

Newport Data in Your Backyard

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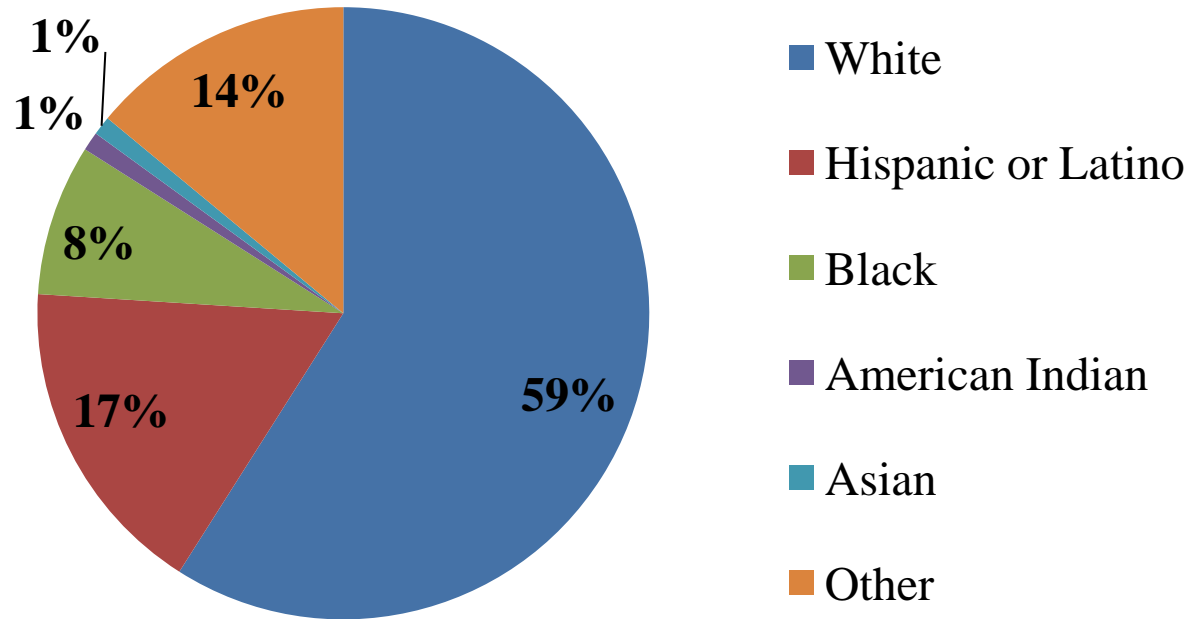
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Family and Community

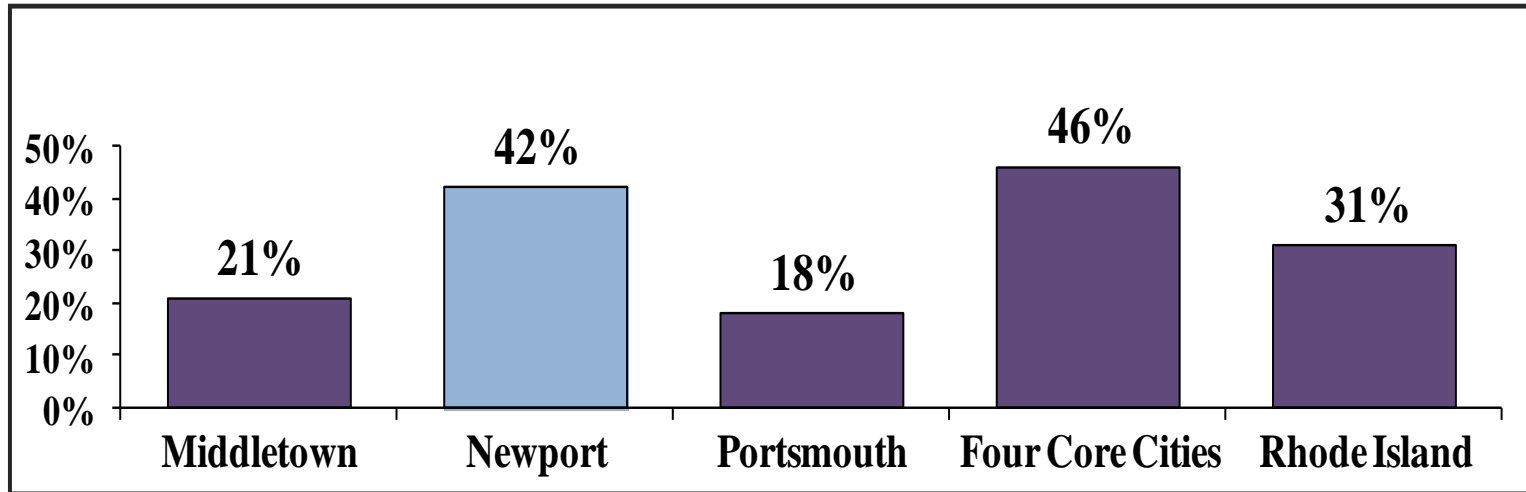


Newport's Child Population, By Race & Ethnicity, 2010



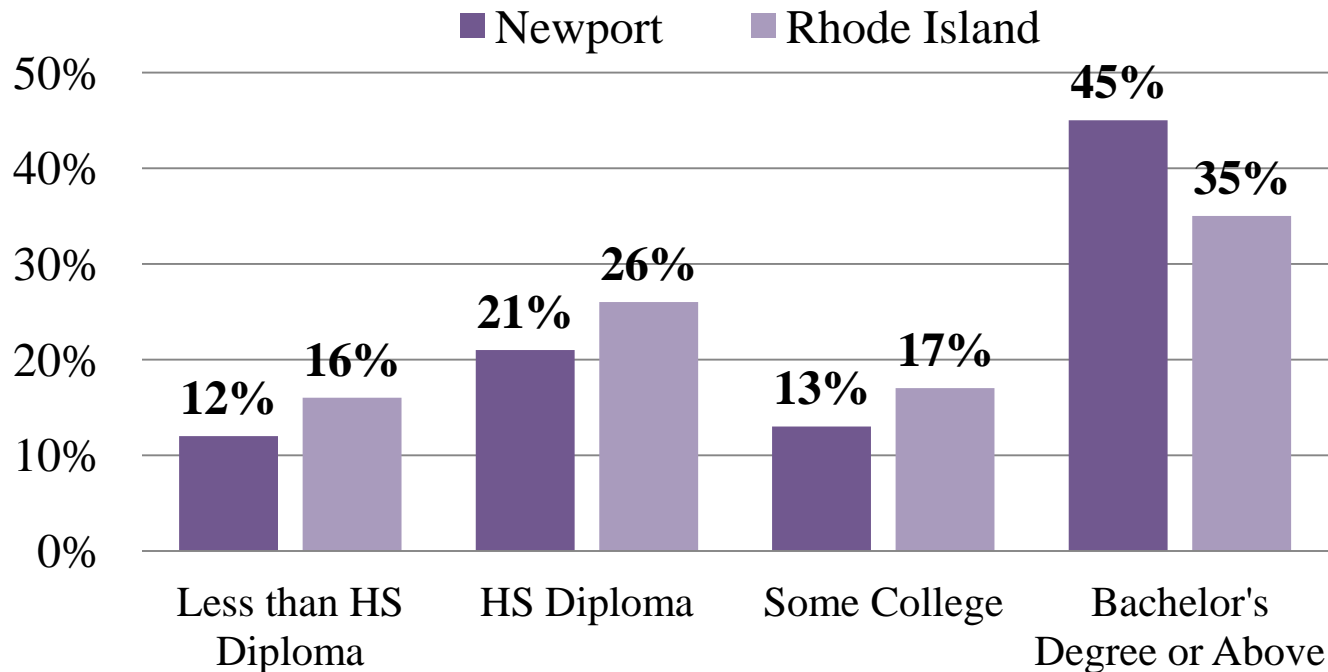
- Child population fell 21% between 2000 and 2010, from 5,199 to 4,083, the largest decrease in any Rhode Island community.

