



Providence Data in Your Backyard

Findings from the *2014 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

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2014 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

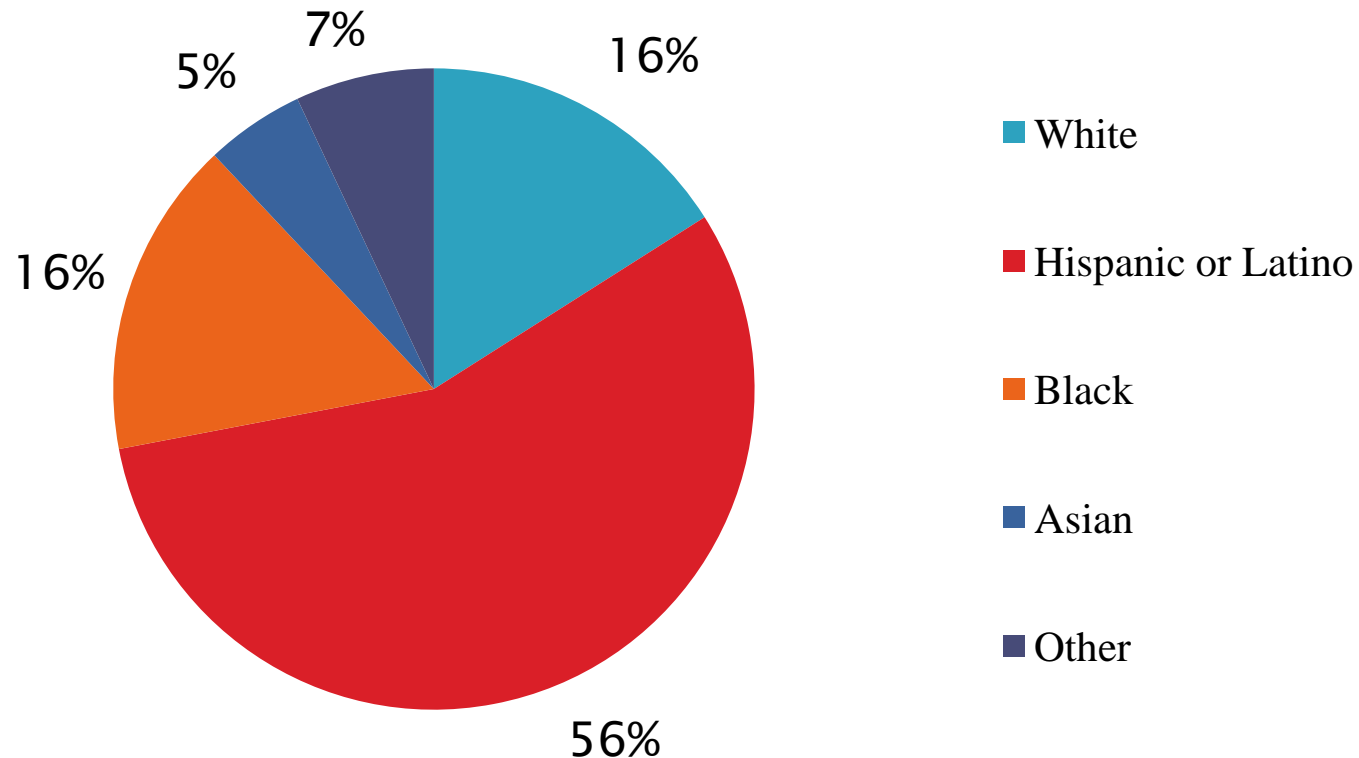
- 20th annual publication
- 70 indicators across 5 areas
- City and town-level information





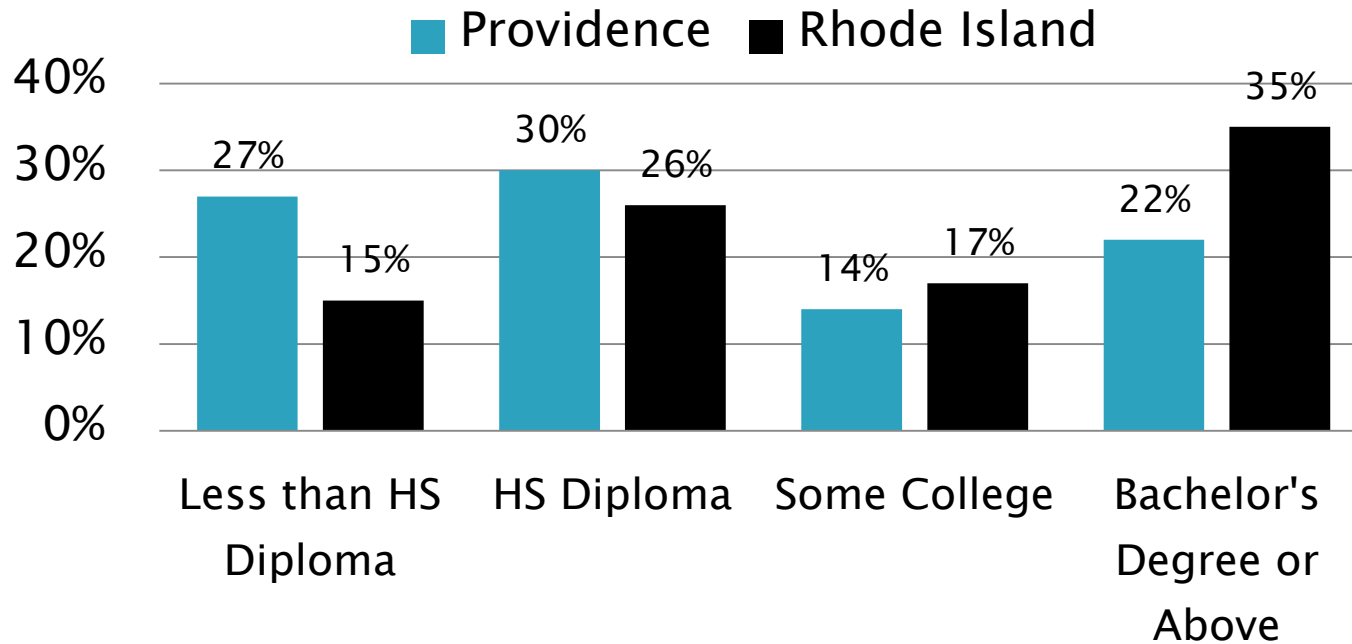
Family and Community

Child Population, 2010



- Child population down 8% from 2000
- Increasing racial/ethnic diversity

Mother's Education Level, 2008–2012



- Strong links between parental education levels and child well-being



Economic Well-Being

Child Poverty Defined, 2013

- **Poverty level**

- \$18,769 for a family of 3
- \$23,624 for a family of 4

- **Extreme poverty level**

- \$9,385 for a family of 3
- \$11,812 for a family of 4

- ***2012 Rhode Island Standard of Need***

- Single-parent family with 2 children would need \$49,272 a year to meet its basic needs

