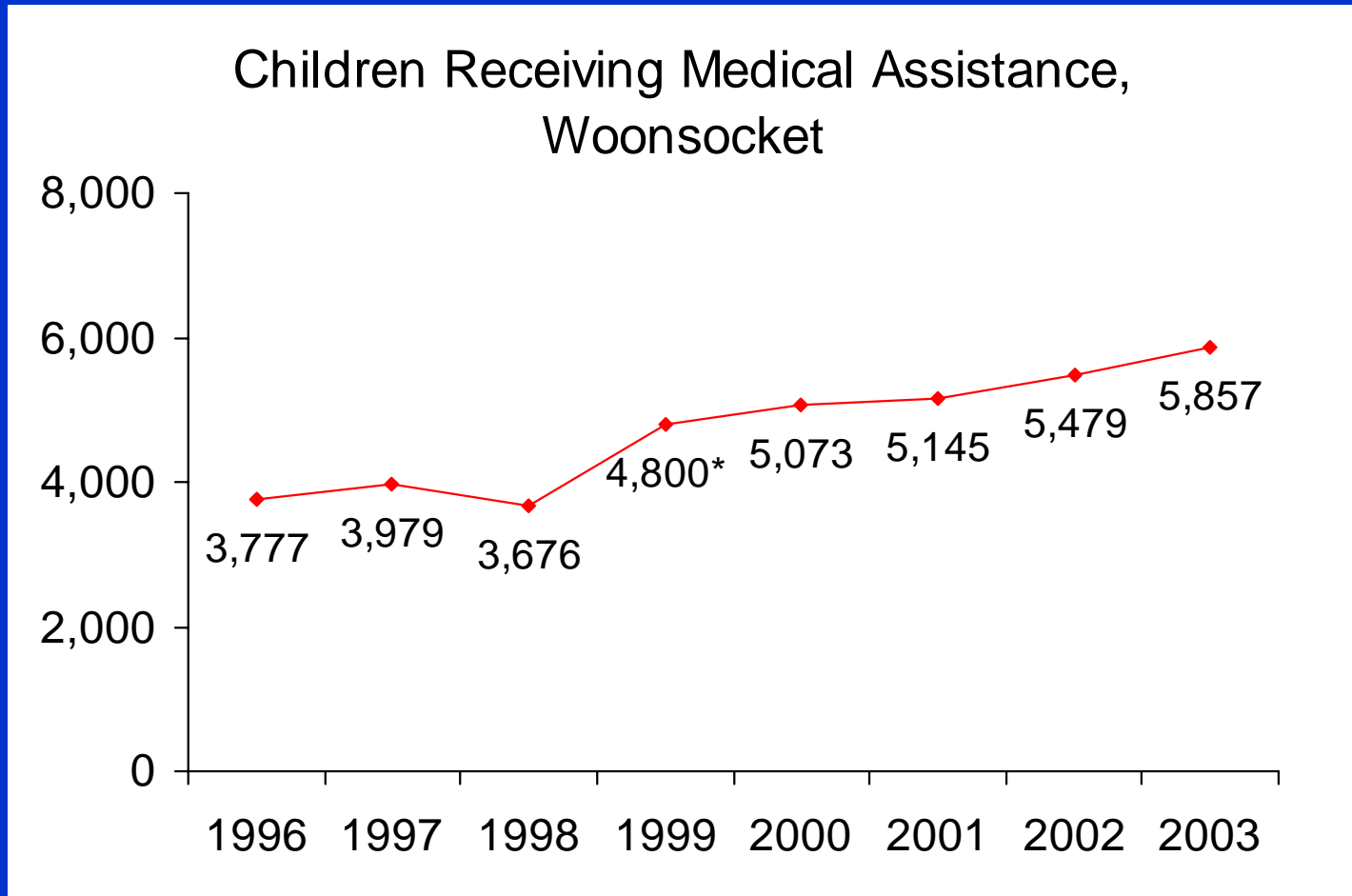
# Children Participating in School Breakfast



➤ In Fall 2003 in Woonsocket, 1,257 out of 4,207 income-eligible public school students under age 18 were participating in the School Breakfast Program.

