

Findings from the *2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

Pawtucket Data in Your Backyard

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71 indicators across 5 areas

City and town-level information

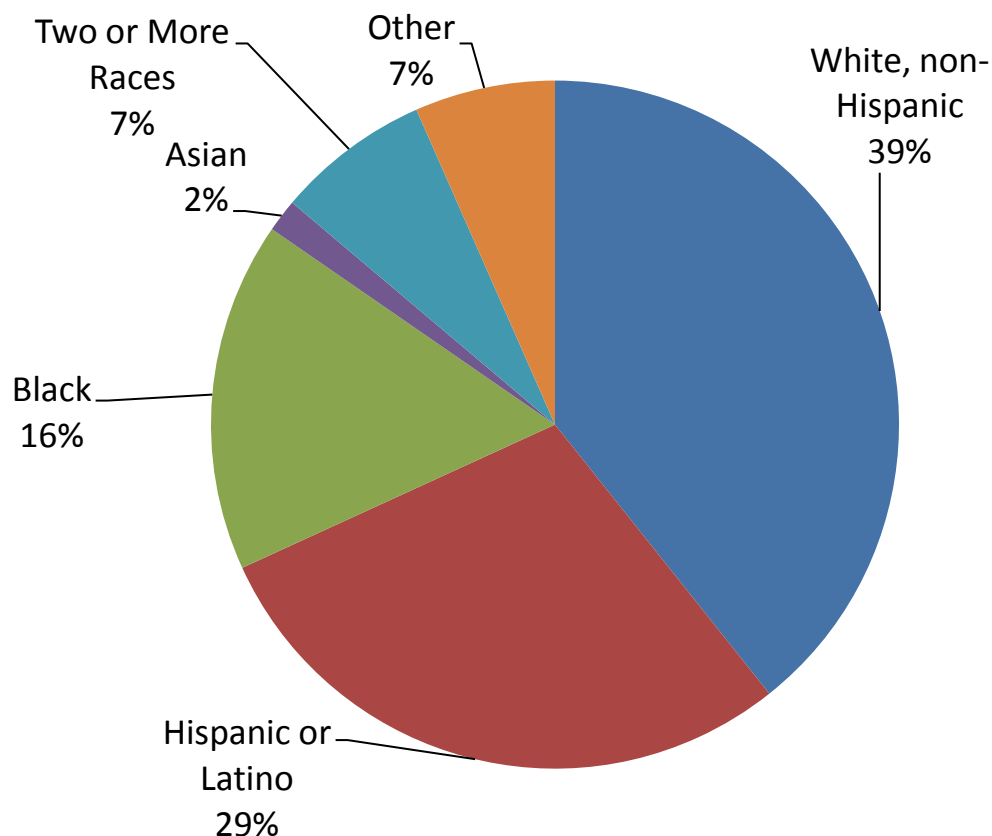


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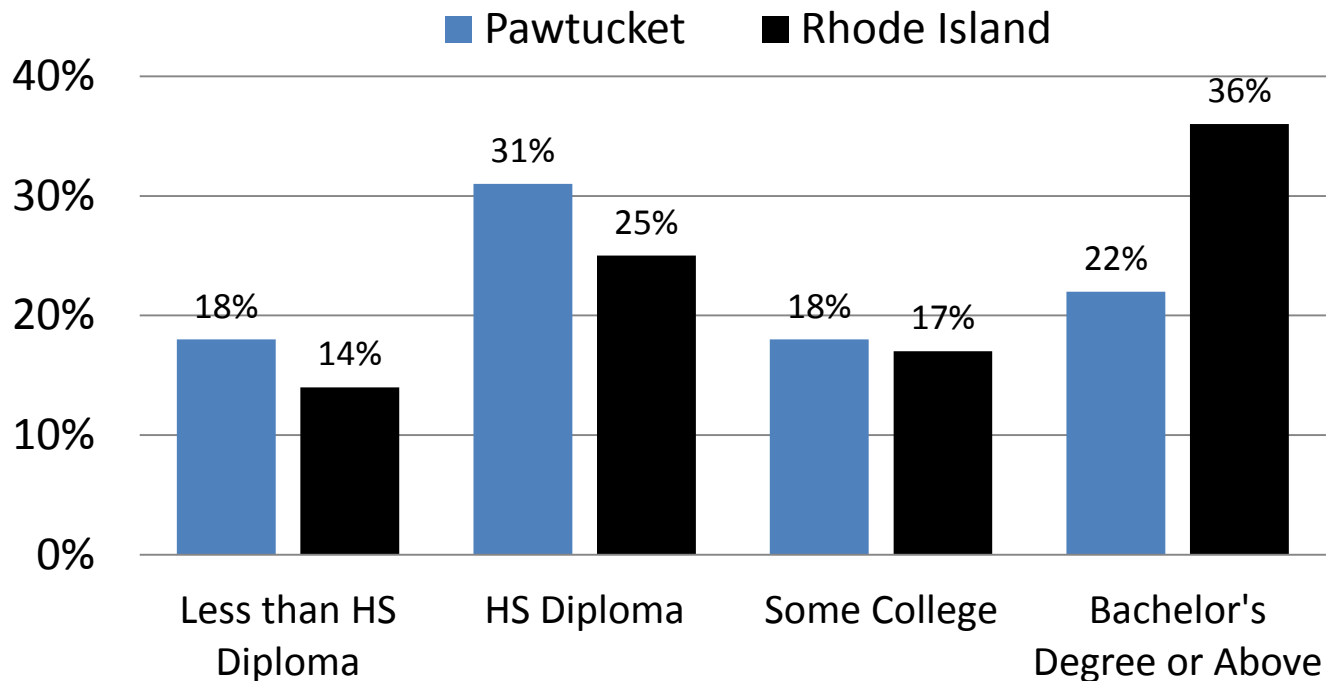
Family and Community

Child Population, 2010



- Child population down 9% from 2000
- Increasing racial/ethnic diversity

Mother's Education Level, 2009-2013



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



Economic Well-Being

Child Poverty Defined

- **Poverty level**

- \$19,073 for a family of 3
- \$24,008 for a family of 4

- **Extreme poverty level**

- \$9,537 for a family of 3
- \$12,004 for a family of 4

- ***2014 Rhode Island Standard of Need***

- Single-parent family with 2 children would need \$51,492 a year to meet its basic needs

Concentrated Child Poverty

Child Poverty Concentrated in Four Core Cities, Rhode Island, 2009-2013

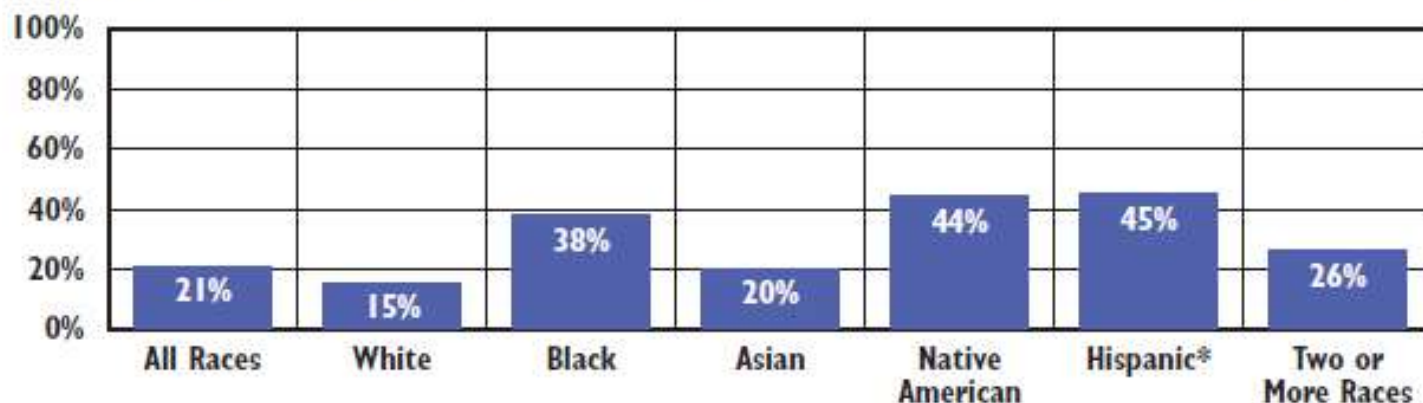
CITY/TOWN	NUMBER IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN POVERTY	NUMBER IN EXTREME POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN EXTREME POVERTY
Central Falls	2,334	41.1%	1,064	18.8%
Pawtucket	4,550	28.9%	2,228	14.2%
Providence	16,049	39.7%	7,841	19.4%
Woonsocket	4,222	42.8%	1,922	19.5%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>42,247</i>	<i>19.5%</i>	<i>19,361</i>	<i>8.9%</i>

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of 2009-2013 American Community Survey data.

- Between 2009 and 2013, almost two-thirds (64%) of Rhode Island's children living in poverty lived in the four core cities.

