

Central Falls Data in Your Backyard

Findings from the *2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

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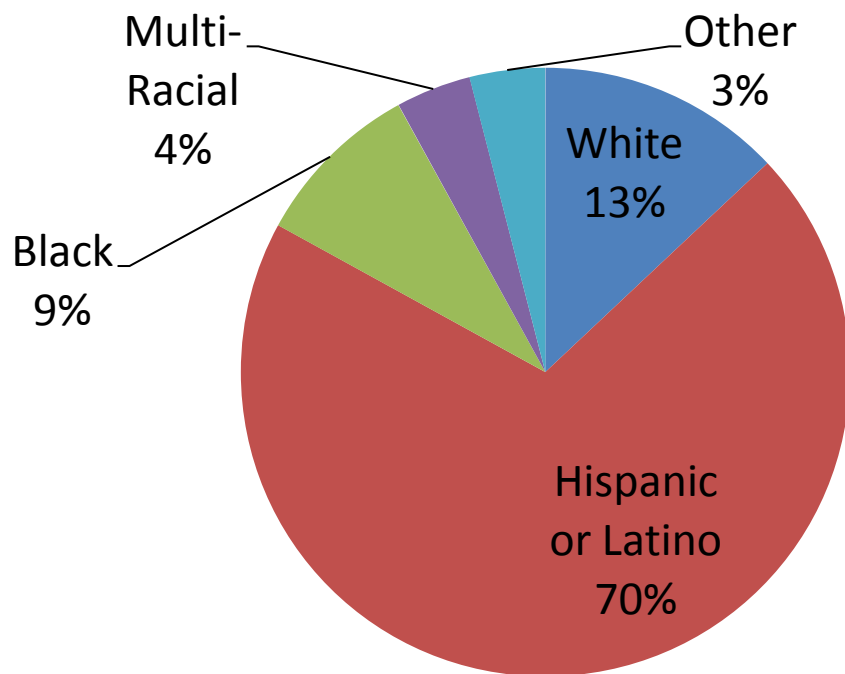
City and town-level information





Family and Community

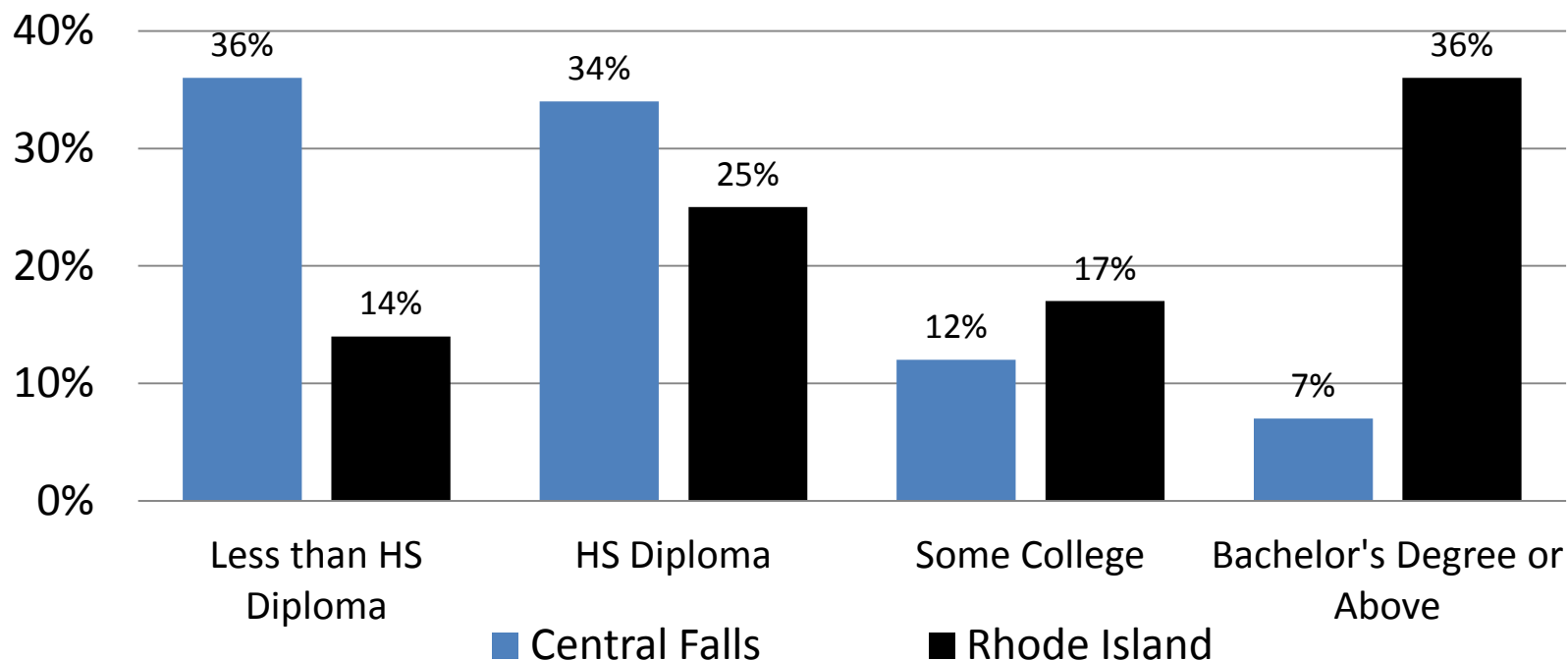
Child Population, 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010.

