

# Woonsocket Data in Your Backyard

Findings from the *2018 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

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# ***2018 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook***

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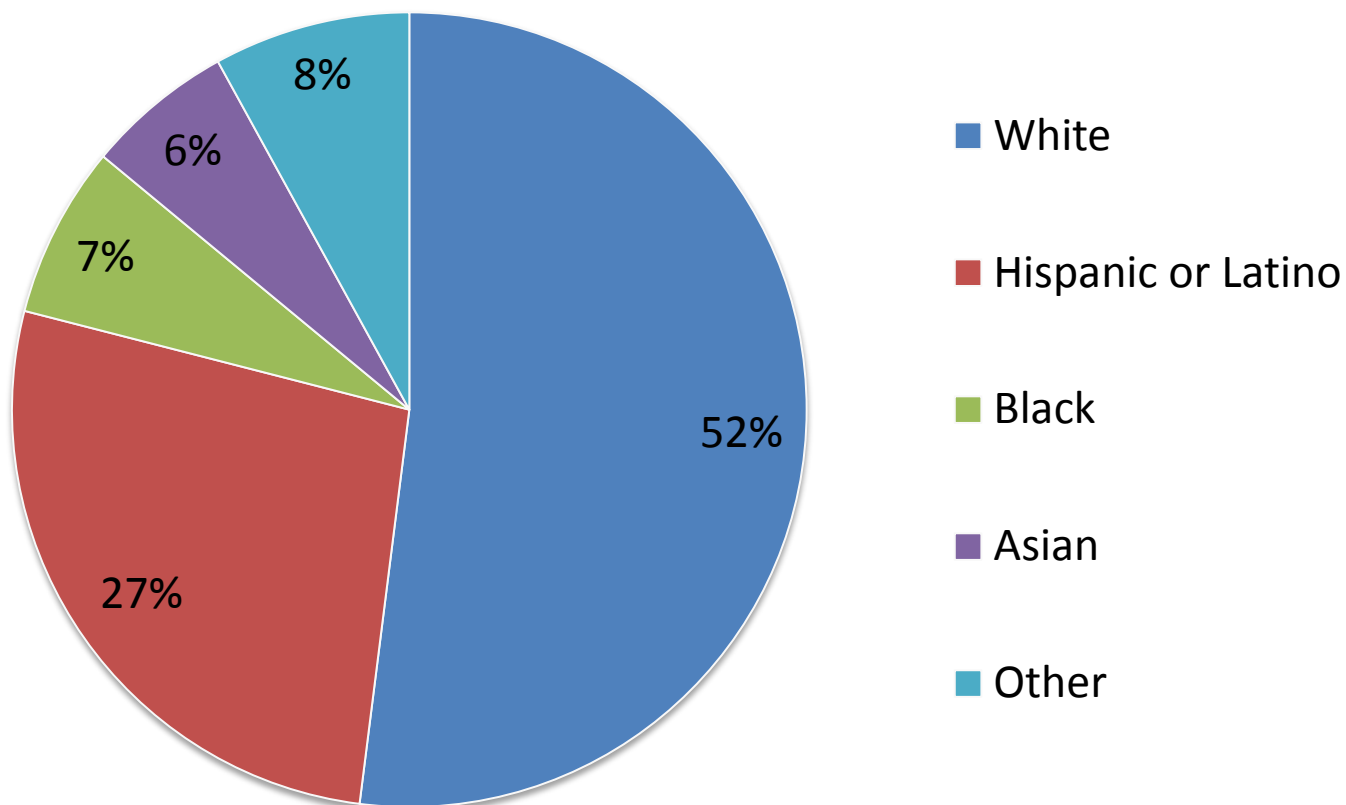
City and town-level information





## Family and Community

# Child Population, 2010



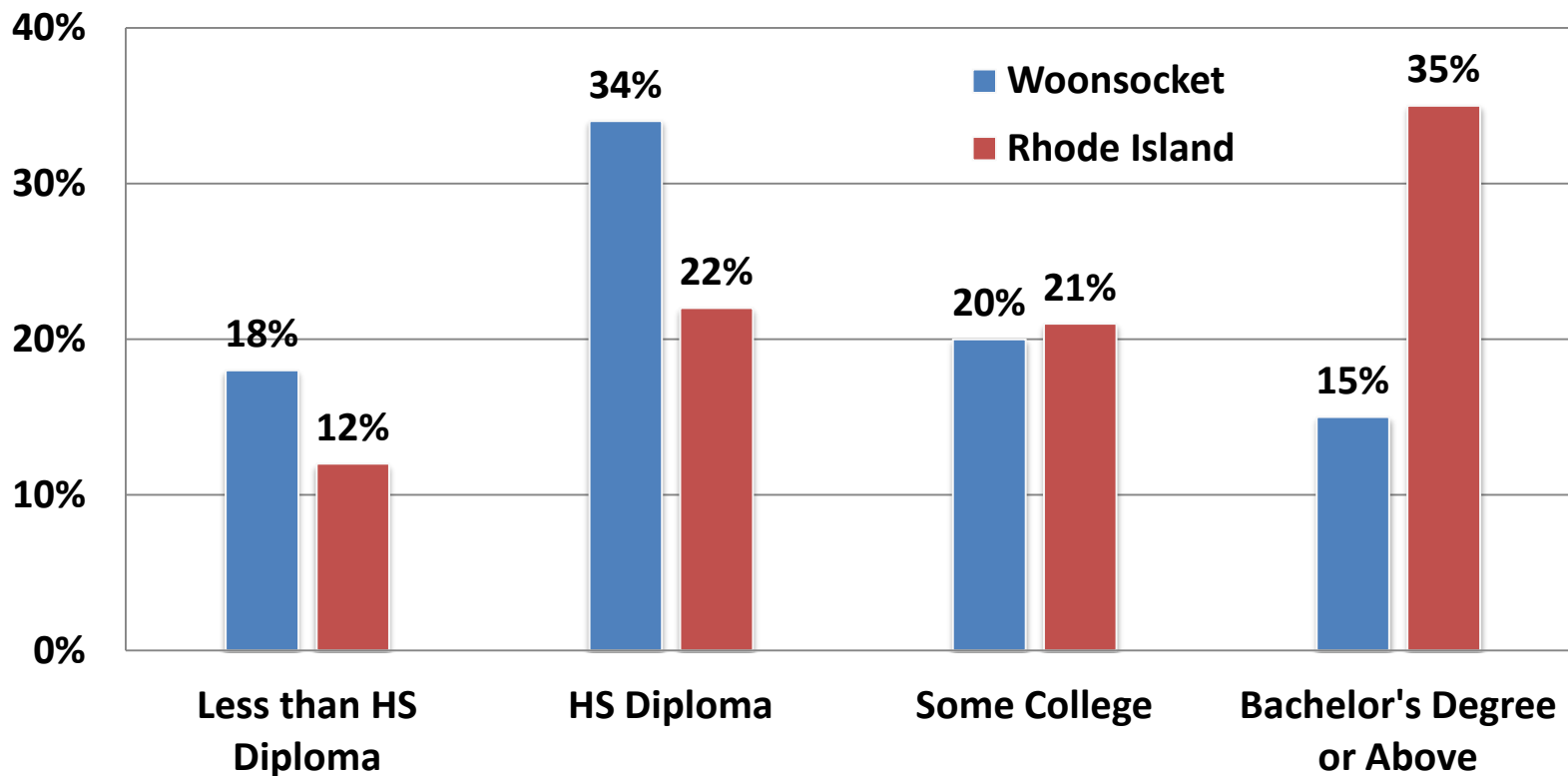
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010, Summary File 1.

# Woonsocket Child Population

	2000	2010	% Change
White	7,272	5,147	-29%
Hispanic /Latino	2,024	2,650	+31%
Black	606	676	+12%
Asian	591	592	+<1%
Two or More Races	582	749	+29%
Other	80	74	-8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,155</b>	<b>9,888</b>	<b>-11%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 and 2010, Summary File 1.

# Mother's Education Level, 2012-2016



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, Maternal Child Health Database, 2012-2016.