Concentrated Child Poverty

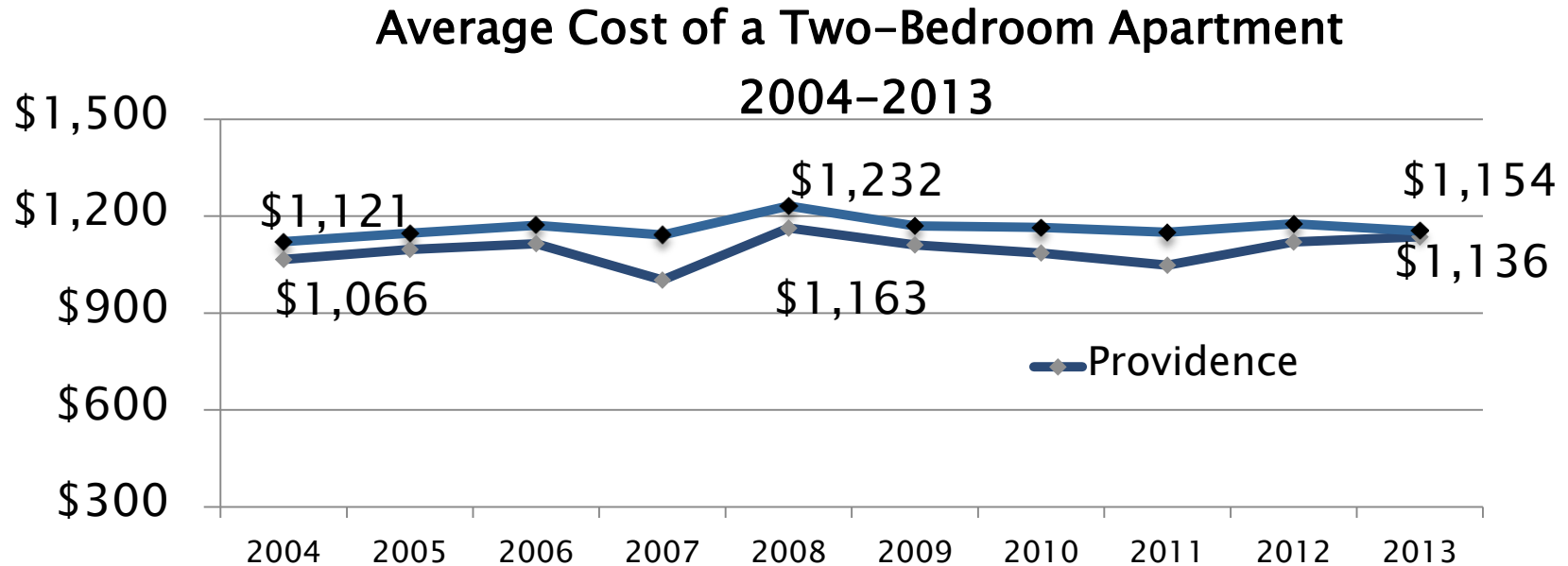
- Almost two-thirds (64%) of Rhode Island's children living in poverty live in just 4 cities.

Child Poverty Concentrated in Four Core Cities, Rhode Island, 2008-2012

CITY/TOWN	NUMBER IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN POVERTY	NUMBER IN EXTREME POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN EXTREME POVERTY
Central Falls	2,213	41.5%	980	18.4%
Pawtucket	4,293	27.4%	2,059	13.1%
Providence	15,151	37.2%	7,309	17.9%
Woonsocket	4,013	39.0%	1,919	18.7%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>40,317</i>	<i>18.4%</i>	<i>18,494</i>	<i>8.4%</i>

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of 2008-2012 American Community Survey data.

Cost of Housing



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

- A worker would need to earn nearly 3 times the state's 2013 minimum wage of \$7.75 per hour.

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

- would have to devote 70% of its household income to the cost of rent.

Homeless Children

In 2013, 1,117 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.

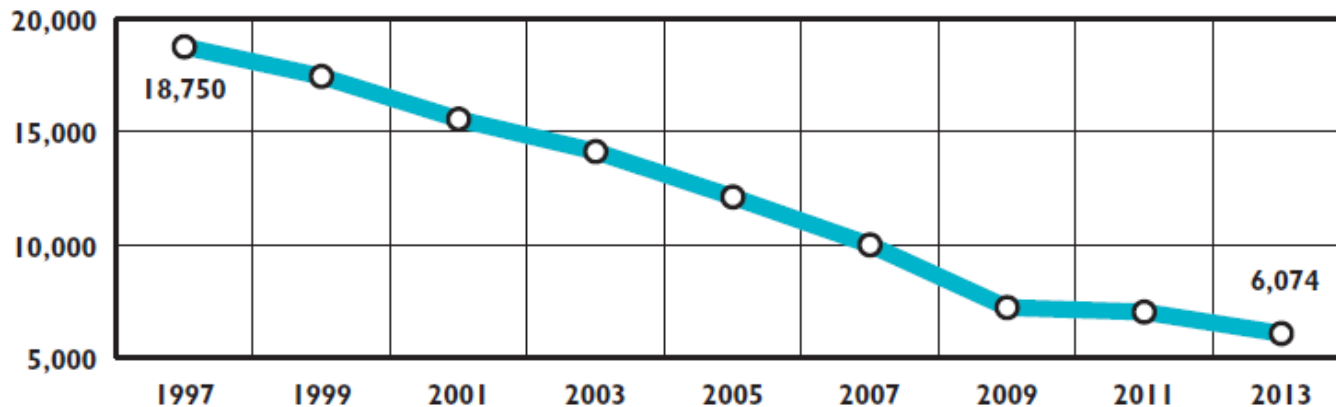
- Providence was the last permanent residence for more than 40% (457) of these children.

During the 2012–2013 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 923 children as homeless.

- Providence Public Schools personnel identified 169 children as homeless.

Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

Cash Assistance Caseload, Rhode Island, 1997-2013*

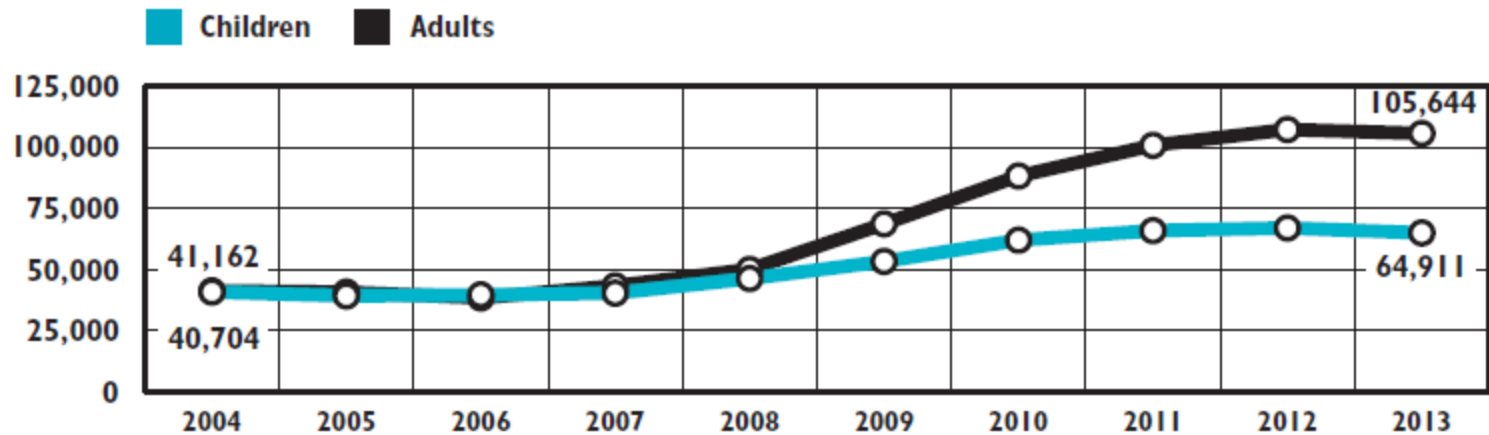


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1997-2013. Cases can be child-only or whole families and multiple people can be included in one case. *The Rhode Island Department of Human Services changed the method for calculating the caseload data starting in the 2012 Factbook. This change is reflected in 2010-2013 caseload data. Comparisons to earlier years should be made with caution.

- 67% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- 10% (4,247) of children in Providence receive cash assistance.
- 69% of RI Works beneficiaries are children under age 18.
- In SFY 2014, for the fifth year in a row, the state budget included no state general revenue for cash assistance.

Children Receiving SNAP Benefits

Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Children and Adults, Rhode Island, 2004-2013



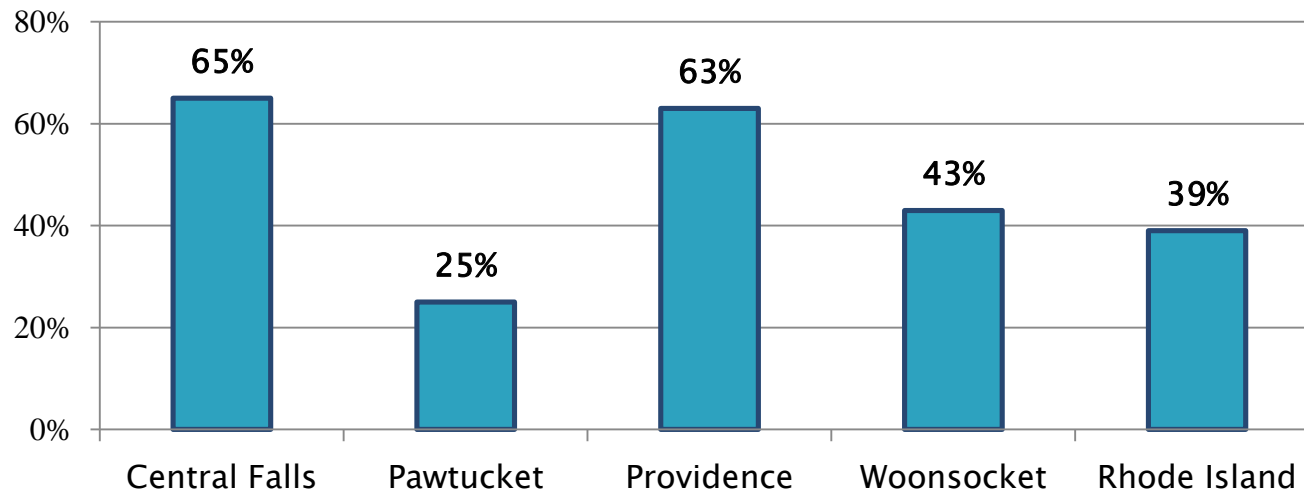
Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, 2004-2013. Data represent children under age 18 and adults who participated in SNAP during the month of October.

