

# A Celebration of Children's Health



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# Rhode Island's Achievements In Children's Health

**We lead the nation in  
many children's health  
outcomes.**

- Lowest child & teen deaths (1<sup>st</sup>)
- Vaccination coverage
  - HPV (1<sup>st</sup>)
  - 1+MCV (1<sup>st</sup>)
  - 3+Polio (1<sup>st</sup>)
  - 3+HepB (1<sup>st</sup>)
- Adolescent Cigarette Use (2<sup>nd</sup>)





# Rhode Island's Achievements In Children's Health

- Adolescent Obesity (7<sup>th</sup>)
- Preventive Dental Care (7<sup>th</sup>)
- Teen Births (9<sup>th</sup>)
- Children's Health Coverage (16<sup>th</sup>)
- Repeat Teen Births (16<sup>th</sup>)
- Preterm Births (21<sup>st</sup>)
- Infant Mortality (27<sup>th</sup>)

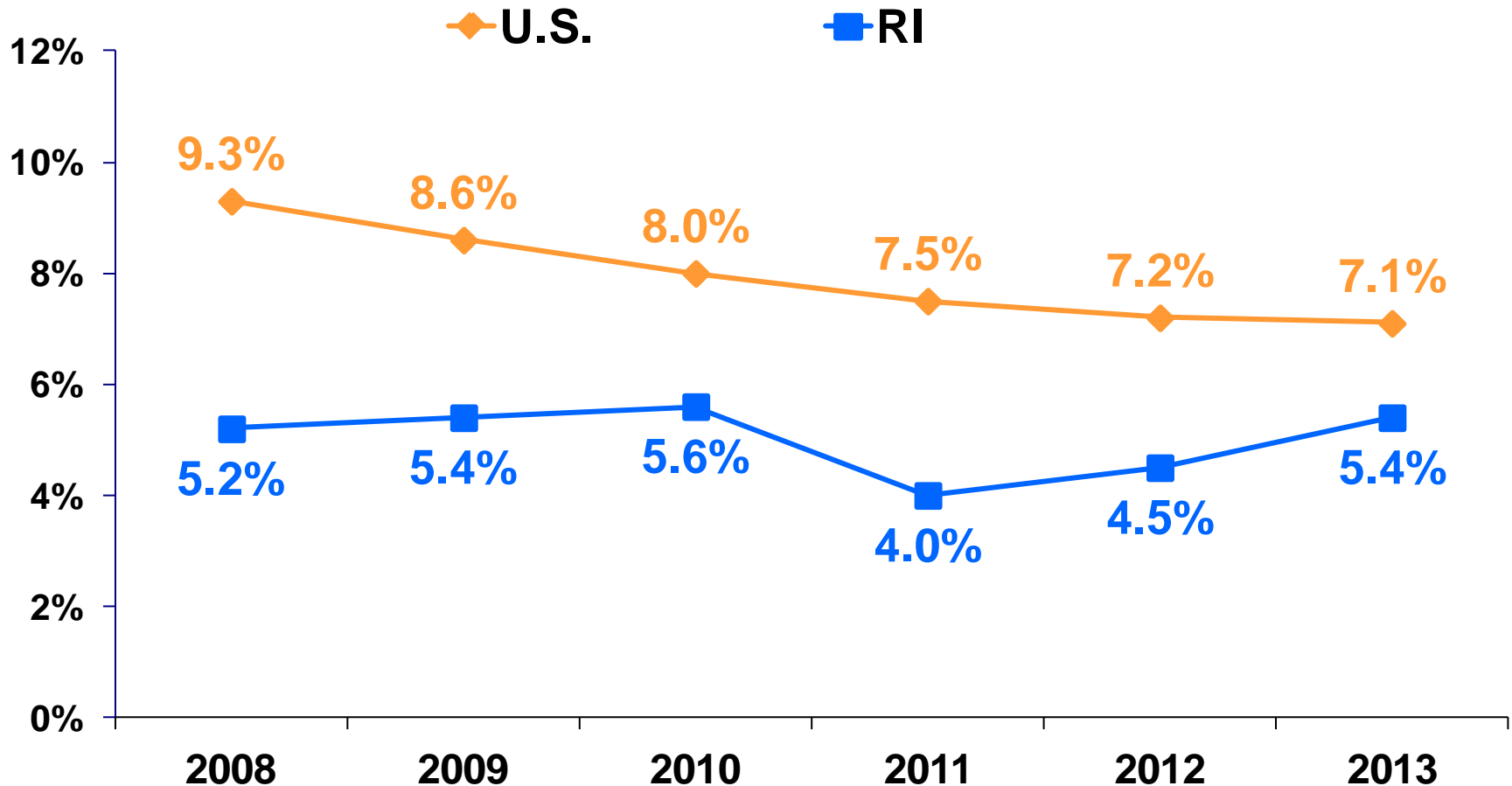


# Our Shared Goal:

A young child with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a wide-brimmed straw hat and a colorful patterned dress, is sitting in a grassy field. The child is looking slightly to the left with a gentle smile. The background is filled with tall, thin trees and bright green foliage, suggesting a sunny day in a park or forest. The overall tone is warm and hopeful.