## Economic Well-Being

# Child Poverty Defined, 2017

## Poverty level

- \$19,749 for a family of 3
- \$24,858 for a family of 4

## Extreme poverty level

- \$9,875 for a family of 3
- \$12,429 for a family of 4

## ***2016 Rhode Island Standard of Need***

- Single-parent family with 2 children would need \$52,932 a year to meet its basic needs

# Concentrated Child Poverty

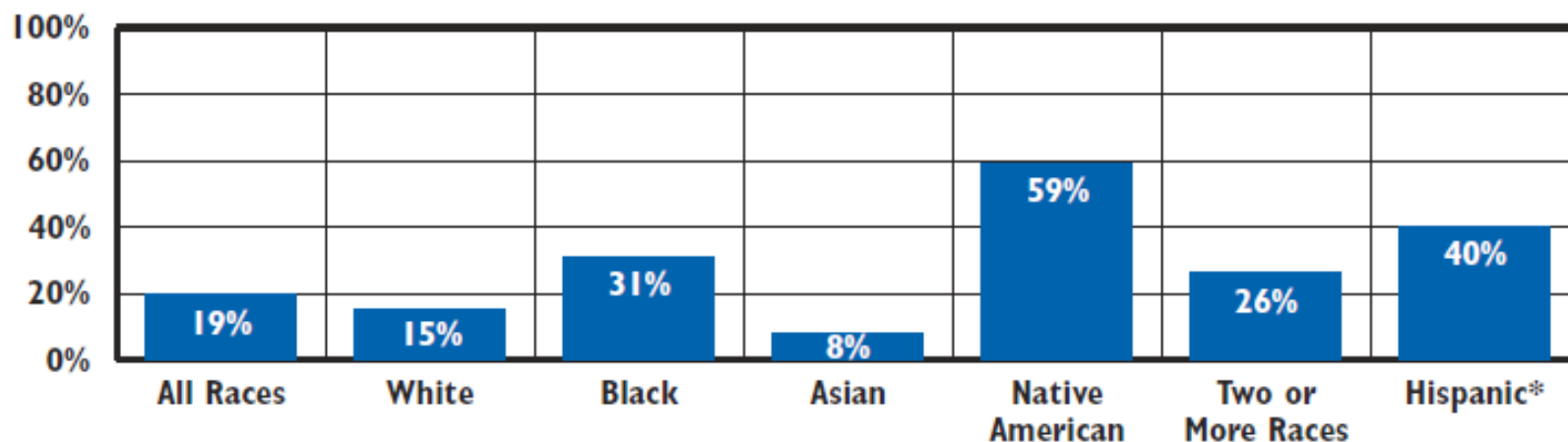
## Child Poverty Concentrated in Four Core Cities, Rhode Island, 2012-2016

CITY/TOWN	NUMBER IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN POVERTY	NUMBER IN EXTREME POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN EXTREME POVERTY
Central Falls	2,364	41.6%	1,049	18.5%
Pawtucket	4,859	30.7%	1,996	12.6%
Providence	15,068	37.5%	6,770	16.8%
Woonsocket	3,674	41.1%	1,802	20.2%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>40,699</i>	<i>19.4%</i>	<i>17,908</i>	<i>8.5%</i>

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of 2012-2016 American Community Survey data.

# Poverty by Race/Ethnicity

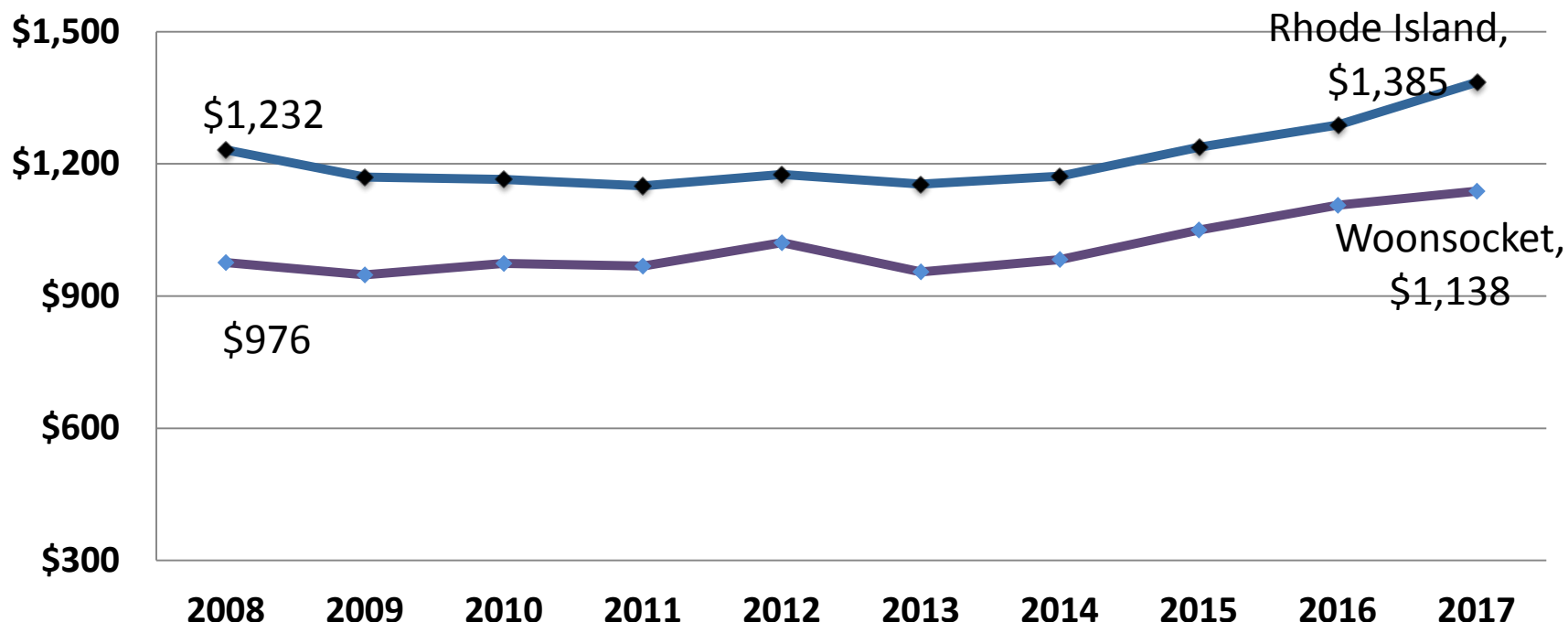
**Children in Poverty, by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island, 2012-2016**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016. Tables S1701, B17020A, B17020B, B17020C, B17020D, B17020G and B17020I. \*Hispanic children may be included in any race category.

# Cost of Housing

## Average Cost of Rent of a Two-Bedroom Apartment, 2008-2017



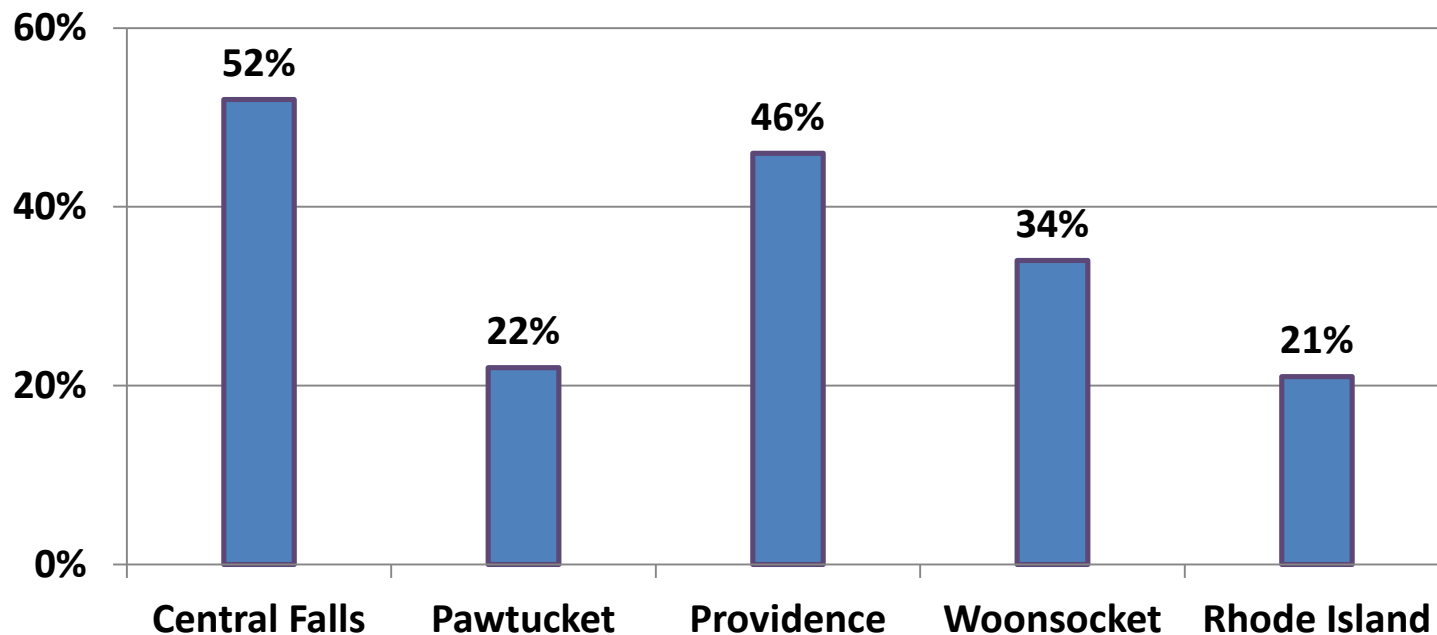
Source: Rhode Island Housing, Rhode Island Rent Surveys, 2008-2017. Rents include adjustments for the cost of heat, cooking fuel, electricity, and hot water.