Poverty by Race/Ethnicity

Children in Poverty, by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island, 2011-2013

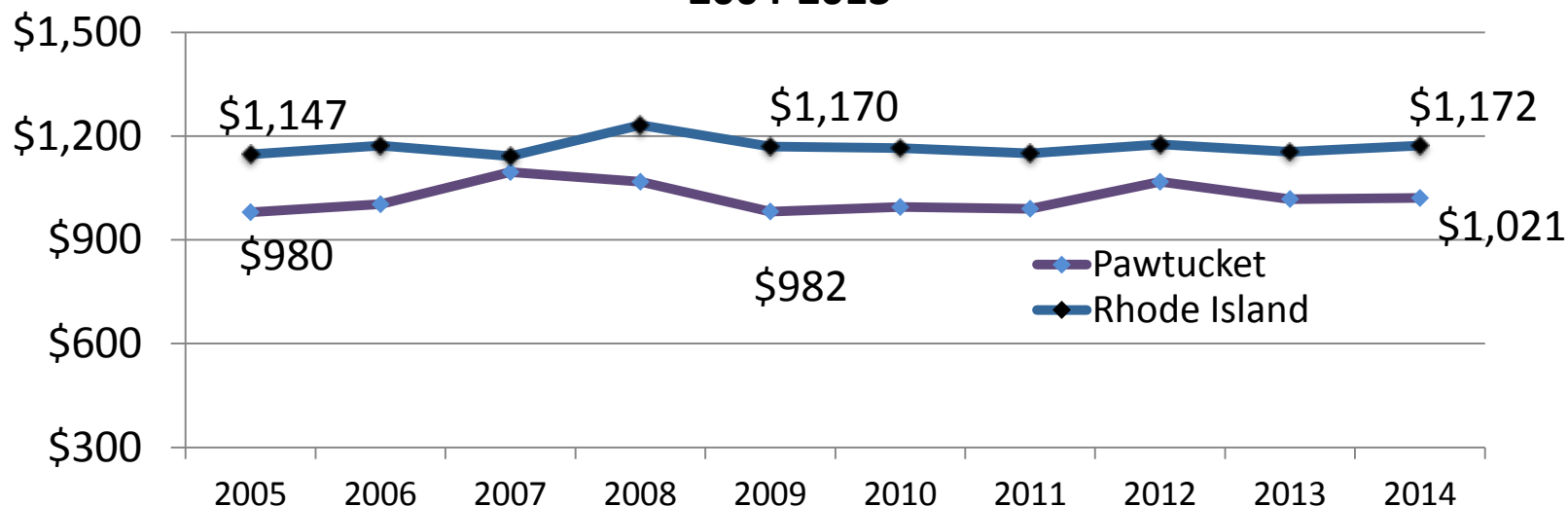


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-2013. Tables S1701, B17020A, B17020B, B17020C, B17020D, B17020G, and B17020I. *Hispanic children may be included in any race category.

- Hispanic, Native American, and Black children are more likely to live in poverty than White and Asian children.

Cost of Housing

Average Cost of a Two-Bedroom Apartment
2004-2013



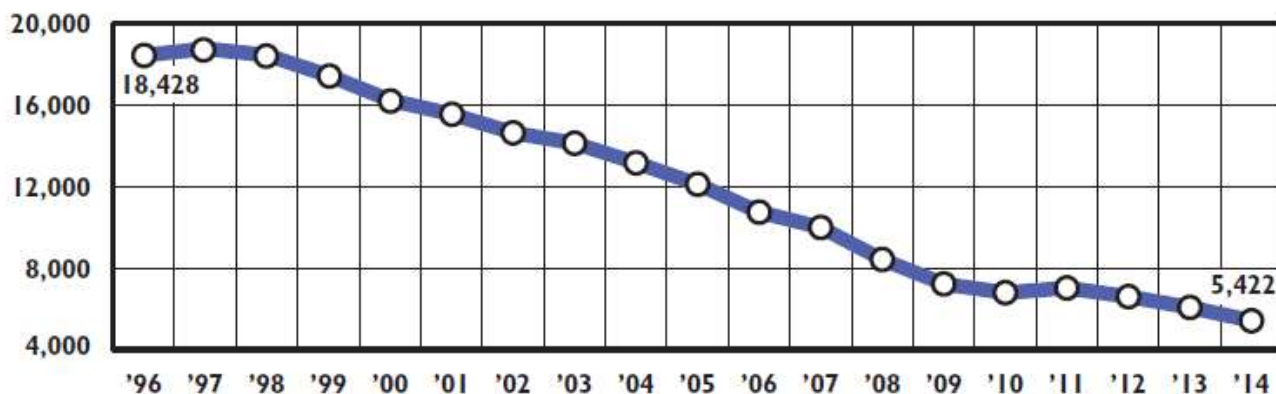
- To afford the average rent in Rhode Island without a cost burden...
 - A worker would need to earn nearly 3 times the state's 2014 minimum wage of \$8.00 per hour.
- A family of three living at the poverty level in Pawtucket...
 - would have to devote 62% of its household income to the cost of rent.

Paid Family Leave

- Rhode Island's Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI) Program, launched in 2014 and provides up to 4 weeks of paid family leave.
- TCI supplements Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI). Women who give birth are eligible for both
- 3,870 approved TCI claims in 2014
 - 2,847 to bond with a new child
 - 1,023 to care for a family member

Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

Cash Assistance Caseload, Rhode Island, 1996-2014*

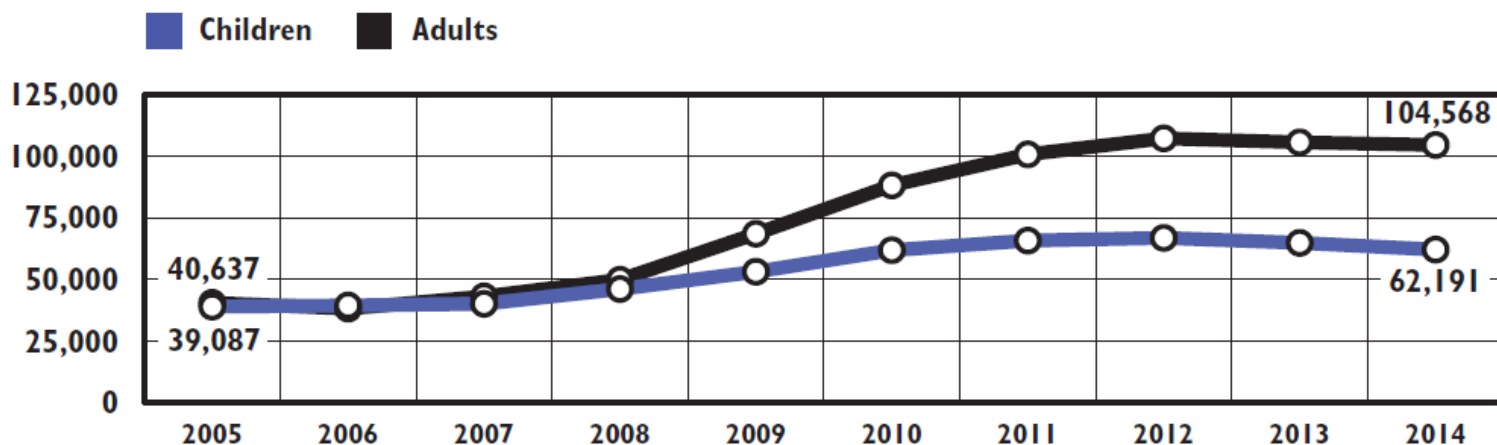


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1996-2014. Cases can be child-only or whole families and multiple people can be included in one case. *The Rhode Island Department of Human Services changed the method for calculating the caseload data starting in the 2012 Factbook. This change is reflected in 2010-2014 caseload data. Comparisons to earlier years should be made with caution.

