

Data in Your Backyard

2005 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

Warwick



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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.

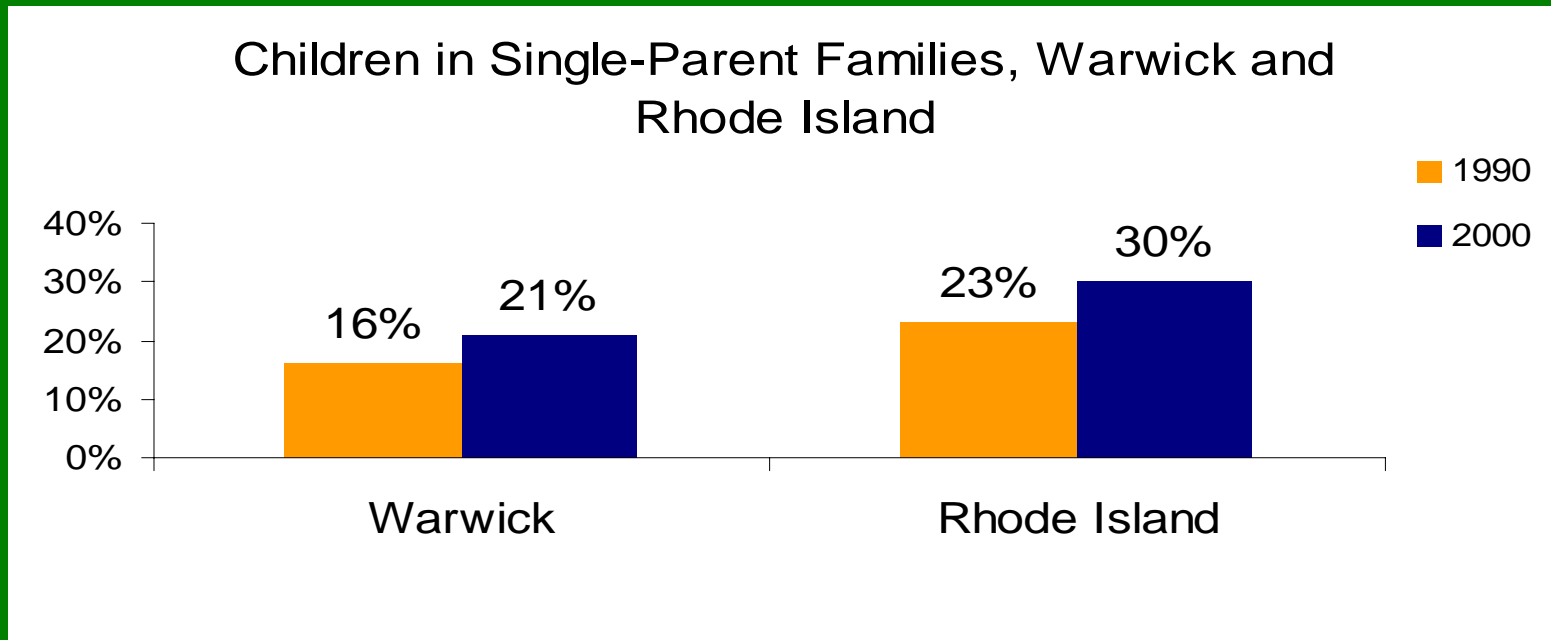
Family and Community

Warwick's Child Population by Race and Ethnicity, 2000

<u>Population Under Age 18</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Hispanic or Latino	516	2.7%
White	17,220	91.7%
Black or African American	217	1.2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	50	<1%
Asian	322	1.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	<1%
Some Other Race	35	<1%
Two or More Races	<u>419</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
Total	18,780	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.

Single-Parent Families



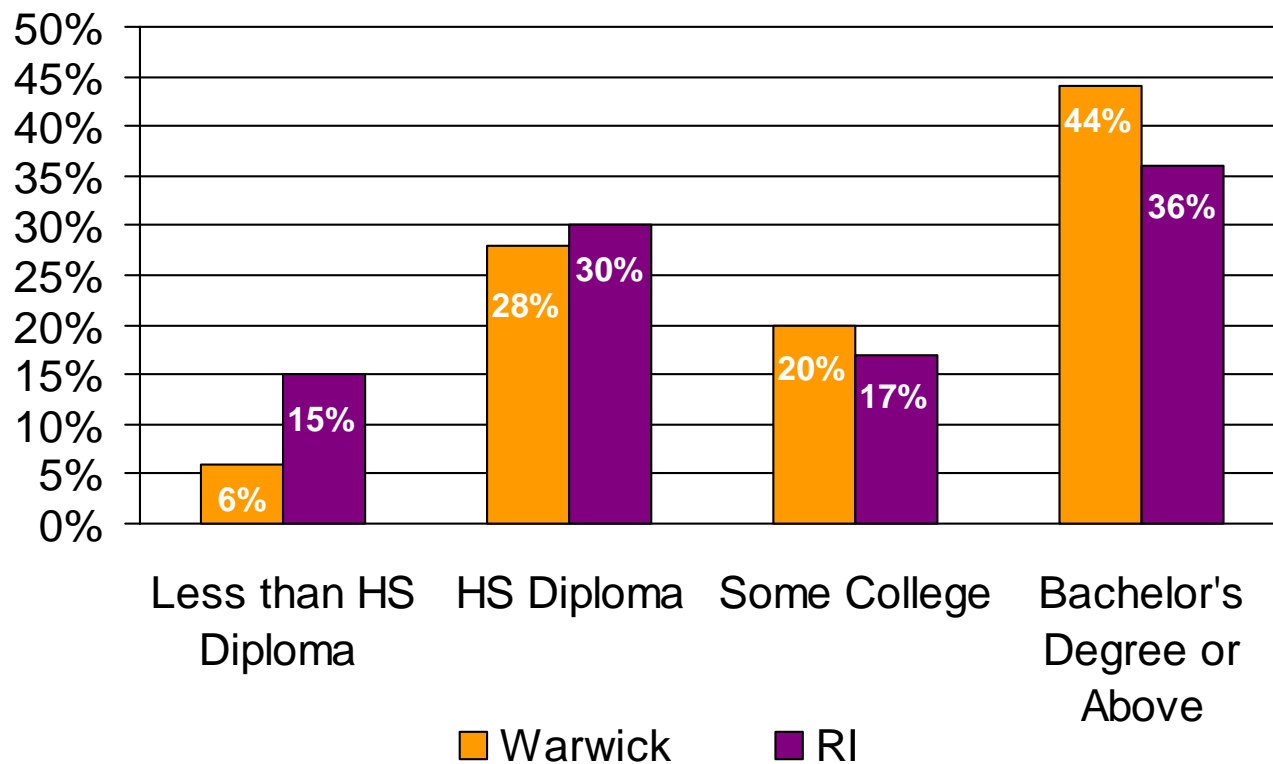
- ❖ In 2000 in Warwick, 3,705 children (21%) lived in single-parent families, compared to 30% statewide.
- ❖ In 2003, 32% of Rhode Island children lived in single-parent households. Rhode Island ranked 35 out of 50 (where 1st is best) in the U.S. for the highest rate of children living in single-parent families.
- ❖ In 2003, 35% of Rhode Island's single parent families were living below the poverty level, compared to 5% of two-parent families with children.

Grandparents Caring for Grandchildren

- 🌀 In Warwick, 1,389 grandparents lived in households with their grandchildren. More than a quarter (376) of these grandparents were financially responsible for their grandchildren's well-being.
- 🌀 As of April 2005, Warwick had 29 relative foster parents registered with the Department of Children, Youth and Families.

Mother's Education Level

Education Level of Mother at Time of Birth,
Warwick and RI, 1999 - 2003



Between 1999–2003 in Warwick, 6% of new mothers had less than a high school diploma, compared to 15% for the state.

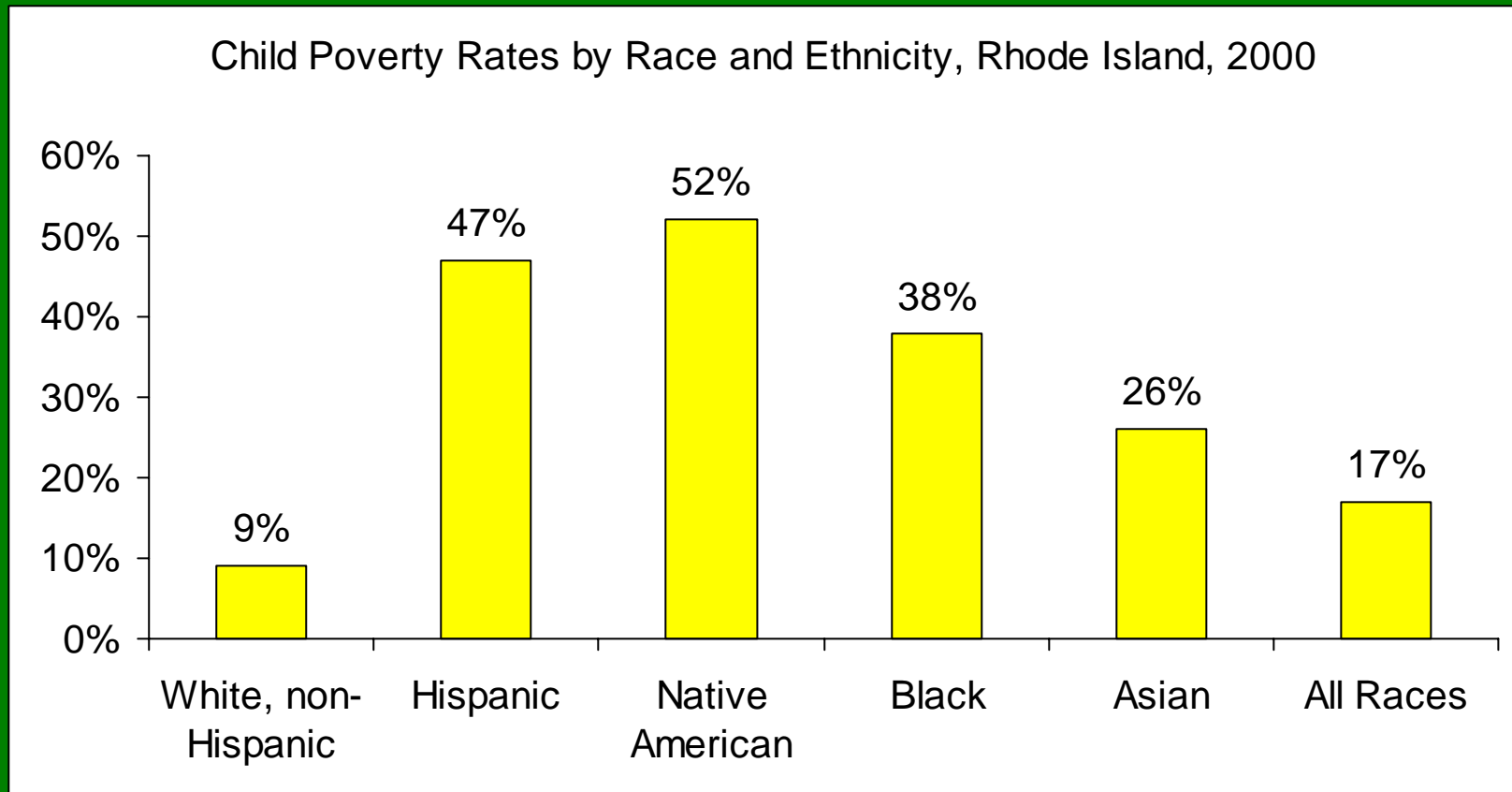
Economic Well-Being

Median Household Income

	<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%
Woonsocket	\$33,090	\$30,819	-6.9%
Warwick	\$46,688	\$46,483	-0.4%
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 Warwick was the 15th lowest out of 39 cities and towns in the state. It experienced a slight decline since 1989.