Children in Single Parent Families



- Between 2009 and 2011, 39% of single-parent households lived in poverty compared to 7% of children in married-couple households
- Seventy-six percent of all poor children in Rhode Island lived in a single-parent family during same period.

Mother's Education Level, 2007-2011



- Strong links between parent education levels and a child's health and education outcomes.
- Newport has a higher rate of mother's with a Bachelor's Degree or Above than the state as a whole.

Infants Born at Highest Risk

Mother:

Under Age 20

Unmarried

Without High School Degree



Child:

More likely to grow up in poverty

More likely to suffer from abuse or neglect

Less likely to be ready for school at kindergarten entry

Less likely to perform well in school

Less likely to complete high school

In 2012...

- 351 (3%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors.
- **9 (3%) Newport babies were born at highest risk.**

Economic Well-Being



Child Poverty Defined, 2012

- **Poverty level**
 - **\$18,498** for a family of three with two children
 - **\$23,283** for a family of four with two children
- **Extreme poverty level**
 - **\$9,249** for a family of three with two children
 - **\$11,642** for a family of four with two children.
- *2012 Rhode Island Standard of Need*
 - Single parent with two young children would need \$49,272/year to pay basic living

Children in Poverty

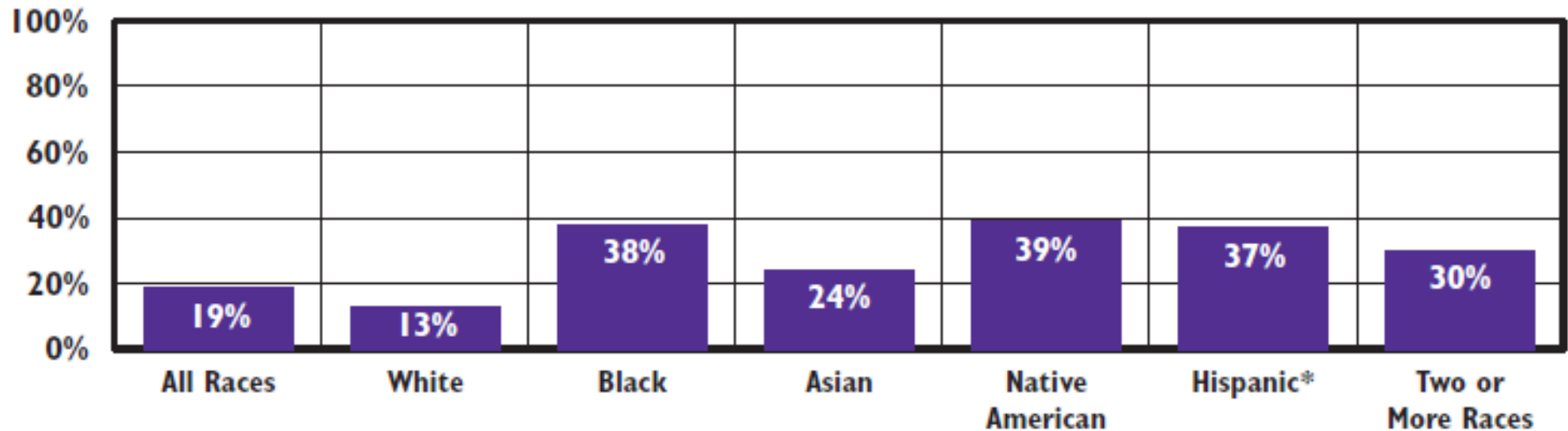
	Child Poverty 2000	Child Poverty 2007-2011	Child Poverty Margin of Error	Low- Income 2012 (FRPL)**
Middletown	264 (6.2%)	405 (10.9%)	$\pm 4.91\%$	31%
<i>Newport</i>	1,267 (24.4%)	533 (14.0%)*	$\pm 5.42\%^*$	58%
Portsmouth	118 (2.8%)	218 (5.8%)*	$\pm 5.79\%^*$	13%
Four Core Cities	28,291 (35.9%)	25,747 (35.3%)	$\pm 1.23\%$	80%
Rhode Island	41,162 (16.9%)	39,900 (17.9%)	$\pm 0.83\%$	46%

*Note: These communities have high margins of errors, a measure of the reliability of the estimate.

**Note: Percentage of children eligible for an enrolled in the Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) Program (<185% FPL).

