

# Woonsocket Data in Your Backyard

## Findings from the *2014 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

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# *2014 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

- 20<sup>th</sup> annual publication
- 70 indicators across 5 areas
- City and town-level information

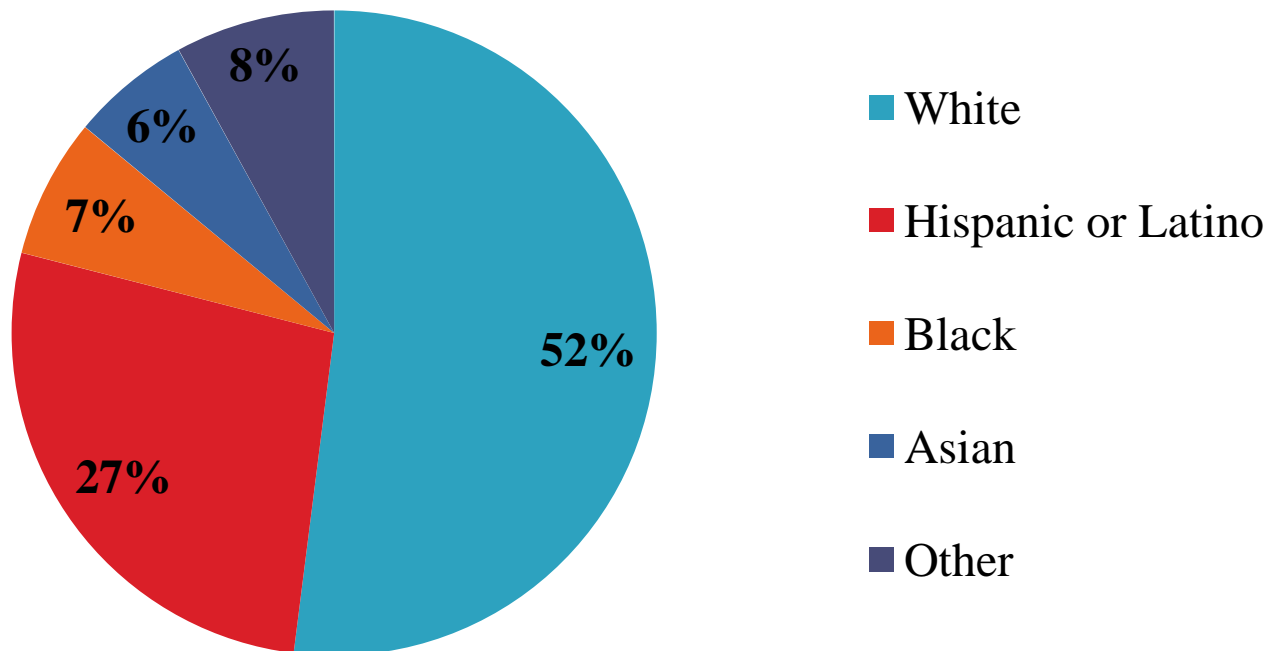


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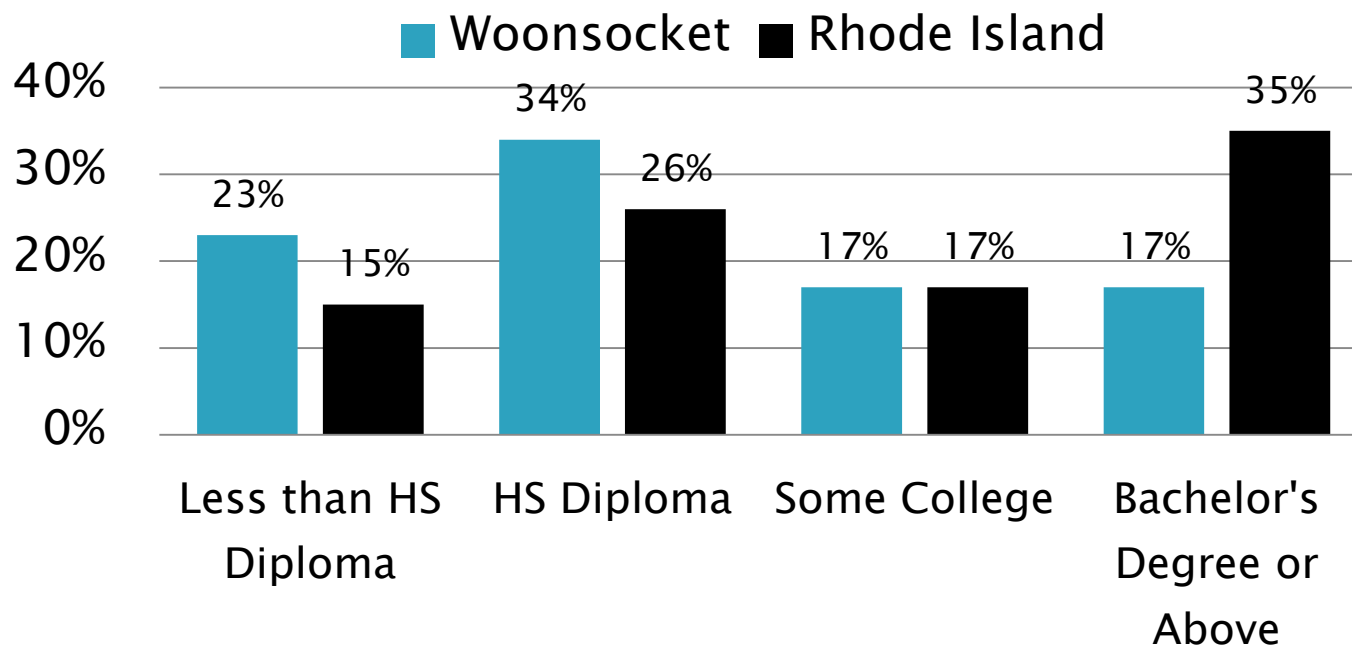
**Family and Community**

# Child Population, 2010



- Child population down 11% 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

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- **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

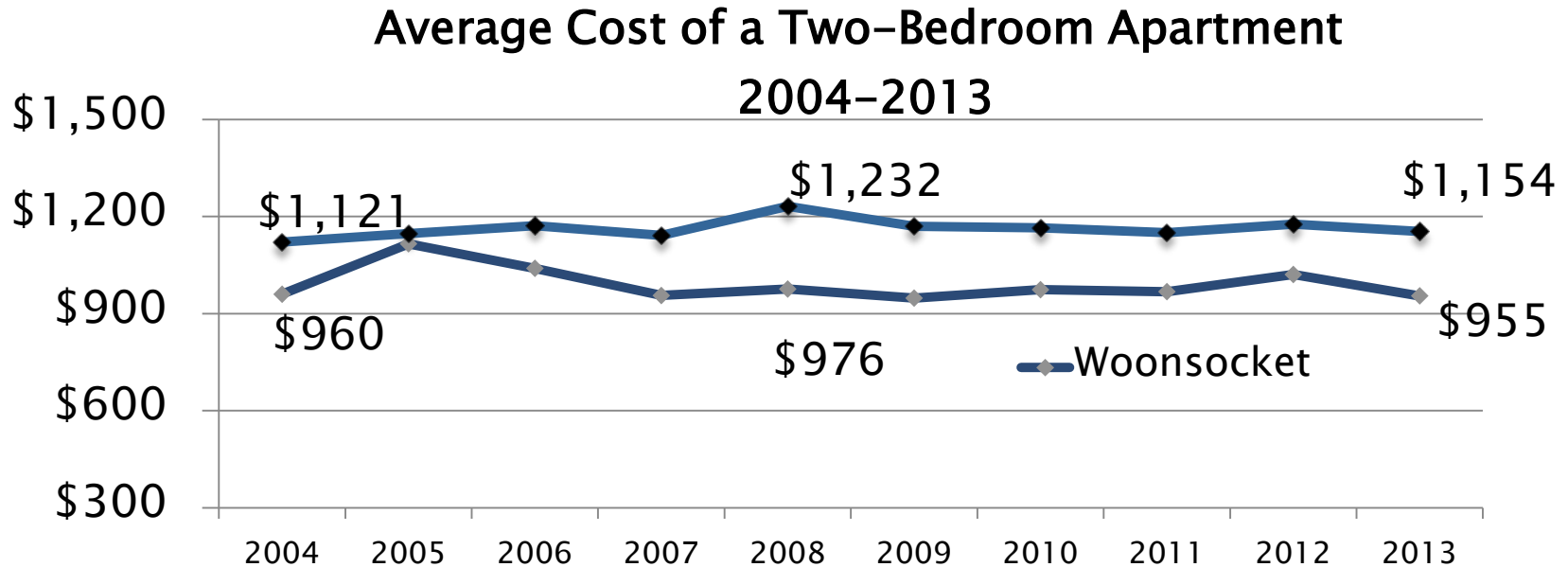
- Almost two-thirds (64%) of Rhode Island's children living in poverty live in just 4 cities.