- 1 of only 3 communities with increasing child population.
- Increasing percentage of population is Hispanic/Latino.

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

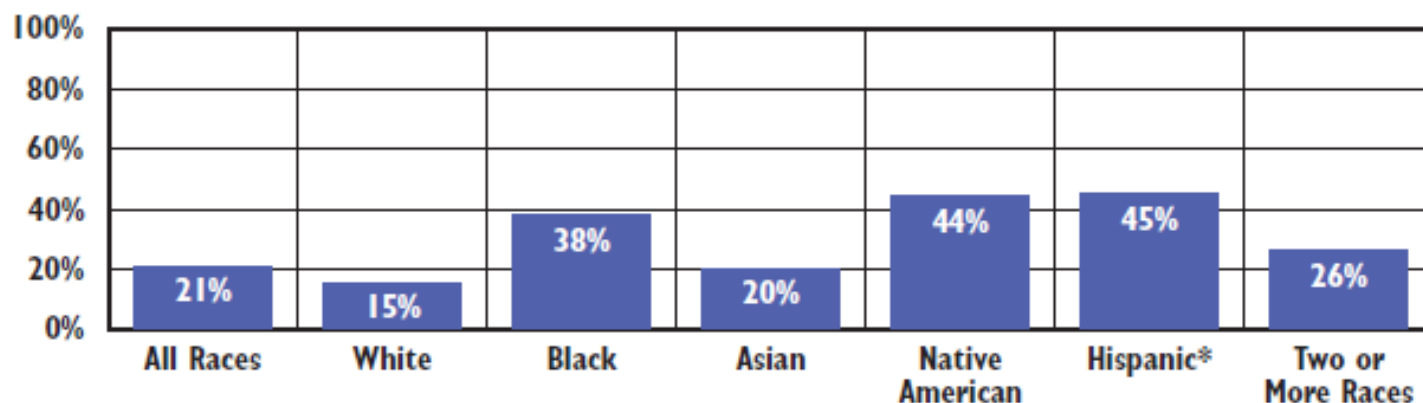
CITY/TOWN	NUMBER IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN POVERTY	NUMBER IN EXTREME POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN EXTREME POVERTY
Central Falls	2,334	41.1%	1,064	18.8%
Pawtucket	4,550	28.9%	2,228	14.2%
Providence	16,049	39.7%	7,841	19.4%
Woonsocket	4,222	42.8%	1,922	19.5%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>42,247</i>	<i>19.5%</i>	<i>19,361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

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

Almost two-thirds (64%) of Rhode Island's children living in poverty live in just 4 cities.

