



Woonsocket Data in Your Backyard

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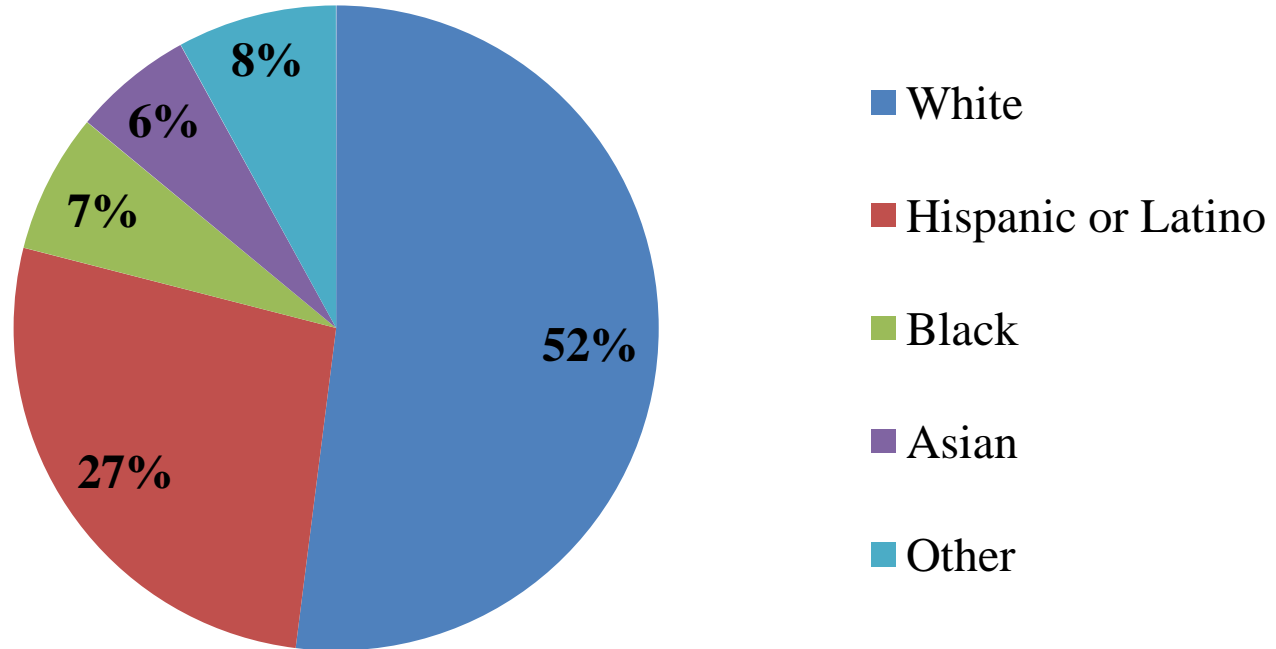




Family and Community

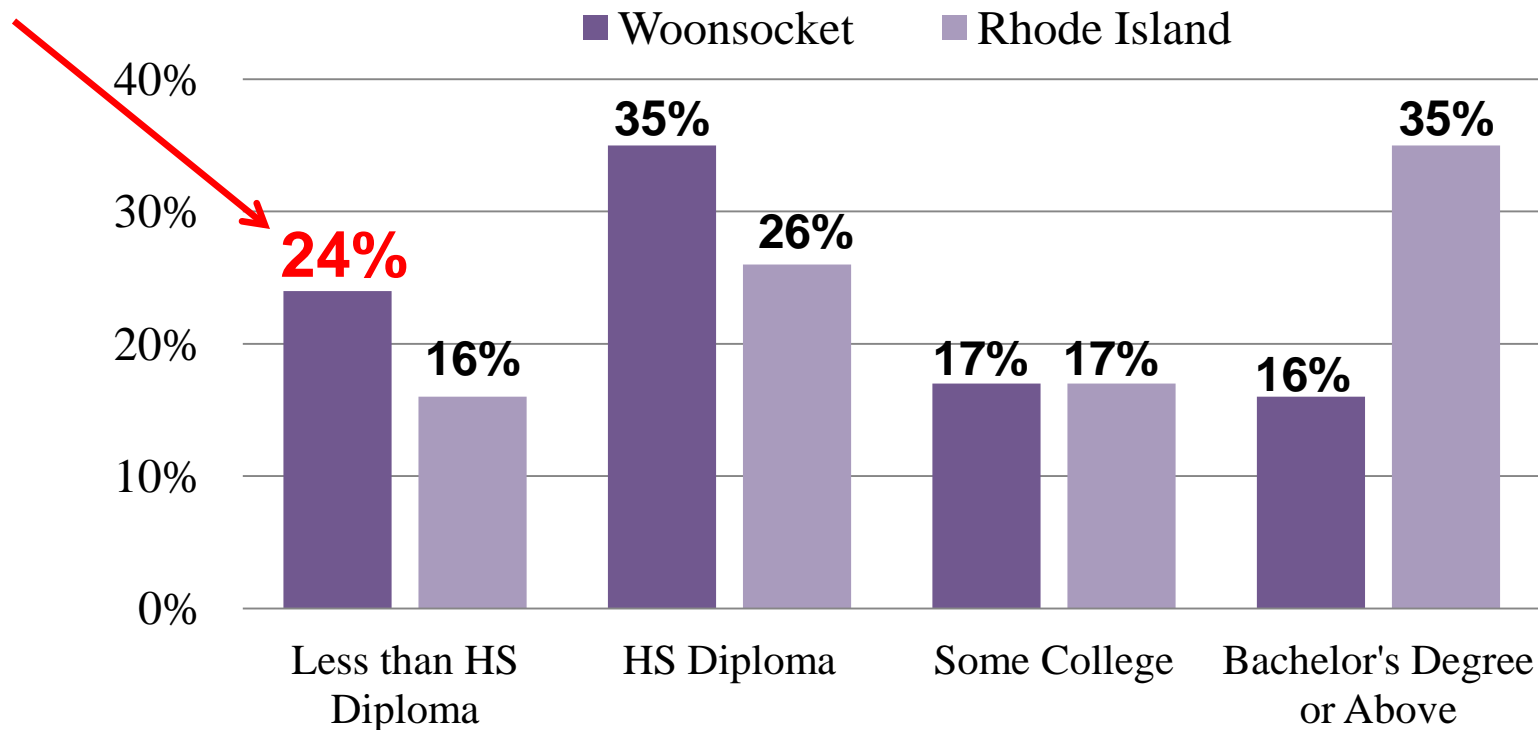


Woonsocket's Child Population, 2010



- Decreasing child population overall.
- Increasing percentage of children Hispanic/Latino.

Mother's Education Level, 2007-2011



- Strong links between parent education levels and a child's health and education outcomes.
- 1 in 4 new mothers in Woonsocket have less than a high school diploma.