- 71% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- **6% (949) of children in Pawtucket receive cash assistance.**
- 70% 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, 2005-2014



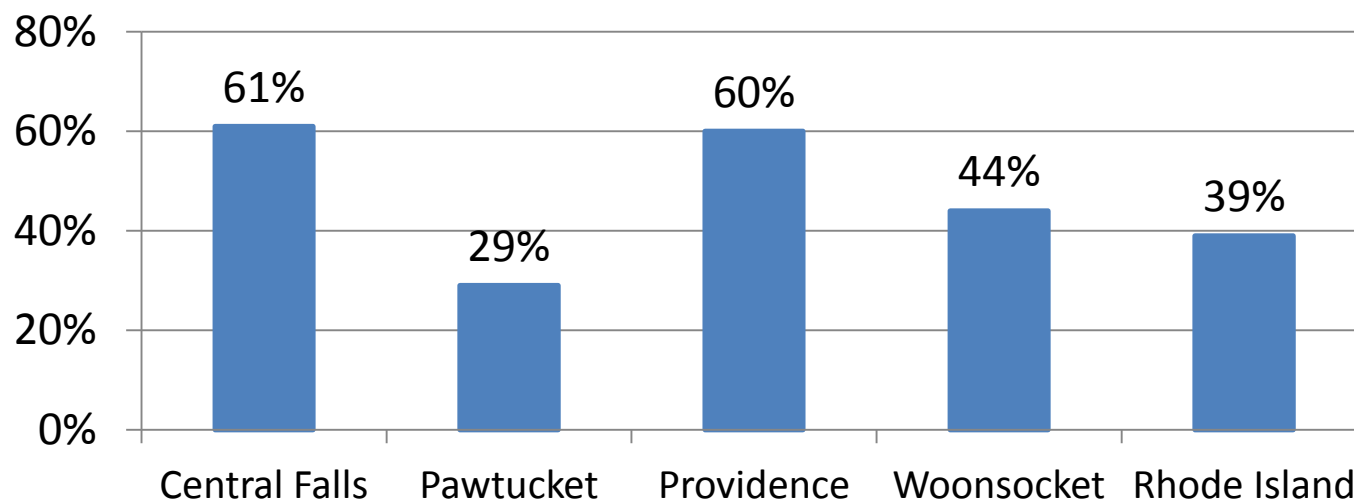
Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, 2005-2014. Data represent children under age 18 and adults who participated in SNAP during the month of October.

In October 2014

- 7,250 Pawtucket children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 25% increase from 2009, but a 2% decrease since 2013.

The School Breakfast Program

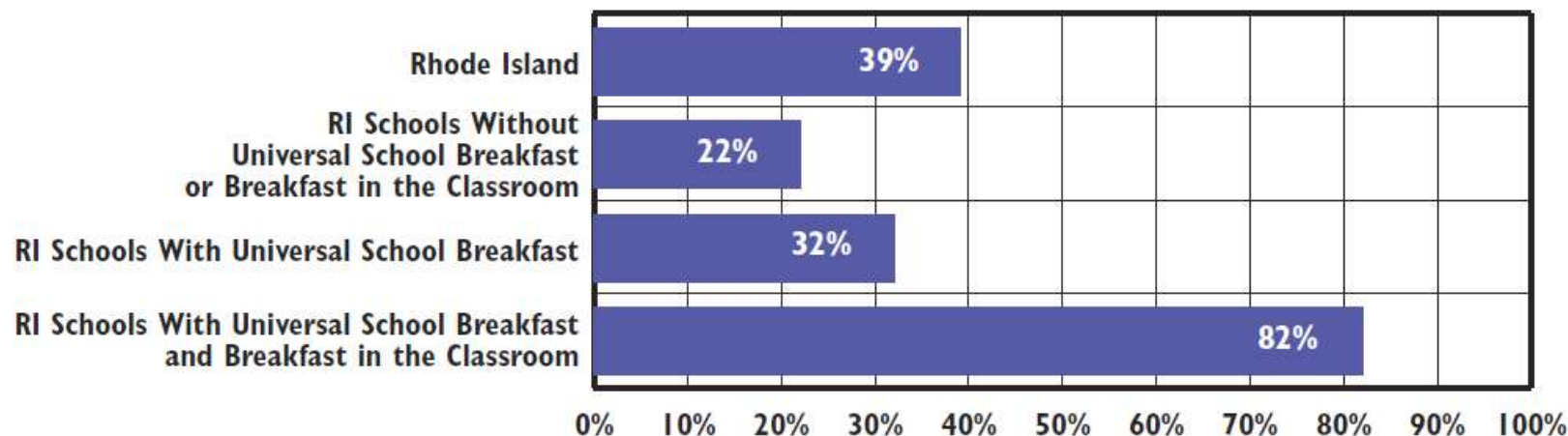
**% of Low-Income Children Participating in
School Breakfast, 2014**



- 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.**

Strategies for Increasing School Breakfast Participation

Low-Income Children Participating in the School Breakfast Program, Rhode Island, October 2014

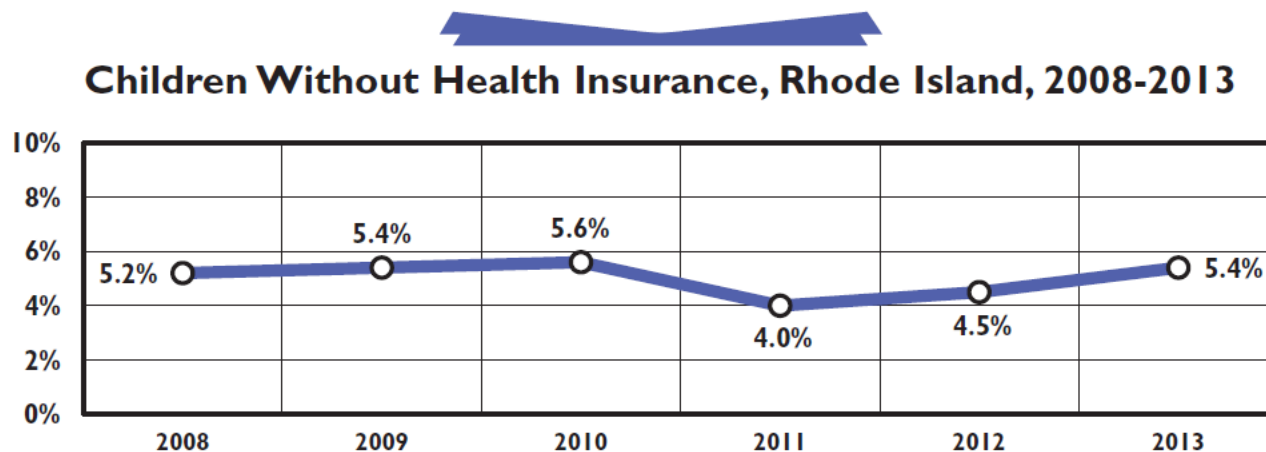


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of School Food Services, Office of Statewide Efficiencies, October 2014.



Health

Children's Health Insurance



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 and 2013, Table CP03. Data are for children under 18 years of age and are not comparable to previous Factbooks*.

- **In Rhode Island in 2013**
 - 5.4% of children under age 18 were uninsured
 - Rhode Island ranks 16th best in the country
- 74% of uninsured children are income-eligible for Rlte 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 2014...

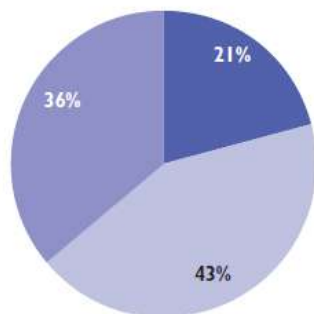
- 210 (2%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors, down from 5% in 2009.
- **25 (3%) Pawtucket babies were born at highest risk, down from 6% in 2010**

Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting

Families Enrolled in Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting Programs, Rhode Island, October 2014

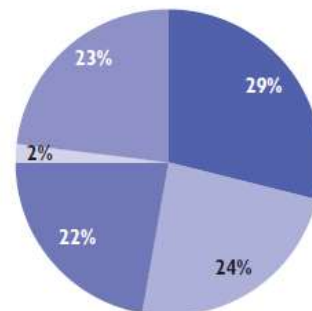
By Maternal Age at Enrollment

21%	Under Age 20
43%	Age 20 to 24
36%	Over Age 24



By Maternal Education Level

29%	Less than high school/GED
24%	High school or GED
22%	Some college/vocational training
2%	Four year college degree
23%	Unknown



n=500

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, October 2014.

- 101 families enrolled in Pawtucket out of a total state enrollment of 500.
 - Families are enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers programs.
- 32 children in Pawtucket are enrolled in home-based Early Head Start.

