

Data in Your Backyard

2005 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook

Woonsocket



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The *2005 Factbook* is the 11th annual publication.

The *2005 Factbook* contains 59 indicators of child well-being. Most include city and town level information. This year's Factbook contains five new indicators.

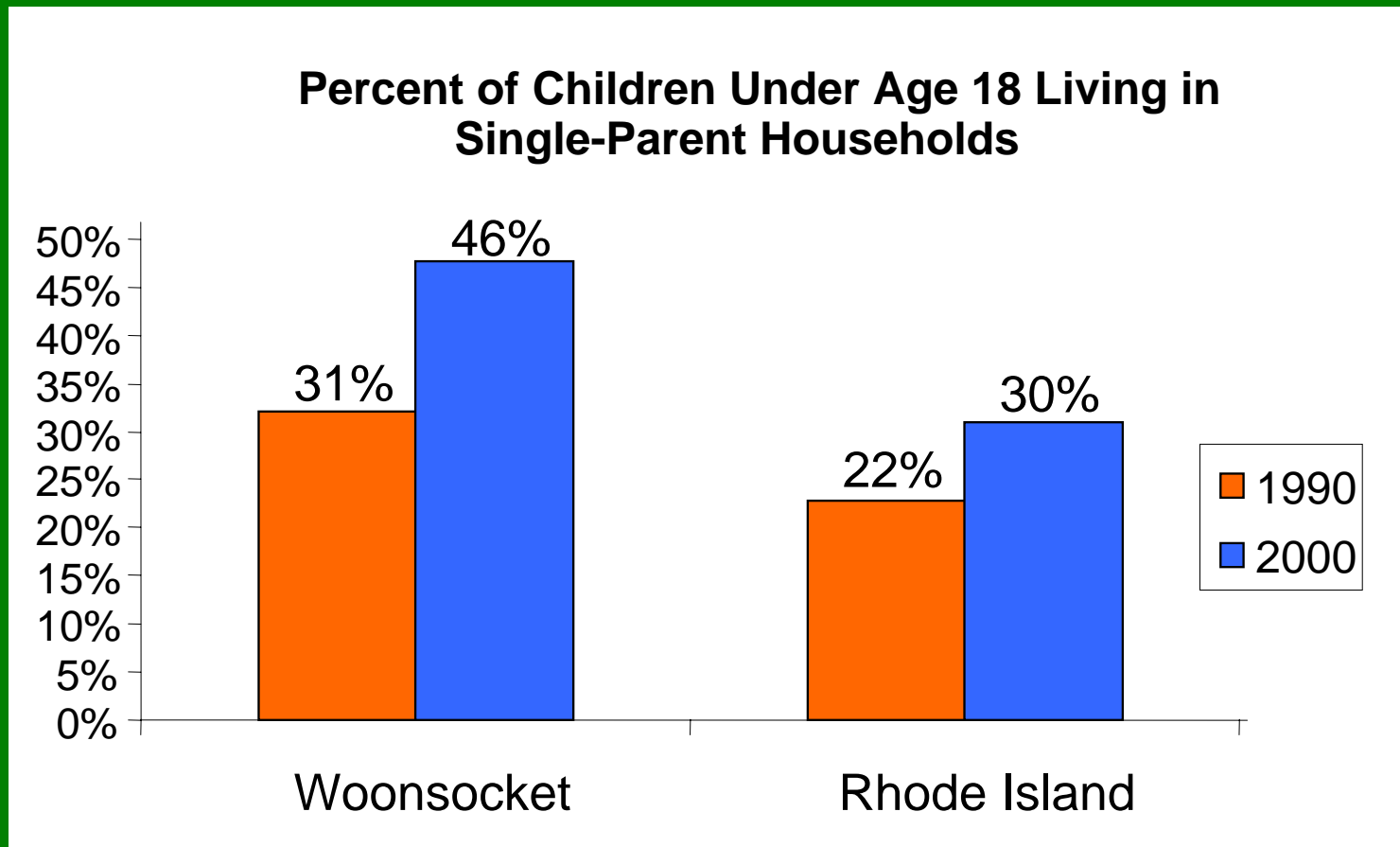
Family and Community

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	582	5.2%
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.

Children in Single-Parent Families

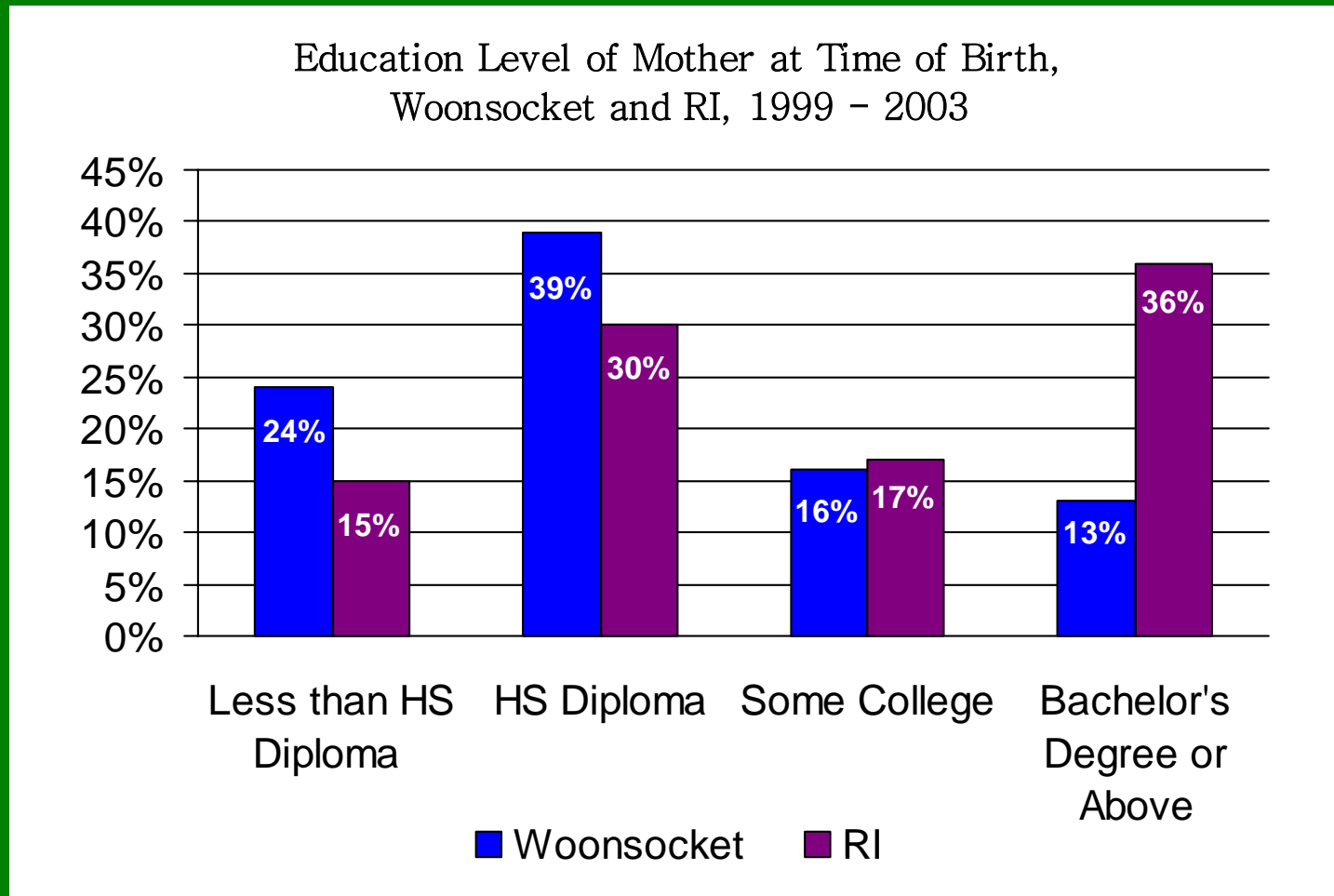


- Ⓢ The number of single-parent households in Woonsocket and nationally increased between 1990 and 2000.
- Ⓢ In Woonsocket in 2000, 46% of the 10,269 children living in a family household lived in a single-parent family.

Grandparents Caring for Grandchildren

- 🌀 In 2000 in Woonsocket, 265 of the 680 grandparents living in households with their grandchildren were financially responsible for their grandchildren's well-being.
- 🌀 As of April 2005, Woonsocket had 23 relative foster parents registered with the Department of Children, Youth and Families.