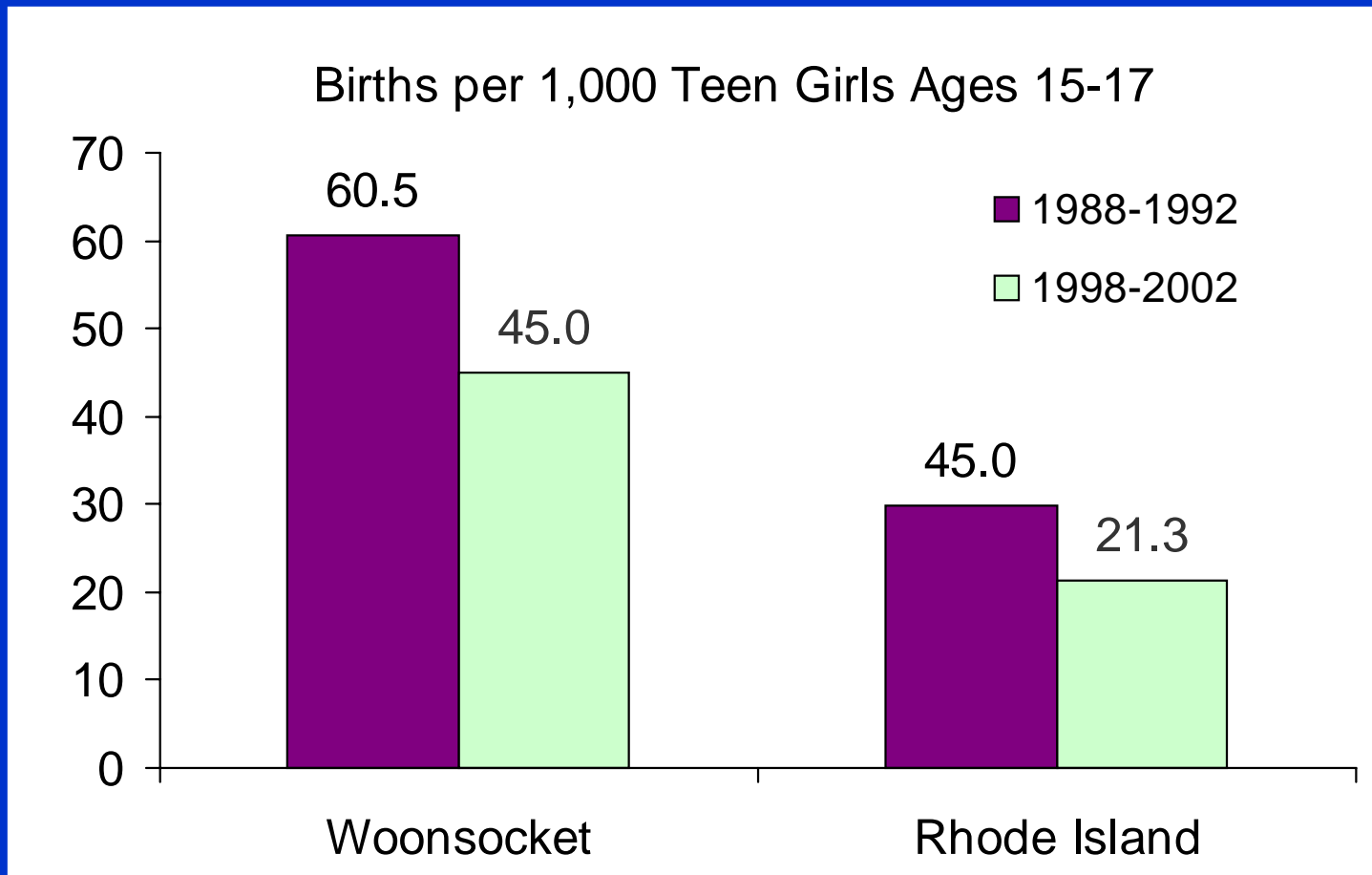
**Health**

# Children Receiving Medical Assistance



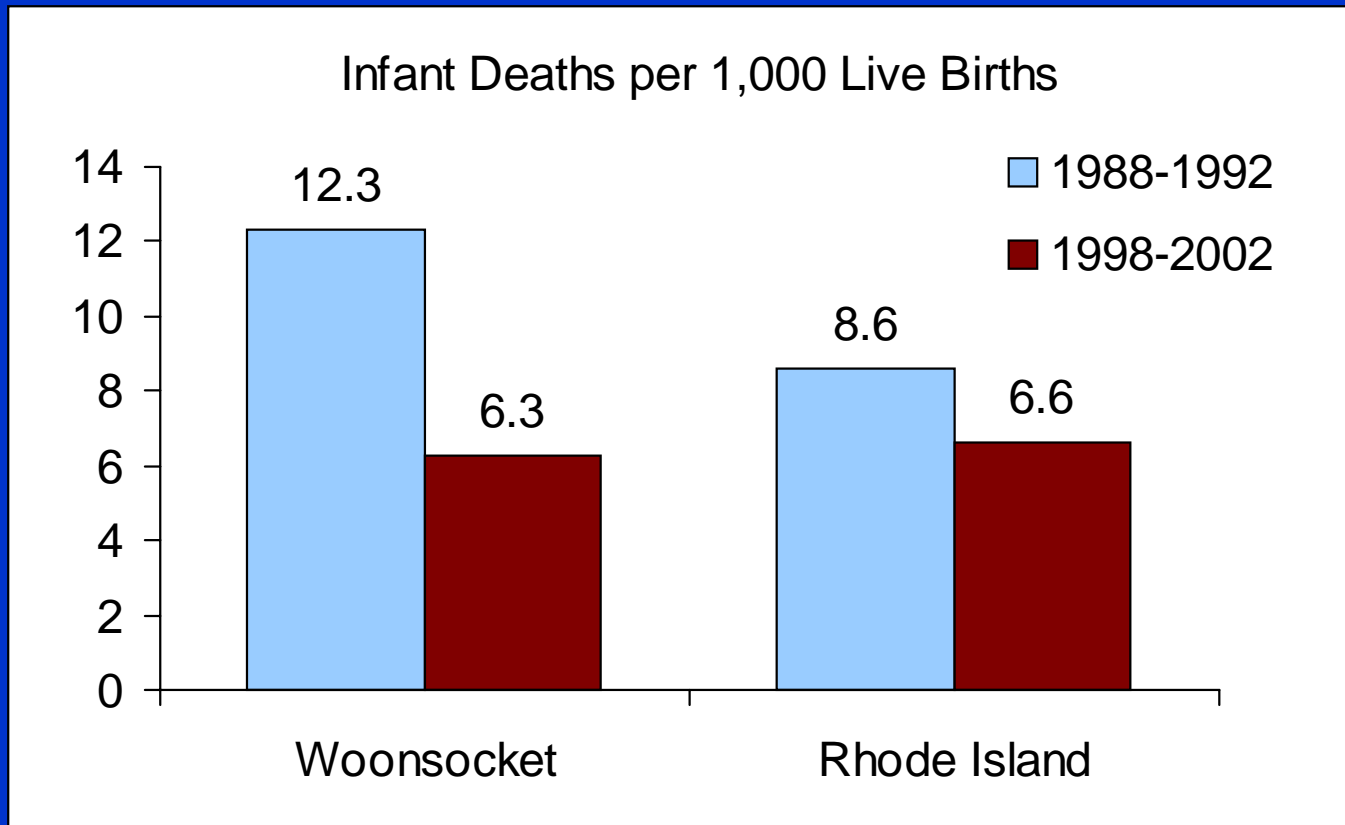
\* The significant increase in the number of children covered by health care insurance in Woonsocket between 1998 and 1999 can be accredited to an age eligibility expansion in RIte Care, the use of mail-in applications, and outreach through a variety of mechanisms.

# Births to Teens



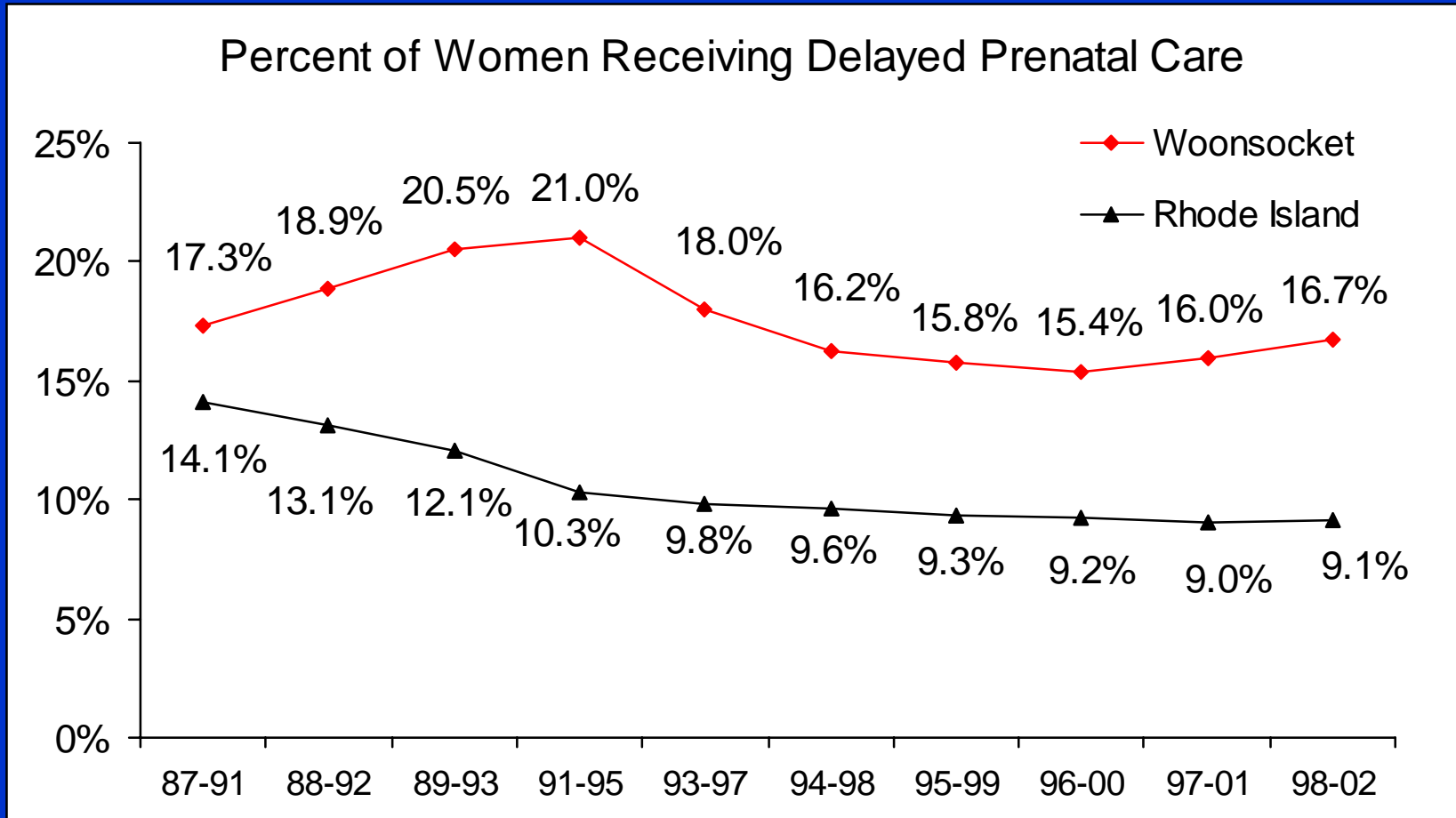
- The rate of birth to teen girls ages 15-17 dropped in Woonsocket from 60.5 per 1,000 to 45.0 per 1,000 teens over the decade. It is still double the state rate.
- In 1998-2002, there were 191 births to teen girls ages 15 to 17 in Woonsocket.