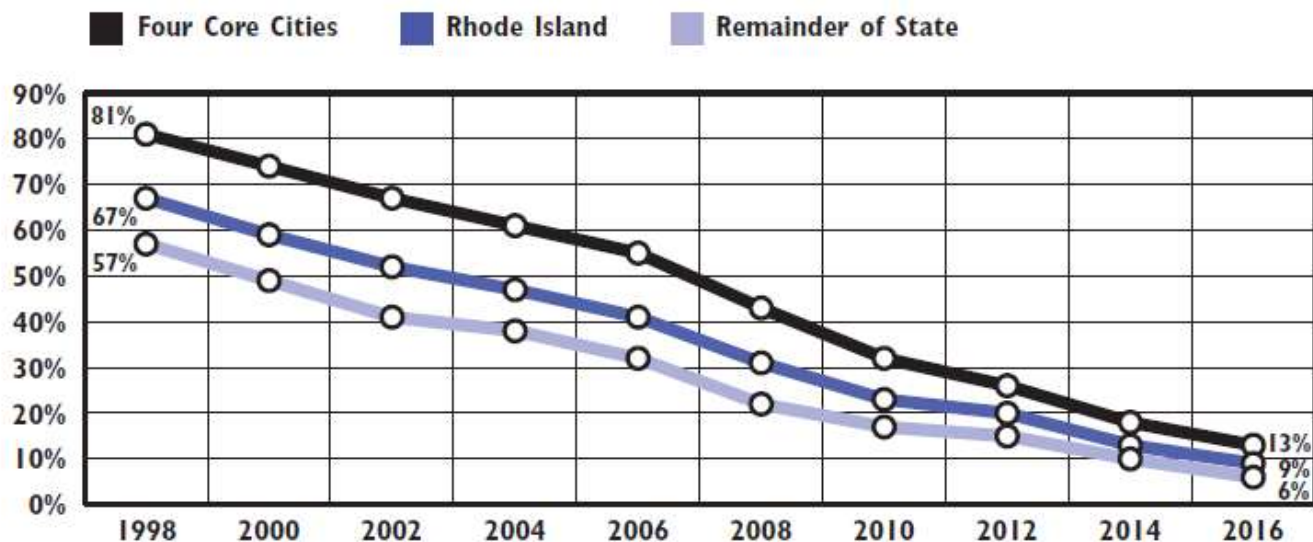
Infant Health Outcomes, 2009-2013

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Pre-term Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Births
Central Falls	15.5%	11.2%	7.4%	4.8
Pawtucket	15.9%	12.0%	8.8%	8.4
Providence	17.2%	12.7%	8.8%	8.8
Woonsocket	15.8%	11.9%	9.2%	7.9
Four Core Cities	16.6%	12.3%	8.8%	8.3
Remainder of State	10.1%	9.6%	6.8%	5.3
Rhode Island	12.8%	10.7%	7.6%	6.6

- 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 (≥ 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$), Rhode Island,
Four Core Cities, and Remainder of State, 1998-2016**

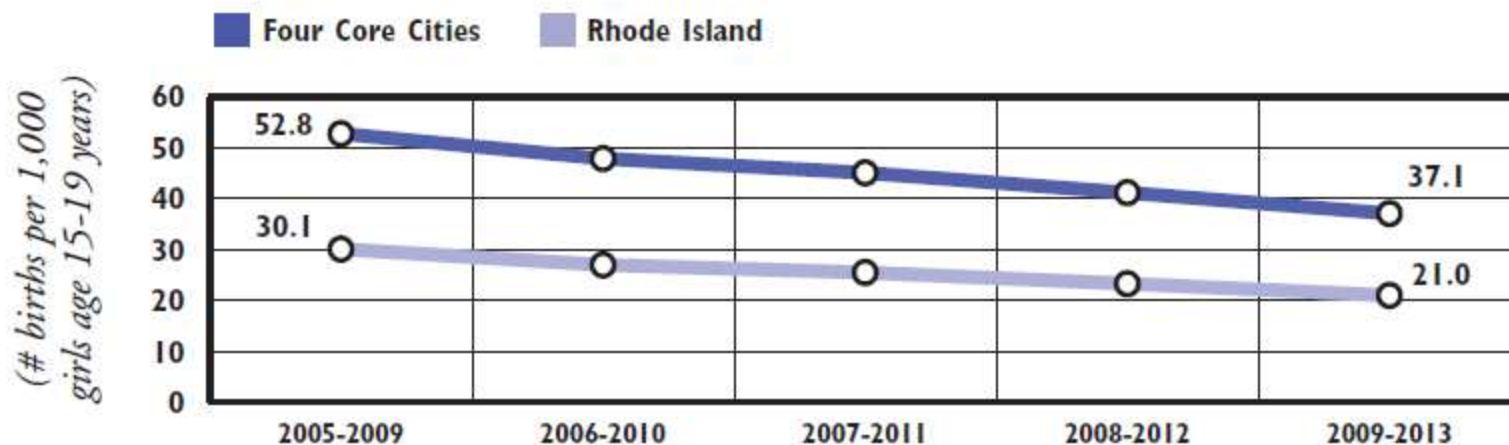


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 1998 and 2016. *Elevated blood lead level of ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$.

- 942 Pawtucket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016
- 108 (11.5%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 5 mcg/dL, the 6th highest rate in the state.

Birth to Teens

Teen Birth Rates, Rhode Island, Five Year Averages, 2005-2013



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2005-2013. Data for 2013 are provisional.

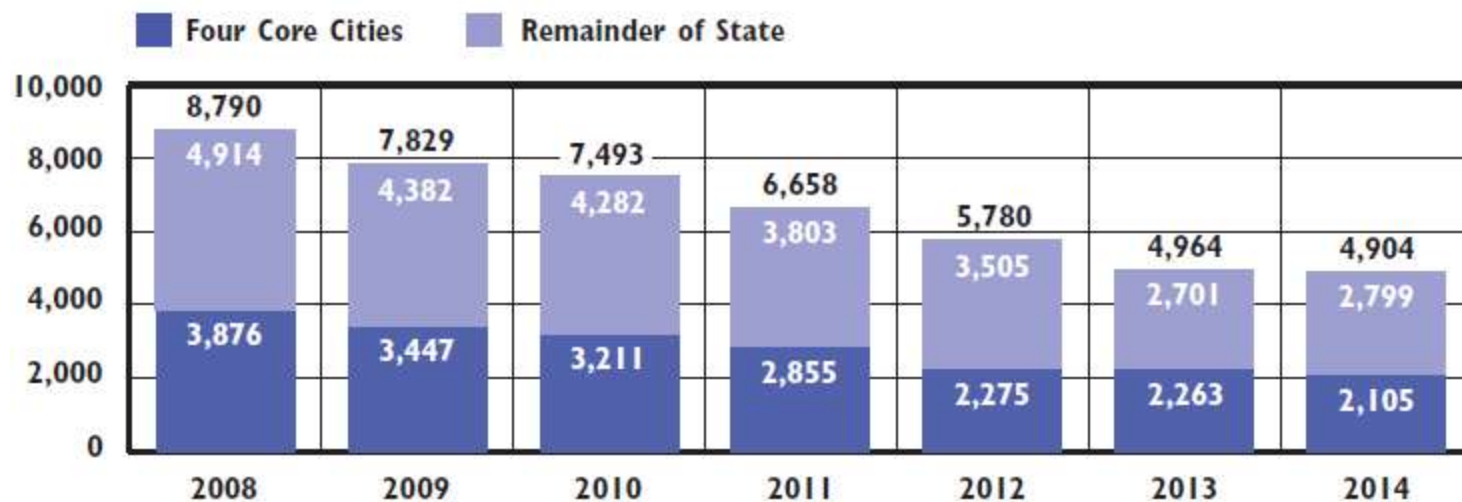
- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Pawtucket.
- 37.5 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 in Pawtucket from 2009-2013, down from 48.0 teen births per 1,000 from 2004-2008.
- In Pawtucket, between 2009 and 2013, 67 births were repeat teen births, making up 15.3% of the 437 total teen births during that period.



Safety

Youths Referred to Family Court

**Juvenile Wayward/Delinquent Offenses Referred to
Rhode Island Family Court, 2008-2014**



- 48% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2008 to 2014

Youth Referred to Family Court

BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

23%	Status Offenses*	3%	Alcohol and Drug Offenses
23%	Property Crimes	4%	Violent Crimes
21%	Disorderly Conduct	4%	Motor Vehicle Offenses
11%	Simple Assault	4%	Weapons Offenses
		7%	Other**

n=4,904

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

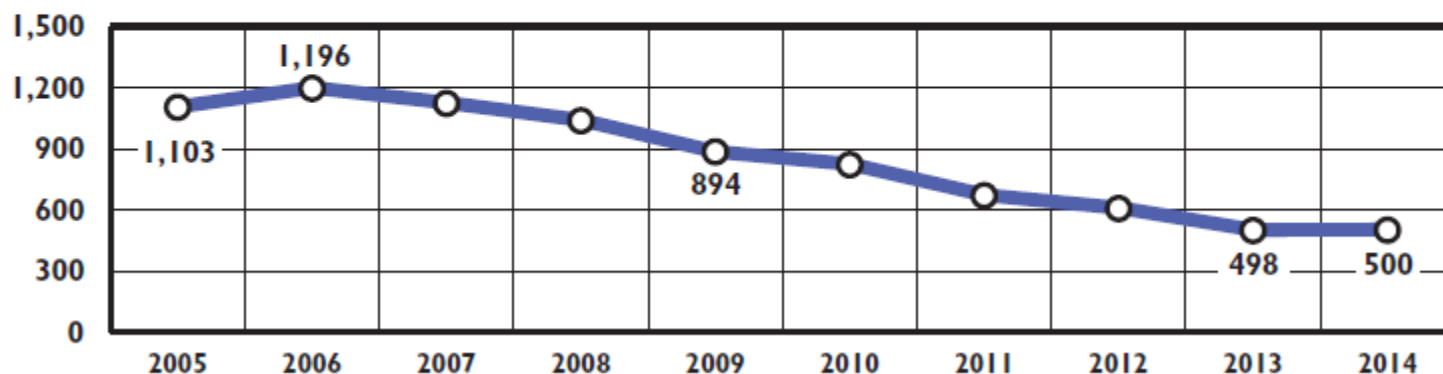
***Other includes offenses such as conspiracy, crank/obscene phone calls, computer crimes and possession of a manipulative device for automobiles, etc. Probation violations, contempt of court, and other violations of court orders are not included in the offenses above.*

Source: Rhode Island Family Court, 2008-2014 *Juvenile Offense Reports*. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

- 4% (213) of offenses for which youth were referred to Family Court in 2013 involved violent offenses.