Poverty by Race/Ethnicity

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

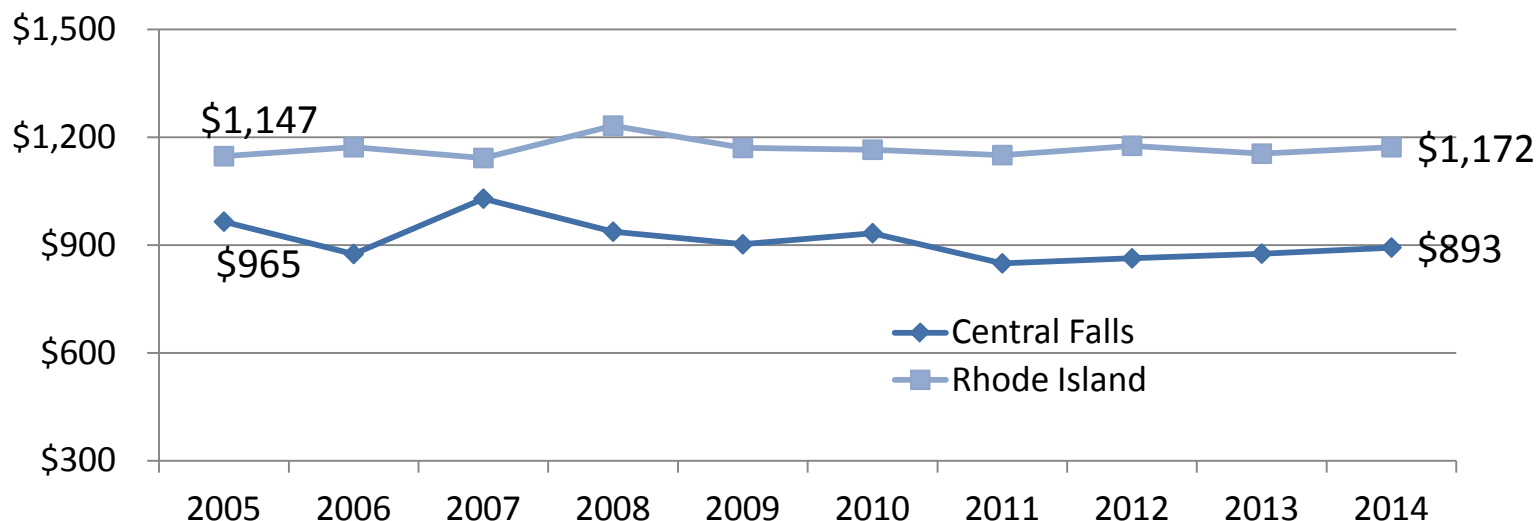


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-2013. Tables S1701, B17020A, B17020B, B17020C, B17020D, B17020G, and B17020I. *Hispanic children may be included in any race category.

- 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
2005-2014**



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 Central Falls...