Rhode Island Child Poverty Rates By Race and Ethnicity, 2000



Data refer to only those individuals who selected one race. Black, Asian, and Native American categories include both those individuals who identified their ethnicity as Hispanic and those who identified their ethnicity as non-Hispanic.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Poverty Status for Children <18, 2000

	<u>Warwick</u>	<u>Rhode Island</u>
Living Below 200% of the Poverty Threshold	3,720 (20.2%)	83,420 (34.2%)
Living Below 100% of the Poverty Threshold	1,243 (6.7%)	41,162 (16.9%)
Living Below 50% of the Poverty Threshold	410 (2.2%)	19,773 (8.1%)

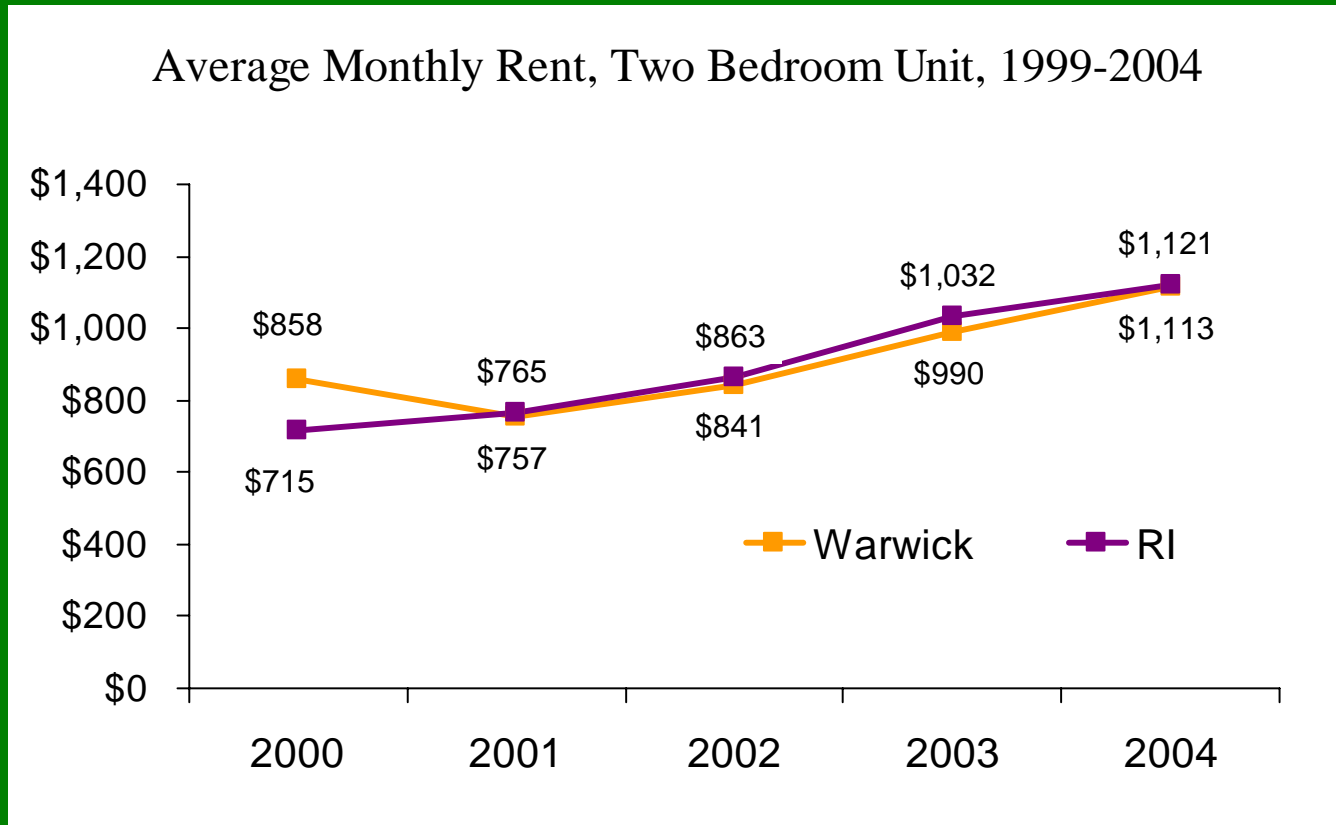
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census 2000*

Poverty Status for Children <6, 2000

	<u>Warwick</u>	<u>Rhode Island</u>
Living Below 200% of the Poverty Threshold	1,217 (21.5%)	28,282 (37.3%)
Living Below 100% of the Poverty Threshold	386 (6.8%)	14,548 (19.2%)
Living Below 50% of the Poverty Threshold	126 (2.2%)	7,230 (9.5%)

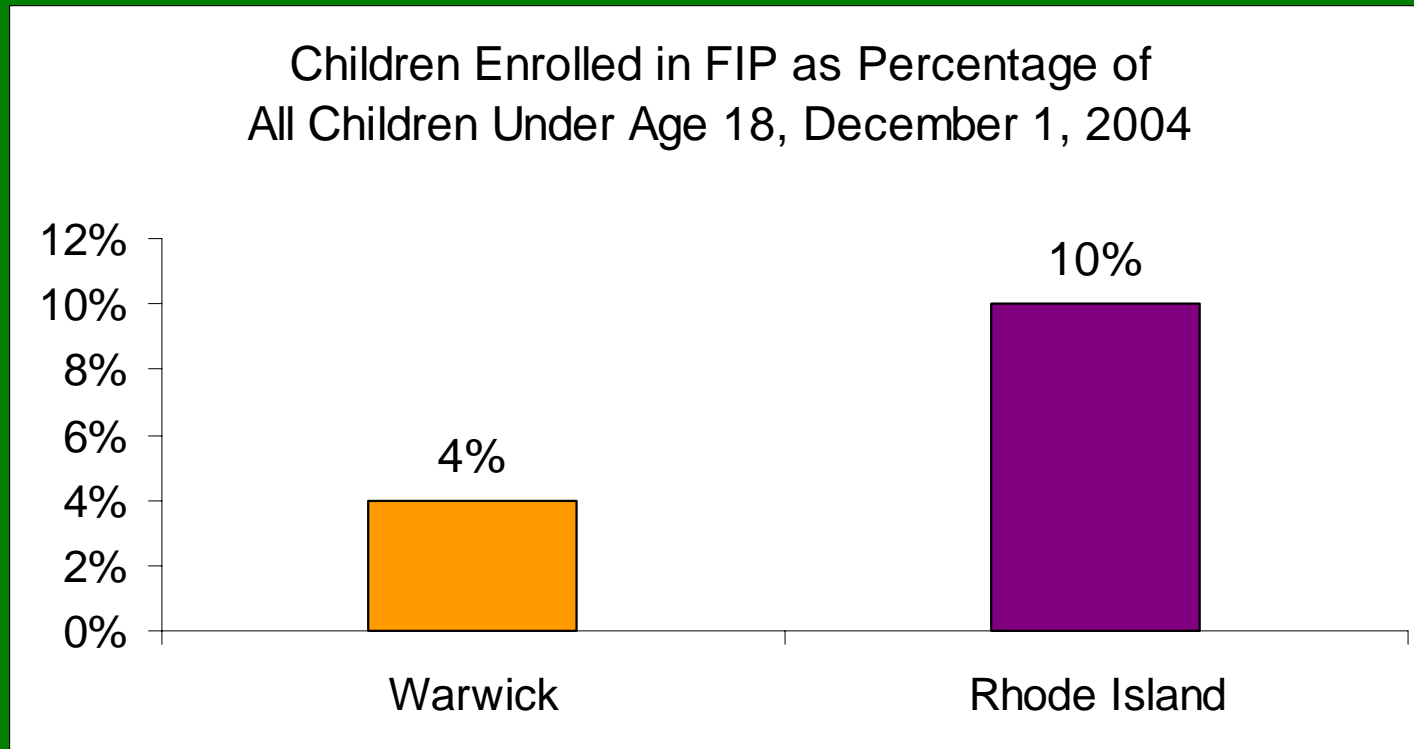
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Average Cost of Rent