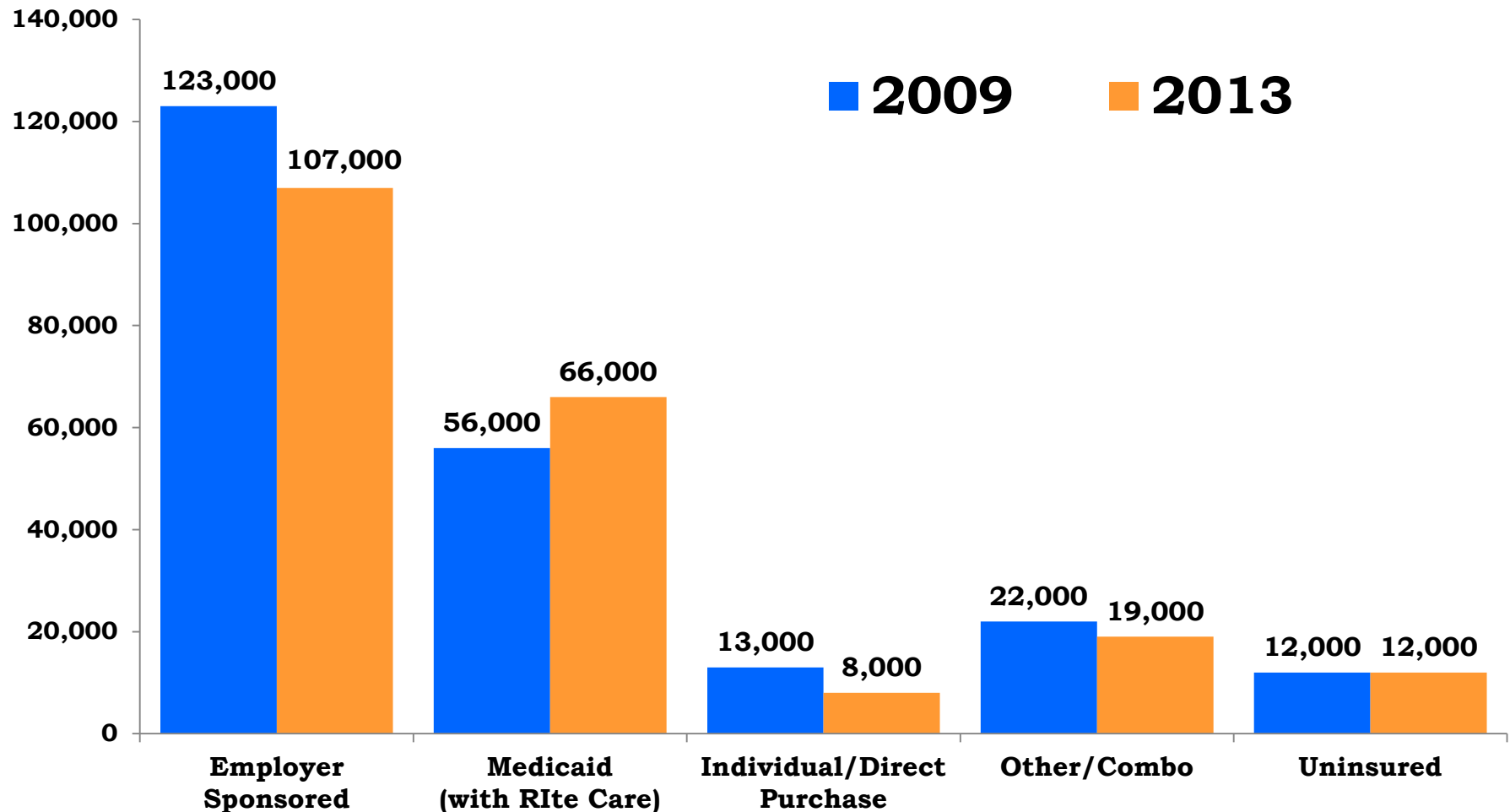
**100%** of children living in Rhode Island are covered by affordable, comprehensive, high-quality health insurance.

# Uninsured Children United States & Rhode Island



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008-2013. Table CP03.  
Data are for children under 18 years of age.

# How are RI Children Covered?



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table B27010, 2009 & 2013.