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.
- **32 (6%) Woonsocket 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

Concentrated Child Poverty

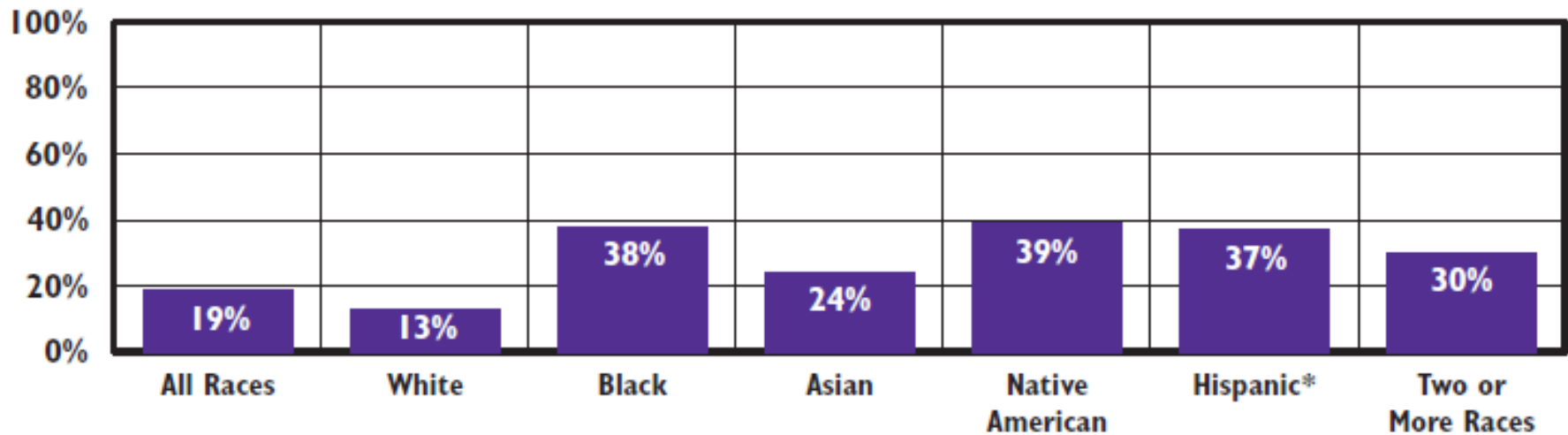
Almost two-thirds (65%) of Rhode Island's children living in poverty live in just four cities

Child Poverty Concentrated in Four Core Cities, Rhode Island, 2007-2011

City/Town	Number in Poverty	Percentage in Poverty	Number in Extreme Poverty	Percentage in Extreme Poverty
Central Falls	1,957	36.9%	831	15.6%
Pawtucket	4,790	29.4%	1,881	11.5%
Providence	15,428	37.3%	7,418	18.0%
Woonsocket	3,572	35.8%	1,583	15.9%
Rhode Island	39,900	17.9%	18,161	8.1%

Disparities in Poverty Rates

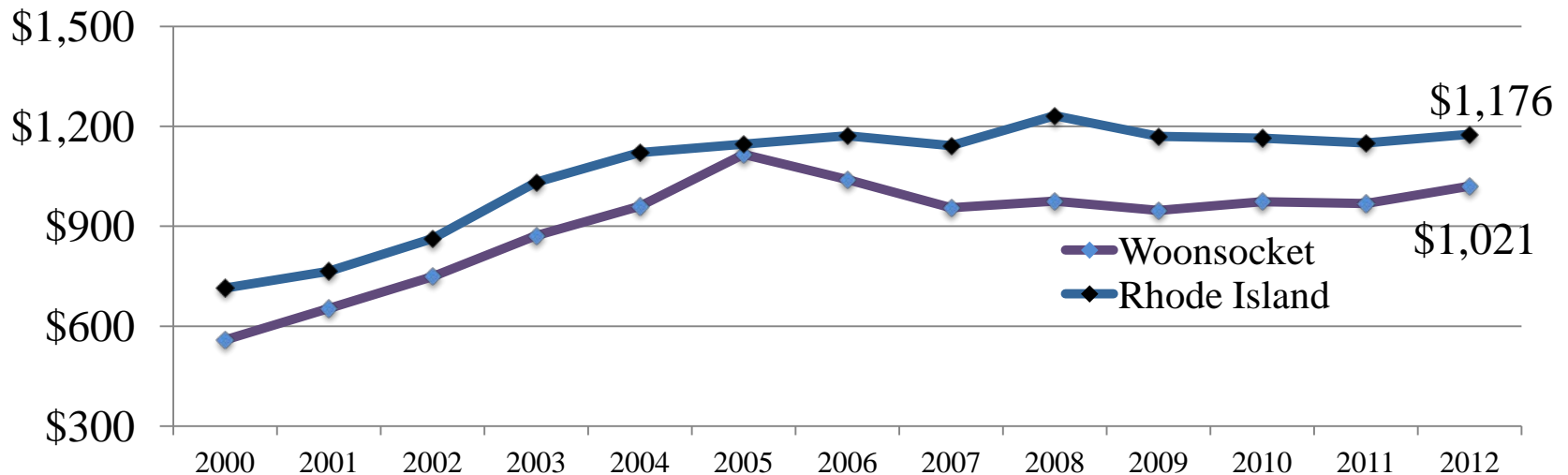
Children in Poverty, by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island, 2009-2011



- 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 Woonsocket...

- would have to devote 64% 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.

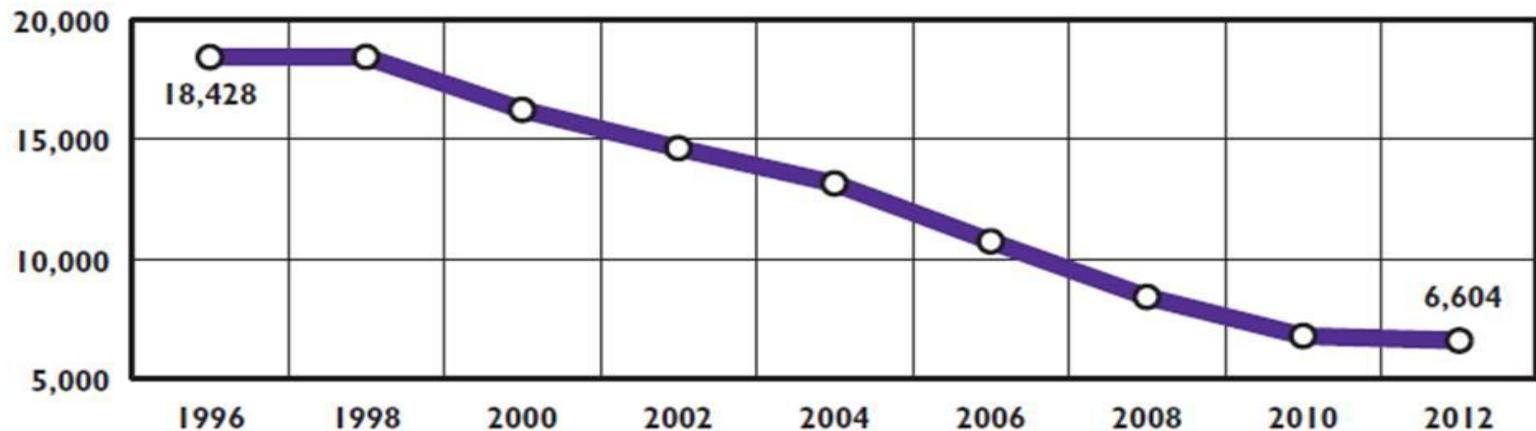
- **Woonsocket was the last permanent residence for more than 9% (119) of these children.**