# Infant Mortality



➤ Despite a recent increase, the infant mortality rate in Woonsocket is significantly lower than it was a decade ago and slightly lower than the state rate of 6.6 per 1,000 births. For the five-year period 1998-2002, the Woonsocket infant mortality rate was 6.3 per 1,000 live births, compared to 4.4 per 1,000 in 1997-2001.

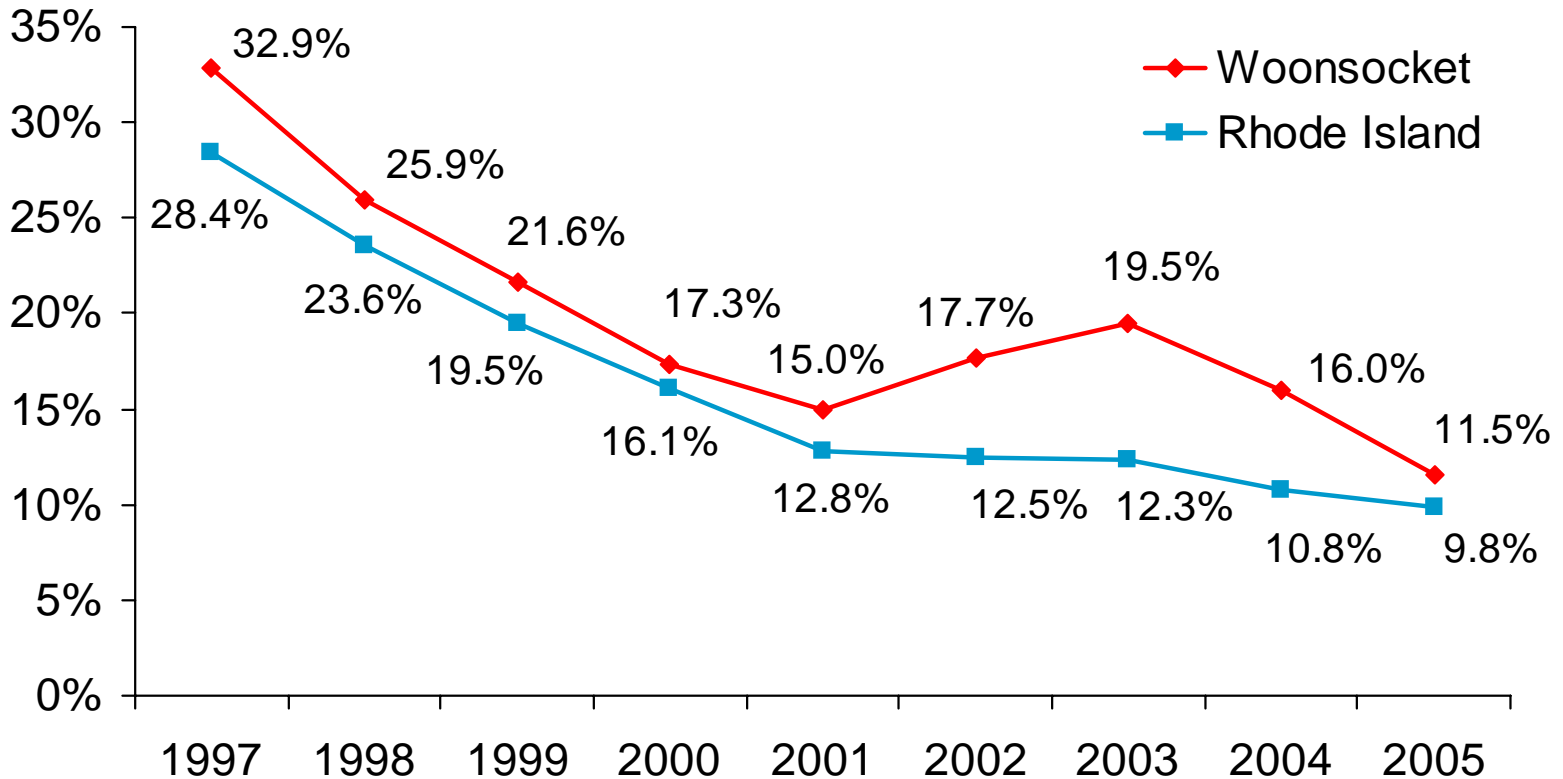
# Women with Delayed Prenatal Care



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

# Children with Lead Poisoning

Percentage of Children Entering Kindergarten in 1997-2005 with Blood Lead Levels > 10 ug/dL



Note: Children entering Kindergarten with Lead Poisoning is the percentage of three-year-old children screened for lead poisoning who had elevated blood lead levels (greater than or equal to 10 ug/dL) at any time prior to December 31. These data are for children eligible to enter Kindergarten in the Fall of the year cited.

Source: 1996-2004 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbooks

# Access to Dental Care

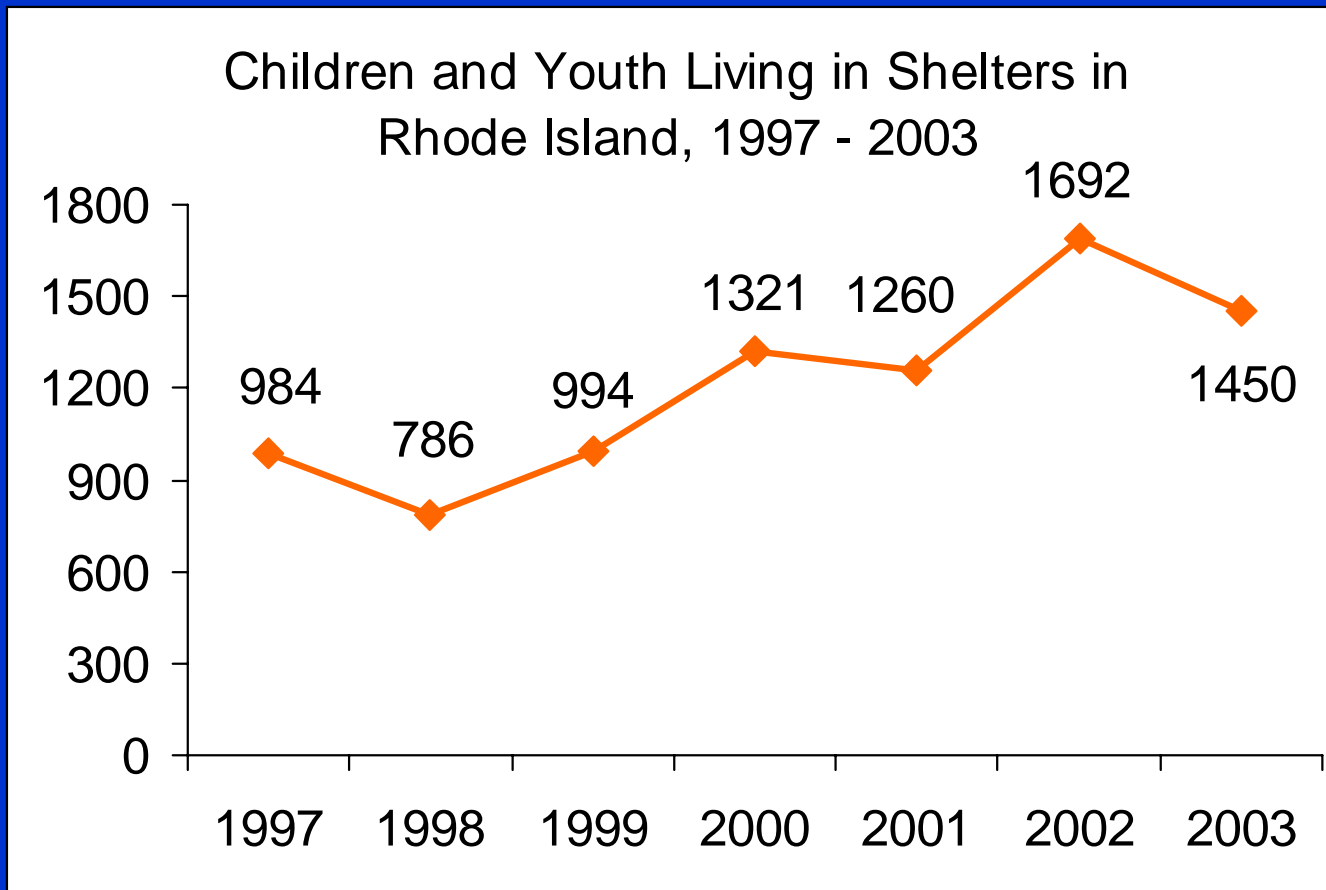
- In the United States, 80% of tooth decay occurs in 25% of the children.
- Children eligible for Medicaid services experience twice the ratio of untreated dental disease as more affluent children.
- Among Rhode Island children under age 21 enrolled in public insurance programs, 41% accessed dental diagnostic, prevention, and/or treatment services during Federal Fiscal Year 2002. This is compared to 66% of children ages 2-17 enrolled in Medicaid nationally and 73% of all children ages 2-17 in the United States.