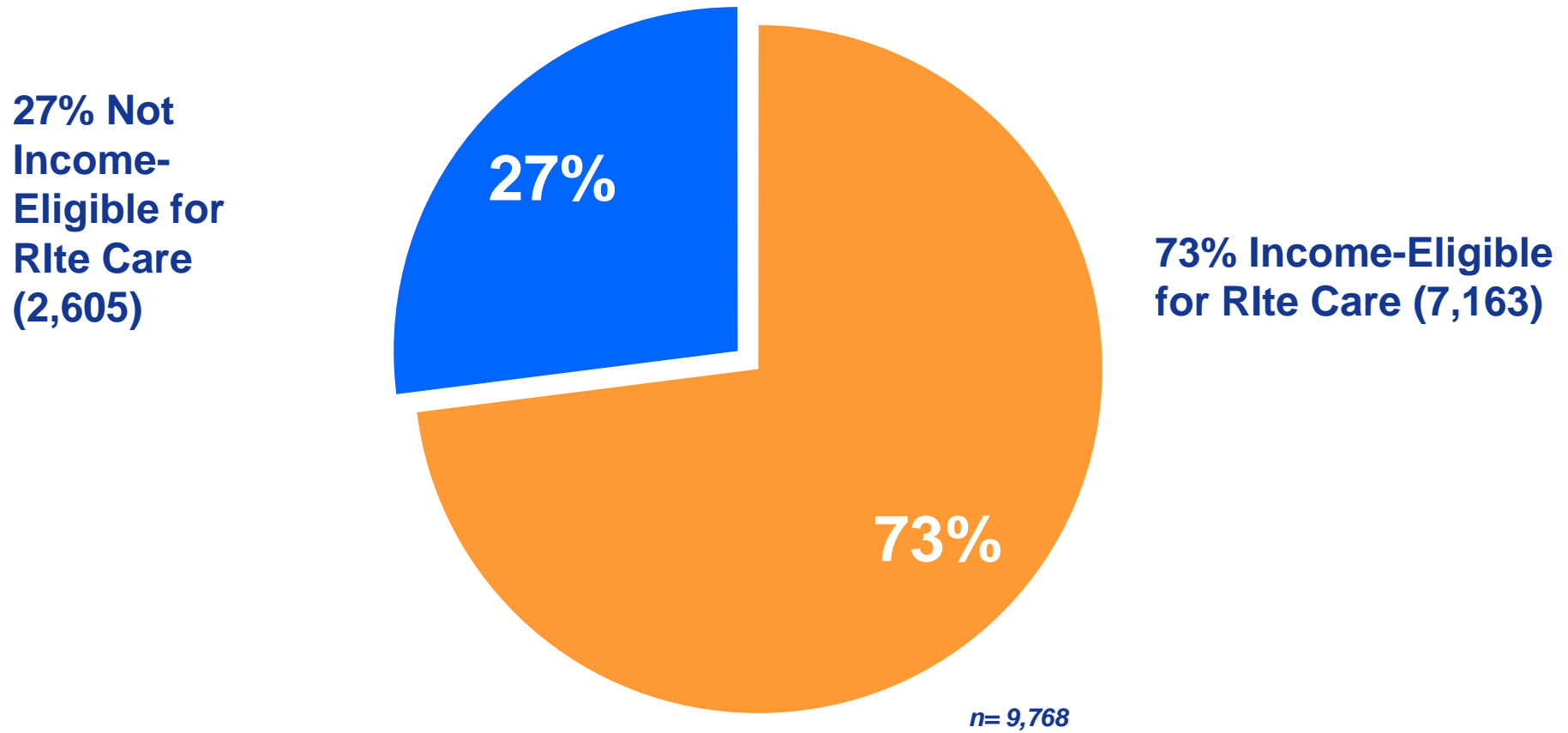
# Who are our Uninsured Children?



- Older children/teens
- Black, Hispanic, & Asian children are more likely than White, Non-Hispanic children to be uninsured
- Reside in urban communities

# Who are our Uninsured Children?

Children Under Age 18 Without Health Insurance, by Poverty Level, Rhode Island



Population Reference Bureau analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010-2012, RI, three-year average.



