

Findings from the *2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

Woonsocket Data in Your Backyard

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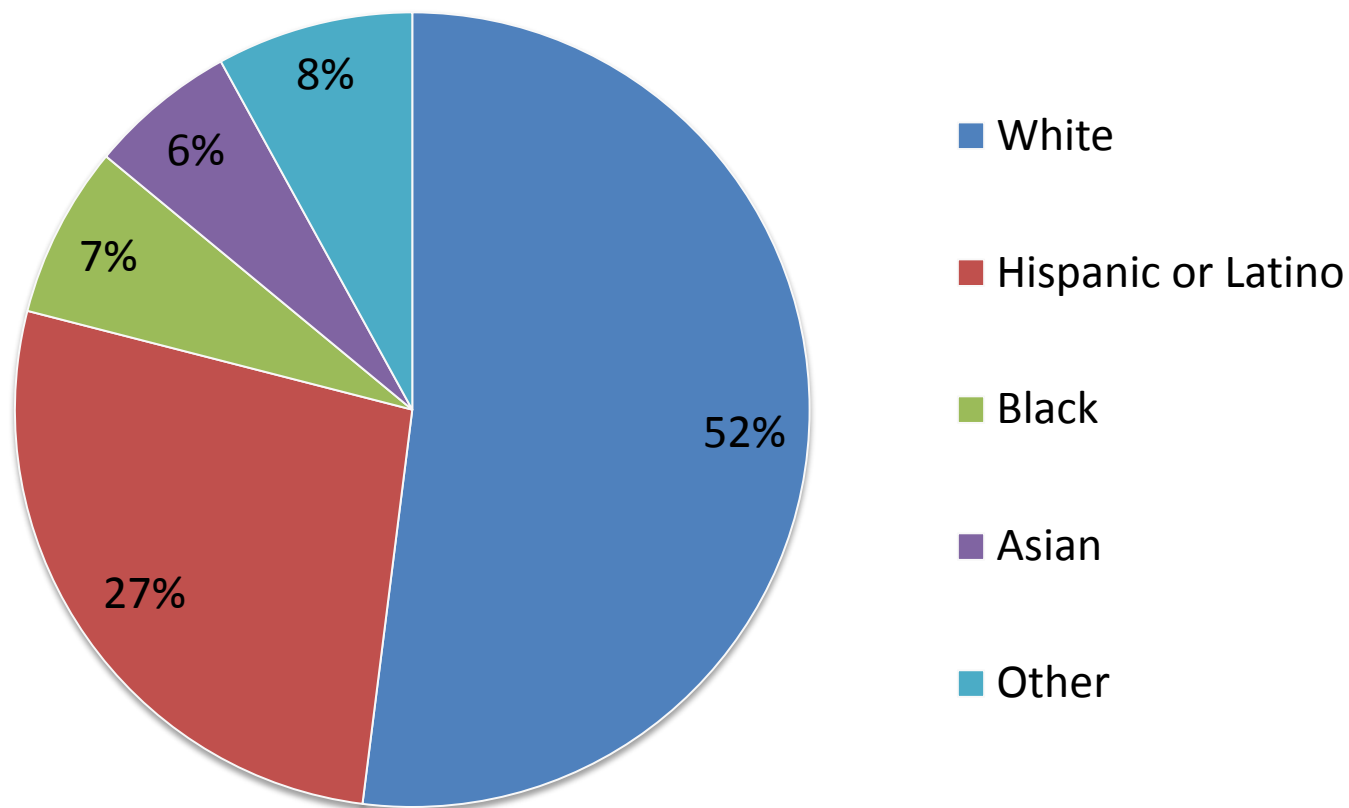
City and town-level information