# Homeless Children

- In 2017, 998 children stayed in a homeless shelter, domestic violence shelter, or transitional housing facility in RI.
- During the 2016-2017 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 1,245 children as homeless.
  - **Woonsocket Public Schools personnel identified 91 children as homeless.**

# School Breakfast Program

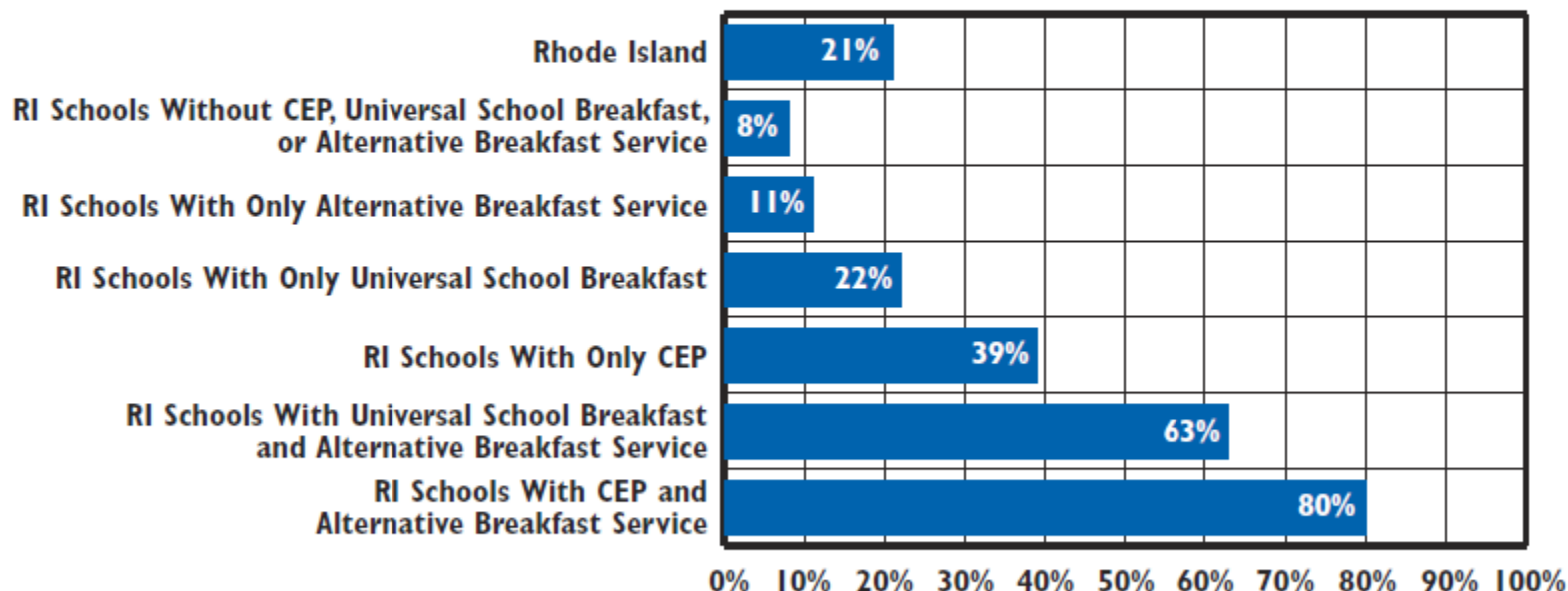
% of Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2017



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, Office of Statewide Efficiencies, October 2017.

# Children Participating in School Breakfast

## Children Participating in the School Breakfast Program, Rhode Island, October 2017



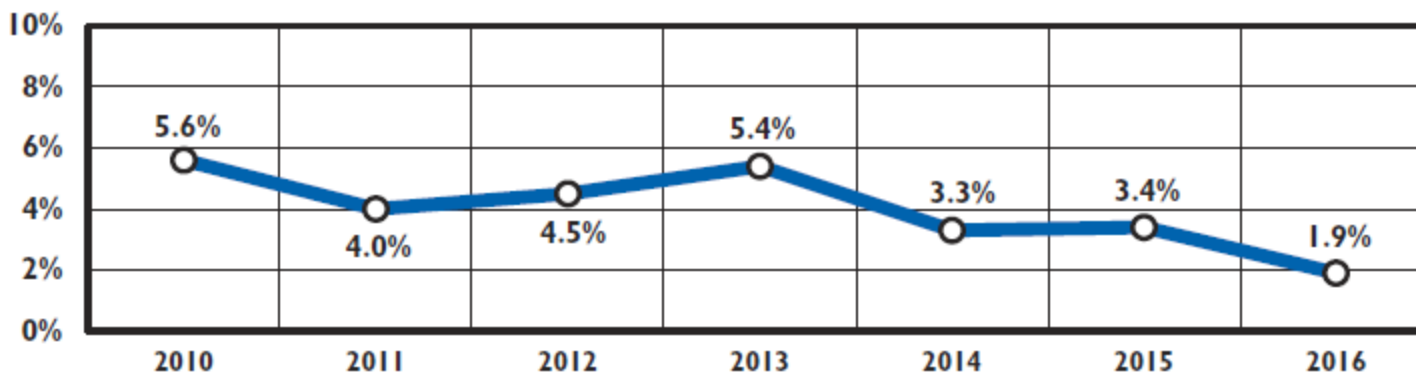
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# Health

# Children's Health Insurance

**Children Without Health Insurance, Rhode Island, 2010-2016**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014 & 2016. Table CP03. Data are for children under 18 years of age and are not comparable to Factbooks prior to 2015.

# 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

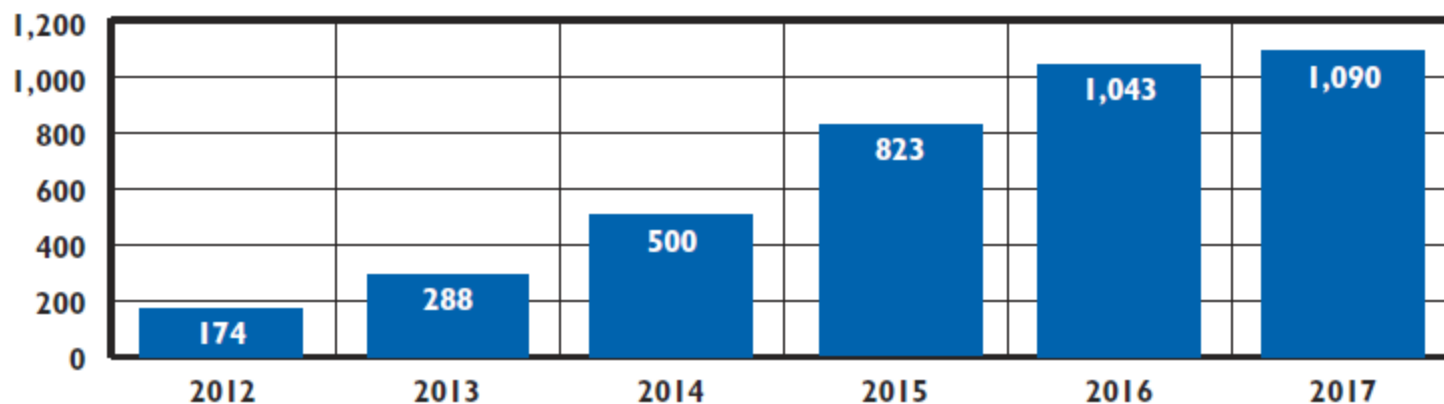
Less likely to complete high school

## In 2017...

- 45 Woonsocket babies were born to teen mothers.
- 317 Woonsocket babies were born to single mothers.
- 95 Woonsocket babies were born to mothers without a high school diploma

# Evidence-Based Home Visiting

**Families Enrolled in Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting Coordinated by the Rhode Island Department of Health, Rhode Island, 2012-2017**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, enrollment in MIECHV-funded evidence-based home visiting programs, October 2012-2017.