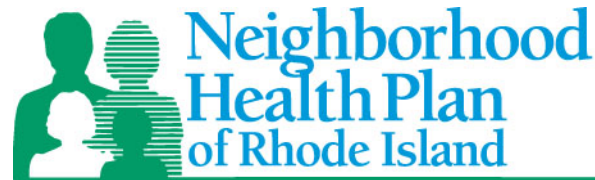
# 20 Years of Rite Care



# Rite Care: Cost-Effective and High-Quality Care

## National Ranking of Rite Care Health Plans Among Medicaid Health Plans in the U.S.

**5<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Health Plan of RI (85.8%)**



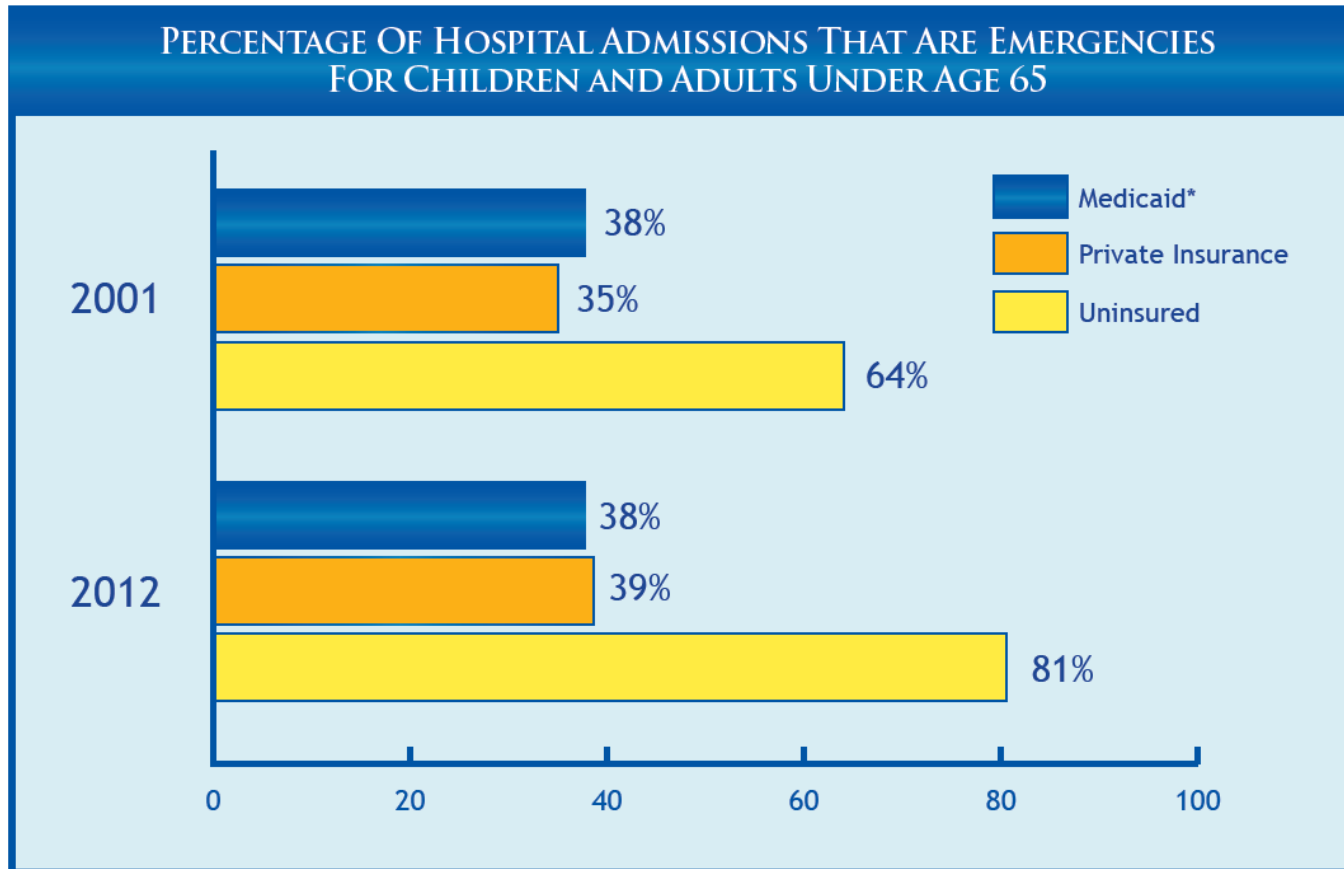
**7<sup>th</sup> UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of RI (85.5%)**



Source: 2014 U.S. News & World Report , National Committee on Quality Assurance Rankings.

273 Medicaid Health Plans were evaluated and 136 were ranked based on clinical performance, member satisfaction, and NCQA Accreditation.