## 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 Woonsocket...

- would have to devote 59% of its household income to the cost of rent.

# Homeless Children

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

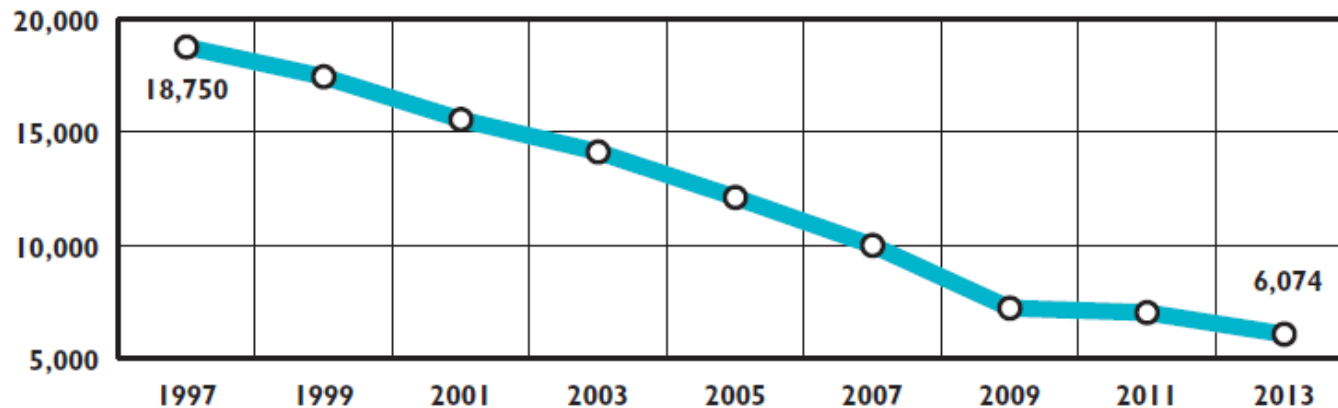
- Woonsocket was the last permanent residence for more than 9% (104) of these children (2<sup>nd</sup> largest number in the state behind Providence).

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

- Woonsocket Public Schools personnel identified 105 children as homeless.

# Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

**Cash Assistance Caseload, Rhode Island, 1997-2013\***

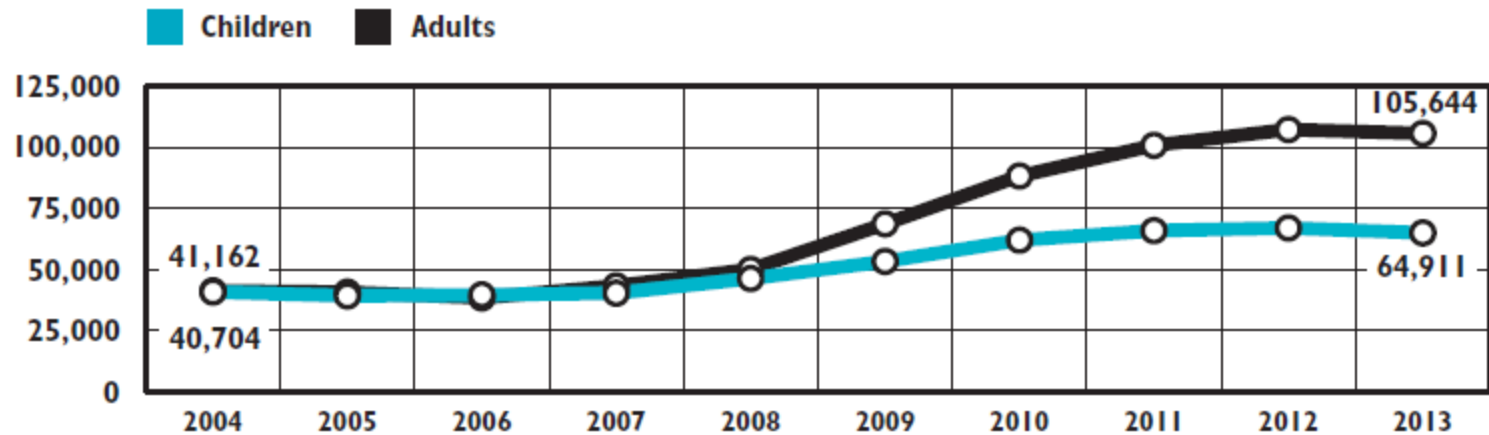


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1997-2013. Cases can be child-only or whole families and multiple people can be included in one case. \*The Rhode Island Department of Human Services changed the method for calculating the caseload data starting in the 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.
- 12% (1,232) of children in Woonsocket 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



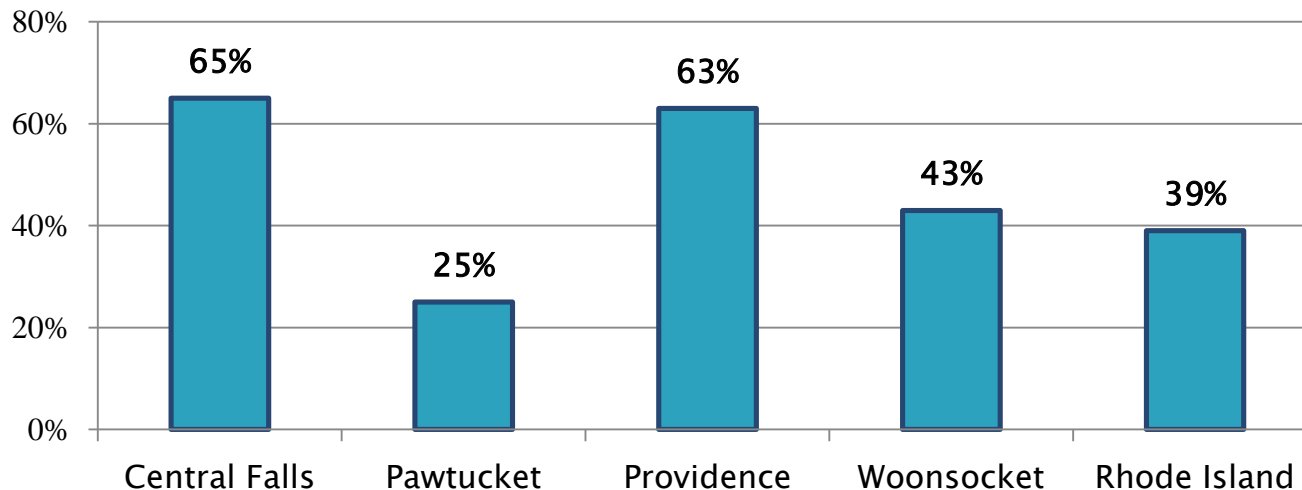
Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, 2004-2013. Data represent children under age 18 and adults who participated in SNAP during the month of October.

### In October 2013

- 5,064 Woonsocket children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 46% increase from 2008, but a 1% 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.