Family and Community

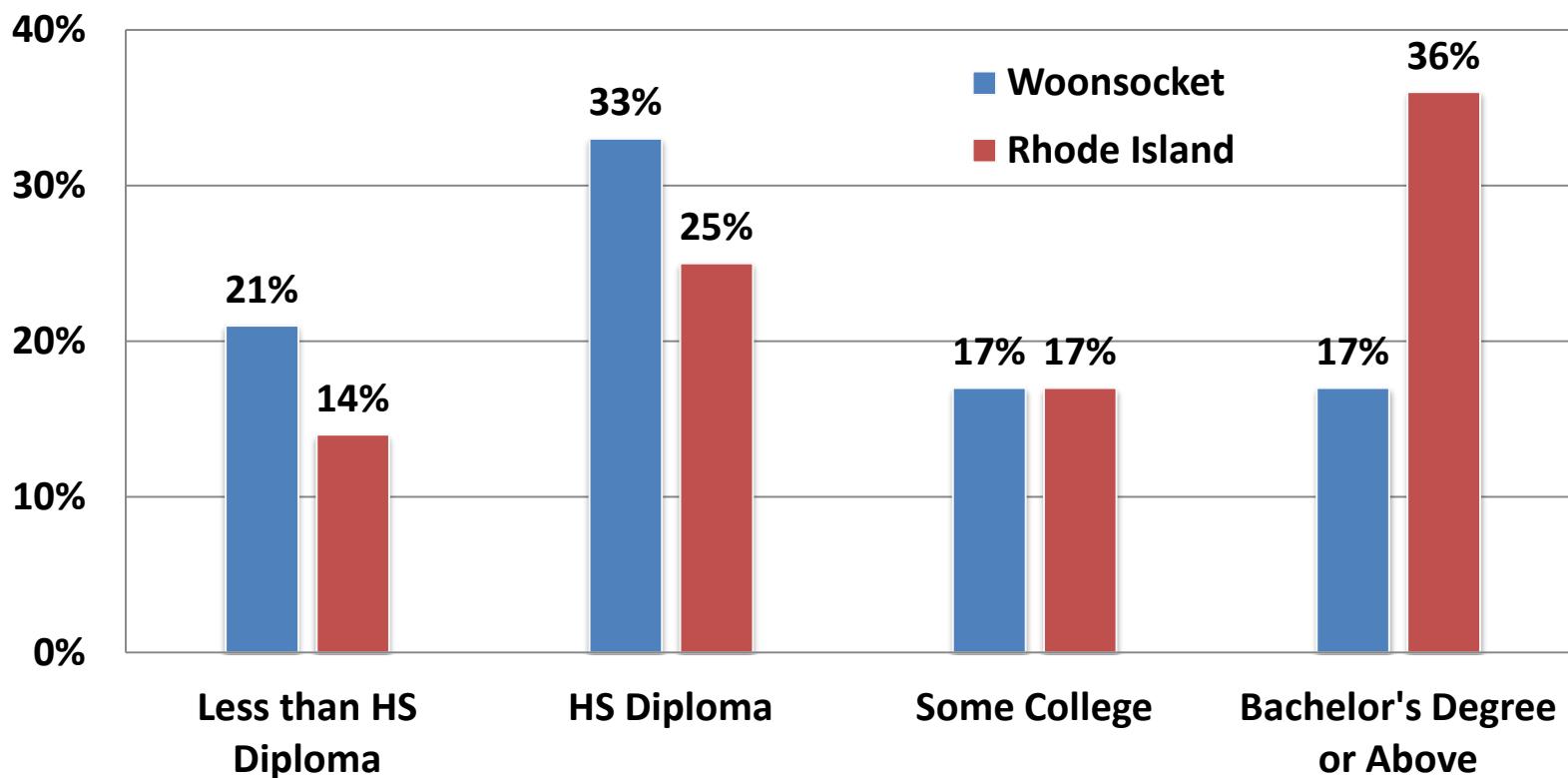
Woonsocket Child Population, 2010



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%
Total	11,155	9,888	-11%

Mother's Education Level, 2009-2013



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



Economic Well-Being

Child Poverty Defined, 2014

- **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

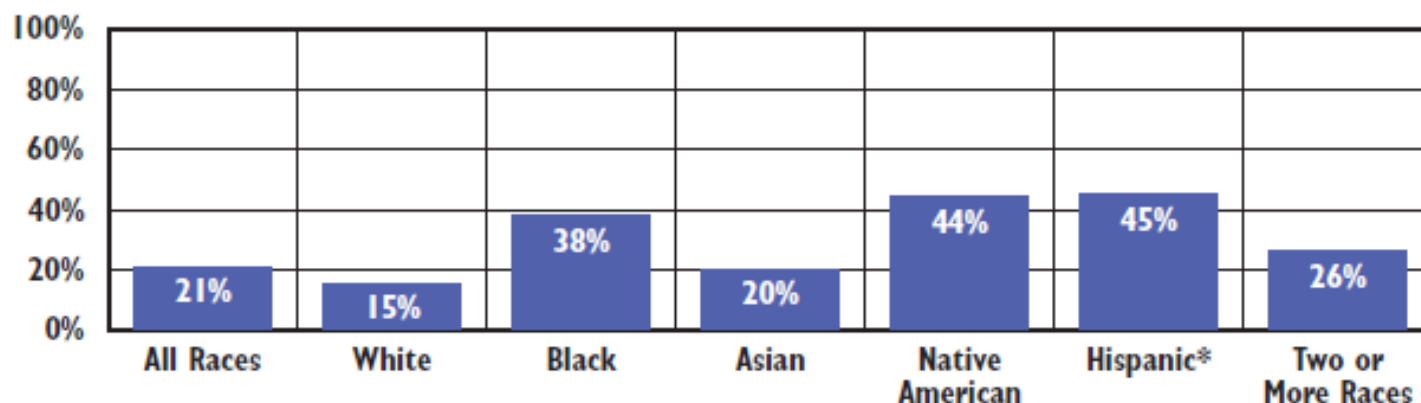
CITY/TOWN	NUMBER IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN POVERTY	NUMBER IN EXTREME POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN EXTREME POVERTY
Central Falls	2,334	41.1%	1,064	18.8%
Pawtucket	4,550	28.9%	2,228	14.2%
Providence	16,049	39.7%	7,841	19.4%
Woonsocket	4,222	42.8%	1,922	19.5%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>42,247</i>	<i>19.5%</i>	<i>19,361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

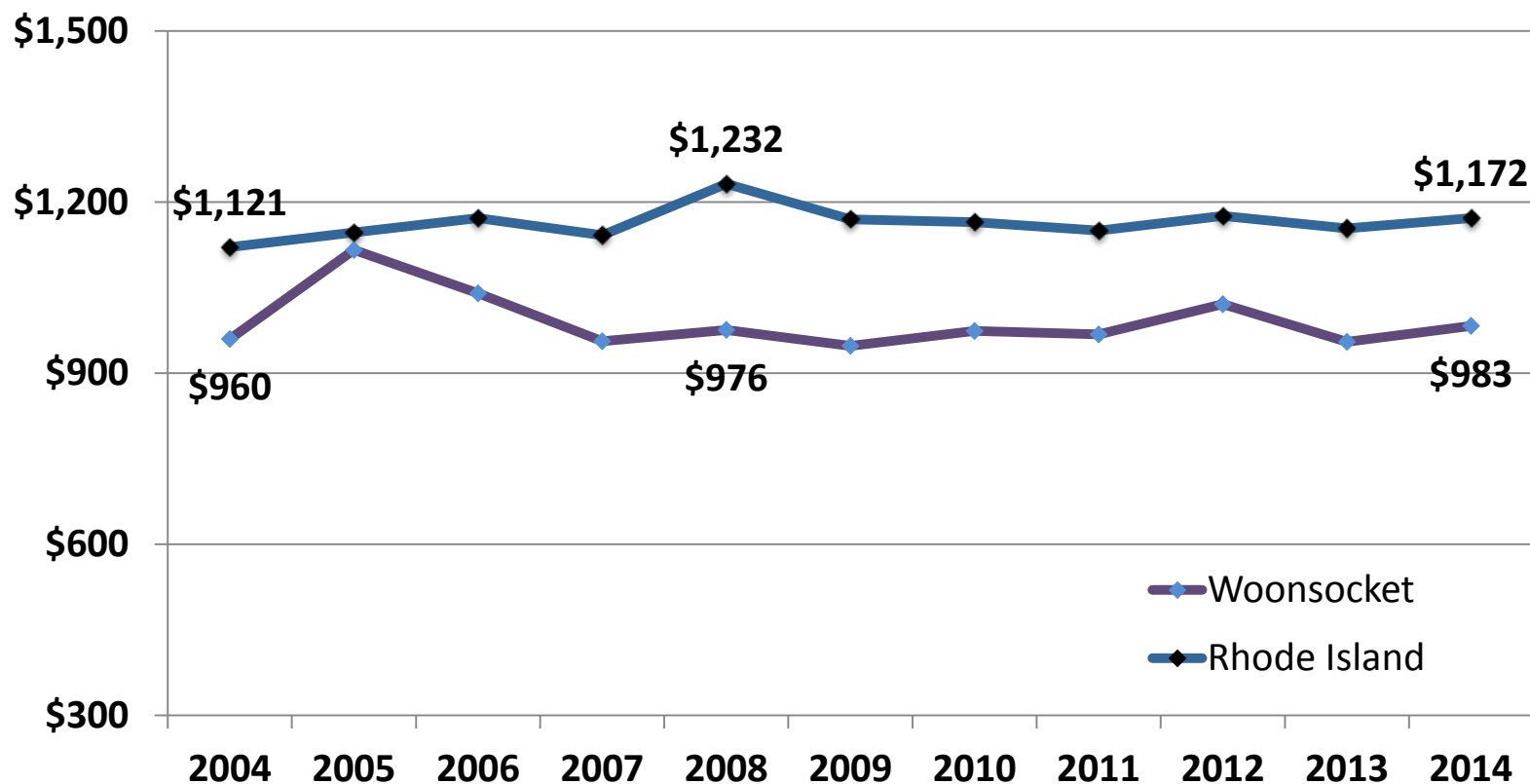


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-2013. Tables S1701, B17020A, B17020B, B17020C, B17020D, B17020G, and B17020I. *Hispanic children may be included in any race category.

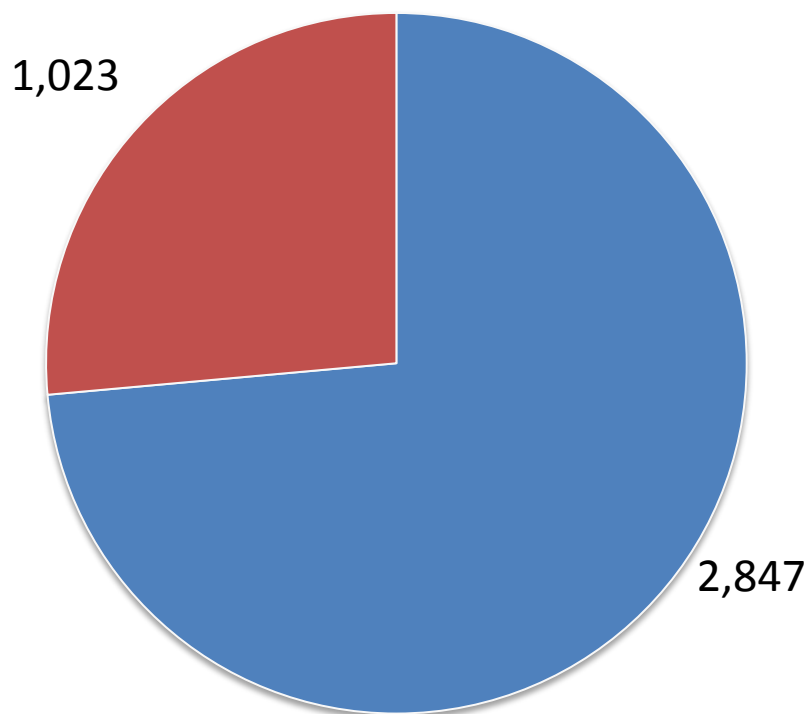
- Hispanic, Native American, and Black children are more likely to live in poverty than White and Asian children.