Disparities in Poverty Rates

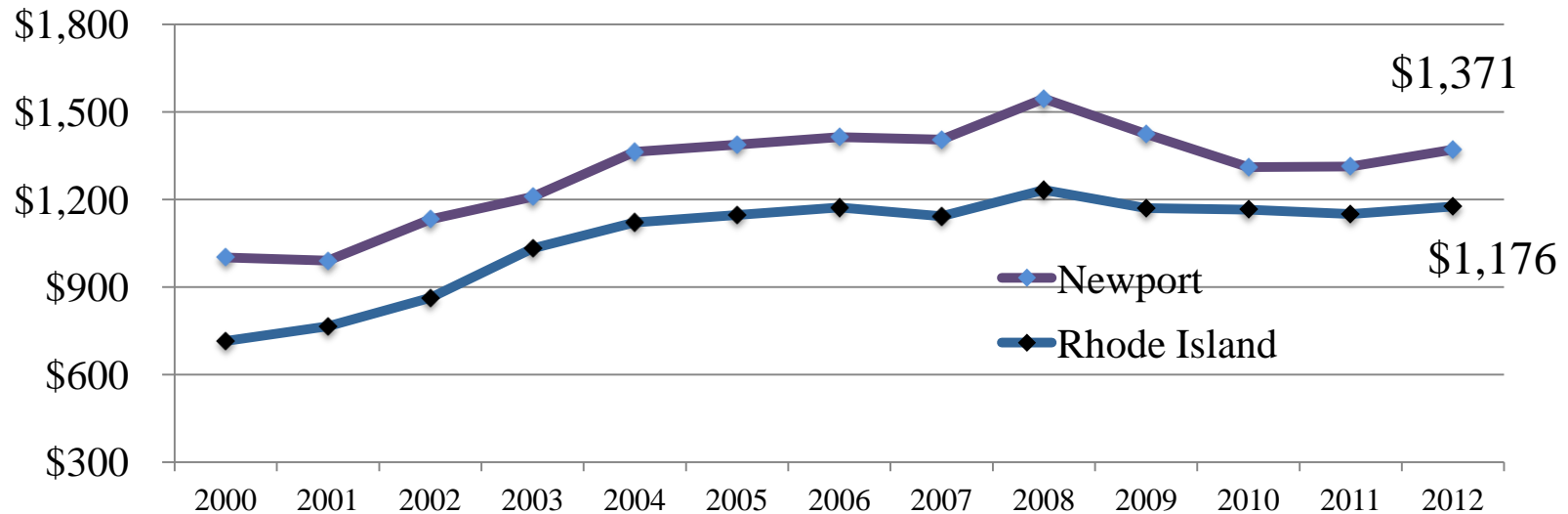
Children in Poverty, by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island, 2009-2011



- Half of all poor children in Rhode Island are White,
- **BUT** minority children are much more likely to be living in poverty than their White peers.

Cost of Housing

**Average Cost of a Two-Bedroom Apartment
2000-2012**



To afford the average rent in Rhode Island without a cost burden...

- A worker would need to earn 3 times the state's 2012 minimum wage of \$7.40 per hour.

A family of three living at the poverty level in Newport...

- **would have to devote 86% of its household income to the cost of rent.**



Homeless Children & Youth

In 2012, 1,277 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.

- **Newport was the last permanent residence for 28 of these children.**

During the 2011-2012 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 961 children as homeless.

- **Newport Public Schools personnel identified 38 children as homeless.**



Children Receiving SNAP Benefits

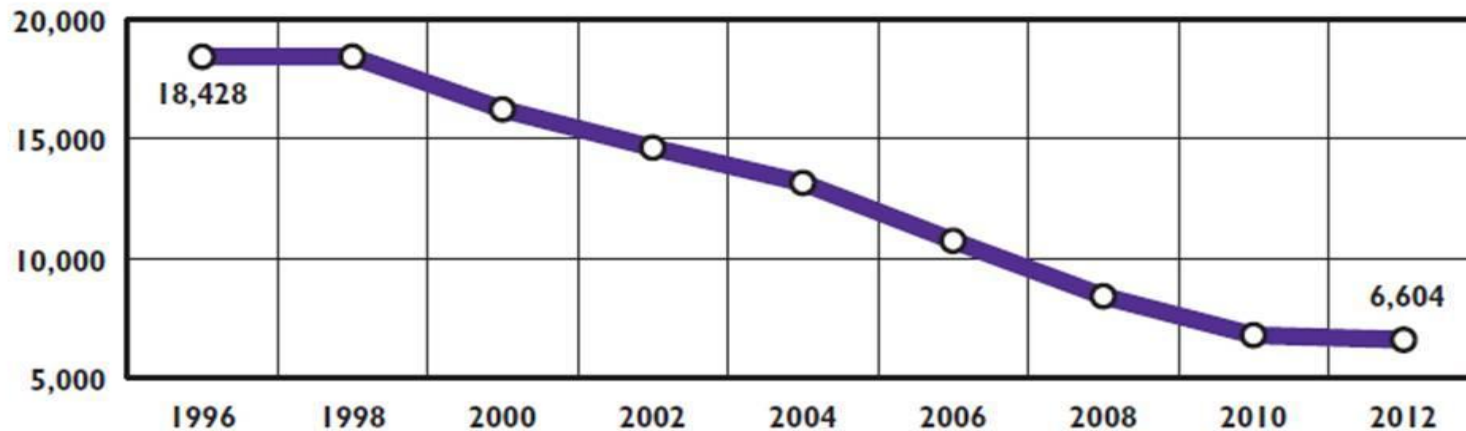
	# Participating 2005	# Participating 2012	% Change 2005-2012
Middletown	149	451	203%
Newport	884	1,409	59%
Portsmouth	91	249	174%
Core Cities	25,433	39,976	57%
Rhode Island	35,168	64,866	84%

In October 2012

- 1,409 Newport children were receiving SNAP benefits
- 59% increase from 2005

Families Receiving Cash Assistance

Cash Assistance Caseload, Rhode Island, 1996-2012

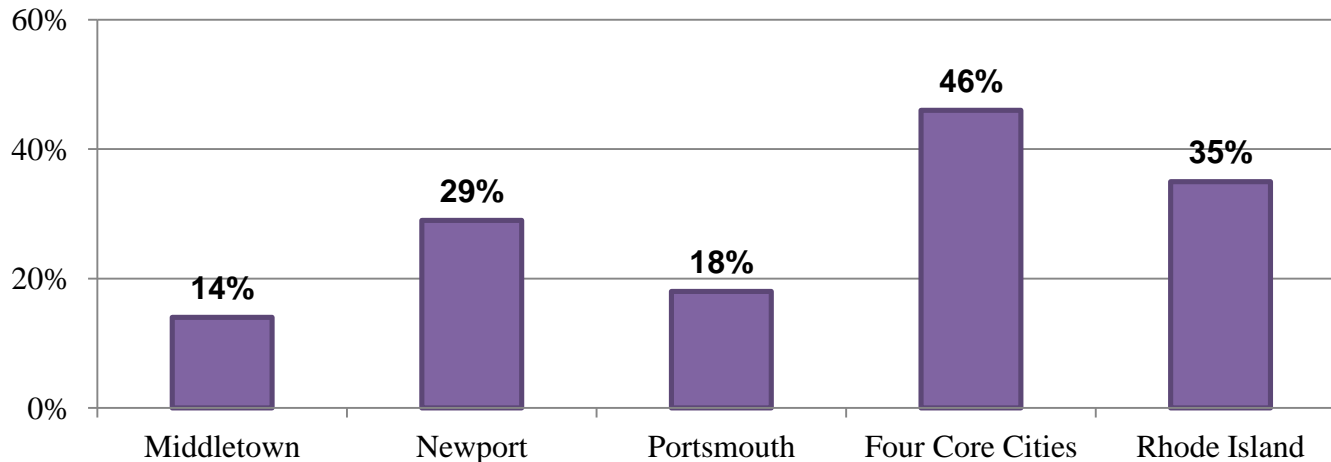


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1996–2012.