In October 2013

- 23,238 Providence children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 33% increase from 2008, but a 3% decrease since 2012.

The School Breakfast Program

% of Low-Income Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2013



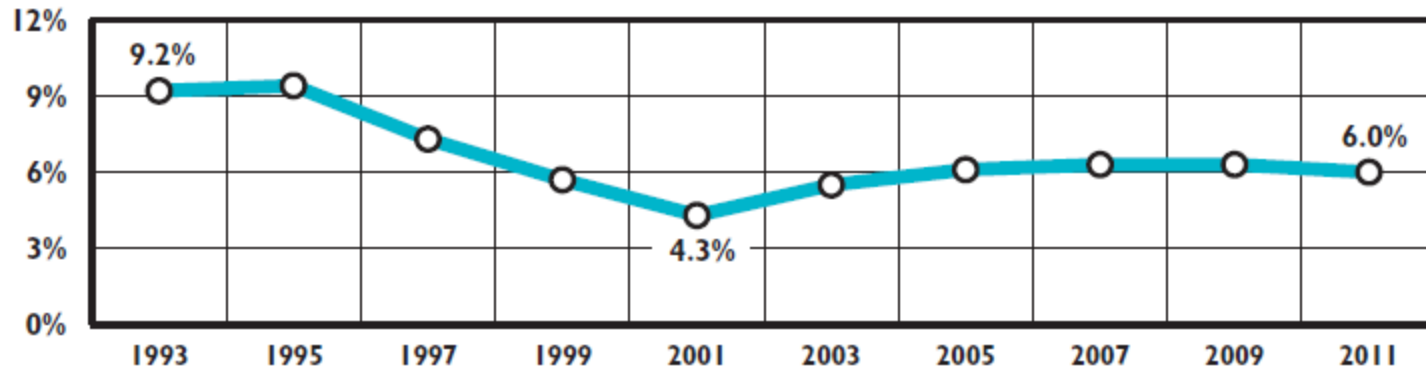
- 1 of 5 school districts which offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.
- Offers in-classroom breakfast in all elementary schools, an effective strategy for increasing participation.



Health

Children's Health Insurance

Children Without Health Insurance, Rhode Island, 1992-2012



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1992-2012, three-year averages (labeled by the mid-point year), compiled by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT. Data are for children under 18 years of age.

- **In Rhode Island between 2010 and 2012**
 - 6.0% of children under age 18 were uninsured
 - Rhode Island ranks 10th best in the country
- 71% of uninsured children are income-eligible for RItE Care.

Infants Born at Highest Risk

Mother:

Under Age 20

Unmarried

Without High School
Degree

Child:

9 times 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 2013...

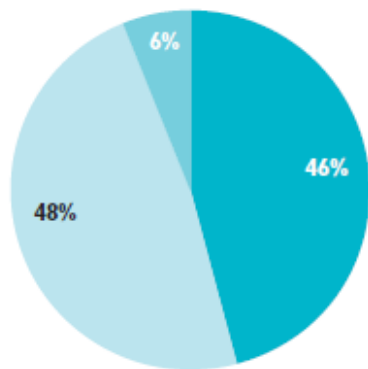
- 290 (3%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors, down from 5% in 2009.
- **119 (5%) Providence babies were born at highest risk, down from 9% in 2009**

Evidence-Based Home Visiting

Families Enrolled in Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs, Rhode Island, October 2013

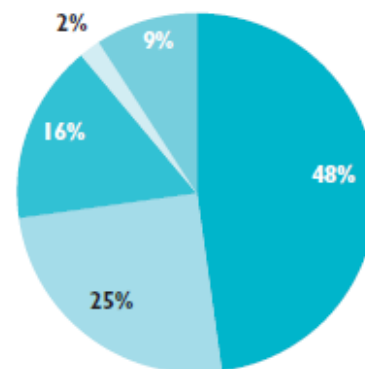
By Maternal Age at Enrollment

46%	Under Age 20
48%	Age 20 to 24
6%	Over Age 24



By Maternal Education Level

48%	Less than high school/GED
25%	High school or GED
16%	Some college/vocational training
2%	Four year college degree
9%	Unknown



n=288

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, October 2013.

- 124 families enrolled in Providence out of a total enrollment of 288.
- Families are enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers programs.

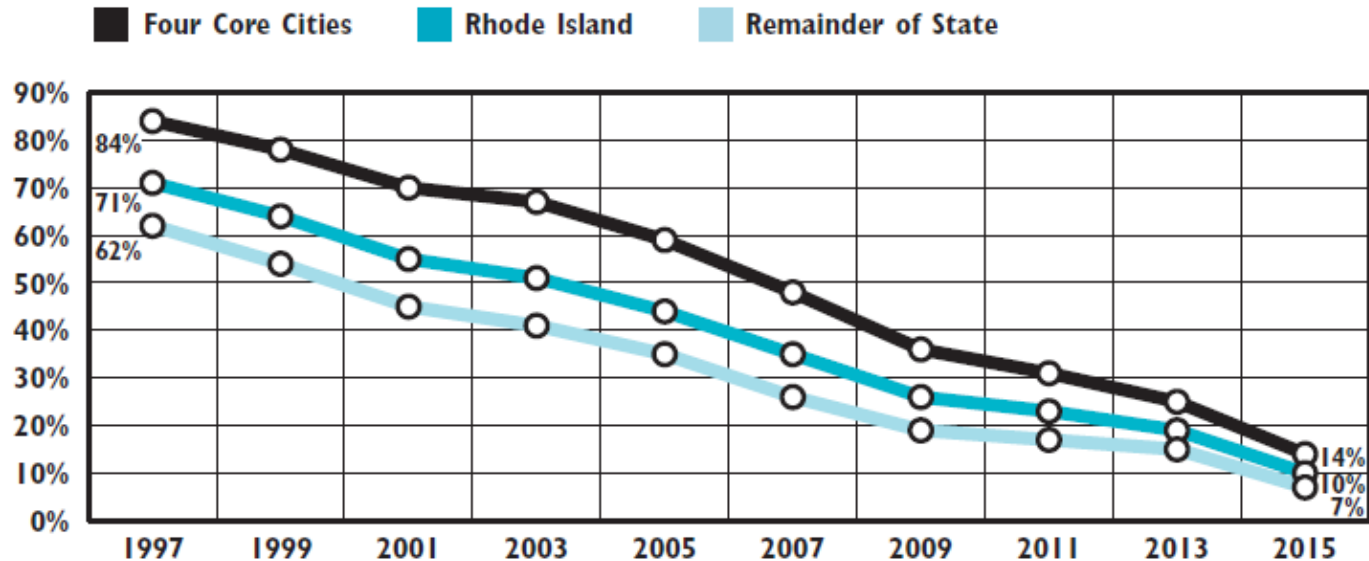
Infant Health Outcomes

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Pre-term Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Births
Central Falls	17.6%	11.5%	7.4%	4.6
Pawtucket	16.2%	12.0%	8.7%	6.8
Providence	19.2%	12.8%	9.1%	8.9
Woonsocket	16.1%	12.5%	10.0%	7.7
Four Core Cities	18.0%	12.5%	9.0%	8.0
Remainder of State	10.7%	9.8%	7.0%	5.3
Rhode Island	13.7%	10.9%	7.8%	6.4

- Improvements in recent years, but still worse infant health outcomes than the state as a whole.