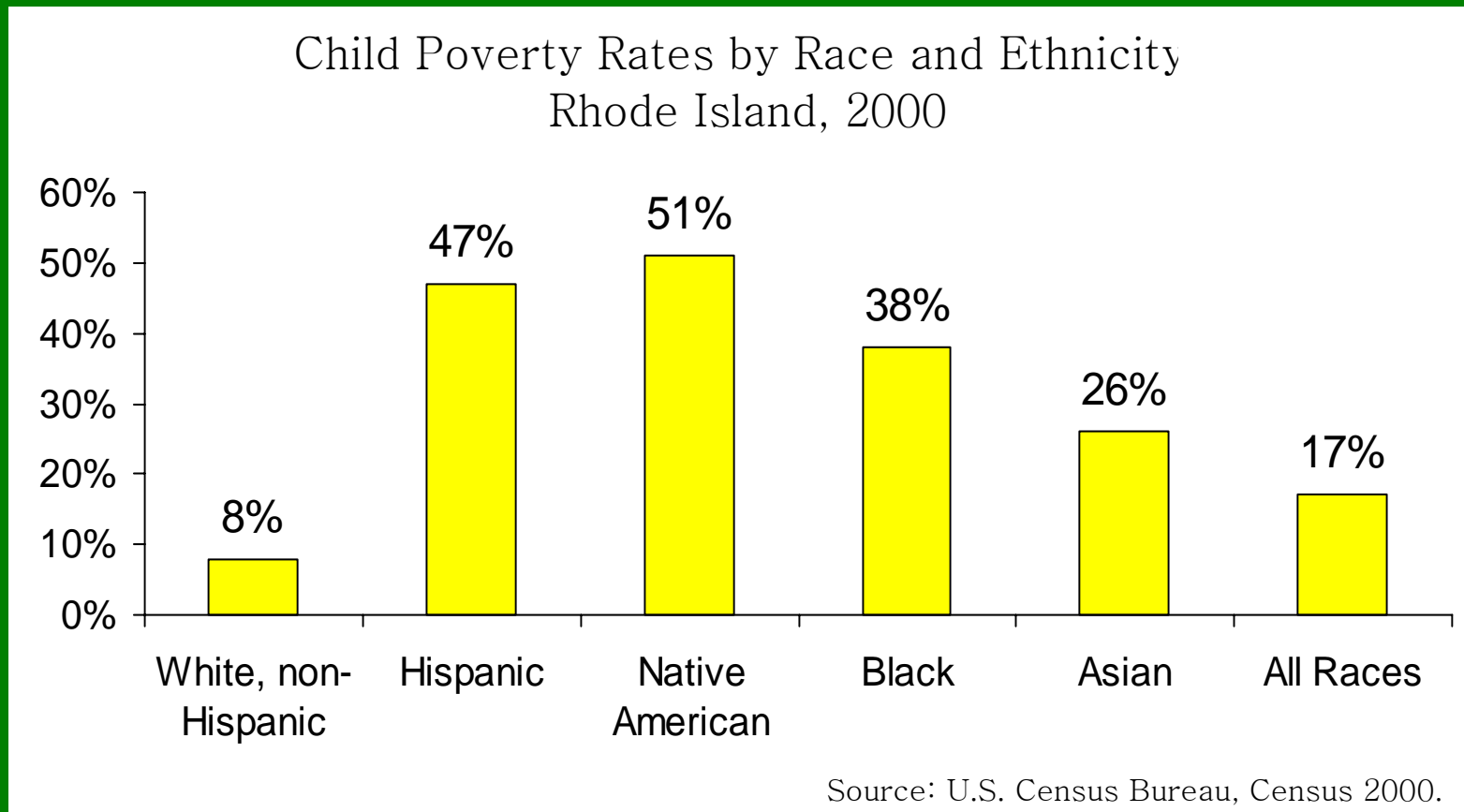
Mother's Education Level



🌀 Between 1999–2003 in Woonsocket, 24% of new mothers had less than a high school diploma, compared to 15% for the state.

Economic Well-Being

Child Poverty by Race and Ethnicity in Rhode Island



☞ Statewide, 64% of all poor children are children of color. In Woonsocket, 61% of poor children are children of color (race/ethnicity other than White, non-Hispanic).

Children in Poverty

Children Under Age 18 Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold:

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Woonsocket	2,235 (21.4%)	3,494 (31.8%)
Rhode Island	30,022 (13.5%)	41,162 (16.9%)

Children Under Age 18 Living in Extreme Poverty:

	<u>2000</u>
Woonsocket	2,061 (18.8%)
Rhode Island	19,773 (8.1%)

Young Children in Poverty

Children Under Age 6 Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold:

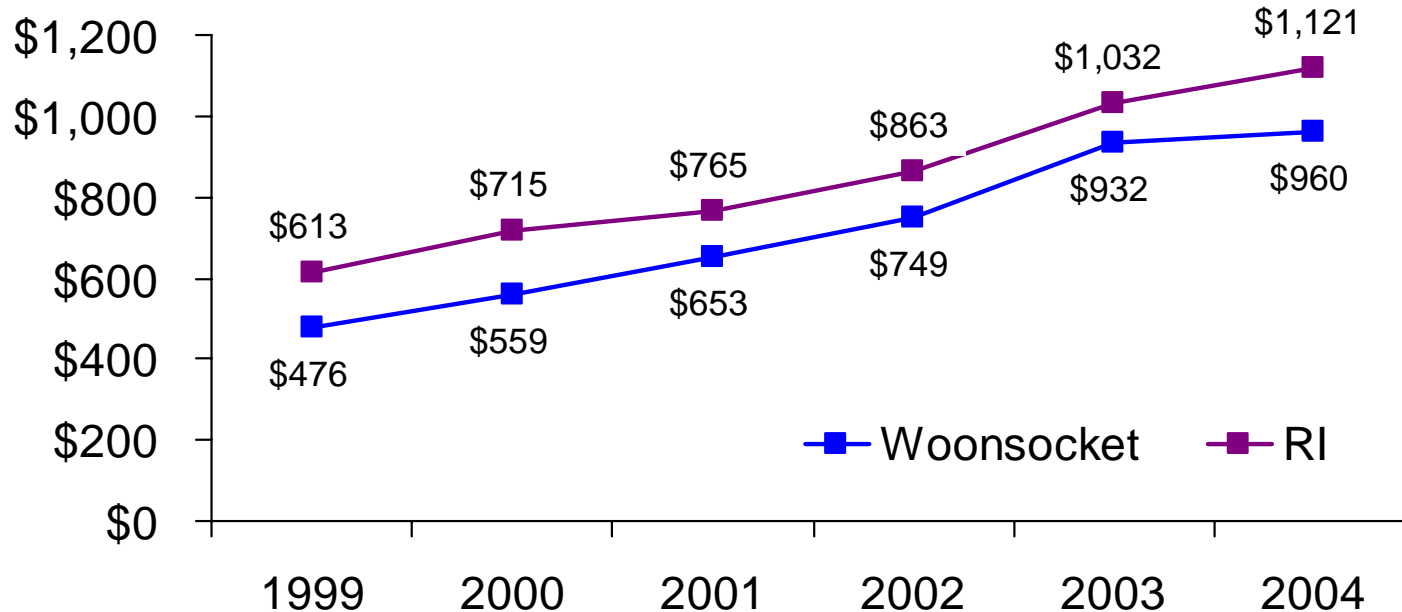
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Woonsocket	1,034 (27%)	1,361 (35%)
Rhode Island	12,912 (16%)	14,548 (19.2%)

Children Under Age 6 Living in Extreme Poverty:

	<u>2000</u>
Woonsocket	772 (19.9%)
Rhode Island	7,230 (9.5%)