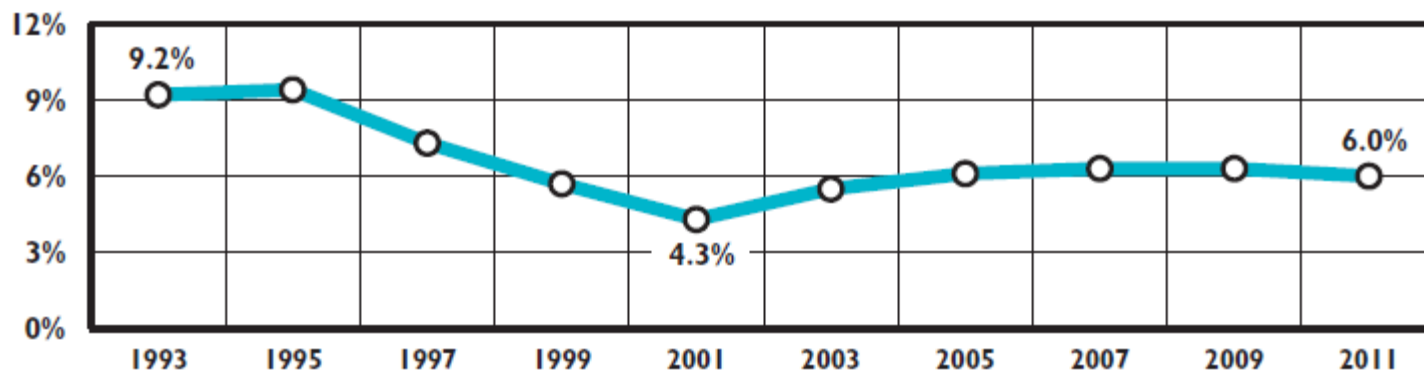




**Health**

# 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.

# Accelerated Rlte Care Renewals

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42,000 families covered by Rlte  
Care in 2013

(5,896 children in Woonsocket)

Must renew July – December 2014



# Six Cycles for Renewal

	Last Renewed	Number of Families	First Notice	Closure Date If Don't Renew
1	Jan/Feb 2013	3,100	June 22, 2014	Aug 31
2	March/Apr	6,000	July 1	Aug 31
3	May/June	8,000	Aug 1	Sept 30
4	July/Aug	8,000	Sept 1	Oct 31
5	Sept/Oct	8,000	Oct 1	Nov 31
6	Nov/Dec	8,000	Nov 1	Dec 31

**Families Can Renew Early!**

# Flyers

**RILEY AND  
HEALTH COVERAGE PROJECT**

# ACT NOW!

## Renew your Rite Care





If your family had Rite Care in **2013** you need to renew your Neighborhood or United insurance.

There's a new way to renew and people to help you.

 **Renew over the phone:** It's fast and accessible in your native language.  
1-855-651-2879. Available Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday Noon - 6pm.

 **Renew in person:** Call the contact center (1-855-651-2879) to make an appointment at their office in Providence or with an expert navigator in your community.  
The contact center is open Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday Noon - 6pm.  
You can also go to your local DHS office.

 **Renew online:** [www.sblhs.us.gov/renewals](http://www.sblhs.us.gov/renewals)  
It's more to call 1-855-651-2879 if you need help when you are online.

**Renew Now!** Once you get a yellow notice from the state, renew right away. If you get a notice and don't renew, re-apply now. You don't have to wait for a notice, you can renew now. If you are not sure, call 1-855-651-2879.

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[www.renovationproject.org](http://www.renovationproject.org), [rhodeisland.gov/governor](http://rhodeisland.gov/governor)  
For more information contact Robert Piro, Chief Coordinator of program, ext. 404 or 410.

¡Renueve su RlTe Care

Si su familia tuvo RlTe Care en 2013, necesita renovar su seguro Neighborhood o United.

Hay una nueva manera de renovarlo y gente dispuesta a ayudarlo.

**Renueve por teléfono:** Los dígitos accesibles en su lengua nativa 1-855-611-7879.

Dependiente de la edad: 18 años o 19 años o 20 años o 21 años o 22 años o 23 años o 24 años o 25 años o 26 años o 27 años o 28 años o 29 años o 30 años o 31 años o 32 años o 33 años o 34 años o 35 años o 36 años o 37 años o 38 años o 39 años o 40 años o 41 años o 42 años o 43 años o 44 años o 45 años o 46 años o 47 años o 48 años o 49 años o 50 años o 51 años o 52 años o 53 años o 54 años o 55 años o 56 años o 57 años o 58 años o 59 años o 60 años o 61 años o 62 años o 63 años o 64 años o 65 años o 66 años o 67 años o 68 años o 69 años o 70 años o 71 años o 72 años o 73 años o 74 años o 75 años o 76 años o 77 años o 78 años o 79 años o 80 años o 81 años o 82 años o 83 años o 84 años o 85 años o 86 años o 87 años o 88 años o 89 años o 90 años o 91 años o 92 años o 93 años o 94 años o 95 años o 96 años o 97 años o 98 años o 99 años o 100 años.

**Renueve personalmente:** Llame al número de contacto en 1-855-611-7879 para solicitar una cita en la oficina. Dependientes con un seguro Neighborhood o United.

El centro de atención está abierto de lunes a sábado, de 8 a.m. a 9 p.m., y los domingos de 10 a.m. a 6 p.m. También puede visitar su oficina local del DHR.

**Renueve en línea:** [www.dhr.ga.gov/renew](http://www.dhr.ga.gov/renew)

Asignación de líneas: 1-855-611-7879 se reanuda una llamada en línea.

**¡RENUÉVELO AHORA MISMO!** Un vez que recibe su notificación amarilla del estado, renueve inmediatamente. El recibí su notificación amarilla y ya he renovado, vuelva a presentarse la notificación ahora mismo. No tiene que esperar la notificación, puede renovar ahora mismo. Si no está seguro, llame al 1-855-611-7879.

El Programa de Cobertura de Salud de Rhode Island (Rhode Island Health Care Coverage Program) es un programa de cobertura de salud para el Programa de Seguro de Salud de Rhode Island (Rhode Island Health Care Coverage Program) que es un programa de seguro de salud de Rhode Island. Para más información, consulte con el Departamento de Salud, 1-855-611-7879.

# Social Media

Did you have RIte Care in 2013?

If you haven't renewed your coverage, do it now!

LEARN MORE: [tinyurl.com/RenewNowFlyer](http://tinyurl.com/RenewNowFlyer)

¿Tenía RItE Care en 2013?

**¡Si no ha renovado su cobertura, hágalo ahora mismo!**

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# 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
- **34 (6%) Woonsocket babies were born at highest risk.**  
Compared to 10% in 2010, 8% in 2011, and 6% in 2012.

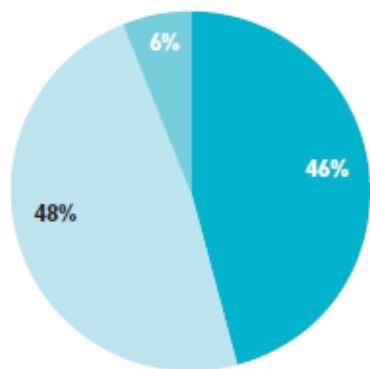


# Evidence-Based Home Visiting

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

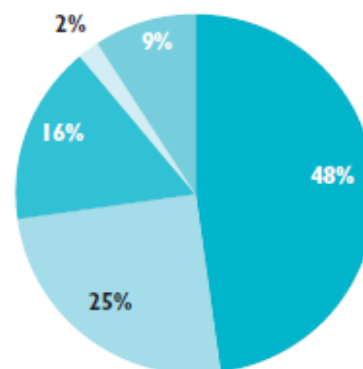
### By Maternal Age at Enrollment

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.