Children with Lead Poisoning

Children Entering Kindergarten with History of Elevated* Blood Lead Level Screening ($\geq 5 \mu\text{g/dL}$), Rhode Island, Four Core Cities, and Remainder of State, 1997-2015

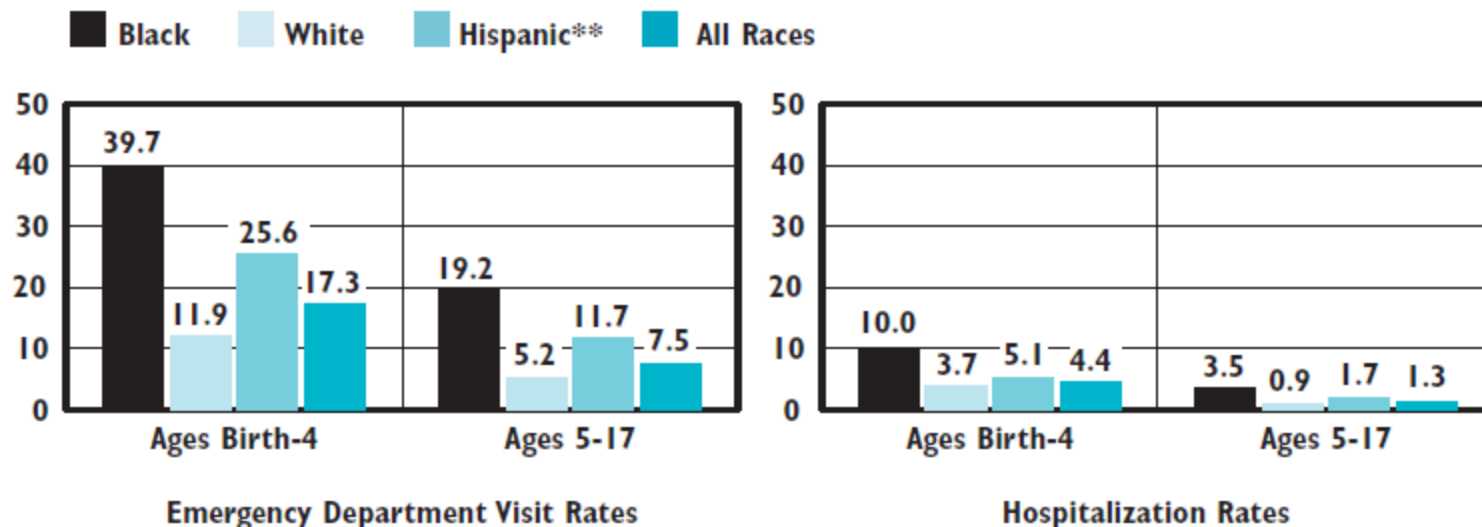


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 1997 and 2015. *Elevated blood lead level of $\geq 5 \mu\text{g/dL}$.

- **2,765 Providence children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2015**
 - 452 (16.3%) were confirmed positive for $\geq 5 \text{ mcg/dL}$, the highest rate in the state.

Children with Asthma

Asthma* Emergency Department and Hospitalization Rates, by Age and Race/Ethnicity, Rhode Island Children, 2008-2012

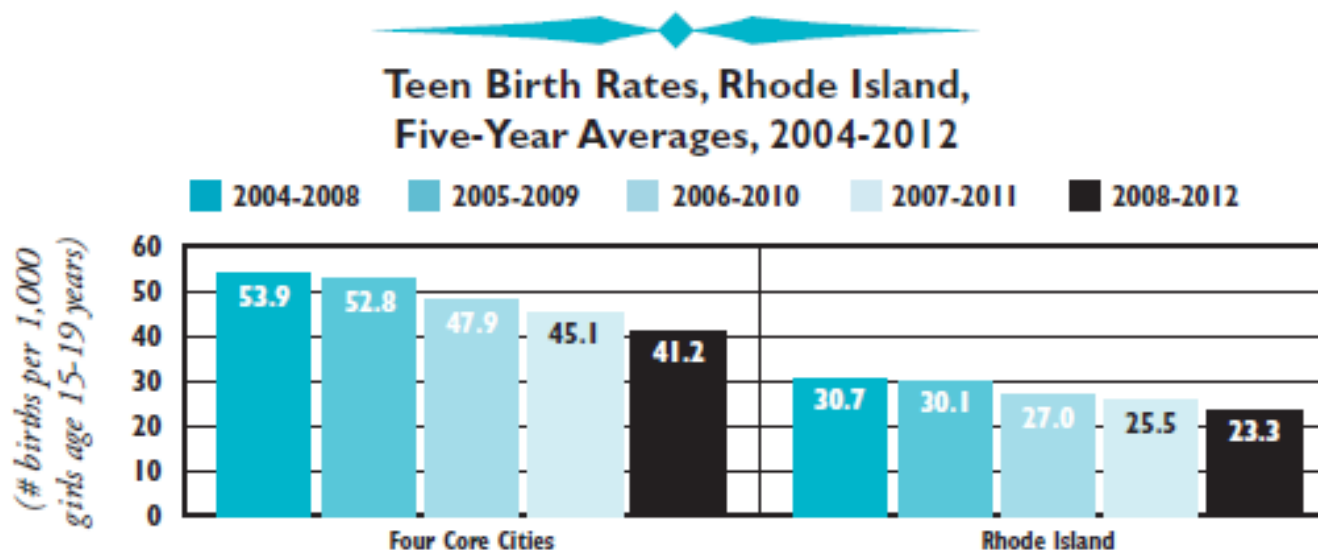


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Hospital Discharge Database, 2008-2012; U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010.

*Rates are for primary diagnosis of asthma and are per 1,000 children per age category. **Hispanic children can be of any race.

- Providence has highest rate of asthma hospitalizations in the state.
- Most common chronic condition among children.
- One of the leading causes of school absence.

Birth to Teens



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2004-2012. Data for 2012 are provisional.

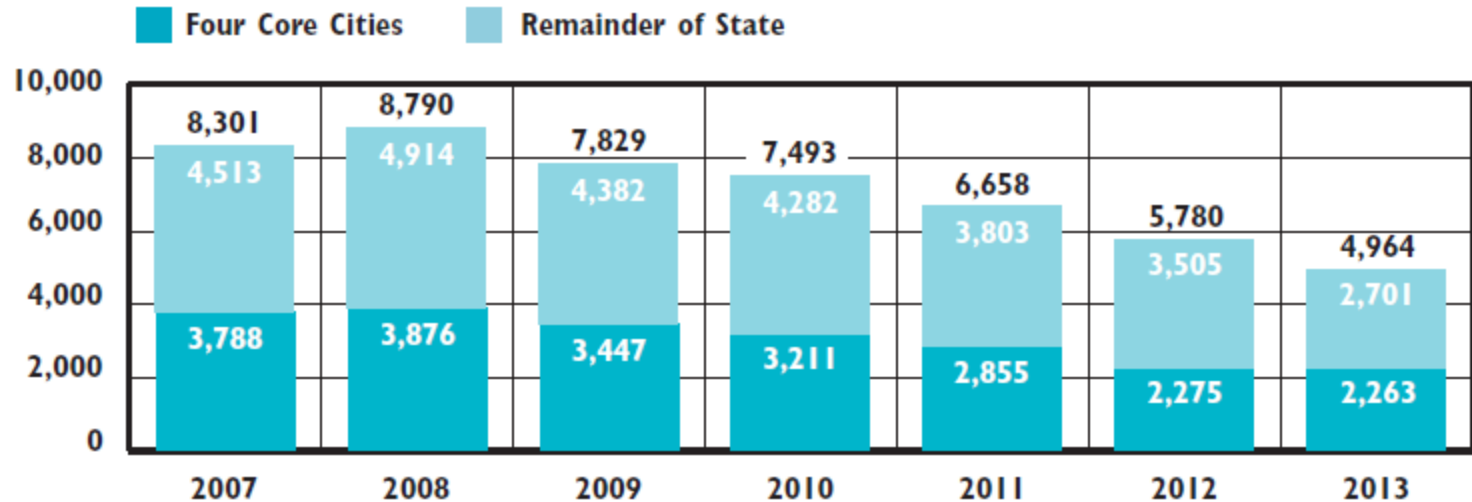
- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Providence.
- 34.6 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19 in Providence from 2008–2012, down from 48.0 teen births per 1,000 from 2004–2008.
- In Providence, between 2008 and 2012, 356 births were repeat teen births, making up 20.4% of the 1,748 total teen births during that period.