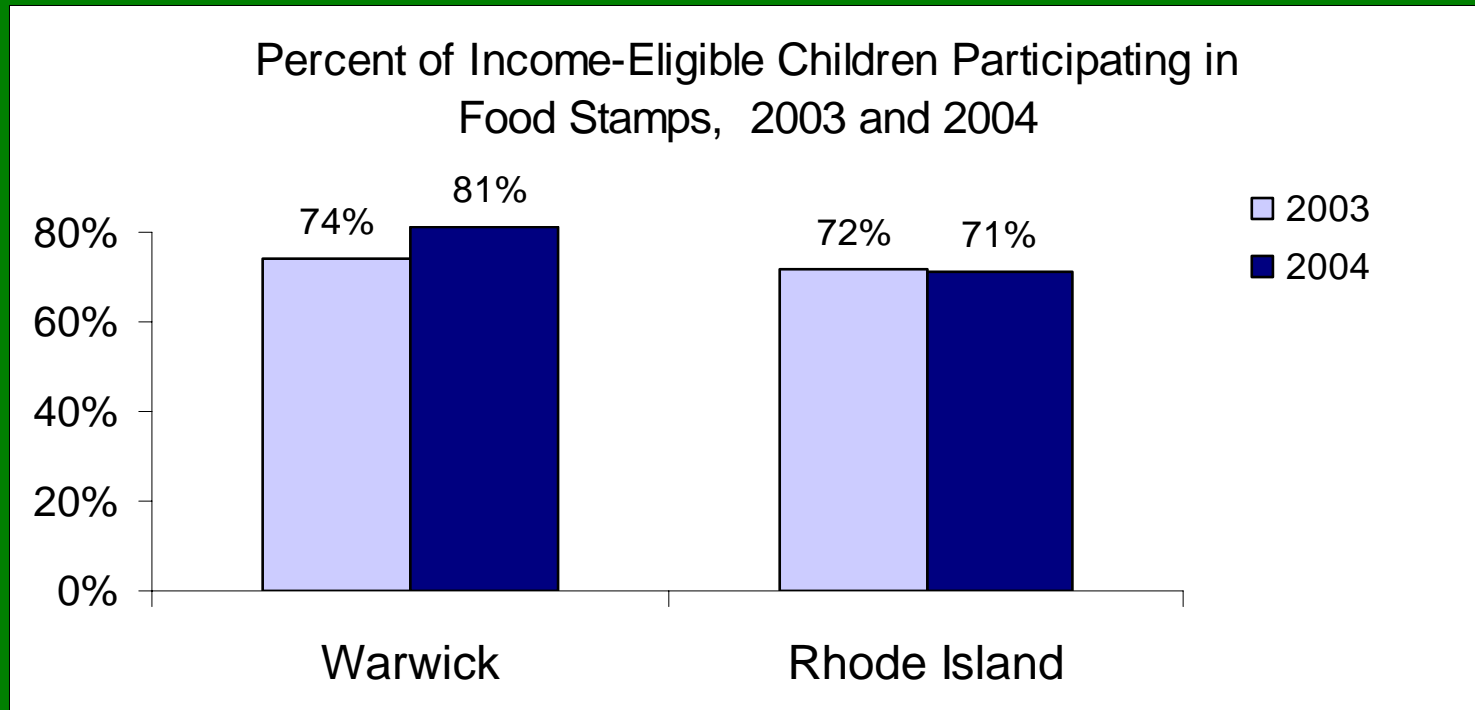
❖ A family of three living at the poverty level is able to afford rent of \$381 per month. Rent is considered affordable if it consumes 30% or less of a family's household income.

Children in the Family Independence Program (FIP)



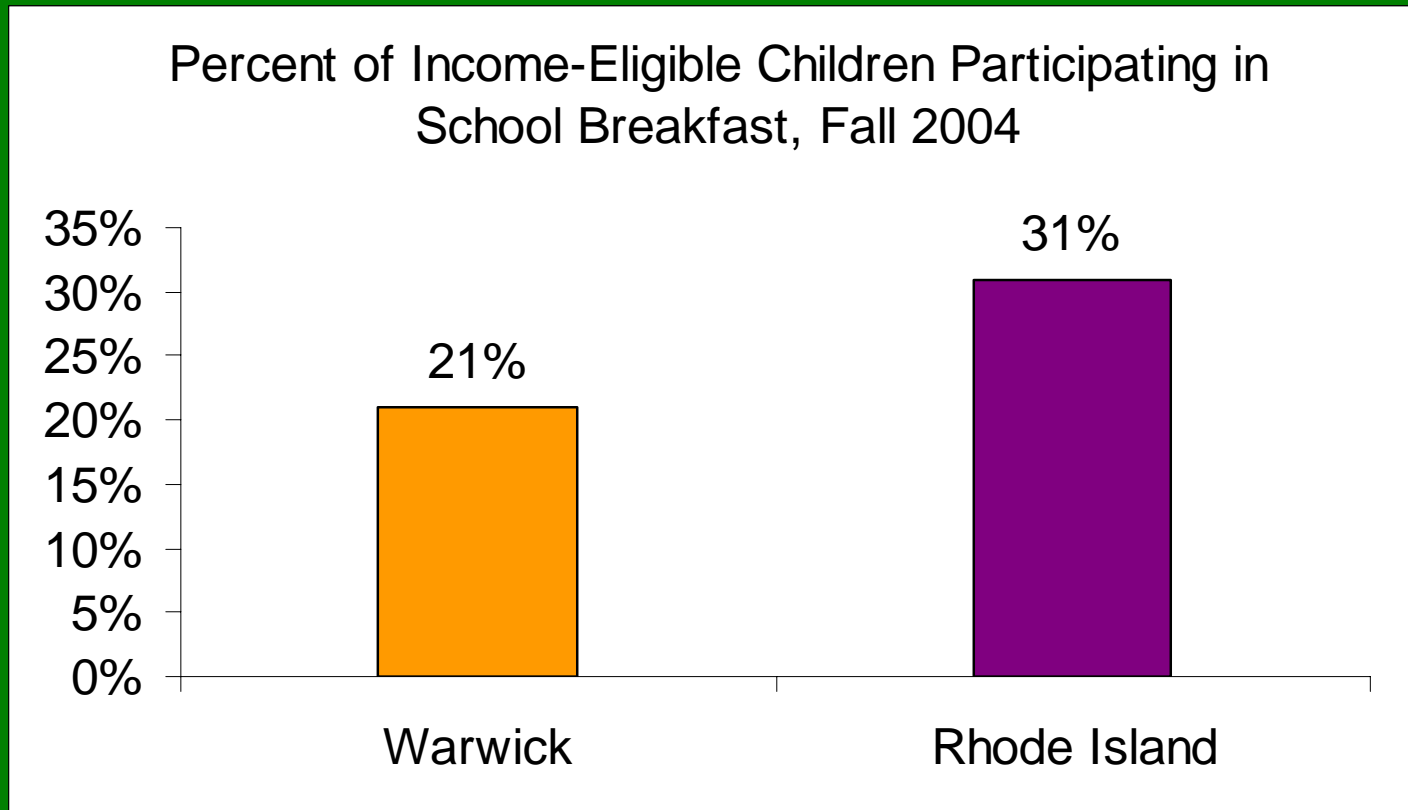
- As of December 1, 2004, there were 658 children and 419 families enrolled in the Family Independence Program in Warwick.

Children in the Food Stamp Program



- ❖ As of October 1, 2004, 1,381 out of the estimated 1,712 income-eligible children were participating in the Food Stamp Program in Warwick.
- ❖ Since last October, the percent of income-eligible children participating in the Food Stamp Program has improved, increasing from 74% to 81%.
- ❖ Statewide, 38,216 out of the estimated 53,697 income-eligible children were participating.

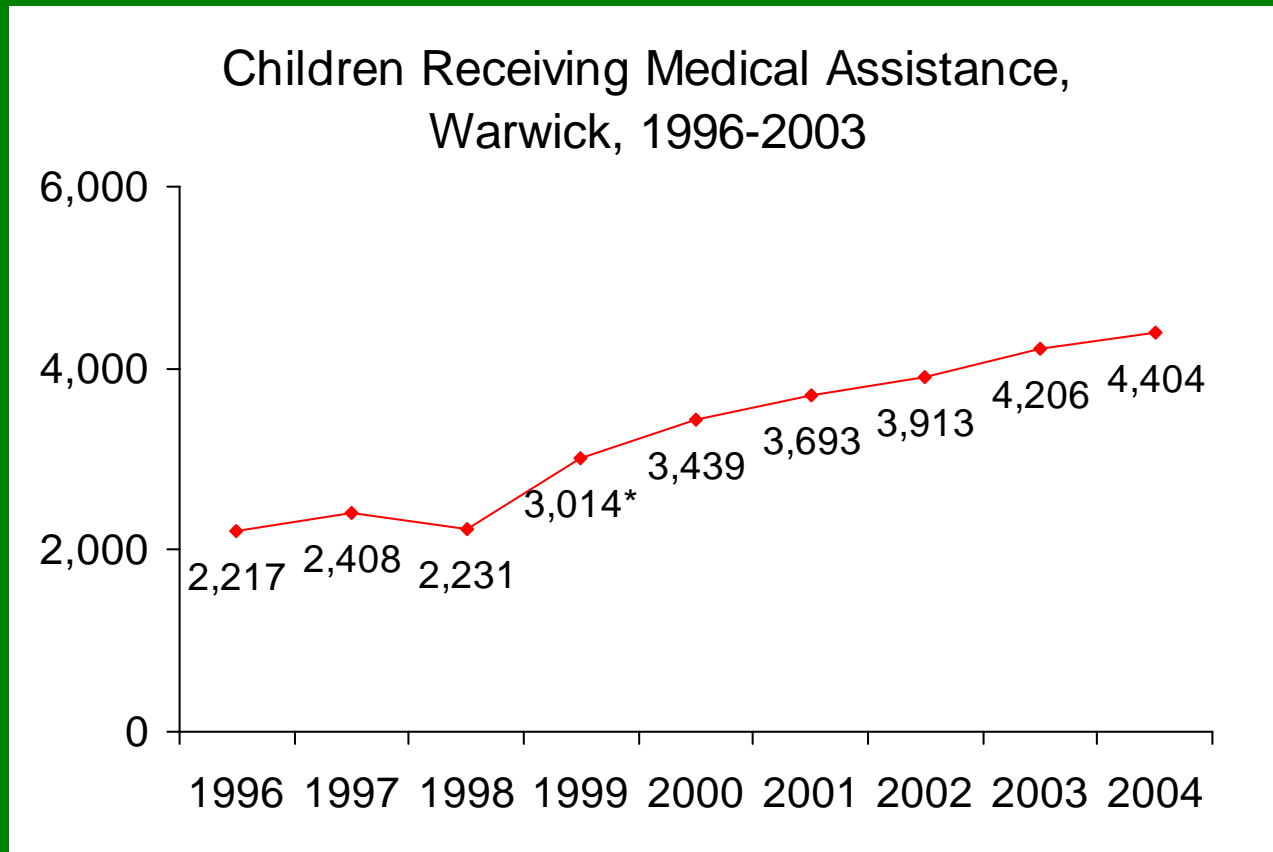
Children Participating in School Breakfast



- ❖ In the Fall of 2004, 528 of the 2,462 income-eligible children in Warwick public schools participated in School Breakfast.
- ❖ Participating low-income children made up 5% of the total 2004 fall enrollment in Warwick.

