

Woonsocket Data in Your Backyard

Findings from the *2016 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

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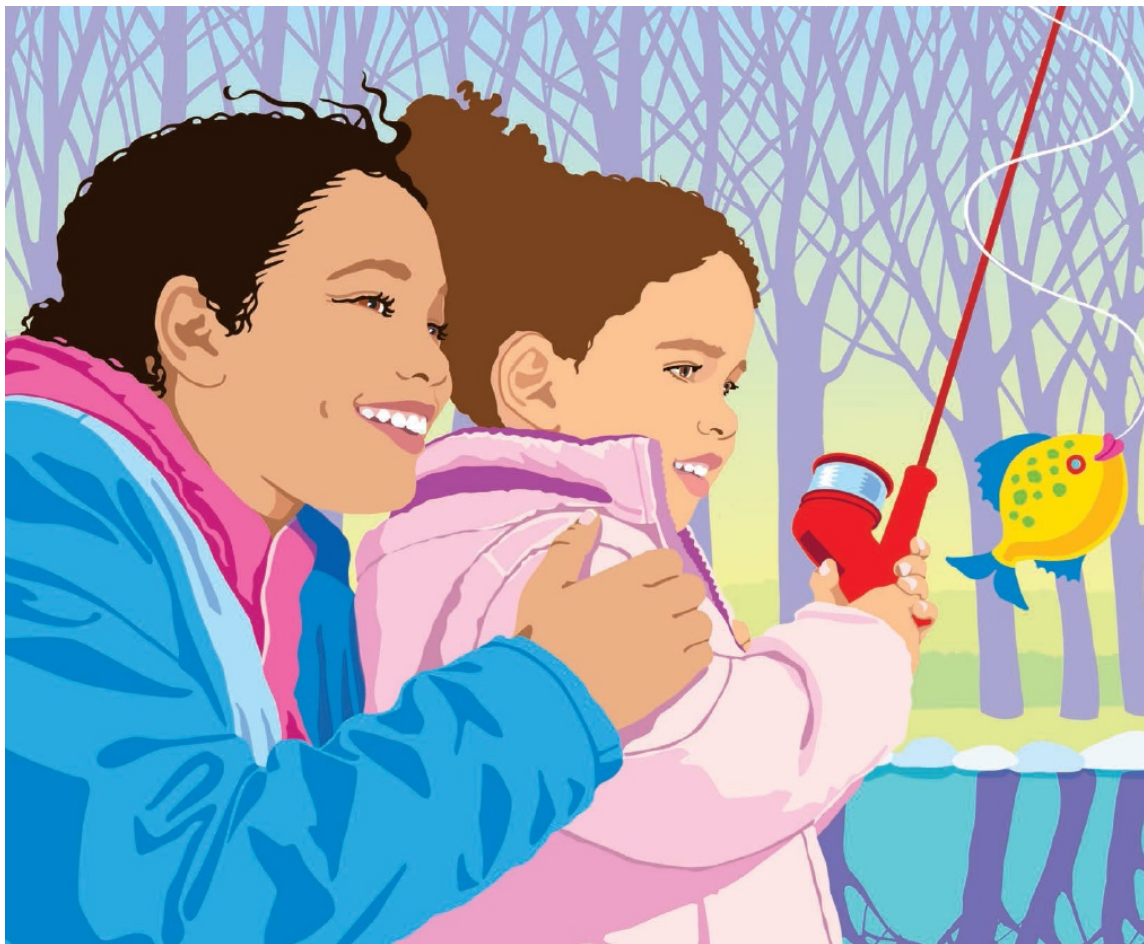
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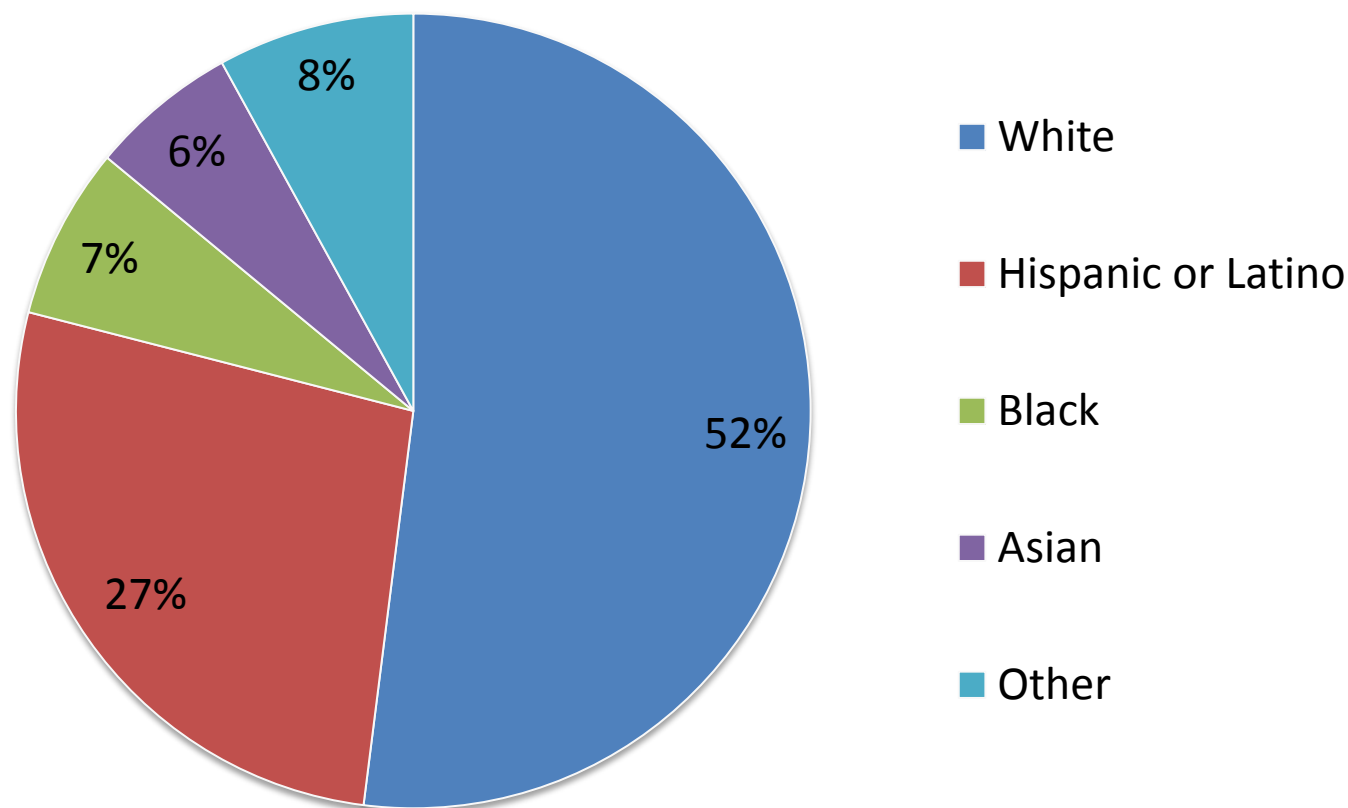
City and town-level information