# Children's Mental Health

- One in five U.S. children ages 9 to 17 has a diagnosable mental or addictive disorder. One in ten children suffer significant functional impairments at home, at school and with peers as a result of their disorder.
- In Rhode Island, during state fiscal year 2002, 9% of children and youth who were enrolled in Medicaid (including Rite Care or fee-for-service Medicaid) received a Medicaid-funded mental health service.
- During 2003, 7,593 children were treated at one of the eight community mental health centers (CMHCs) in Rhode Island.

**Safety**

# Homeless Children and Homeless Youth



- Of the 5,440 people who received shelter services in RI in 2003, 351 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 2003, in Rhode Island, there were 5,338 juveniles (5% of all RI youth ages 10 to 17) referred to Family Court for 9,054 offenses.

*In 2003, juveniles from Woonsocket committed 542 offenses, accounting for 6% of offenses in Rhode Island.*

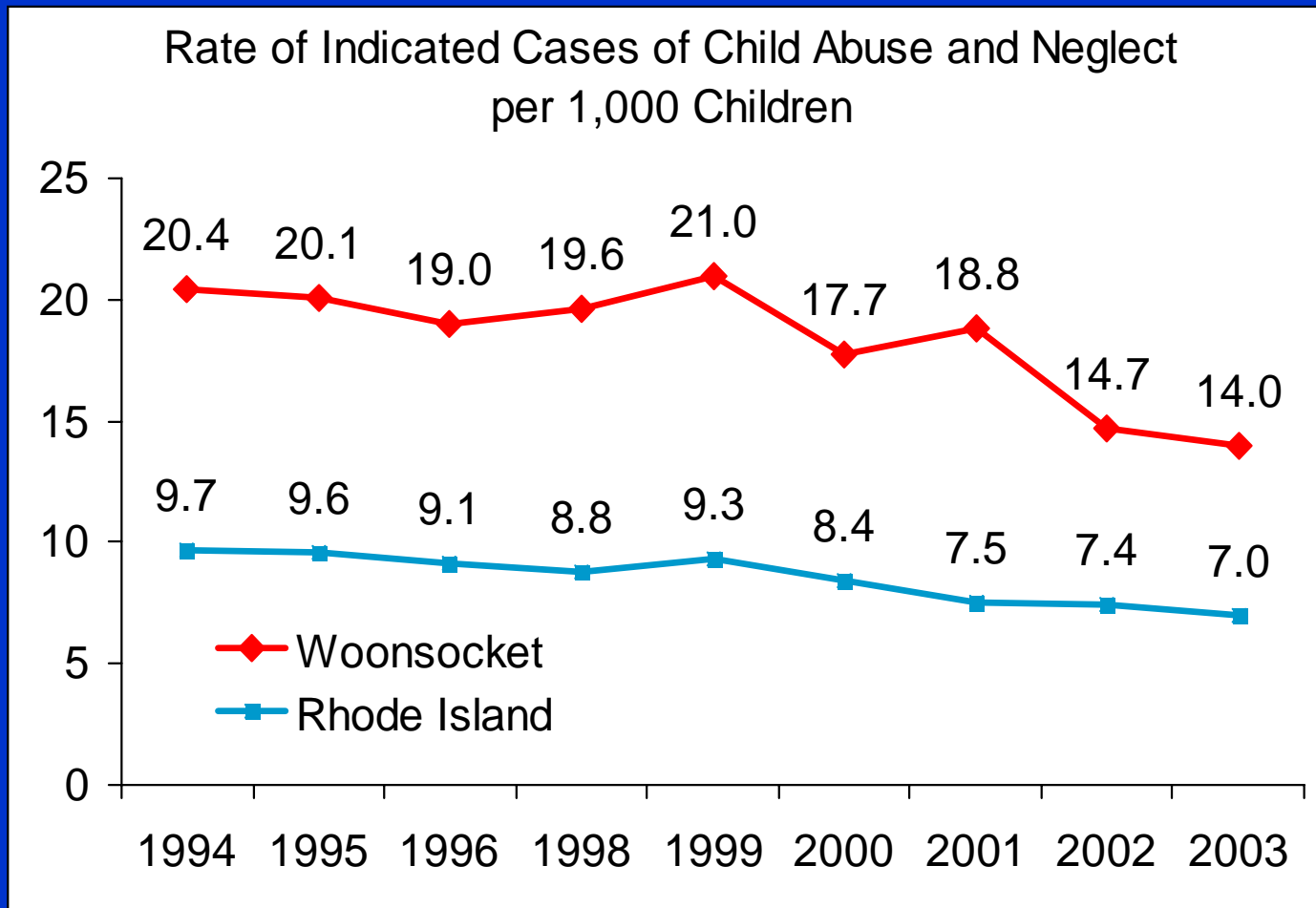
- In 2003, 1,060 juveniles spent time at the Rhode Island Training School. This is 1% of all 10 – 17 year olds in the state.

*Of those with a reported address, 65 were from Woonsocket.*

# 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 2003, 1,889 adults at the ACI reported having 4,906 children.
- 118 of these parents (with 270 children) reported their last residence as Woonsocket.
- 24.2 per 1,000 children in Woonsocket have parents who are incarcerated compared to 16.6 statewide.