Health

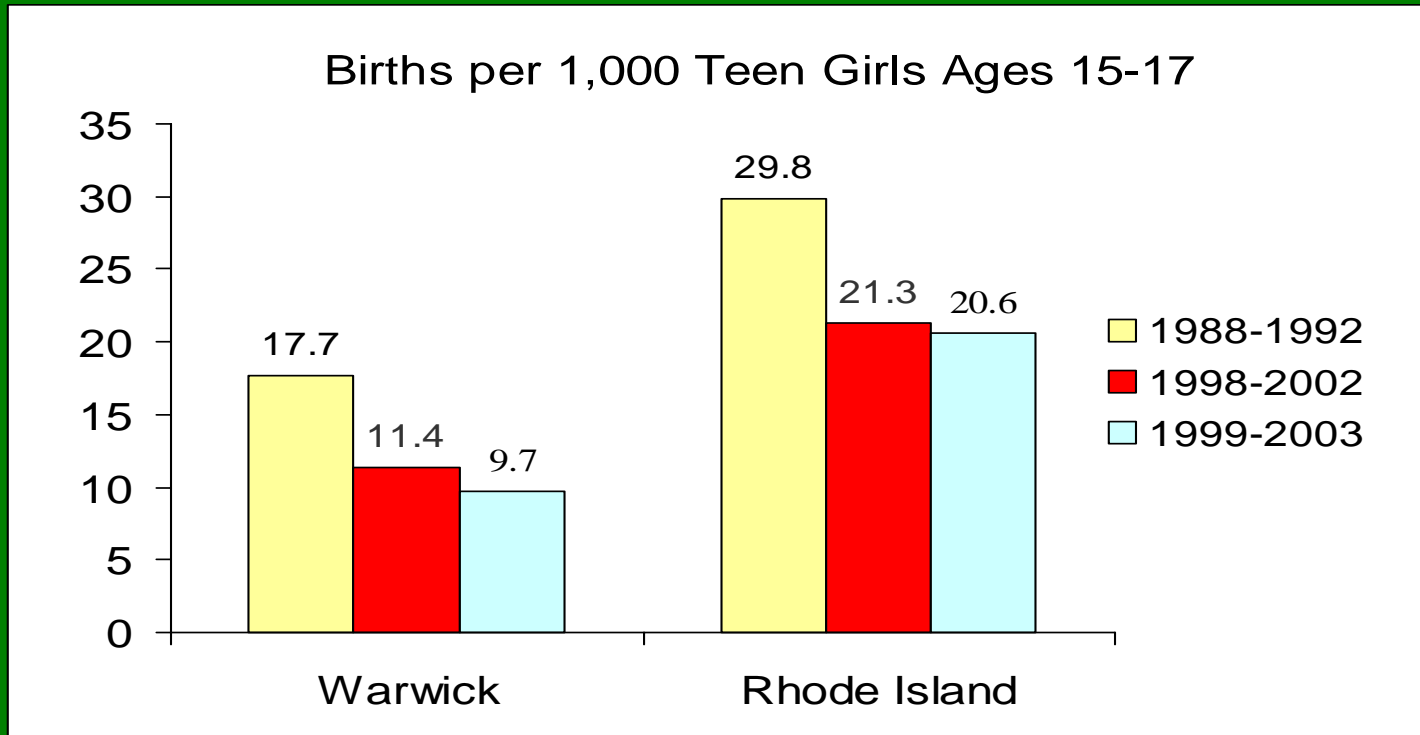
Children Receiving Medical Assistance



❖ In 2004 in Warwick, 67% of the children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance were enrolled in Rlte Care and not on FIP, while 19% of children were enrolled in Rlte Care and FIP.

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

Births to Teens

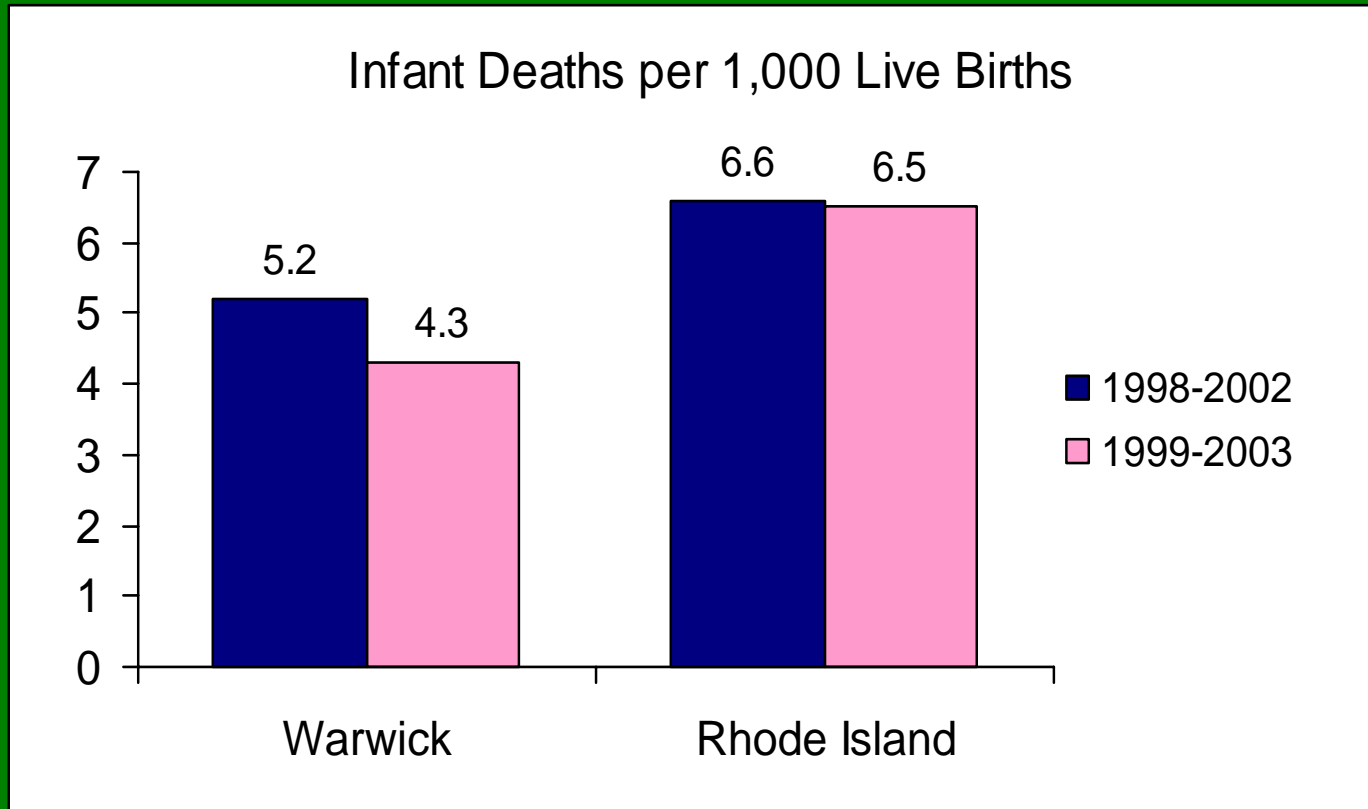


❖ The rate of birth to teen girls ages 15-17 dropped in Warwick from 17.7 per 1,000 to 11.4 per 1,000 teens over the decade. At 20.6 births per 1,000 teens, the state rate is twice the Warwick rate of 9.7.

❖ In 1999-2003, there were 77 births to teen girls ages 15 to 17 in Warwick, 13 less than the previous five year period.

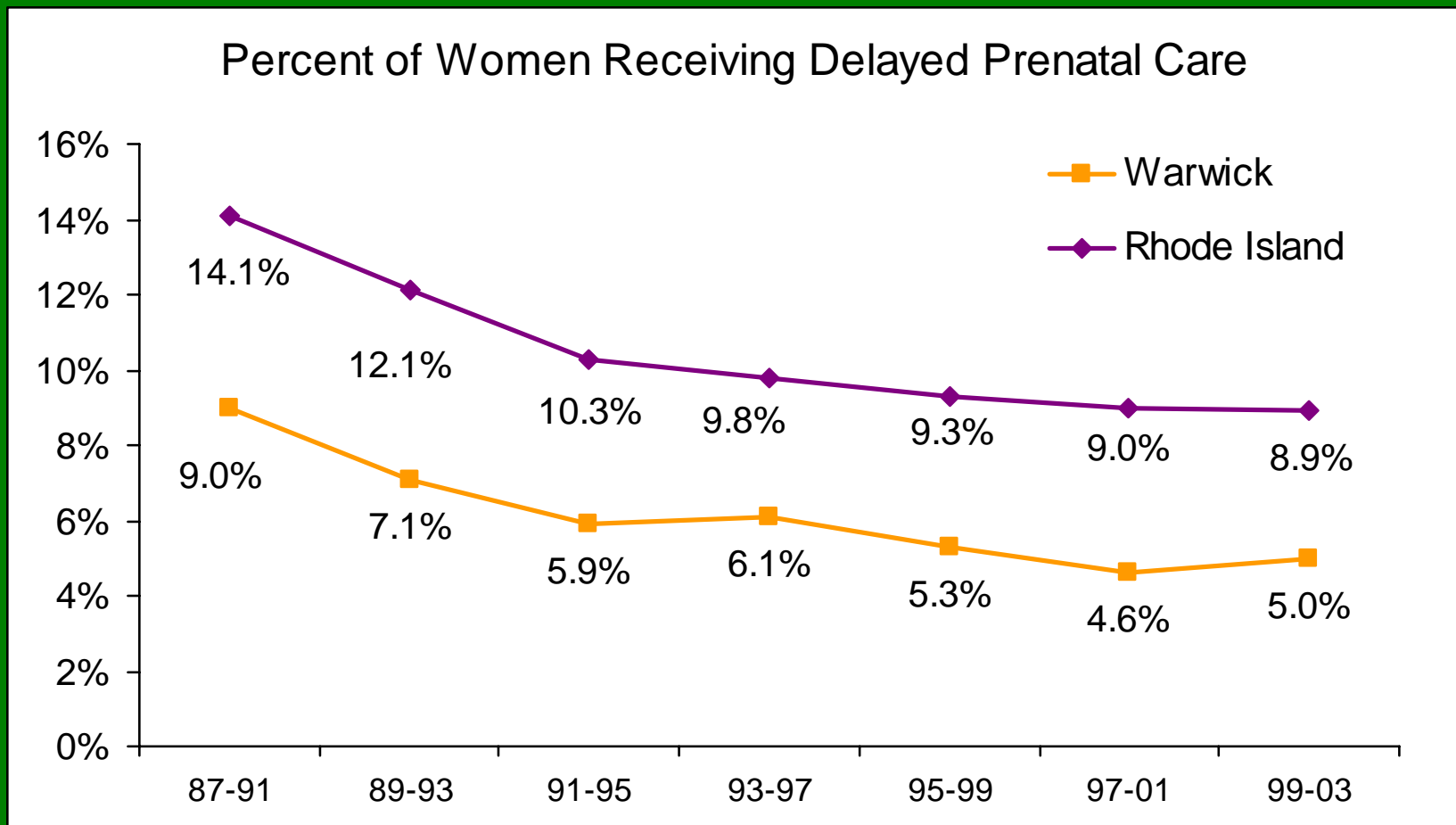
❖ In 1999-2003 in Rhode Island, there were 97 births to girls ages 12-14 and 3,942 births to girls ages 18-19.