Cost of Housing

Average Cost of a Two-Bedroom Apartment



Paid Family Leave



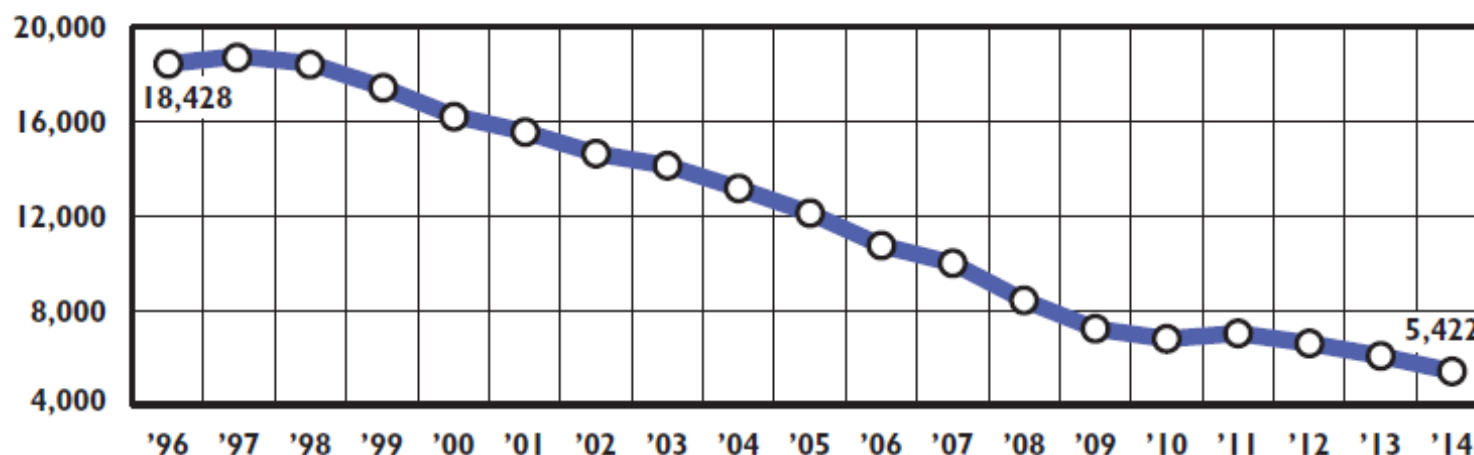
TCI Claims, Rhode Island, 2014

- To bond with a new child
- To care for a family member

- 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.

Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

Cash Assistance Caseload, Rhode Island, 1996-2014*

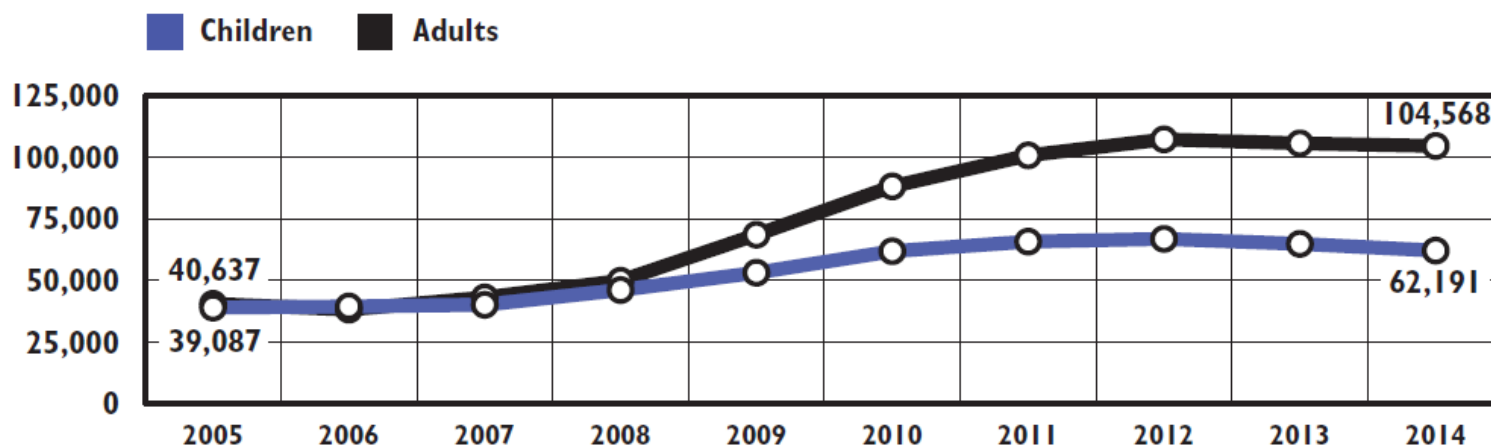


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1996-2014. Cases can be child-only or whole families and multiple people can be included in one case. *The Rhode Island Department of Human Services changed the method for calculating the caseload data starting in the 2012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

- **10% (990) of children in Woonsocket receive cash assistance.**
- 70% of RI Works beneficiaries are children under age 18.

Children Receiving SNAP Benefits

Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Children and Adults, Rhode Island, 2005-2014



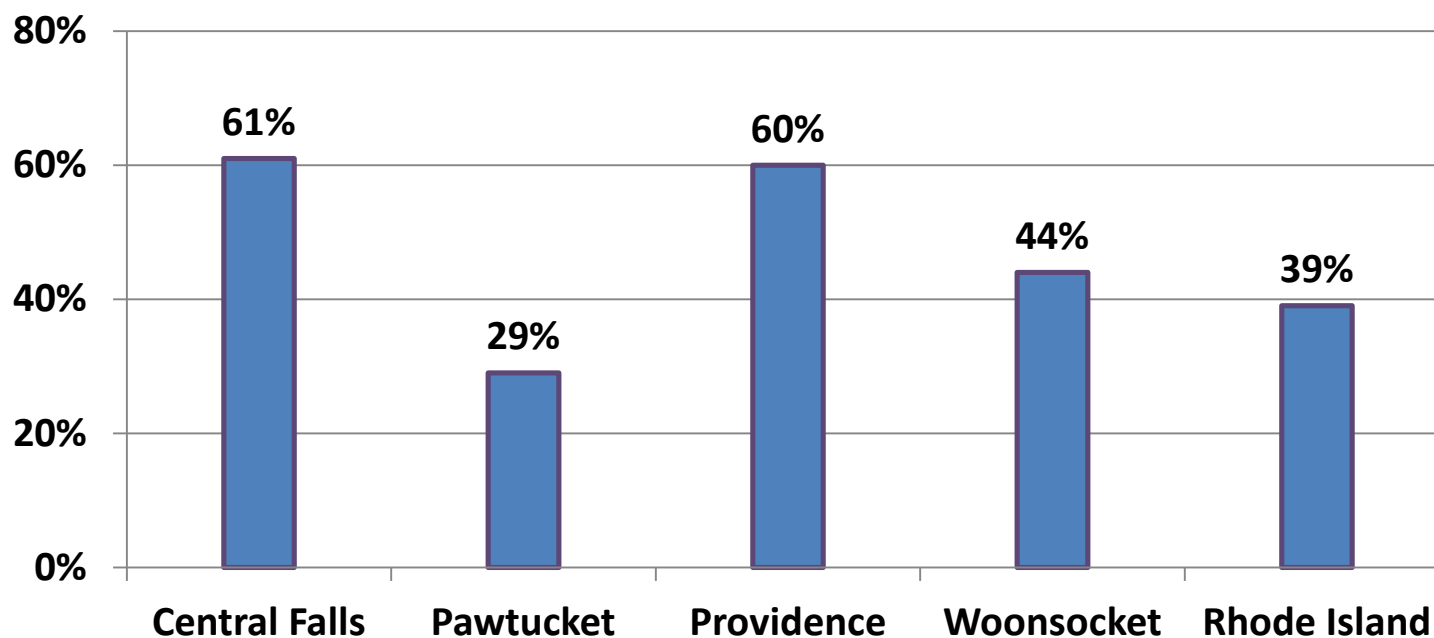
Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, 2005-2014. Data represent children under age 18 and adults who participated in SNAP during the month of October.

In October 2014

- 4,913 Woonsocket children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 5% increase from 2009, but a 3% decrease since 2013.