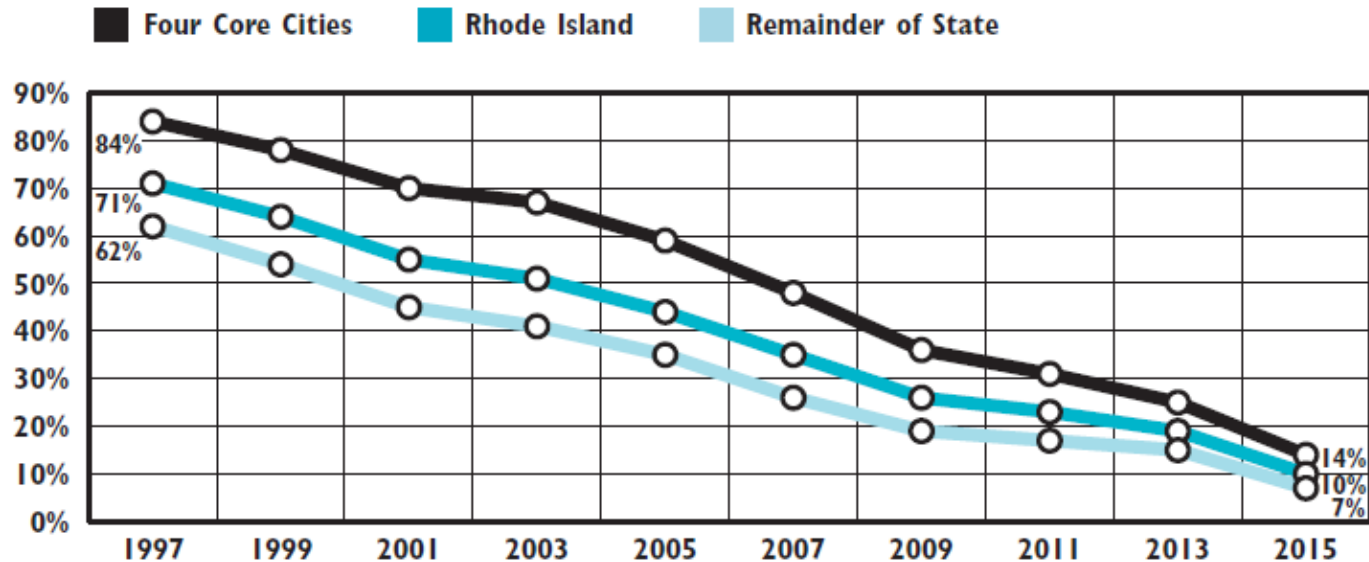
- 46 families enrolled in Woonsocket out of a total enrollment of 288.
- Families are enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers programs.

# 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
<b>Woonsocket</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>7.7</b>
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

# Children with Lead Poisoning

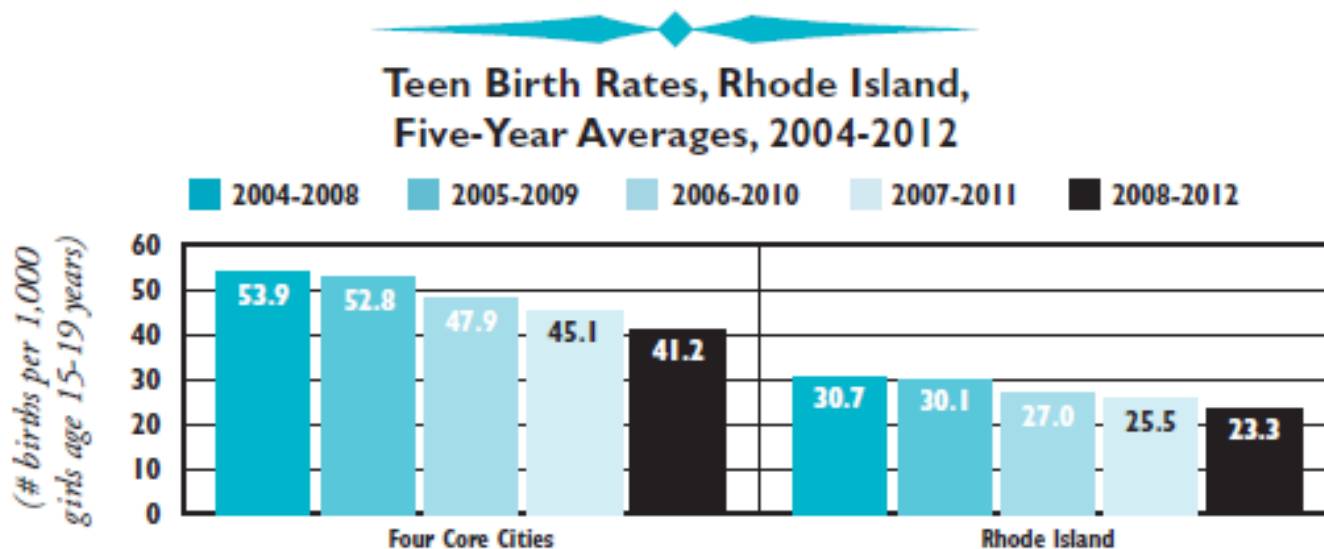
## Children Entering Kindergarten with History of Elevated\* Blood Lead Level Screening ( $\geq 5$ $\mu\text{g/dL}$ ), Rhode Island, Four Core Cities, and Remainder of State, 1997-2015



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  $\geq 5$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$ .

- **589 Woonsocket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2015 were tested.**
  - 59 (10.0%) were confirmed positive for  $\geq 5$  mcg/dL.

# Birth to Teens



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

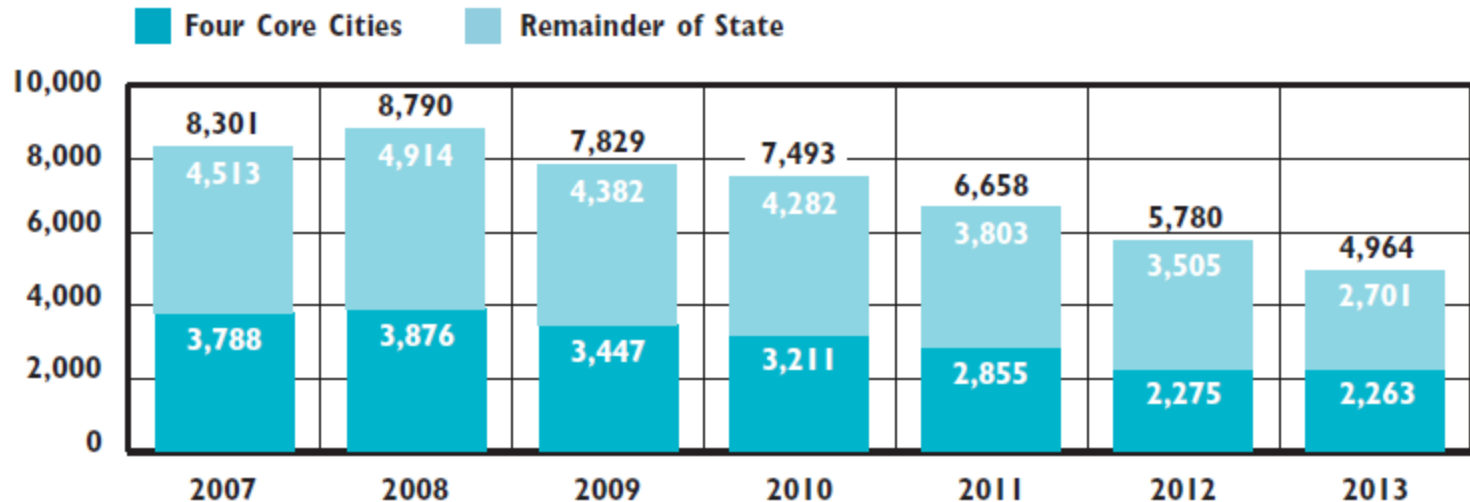
- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally and in Rhode Island.
- 67.3 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19 in Woonsocket from 2008–2012, second highest rate in the state.
- In Woonsocket, between 2008 and 2012, 83 births were repeat teen births, making up 19.6% of the 424 total teen births during 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*