Safety

Juveniles Referred to Family Court

Juvenile Wayward/Delinquent Offenses Referred to Rhode Island Family Court, 2007-2013



- 45% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2007 to 2013

Juveniles Referred to Family Court

BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

24%	Status Offenses*	5%	Alcohol and Drug Offenses
22%	Property Crimes	5%	Violent Crimes
20%	Disorderly Conduct	4%	Motor Vehicle Offenses
11%	Simple Assault	3%	Weapons Offenses
		6%	Other**

n=4,964

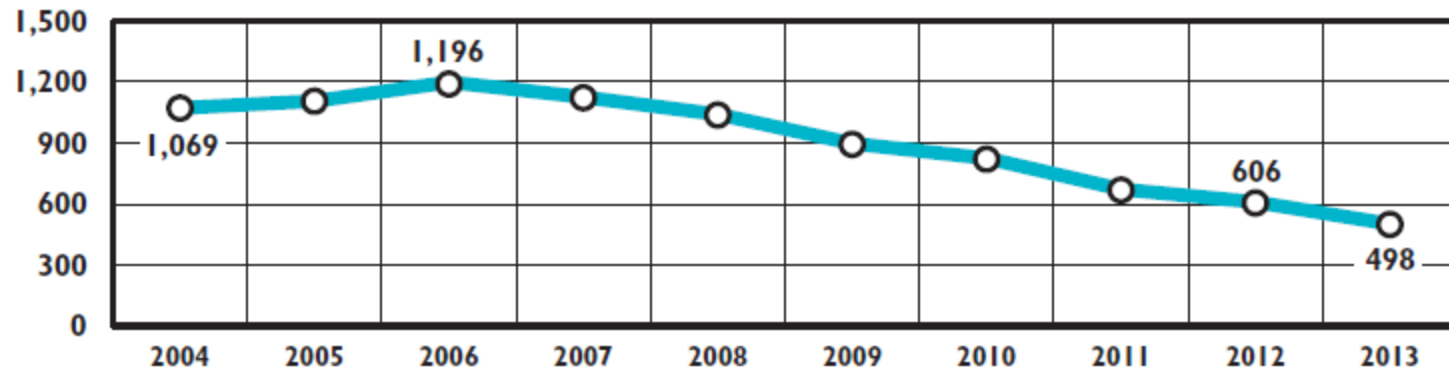
**Status offenses are age-related acts that would not be punishable if the offender were an adult, such as truancy and disobedient conduct.*

***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.*

- 5% (260) of offenses for which youth were referred to Family Court in 2013 involved violent offenses.

Juveniles at the Training School

Juveniles in the Care and Custody of
the Rhode Island Training School, Calendar Years 2004-2013



- 498 youth were in the care or custody of the Training School at some point during 2013, down from 1,069 in 2004.
- In 2008, the Rhode Island General Assembly instituted a cap on the number of youth at the Training School. On any given day, the limit is 148 boys and 12 girls.

Children of Incarcerated Parents

Parents at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions, September 30, 2013

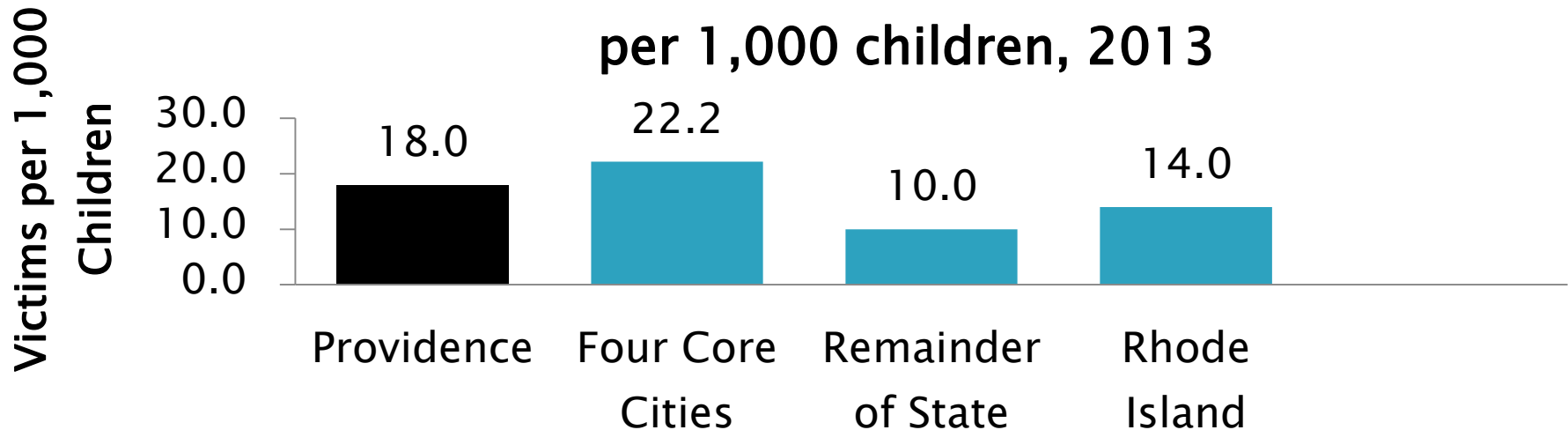
	INMATES SURVEYED*	# REPORTING CHILDREN	% REPORTING CHILDREN	# OF CHILDREN REPORTED
Awaiting Trial	806	440	55%	892
Serving a Sentence	2,458	1,284	52%	2,931
TOTAL	3,264	1,724	53%	3,823

Source: Rhode Island Department of Corrections, September 30, 2013. **Does not include inmates who were missing responses to the question on number of children, inmates on home confinement, or those from another state's jurisdiction.*

- On September 30, 2013:
 - 411 incarcerated parents with a known in-state residence identified Providence as their last place of residence.
 - These parents reported 924 children

Child Abuse and Neglect

Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 children, 2013



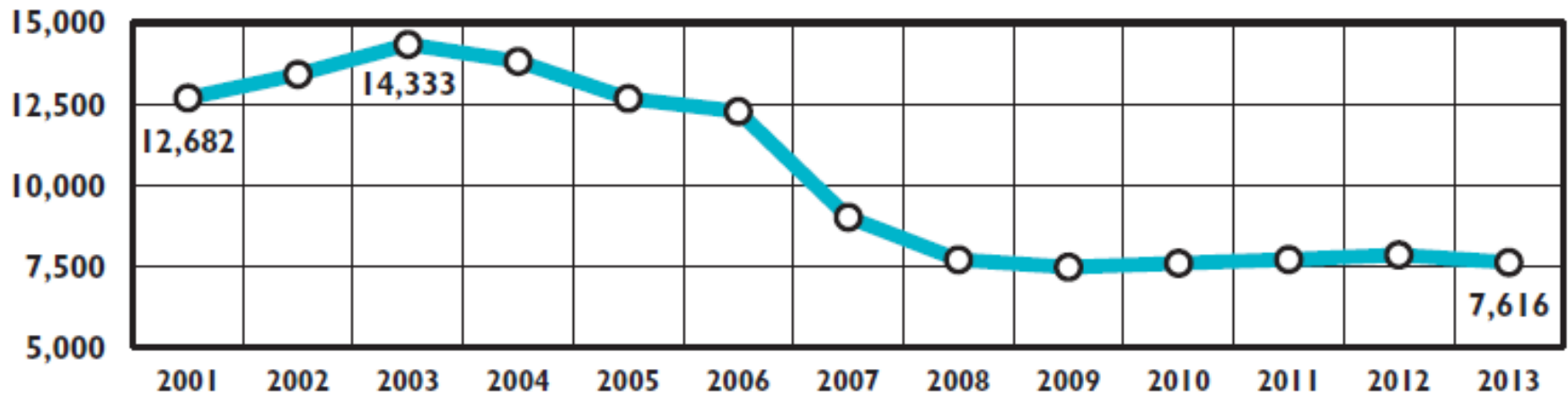
- Providence's child abuse and neglect victim rate is higher than the rate for the state, but the lowest in the four core cities.
- Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (79%).