- would have to devote 54% 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

Homeless Children

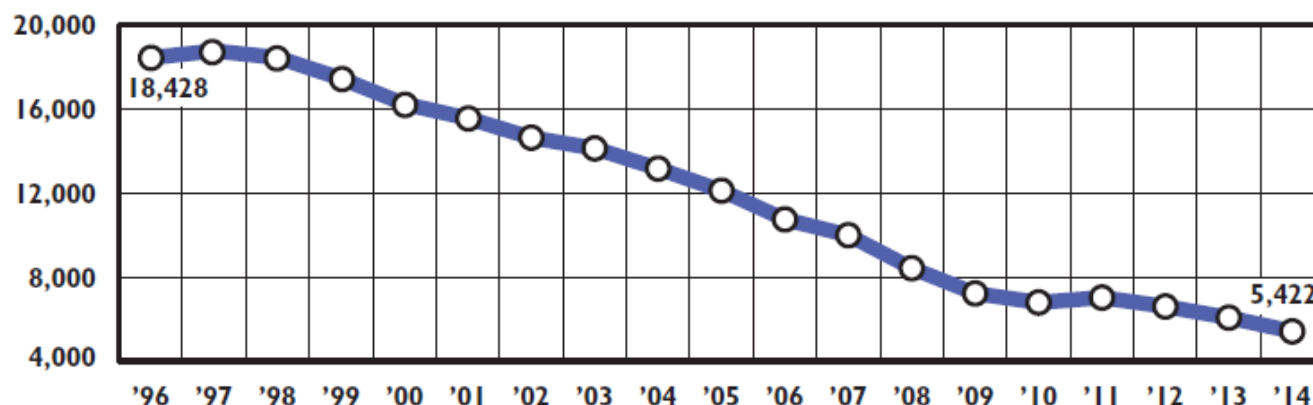
In 2014, 986 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.

During the 2013-2014 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 1,023 children as homeless.

- Central Falls Public Schools personnel identified 33 children as homeless.

Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

Cash Assistance Caseload, Rhode Island, 1996-2014*

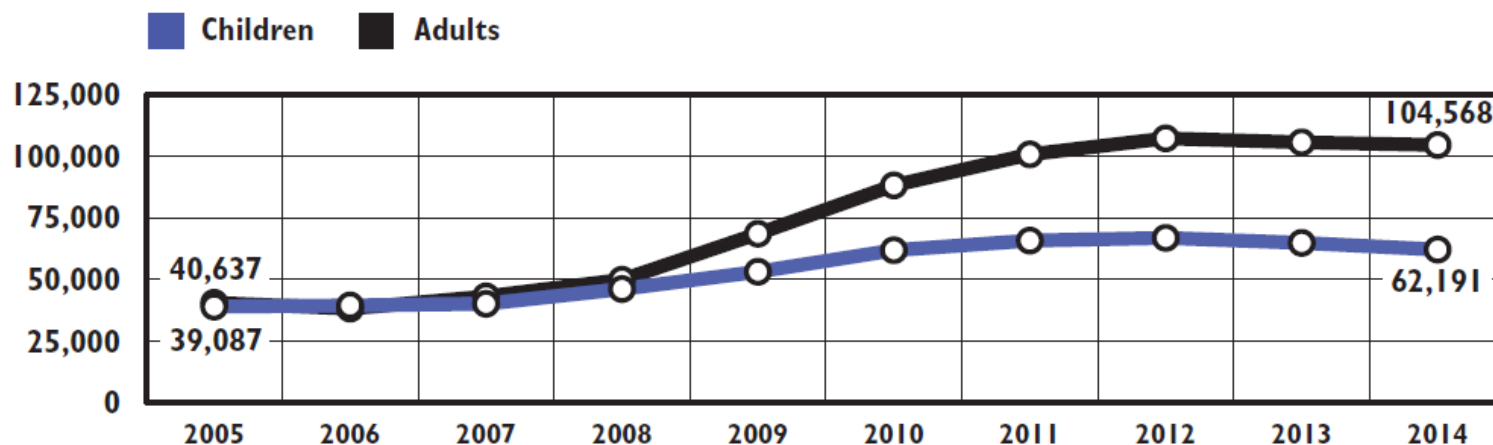


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1996-2014. Cases can be child-only or whole families and multiple people can be included in one case. *The Rhode Island Department of Human Services changed the method for calculating the caseload data starting in the 2012 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.
- 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.
- **9% (489) of children in Central Falls receive cash assistance.**