Family and Community

Woonsocket's Child Population by Race & Ethnicity, 2010

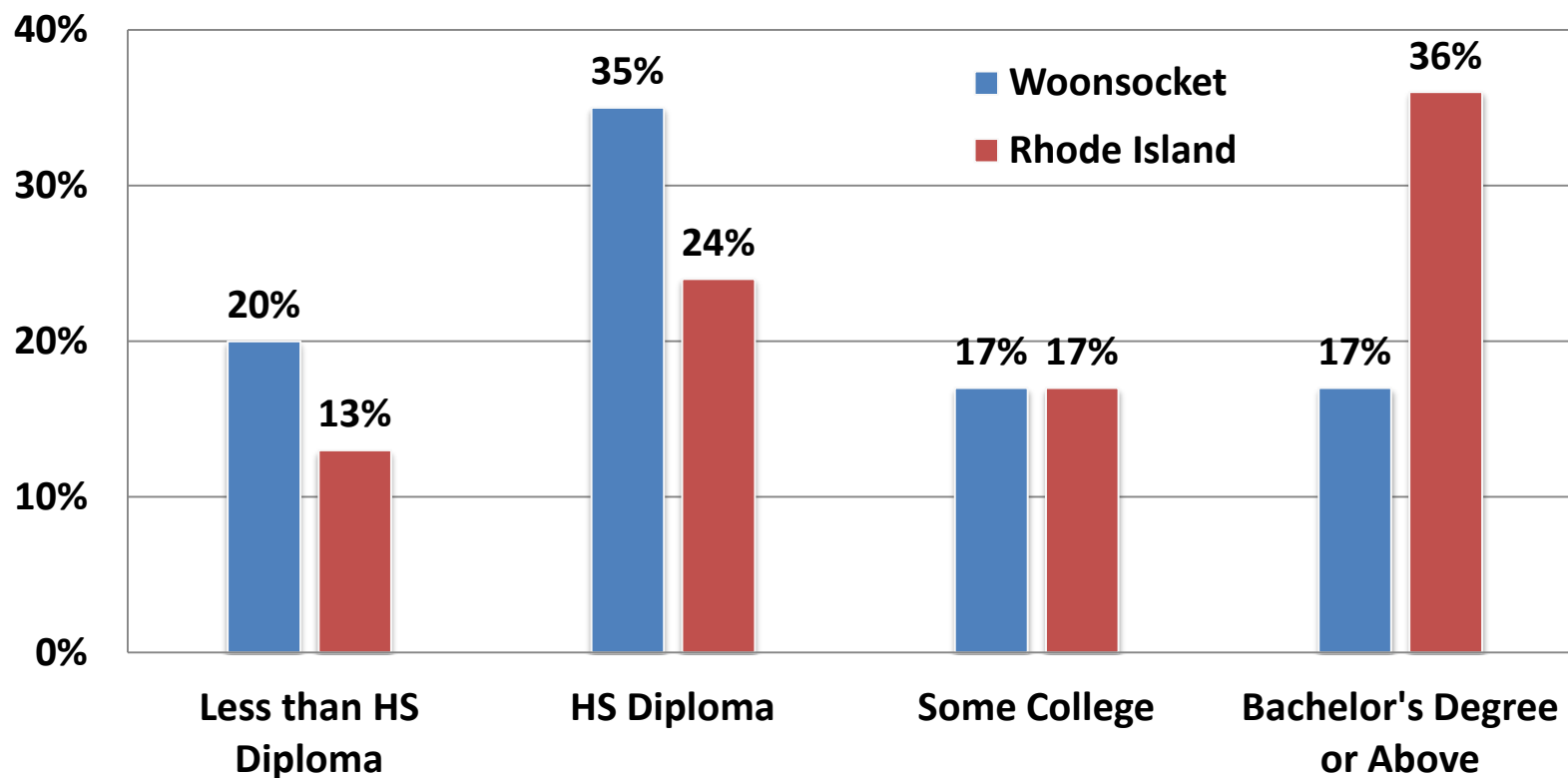


- Child population fell 11% between 2000 and 2010 from 11,155 to 9,888. It is becoming more diverse with 52% being White, non-Hispanic in 2010, compared to 65% in 2000.

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, 2010-2014



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



Economic Well-Being

Child Poverty Defined, 2015

Poverty level

- \$19,096 for a family of 3
- \$24,036 for a family of 4

Extreme poverty level

- \$9,548 for a family of 3
- \$12,018 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, 2010-2014

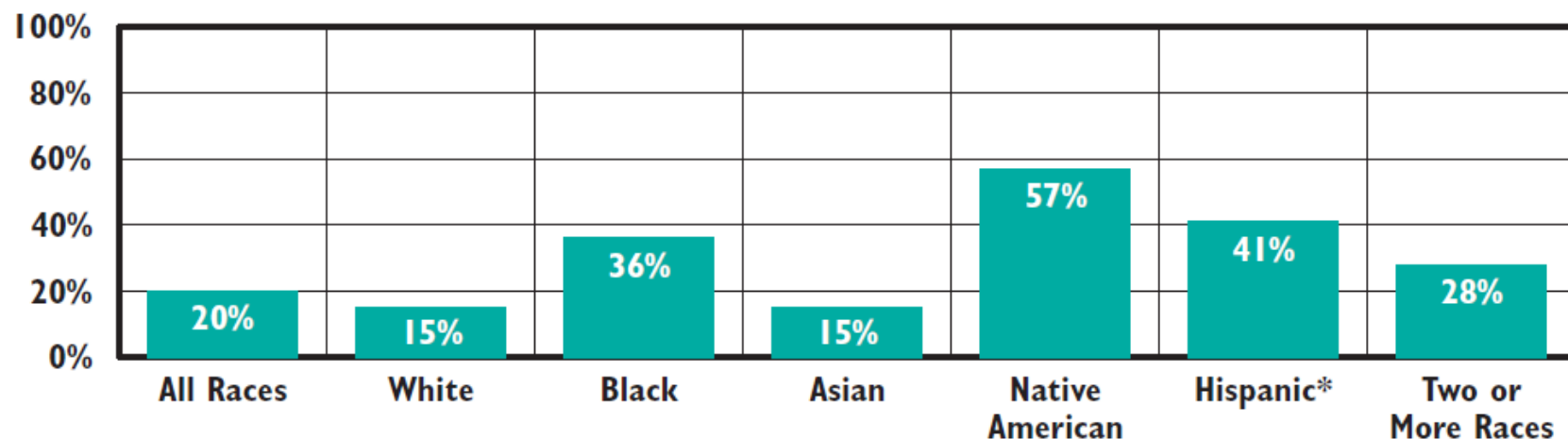
CITY/TOWN	NUMBER IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN POVERTY	NUMBER IN EXTREME POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN EXTREME POVERTY
Central Falls	2,361	41.9%	968	17.2%
Pawtucket	5,120	32.1%	2,449	15.4%
Providence	15,894	39.7%	7,522	18.8%
Woonsocket	4,036	42.0%	1,934	20.1%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>43,144</i>	<i>20.1%</i>	<i>19,449</i>	<i>9.1%</i>

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of 2010-2014 American Community Survey data.

- Between 2010 and 2014, 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, 2010-2014

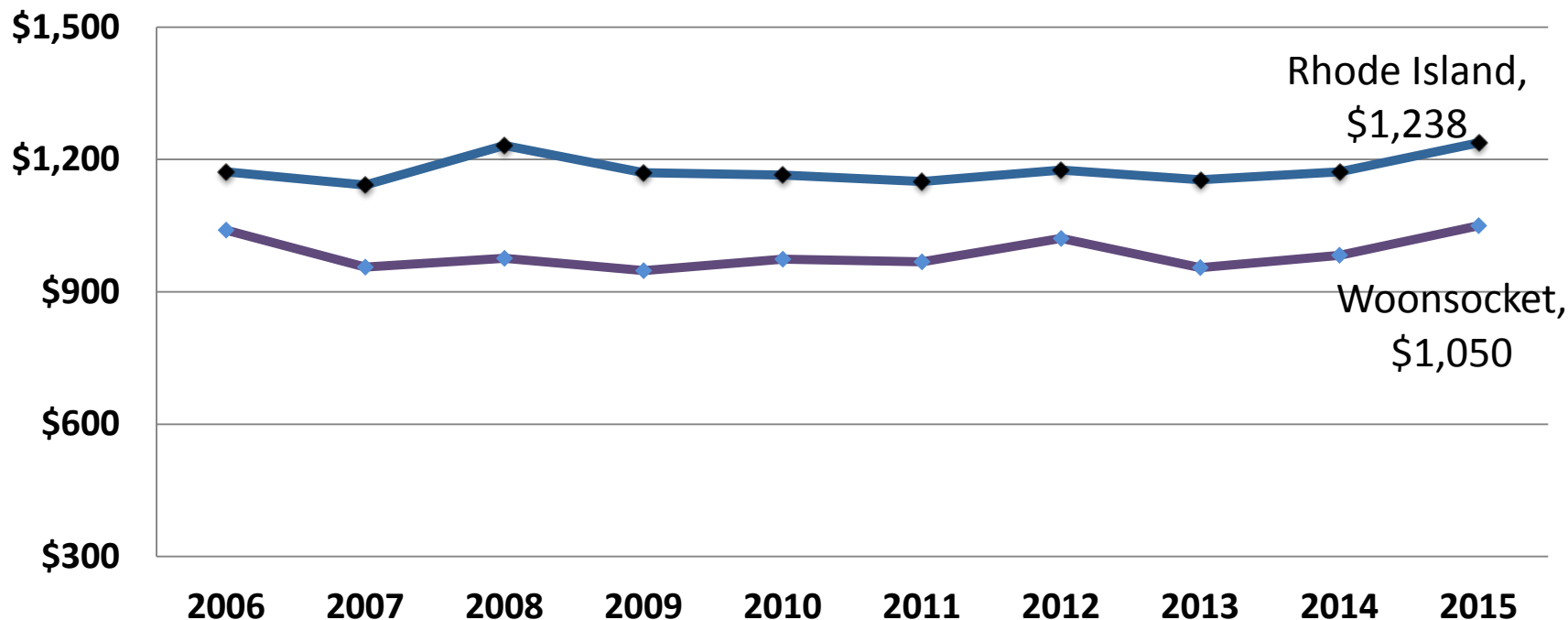


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010-2014. Tables S1701, B17020A, B17020B, B17020C, B17020D, B17020G and B17020I. *Hispanic children may be included in any race category.