Infant Mortality



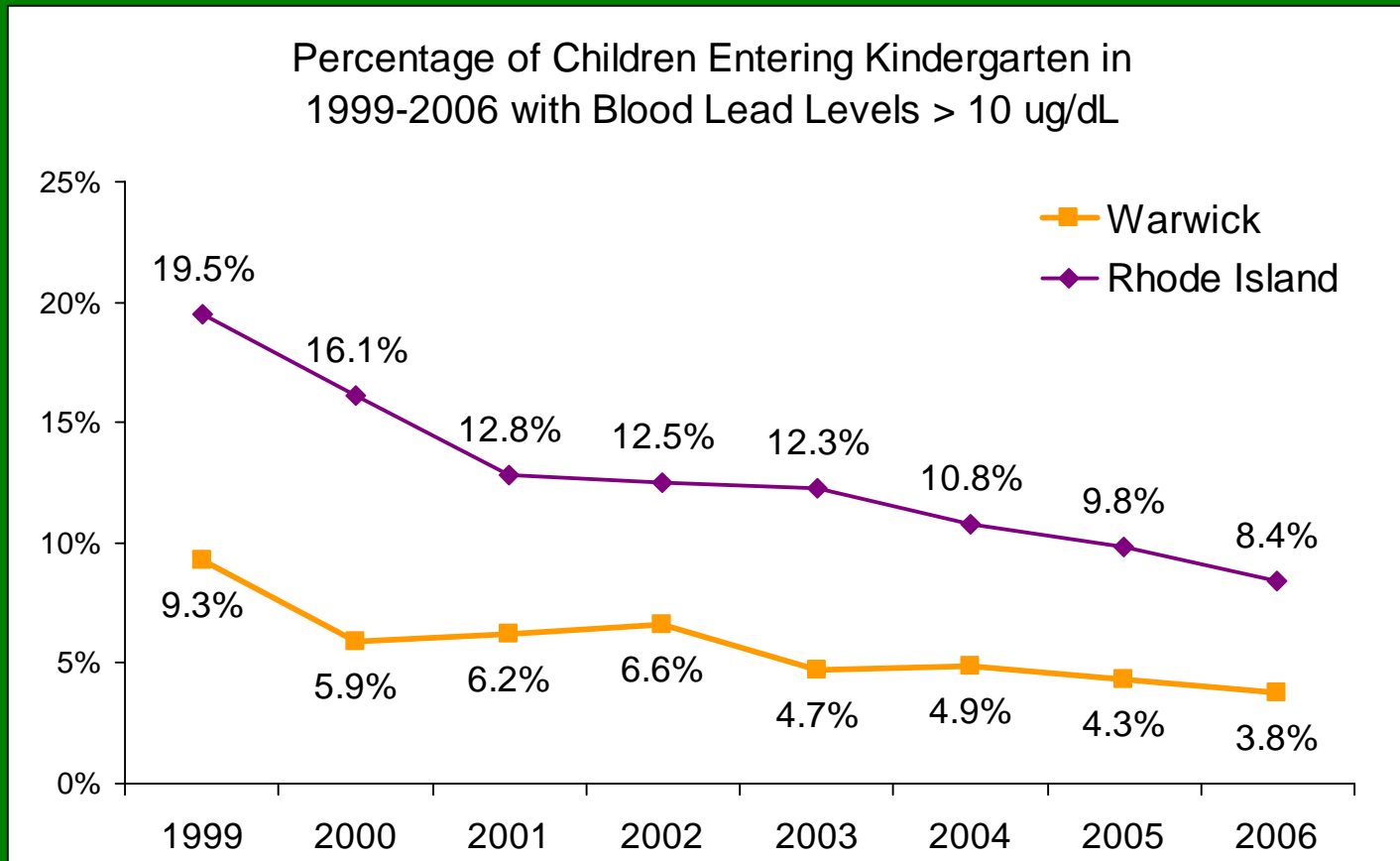
❖ The infant mortality rate in Warwick was 4.3 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, lower than the state rate of 6.5. Between 1998-2002 and 1999-2003 the infant mortality rate decreased 17%.

Women with Delayed Prenatal Care



❖ Incidence of delayed prenatal care has declined overall in Warwick and remains lower than incidence in the state.

Children with Lead Poisoning

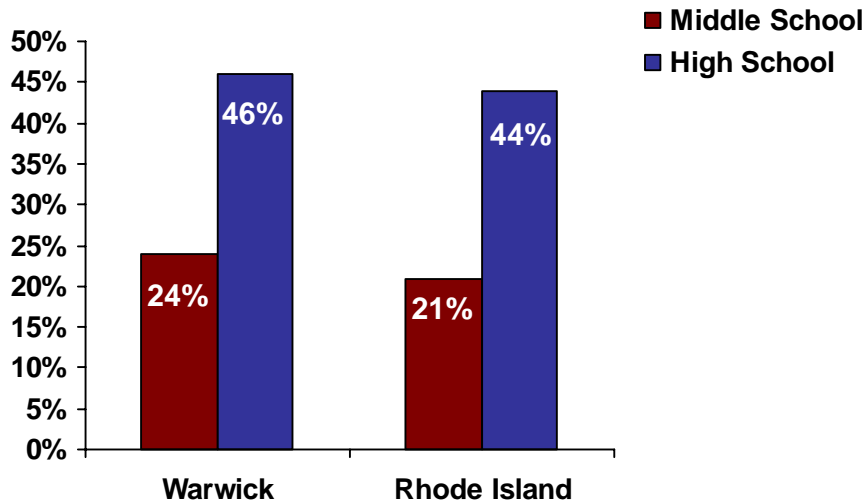


❖ Since 1999, Warwick has seen a 57% decline in the percentage of children entering kindergarten with elevated blood lead levels.

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.

Alcohol and Drug Use by Adolescents

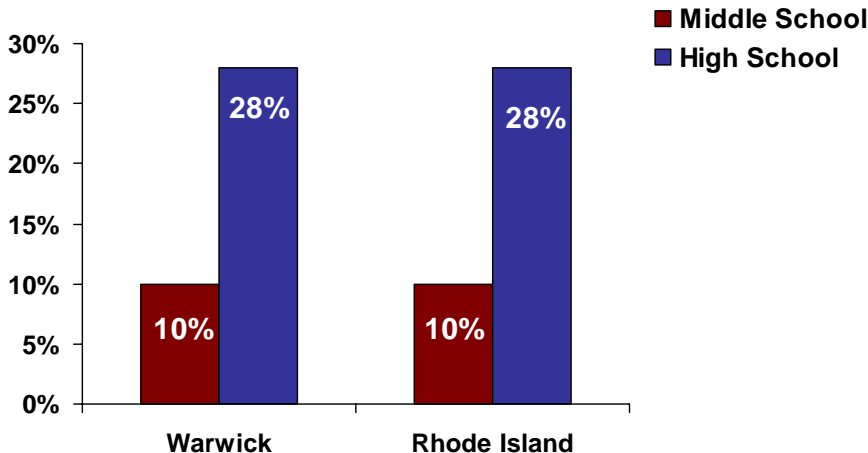
Alcohol Use by Teens, 2003-2004



❖ In Warwick, 24% of middle school students and 46% of high school students reported using alcohol within a 30 day period.

❖ In Warwick, 10% of middle schools students reported using drugs in the past 30 days. This percentage was more than doubled in high school, with 28% of students reported drug use within a 30 day period.

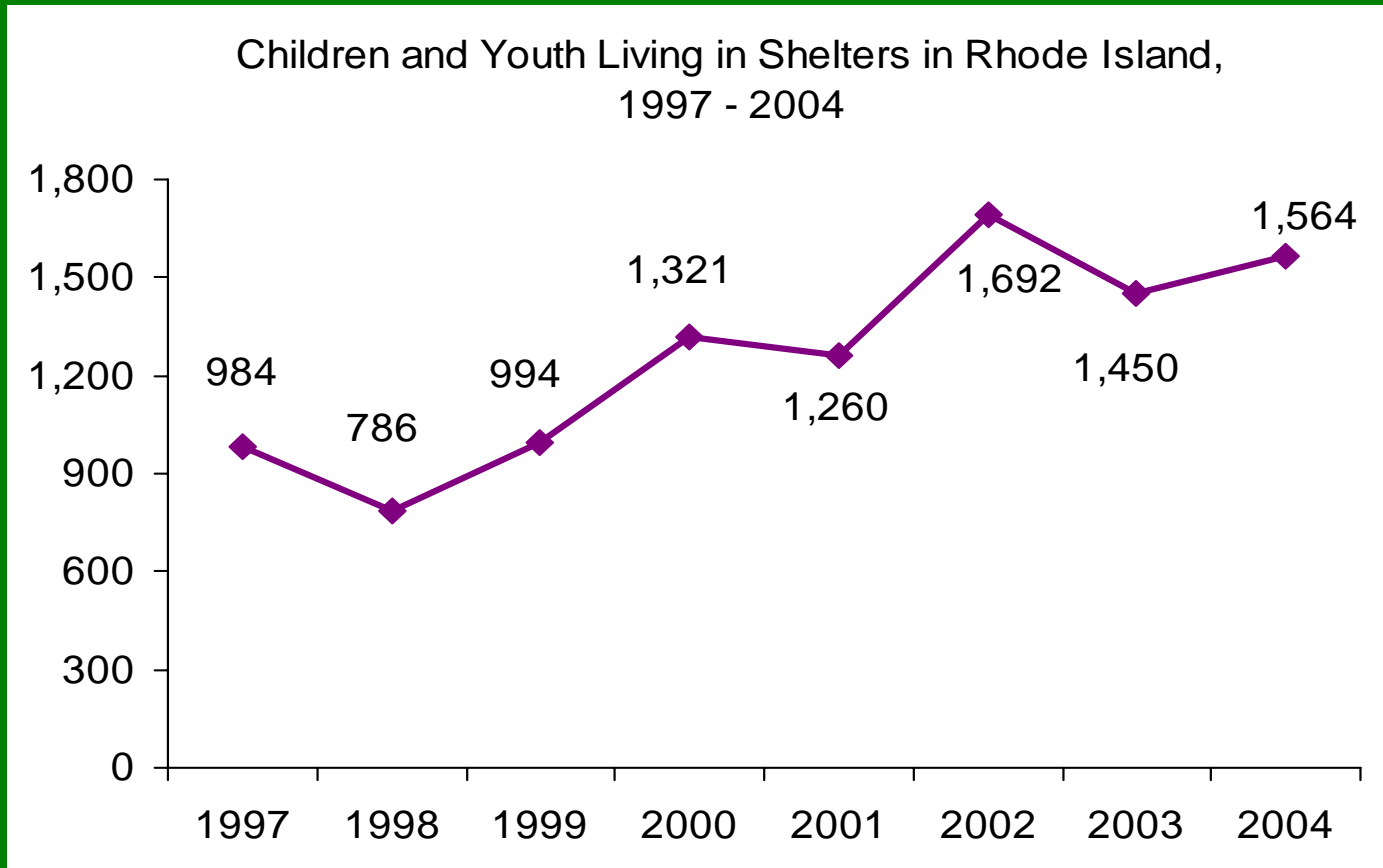
Drug Use by Teens, 2003-2004



❖ 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, 223 people claimed Warwick as their city of last residence, an increase of 39% since 2002.