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

- **Woonsocket Public Schools personnel identified 59 children as homeless.**

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 Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- **14% (1,393) of children in Woonsocket receive 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 Receiving SNAP Benefits

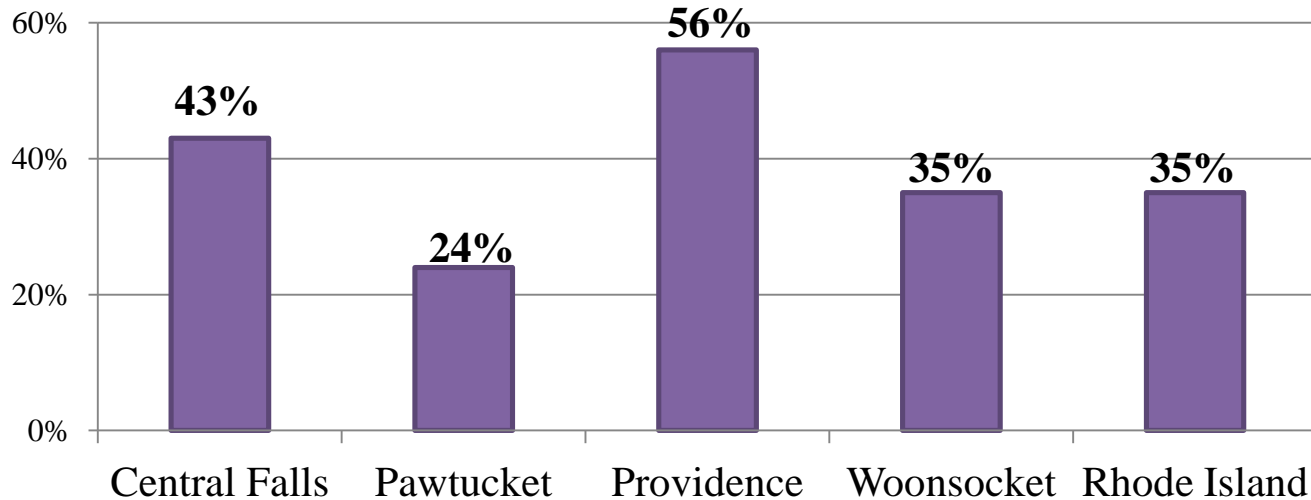
	# Participating 2005	# Participating 2012	% Change 2005-2012
Central Falls	2,038	3,459	70%
Pawtucket	3,795	7,366	94%
Providence	16,767	24,034	43%
Woonsocket	2,833	5,117	81%
Core Cities	25,433	39,976	57%
Rhode Island	35,168	64,866	84%

In October 2012

- 5,117 Woonsocket children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 81% increase from 2005.

Children Participating in School Breakfast

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



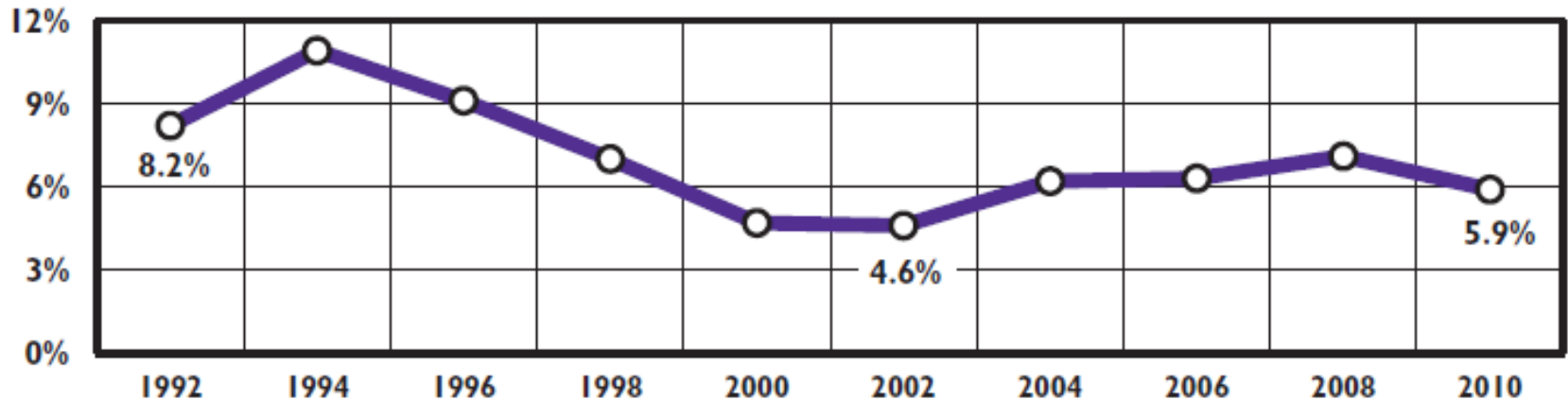
- 1 of 5 school districts which offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.
- **Could increase participation by offering in-classroom breakfast as Central Falls and Providence do.**

Health



Uninsured Children in Rhode Island

Children Without Health Insurance, Rhode Island, 1991-2011



- **In Rhode Island between 2009 and 2011...**
 - 5.9% 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.