- 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, 2006-2015

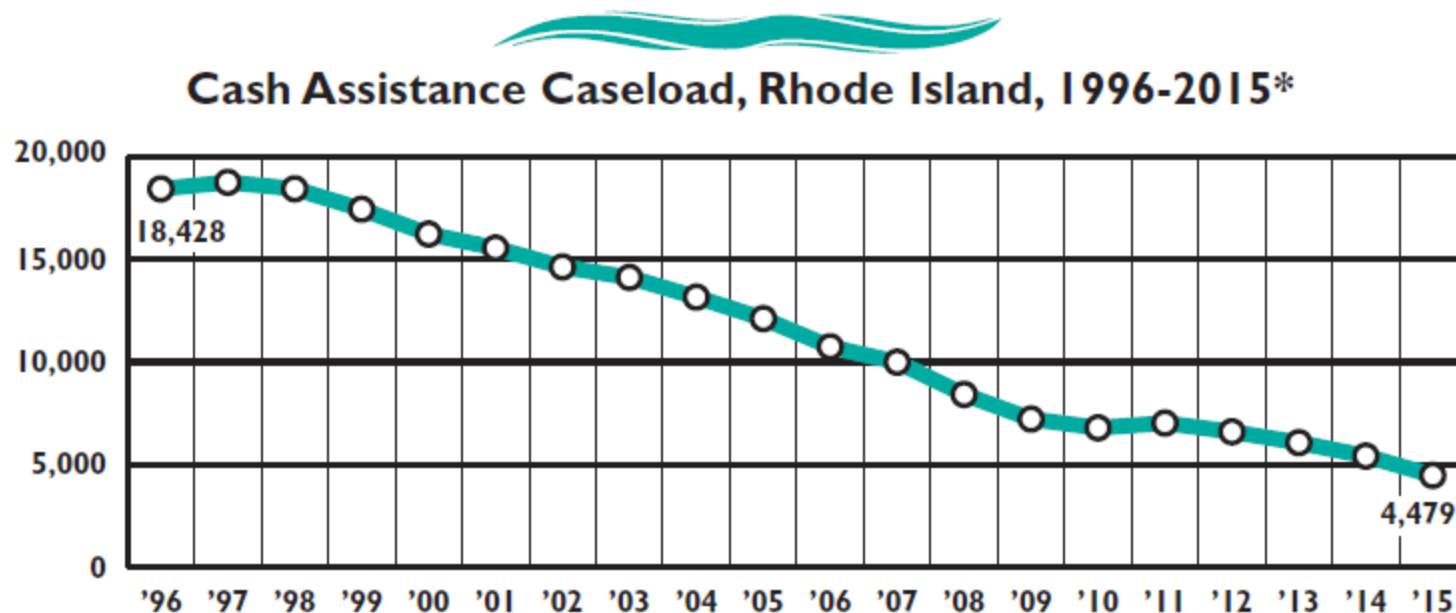


- To afford the average rent in Rhode Island without a cost burden...
 - A worker would need to earn more than 2.5 times the state's 2015 minimum wage of \$9 per hour.
- **A family of three living at the poverty level in Woonsocket...**
 - **would have to devote 63% of its household income to the cost of rent.**

Homeless Children

- In 2015, 988 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.
- During the 2014-2015 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 1,031 children as homeless.
 - **Woonsocket Public Schools personnel identified 100 children as homeless.**

Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

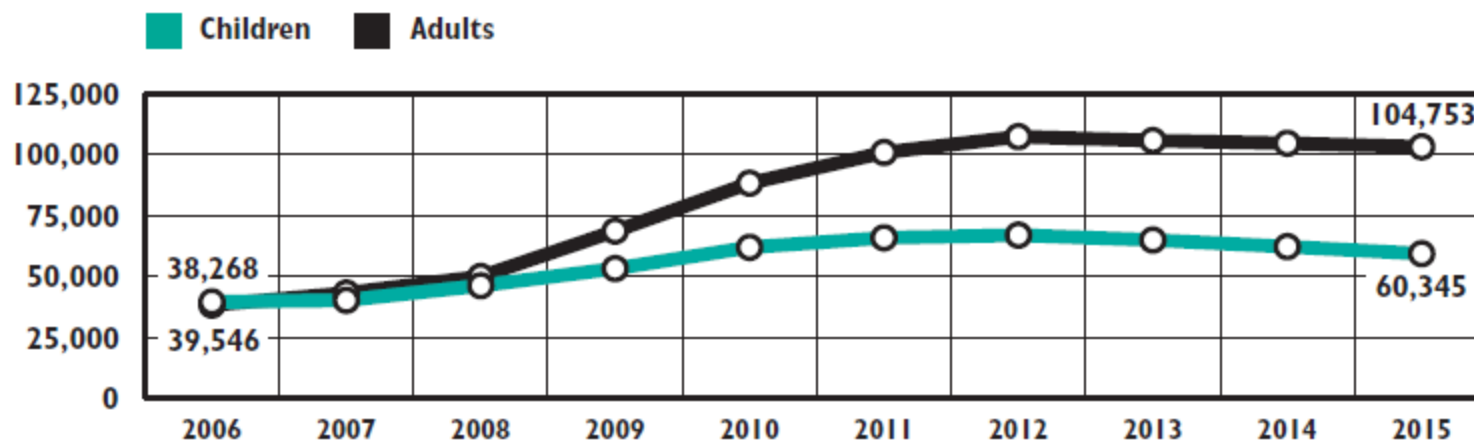


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1996-2015. Cases can be child-only or whole families and multiple people can be included in one case. *The Rhode Island Department of Human Services changed the method for calculating the caseload data starting in the 2012 Factbook. This change is reflected in 2010-2015 caseload data. Comparisons to earlier years should be made with caution.

- **8% (790) of children in Woonsocket receive cash assistance.**
- Statewide, 72% 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, 2006-2015



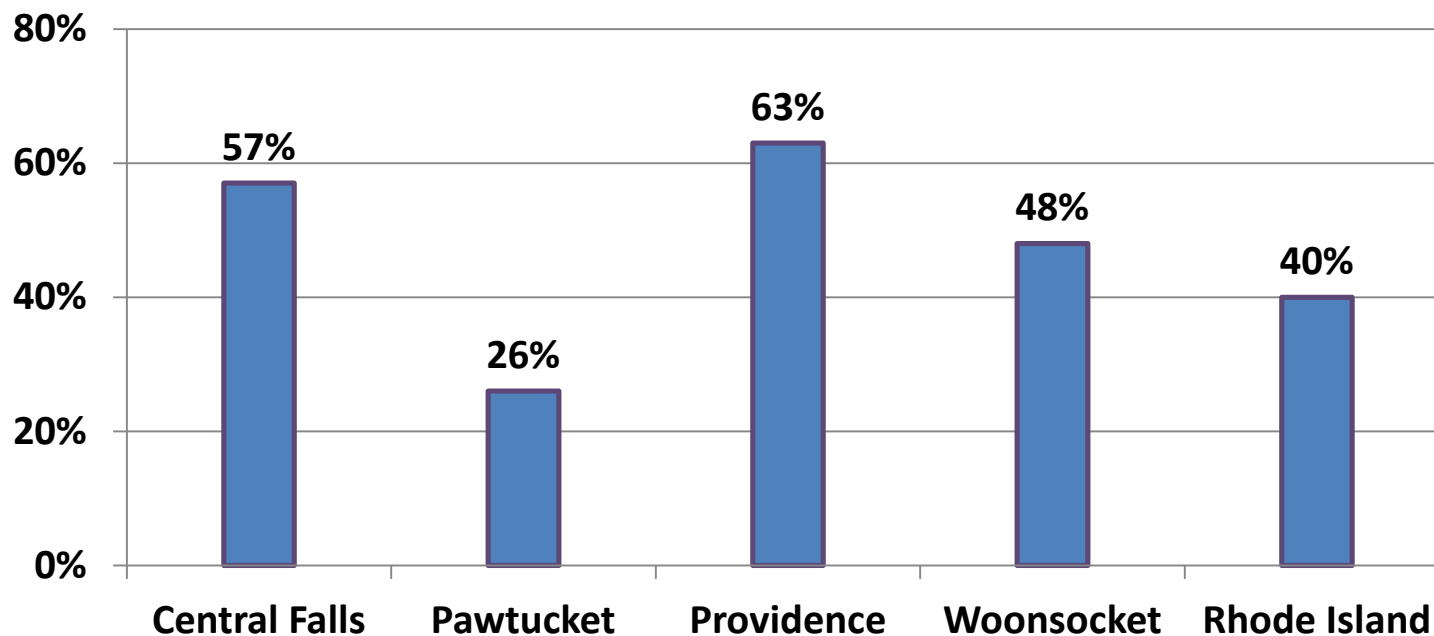
Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, 2006–2015. Data represent children under age 18 and adults who participated in SNAP during the month of October.

In October 2015

- 4,746 Woonsocket children were receiving SNAP benefits.