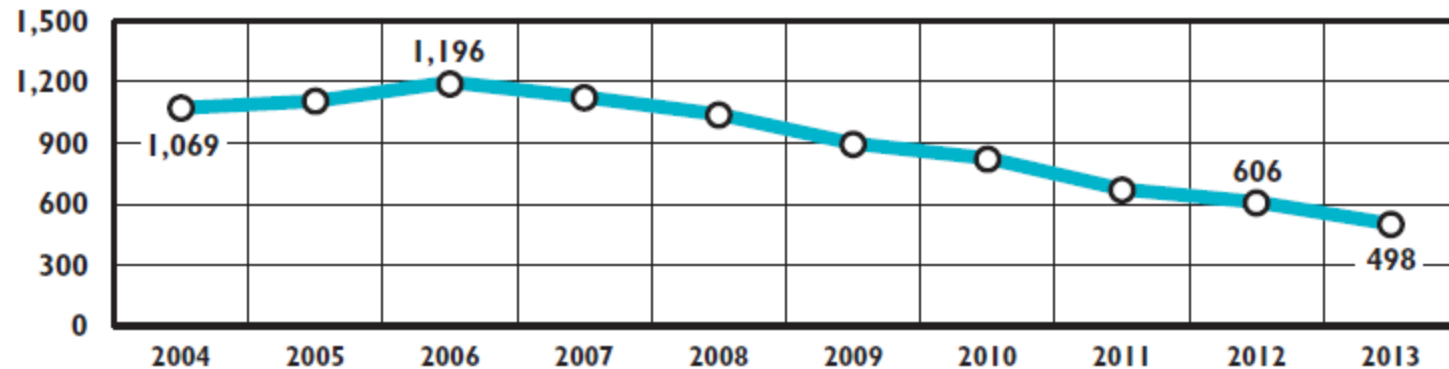
*\*Status offenses are age-related acts that would not be punishable if the offender were an adult, such as truancy and disobedient conduct.*

*\*\*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.
- 28 youth from Woonsocket were at the Training School at some point during 2013.

# Children of Incarcerated Parents

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

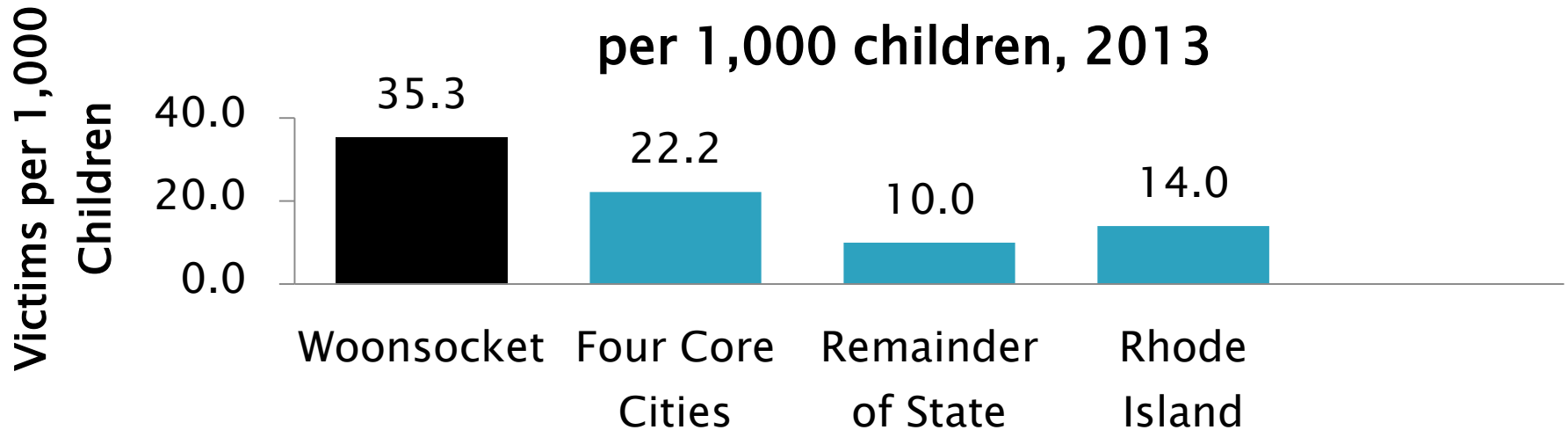
	INMATES SURVEYED*	# REPORTING CHILDREN	% REPORTING CHILDREN	# OF CHILDREN REPORTED
Awaiting Trial	806	440	55%	892
Serving a Sentence	2,458	1,284	52%	2,931
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>3,823</b>

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:
  - 107 incarcerated parents with a known in-state residence identified Woonsocket as their last place of residence.
  - These parents reported 254 children.
  - Woonsocket had the highest rate (25.7 per 1,000 children) of children with incarcerated parents in the state.

# Child Abuse and Neglect

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



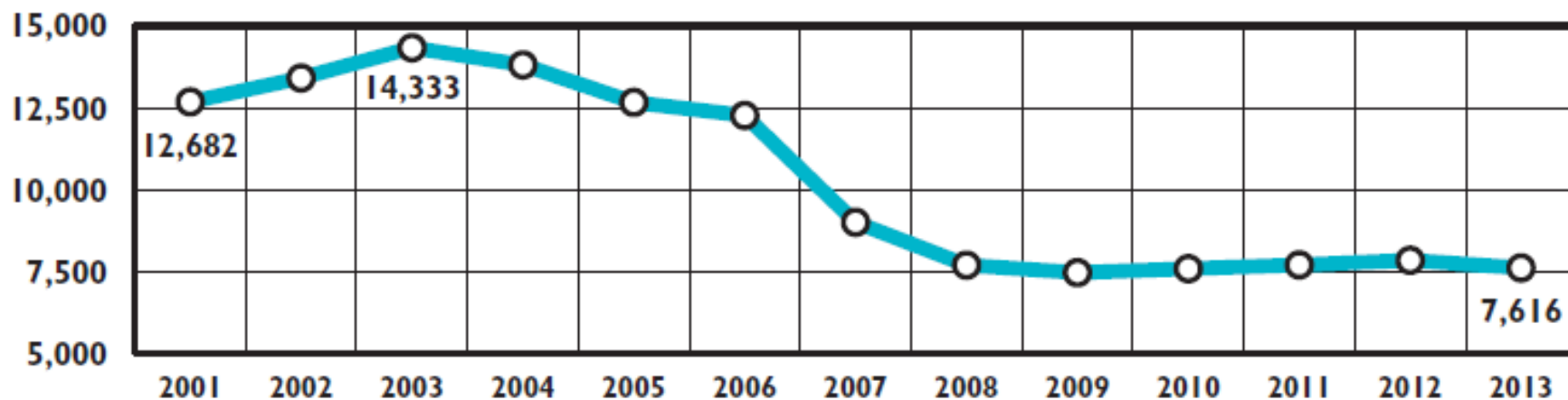
- Woonsocket had the highest child abuse and neglect victim rate in Rhode Island.
- Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (79%).



**Education**

# Child Care Subsidies

**Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2013**



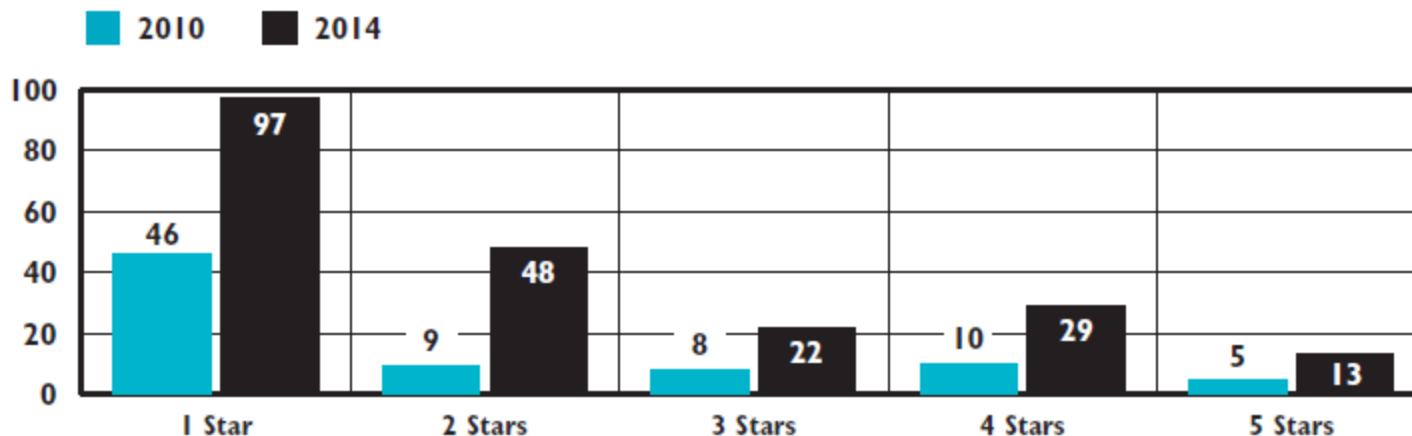
Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001-December 2013.