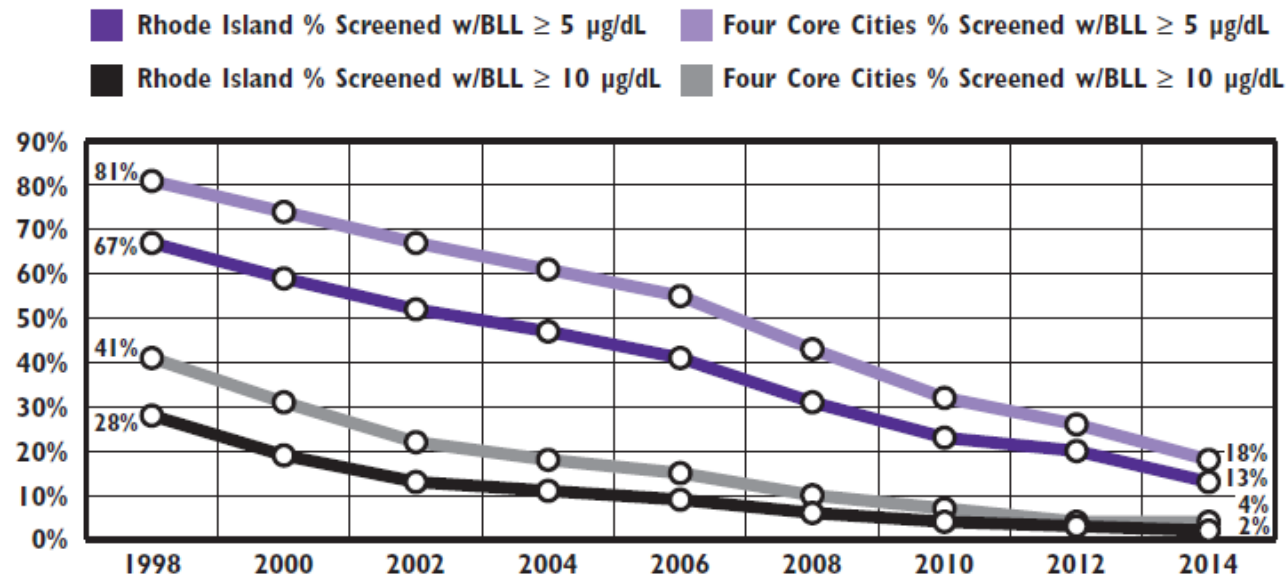
Infant Health Outcomes, 2007-2011

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Pre-term Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1000 Births
Central Falls	20.1%	11.9%	7.6%	7.3
Pawtucket	17.7%	12.0%	8.6%	7.3
Providence	20.9%	13.0%	9.1%	8.7
Woonsocket	16.9%	12.5%	10.1%	7.1
Four Core Cities	19.6%	12.6%	9.0%	8.1
Remainder of State	11.6%	10.1%	7.0%	5.3
Rhode Island	15.0%	11.1%	7.9%	6.5

- Highest percentage of infants born low birthweight (10.1%)
- Second highest rate of preterm births (12.5%).


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.
- 631 Woonsocket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2014
 - 65 (10.3%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 5 mcg/dL (new level)
 - 9 (1.4%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 10 mcg/dL (old level)

Children with Asthma



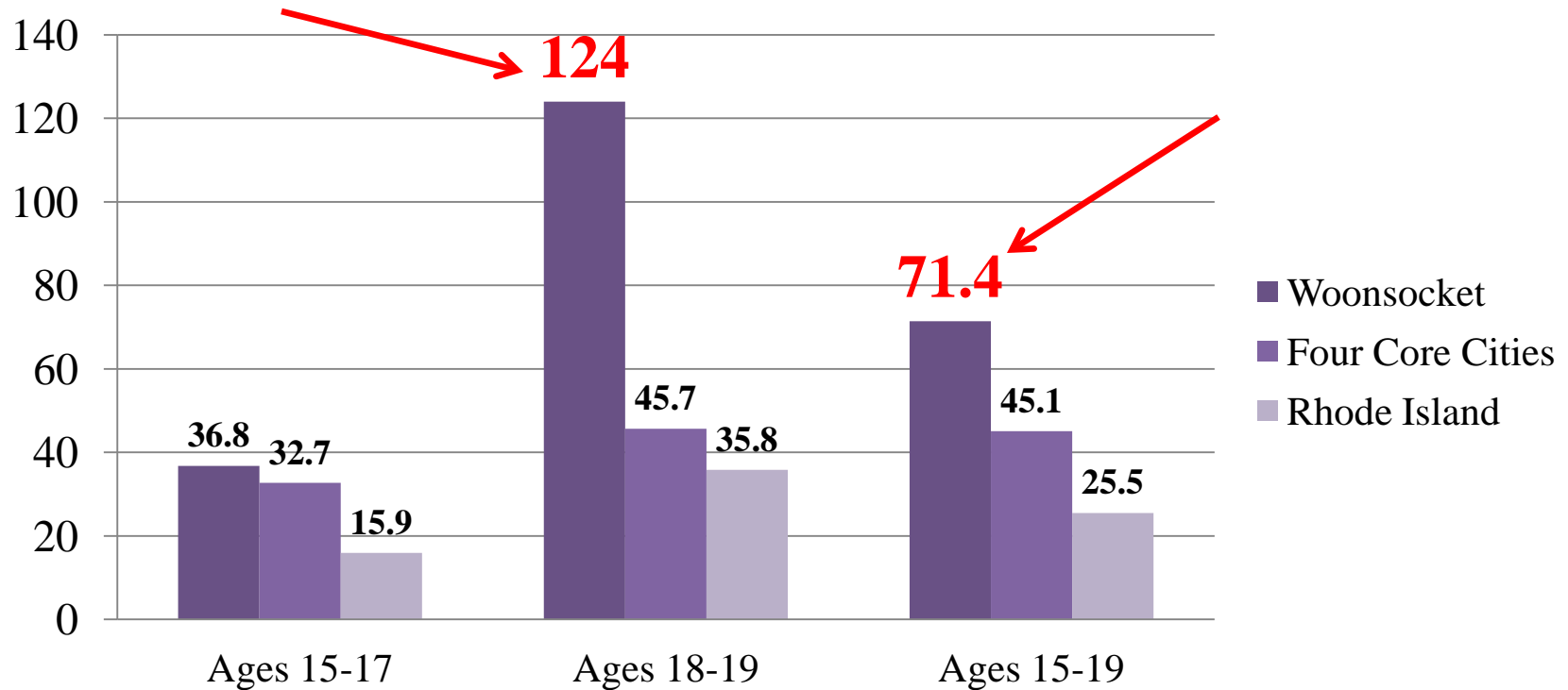
Child Hospitalizations With Primary Diagnosis of Asthma, Four Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2007-2011

City/Town	Number of Children Hospitalized	Rate per 1,000 Children
Central Falls	74	2.6
Pawtucket	219	2.6
Providence	821	3.9
Woonsocket	100	2.0
Rhode Island	2,438	2.2

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Hospital
Discharge Database, 2007-2011.

- One of the most common chronic conditions.
- Third-ranked cause of hospitalization for children under age 15.
- Leading cause of school absences among children in the U.S.

Births to Teens, 2007-2011




- Second highest teen birth rate for girls ages 15-19 (71.4 births per 1,000 girls) in the state.
- Between 2007 and 2011, 82 births in Woonsocket were repeat teen births, making up 18.2% of the 450 total teen births during that period.