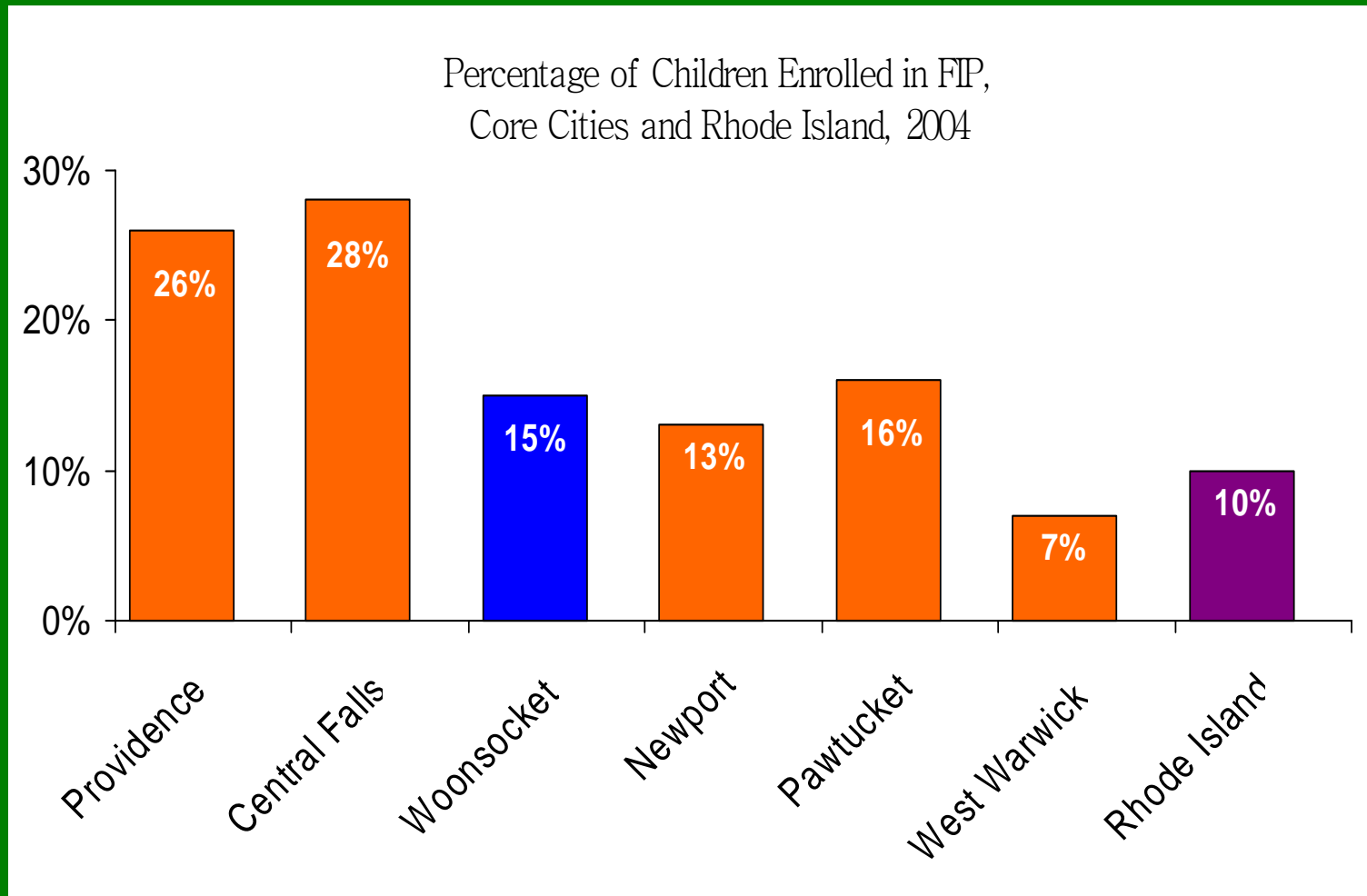
Cost of Rent

Average Monthly Rent, Two Bedroom Unit, 1999-2004



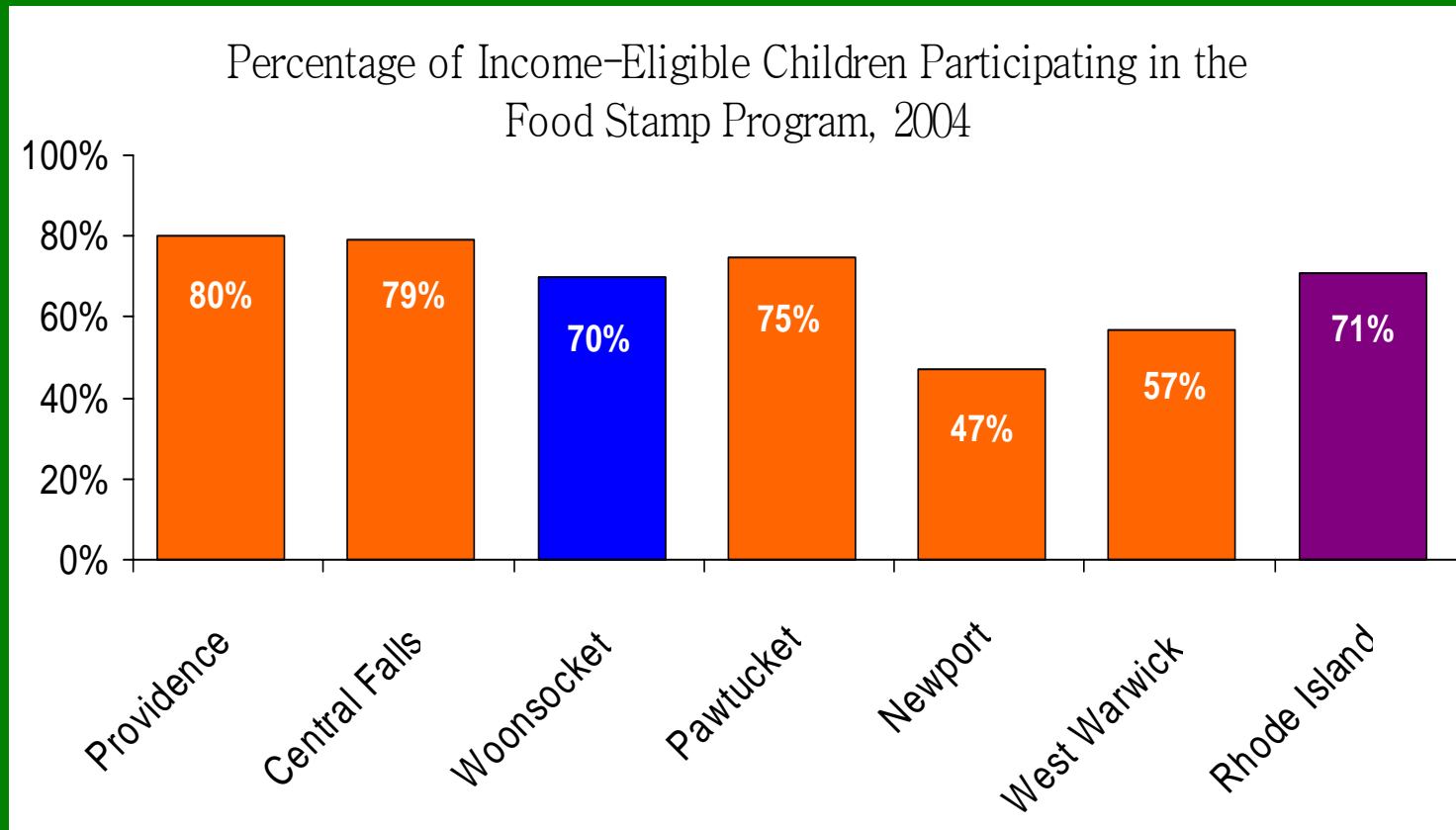
© A family of three living at the poverty level is able to afford rent of \$381 per month. Housing is considered affordable if it consumes 30% or less of a family's household income.

Family Independence Program (FIP)



📍 In Woonsocket in 2004, 15% of all children under the age of 18 were enrolled in FIP.

Children Receiving Food Stamps

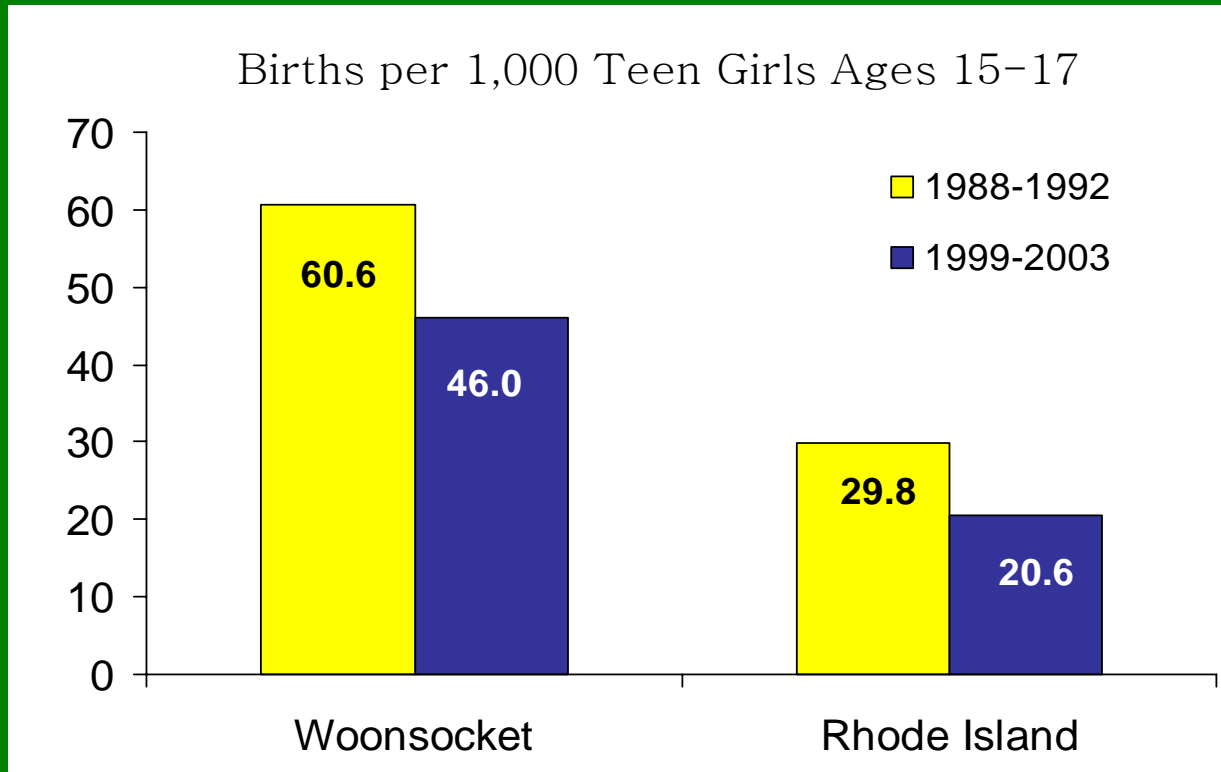


© In October 2004 in Woonsocket 2,905, out of 4,125 estimated eligible children under age 18 were participating in the Food Stamp Program.