Children Receiving SNAP Benefits

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



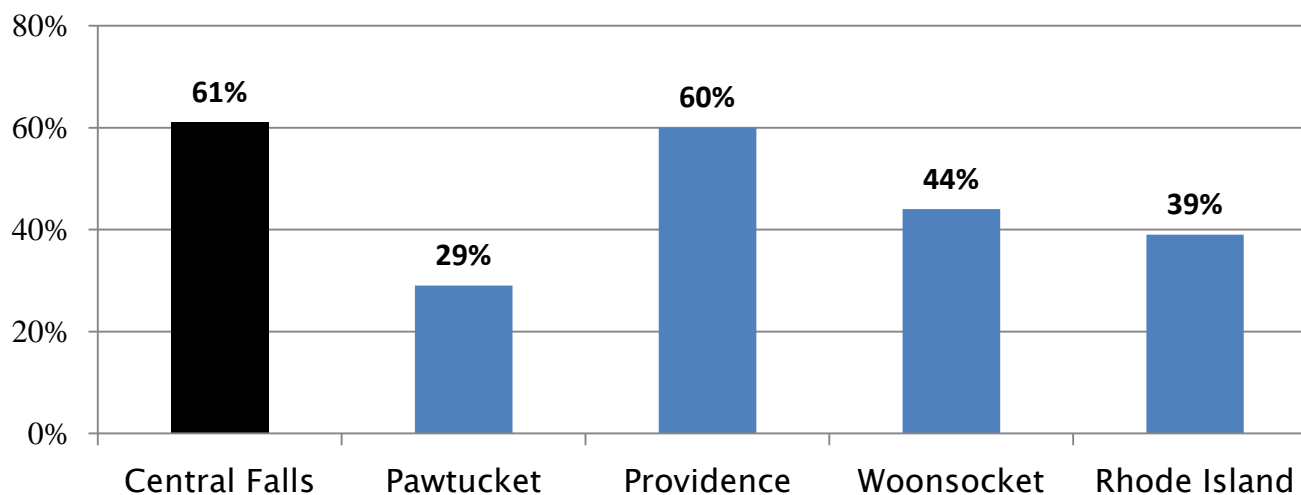
Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, 2005-2014. Data represent children under age 18 and adults who participated in SNAP during the month of October.

In October 2014

- 3,368 Central Falls children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 15% increase from 2009, and a 3.8% decrease from 2013.

The School Breakfast Program

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

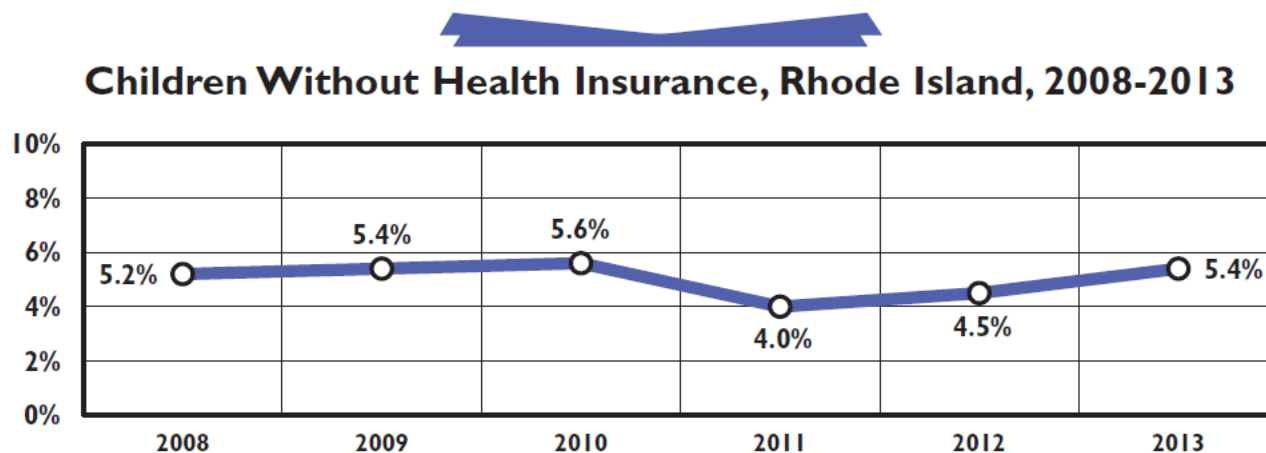


- Central Falls is one of five school districts in Rhode Island which offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.
- Offers in-classroom breakfast in all elementary schools, an effective strategy for increasing participation.