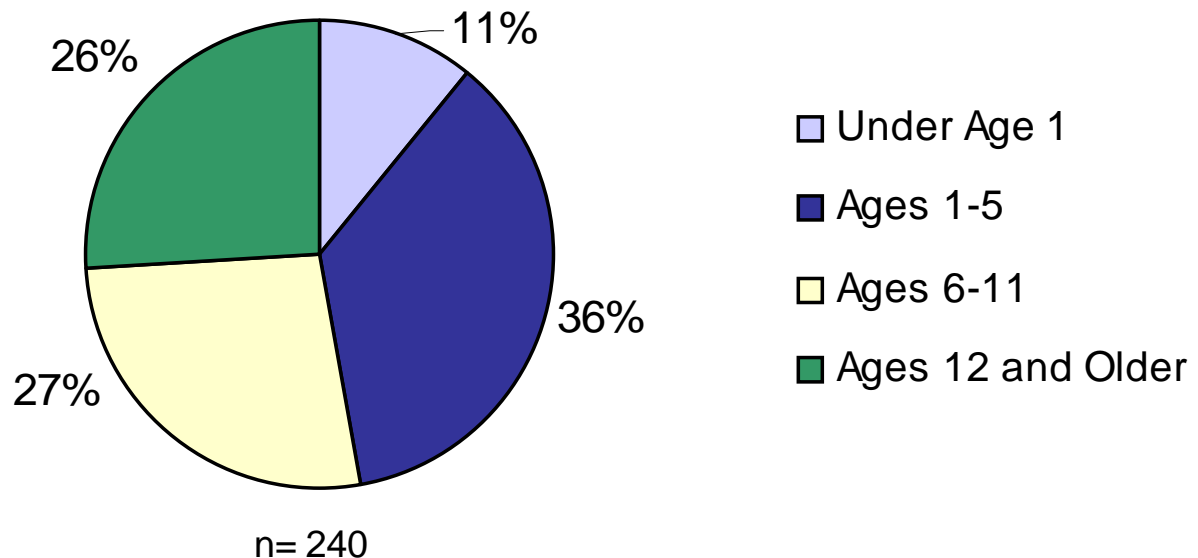
# Child Abuse and Neglect



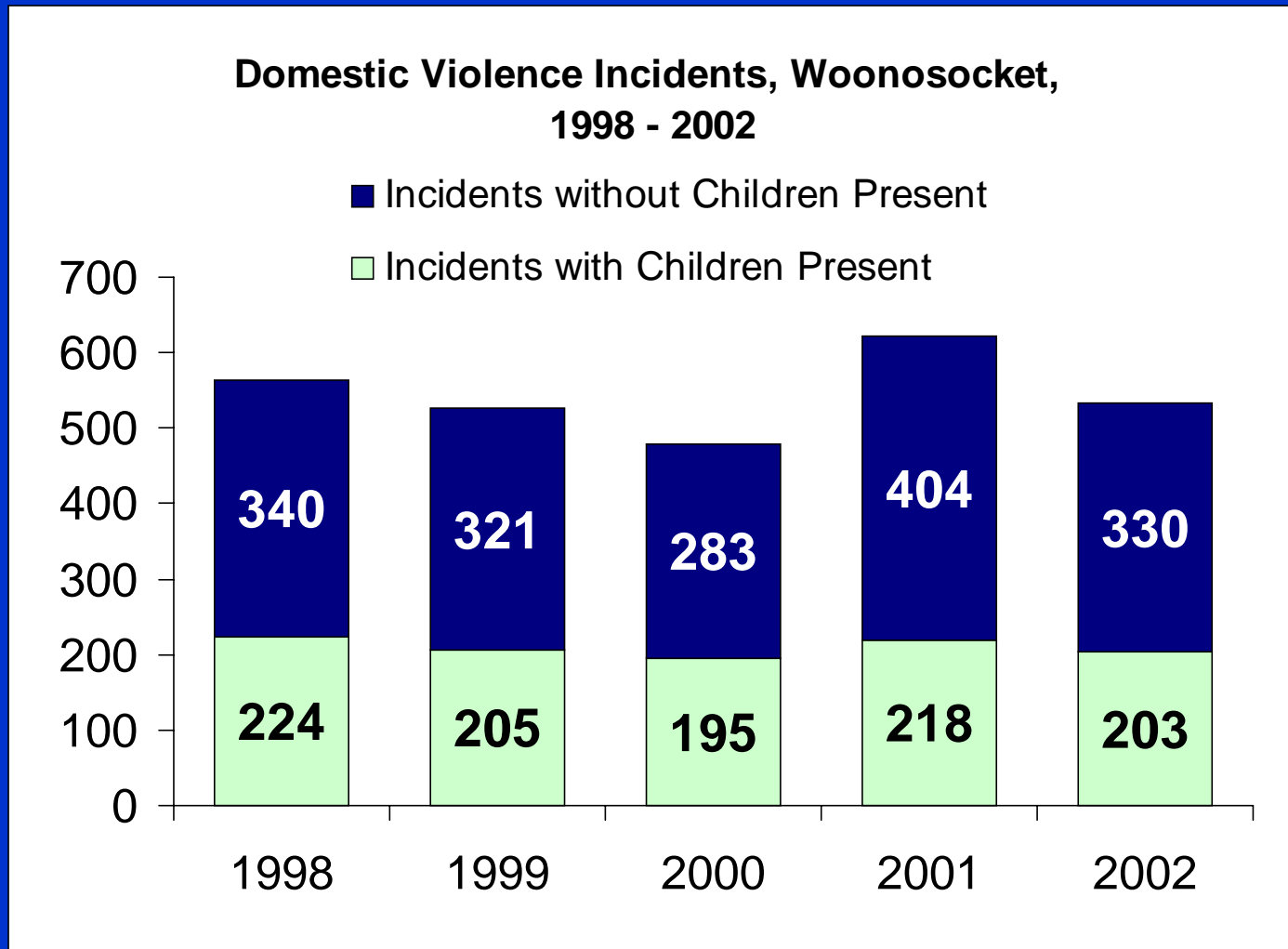
➤ Woonsocket's rate of indicated cases of child abuse and neglect has declined somewhat since 1994 but remains the highest in the state.