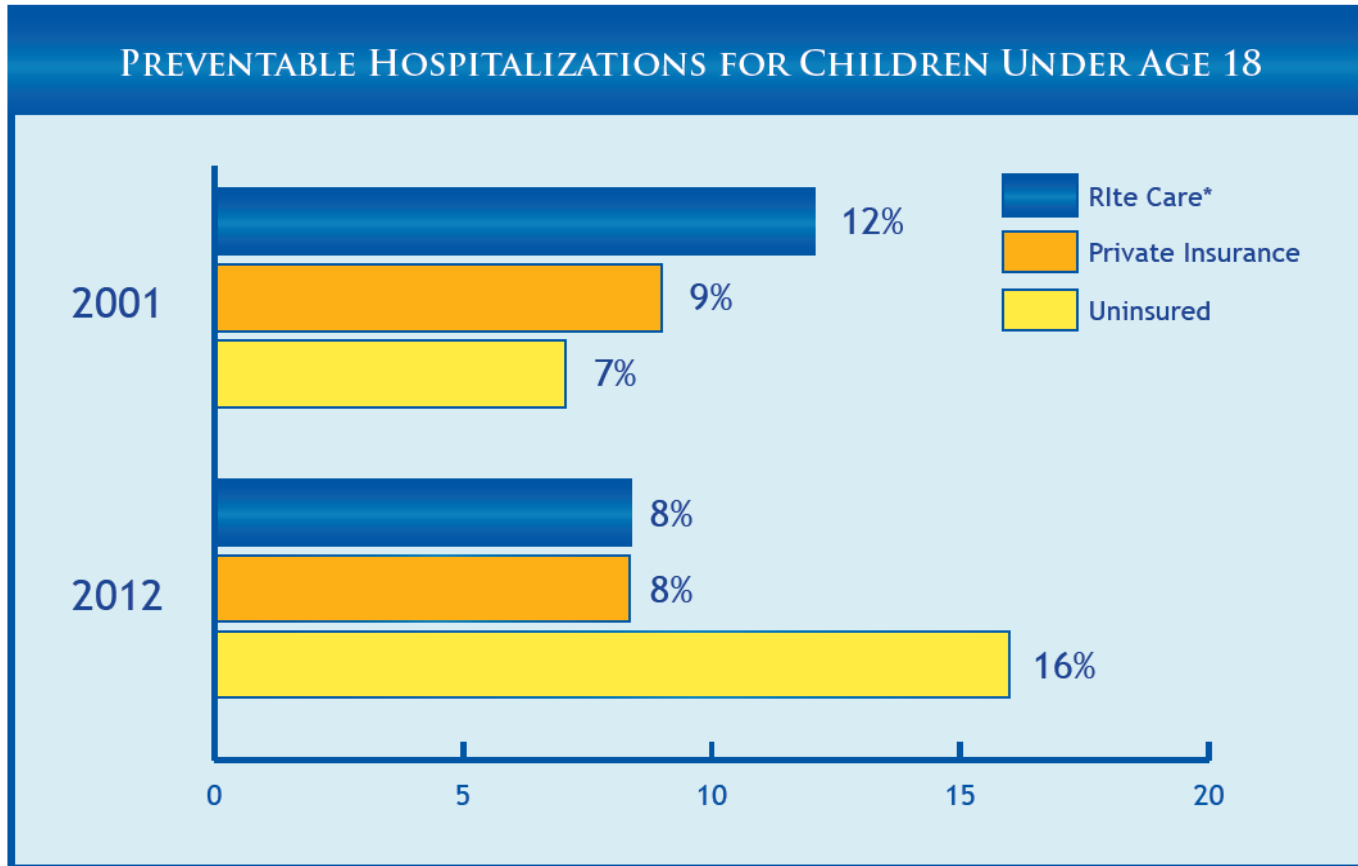
# Rite Care Works for Families



Children and adults with Medicaid/Rite Care coverage have the lowest percentage of emergency admissions.