Juveniles in Family Court and the Rhode Island Training School

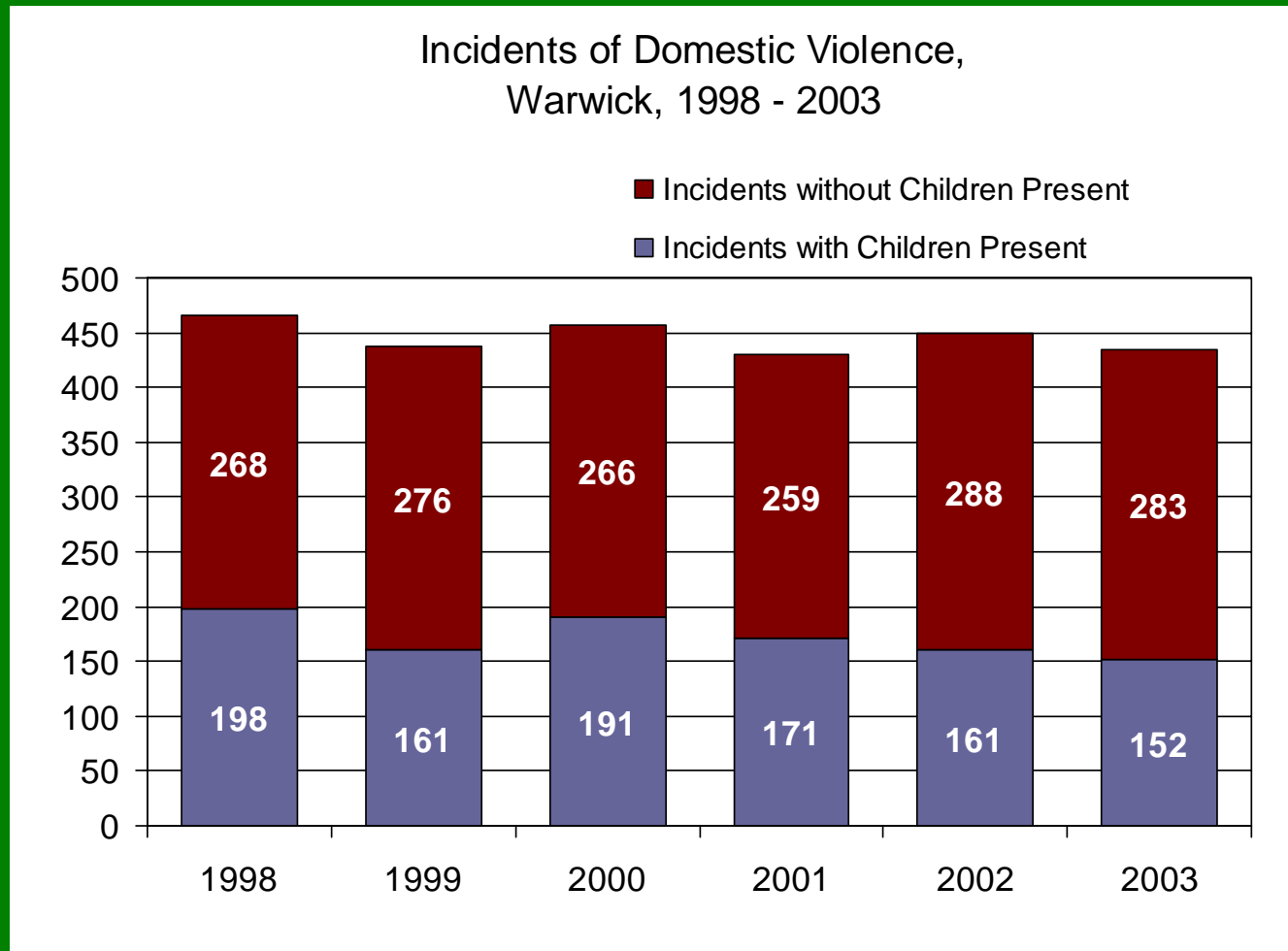
- In 2004, in Rhode Island, there were 5,309 juveniles (5% of all RI youth ages 10 to 17) referred to Family Court for 9,124 offenses.
- In 2004, 1,069 juveniles spent time at the Rhode Island Training School.

Of those at the Rhode Island Training School with a reported address, 43 were from Warwick.

Children of Incarcerated Parents

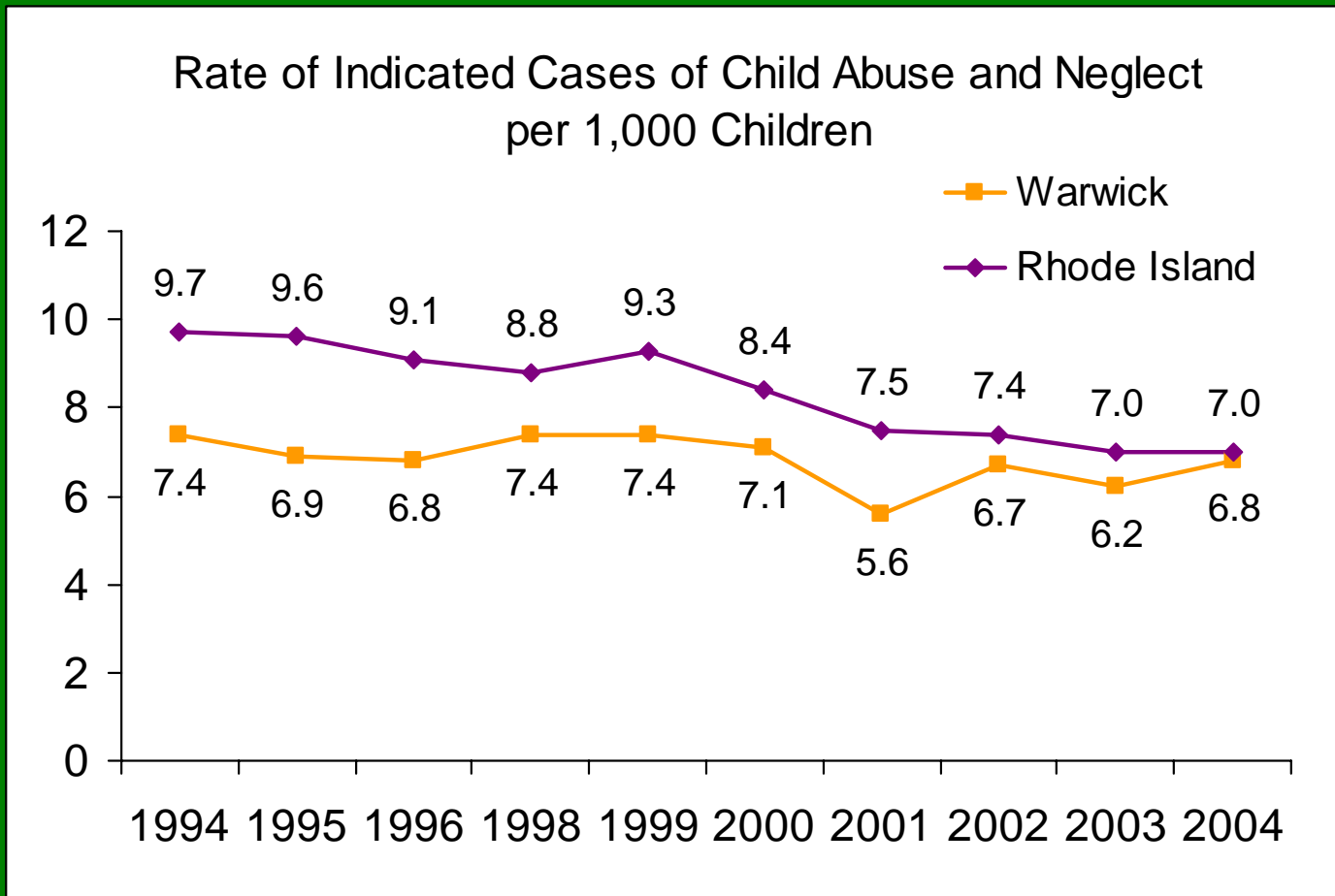
- ❖ In the U.S., one in forty children has a parent in prison.
- ❖ In Rhode Island in 2004, 1,201 adults at the ACI reported having 2,589 children.
- ❖ 65 of these parents (with 141 children) reported their last residence as Warwick.
- ❖ 7.5 per 1,000 children in Warwick have parents who are incarcerated compared to 10.4 statewide.

Children Witnessing Domestic Violence



© In 2003, there were 435 reports of domestic violence incidents in Warwick. Of these, 152 (35%) noted that children were present.