Health

Children's Health Insurance

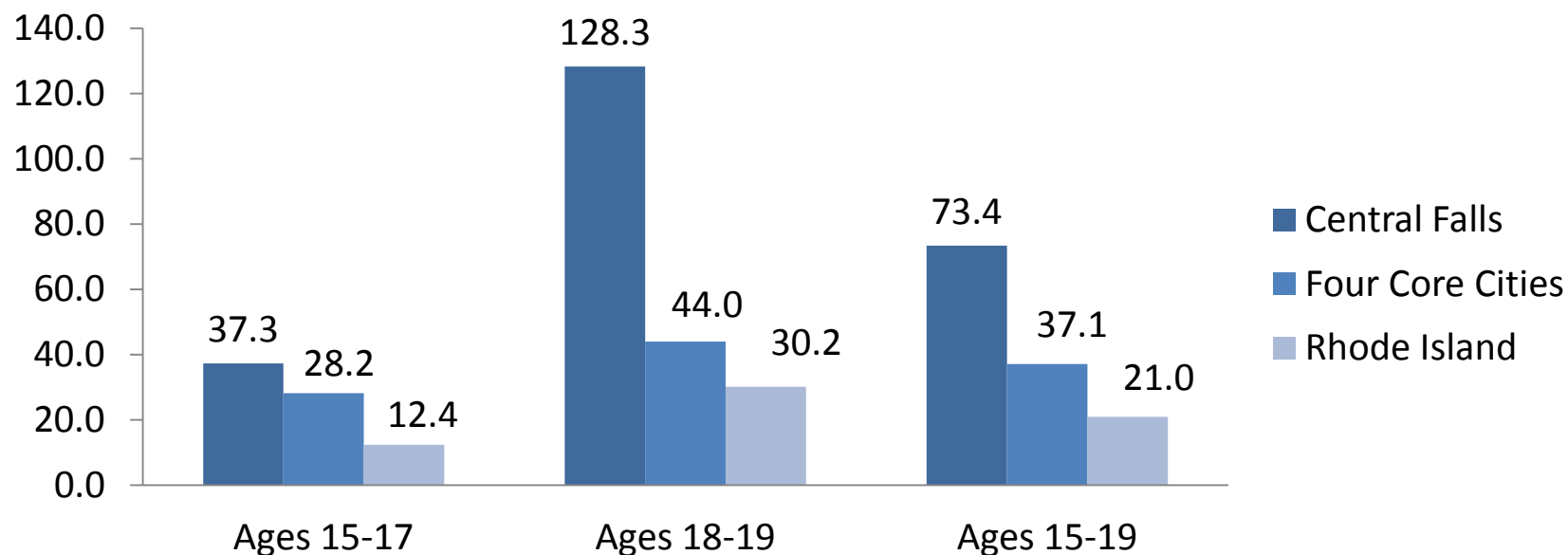


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 and 2013, Table CP03. Data are for children under 18 years of age and are not comparable to previous Factbooks*.

- Data released in September showed that in Rhode Island in 2014
 - 3.3% of children under age 18 were uninsured
 - Rhode Island ranks 7th best in the country

Birth to Teens

Births per 1,000 teen girls, 2009-2013



- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Central Falls.
- Central Falls continues to have the highest teen birth rate in the state for all age groups.
- In Central Falls, between 2009 and 2013, 17.5% of teen births were repeat births.

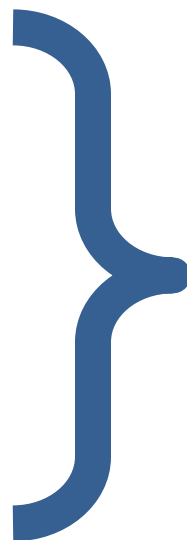
Infants Born at Highest Risk

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...