School Breakfast Program

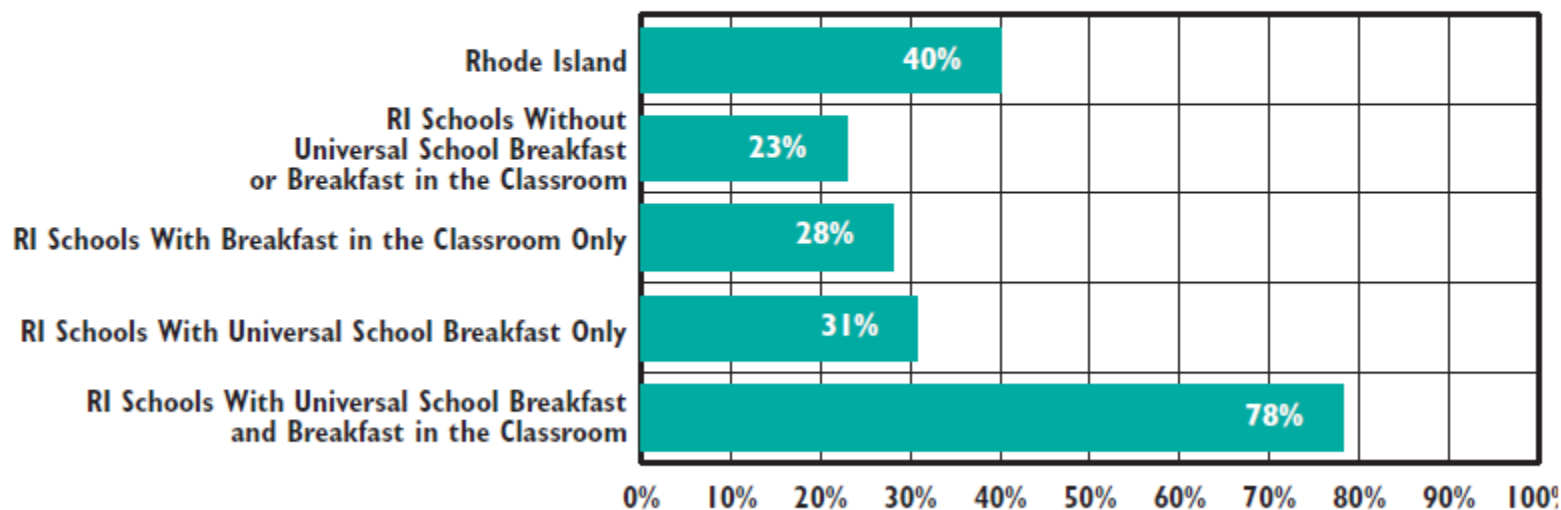
% of Low-Income Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2015



- All 4 school districts offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.

Children Participating in School Breakfast

Low-Income Children Participating in the School Breakfast Program, Rhode Island, October 2015

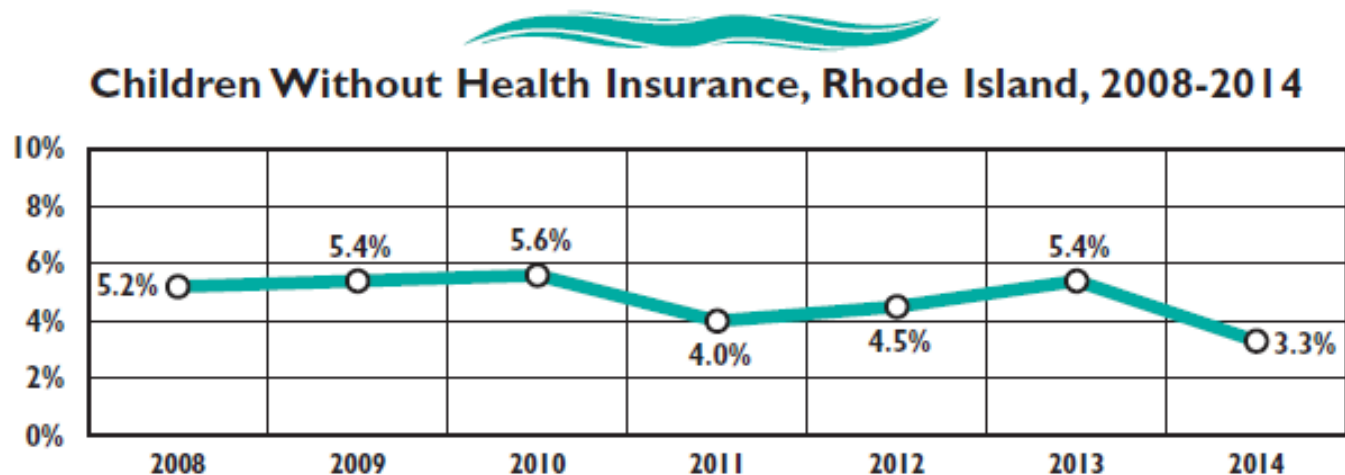


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of School Food Services, Office of Statewide Efficiencies, October 2015.



Health

Children's Health Insurance



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 & 2014. Table CP03. Data are for children under 18 years of age and are not comparable to Factbooks prior to 2015.

- Data released in September showed that in Rhode Island in 2015
 - 3.4% of children under age 18 were uninsured
 - Rhode Island ranks 15th best in the country

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

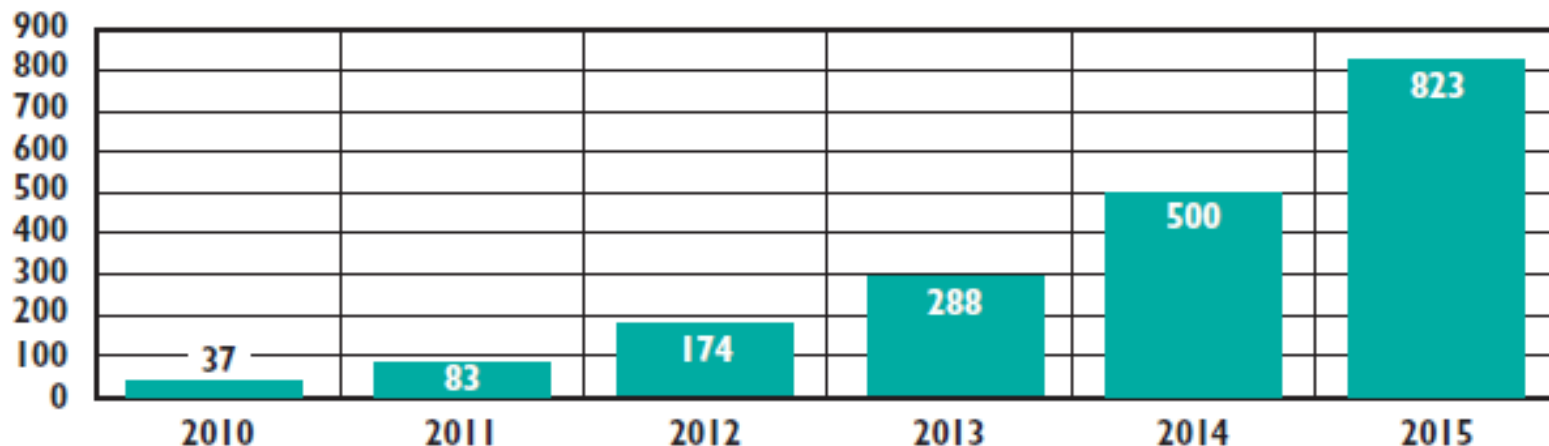
Less likely to complete high school

In 2015...

- **240 (2%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors**
- **20 (4%) Woonsocket babies were born at highest risk.**
 - Compared to 10% in 2010, 8% in 2011, 6% in 2012, 6% in 2013, and 4% in 2014.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting

Families Enrolled in Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (MIECHV-Funded), Rhode Island, 2010-2015



Source: Children's Friend and Service, Nurse-Family Partnership enrollment in October 2010 and October 2011. Rhode Island Department of Health, enrollment in MIECHV-funded evidence-based home visiting programs, October 2012-2015.

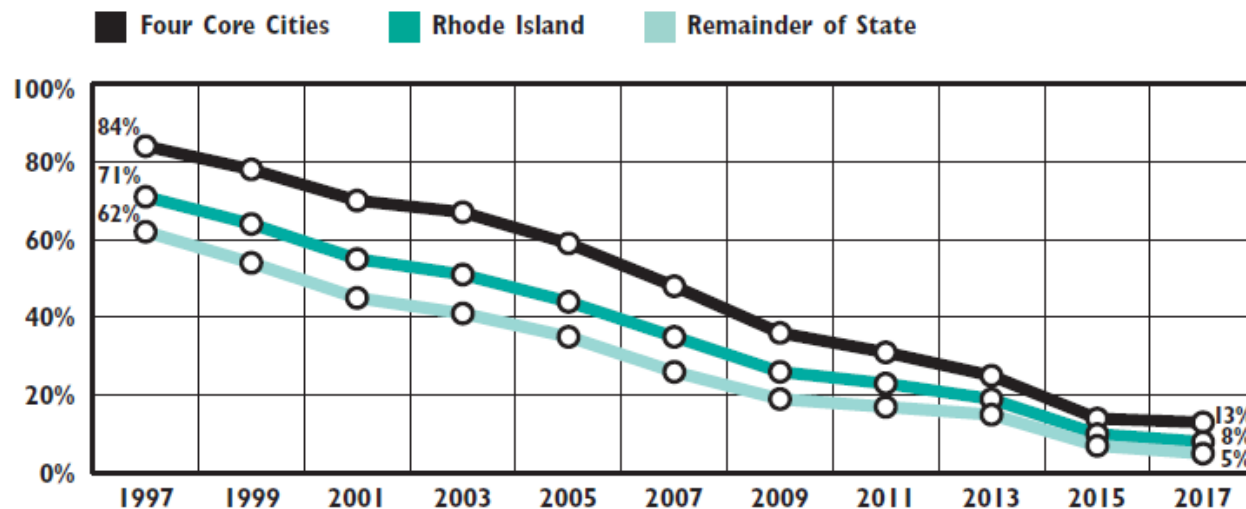
- 81 families in Woonsocket are enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers home visiting programs.