Youth at the Training School

**Youth in the Care and Custody of
the Rhode Island Training School, 2005-2014**



- 500 youth were in the care or custody of the Training School at some point during 2014, down from 1,103 in 2005.
- 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 Institute, October 10, 2014

	INMATES SURVEYED*	# REPORTING CHILDREN	% REPORTING CHILDREN	# OF CHILDREN REPORTED
Awaiting Trial	764	431	56%	914
Serving a Sentence	2,495	1,398	56%	3,006
TOTAL	3,259	1,829	56%	3,920

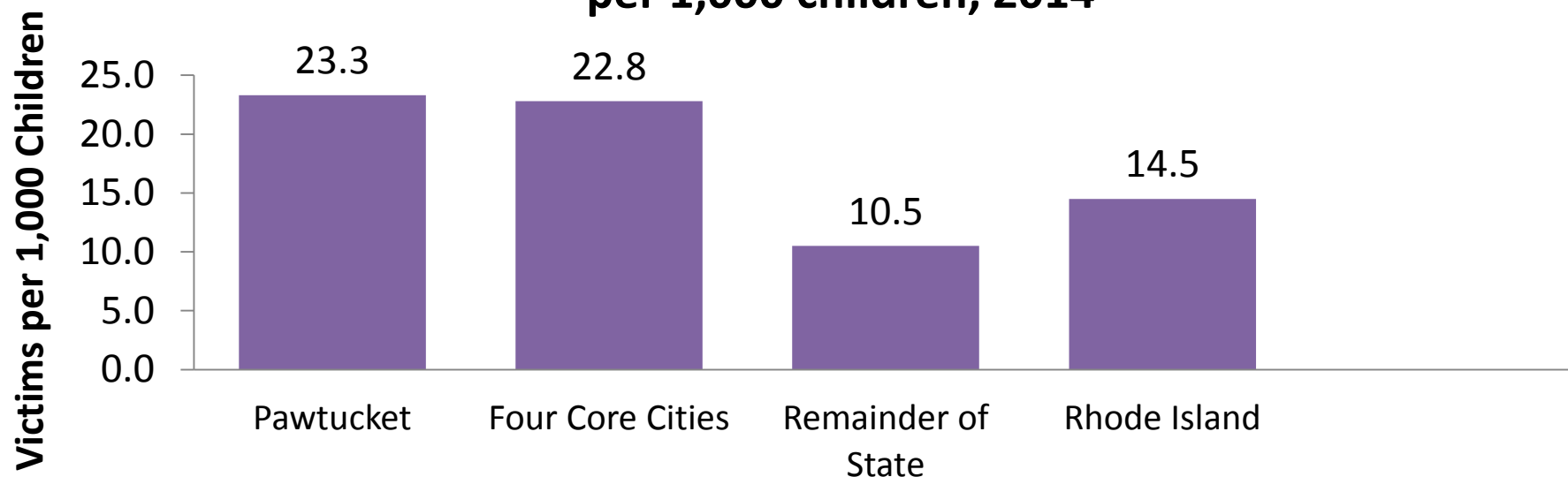
Source: Rhode Island Department of Corrections, October 10, 2014. **Does not include inmates who were missing responses to the question on number of children, inmates on home confinement, or those from another state's jurisdiction.*

- **On October 10, 2014:**

- 134 incarcerated parents identified Pawtucket as their last place of residence.
- These parents reported 281 children.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 children, 2014



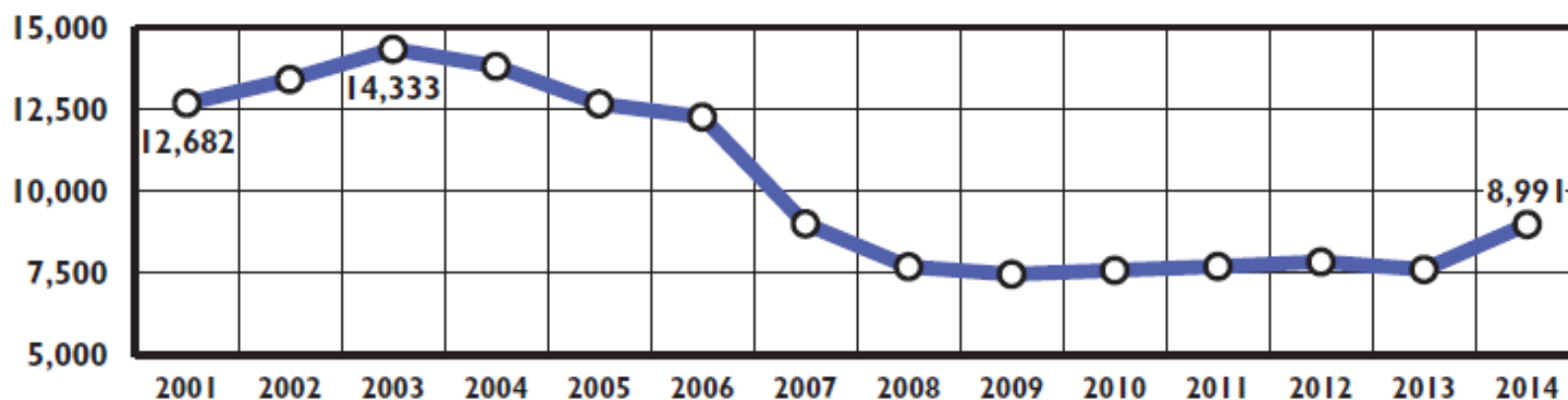
- Pawtucket's child abuse and neglect victim rate is the 5th highest rate in the state.
- Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (81%).



Education

Child Care Subsidies

Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2014



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001-December 2014.

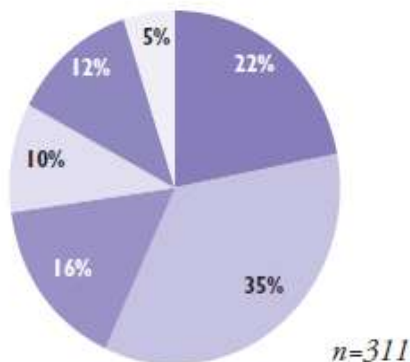
- In December 2014, there were 8,991 child care subsidies in Rhode Island, an increase of 18% from December 2013, but down 37% from the 2003 peak.

Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

Quality Ratings of Licensed Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars, Rhode Island, January 2015

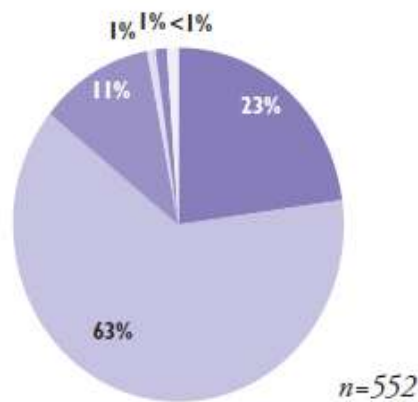
Centers & Preschools

22% (68)	Unrated
35% (108)	1 Star
16% (51)	2 Stars
10% (31)	3 Stars
12% (36)	4 Stars
5% (17)	5 Stars



Family Child Care

23% (126)	Unrated
63% (349)	1 Star
11% (61)	2 Stars
1% (8)	3 Stars
1% (7)	4 Stars
<1% (1)	5 Stars