- 91 families in Woonsocket are enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers home visiting programs.

# Infant Health Outcomes, 2012-2016

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Pre-term Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Births
Central Falls	18.1%	8.9%	8.2%	*
Pawtucket	18.1%	10.0%	9.0%	9.2
Providence	18.8%	10.0%	8.8%	6.7
<b>Woonsocket</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>4.8^</b>
Four Core Cities	18.6%	9.8%	8.8%	6.9
Remainder of State	11.7%	8.3%	6.7%	4.3
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>5.6</b>

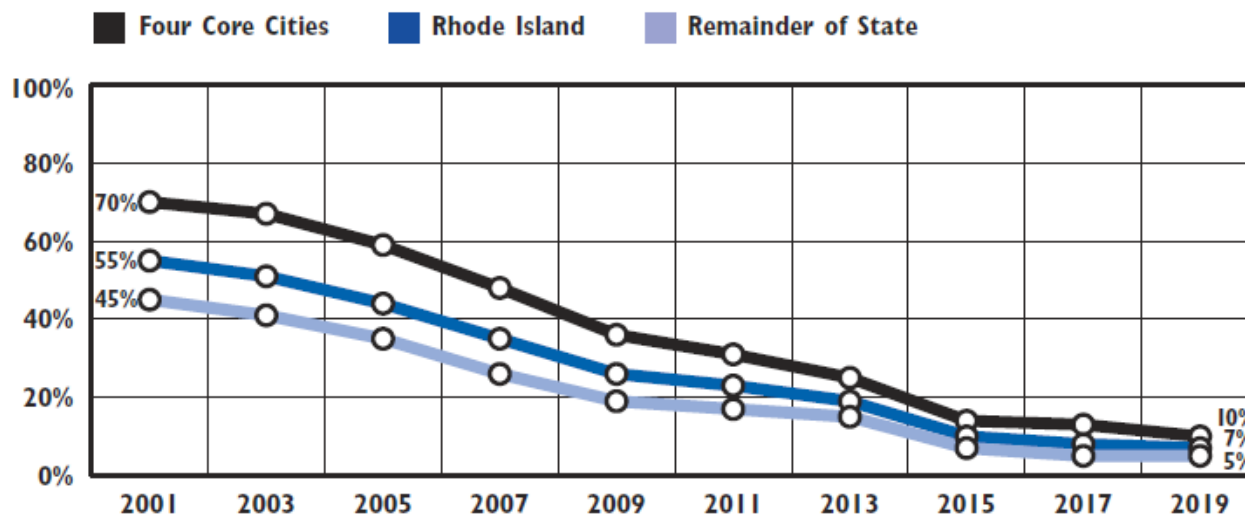
Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Data and Analysis, Maternal and Child Health Database, 2012-2016.

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# Children with Lead Poisoning

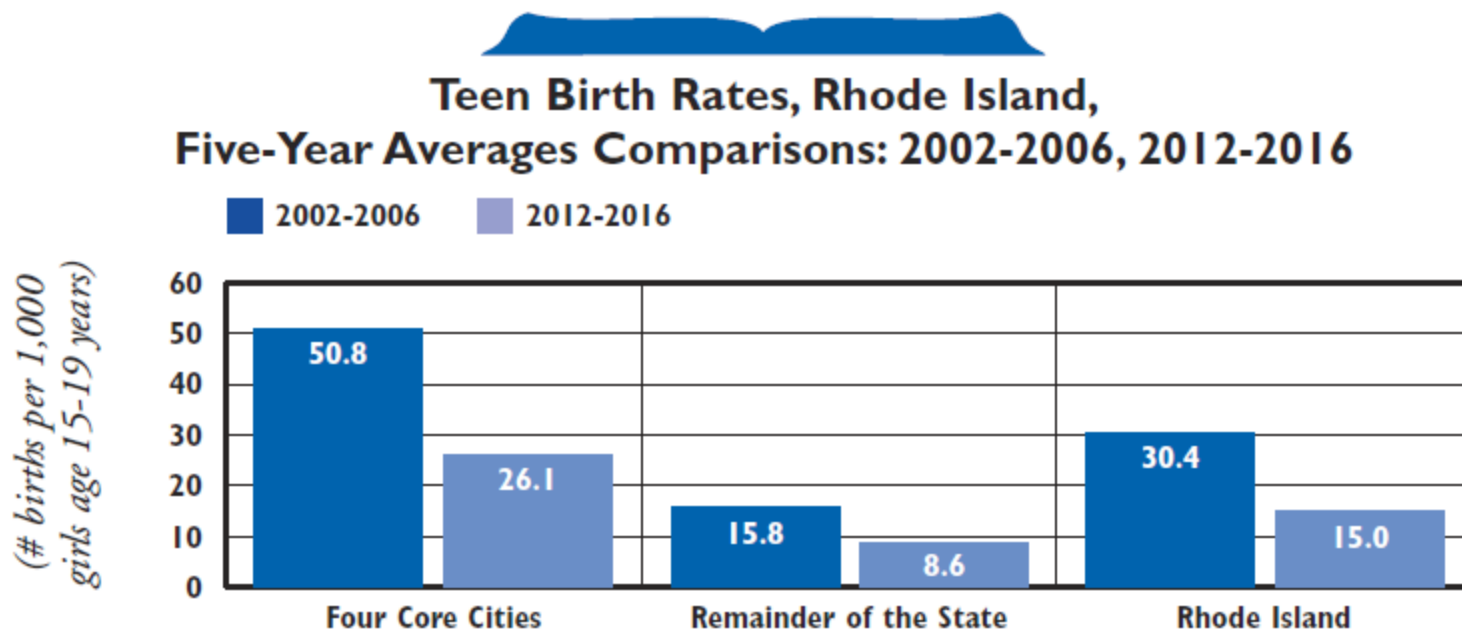
**Children Entering Kindergarten with History of Elevated\*  
Blood Lead Level Screening ( $\geq 5$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$ ), Rhode Island,  
Four Core Cities, and Remainder of State, 2001-2019**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 2001 and 2019. \*Elevated blood lead level of  $\geq 5$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$ .

- **603 Woonsocket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2019 were tested.**
  - 36 (6.0%) were confirmed positive for  $\geq 5$  mcg/dL.

# Births to Teens, 2012-2016



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2002-2016.

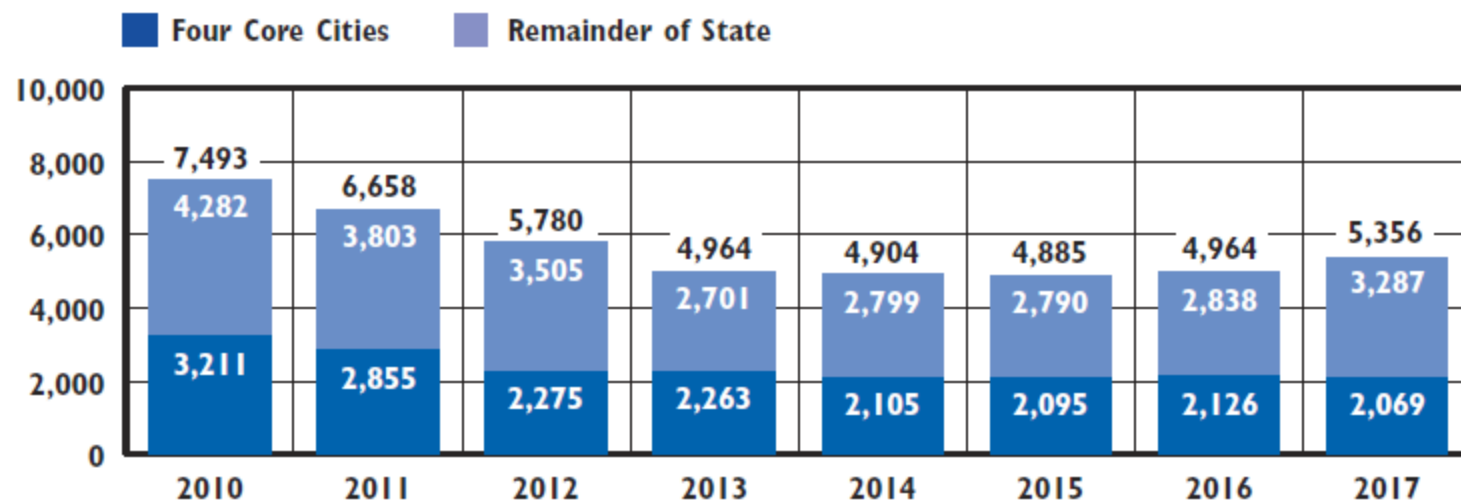
- 43.7 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 in Woonsocket, second highest rate in the state.
- 52 births were repeat teen births, making up 19% of the 276 total teen births during that period.