Safety



Gun Violence



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

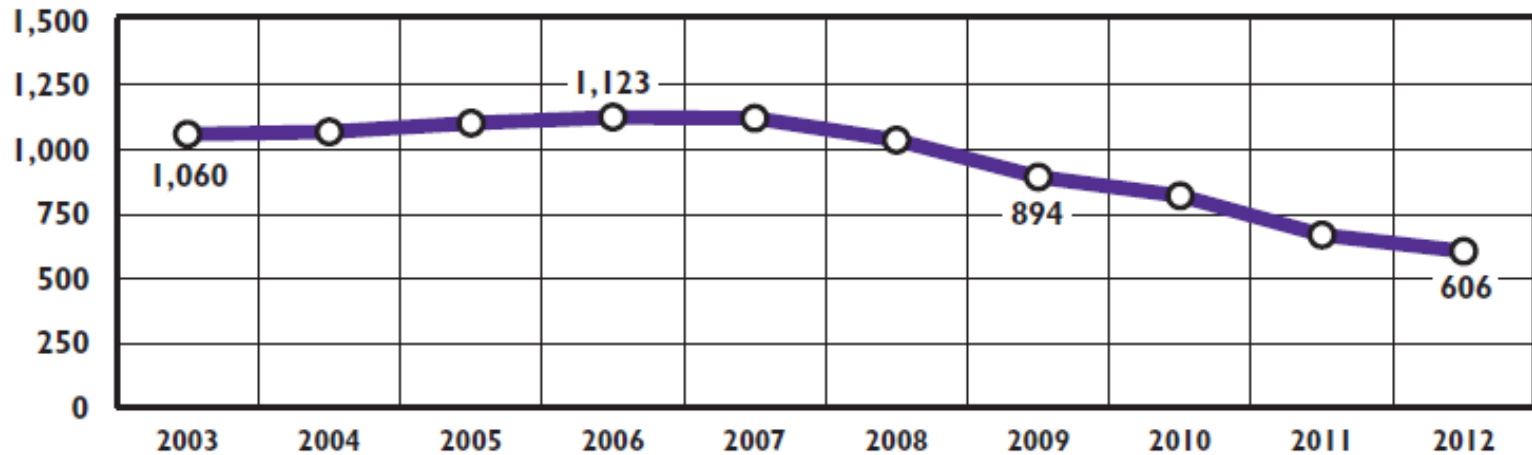
AGE	NUMBER OF DEATHS	NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZATIONS
0 to 14	1	9
15 to 19	21	66
<i>TOTAL</i>	22	75

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 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.



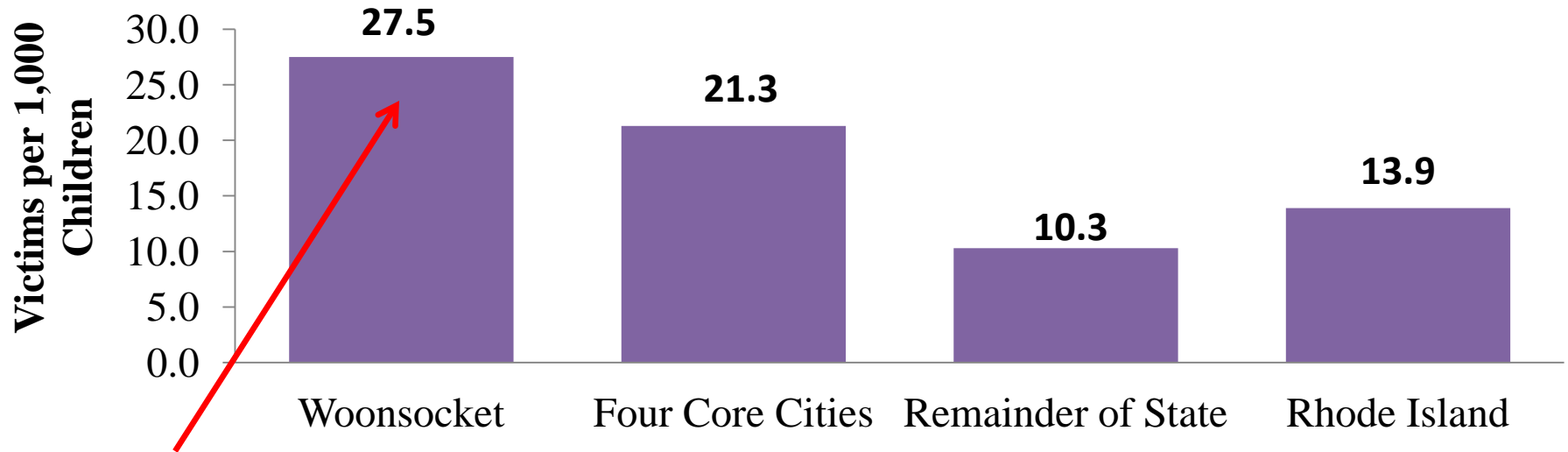
Children of Incarcerated Parents, 2012

	Number of Parents	Number of Children Reported	Rates per 1,000 children
Central Falls	52	116	20.6
Pawtucket	122	254	15.3
Providence	395	920	22.1
Woonsocket	99	222	22.5
Four Core Cities	668	1,512	20.5
Remainder of State	473	946	6.3
Rhode Island	1,141	2,458	11.0

- In Woonsocket, 222 children have parents incarcerated in Rhode Island.
- Highest rate of children with incarcerated parents in the state.

Child Abuse & Neglect

Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 children, 2012



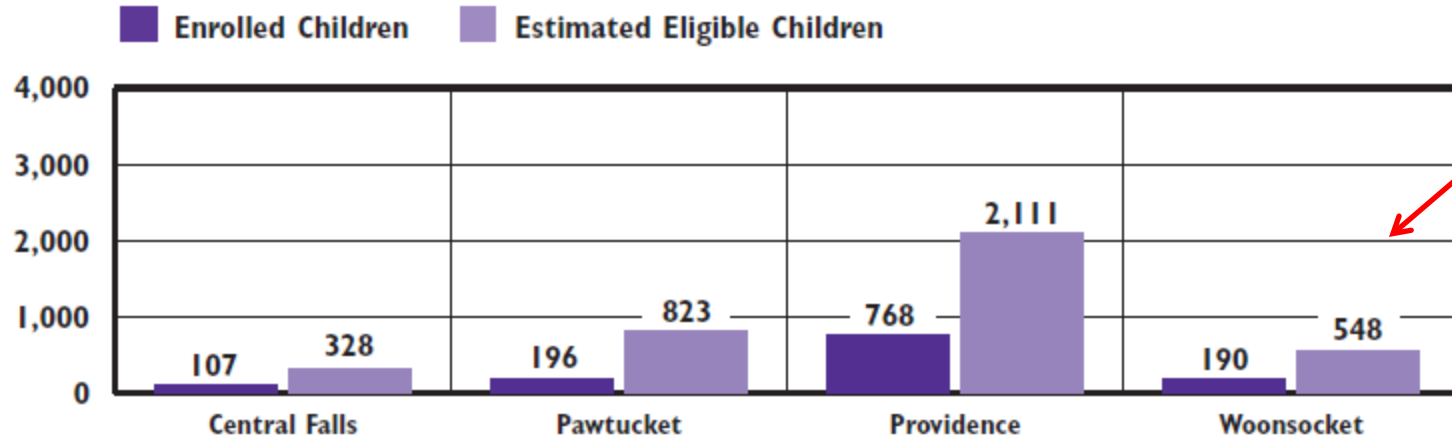
- Woonsocket's child abuse and neglect victim rate is the highest in the state.