# Child Abuse and Neglect By Age of Victim

**Indicated Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect by  
Age of Victim, Woonsocket, 2003**



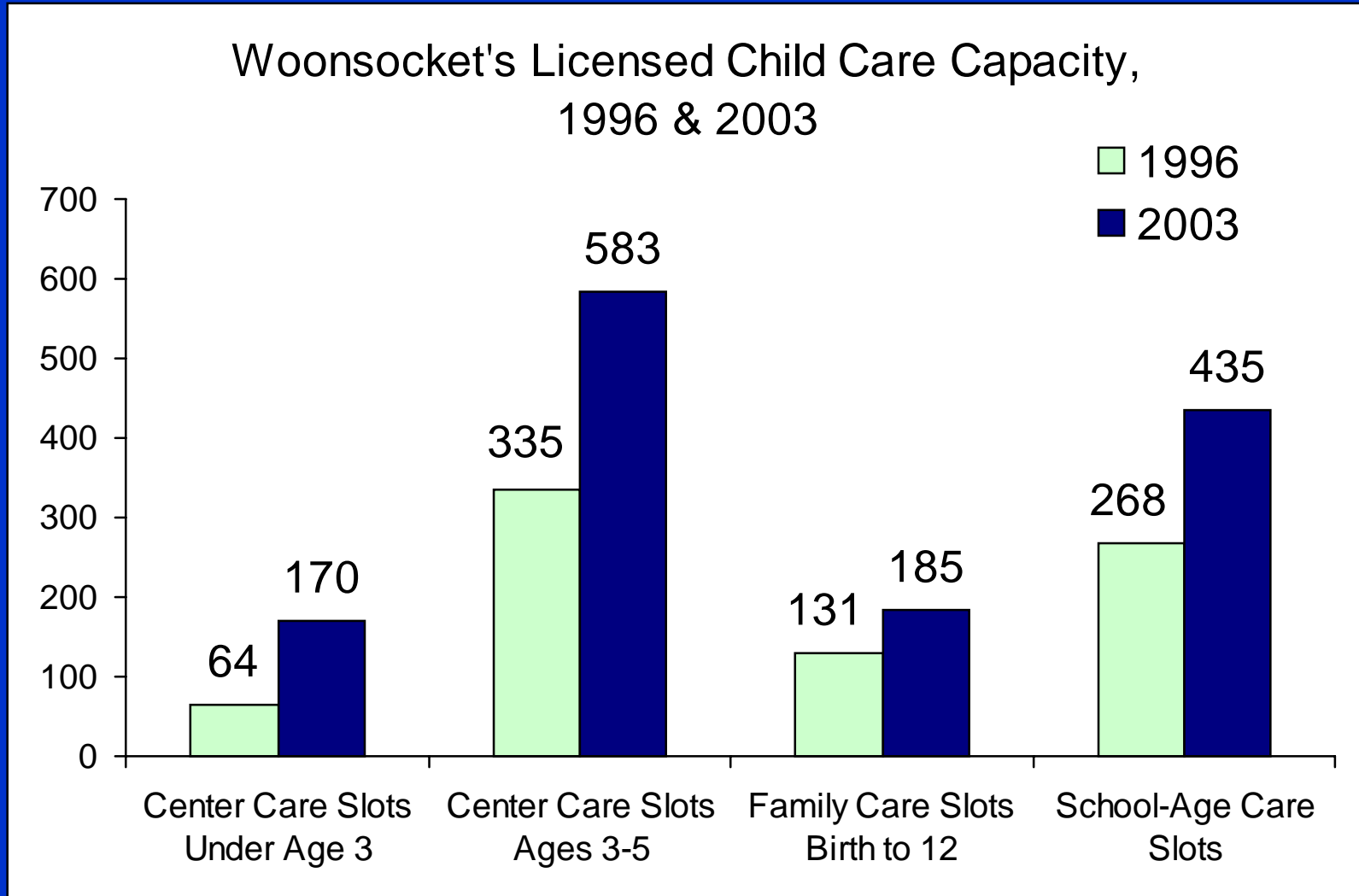
# Children Witnessing Domestic Violence



➤ In 2002, there were 533 reports of domestic violence incidents in Woonosocket. Of these, 203 (38%) noted that children were present.

**Education**

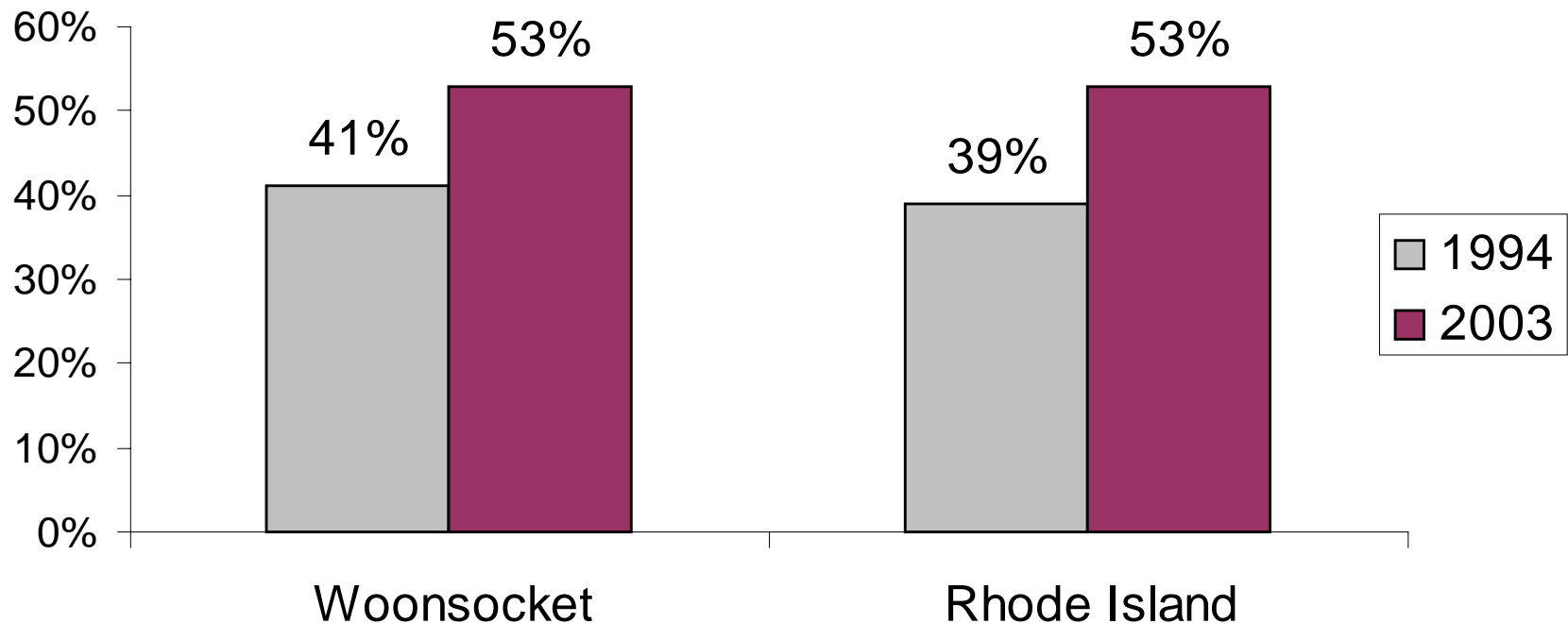
# Regulated Child Care in Woonsocket



Source: 1997 & 2004 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

# Children Enrolled in Head Start

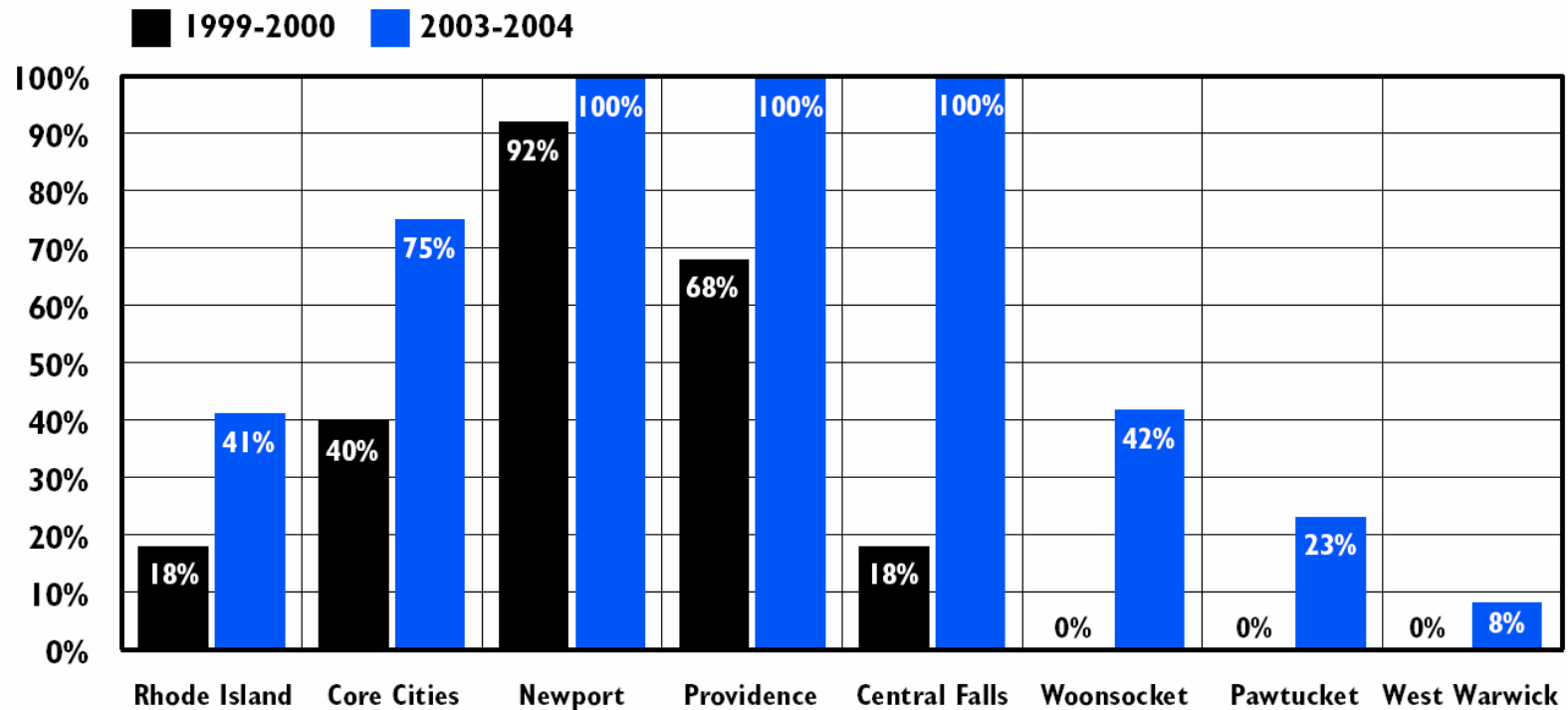
Percent of Eligible 3 & 4 Year Olds  
Enrolled in Head Start, 1994 & 2003