Education

Child Care Subsidies

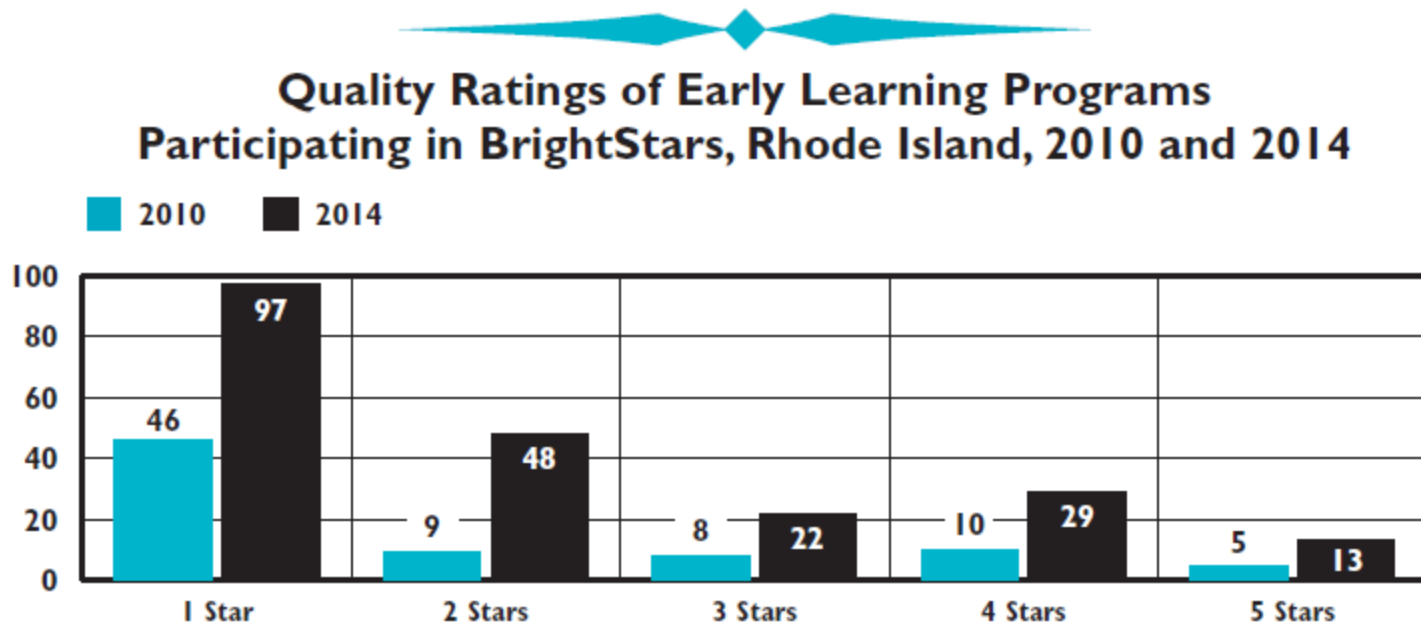
Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2013



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001-December 2013.

- Since peaking in 2003, there has been a 47% decrease in the number of child care subsidies available.

Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars



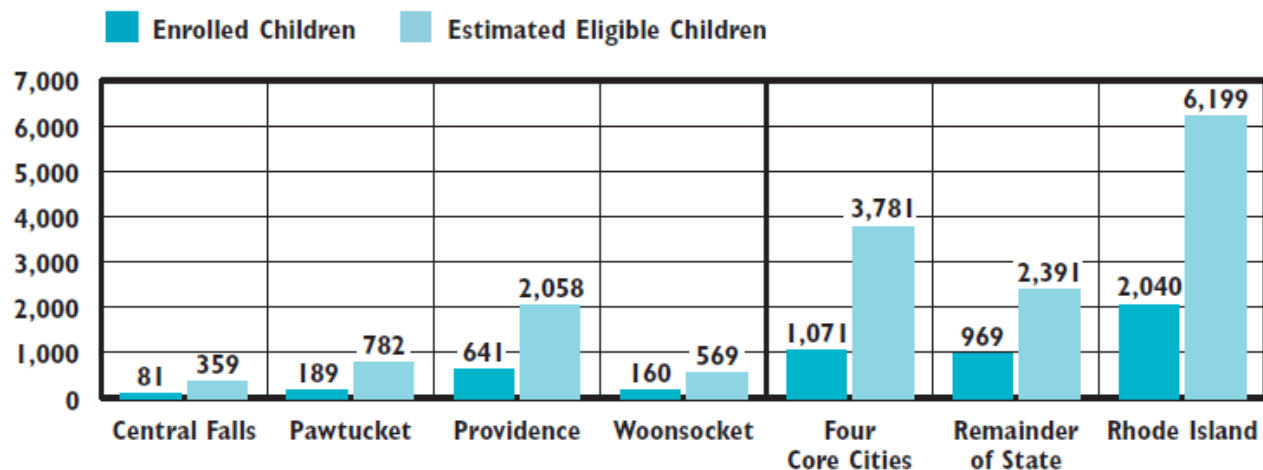
Source: Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children, 2010 and 2014.

In Providence

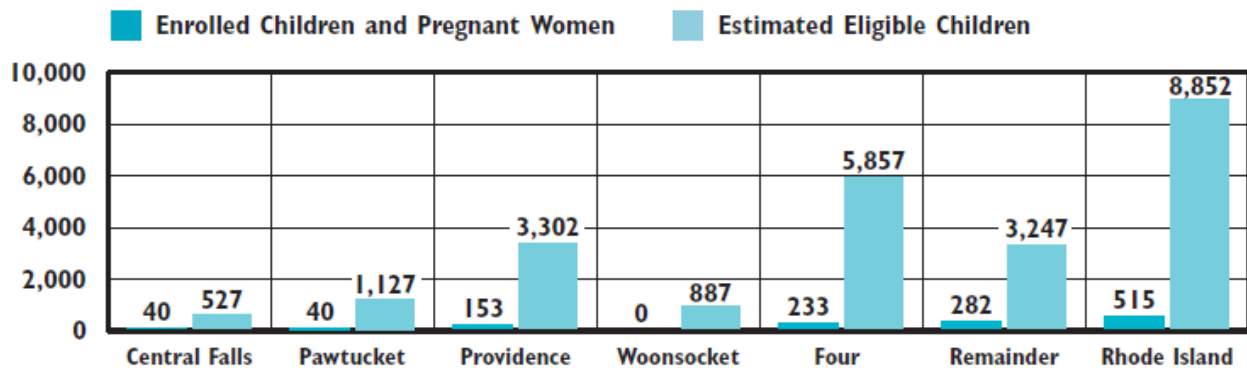
- 83% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
 - 35% have a quality rating
- 91% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
 - 30% have a quality rating

Head Start and Early Head Start

Access to Head Start for Low-Income Children, Rhode Island, 2013

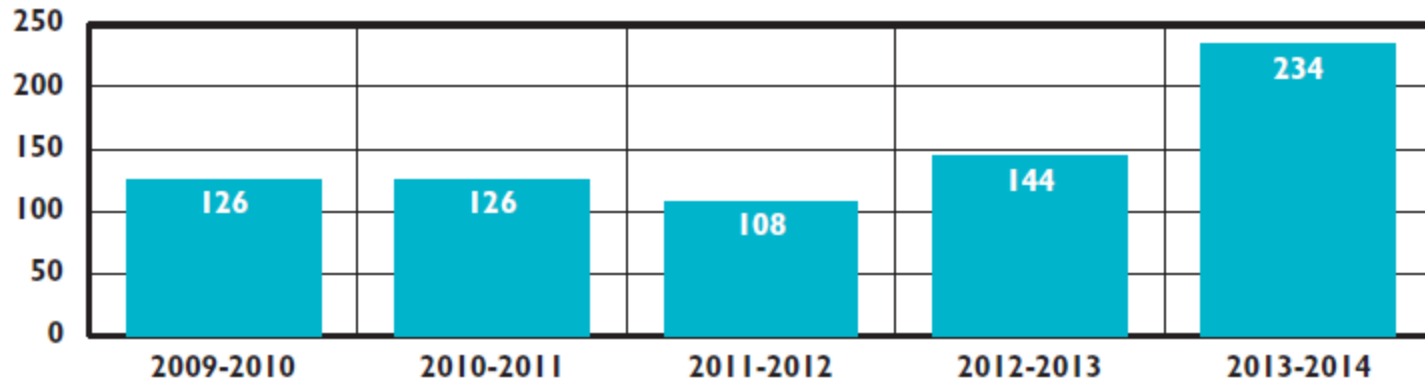


Access to Early Head Start for Low-Income Children and Pregnant Women, Rhode Island, 2013