Education

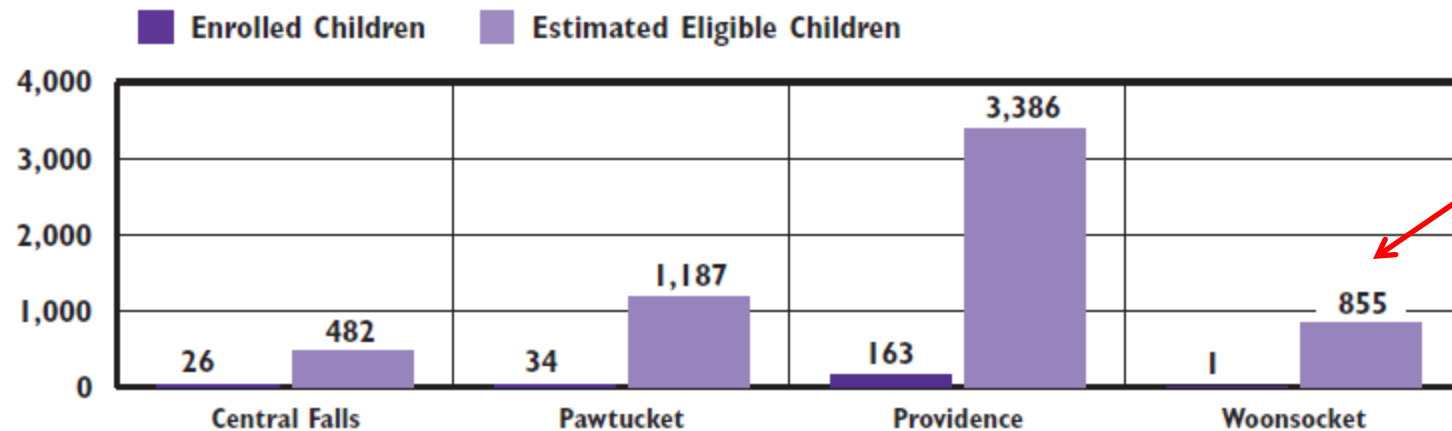


Head Start and Early Head Start

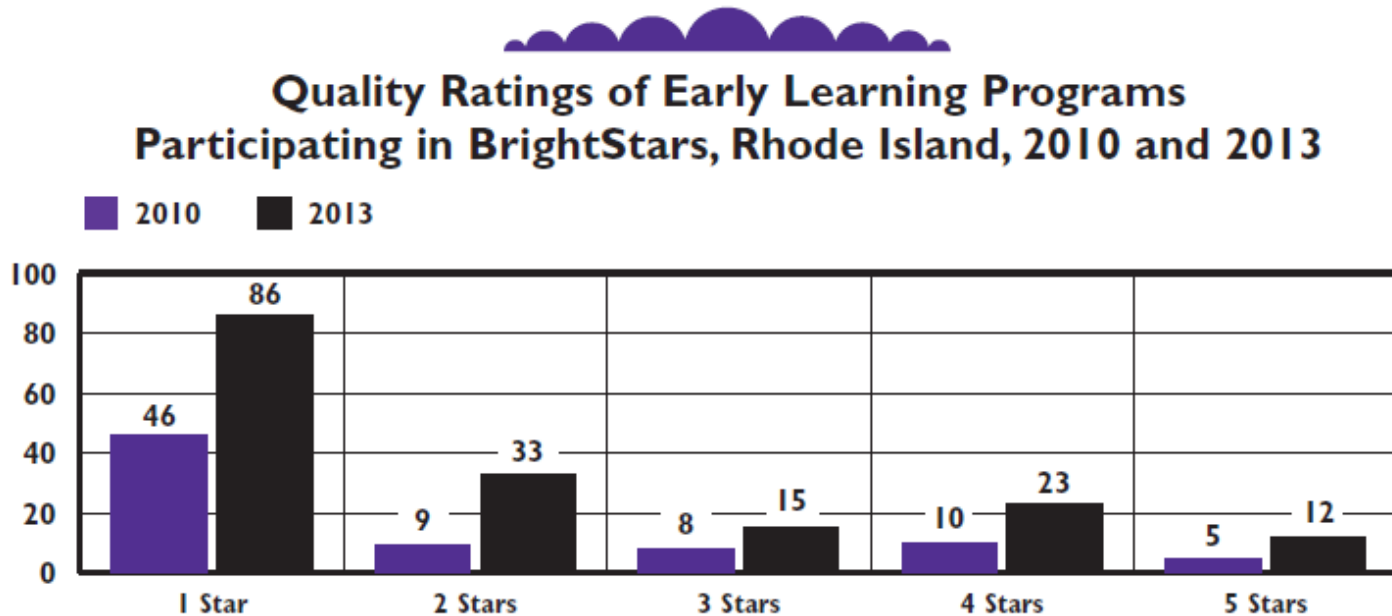
Access to Head Start, Four Core Cities, 2012



Access to Early Head Start, Four Core Cities, 2012



BrightStars Participation

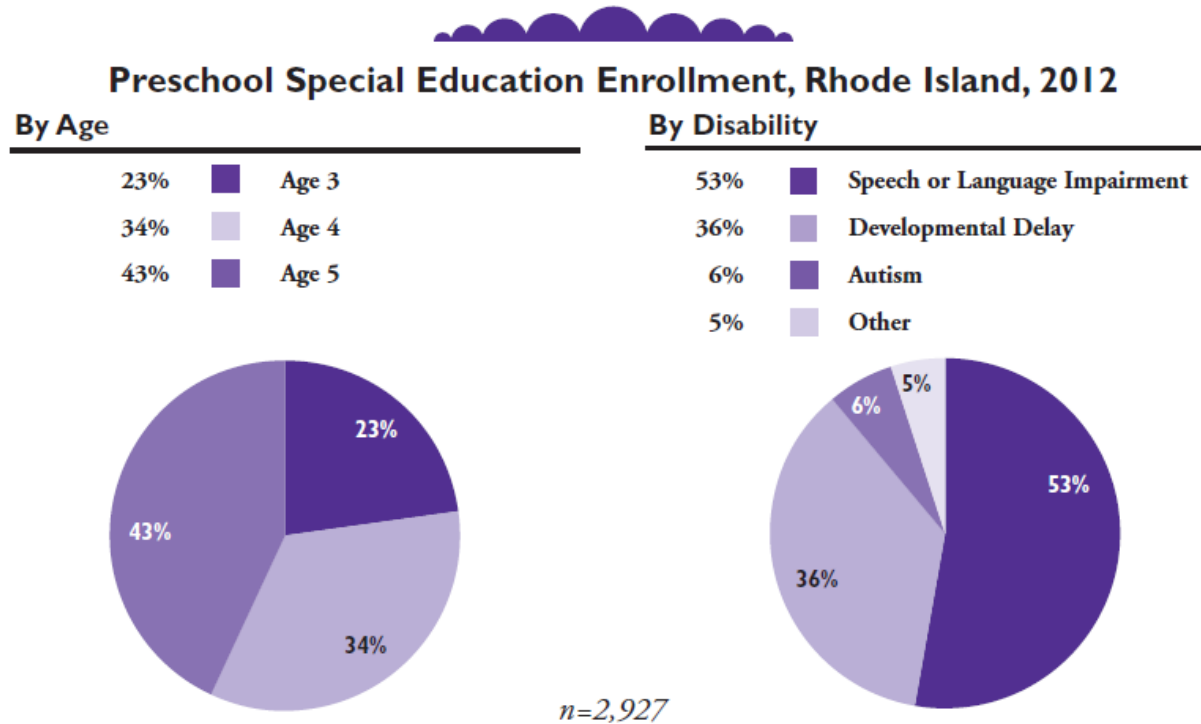


Source: Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children, 2010 and 2013.