Note: Estimates of the percentage eligible for the FSP are based on the total # of children <18 living in families with incomes below 130% of the FPL according to the 2000 census.

Health

Births to Teens

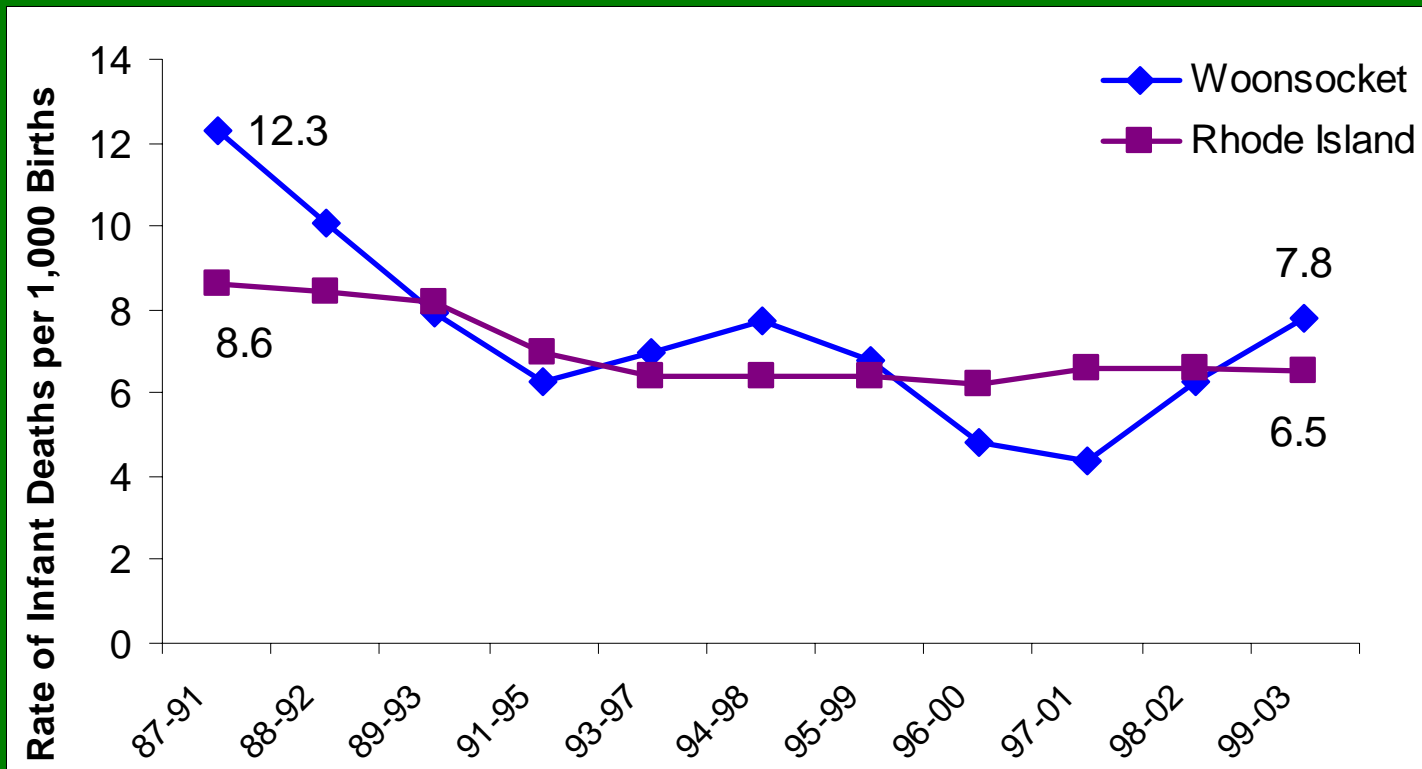


☞ The rate of birth to teen girls ages 15-17 dropped in Woonsocket from 60.6 per 1,000 to 46.0 per 1,000 teens over the decade. It is still more than double the state rate.

☞ In 1999-2003, there were 195 births to teen girls ages 15 to 17 in Woonsocket.

☞ In 1999-2003 in Rhode Island, there were 97 births to girls ages 12-14 and 3,942 births to girls ages 18-19.

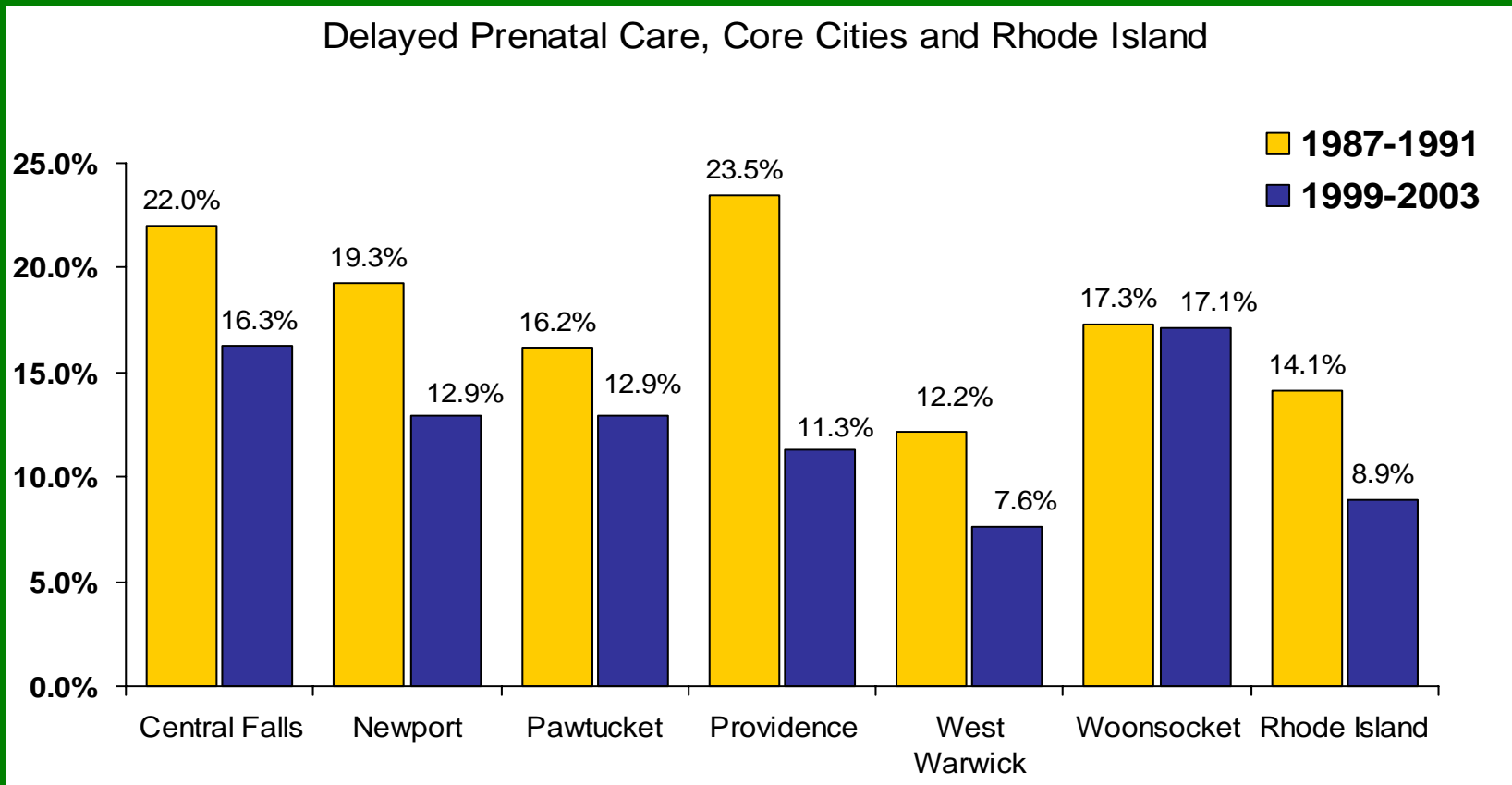
Infant Mortality



Ⓢ The rate of infant deaths per 1,000 births began trending upward during the 1997–2001 period, after a dramatic decline over the previous decade.

Ⓢ Between 1997–2001 and 1999–2003 the Woonsocket infant mortality rate increased 77% from 4.4 deaths per 1,000 births to 7.8 per 1,000 births.