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



# Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

## Quality Ratings of Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars, Rhode Island, 2010 and 2014



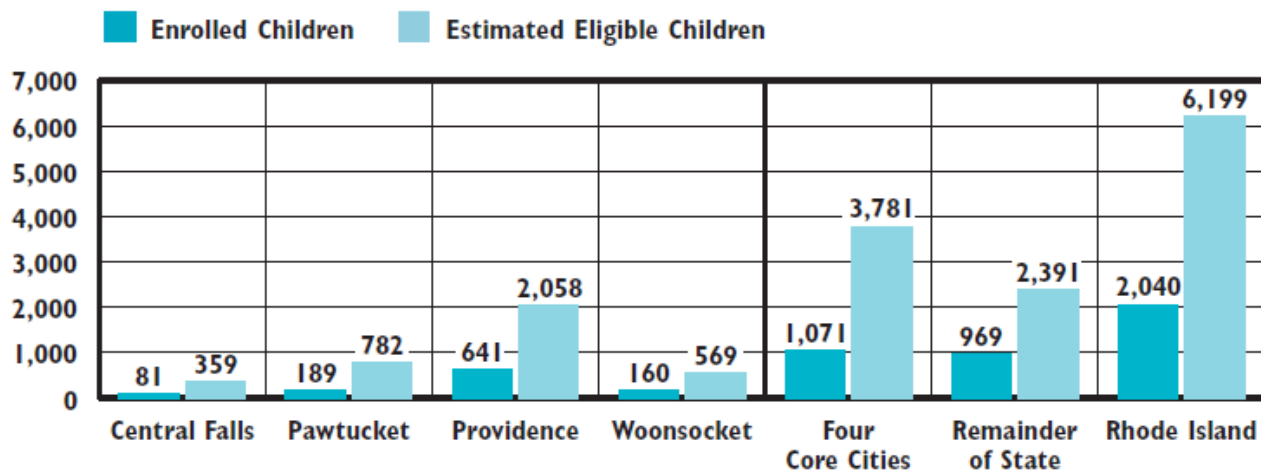
Source: Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children, 2010 and 2014.

## In Woonsocket

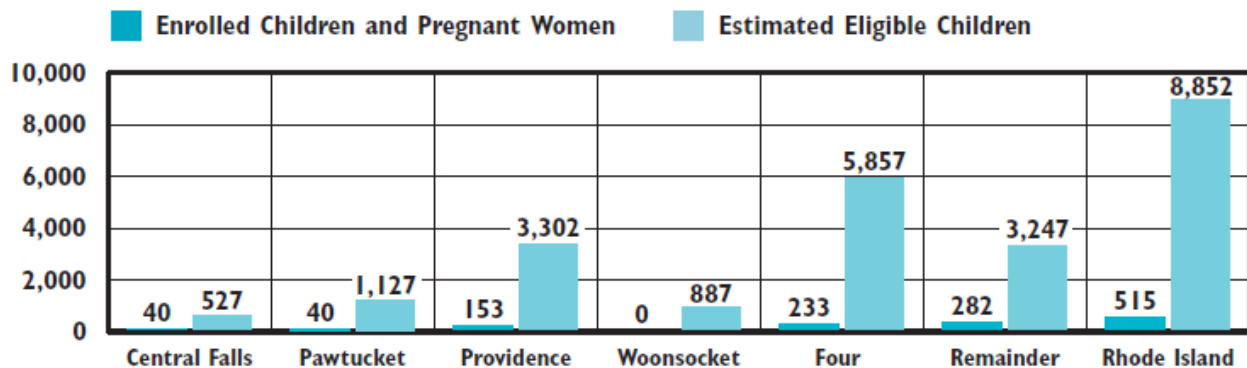
- 100% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
  - 45% have a quality rating
- 100% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
  - 43% have a quality rating

# Head Start and Early Head Start

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

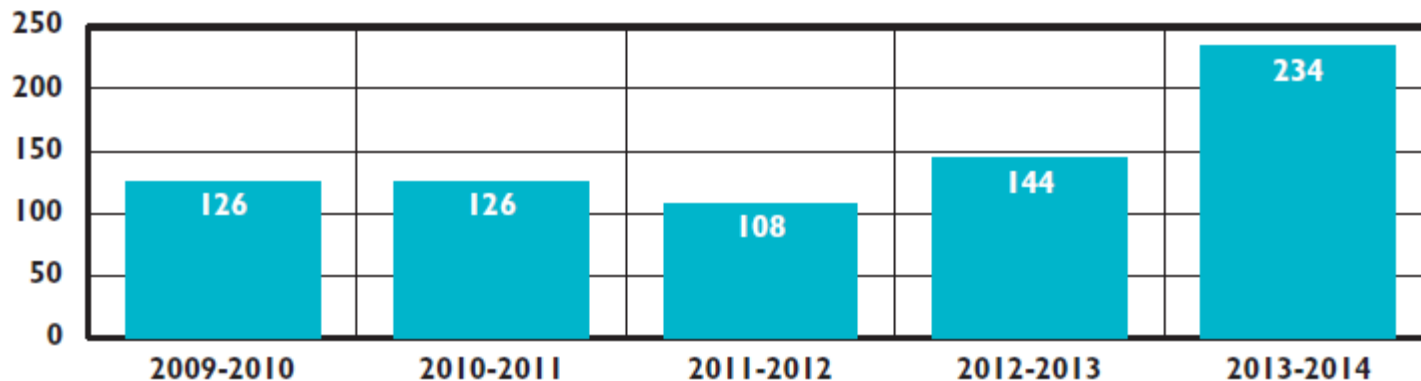


## Access to Early Head Start for Low-Income Children and Pregnant Women, Rhode Island, 2013



# Children Enrolled in State Pre-K

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

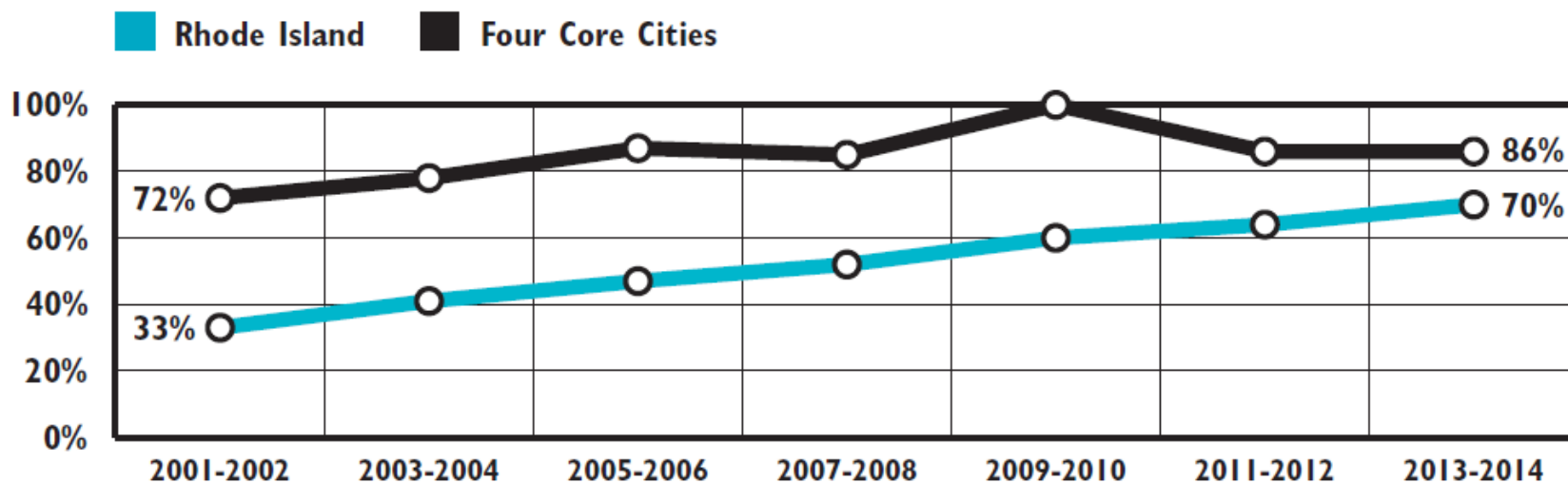


Sources: National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), *The state of preschool 2010, 2011, 2012*.  
Rhode Island Department of Education, State Pre-K programs 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

- During the 2013–2014 school year, 36 Woonsocket children were enrolled in the State Pre-K program.