In Woonsocket:

- 45% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
- 29% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars

Preschool Special Education

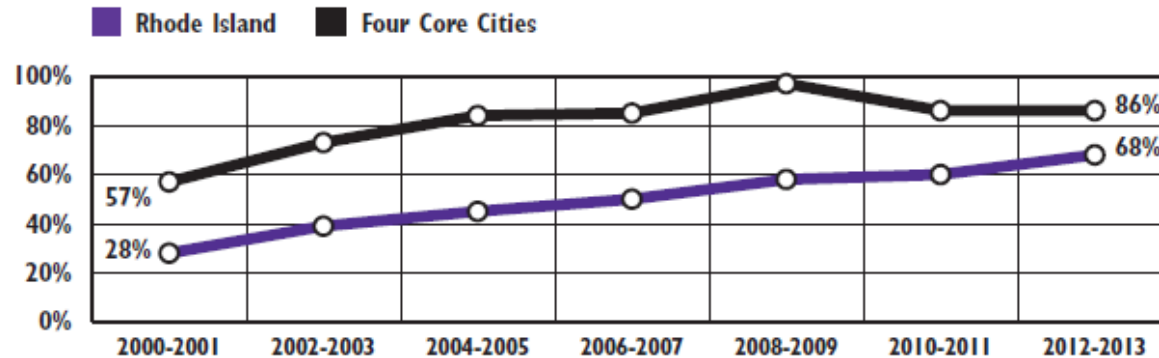


Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, June 2012 Special Education Census.

In Woonsocket, 12% of children ages 3 to 5 were enrolled in preschool special education.

Children in Full-Day Kindergarten

**Children in Full-Day Public Kindergarten Programs,
Rhode Island, 2000-2001 through 2012-2013 School Years**



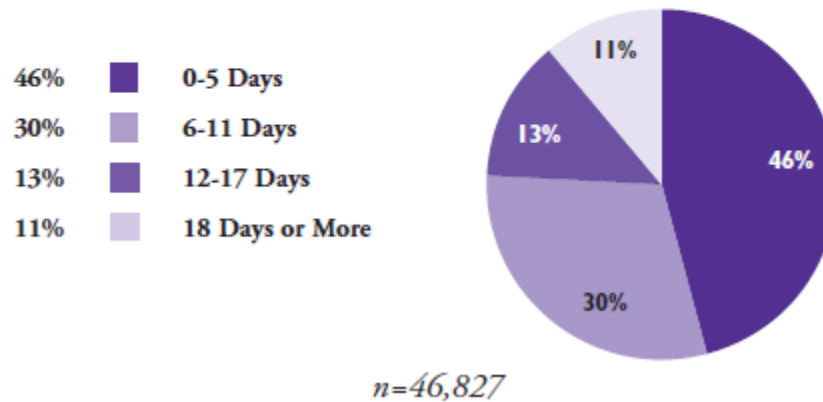
Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, kindergarten enrollment October 1, 2000 – October 1, 2012.

In 2012-2013:

- 68% of Rhode Island kindergartners were in full-day programs.
- 77% of U.S. kindergartners were in full-day programs.
- 3% of Woonsocket kindergartners were in a full-day programs.

Chronic Early Absence

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

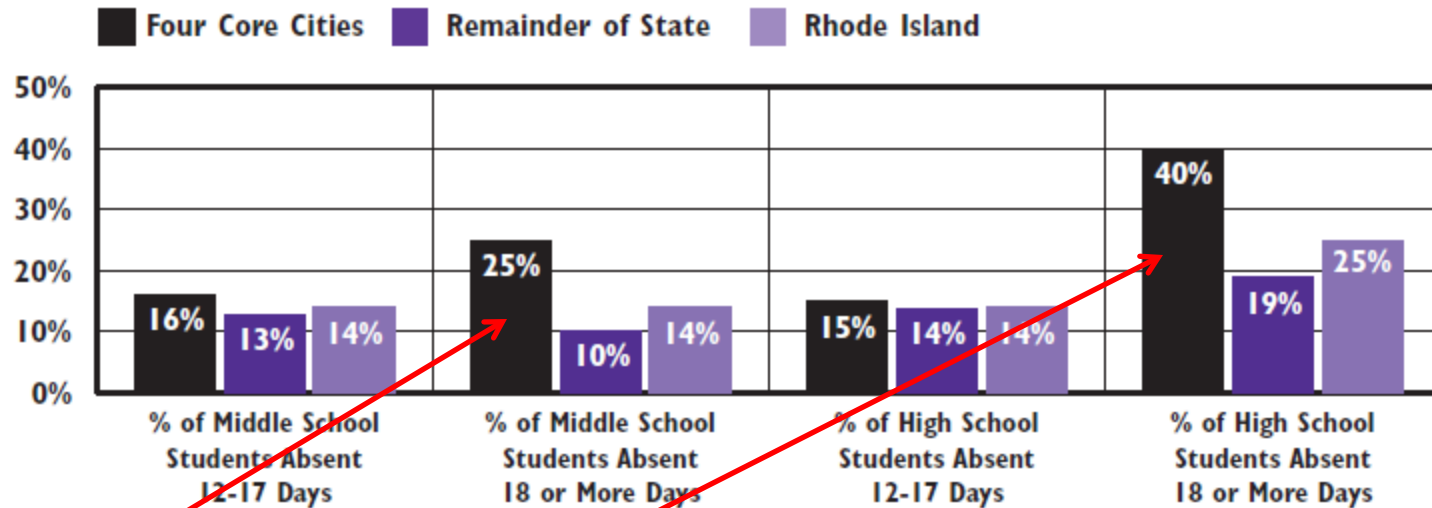


Definition: The percentage of children in grades K-3 who miss at least 10% of the school year (i.e., 18 days or more), including excused and unexcused absences.

Woonsocket has the highest chronic early absence rate in the state – 25%.

School Attendance

School Attendance in Rhode Island by Number of School Days Missed Middle and High School, 2011-2012 School Year



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2011-2012 school year.