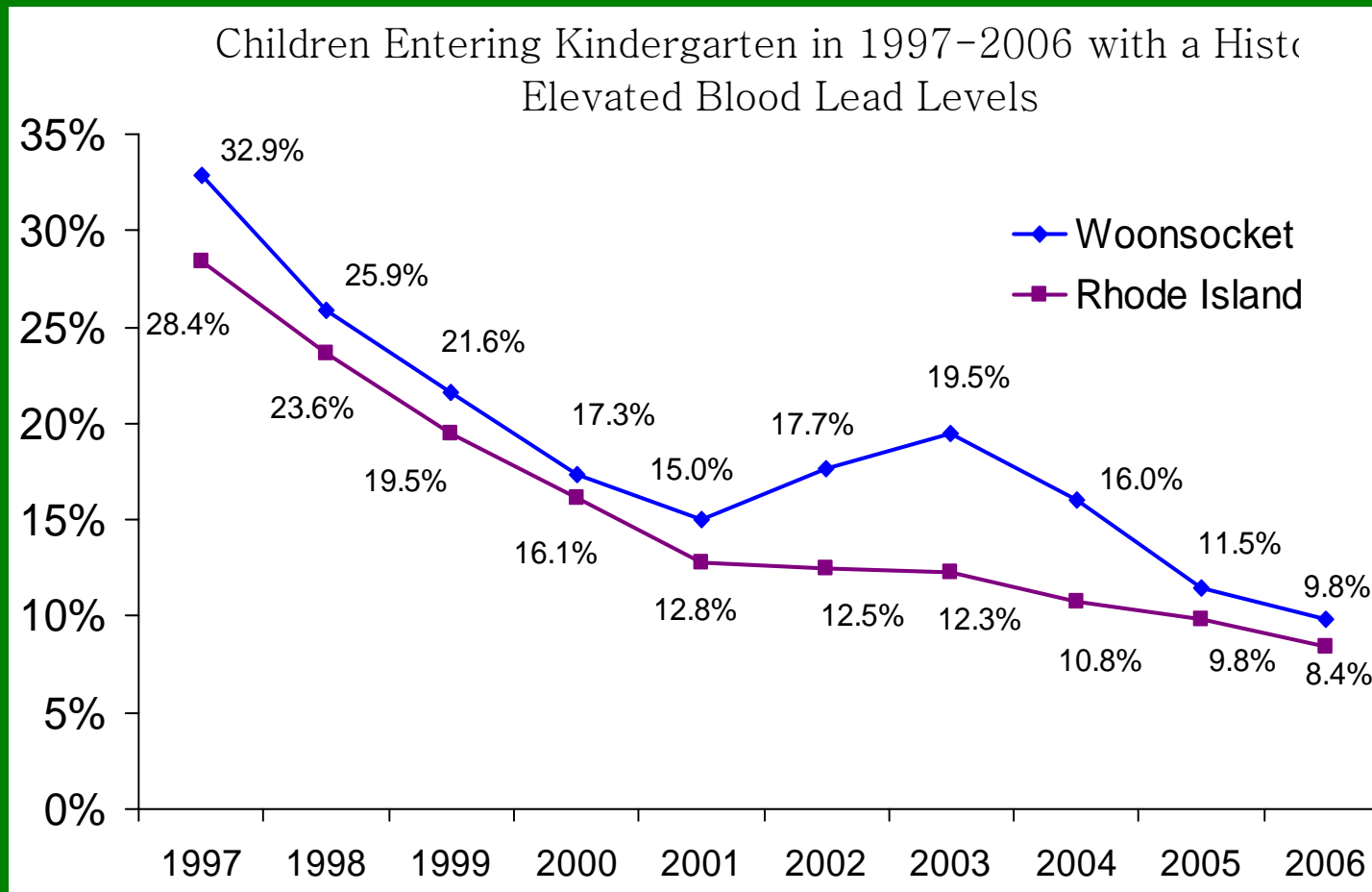
Women with Delayed Prenatal Care



Between 1987-1991 and 1999-2003 in Woonsocket, the rate of delayed prenatal care remained high at 17%. Woonsocket has the highest rate in the state.

Between 1987-1991 and 1999-2003, the incidence of delayed prenatal care declined in Rhode Island and the other core cities.

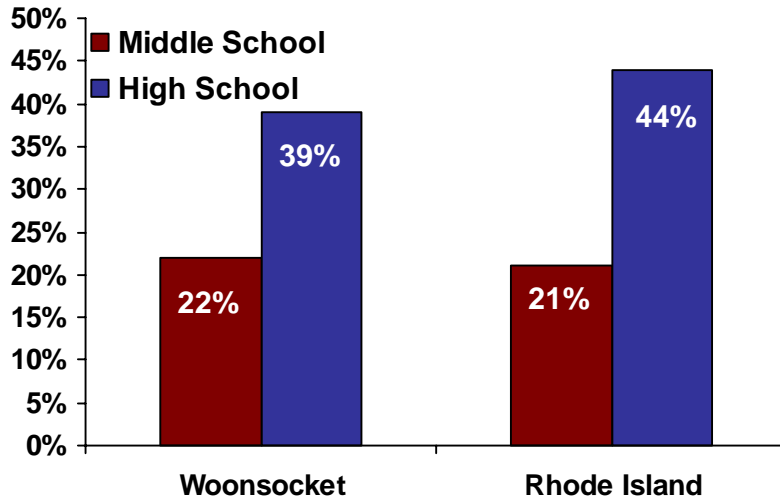
Children with Lead Poisoning



Note: Children entering Kindergarten with a history of elevated blood lead levels is the percentage of three-year-old children screened for lead poisoning who had 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.

Alcohol and Drug Use by Adolescents

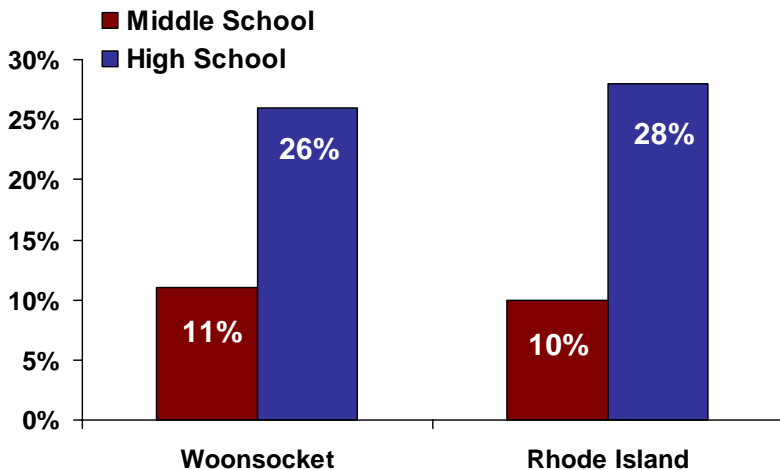
Alcohol Use by Teens, 2003-2004



☉ In Woonsocket, 22% of middle school students and 39% of high school students reported using alcohol in the past 30 days.

☉ In Woonsocket, 11% of middle schools students reported using drugs in the past 30 days. This percentage was more than doubled in high school, with 26% of students reported drug use in the past 30 days.

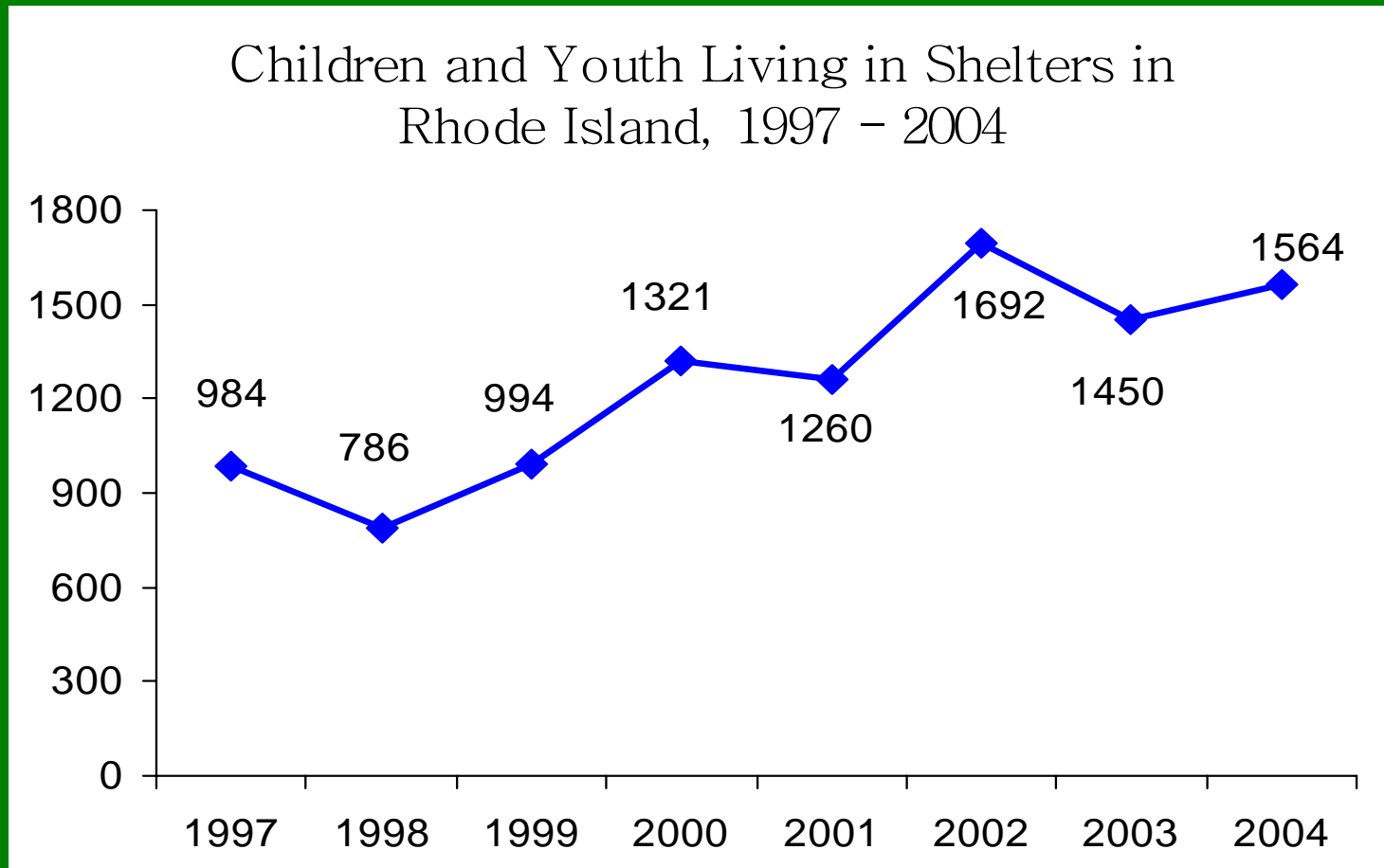
Drug Use by Teens, 2003-2004



☉ Students in the core cities generally reported lower rates of alcohol, drug and cigarette use than all students statewide at both the middle school and high school.