Infant Health Outcomes, 2010-2014

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Pre-term Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Births
Central Falls	15.8%	8.8%	7.7%	n/a
Pawtucket	15.5%	9.7%	8.5%	8.1
Providence	16.4%	10.4%	9.0%	8.4
Woonsocket	15.9%	10.0%	8.6%	8.1
Four Core Cities	16.1%	10.0%	8.7%	8.0
Remainder of State	9.8%	8.4%	6.6%	5.0
Rhode Island	12.4%	9.1%	7.5%	6.2

Children with Lead Poisoning

Children Entering Kindergarten with History of Elevated* Blood Lead Level Screening (≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$), Rhode Island, Four Core Cities, and Remainder of State, 1997-2017

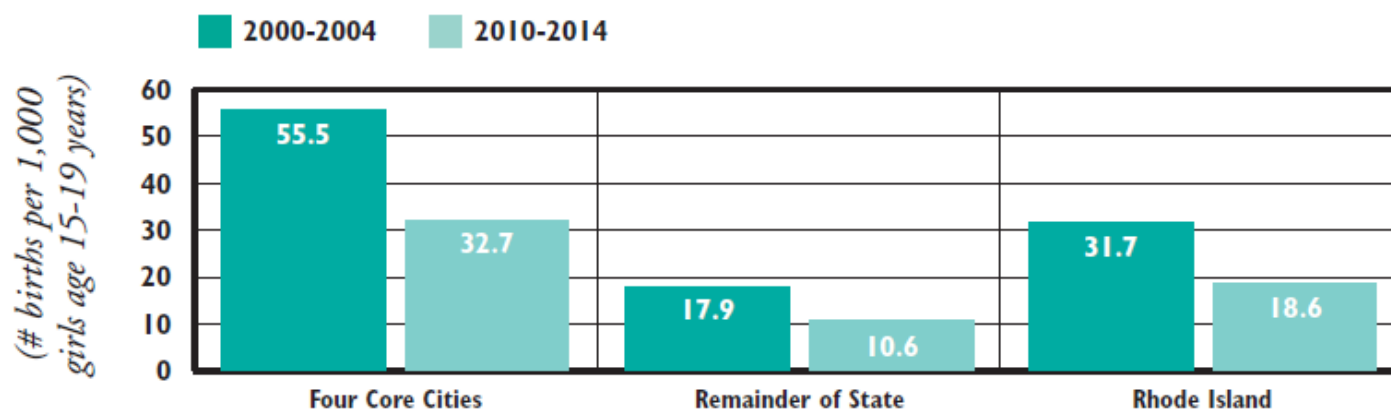


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 1997 and 2017. *Elevated blood lead level of ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$.

- **597 Woonsocket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2017 were tested.**
 - 36 (6.0%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 5 mcg/dL.

Births to Teens, 2010-2014

Teen Birth Rates, Rhode Island, Five-Year Averages Comparisons, 2000-2004 and 2010-2014



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2000-2014. Data for births in 2014 are provisional.

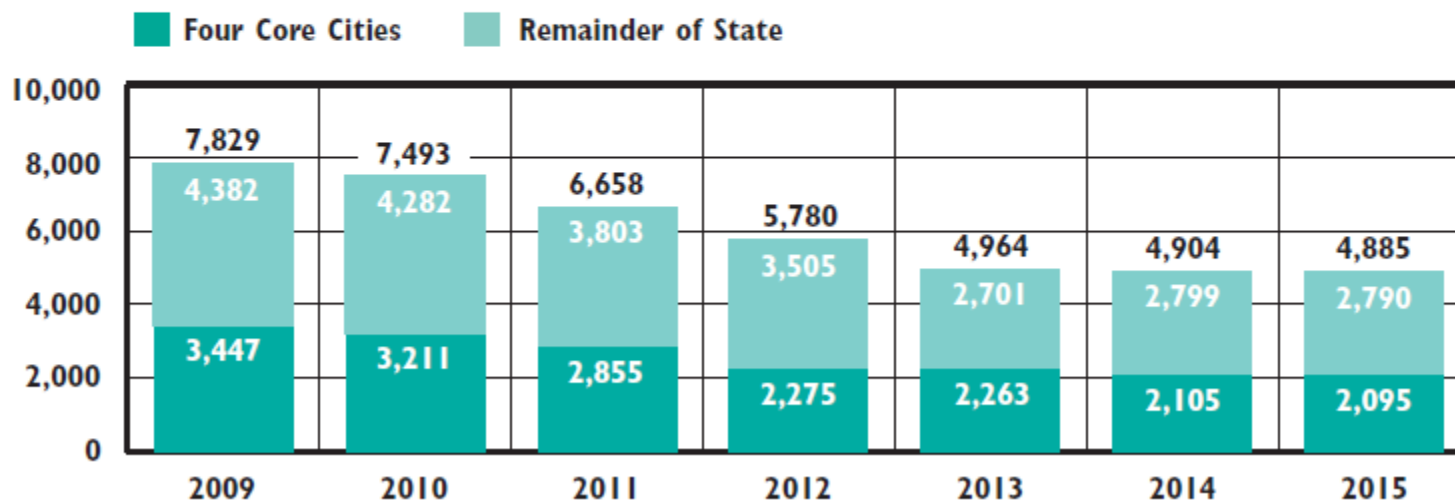
- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally and in Rhode Island.
- 56.3 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 in Woonsocket from 2010-2014, second highest rate in the state.
- In Woonsocket, between 2010 and 2014, 71 births were repeat teen births, making up 20% of the 355 total teen births during that period.



Safety

Youths Referred to Family Court

Juvenile Wayward/Delinquent Offenses Referred to Rhode Island Family Court, 2009-2015



- 43% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2009 to 2015.

Youth Referred to Family Court

BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

25%	Status Offenses*	4%	Motor Vehicle Offenses
21%	Property Crimes	3%	Weapons Offenses
21%	Disorderly Conduct	2%	Alcohol and Drug Offenses
11%	Simple Assault	7%	Other**
5%	Violent Crimes		

n=4,885

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

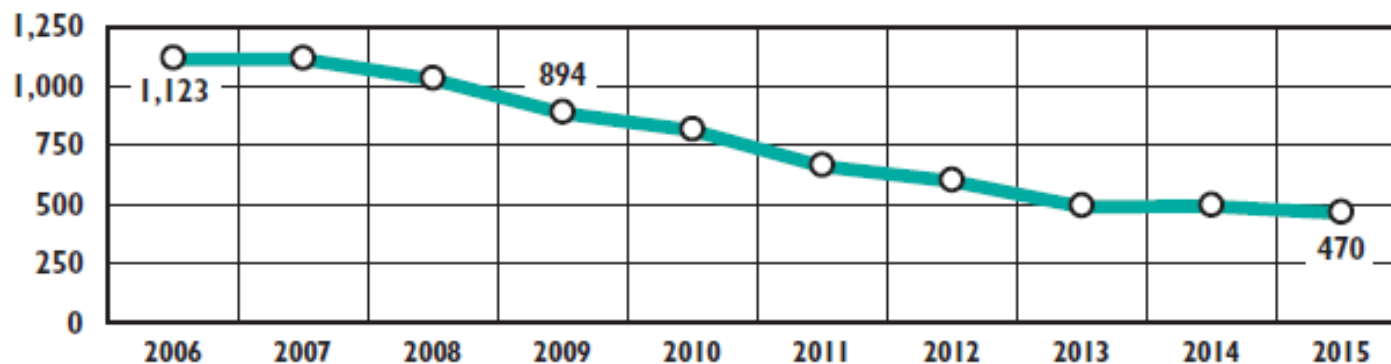
***Other includes offenses such as conspiracy, crank/obscene phone calls, computer crimes, and possession of a manipulative device for automobiles, etc. Probation violations, contempt of court, and other violations of court orders are not included in the offenses above.*

Source: Rhode Island Family Court, 2009-2015 Juvenile offense reports. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

- 5% (234) of offenses for which youth were referred to Family Court in 2015 involved violent offenses.