Children Enrolled in State Pre-K

Rhode Island State Pre-K Funded Slots, 2009-2010 through 2013-2014

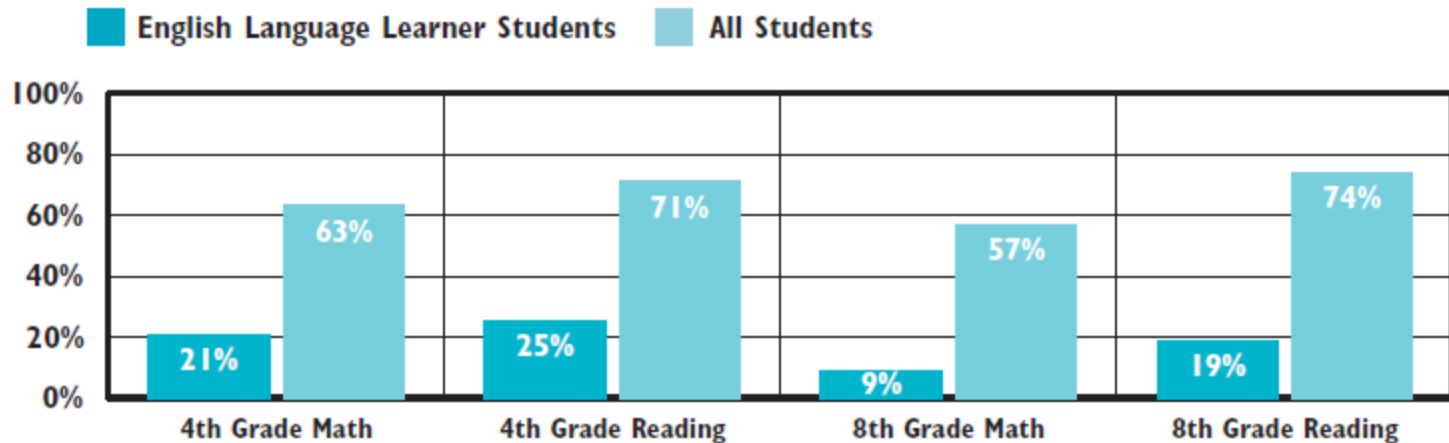


Sources: National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), *The state of preschool 2010, 2011, 2012*.
Rhode Island Department of Education, State Pre-K programs 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

- During the 2013–2014 school year, 72 Providence children were enrolled in the State Pre-K program.

English Language Learners

Current English Language Learners' Mathematics and Reading Proficiency, Rhode Island, 2013



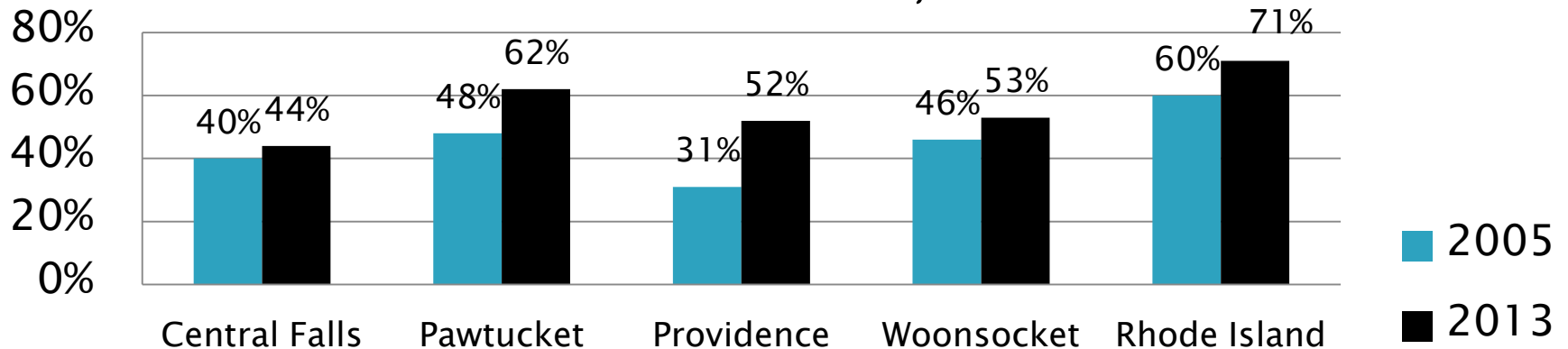
Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*, October 2013.

- During the 2012–2013 school year, 21% of Providence students were ELL students.
- Only Central Falls had a higher percentage of ELL students.

Fourth-Grade Reading Skills

Fourth-Grade Reading Proficiency % At or Above the Proficiency Level

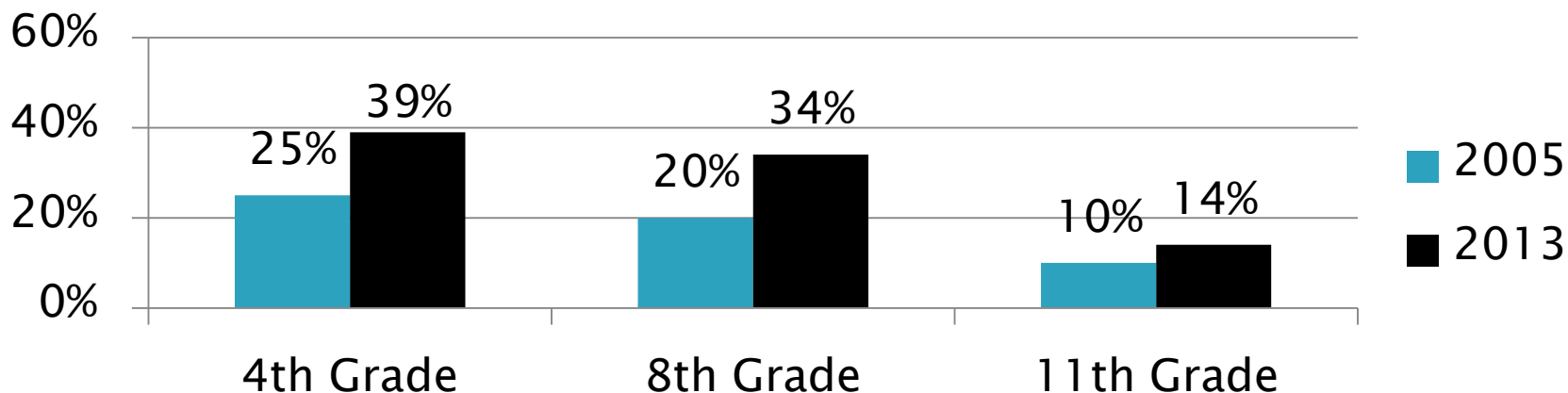
Four Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2005 & 2013



- Between 2005 and 2013, Providence's 4th grade reading proficiency rate increased from 31% to 52%, with an increase from 43% to 52% in just the past year.
- However reading proficiency rates remain well below the state rate.

Math Skills

Math Proficiency, Providence, 2005 and 2013

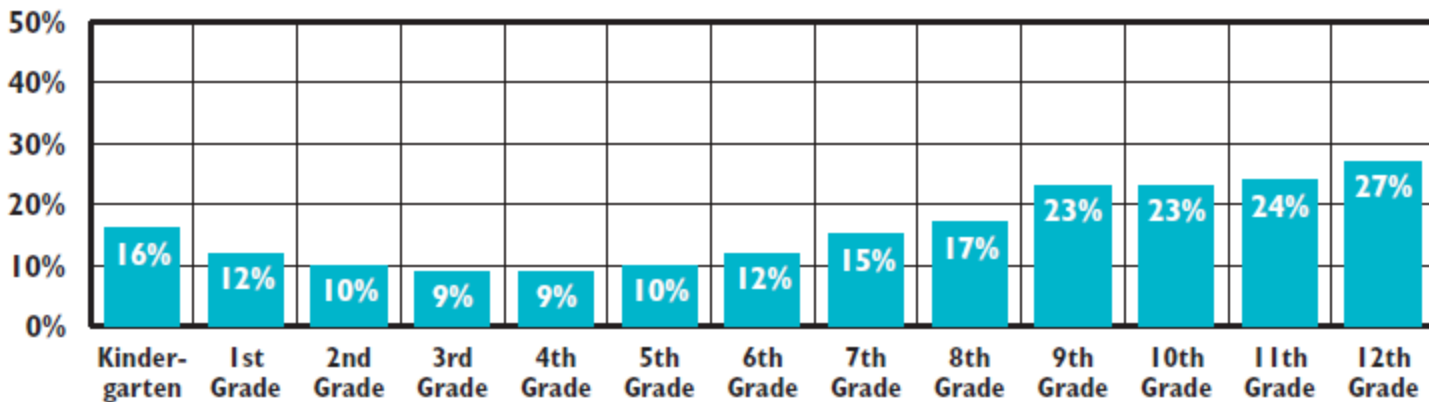


Note: 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the *NECAP*.