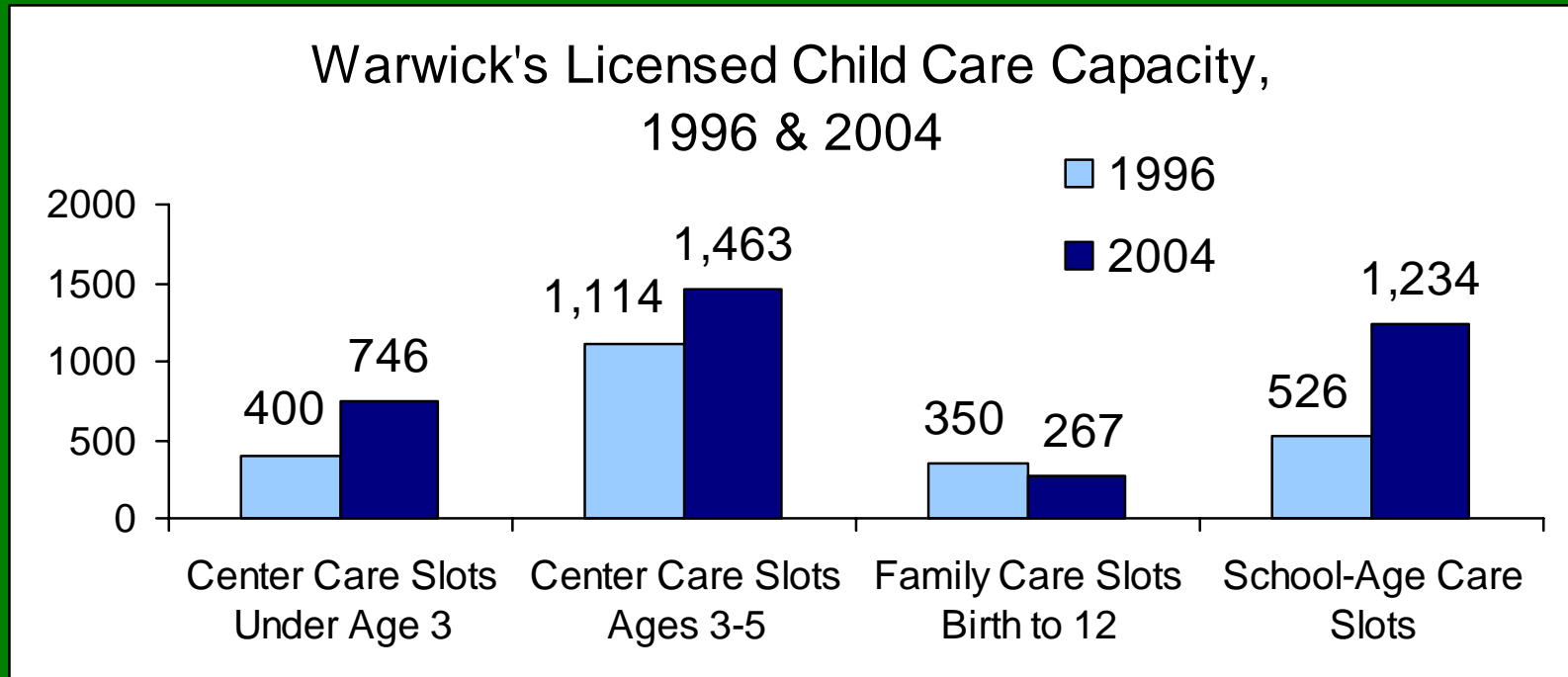
Child Abuse and Neglect



❖ Warwick's rate of indicated cases of child abuse and neglect has declined slowly since 1994, but now nearly matches the state rate.

Education

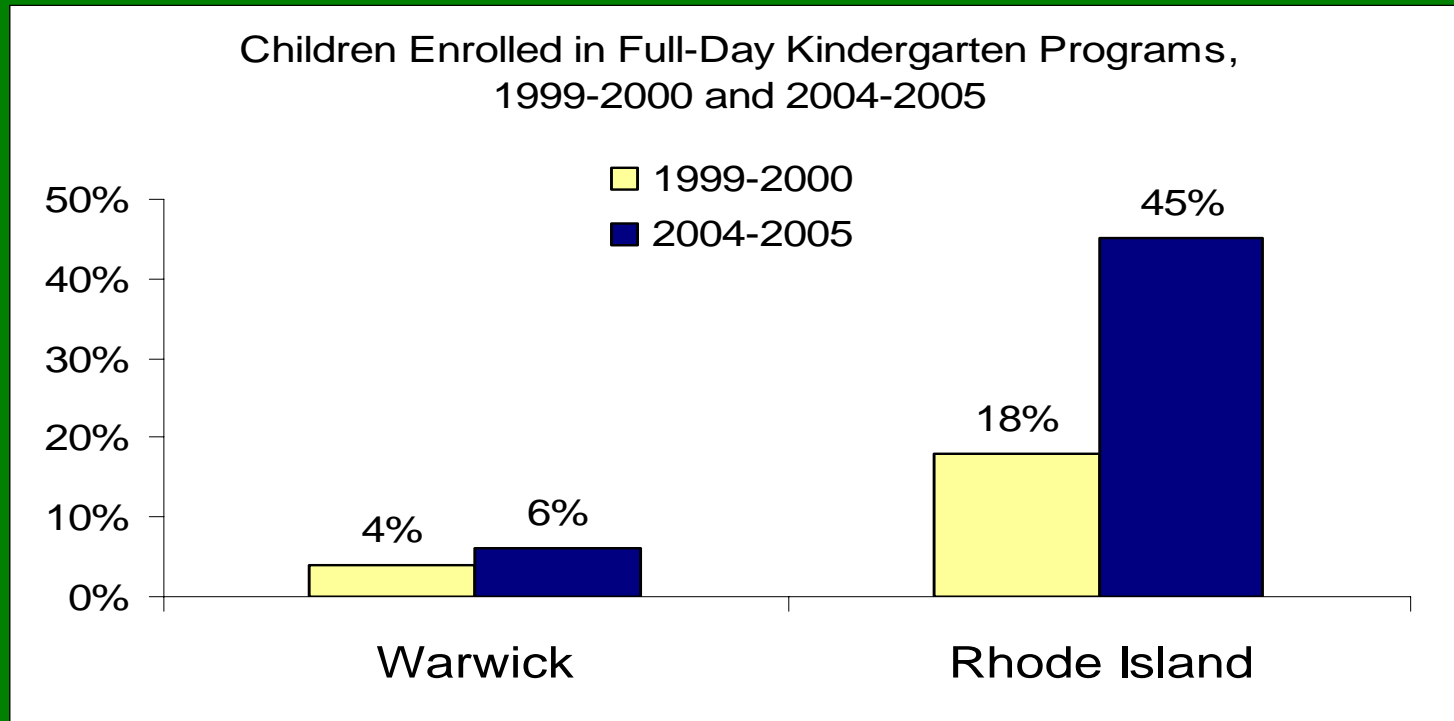
Regulated Child Care in Warwick



❖ Warwick's total licensed child care capacity has increased from 2,390 slots in 1996 to 3,710 slots in 2004.

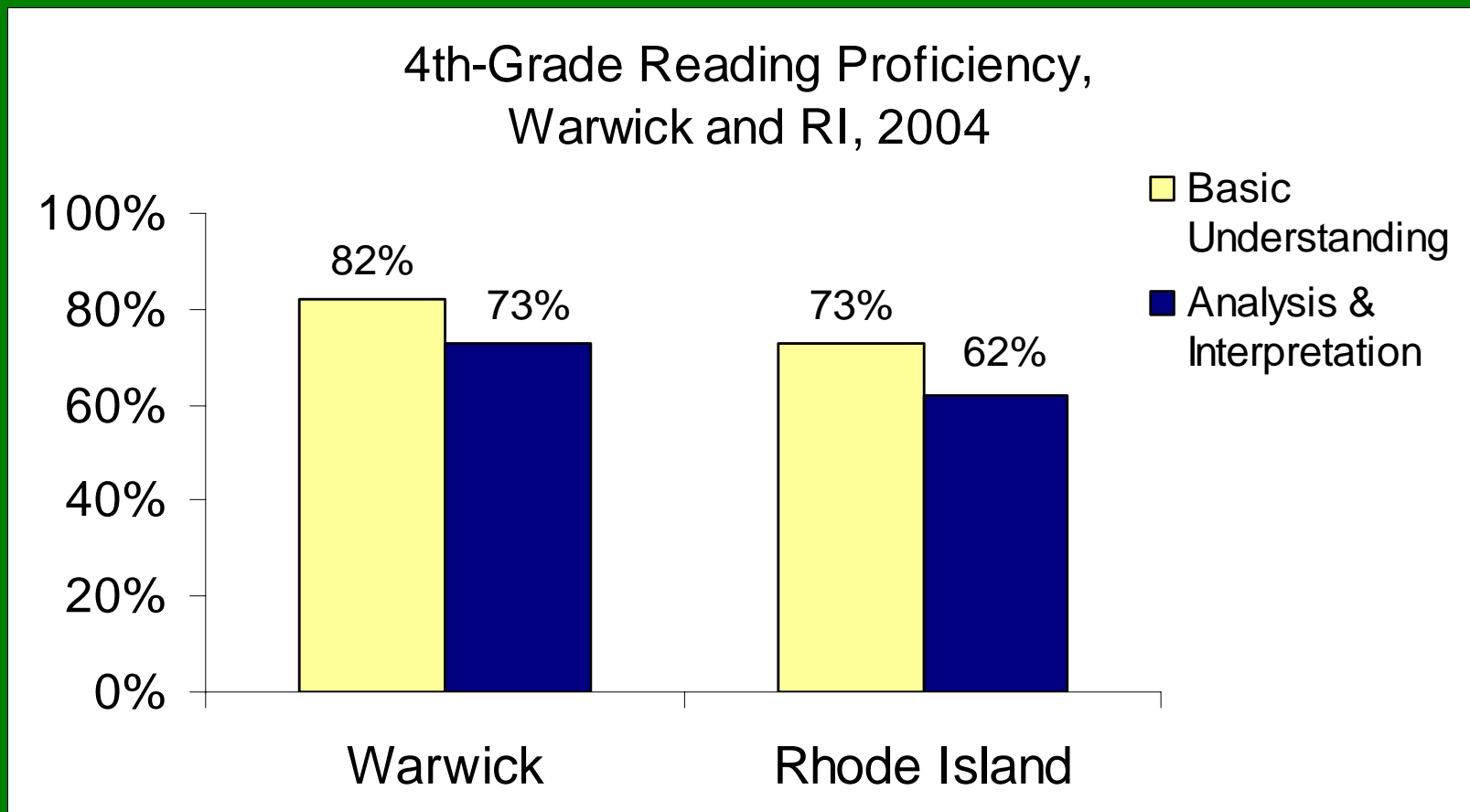
❖ Accreditation is often used to mark higher levels of quality. In Warwick in 2005, 4 out of 72 child care programs were NAEYC or NAFCC accredited.