Youth at the Training School

**Youth in the Care and Custody of the Rhode Island Training School,
Calendar Years 2006-2015**



- 470 youth were in the care or custody of the Training School at some point during 2015, down from 1,123 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 Institutions (ACI), September 30, 2015

	INMATES SURVEYED*	# REPORTING CHILDREN	% REPORTING CHILDREN	# OF CHILDREN REPORTED
Awaiting Trial	620	394	64%	906
Serving a Sentence	2,548	1,476	58%	3,316
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>3,168</i>	<i>1,870</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>4,222</i>

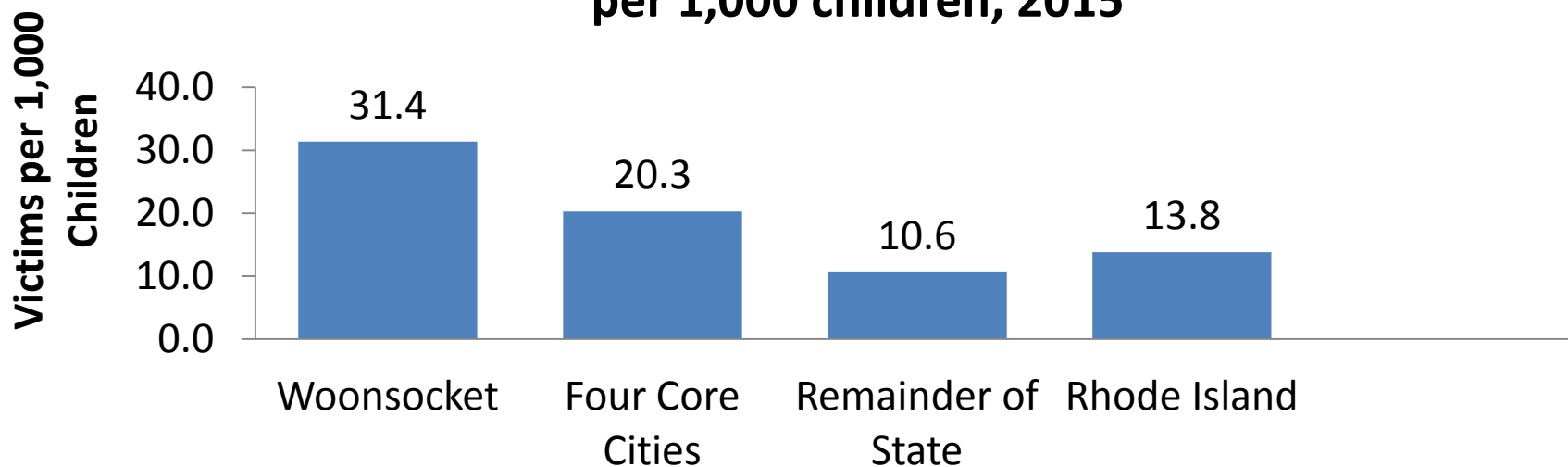
Source: Rhode Island Department of Corrections, September 30, 2015. **Does not include inmates who were missing responses to the question on number of children, inmates on home confinement, or those from another state's jurisdiction.*

On September 30, 2015:

- 114 incarcerated parents with a known in-state residence identified Woonsocket as their last place of residence.
- These parents reported 260 children
- Only Providence has a higher rate of children with incarcerated parents.

Child Abuse and Neglect

Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 children, 2015



- 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 (80%).



Education

Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

BrightStars Quality Ratings for Licensed Early Learning Programs and Public Schools Serving Preschoolers, Rhode Island, January 2016

	CENTERS & PRESCHOOLS	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	FAMILY CHILD CARE
Unrated	18% (57)	40% (22)	13% (67)
1 Star	31% (99)	15% (8)	59% (293)
2 Stars	20% (64)	27% (15)	24% (121)
3 Stars	14% (43)	5% (3)	1% (7)
4 Stars	12% (39)	13% (7)	2% (8)
5 Stars	5% (15)	0% (0)	<1% (1)
TOTAL	317	55	497

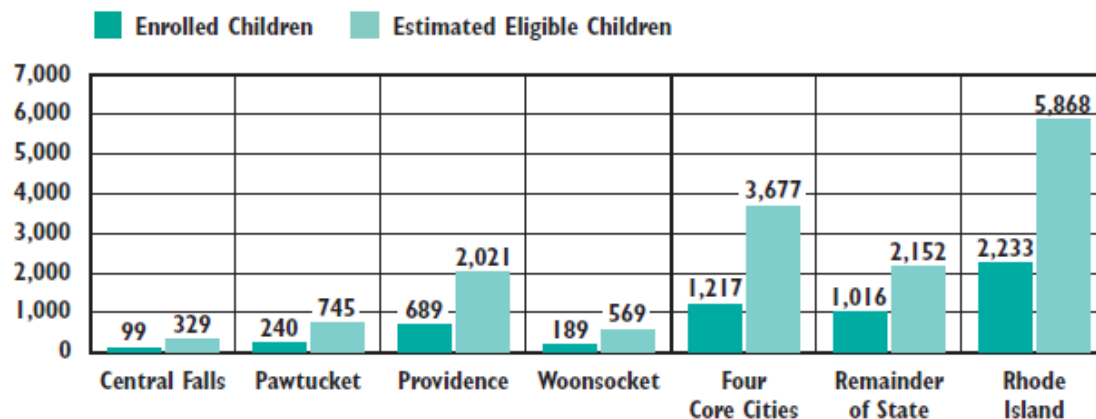
Source: Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children and the RI Early Care and Education Data System (ECEDS), January 2016.

In Woonsocket:

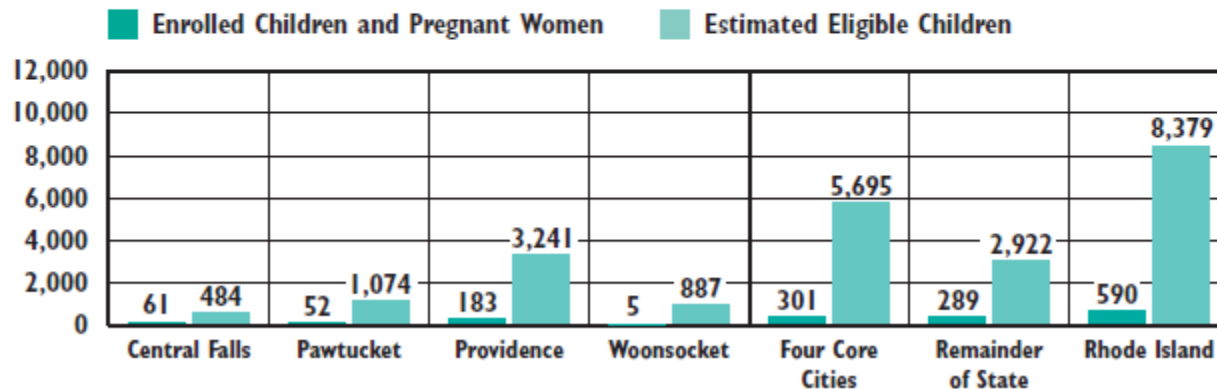
- 100% of the 9 child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars.
 - 56% (5 of 9) have a high-quality rating of 4 or 5 stars
- 100% of 6 family child care homes participate in BrightStars.
 - So far, none have a high-quality rating of 4 or 5 stars

Head Start and Early Head Start

Access to Head Start for Children in Poverty, Rhode Island, 2015

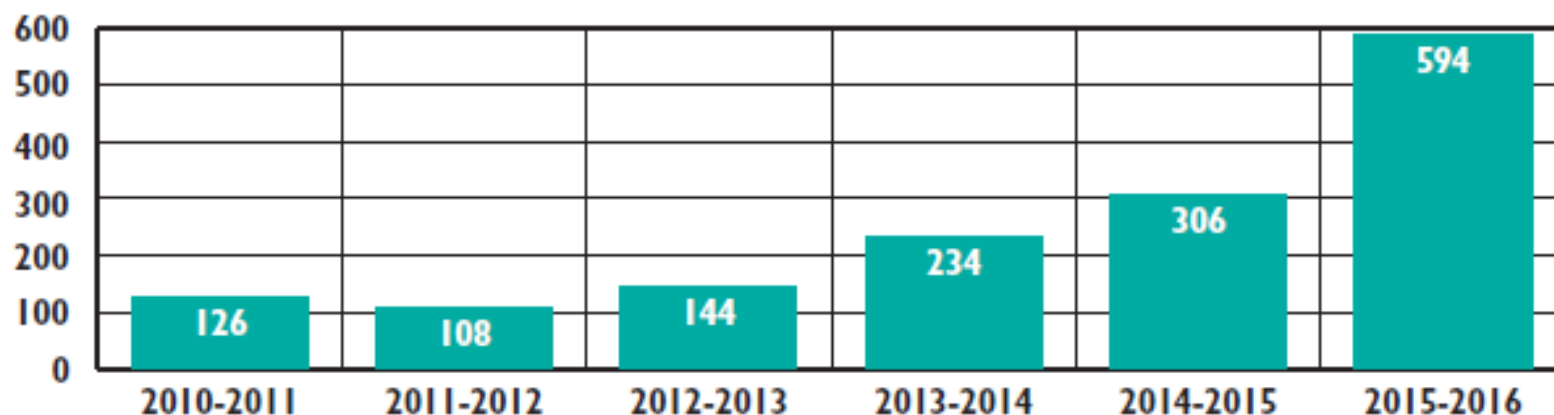


Access to Early Head Start for Low-Income Children and Pregnant Women, Rhode Island, 2015



Children Enrolled in State Pre-K

Rhode Island State Pre-K Funded Slots, 2010-2011 through 2015-2016

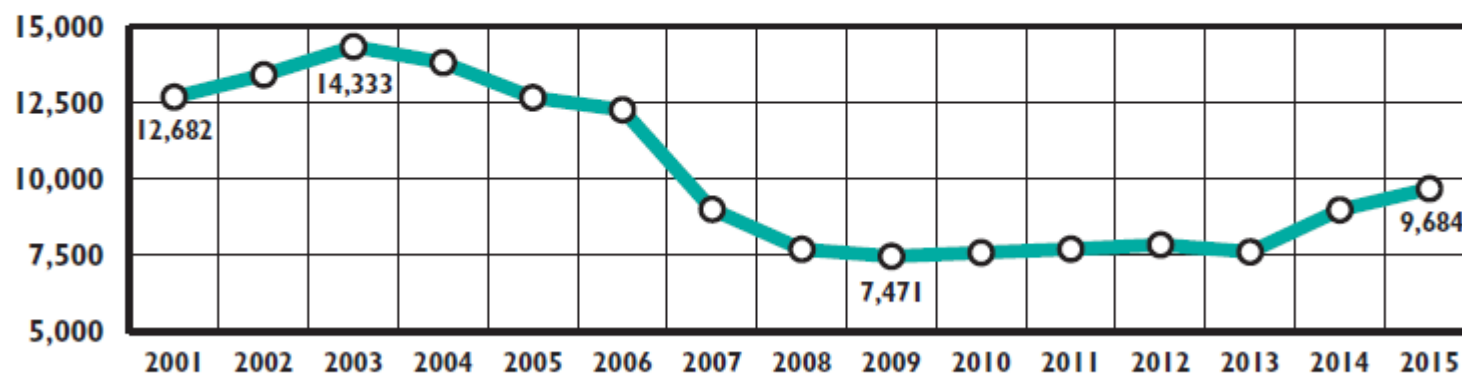


Sources: National Institute for Early Education Research, *The State of Preschool 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013*. Rhode Island Department of Education, State Pre-K programs 2013-2014 through 2015-2016.