School Breakfast Program

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

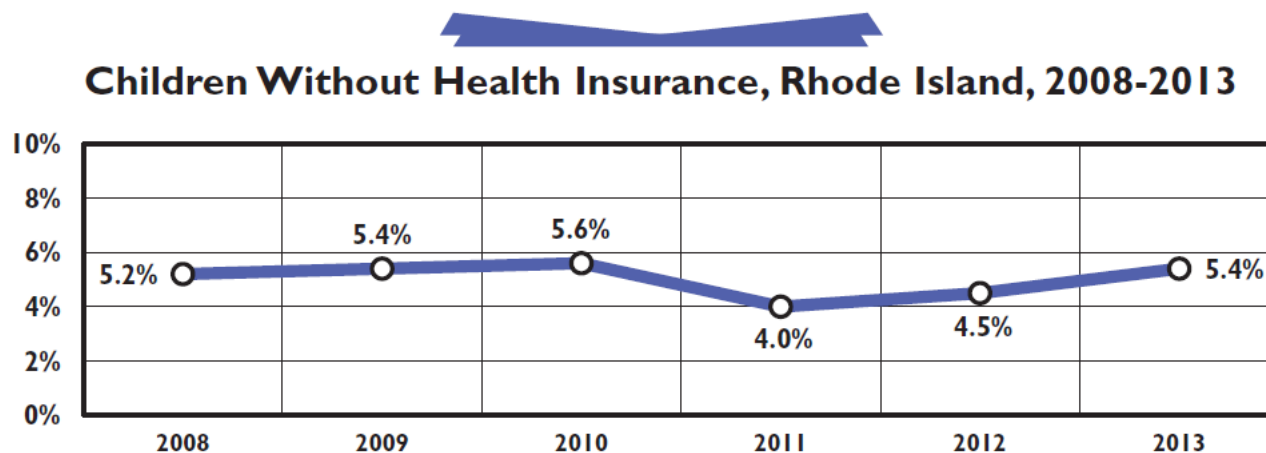


- 1 of 5 school districts which offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.



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 RItE Care.

Infants Born at Highest Risk

Mother:

Child:

Under Age 20

Unmarried

Without High School Degree



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...

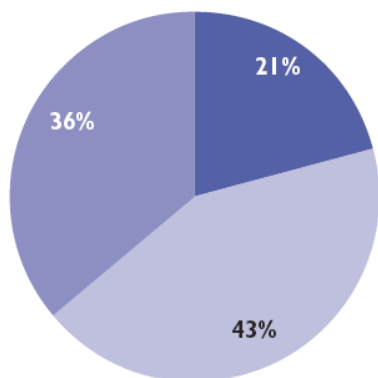
- 210 (2%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors
- **22 (4%) Woonsocket babies were born at highest risk.**
 - Compared to 10% in 2010, 8% in 2011, 6% in 2012, and 6% in 2013.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting

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

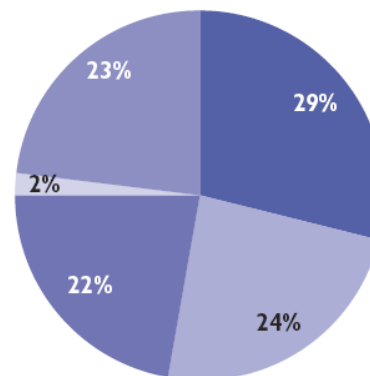
By Maternal Age at Enrollment

- 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.

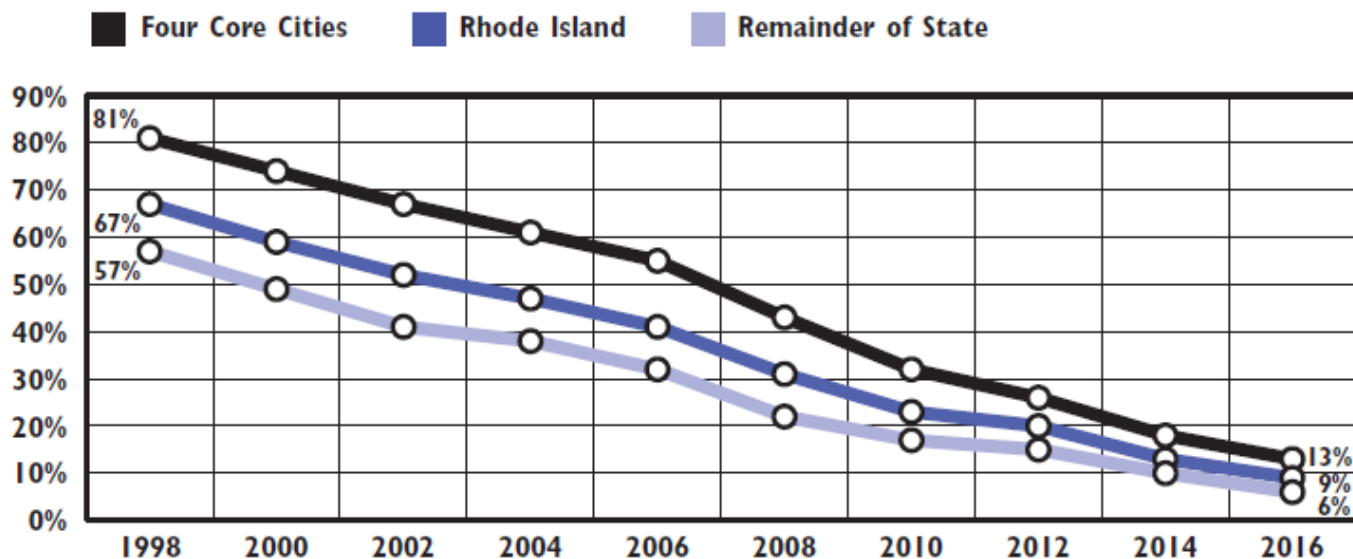
- 62 families enrolled in Woonsocket out of a total enrollment of 500.

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

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

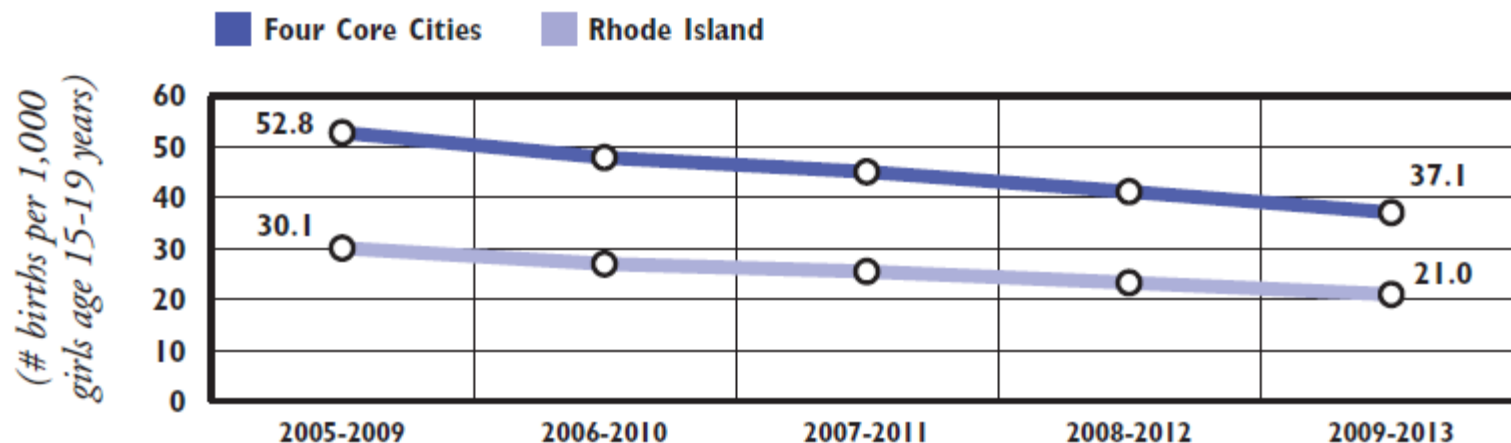


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 1998 and 2016. *Elevated blood lead level of ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$.

- **537 Woonsocket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2015 were tested.**
 - 40 (7.4%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 5 mcg/dL.

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.