# Full-Day Kindergarten

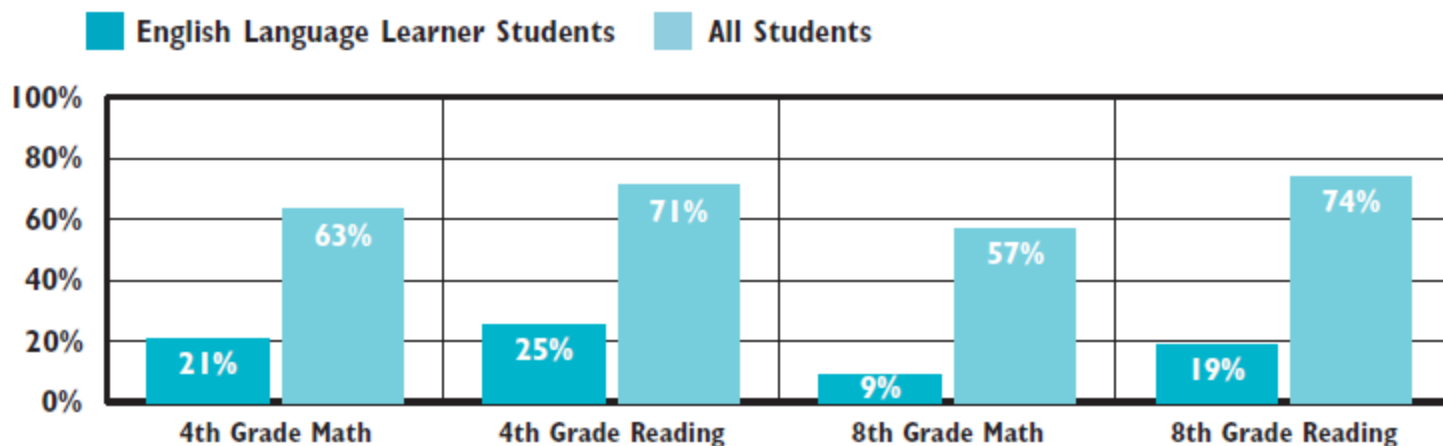
## Children in Full-Day Public Kindergarten Programs, Rhode Island, 2001-2002 through 2013-2014 School Years



- 70% of Rhode Island kindergartners were in full-day programs during the 2013–2014 school year.
- Beginning this year, full-day K is back in Woonsocket!!!

# English Language Learners

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



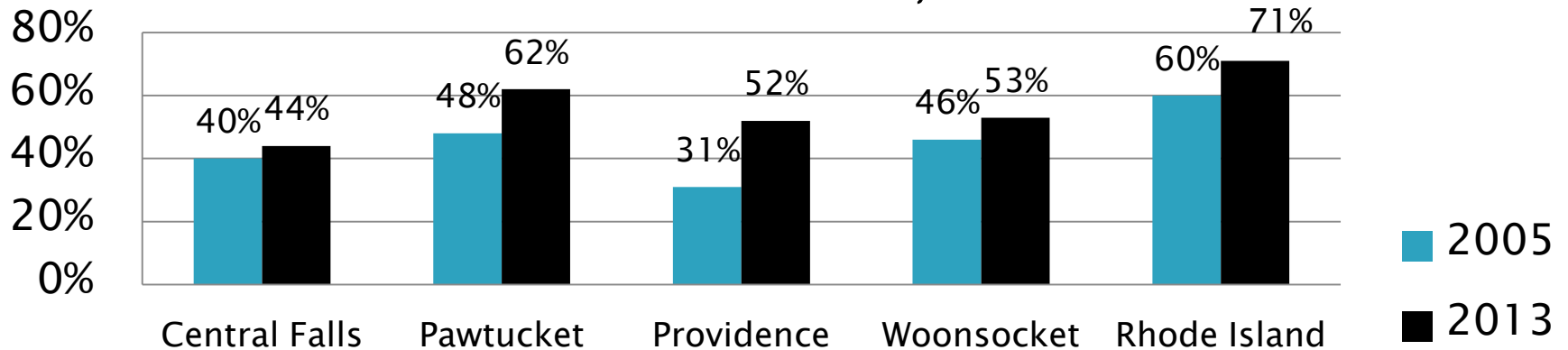
Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*, October 2013.

- During the 2012–2013 school year, 8% of Woonsocket students were ELL students, compared with 7% of all Rhode Island students.

# Fourth-Grade Reading Skills

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

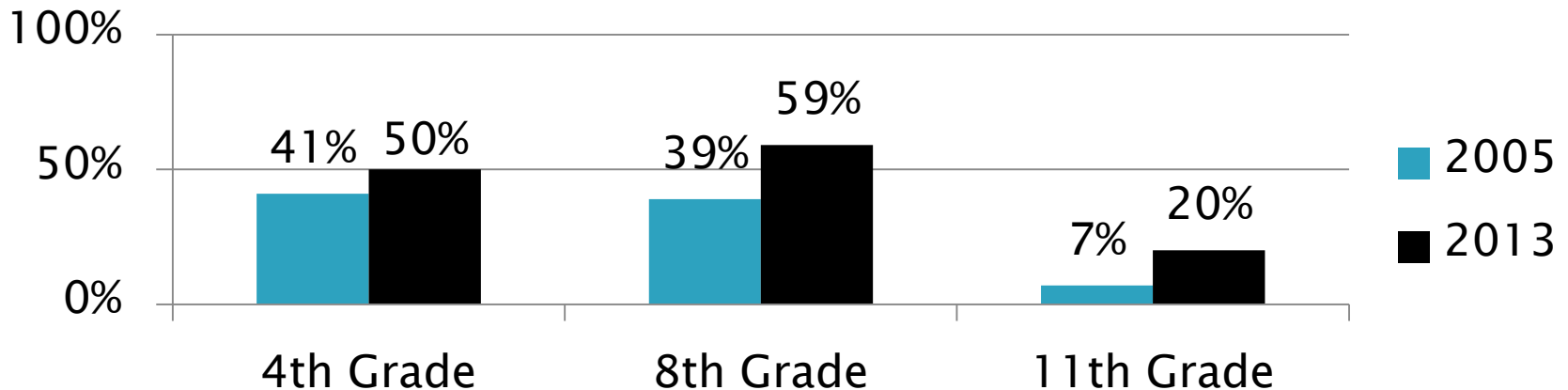
### Four Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2005 & 2013



- Between 2005 and 2013, Woonsocket's 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading proficiency rate increased from 46% to 53%; however the rate has declined since peaking at 59% in 2010 and 2011.
- Reading proficiency rates in Woonsocket remain well below the state rate.