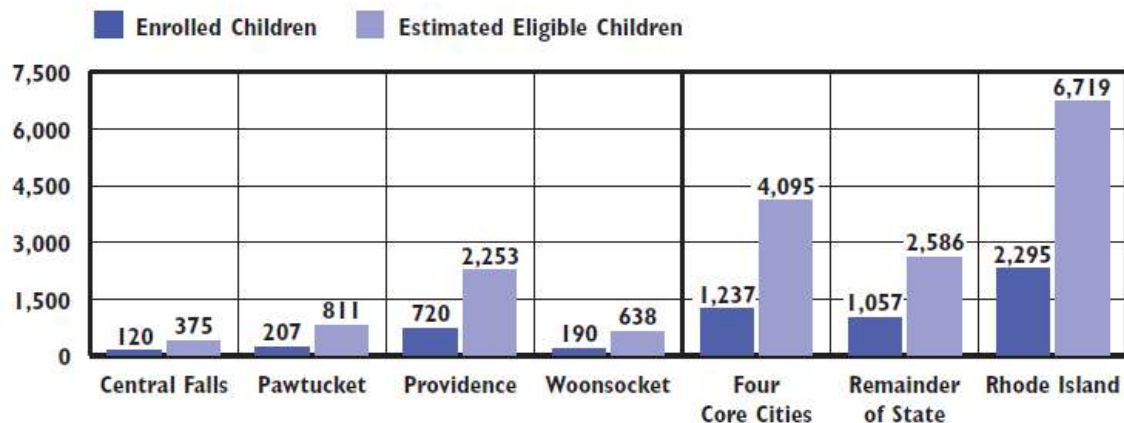


In Pawtucket

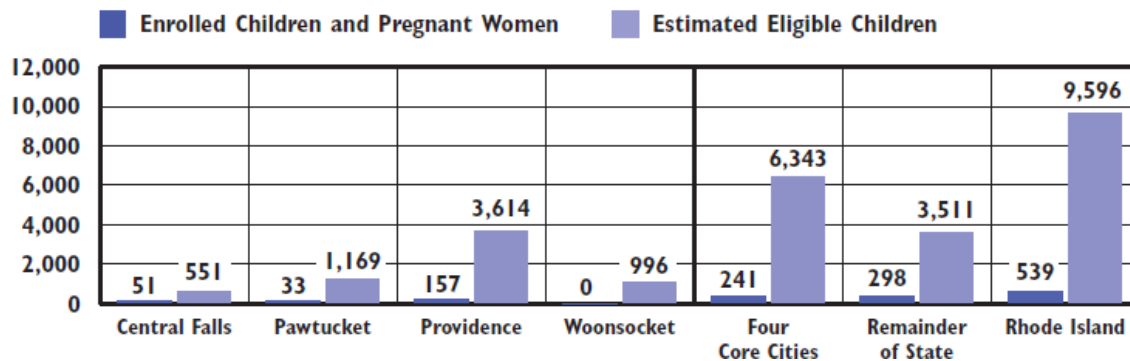
- 14 out of 17 child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars.
 - 1 has a high-quality rating
- 34 out of 40 family child care homes participate in BrightStars.
 - None have a high-quality rating

Head Start and Early Head Start

Access to Head Start for Low-Income Children, Rhode Island, 2014

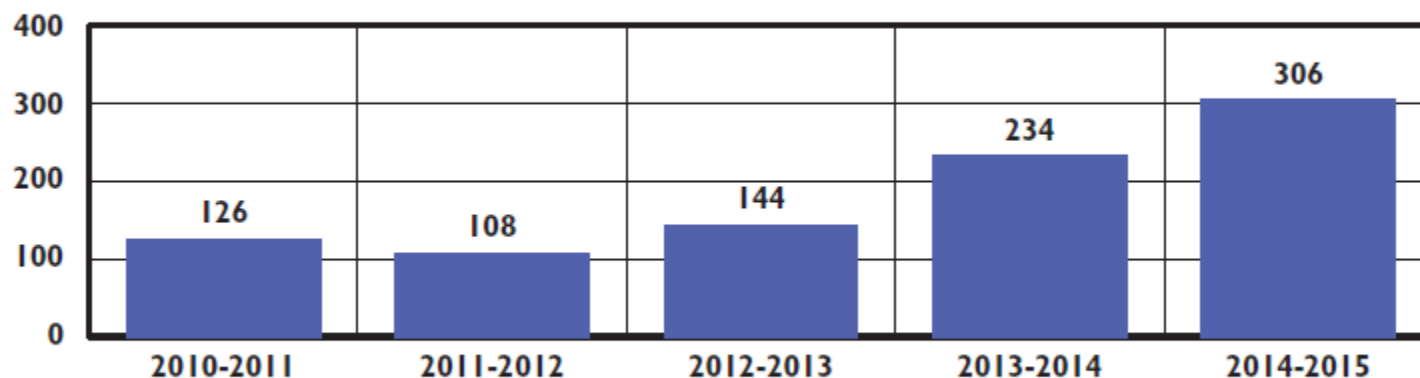


Access to Early Head Start for Low-Income Children and Pregnant Women, Rhode Island, 2014



Children Enrolled in State Pre-K

Rhode Island State Pre-K Funded Slots, 2010-2011 through 2014-2015

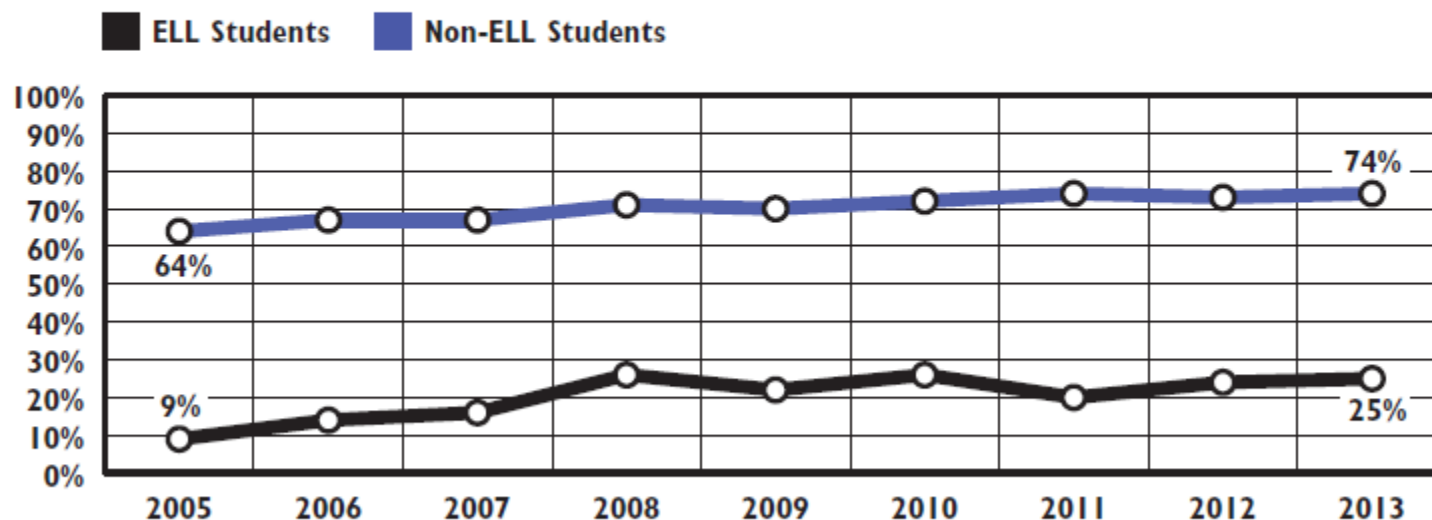


Sources: National Institute for Early Education Research, *The State of Preschool 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013*. Rhode Island Department of Education, State Pre-K programs 2013-2014 and 2014-15.

- During the 2014-2015 school year, 18 Pawtucket children were enrolled in the State Pre-K program.

English Language Learners

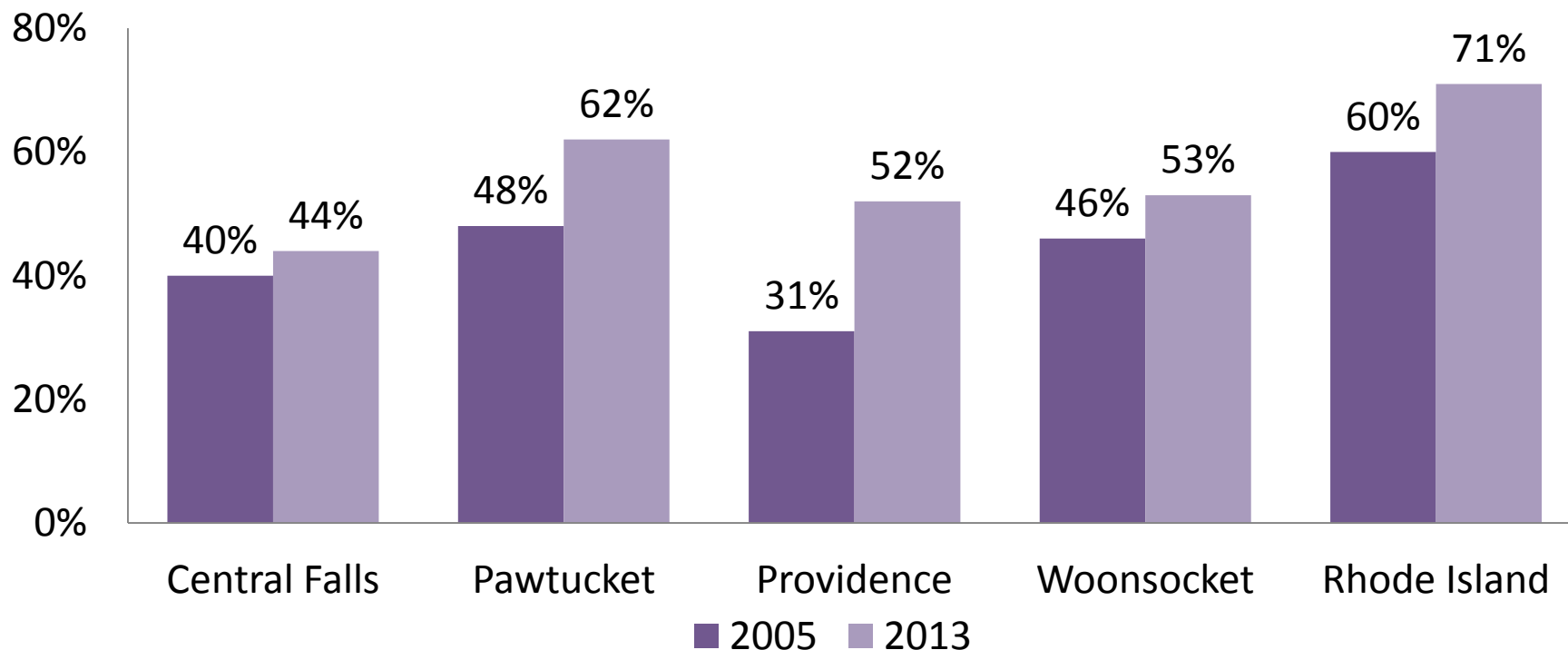
Fourth-Grade Reading Proficiency, English Language Learner Students and Non-ELL Students, 2005-2013