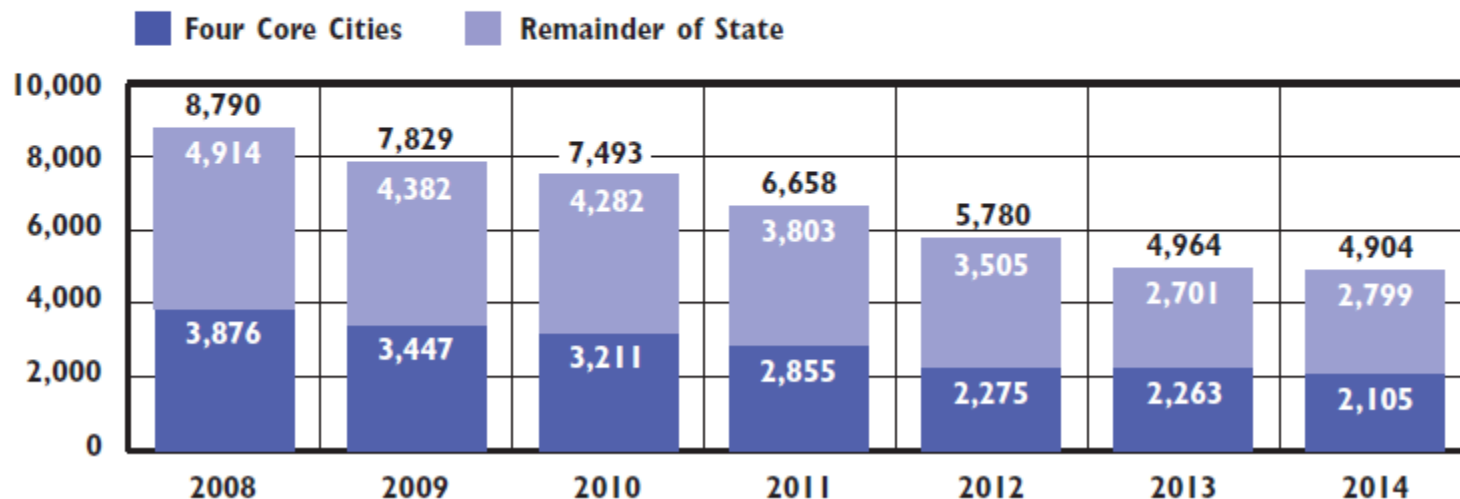
- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally and in Rhode Island.
- 63.8 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 in Woonsocket from 2009-2013, second highest rate in the state.
- In Woonsocket, between 2009 and 2013, 84 births were repeat teen births, making up 21.7% of the 405 total teen births during 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 2009 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.*

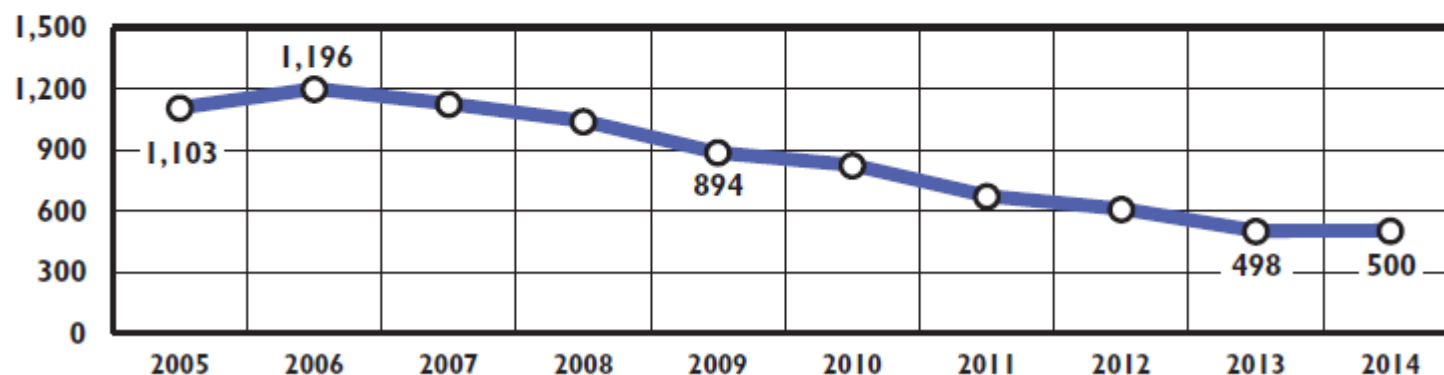
***Other includes offenses such as conspiracy, crank/obscene phone calls, computer crimes and possession of a manipulative device for automobiles, etc. Probation violations, contempt of court, and other violations of court orders are not included in the offenses above.*

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 2014 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 1,196 in 2006.
- 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

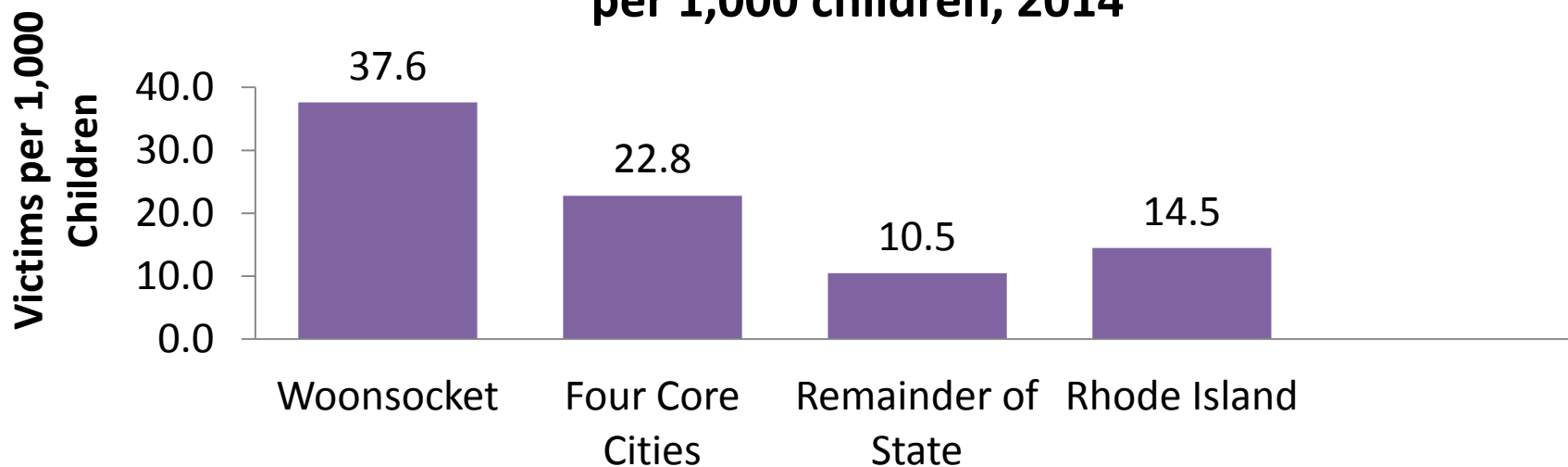
Source: Rhode Island Department of Corrections, October 10, 2014. **Does not include inmates who were missing responses to the question on number of children, inmates on home confinement, or those from another state's jurisdiction.*

On October 10, 2014:

- 104 incarcerated parents with a known in-state residence identified Woonsocket as their last place of residence.
- These parents reported 240 children

Child Abuse and Neglect

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



- Woonsocket's child abuse and neglect victim rate is 2nd highest in the state.
- Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (81%).



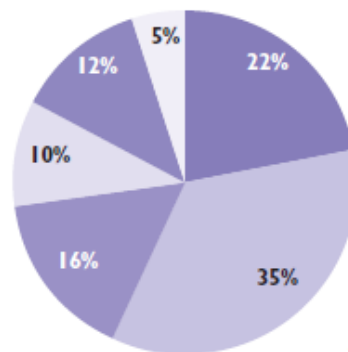
Education

Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

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

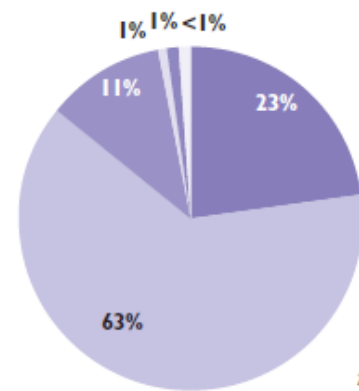
Centers & Preschools

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



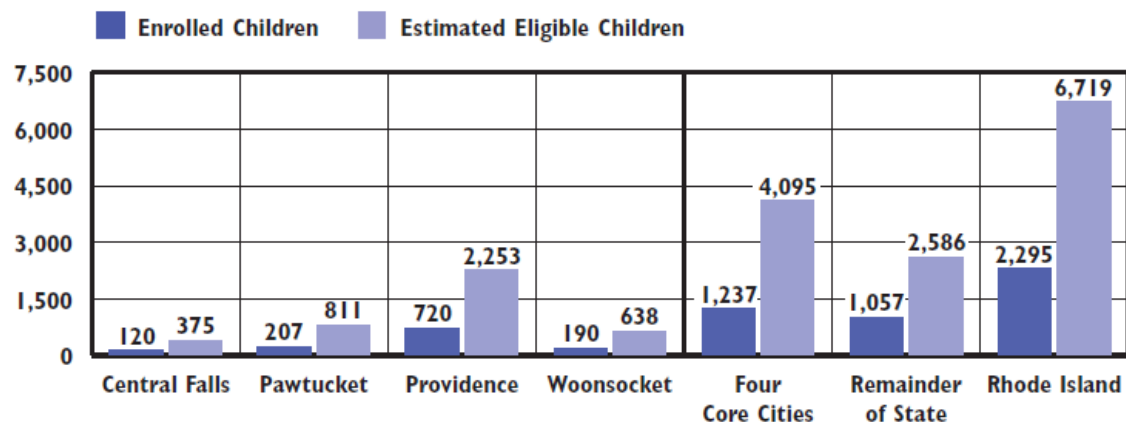
In Woonsocket:

- 89% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars.
 - 56% have a high-quality rating of 4 or 5 stars
- 86% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars.
 - So far, none have a high-quality rating of 4 or 5 stars

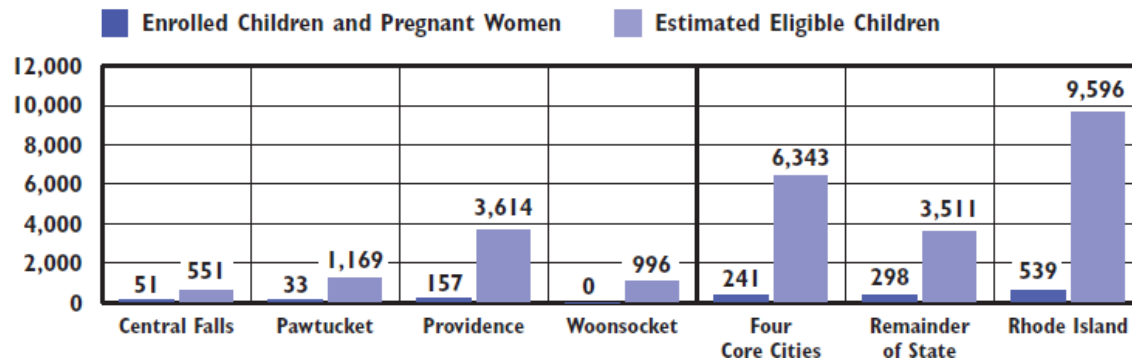
Source: Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children, January 2015.

Head Start and Early Head Start

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

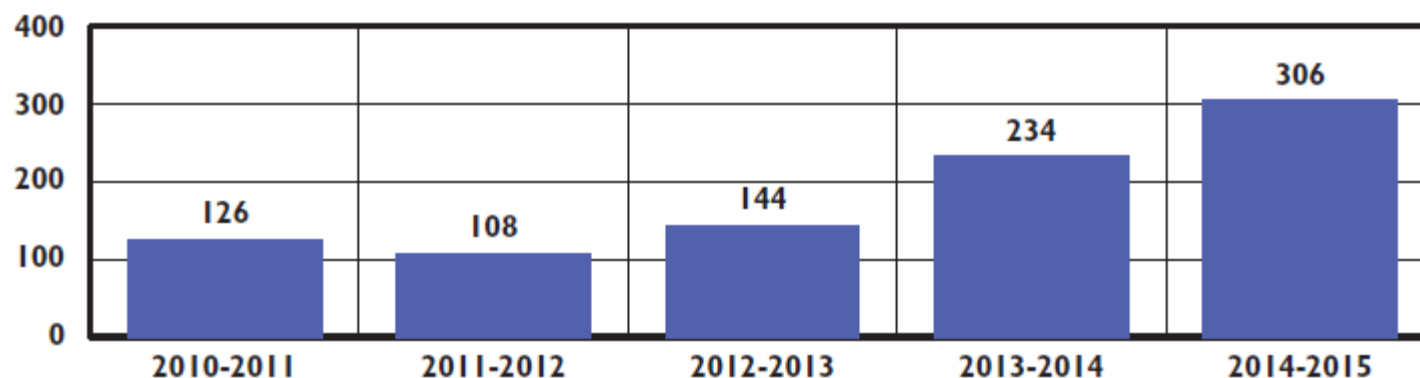


Access to Early Head Start for Low-Income Children and Pregnant Women, Rhode Island, 2014



Children Enrolled in State Pre-K

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

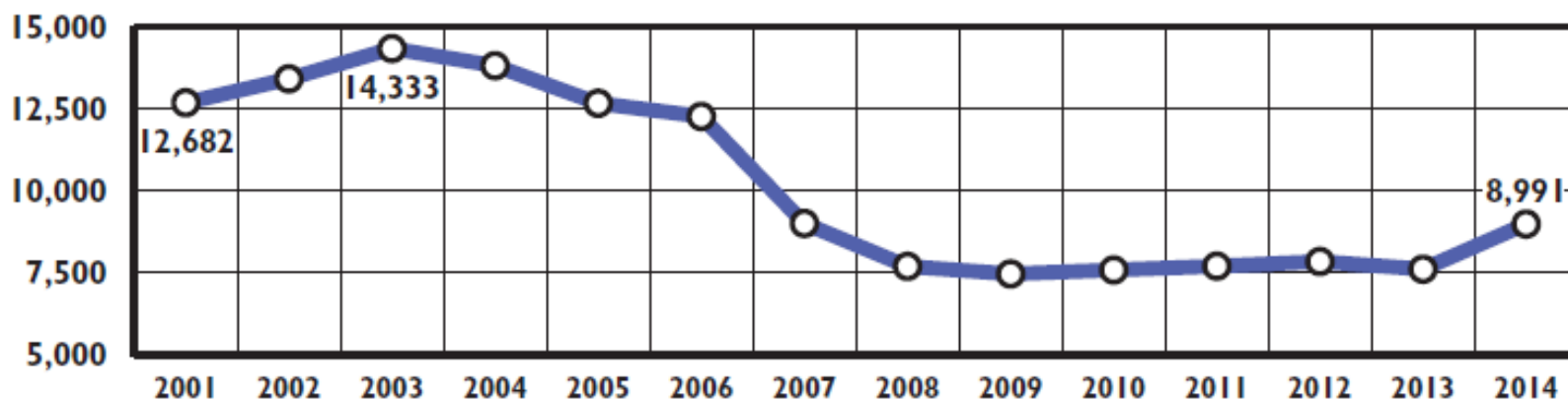


Sources: National Institute for Early Education Research, *The State of Preschool 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013*. Rhode Island Department of Education, State Pre-K programs 2013-2014 and 2014-15.

- During the 2014-2015 school year, 36 Woonsocket children were enrolled in the State Pre-K program.

Child Care Subsidies

Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2014

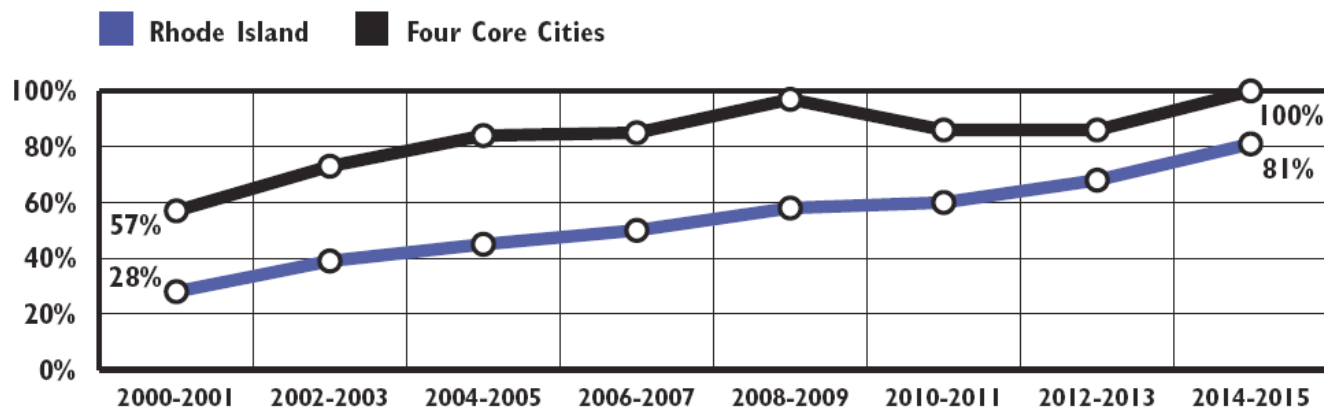


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001-December 2014.