- During the 2014-2015 school year, 90 Woonsocket children in 5 classrooms were enrolled in the State Pre-K program, and this year there are 126 children enrolled in 7 classrooms.

Child Care Subsidies

Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2015

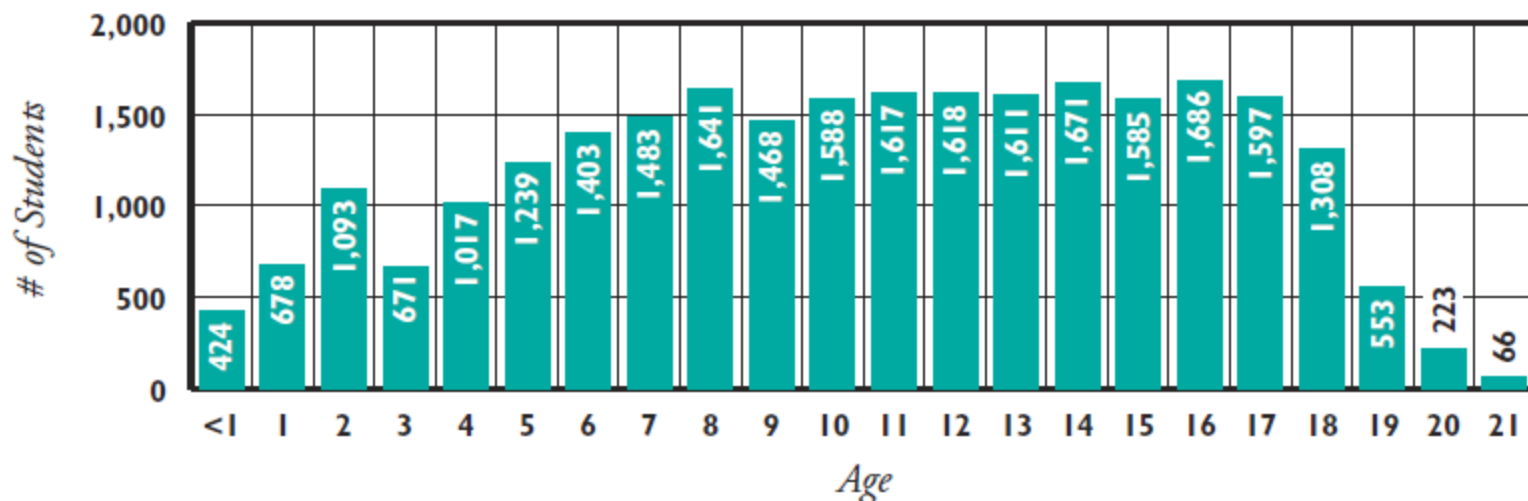


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001–December 2015.

- In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of child care subsidies available, but the number of child care subsidies is still 32% lower than the number available at the peak in 2003.

Special Education

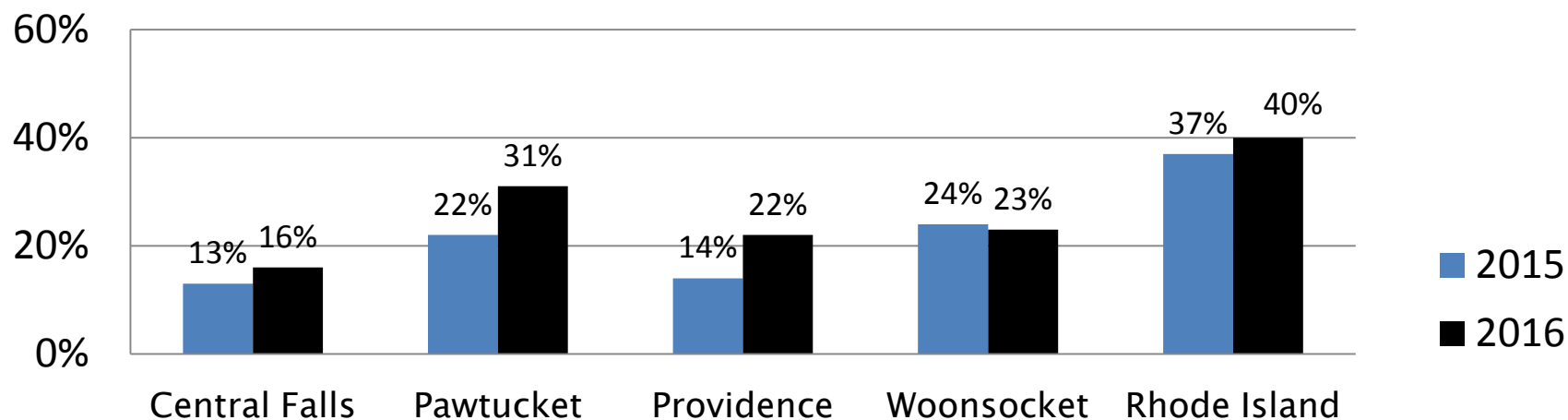
Students Ages Birth to 21 Receiving Early Intervention and Special Education Services, Rhode Island, June 2015



- In Woonsocket, 22% of children in grades K-12 in June 2015 were receiving special education services, the highest rate in the state.