- 64% decline in the Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- **6% (260) of children in Newport were receiving cash assistance.**
- 68% of RI Works beneficiaries are children under age 18.
- In SFY 2012, the state budget included no state general revenue for cash assistance.

Children Participating in School Breakfast

% of Low-Income Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2012



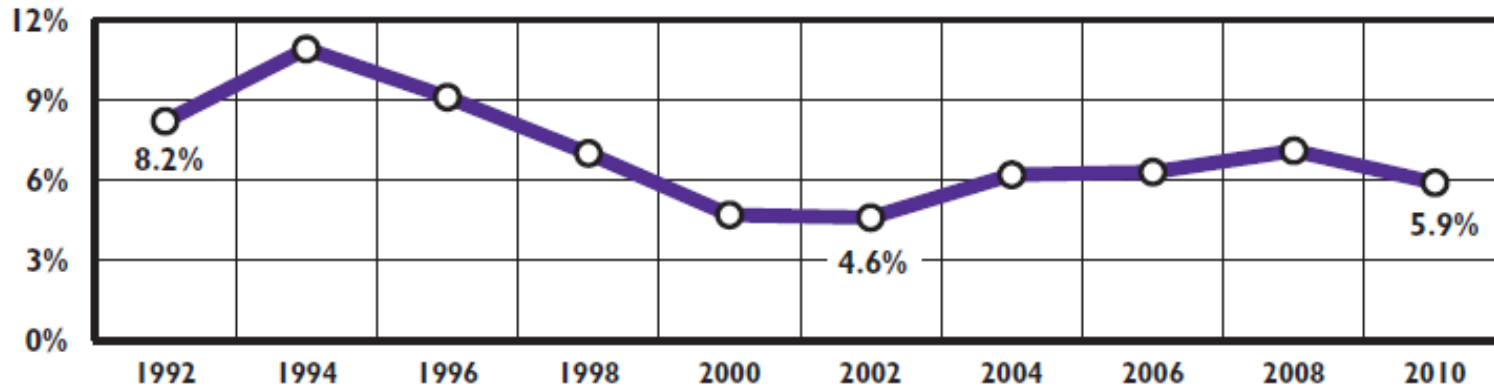
- Providing free breakfast to all children regardless of income can increase school breakfast participation and can reduce administrative costs.
- Students who eat breakfast have significantly higher math and reading scores, fewer absences, improved attentiveness and lower incidences of social and behavioral problems.

Health



Uninsured Children in Rhode Island

Children Without Health Insurance, Rhode Island, 1991-2011



- **In Rhode Island between 2010 and 2012...**
 - 6.0% of children under age 18 were uninsured
 - Rhode Island ranks 10th best in the country
- Children in families with incomes up to 250% FPL are eligible for RItE Care.



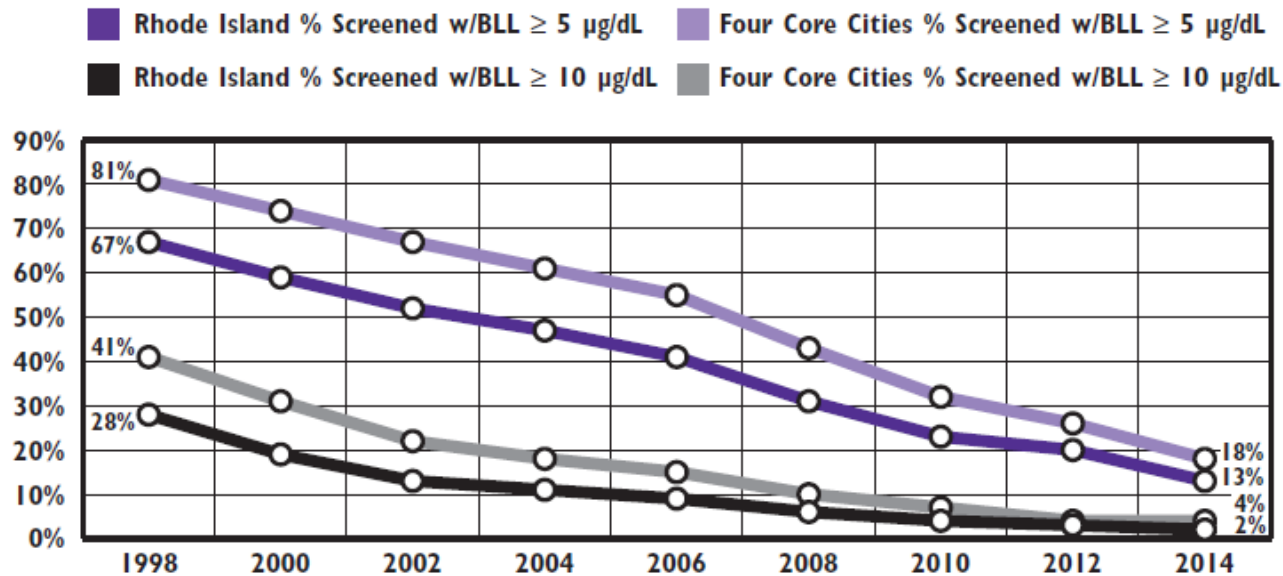
Infant Health Outcomes, 2007-2011

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Pre-term Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1000 Births
Middletown	9.0%	8.5%	5.8%	3.3
Newport	8.9%	10.8%	7.7%	8.6
Portsmouth	8.0%	7.2%	5.8%	3.1
Four Core Cities	19.6%	12.6%	9.0%	8.1
Rhode Island	15.0%	11.1%	7.9%	6.5

- Newport's delayed prenatal care rate has been decreasing (14.2% 2001-2005 to 8.9% 2007-2011)
- Second highest infant mortality rate in the state

Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels

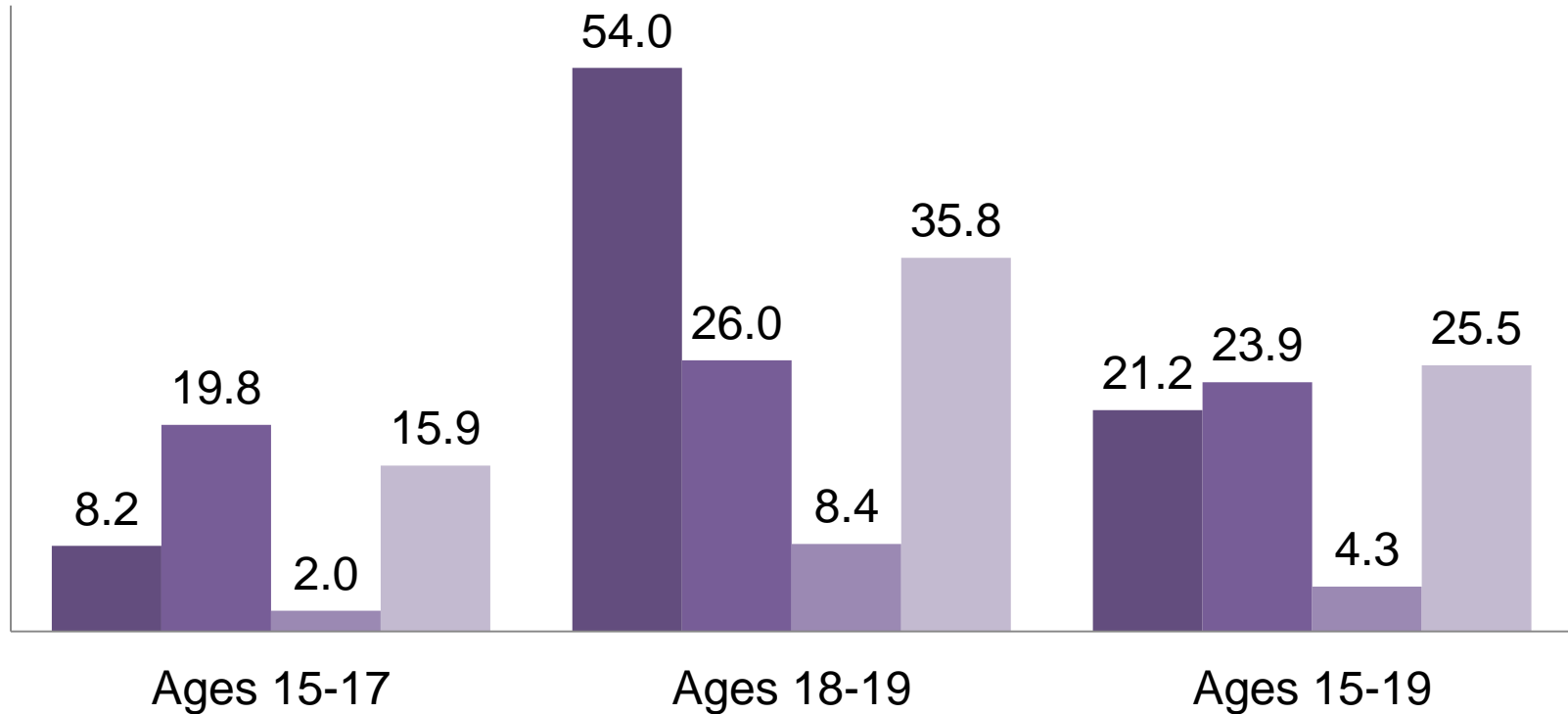
Children Entering Kindergarten with History of Elevated Blood Lead Level Screening, Rhode Island and Four Core Cities, 1998-2014



- The CDC lowered threshold for elevated blood lead level from 10 mcg/dL to 5 mcg/dL.
- 271 Newport children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2014
 - 51 (18.8%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 5 mcg/dL (new level)
 - 4 (1.5%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 10 mcg/dL (old level)

Births to Teens, 2007-2011

■ Middletown ■ Newport ■ Portsmouth ■ Rhode Island




- In Newport between 2007 and 2011, 27 births were repeat teen births, making up 21.2% of the total 123 teen births in Newport during that period.

Safety



Gun Violence



Gun Deaths and Hospitalizations Among Children, Rhode Island, 2007-2011

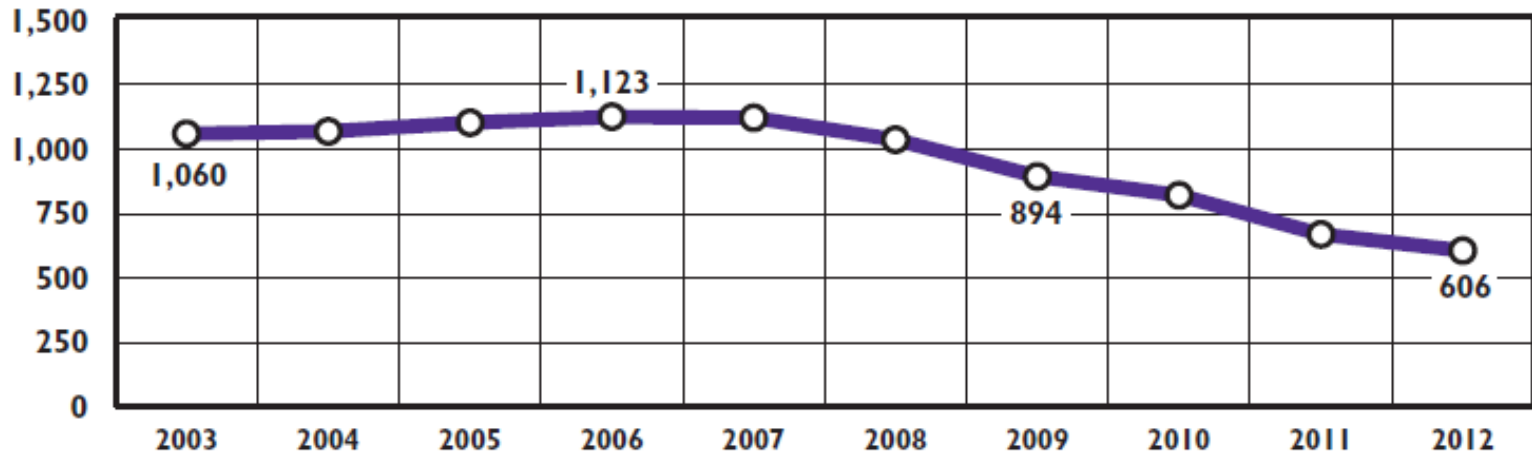
AGE	NUMBER OF DEATHS	NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZATIONS
0 to 14	1	9
15 to 19	21	66
TOTAL	22	75

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2007-2011. Data for 2010 and 2011 are provisional.

- Nationally, **2,711 children and youth under age 20 were killed by firearms during 2010**
 - 86% (2,331) were ages 15 to 19
- In Rhode Island in 2011,
 - **11% of high school students reported they carried a weapon in the past 30 days** compared with 17% of U.S. high school students

Juveniles Referred to Family Court and at the RITS

**Juveniles in the Care and Custody of
the Rhode Island Training School, 2003-2012**



- Major decreases in youth referred to family court and in the custody of Training School
- In 2012, 5% of juvenile offenses involved violent offenses.