- Since peaking in 2003, there has been a 37% decrease in the number of child care subsidies available and an 18% increase from December 2013

Full-Day Kindergarten

Children in Full-Day Public Kindergarten Programs, Rhode Island, 2000-2001 through 2014-2015 School Years

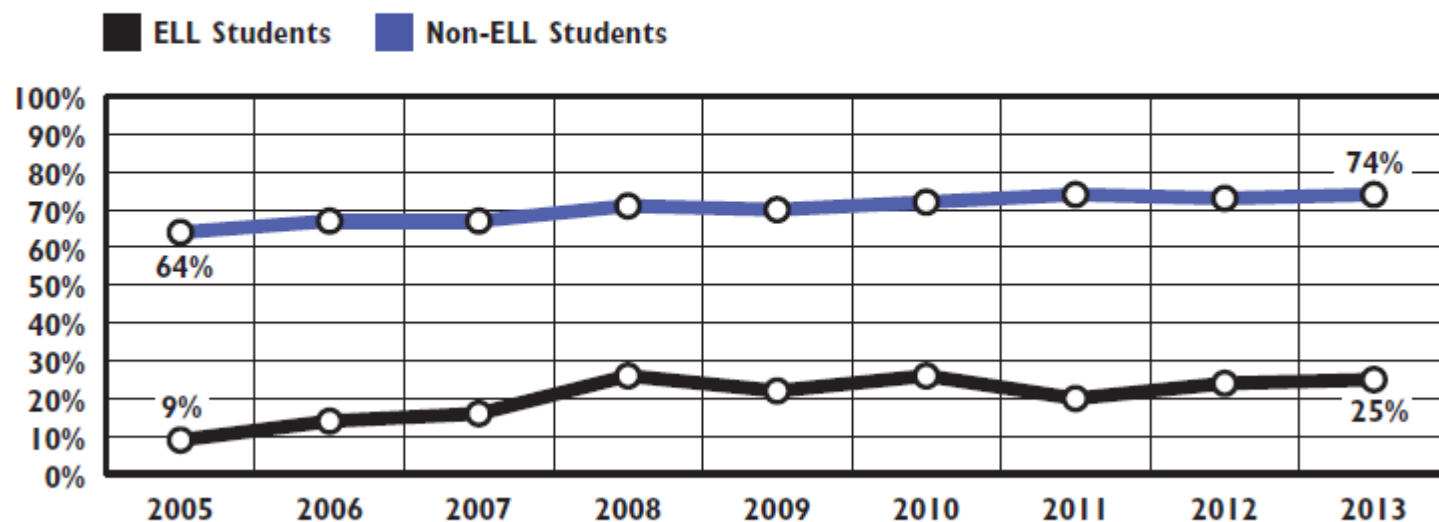


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, kindergarten enrollment October 1, 2000-October 1, 2014.

- 81% of Rhode Island kindergartners were in full-day programs during the 2013-2014 school year.
- Full-Day K is back in Woonsocket!!!

English Language Learners

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

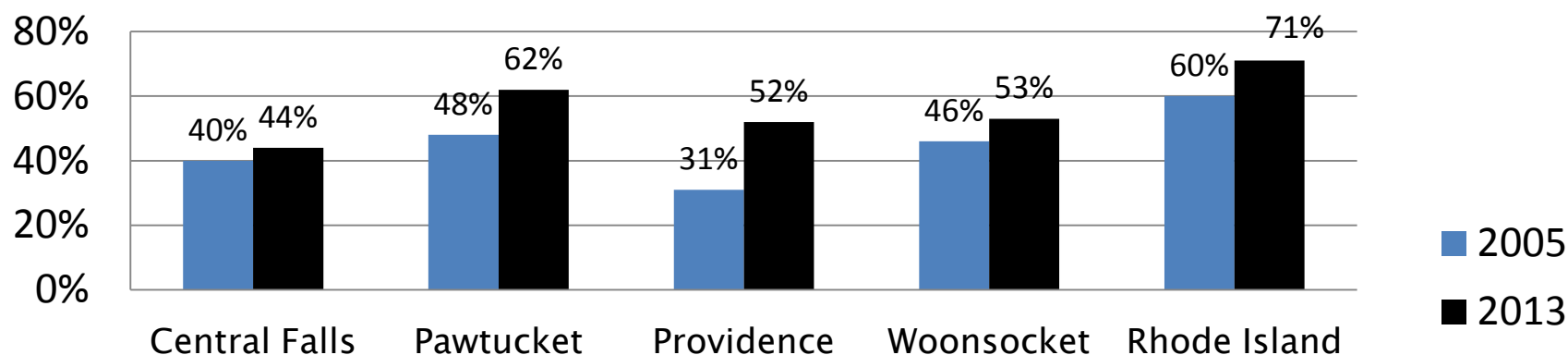


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*, October 2005-2013.

- During the 2013-2014 school year, 9% of Woonsocket students were ELL students.

Fourth-Grade Reading Skills

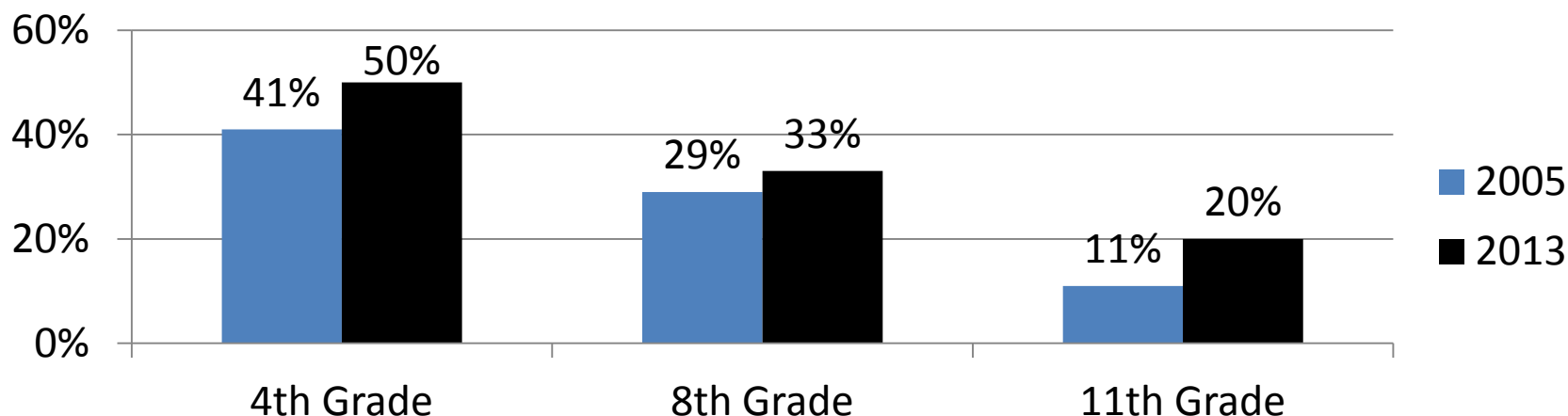
**Fourth-Grade Reading Proficiency
% At or Above the Proficiency Level
Four Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2005 & 2013**



- Between 2005 and 2013, Woonsocket's 4th 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

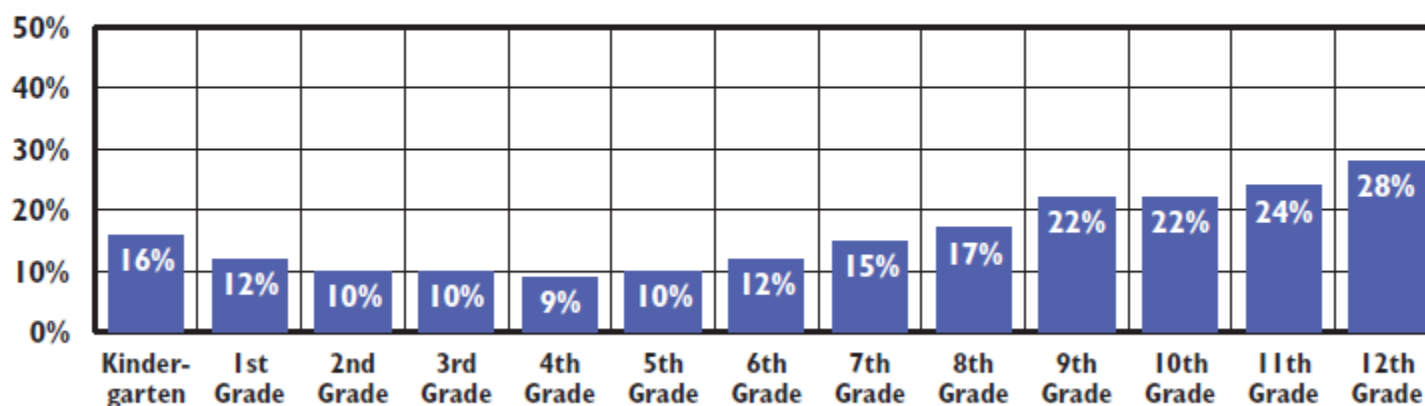


Note: 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the *NECAP*.