# Math Skills

## Math Proficiency, Woonsocket, 2005 and 2013

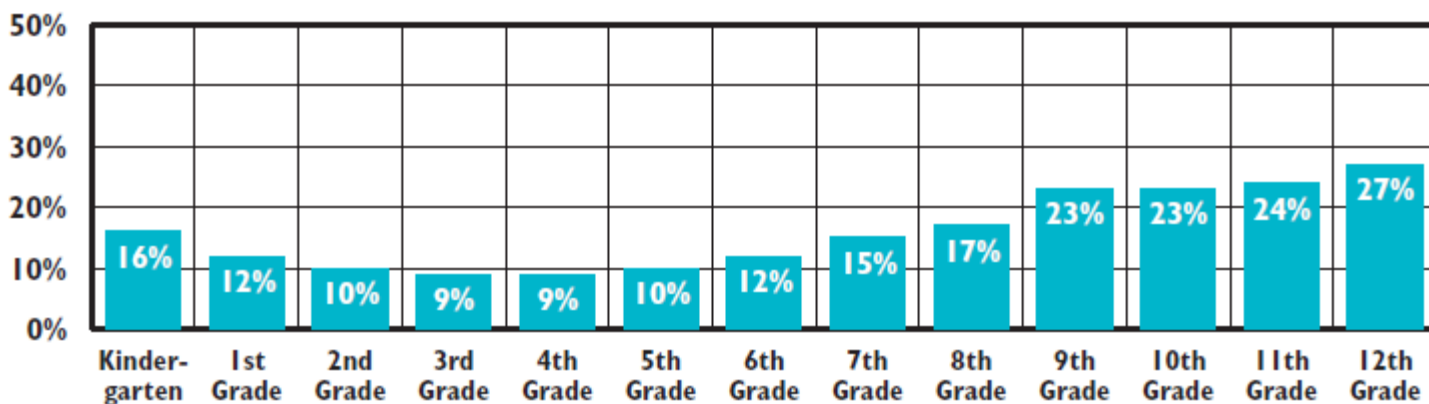


Note: 2007 is the first year that 11<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the *NECAP*.

- Woonsocket has seen improvements in math proficiency at all grade levels since 2005 but progress has stalled in recent years for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Woonsocket 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**



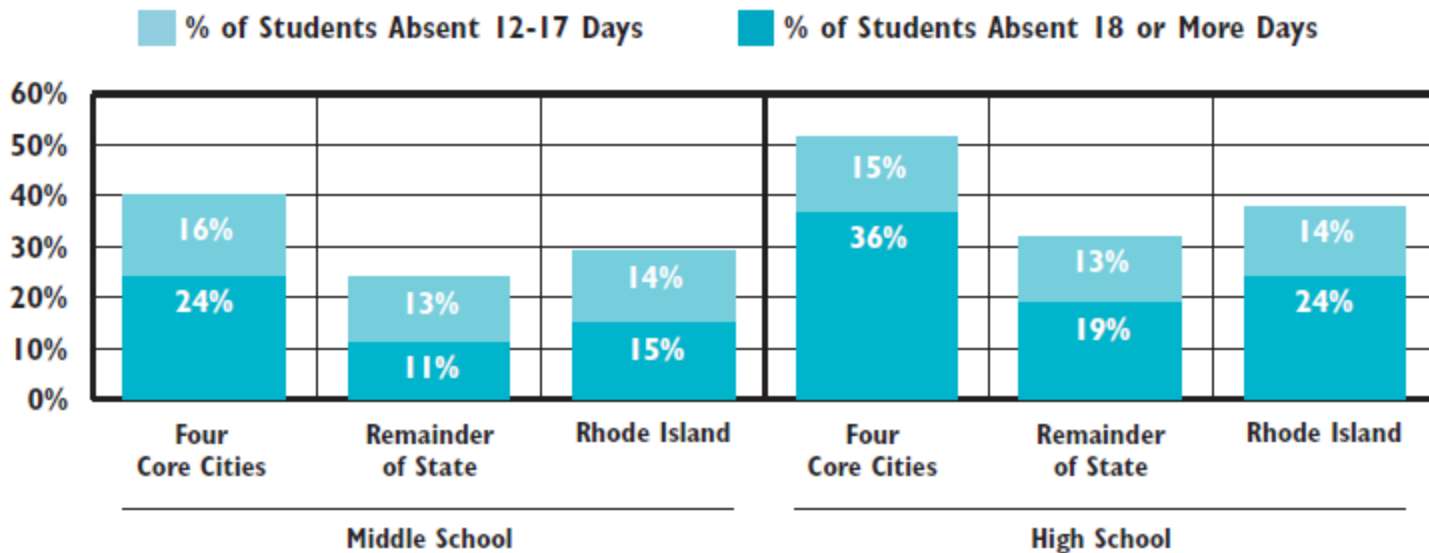
Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2012-2013 school year.

- Woonsocket's chronic early absence rate (grades K-3) of 34% during the 2012-2013 school year was much higher than any other city or town.



# 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.

- Woonsocket's chronic absence rate in high school was 46% during the 2012-2013 school year, well above the state rate of 24%.

# School Suspensions

## Disciplinary Actions, Rhode Island Public Schools, 2012-2013

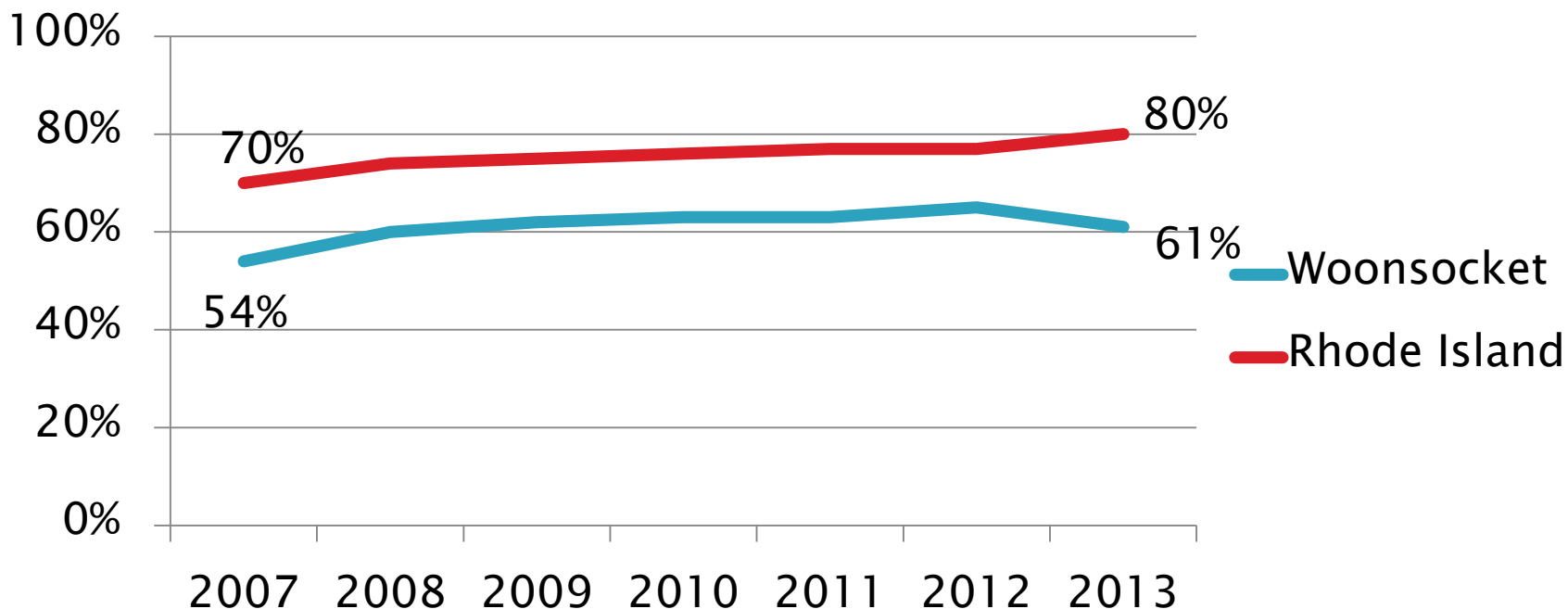
BY TYPE OF INFRACTION*	#	%	BY TYPE OF INFRACTION	#	%
Insubordination/Disrespect	8,891	28%	Assault of Student or Teacher	1,498	5%
Attendance Offenses	7,628	24%	Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses	889	3%
Disorderly Conduct	5,459	17%	Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism	600	2%
Fighting	2,527	8%	Communications/Electronic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

*\*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, Woonsocket had the highest suspension rate in the state (87 suspensions per 100 students)
  - 674 out-of-school suspensions
  - 4,268 in-school suspensions

# High School Graduation Rate, 2007–2013



- The Woonsocket 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2013 was 61%, the dropout rate was 21%, 4% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 14% were still in school in the fall of 2013.
- Some students may take more than 4 years to graduate. For Woonsocket students that began school in 2007–2008, 4.1% graduated in 5 years and 0.4% graduated in 6 years.

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