Juveniles Referred to Family Court and at RI Training School

By Type of Offense

23%	Property Crimes	5%	Violent Crimes
19%	Disorderly Conduct	4%	Motor Vehicle Offenses
19%	Status Offenses*	3%	Weapons Offenses
11%	Simple Assault	6%	Other**
9%	Alcohol and Drug Offenses		

n=5,780

**Status offenses are age-related acts that would not be punishable if the offender were an adult, such as truancy and disobedient conduct.*

***Other includes offenses such as conspiracy, crank/obscene phone calls, computer crimes and possession of a manipulative device for automobiles, etc. Probation violations, contempt of court, and other violations of court orders are not included in the offenses above.*

Source: Rhode Island Family Court, 2006-2012 *Juvenile Offense Reports*. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

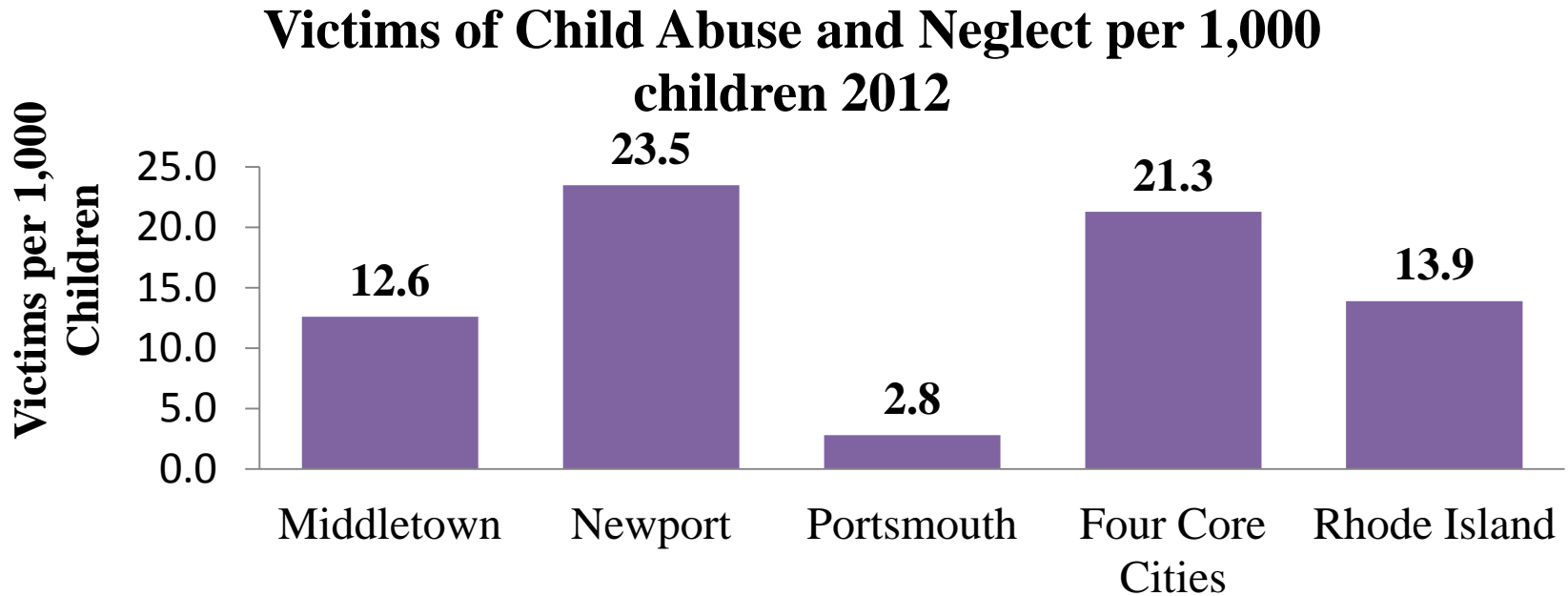
- Major decreases in youth referred to family court and in custody of the training school
- In 2012, 20 youth from Newport passed through the Training School
 - 3% of the total youth who passed through

Children of Incarcerated Parents, 2012

	Number of Parents	Number of Children Reported	Rates per 1,000 children
Middletown	8	15	4.1
Newport	26	55	13.5
Portsmouth	4	6	1.5
Four Core Cities	668	1,512	20.5
Rhode Island	1,141	2,458	11.0

- In Newport, 55 children have incarcerated parents
- Newport's rate is the 6th highest in the state behind Providence, Woonsocket, West Warwick, Central Falls and Narragansett.

Child Abuse & Neglect



- Newport's reported child abuse and neglect victim rate is the second highest in the state.