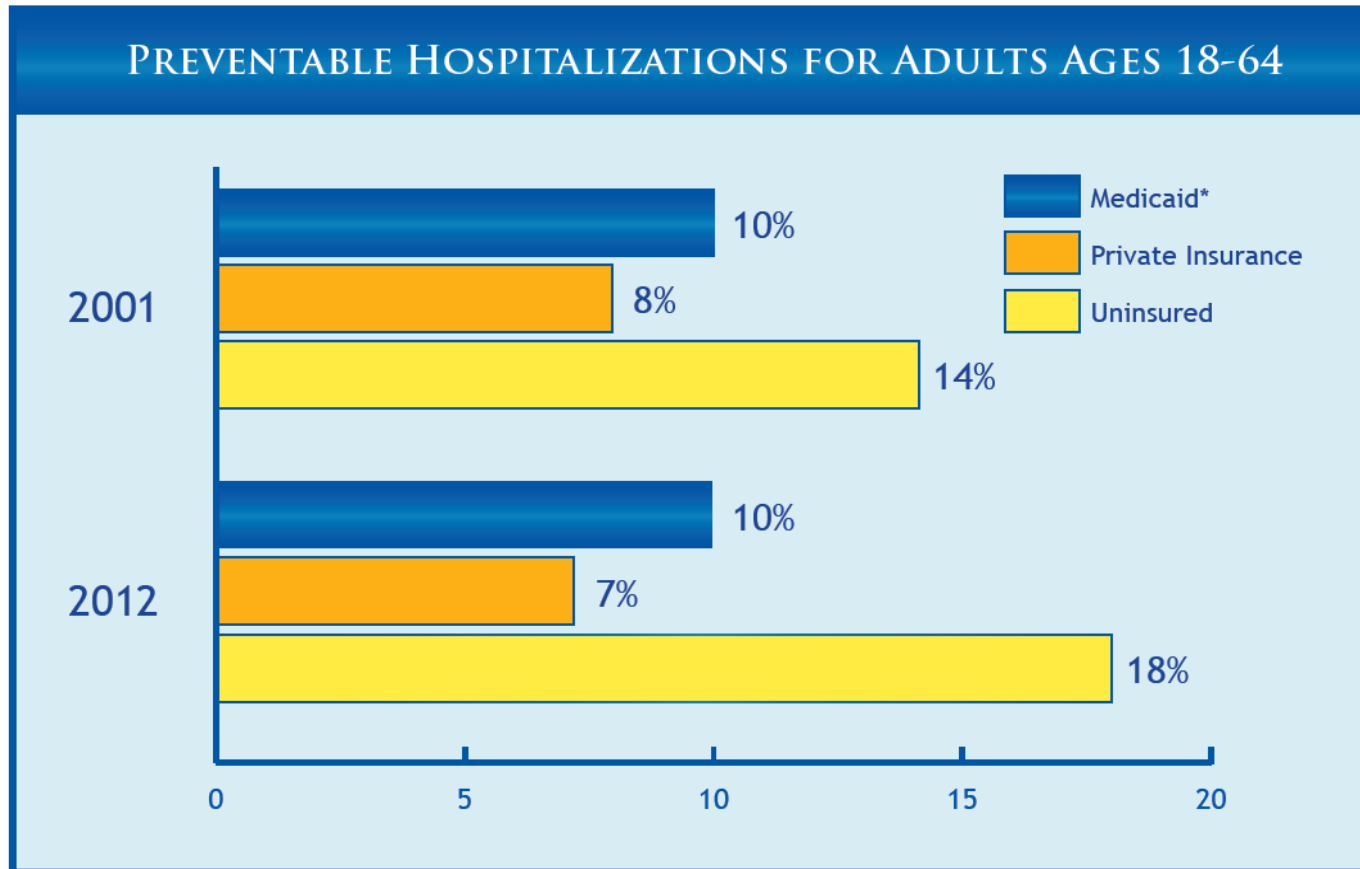


# RItE Care Works for Families



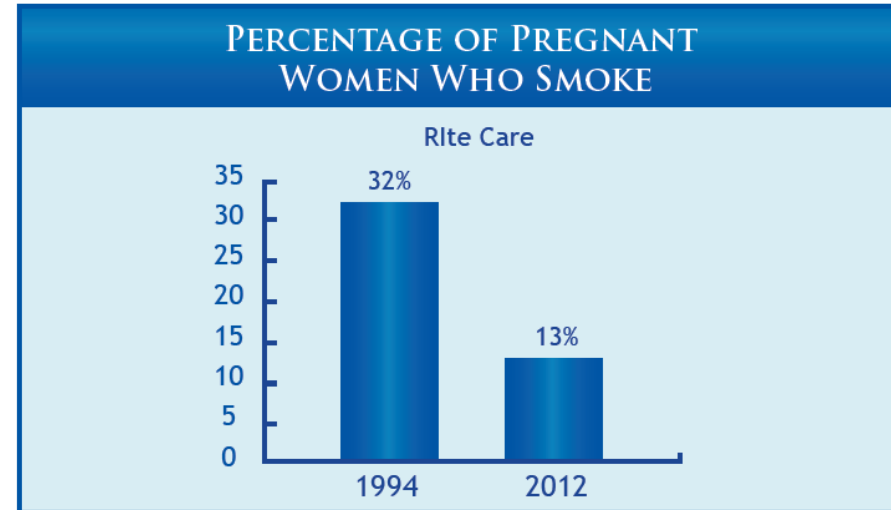
Children who have either RItE Care or private health insurance have fewer preventable hospitalizations than uninsured children.

# Rite Care Works for Families



While adults with private health coverage have the lowest preventable hospitalization rates, those with Rite Care/Medicaid are also much lower than adults without insurance.