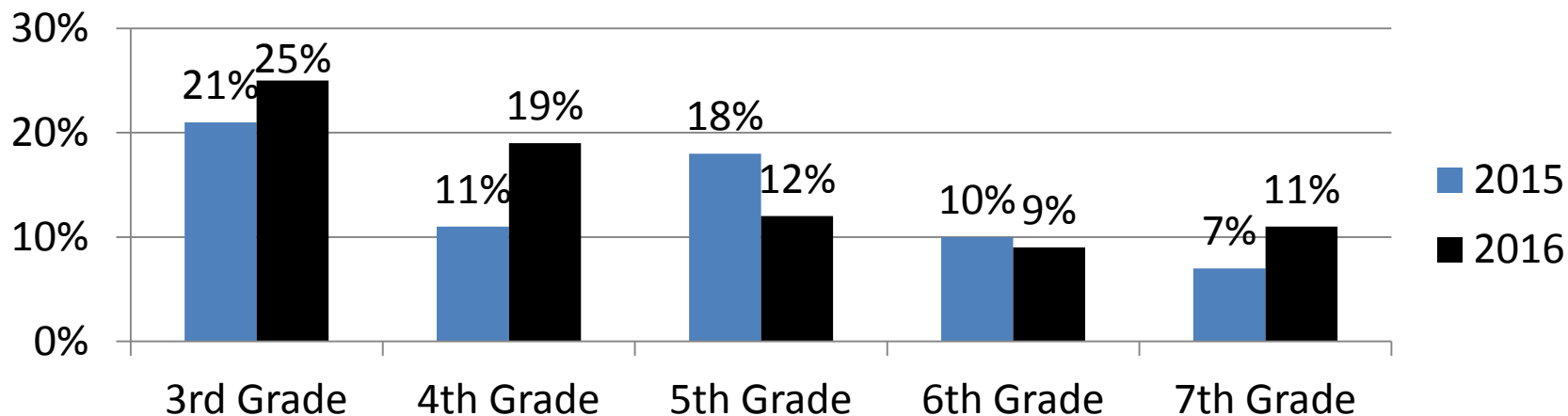
Third-Grade Reading Skills

Third-Graders Meeting Expectations in English Language Arts, 2015 and 2016



Math Skills

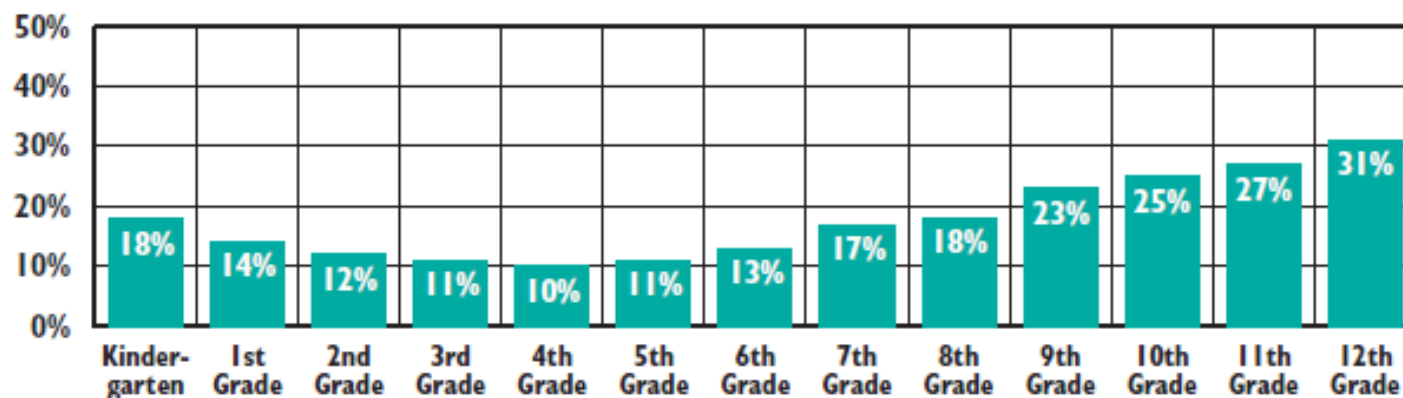
Math Proficiency, Woonsocket, 2015-2016



- Woonsocket's math proficiency rates have been increasing overall but continue to be far below the rates for the state as a whole.
- **In third grade**, 44% of Rhode Island students meet expectations, compared to 25% of Woonsocket students.
- **In seventh grade**, 28% of Rhode Island students meet expectations, compared to 11% of Woonsocket students.

Chronic Early Absence

Chronic Absence Rates in Rhode Island by Grade,
2014-2015 School Year

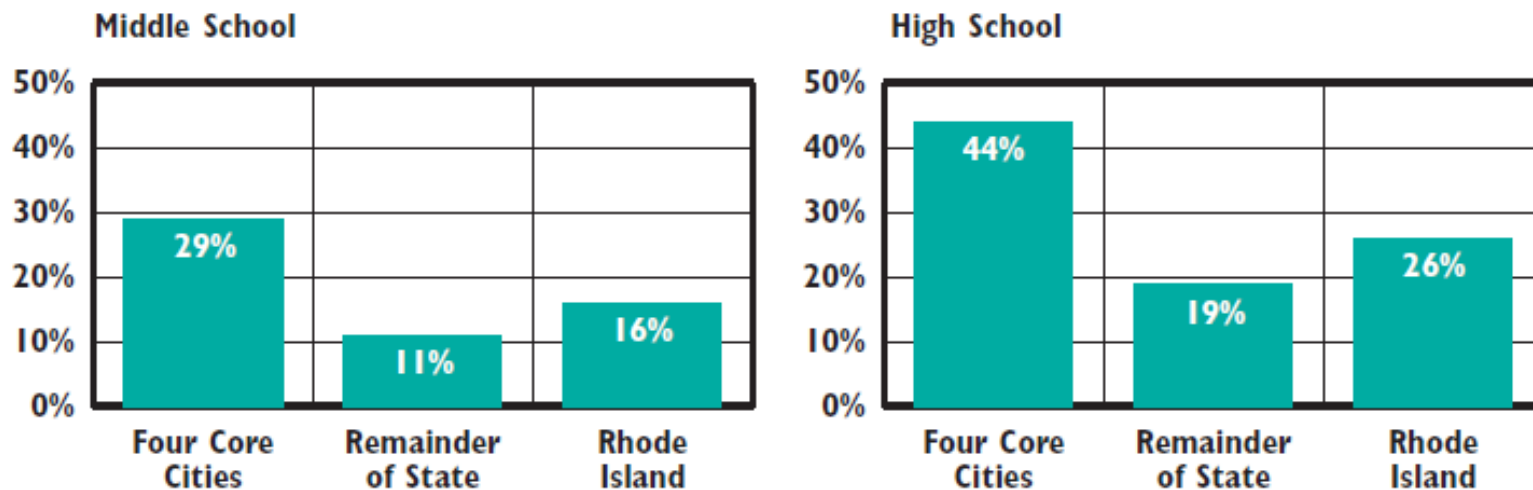


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2014-2015 school year.

- In Woonsocket, almost one in three (32%) of K-3 students missed 18+ days of school during the 2014-2015 school year, the highest in the state.

Chronic Absence, Middle School and High School

Chronic Absence Rate by District Type, Middle and High School, 2014-2015 School Year



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2014-2015 school year.

- Woonsocket's chronic absence rates in middle school (38%) and high school (51%) during the 2014-2015 school year, were the highest in the state.

School Suspensions

Out-of-School Suspensions by Infraction, Rhode Island, 2014-2015

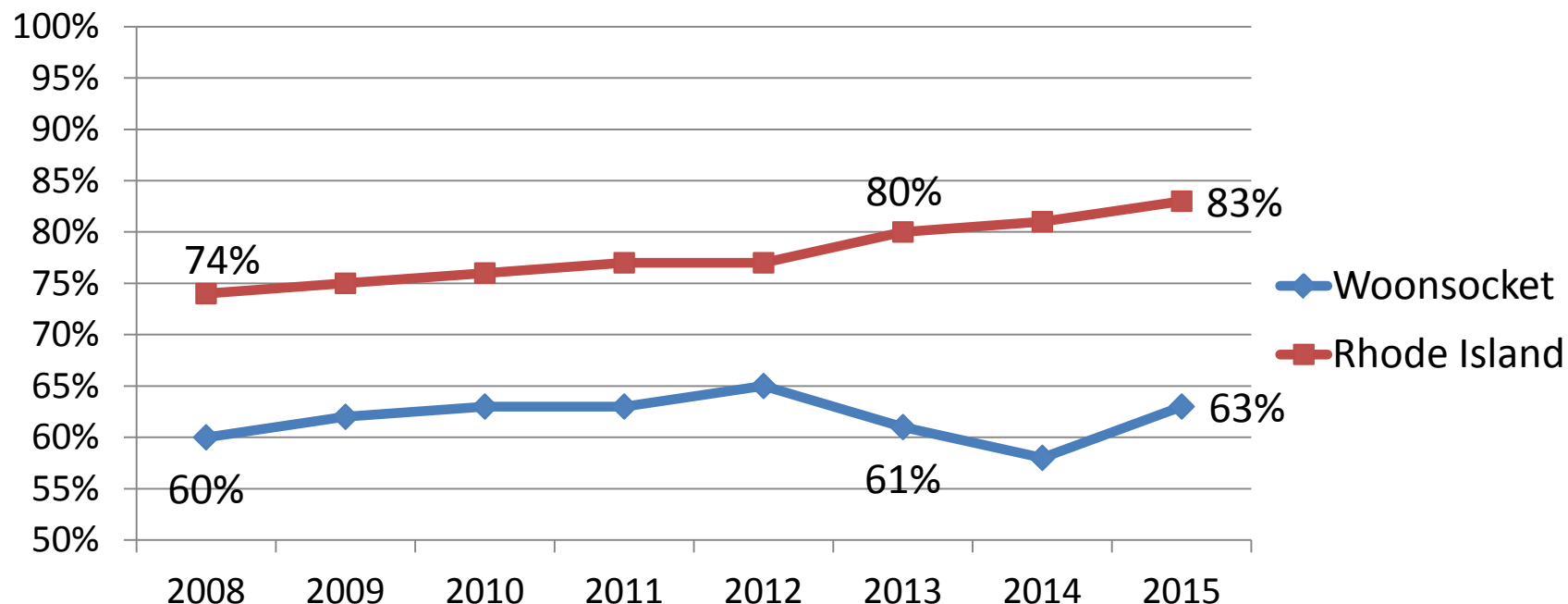
TYPE OF INFRACTION*	#	%	TYPE OF INFRACTION	#	%
Insubordination/Disrespect	3,758	29%	Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses	581	4%
Disorderly Conduct	3,038	23%	Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism	332	3%
Fighting	1,685	13%	Electronic Devices/Technology	297	2%
Assault of Student or Teacher	1,029	8%	Weapon Possession	156	1%
Obscene/Abusive Language	988	8%	Attendance Offenses	0	0%
Harassment/Intimidation/Threat	985	8%	Other Offenses	125	1%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>12,974</i>	

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2014-2015 school year. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

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

- Woonsocket had the highest suspension rate during the 2014-2015 school year with 86 suspensions per 100 students, compared to 19 for the state as a whole.
 - However, only 14% of Woonsocket school suspensions were out-of-school suspensions, compared to 95% for the state as a whole.

High School Graduation Rate, 2008-2015



- The Woonsocket 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2015 was 63%, the dropout rate was 20%, 2% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 16% were still in school in the fall of 2015.
- Woonsocket had the highest dropout rate and lowest 4-year graduation rate in the state.

High School Graduation Rate, 2015

All Woonsocket Students	63%
Females	69%
Males	58%
Students with Disabilities	45%
Students without Disabilities	71%
English Language Learners	56%
Low-Income Students	58%
Higher-Income Students	84%
White	65%
Black	66%
Hispanic	52%
Asian	90%

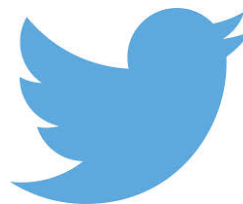


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