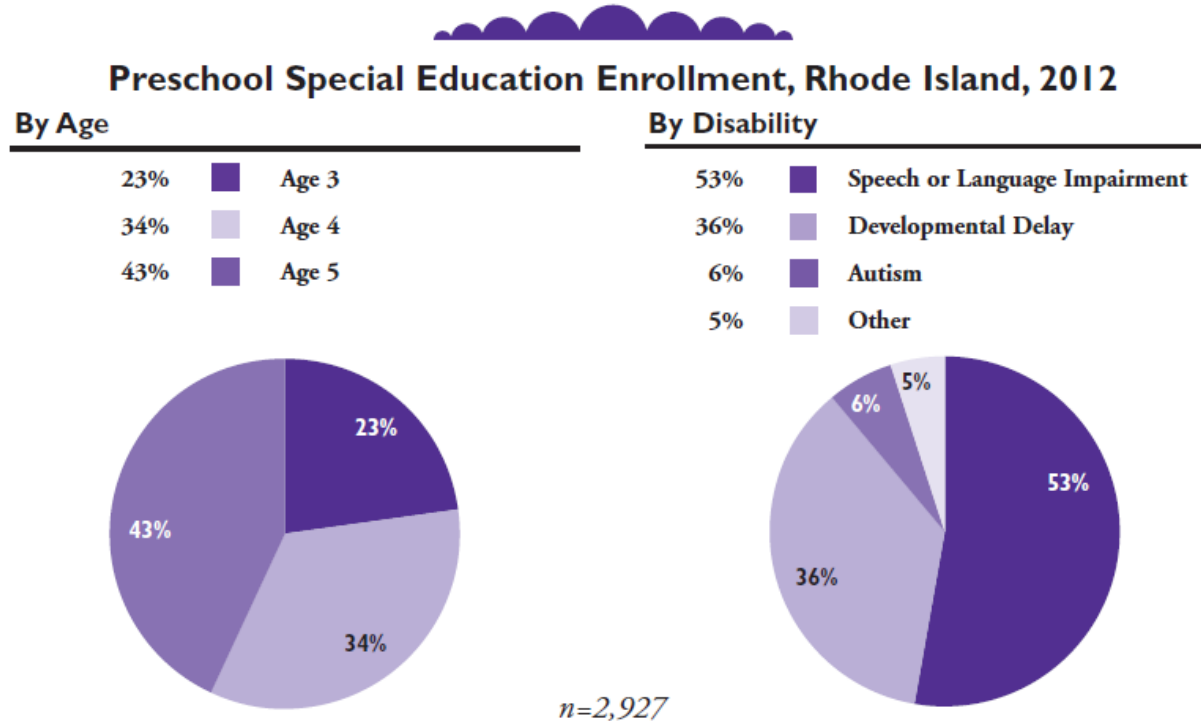
Education



Head Start and Early Head Start

- **Head Start:** In 2012, 24% of Newport children ages 3 to 4 were enrolled.
- In Rhode Island, Head Start served
 - 40% of the estimated 6,056 income-eligible children ages 3 to 4
 - 10% of all children ages 3 to 4
- **Early Head Start:** In 2012, 7% of Newport children under age 3 were enrolled.
- In Rhode Island, Early Head Start served
 - 6% of the estimated 8,650 income-eligible children under age 3
 - 2% of all children under age 3

Preschool Special Education

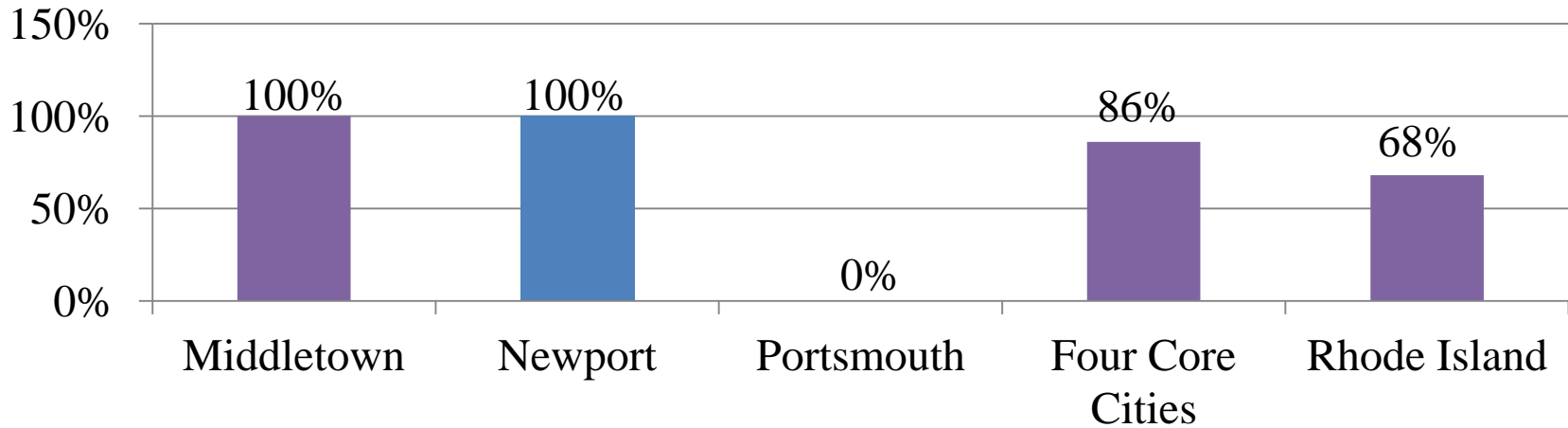


Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, June 2012 Special Education Census.

In Newport, 10% of children ages 3 to 5 were enrolled in preschool special education.

Children in Full-Day Kindergarten

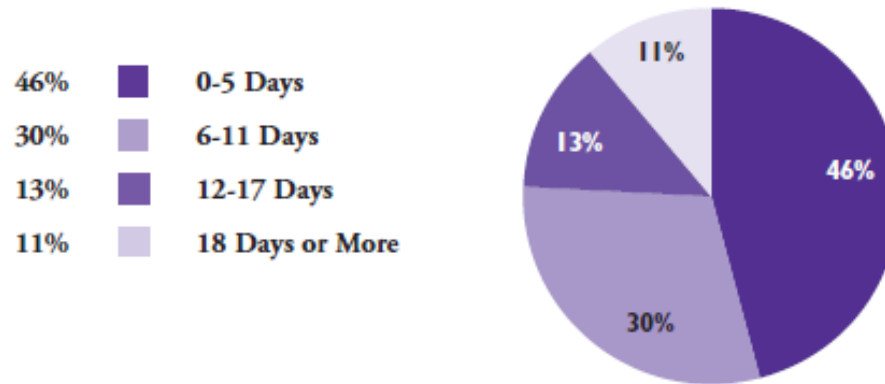
Children Enrolled in Full-Day K during the 2012-2013 School year



- In 2012-2013
 - 68% of Rhode Island children were in full-day programs
 - 77% of U.S. children were in full-day programs
- As of the 2012-2013 school year, 21 school districts, including Newport and Middletown, offered universal access to full-day kindergarten classrooms.