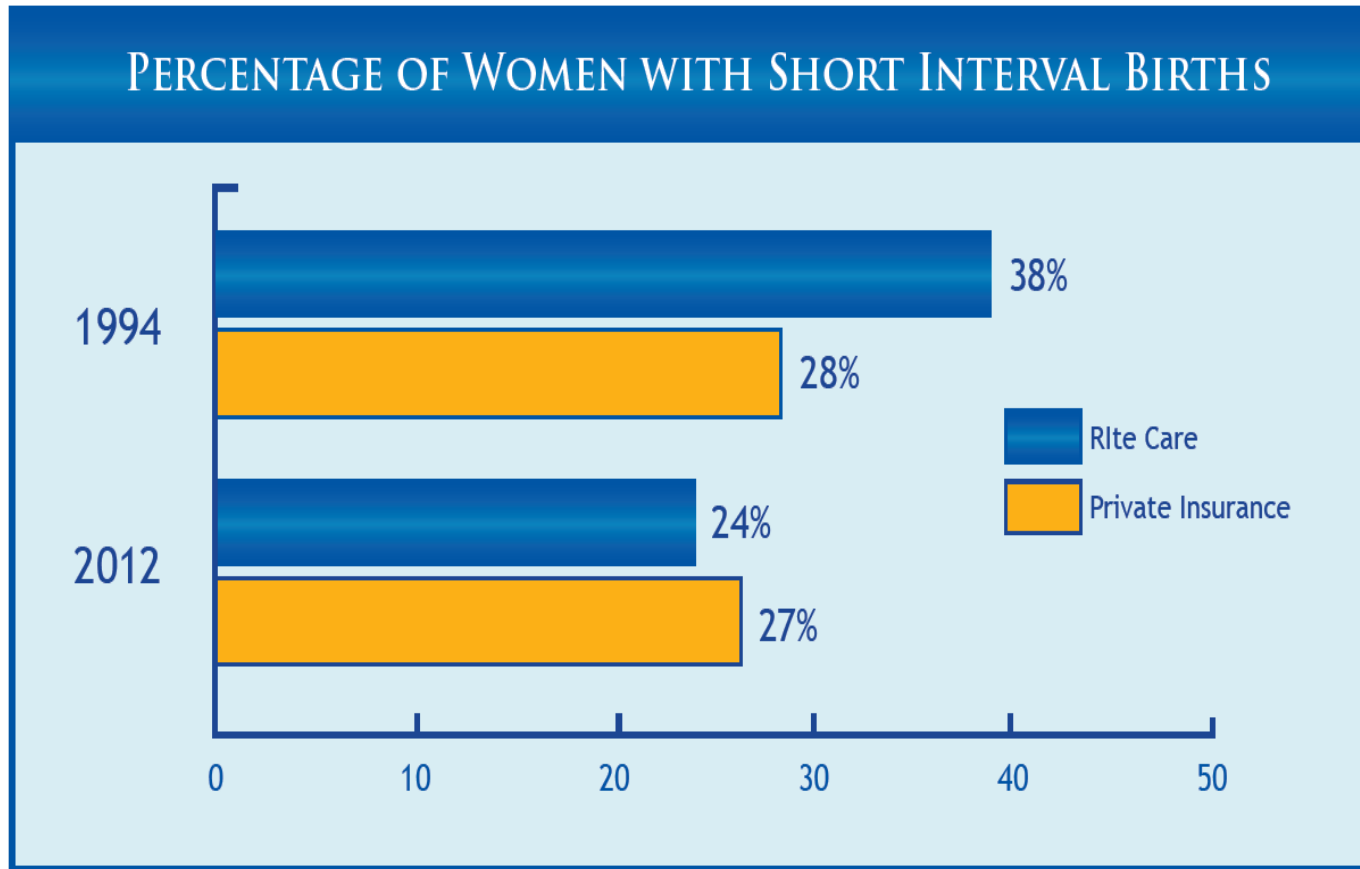
# Rite Care Works for Pregnant Women



Fewer women with Rite Care coverage smoke during pregnancy.



# RItE Care Works for Pregnant Women



In 2012, the percentage of women with short term births (less than 18 months in between) was lower for women with RItE Care than those with private insurance.

# Rite Care Works for Babies



- **Low birthweight rates** have remained fairly steady among babies with Rite Care coverage, while increasing among babies with private coverage.
- **Infant mortality** rates have fallen over the past two decades, but RI's most recent infant mortality rate for all births was above the national average for 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

# RItE Care Works for Children

- **99%** of infants and toddlers have a primary health care provider.
- **94%** of preschool and early elementary school children have a primary health care provider.
- **78%** of children have been screened for lead poisoning (nat'l Medicaid avg is 67%).
- Counseling for nutrition (**78%**) and physical activity (**72%**) for children and adolescents.





# RIté Care Works for Parents



- **94%** pregnant women received timely prenatal care.
- **91%** of parents with RIté Care coverage had an ambulatory or preventive care visit.
- Children have better access to care when their parents also have health coverage.

Source: Results of 2013 HEDIS and CAHPS Measures in RIté Care's Performance Goal Program as reported in *Monitoring Quality and Access in RIté Care & Rhody Health Partners*, RI EOHHS, October 2014.

# RIt e Smiles Works

## What is RIt e Smiles?

- Rhode Island's managed oral health program for children (born since May 1, 2000) with RIt e Care and other Medicaid coverage
- 76,000 children were covered through RIt e Smiles in 2014