**Safety**

# Youths Referred to Family Court

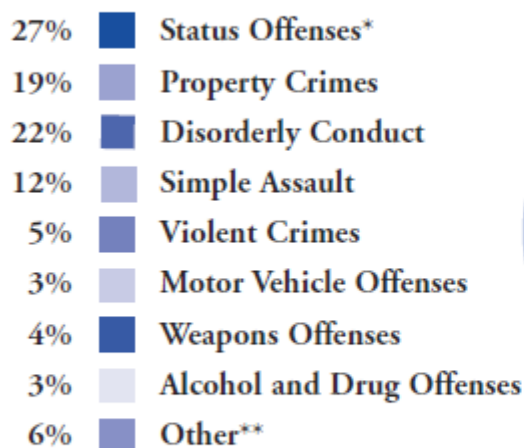
## Juvenile Wayward/Delinquent Offenses Referred to Rhode Island Family Court, 2010-2017



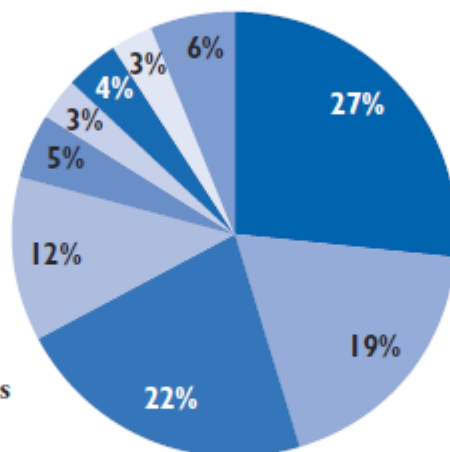
- 37% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2010 to 2017.

# Youth Referred to Family Court

BY TYPE OF OFFENSE



$n=5,356$



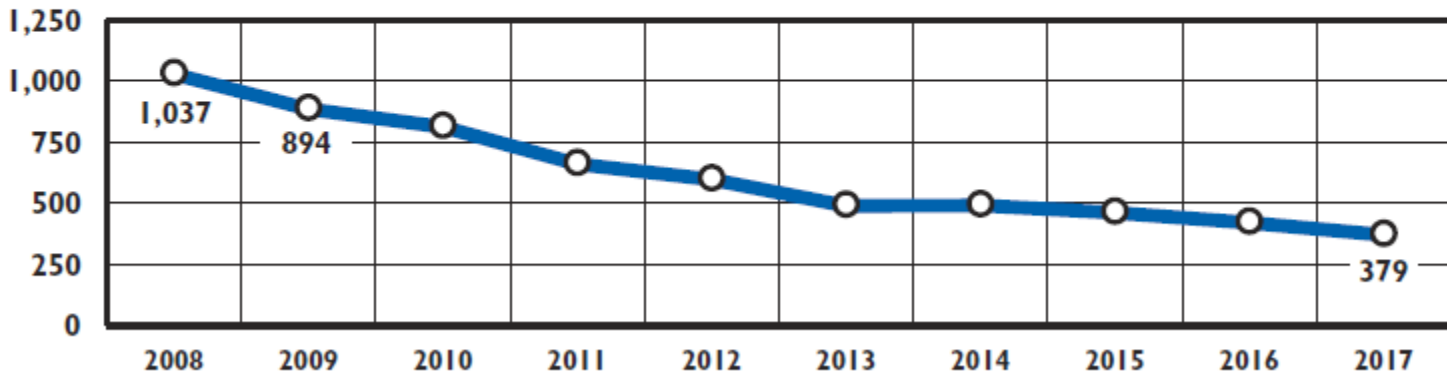
*\*Status offenses are age-related acts that would not be punishable if the offender were an adult, such as truancy and disobedient conduct.*

*\*\*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, 2010-2017 Juvenile Offense Reports.  
Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

# Youth at the Training School

Youth in the Care and Custody of the Rhode Island Training School,  
Calendar Years 2008-2017



- 379 youth were in the care or custody of the Training School at some point during 2017, down from 1,037 in 2008.
- 25 of these youth were from Woonsocket.

# Children of Incarcerated Parents

## Parents at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI), September 30, 2017

	INMATES SURVEYED*	# REPORTING CHILDREN	% REPORTING CHILDREN	# OF CHILDREN REPORTED
Awaiting Trial	624	381	61%	875
Serving a Sentence	2,265	1,344	59%	3,262
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>4,137</b>

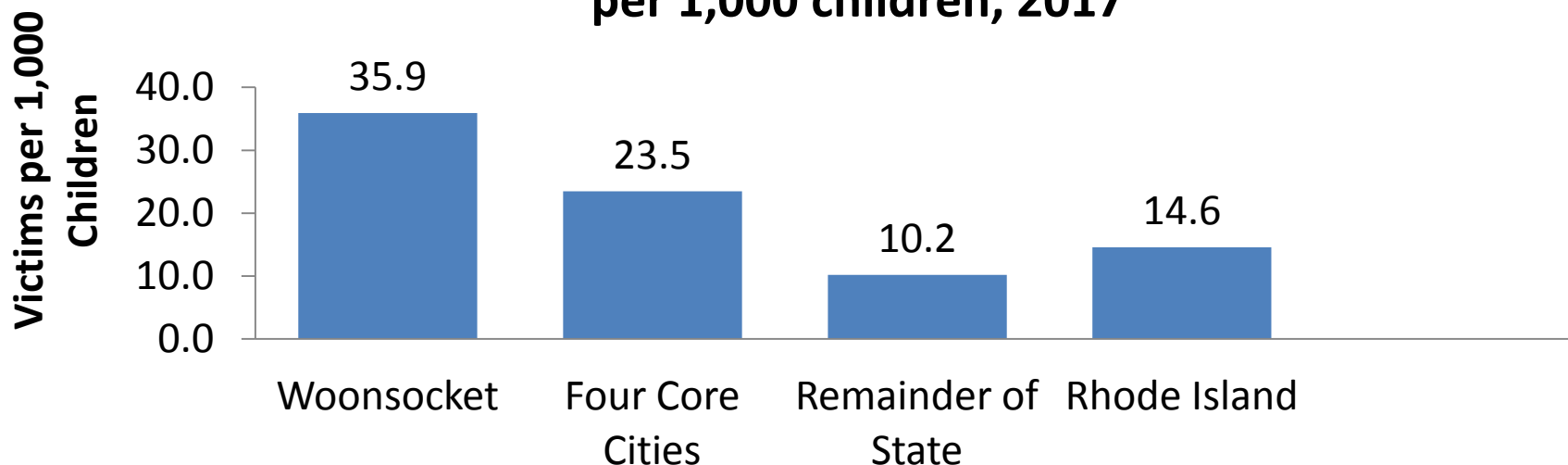
Source: Rhode Island Department of Corrections, September 30, 2017. *\*Does not include inmates who were missing responses to the question on number of children, inmates on home confinement, or those from another state's jurisdiction. Includes inmates who were already sentenced and inmates who were awaiting trial.*

### On September 30, 2017:

- 101 incarcerated parents with a known in-state residence identified Woonsocket as their last place of residence.
- These parents reported 253 children
- Only West Warwick has a higher rate of children with incarcerated parents.

# Child Abuse and Neglect

**Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect  
per 1,000 children, 2017**



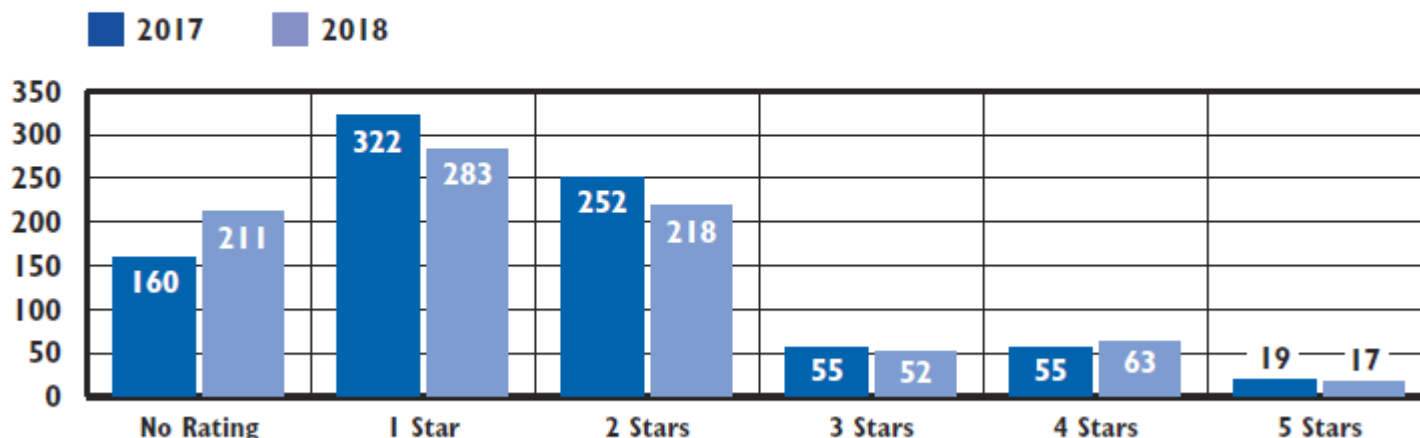
- Woonsocket's child abuse and neglect victim rate is the highest in the state.
- Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (82%).