Full-Day Kindergarten



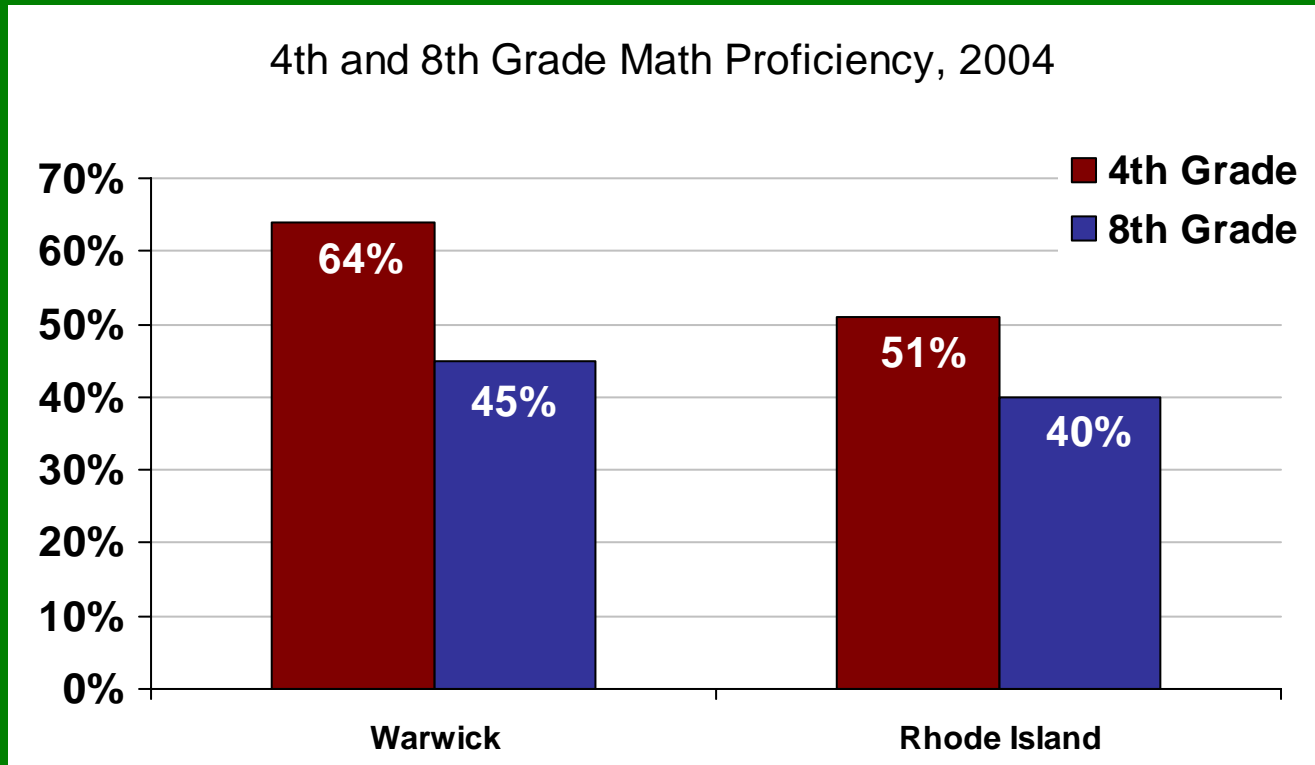
- ❖ In Warwick in 2004-2005, 38 children out of 606 were enrolled in full-day kindergarten programs.
- ❖ In Rhode Island, 12 districts offer universal access to full-day kindergarten, four of which are the core cities.
- ❖ Cost is a major consideration for most districts considering full-day K. Some research suggests that districts can save money in the long term because full-day K programs are more effective and reduce the need to retain students.

Fourth-Grade Reading Skills



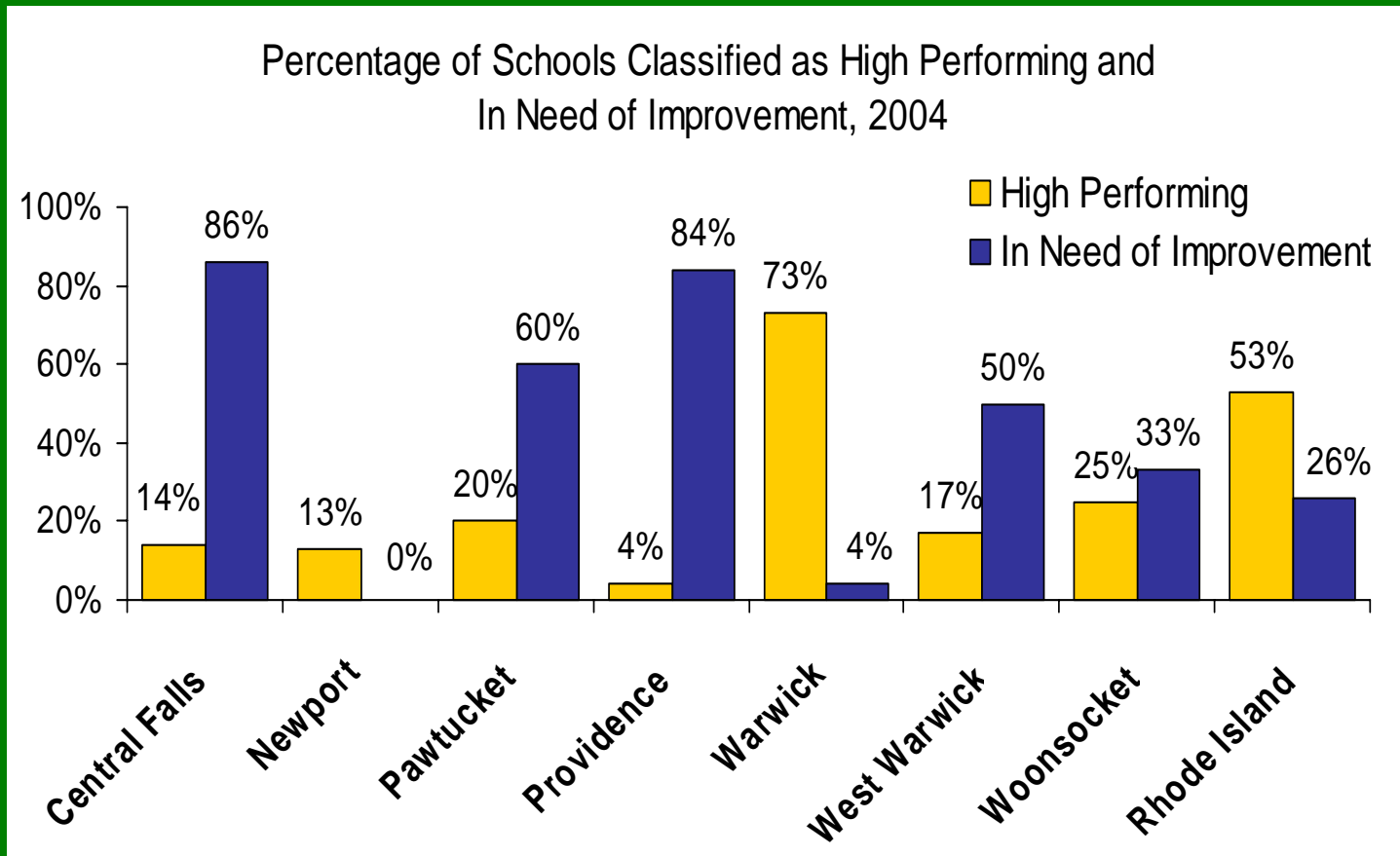
❖ In 2004, 82% of Warwick 4th graders scored at or above proficiency in *Basic Understanding*, and 73% in *Analysis and Interpretation* (an increase from 68% the year before). Both test scores are higher than the state levels of proficiency in both categories.

Math Skills



- ❖ In 2004, 64% of Warwick 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 45% for Warwick 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 declines larger than those experienced by White students.

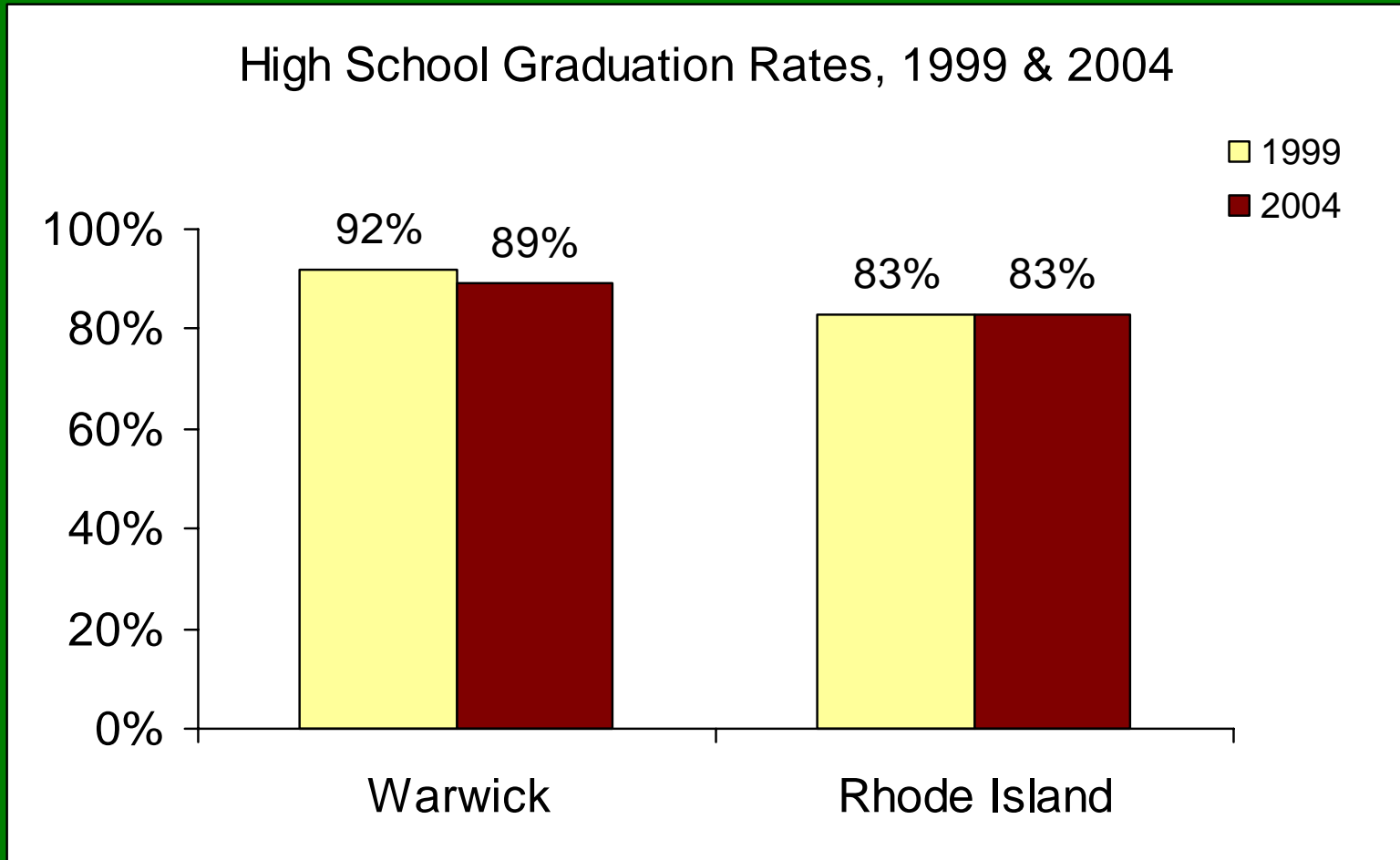
School Performance



❖ Based on guidelines that meet the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 19 of Warwick's 26 schools are classified as high performing, an increase from 9 last year.

❖ 6 schools in Warwick are classified as moderately performing. One Warwick schools was classified as in need of improvement making insufficient progress, compared to 6 schools in need of improvement last year.

High School Graduation Rate



- The graduation rate decreased between 1999 and 2004 in Warwick.

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