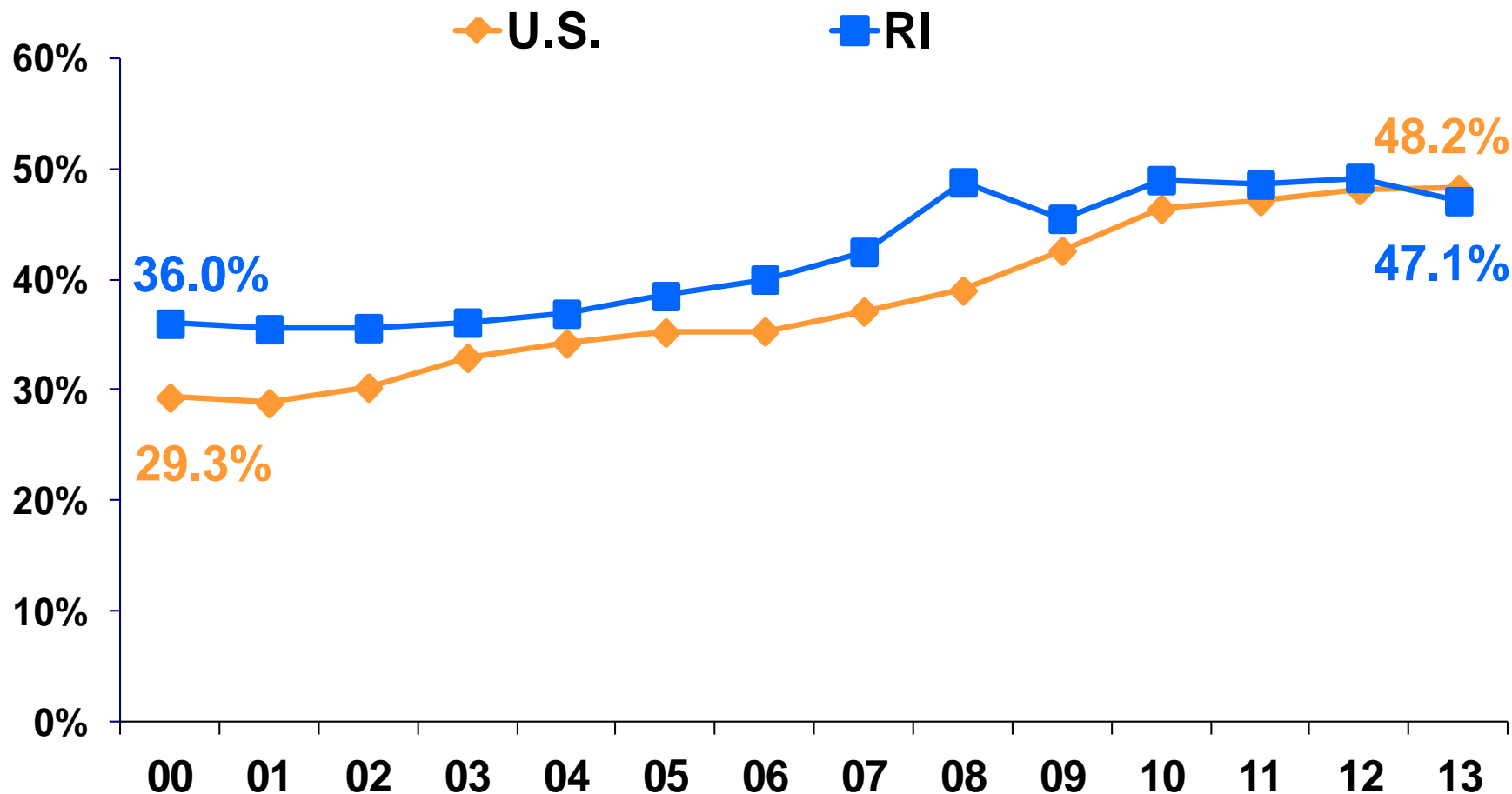
# Rite Smiles Works

## What does Rite Smiles do?

- Increases access to dental services
- Promotes the development of good oral health behaviors
- Decreases the need for restorative and emergency dental care
- Connects Rhode Island children with a dental home



# Access to Oral Health Care



Source: *Children's use of dental care in Medicaid: Federal Fiscal Years 2000-2012*, (2014).  
Washington, DC: The George Washington University



# Access to Oral Health Care

***www.TeethFirstRI.org***



## TeethFIRST!

Creating healthy smiles for a lifetime.

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The dentist welcomes Jack and his parents for his first dental visit.

### Welcome!

Creating healthy smiles for a lifetime.

A child's first teeth are important! A lifetime of healthy smiles starts with families caring for a child's first teeth with an early visit to the dentist, making first teeth a priority from the very beginning. Even very young children benefit from a simple checkup to help prevent problems and build good habits.

### Tooth Talk

Proper tooth brushing takes two minutes, twice a day. ... [READ MORE >](#)



# RItE Care Works!

- RItE Care has been a national model of comprehensive, cost-effective coverage for 20 years.
- History of well-documented positive health outcomes.
- Affordable investment in the health of Rhode Island's children and families.



# Our Collective Charge



- Extend CHIP at the federal level.
- Continue our commitment to comprehensive and affordable coverage.
- Cover all kids –  
Let's finish the job!



*Celebrating 20 Years*  
of RITE CARE