# Education

# Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

## BrightStars Quality Ratings for Early Learning Centers, Family Child Care Programs, and Public Schools Rhode Island, 2017 and 2018



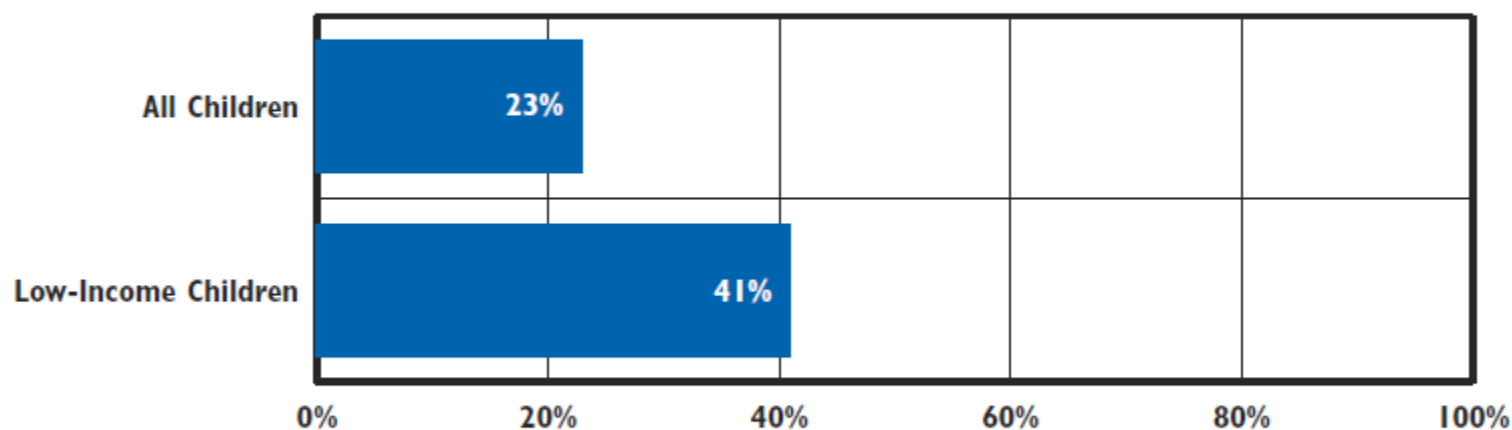
Source: and the RI Early Care and Education Data System (ECEDS), January 2017 and 2018.

### In Woonsocket:

- 100% of the 9 child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars.
  - 44% (4 of 9) have a high-quality rating of 4 or 5 stars
- 100% of 6 family child care homes participate in BrightStars.
  - So far, none have a high-quality rating of 4 or 5 stars

# Head Start and State Pre-K

**Percent of Children Enrolled in Head Start or State Pre-K  
the Year before Kindergarten, Rhode Island, 2017-2018**

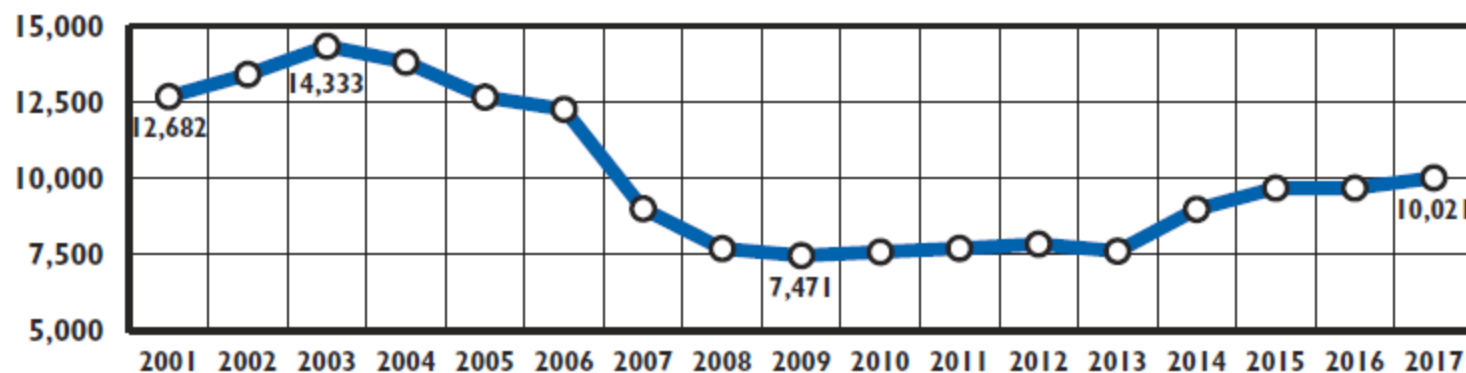


Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT calculations using October 2017 enrollment in Head Start and State Pre-K as numerator and October 2017 enrollment in public kindergarten as denominator with low-income population estimated using the % of children receiving free or reduced price lunch.

- 54% of all children and 67% of low-income children in Woonsocket were enrolled in either Head Start or State Pre-K during the year before kindergarten.

# Child Care Subsidies

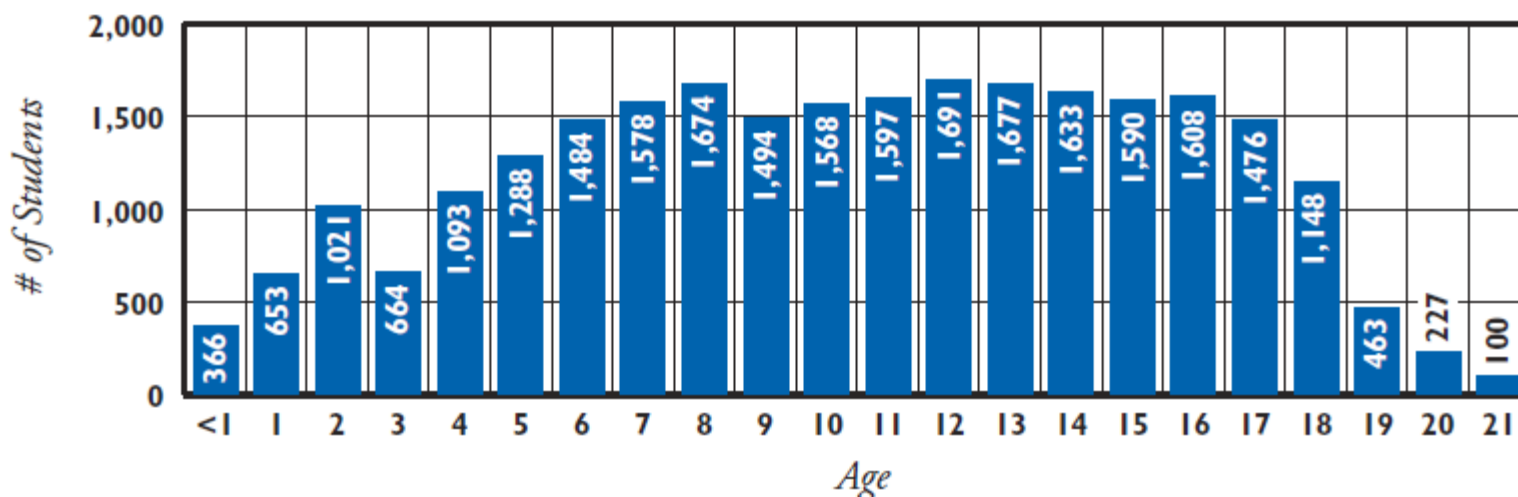
Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2017



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001–December 2015, September 2016, December 2017. Data for December 2016 was not available.