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*, October 2005-2013.

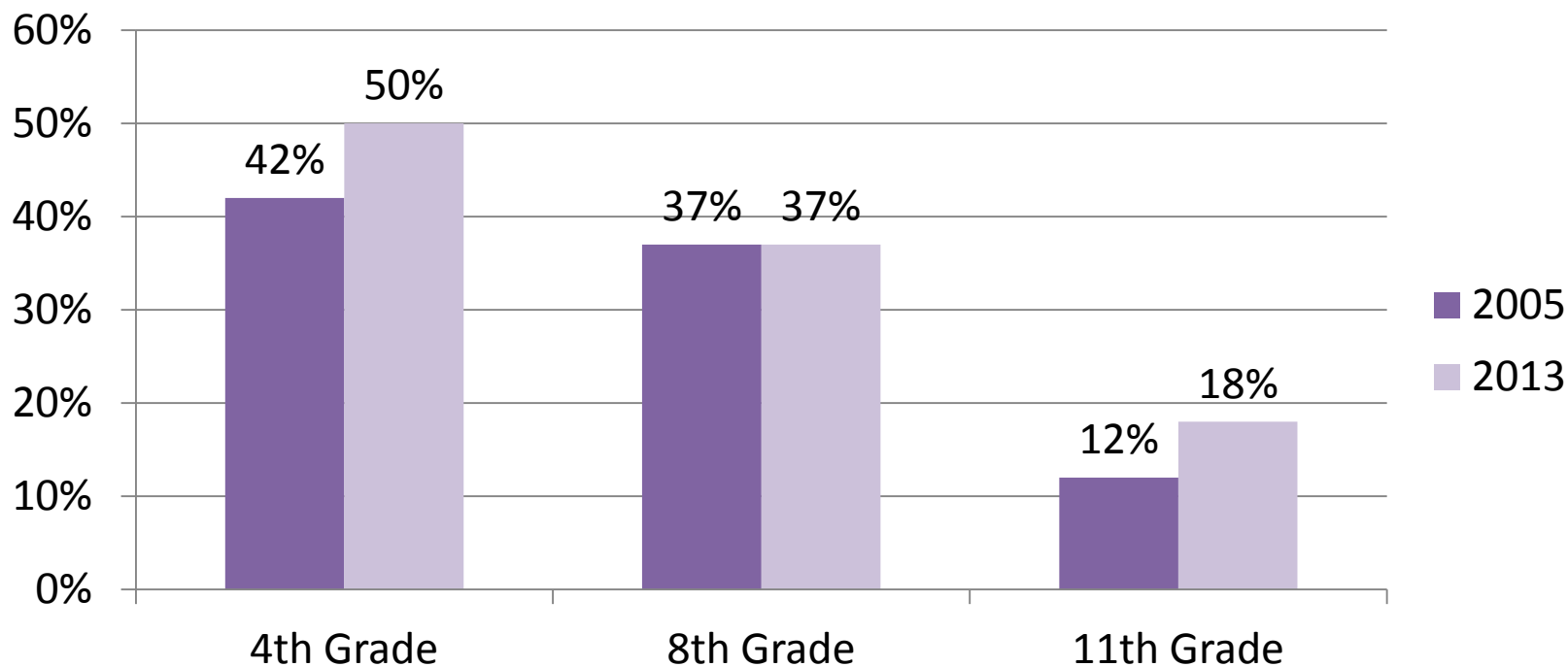
- During the 2013-2014 school year, 12% of Pawtucket students were ELL students.
- Only Central Falls and Providence had higher percentages of ELL students.

Fourth-Grade Reading Skills



- Between 2005 and 2013, Providence's 4th grade reading proficiency rate increased from 48% to 62%.
- However reading proficiency rates remain well below the state rate.

Math Skills

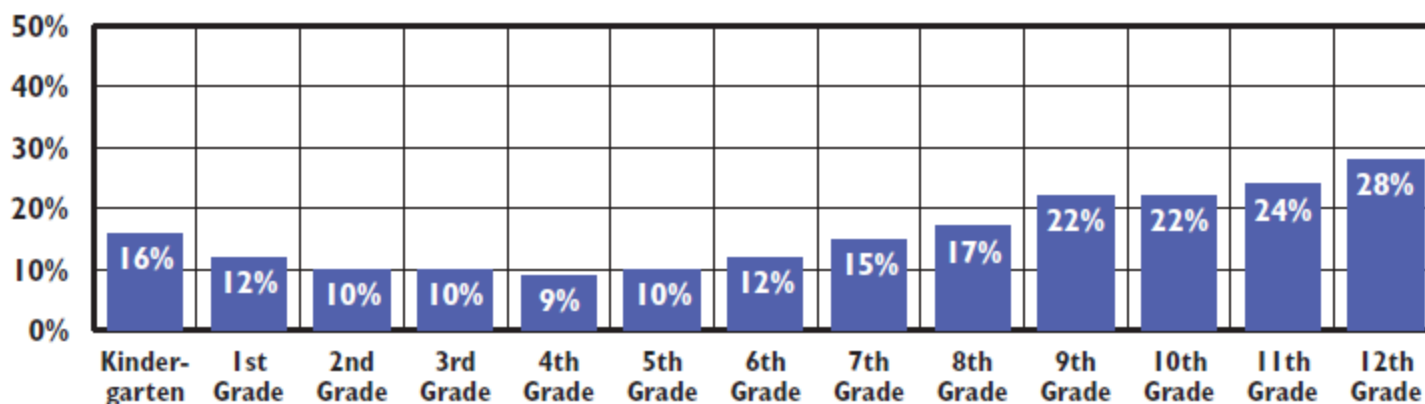


Note: 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the *NECAP*.

- Pawtucket is seeing some improvement in 4th and 11th grade math proficiency, but continues to have proficiency rates that are among the lowest in the state.

Chronic Early Absence

**Chronic Absence Rates in Rhode Island by Grade,
2013-2014 School Year**

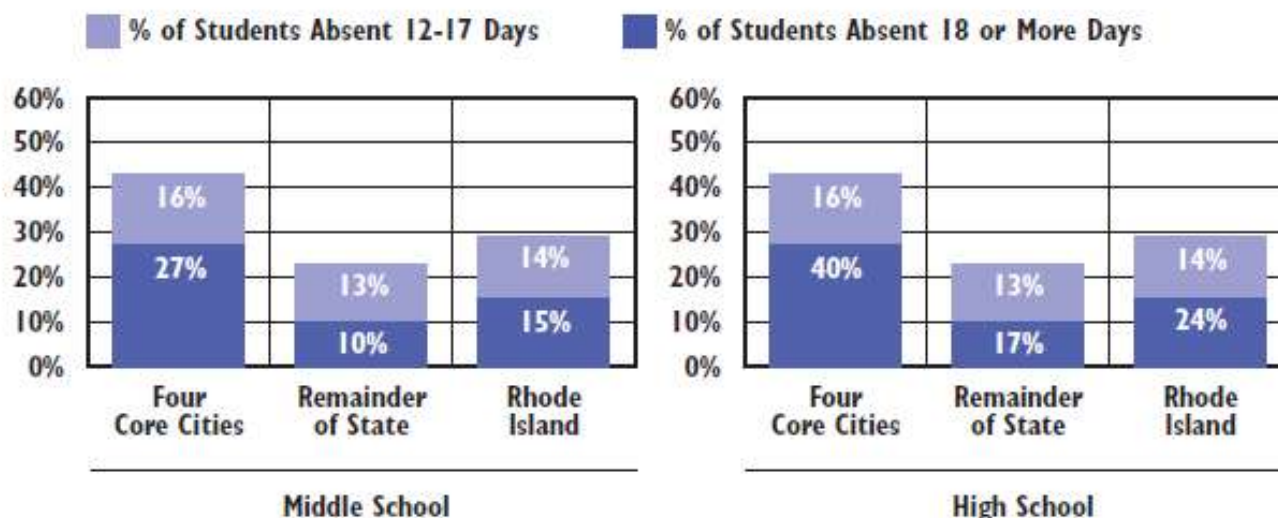


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2013-2014 school year.