# Full Day Kindergarten



## Children in Full-Day Public Kindergarten Programs, Core Cities and Rhode Island, 1999-2000 and 2003-2004



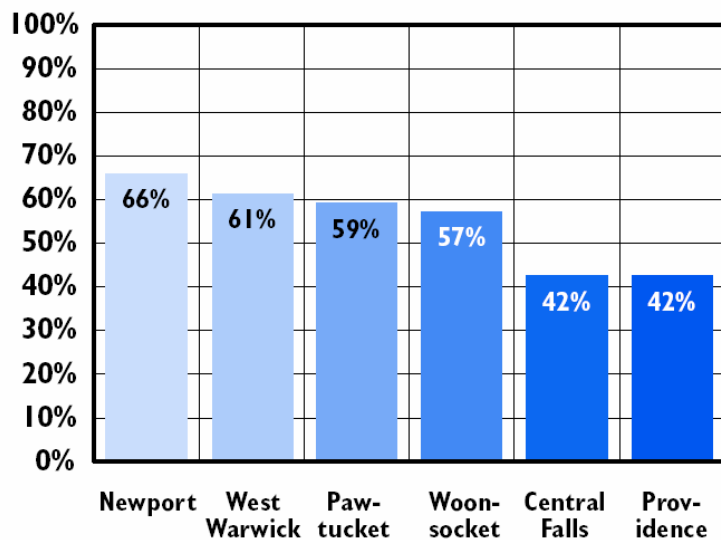
Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1999-2000 and 2003-2004 school years.

# Fourth Grade Reading Skills

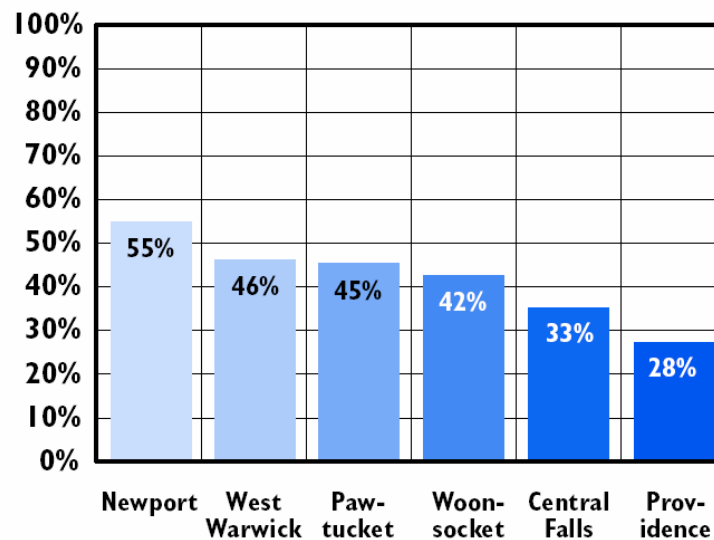


## Rhode Island Public School 4th Grade Reading Proficiency, Core Cities, 2002-2003

Proficiency in Basic Understanding



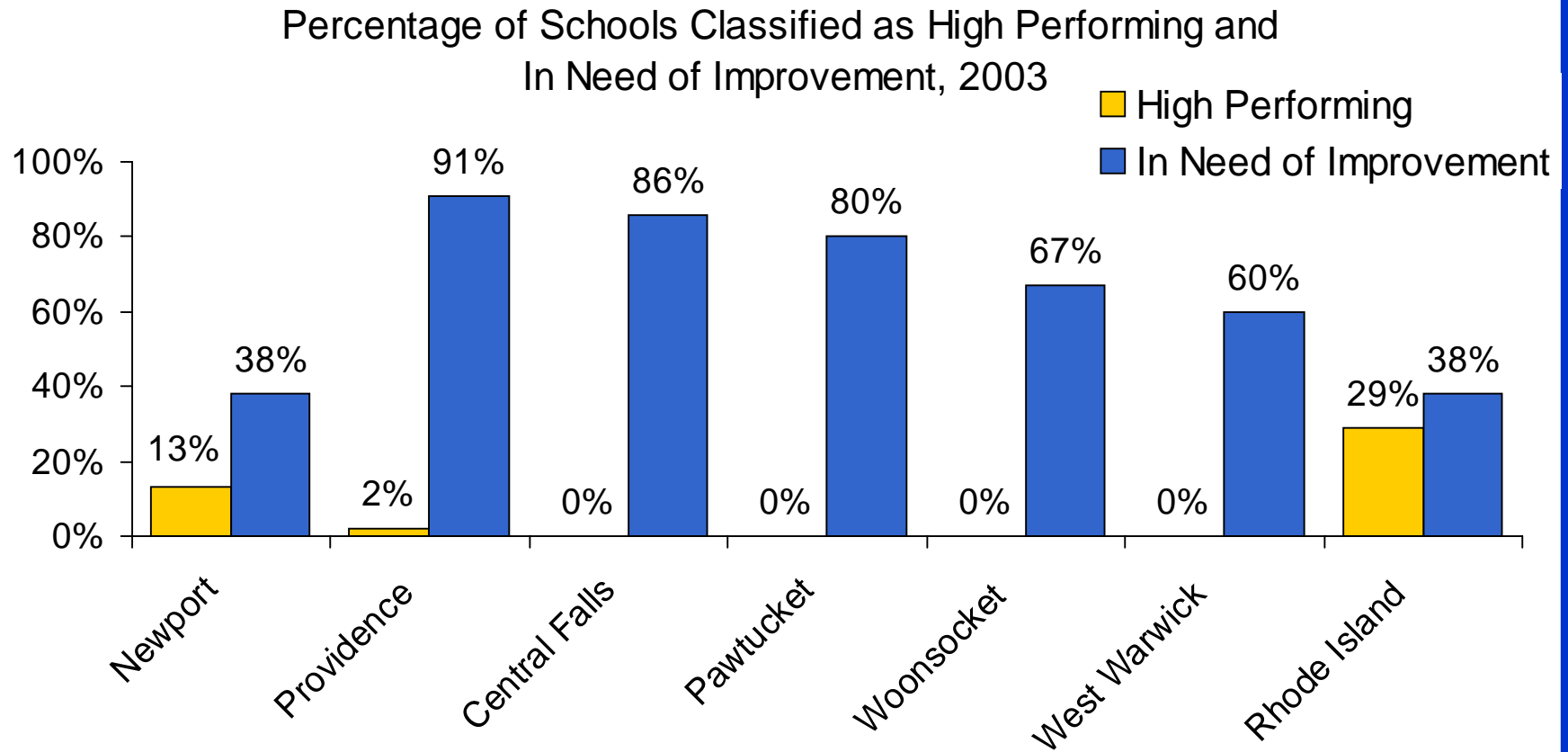
Proficiency in Analysis and Interpretation



Source: RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, New Standards English Language Arts Reference Exam at Grade 4, 2002-2003 school year.