# Special Education

**Students Ages Birth to 21 Receiving Early Intervention and Special Education Services, Rhode Island, June 2017**

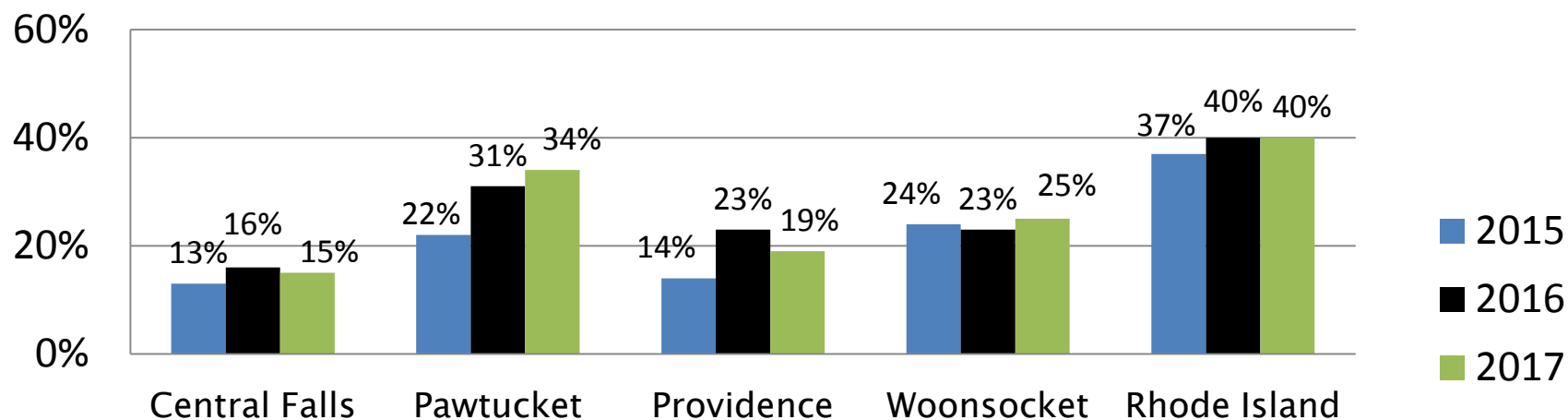


Source: Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Center for Child and Family Health, Early Intervention enrollment, June 30, 2017. Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of Diverse Learners, Special Education Census, June 30, 2017. Includes parentally-placed students.

- In Woonsocket, 25% of children in grades K-12 are receiving special education services, the highest rate in the state.

# Third-Grade Reading Skills

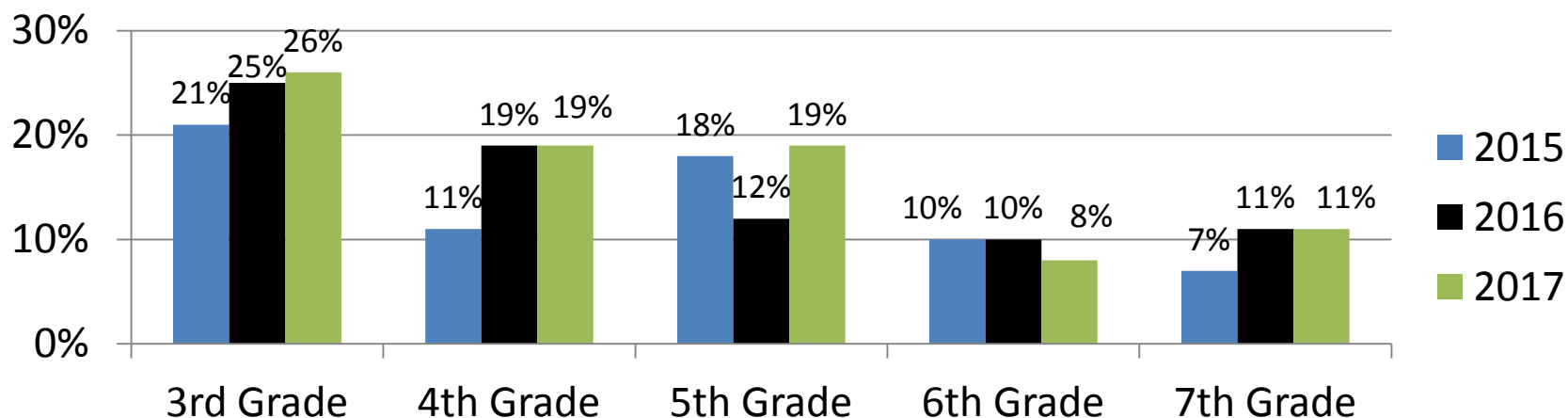
## Third-Graders Meeting Expectations in English Language Arts, 2015-2017



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)*, 2015-2017.

# Math Skills

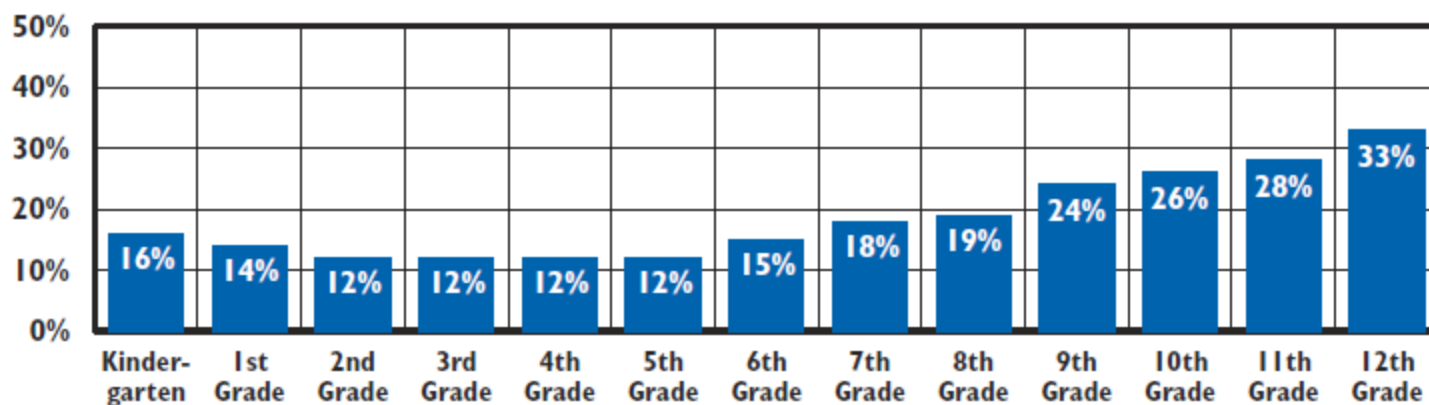
## Math Proficiency, Woonsocket, 2015-2017



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)*, 2015-2017.

# Chronic Early Absence

**Chronic Absence Rates in Rhode Island by Grade,  
2016-2017 School Year**

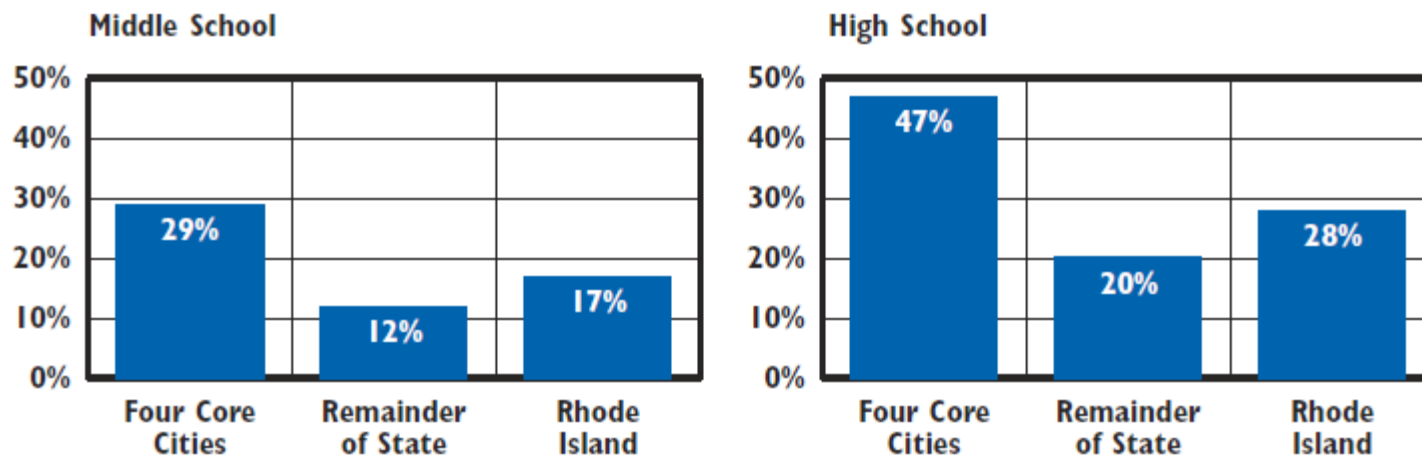


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2016-2017 school year.