Safety

Homeless Children and Homeless Youth

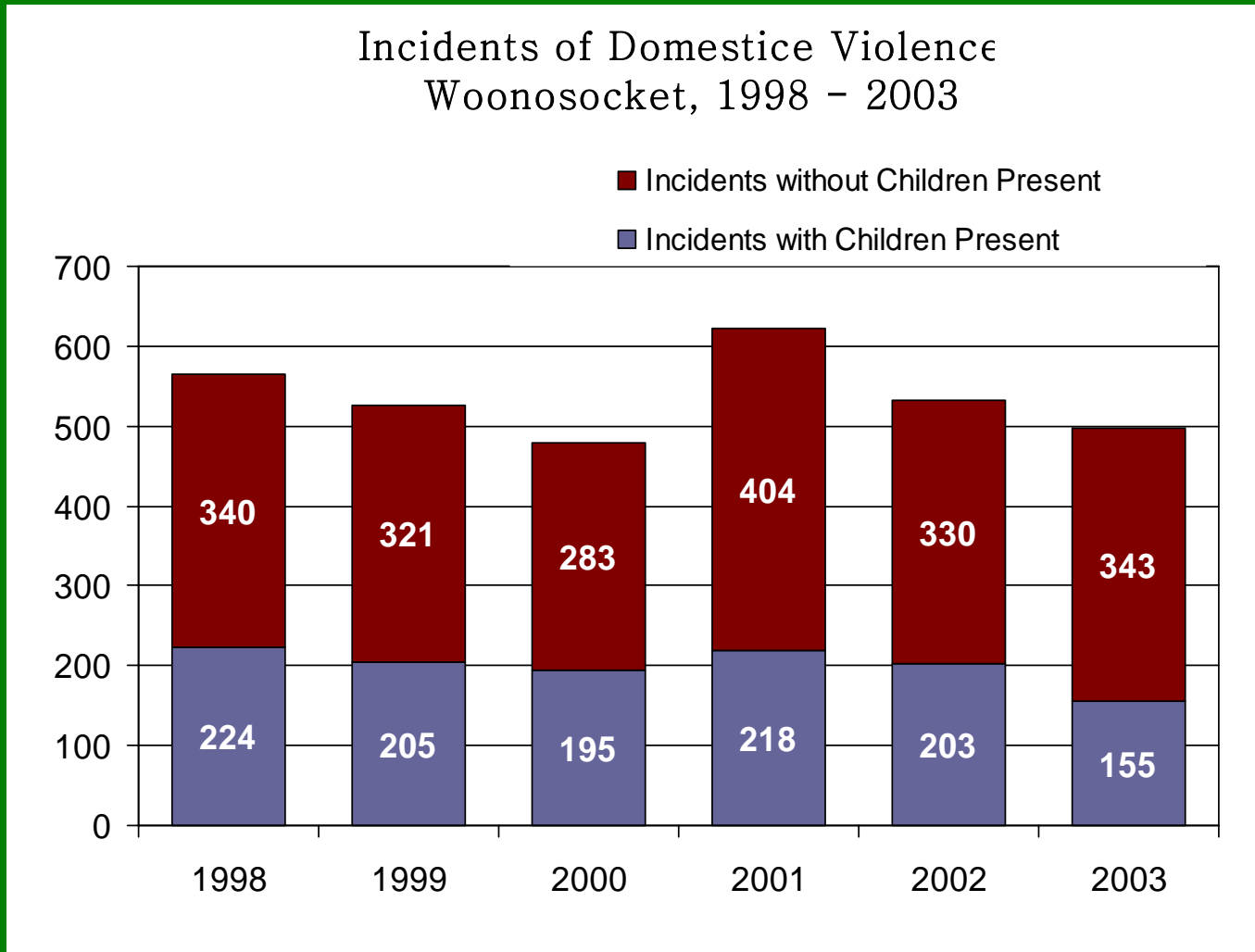


Ⓢ Of the 6,020 people who received shelter services in Rhode Island in 2004, 418 people claimed Woonsocket as their city of last residence, an increase of 89% since 2001.

Children of Incarcerated Parents

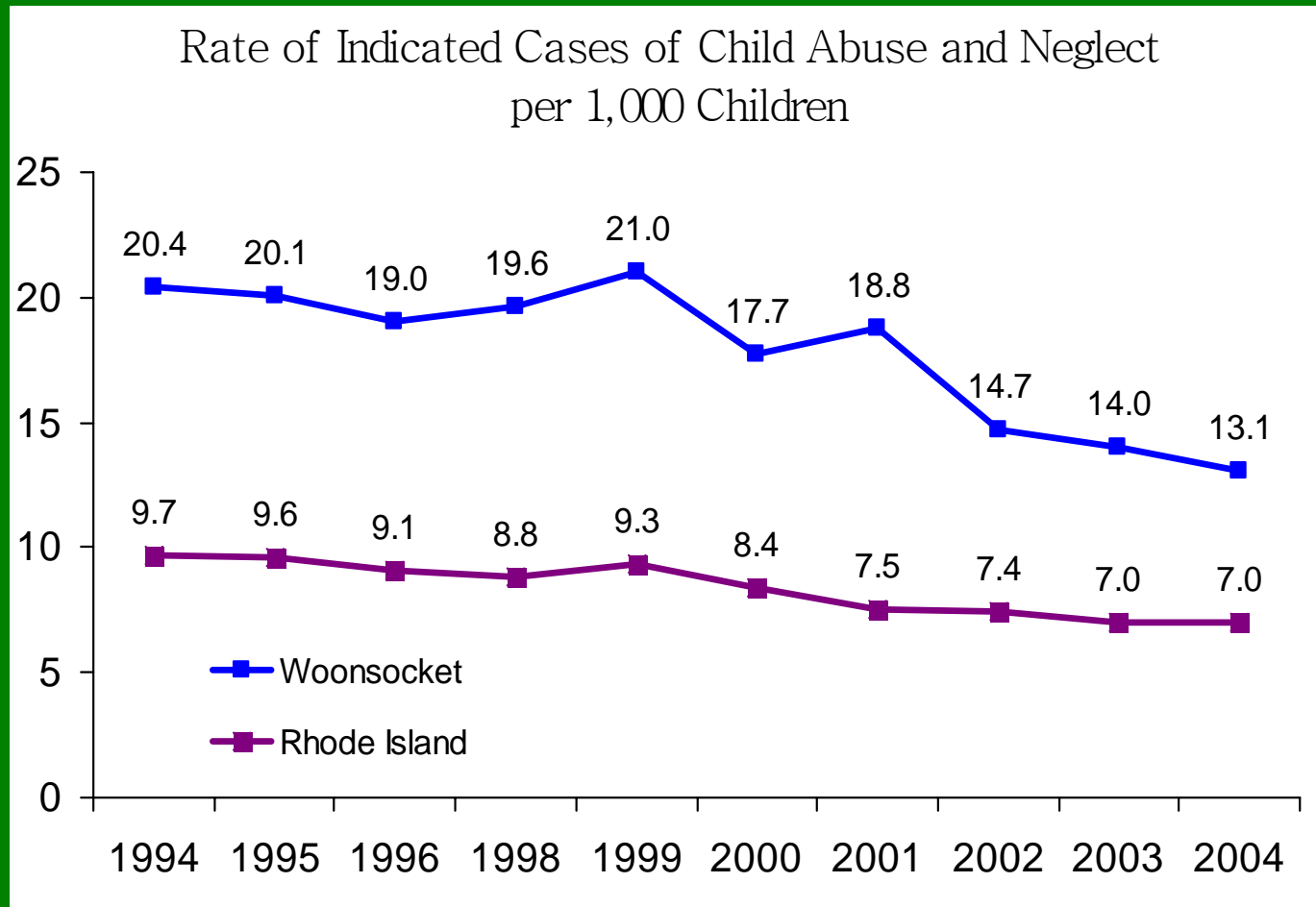
- ☉ The number of U.S. children with parents in prison has grown from 936,500 in 1991 to 1.5 million in 1999.
- ☉ In Rhode Island in 2004, 1,201 adults at the ACI reported having 2,589 children.
- ☉ 77 of these parents (with 166 children) reported their last residence as Woonsocket.
- ☉ 14.9 per 1,000 children in Woonsocket have parents who are incarcerated compared to 10.4 statewide.