- Woonsocket has seen improvements in math proficiency at all grade levels since 2005 but progress has stalled in recent years for 4th and 8th 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,
2013-2014 School Year**

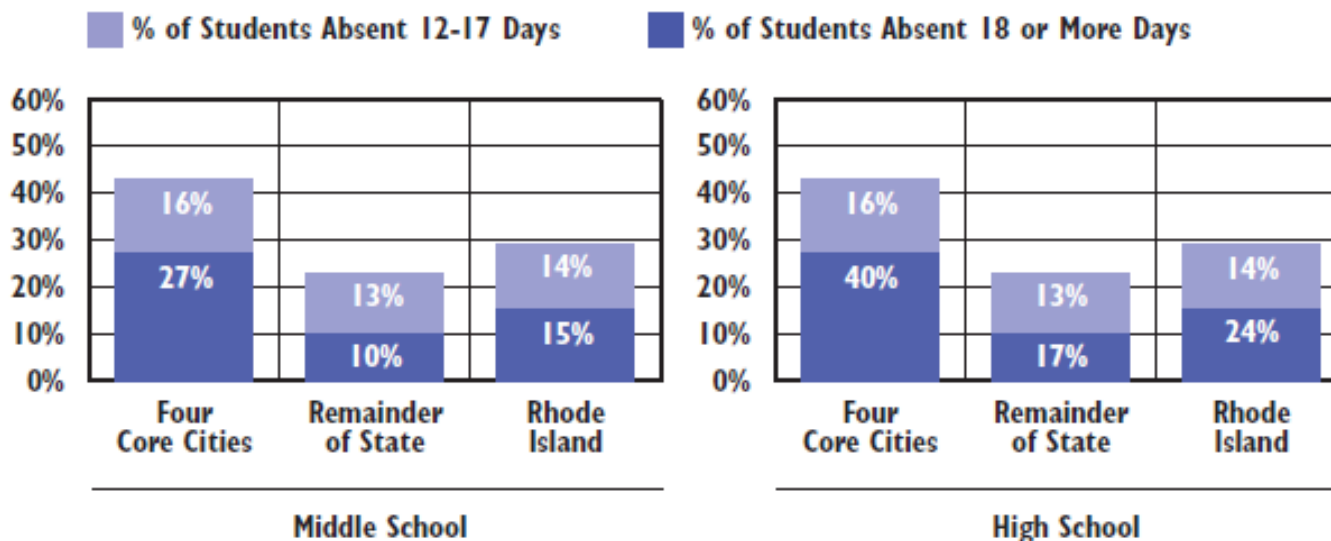


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2013-2014 school year.

- In Woonsocket, almost one in three (31%) of K-3 students missed 18+ days of school during the 2013-2014 school year, tied for highest in the state.

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.

- Woonsocket's chronic absence rate in high school was 45% during the 2013-2014 school year, the highest in the state

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	

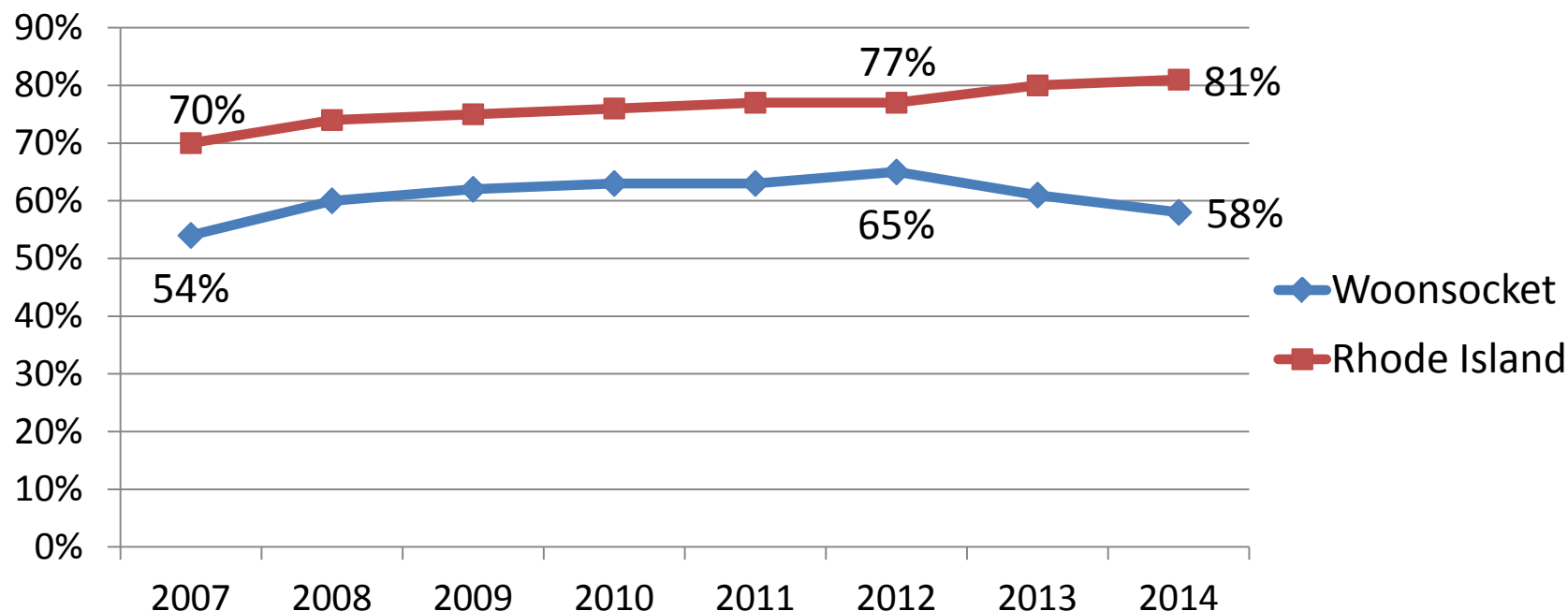
**Harassment offenses include hazing and hate crimes. Assault offenses include sexual assault. Examples of other offenses include cheating/plagiarism, fire regulation violations, sexual misconduct, trespassing, forgery, as well as disciplinary actions where the infraction is missing or not specified.*

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2013-2014 school year. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

School Suspensions

	Total # of Students	Suspended in School	In-School Suspensions per 100 Students	Suspended Out-of-School	Out-of School Suspensions per 100 Students
Central Falls	2,692	455	16.9	108	4.0
Pawtucket	8,750	12	0.1	905	10.3
Providence	23,799	2,022	8.5	6,296	26.5
Woonsocket	5,649	5,076	89.9	687	12.2
Rhode Island	139,353	15,010	10.8	15,763	11.3

High School Graduation Rate, 2007-2014



- The Woonsocket 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2014 was 58%, the dropout rate was 25%, 6% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 12% were still in school in the fall of 2014.
- Woonsocket had the highest dropout rate and lowest 4-year graduation rate in the state.

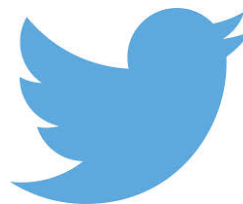


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