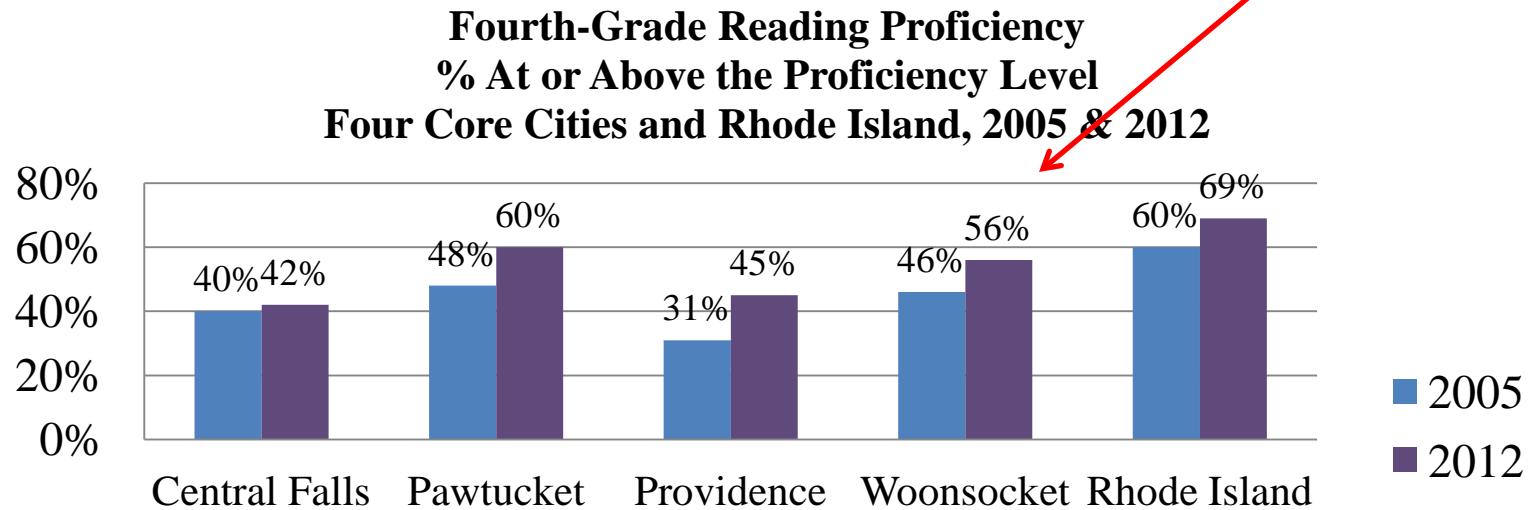
36% of Woonsocket middle school students miss 18+ days.

48% of Woonsocket high school students miss 18+ days.

Disciplinary Actions

- During the 2011-2012 school year, Woonsocket had the highest suspension rate in the state.
 - **93 disciplinary actions per 100 students in Woonsocket**
 - **82% in-school suspensions**
 - **18% out-of-school suspensions**
- 30 disciplinary actions per 100 students in Rhode Island

Fourth Grade Reading Skills



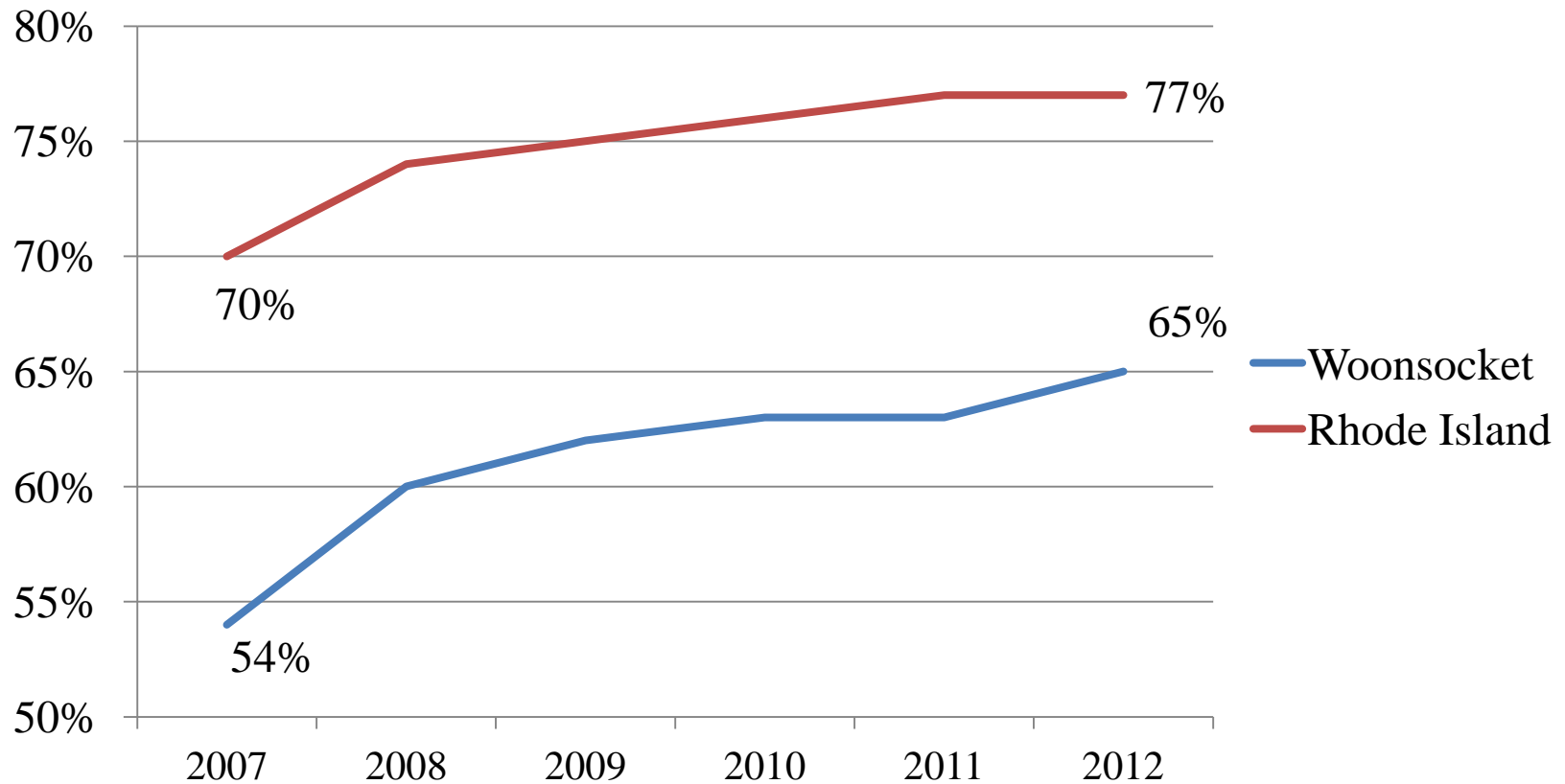
- Between 2005 and 2012, Woonsocket's 4th grade reading proficiency rate has increased from 46% to 56%, however progress has slowed since 2008.
- 3rd lowest 4th grade reading proficiency level in the state.

Math Skills

	4 th Grade 2005	4 th Grade 2012	8 th Grade 2005	8 th Grade 2012	11 th Grade 2007*	11 th Grade 2012
Woonsocket	41%	56%	29%	35%	11%	21%
Four Core Cities	31%	46%	25%	34%	10%	16%
Remainder of State	62%	73%	57%	67%	27%	42%
Rhode Island	52%	64%	48%	58%	22%	34%



High School Graduation and Dropout Rates



Woonsocket's high school graduation rate has increased by 11% since 2007.



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