Children Witnessing Domestic Violence



© In 2003, there were 498 reports of domestic violence incidents in Woonsocket. Of these, 155 (31%) noted that children were present.

Child Abuse and Neglect

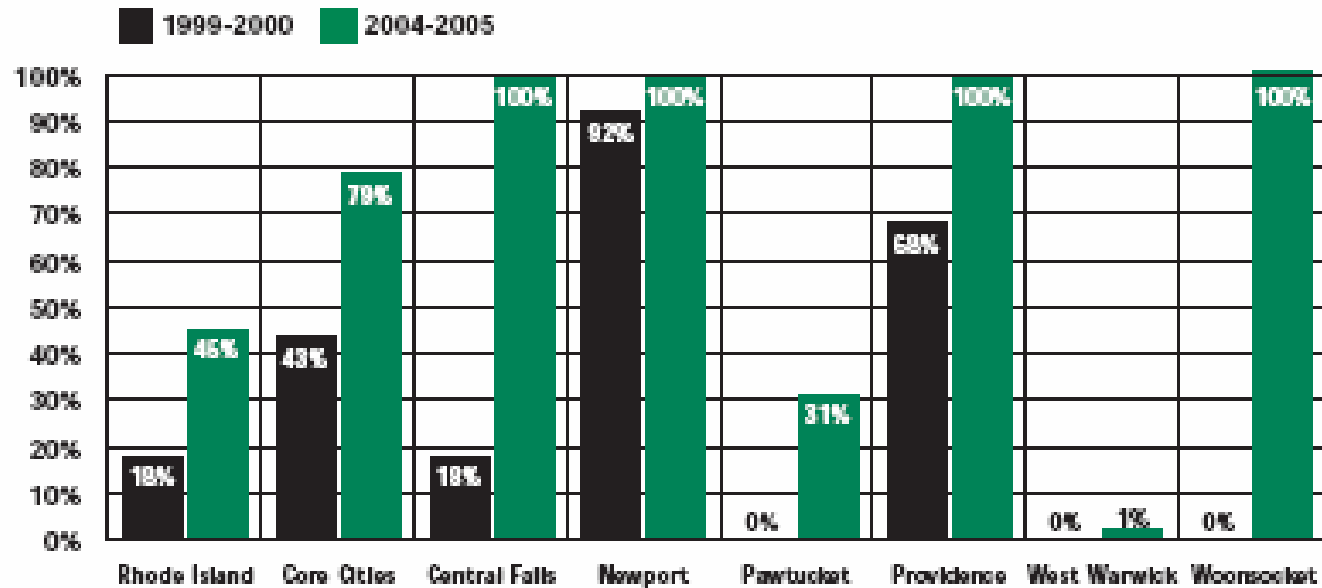


© Woonsocket's rate of indicated cases of child abuse and neglect has declined since 1994 but consistently is one of the highest within the state.

Education

Full Day Kindergarten

Children in Full-Day Public Kindergarten Programs,
Core Cities and Rhode Island, 1999-2000 and 2004-2005



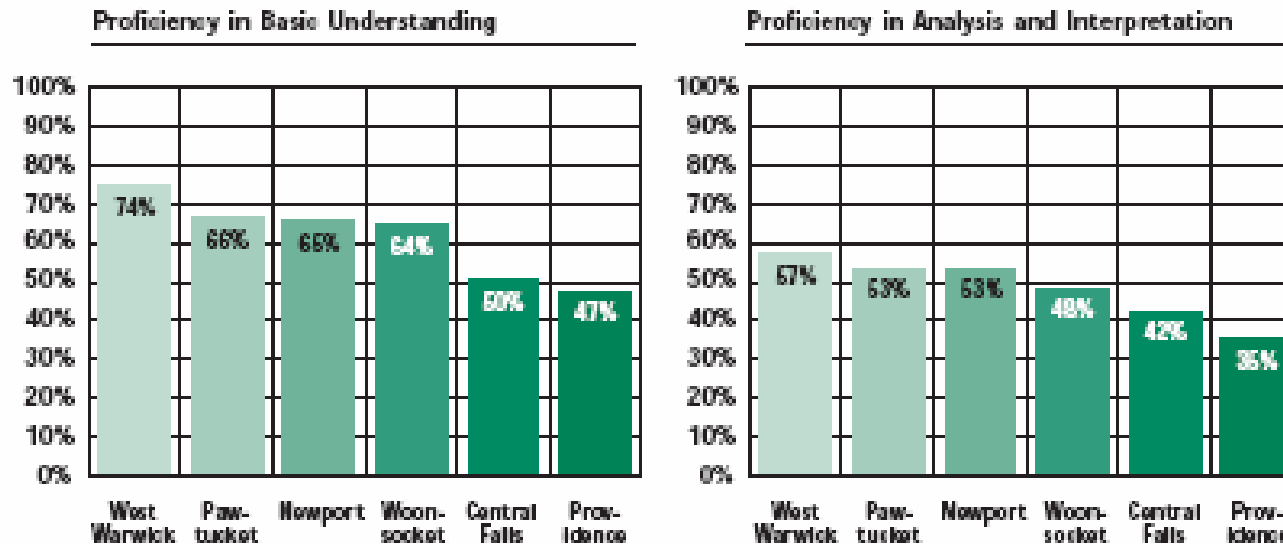
Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1999-2000 and 2004-2005 school years.

© In Rhode Island in 2004-2005, 45% of the children who attended kindergarten were in full-day programs. 100% of children in public kindergarten in Woonsocket attended a full-day program.

© As of the 2004-2005 school year, eleven school districts offered universal access to full-day kindergarten programs.

Fourth Grade Reading Skills

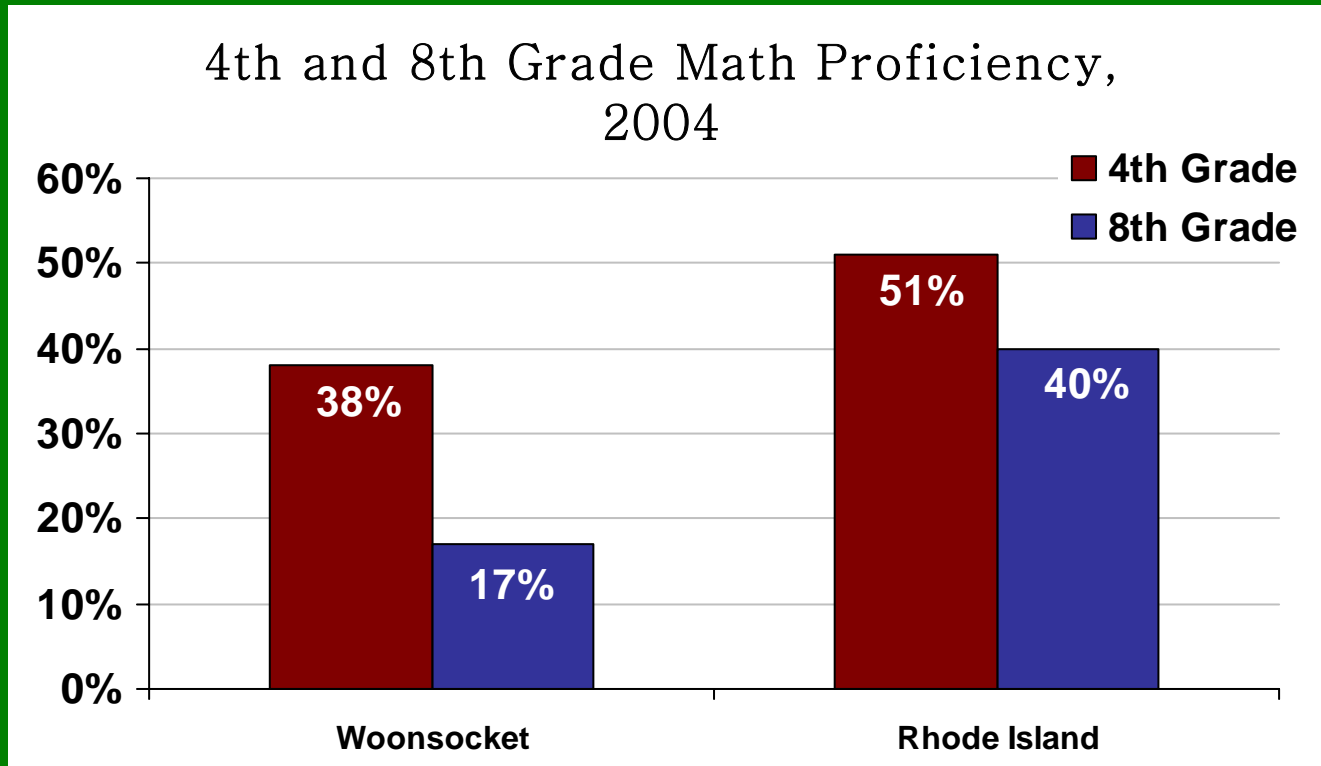
Rhode Island Public School 4th Grade Reading Proficiency, Core Cities, 2003-2004



Source: RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, *New Standards English Language Arts Reference Exam at Grade 4, 2003-2004 school year.*

© In 2004, 64% of Woonsocket 4th graders scored at or above proficiency in *Basic Understanding*, compared to 73% of Rhode Island 4th graders. In 2004, 48% of Woonsocket 4th graders scored at or above proficiency in *Analysis and Interpretation*, compared to 62% for the state.