Chronic Early Absence

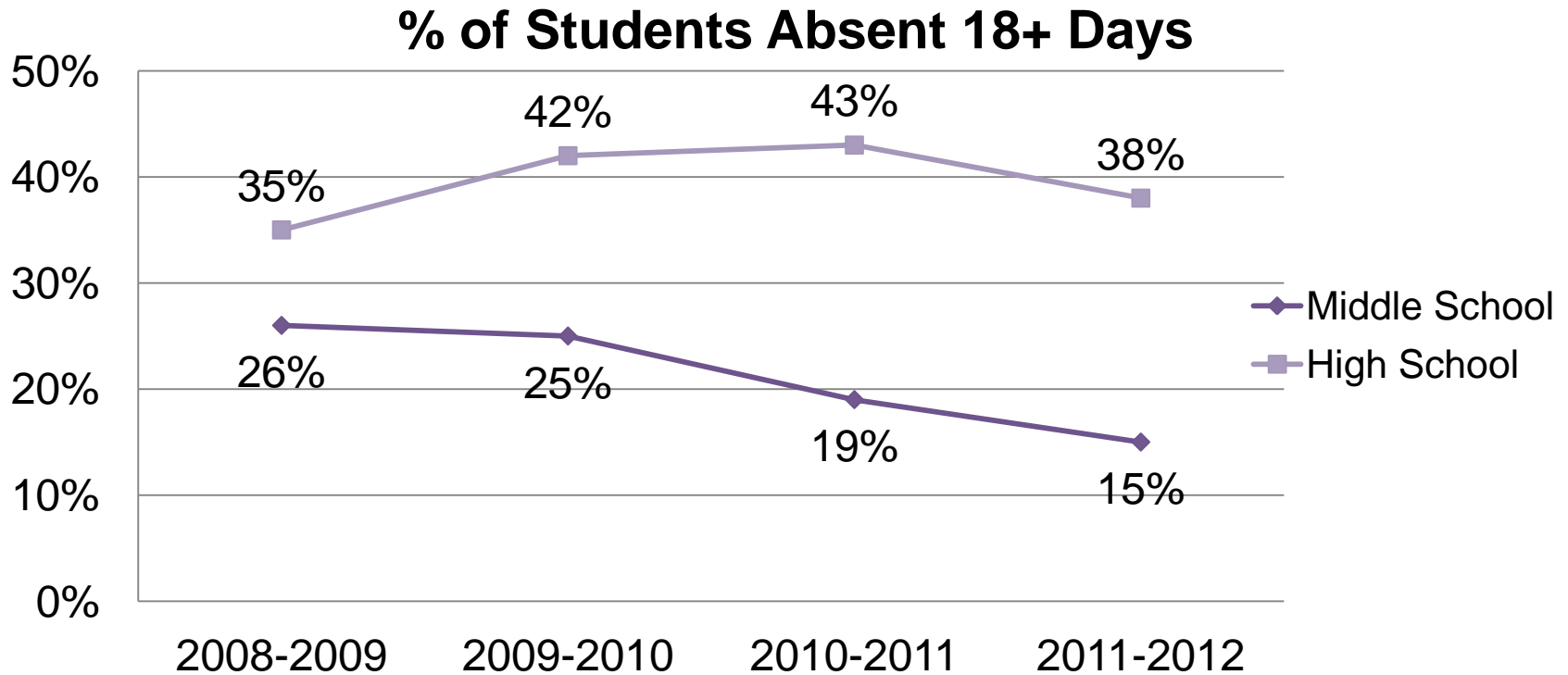
School Attendance in Rhode Island by Number of School Days Missed,
Grades K-3, 2011-2012 School Year



$n=46,827$

- **Definition:** The percentage of children in grades K-3 who have missed at least 10% of the school year (i.e., 18 days or more), including excused and unexcused absences.
- 13% of Newport children (104 children) in grades K-3 were chronically absent
 - Tied for fifth highest in the state

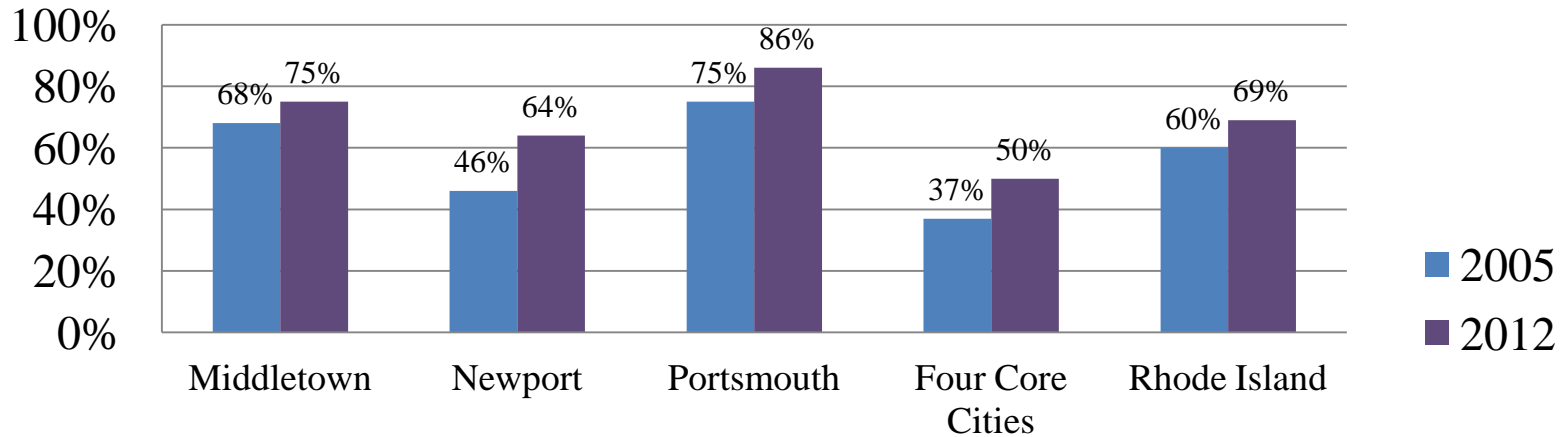
School Attendance



- During the 2011-2012 school year,
 - 15% of Newport middle school students missed 18+ days
 - 38% of Newport high school students missed 18+ days
- Chronic absenteeism has steadily declined for Middle School students.

Fourth Grade Reading Skills

**Fourth-Grade Reading Proficiency
% At or Above the Proficiency Level
Four Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2005 & 2012**



- Between 2005 and 2012, Newport's 4th grade reading proficiency rate has increased from 46% to 64%.
- Between 2005 and 2012, Newport's 8th grade reading proficiency rate increased from 50% to 85% and is now higher than the state rate of 77%.

Math Skills

4th , 8th and 11th Grade Grade Math Proficiency Rates, 2005 & 2012

	4 th Grade 2005	4 th Grade 2012	8 th Grade 2005	8 th Grade 2012	11 th Grade 2007*	11 th Grade 2012
Middletown	68%	72%	70%	74%	33%	52%
Newport	34%	57%	39%	55%	24%	26%
Portsmouth	67%	85%	72%	80%	37%	56%
Four Core Cities	31%	46%	25%	34%	10%	16%
Rhode Island	52%	64%	48%	58%	22%	34%

Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*, October 2005, October 2007, & October 2012.

*2007 is the first year that eleventh-grade students participated in the *NECAP*.

- Newport has seen improvements in 4th, 8th and 11th grade mathematics proficiency.

High School Graduation and Dropout Rates

Class of 2012				
	4-Year Graduation Rate	Dropout Rate	% Completed GED	% Still in School
Middletown	81%	8%	4%	8%
Newport	74%	19%	3%	5%
Portsmouth	91%	5%	3%	1%
Four Core Cities	66%	20%	3%	11%
Rhode Island	77%	12%	3%	8%

- In 2012, the 4-year graduation rate for Newport was 74%,
 - Decrease from 81% in 2011
 - Lower than the statewide 4-year graduation rate of 77%
- Of the 144 Newport students who enrolled in ninth grade in the fall of 2006, 77% graduated in four years in 2010, 2% graduated in five years in 2011, and 1% graduated in six years in 2012.



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