- Providence has seen some improvements in math proficiency at all grade levels since 2005, but improvements have been slow.
- Providence continues to have one of the lowest math proficiency rates in the state.

Chronic Early Absence

**Chronic Absence Rates in Rhode Island by Grade,
2012-2013 School Year**

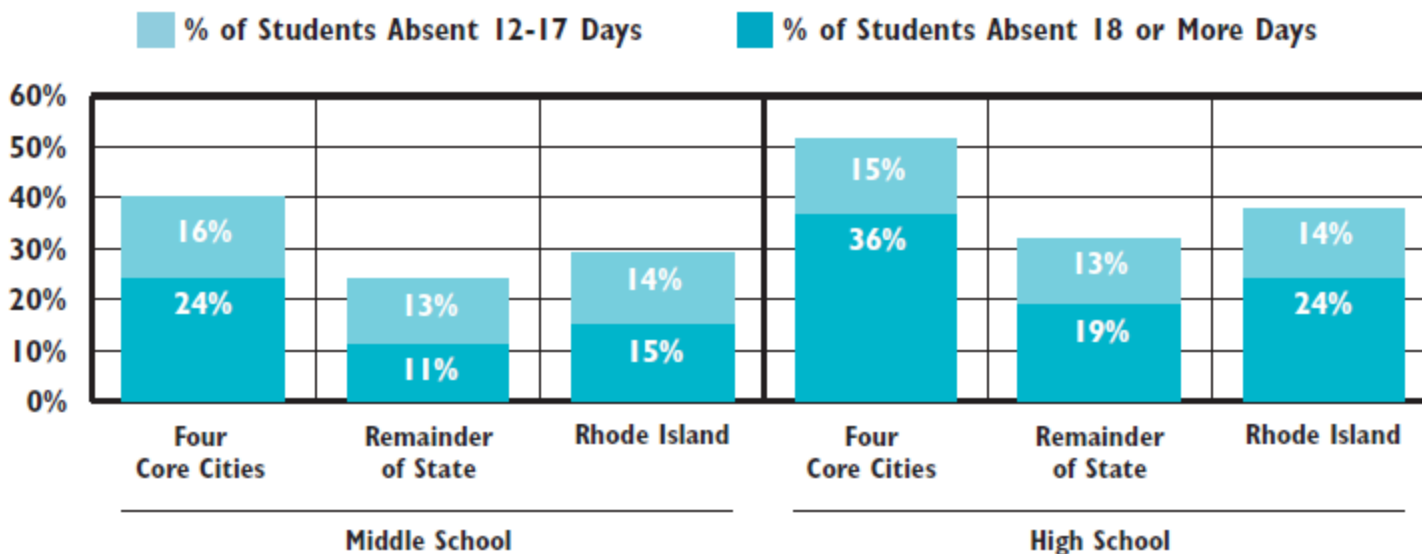


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2012-2013 school year.

- Providence's chronic early absence rate (grades K-3) has decreased from 22% during the 2010-2011 school year to 19% during the 2012-2013 school year but remains much higher than the state rate of 12%.

Chronic Absence, Middle School and High School

School Attendance in Rhode Island by Number of School Days Missed, Middle School and High School, 2012-2013 School Year



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2012-2013 school year.

- Providence's chronic absence rate in high school has decreased from 46% during the 2010-2011 school year to 37% during the 2012-2013 school year but remains well above the state rate of 24%.

School Suspensions

Disciplinary Actions, Rhode Island Public Schools, 2012-2013

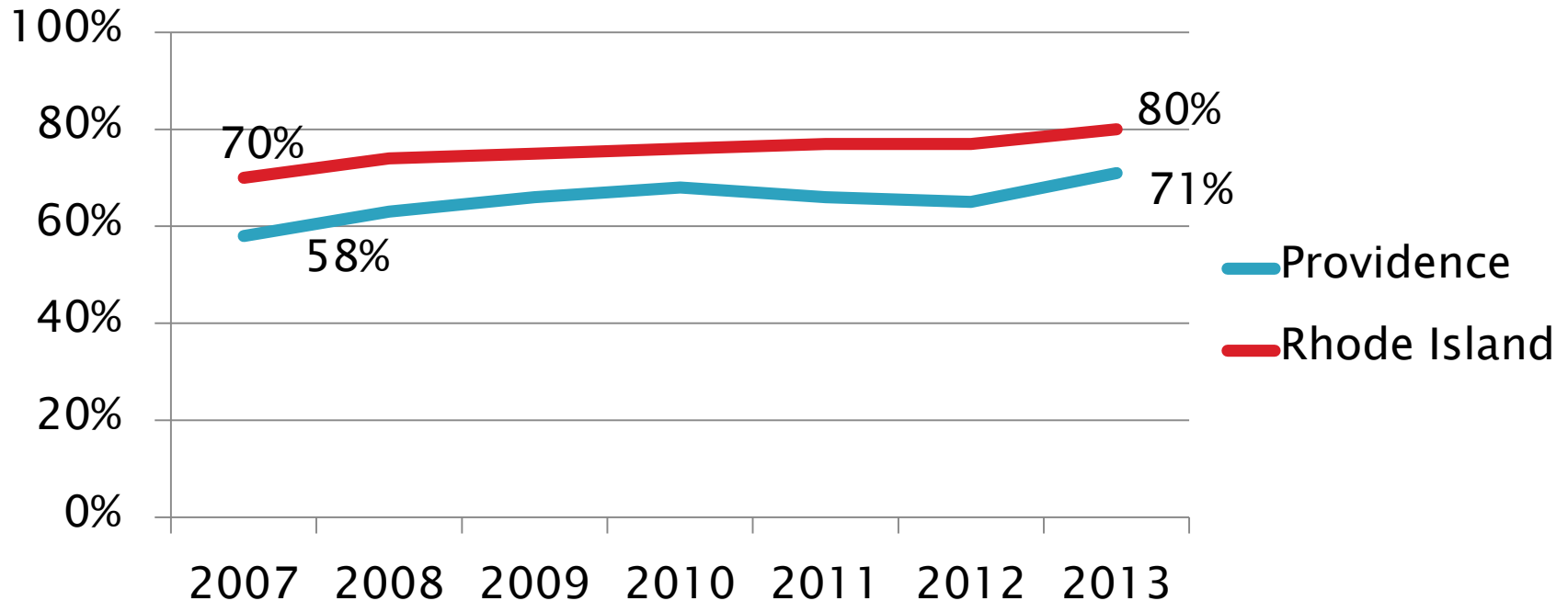
BY TYPE OF INFRACTION*	#	%	BY TYPE OF INFRACTION	#	%
Insubordination/Disrespect	8,891	28%	Assault of Student or Teacher	1,498	5%
Attendance Offenses	7,628	24%	Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses	889	3%
Disorderly Conduct	5,459	17%	Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism	600	2%
Fighting	2,527	8%	Communications/Electronic Devices	505	2%
Obscene/Abusive Language	1,841	6%	Weapon Possession	284	1%
Harassment/Intimidation/Threat	1,628	5%	Other Offenses	546	2%
			TOTAL	32,296	

**Harassment offenses include hazing and hate crimes. Assault offenses include sexual assault. Other offenses include cheating/plagiarism, fire regulation violations, sexual misconduct, trespassing, forgery, as well as disciplinary actions where the infraction is missing or not specified.*

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2012-2013 school year. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

- During the 2012–2013 school year, **still mostly out-of-school suspensions**
 - 6,162 out-of-school suspensions
 - 2,094 in-school suspensions

High School Graduation Rate, 2007–2013



- The Providence 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2013 was 71%, the dropout rate was 15%, 2% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 11% were still in school in the fall of 2013.

High School Graduation Rate, 2013

All Students	71%
Females	77%
Males	66%
English–Language Learners	71%
Students with Disabilities	51%
Low–Income Students	71%
Higher–Income Students	77%

- The 4–year high school graduation rate ranges from 57% at Mount Pleasant High School and 64% at Central High School to 95% at Times2 Academy and 96% at Classical High School
- Some students also graduate in longer time frames (5– and 6–year graduation rates).

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