- In Pawtucket, 14% of students in grades K-3 missed 18+ days of school during the 2013-2014 school year, and an additional 17% missed 12-17 days.

Chronic Absence, Middle School and High School

**School Attendance in Rhode Island by Number of School Days Missed,
Middle and High School, 2013-2014 School Year**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2013-2014 school year.

- In Pawtucket, 21% of middle school students missed 18+ days of school and an additional 16% missed 12-17 days.
- At the high school level, 35% missed 18+ days of school and 16% missed 12-17 days.

School Suspensions

Out-of-School Suspensions, Rhode Island Public Schools, 2013-2014

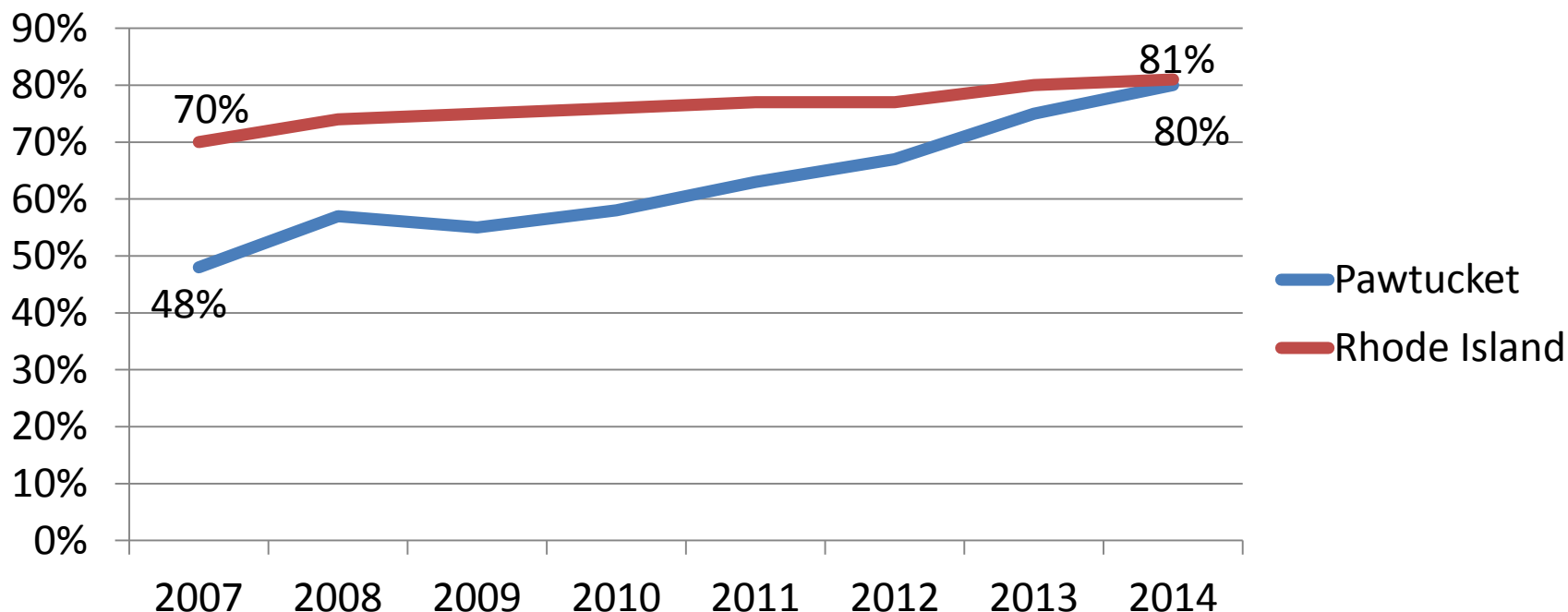
BY TYPE OF INFRACTION*	#	%	BY TYPE OF INFRACTION	#	%
Insubordination/Disrespect	4,927	31%	Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses	718	5%
Disorderly Conduct	3,290	21%	Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism	412	3%
Fighting	2,233	14%	Weapon Possession	206	1%
Assault of Student or Teacher	1,275	8%	Communications/Electronic Devices	186	1%
Obscene/Abusive Language	1,169	7%	Attendance Offenses	0	0%
Harassment/Intimidation/Threat	1,030	7%	Other Offenses	317	2%
			Total	15,763	

**Harassment offenses include hazing and hate crimes. Assault offenses include sexual assault. Examples of 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, 2013-2014 school year. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

- Pawtucket has seen a major decrease in the use of suspensions, from 55 suspensions per 100 students in 2011-2012 to 10 suspensions per 100 students in 2013-2014.
- However, students are still receiving out-of-school suspensions (905) vs. in-school suspensions (12).

High School Graduation Rate, 2007-2014



- Pawtucket has experienced the largest increases in high school graduation rates in the state, increasing the percentage of students graduating in 4 years from 48% in 2007 to 80% in 2014.

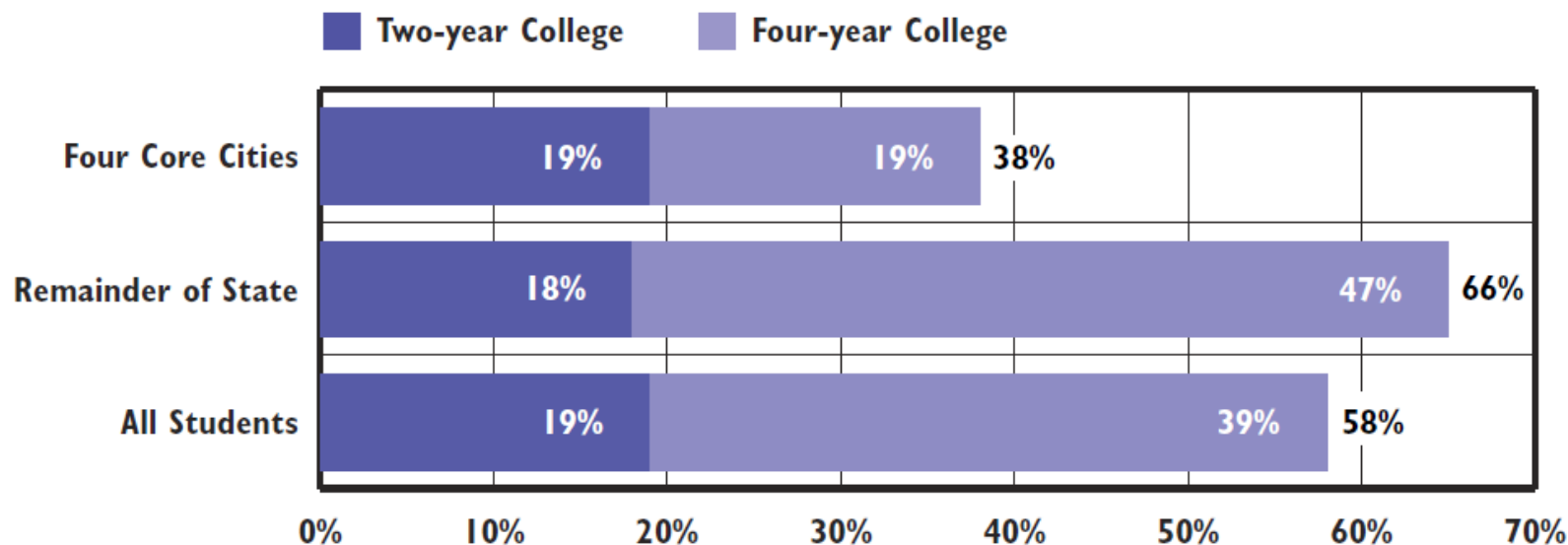


High School Graduation Rate, 2014

All Students	80%
Shea High School	88%
Tolman High School	79%
Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts	92%
Females	85%
Males	75%
English-Language Learners	87%
Not English-Language Learners	78%
Students with Disabilities	59%
Students without Disabilities	85%
Low-Income Students	78%
Higher-Income Students	88%

College Preparation and Access

Immediate College Enrollment by District Type and Type of College, Class of 2012, Rhode Island



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Class of 2012. Percentages may not sum exactly due to rounding.



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