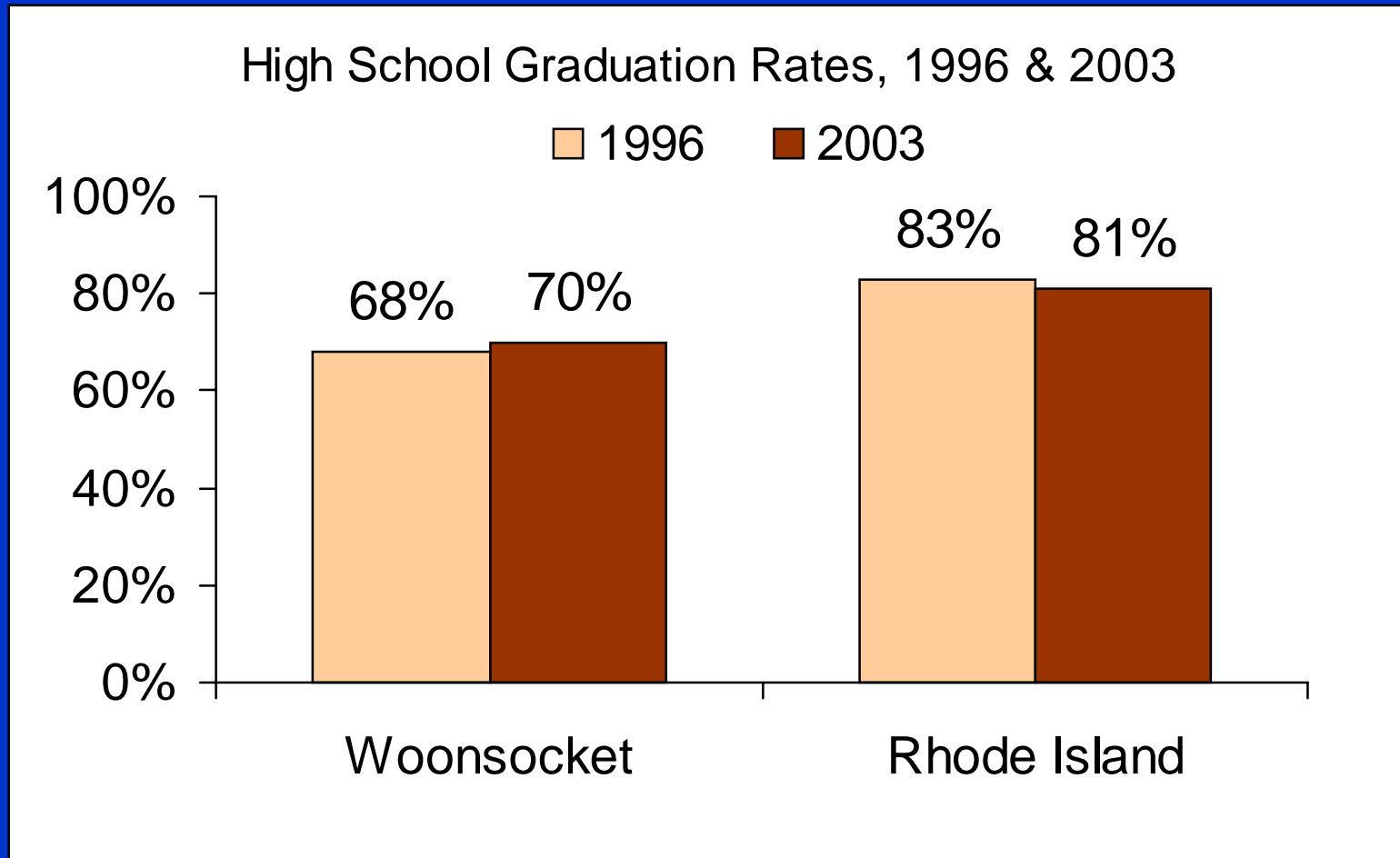
- In 2003, 70% of Rhode Island 4th graders scored at or above proficiency in *Basic Understanding*, and 57% in *Analysis and Interpretation*.

# School Performance



- Based on new guidelines that meet the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 4 of Woonsocket's 12 schools are classified as moderately performing, and 8 are classified as in need of improvement, with 1 making progress and 7 making insufficient progress.

# High School Graduation Rate

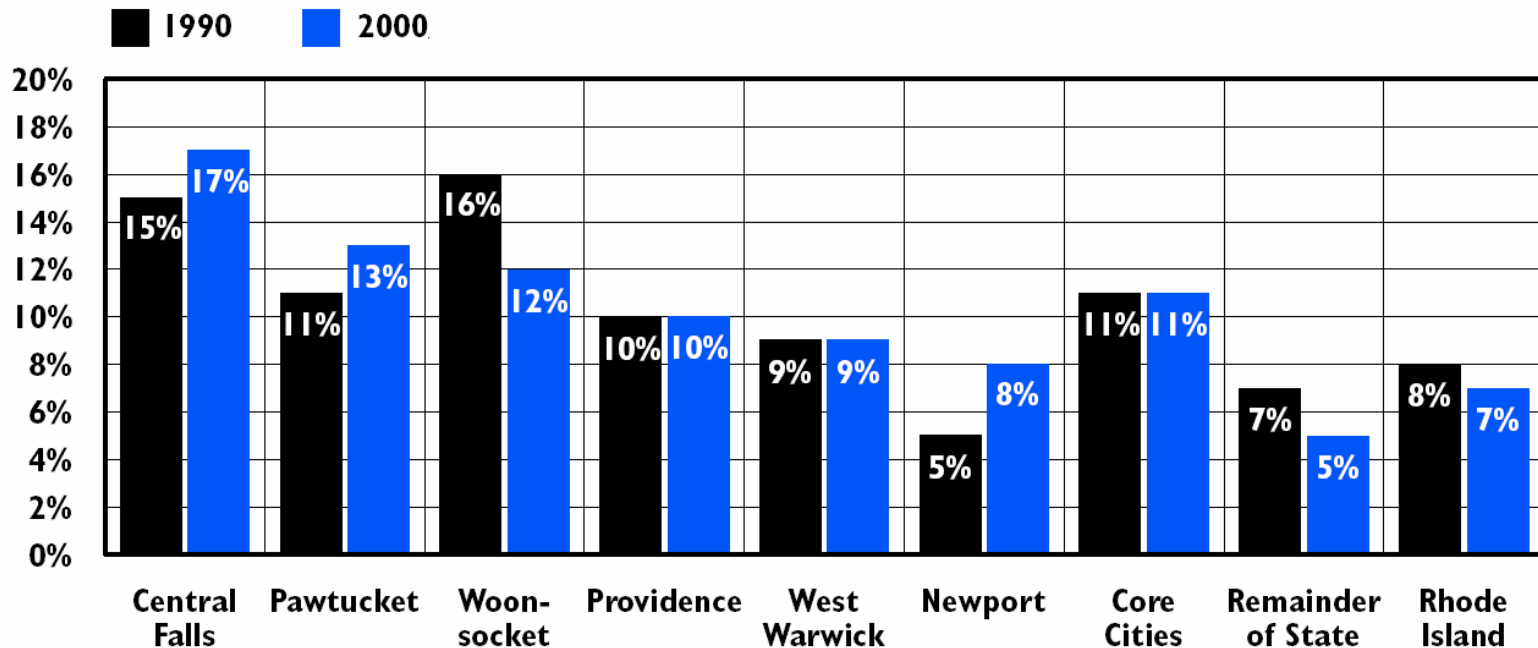


➤ While the graduation rate decreased between 1996 and 2003 in Rhode Island, it improved slightly in Woonsocket.

# Teens Not in School and Not Working



## Teens Not in School and Not Working, Ages 16 to 19, Core Cities and Rhode Island, 1990 and 2000



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of the Population and Census 2000.

Source: 2004 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook

# Other Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Publications

- 2000 U.S. Census Briefs
- Issue Briefs
- *Covering Kids & Families* Newsletters
- For City/Town Sheets, visit [www.rikidscount.org](http://www.rikidscount.org)
- For County-City-Community Level Information on Kids (CLIKS), visit [www.aecf.org/kidscount](http://www.aecf.org/kidscount)

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