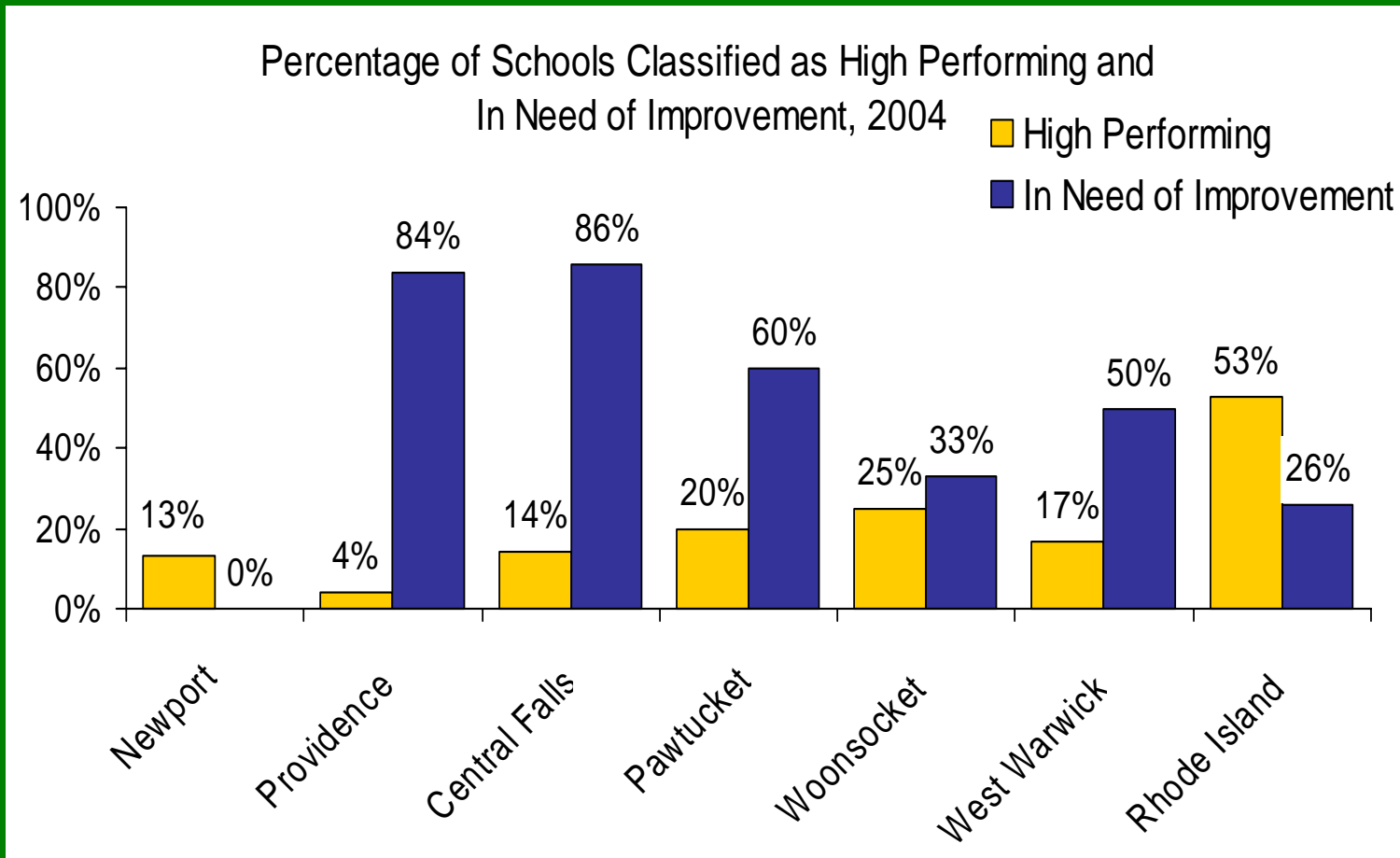
Math Skills



🌀 In 2004, 38% of Woonsocket 4th scored at or above proficiency in math, compared to 51% for the state. By 8th grade the number of students proficient in math drops to 17% for Woonsocket and to 40% for the rest of the state.

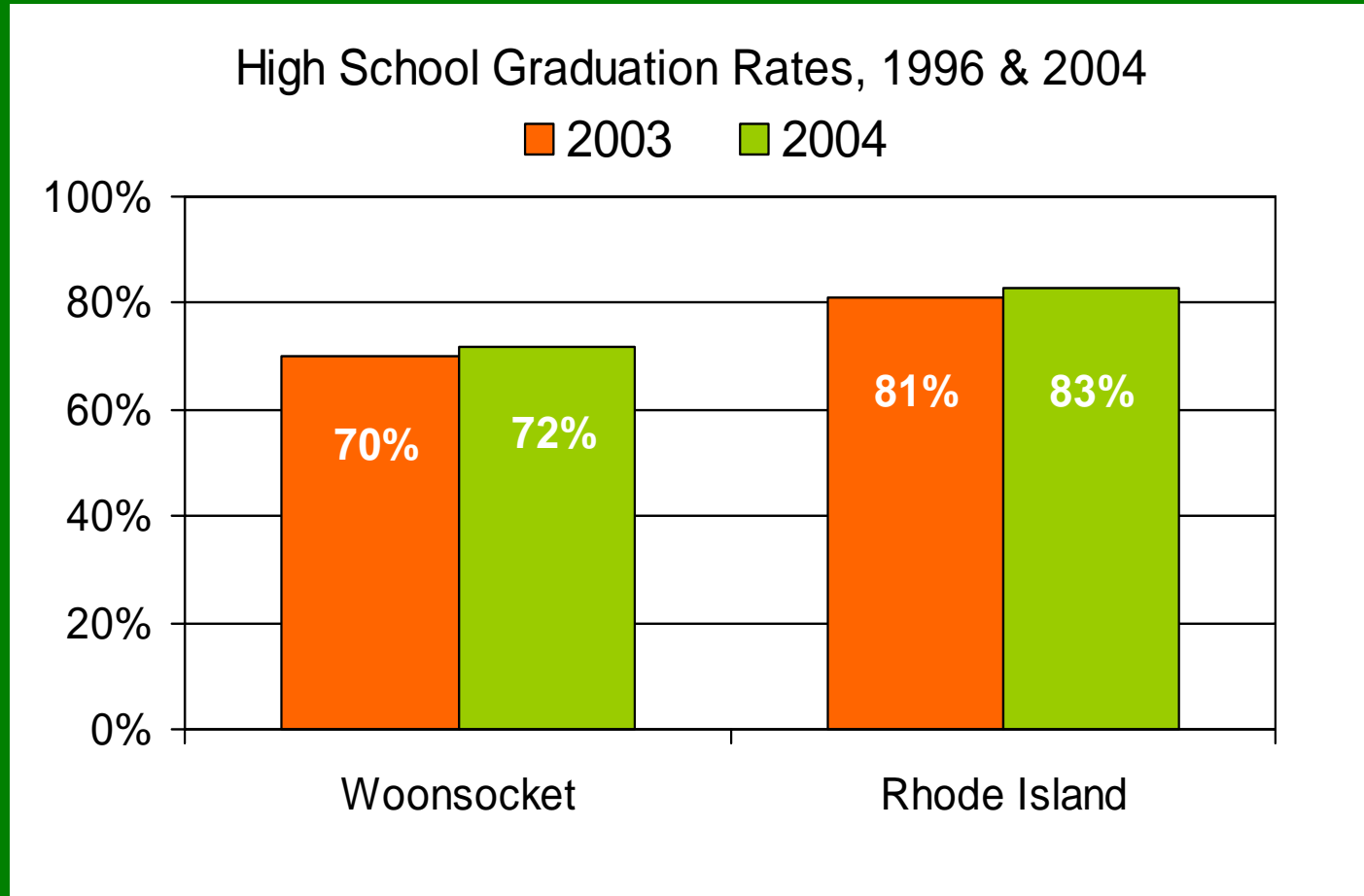
🌀 While all races experienced decreases in math proficiency between fourth and eighth grade, Hispanic, Black and Asian students experienced a decline larger than those experienced by White students.

School Performance



Ⓢ Based on guidelines that meet the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 3 of Woonsocket's 12 schools are classified as high performing, 5 are classified as moderately performing. Four Woonsocket schools are classified as in need of improvement with 1 making progress and 3 making insufficient progress.

High School Graduation Rate



© The graduation rate has improved slightly in Rhode Island and in Woonsocket over the past year.

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