- In Woonsocket, 28% of K-3 students missed 18+ days of school during the 2016-2017 school year, the highest percentage in the state.

# Chronic Absence, Middle School and High School

## Chronic Absence Rate by District Type, Middle and High School, 2016-2017 School Year



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2016-2017 school year.

- Woonsocket's chronic absence rates in middle school (39%) and high school (48%) during the 2016-2017 school year, were among the highest in the state.

# School Suspensions

## Out-of-School Suspensions by Infraction, Rhode Island, 2016-2017

TYPE OF INFRACTION*	#	%	TYPE OF INFRACTION	#	%
Insubordination/Disrespect	2,253	22%	Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses	532	5%
Fighting	2,075	21%	Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism	316	3%
Disorderly Conduct	1,586	16%	Weapon Possession	241	2%
Harassment/Intimidation/Threat	1,107	11%	Electronic Devices/Technology	127	1%
Assault of Student or Teacher	1,023	10%	Attendance Offenses	0	0%
Obscene/Abusive Language	703	7%	Other Offenses	94	1%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>10,057</i>	

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2016-2017 school year. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

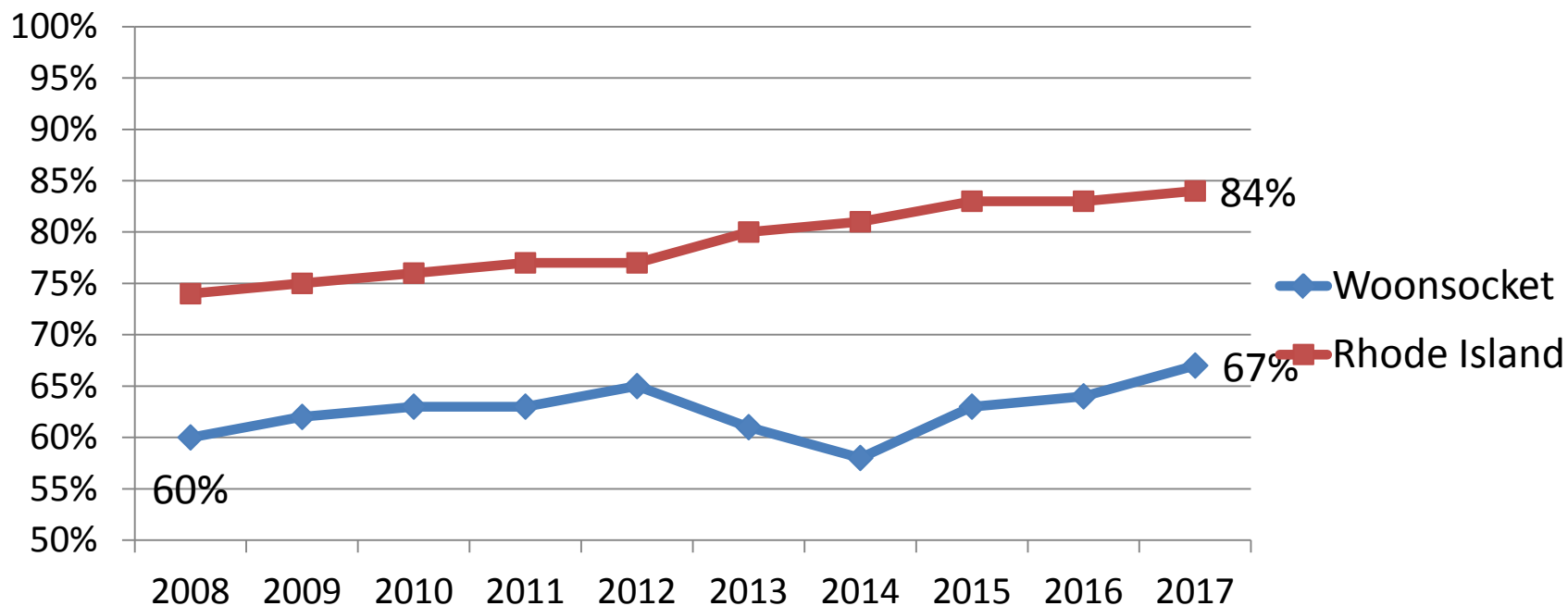
\*Harassment offenses include hazing and hate crimes. Assault offenses include sexual assault.

## Disparities in School Discipline by Special Education Status and Race/Ethnicity, Rhode Island, 2016-2017

	% OF STUDENTS ENROLLED	% OF SUSPENSIONS
Students With Disabilities	15%	31%
White Students	59%	47%
Hispanic Students	25%	31%
Black Students	8%	13%
Asian Students	3%	2%
Native American Students	1%	2%

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2016-2017 school year. % suspensions includes in-school and out-of-school suspensions. Detailed data by district is available at [www.ride.ri.gov](http://www.ride.ri.gov)

# High School Graduation Rate, 2008-2015



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Class of 2008-2017.

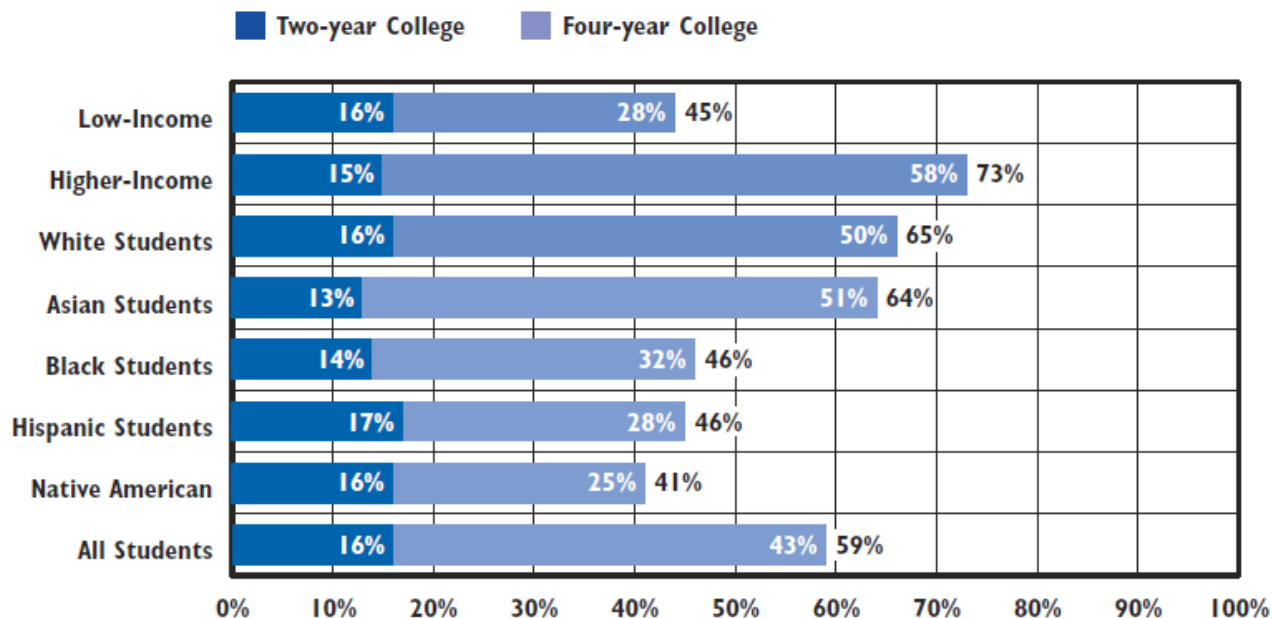
- Woonsocket has the highest dropout rate and lowest 4-year graduation rate in the state.

# High School Graduation Rate, 2017

<b>All Woonsocket Students</b>	<b>67%</b>
Female Students	78%
Male Students	57%
Students With Disabilities	47%
Students Without Disabilities	73%
English Learners	58%
Low-Income Students	61%
Higher-Income Students	84%
White Students	67%
Black Students	81%
Hispanic Students	63%
Asian Students	71%

# College Access and Enrollment

**Immediate College Enrollment by Family Income, Race, Ethnicity, and Type of College, Class of 2016, Rhode Island**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Class of 2016. Percentages may not sum exactly due to rounding.

- 45% of Woonsocket students who graduated from high school in the Class of 2016 immediately enrolled in college.



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