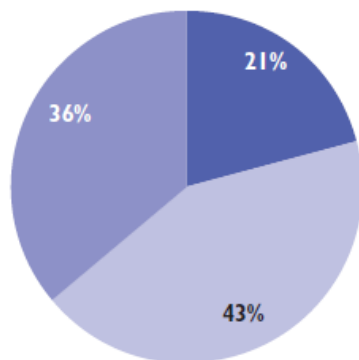
- 210 (2%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors.
- **21 (7%) of Central Falls babies were born at highest risk.**

Evidence-Based Home Visiting

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

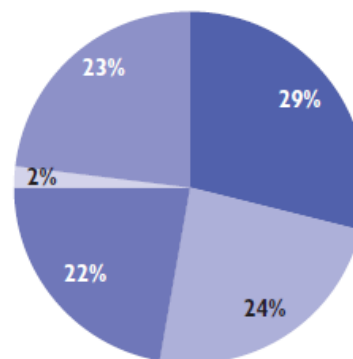
By Maternal Age at Enrollment

- 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.

- 64 families enrolled in Central Falls out of a total state enrollment of 500.
- Families are enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents As Teachers programs.

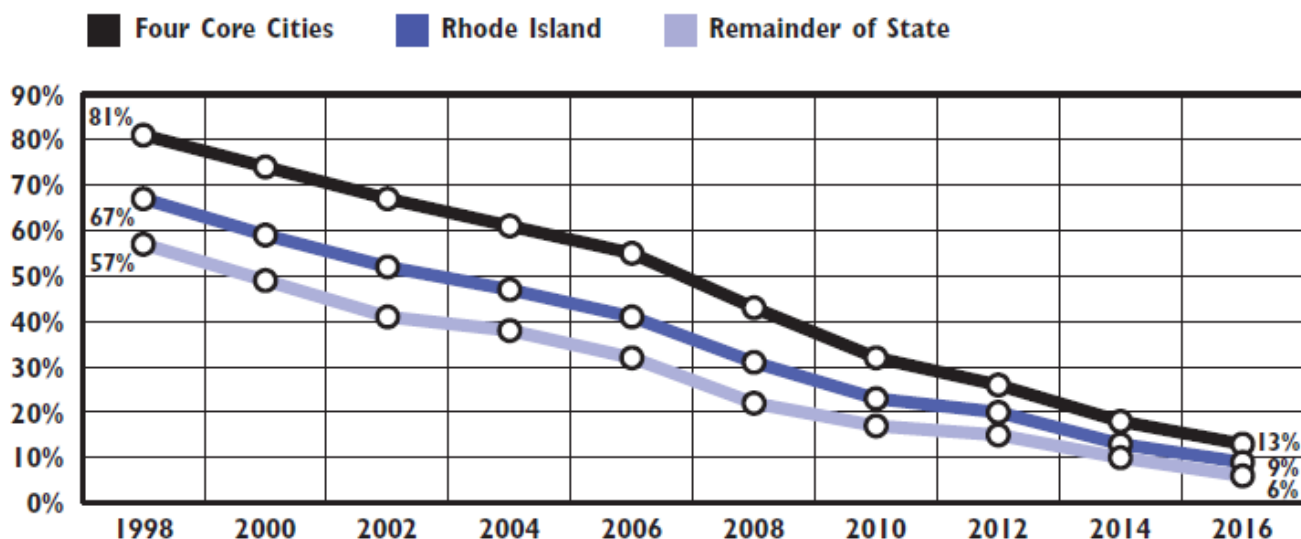
Infant Health Outcomes

	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

- The infant mortality rate in Central Falls is declining. Others are stable.
- Infant health outcomes are worse than the state, but better than other core cities.

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, 1998-2016

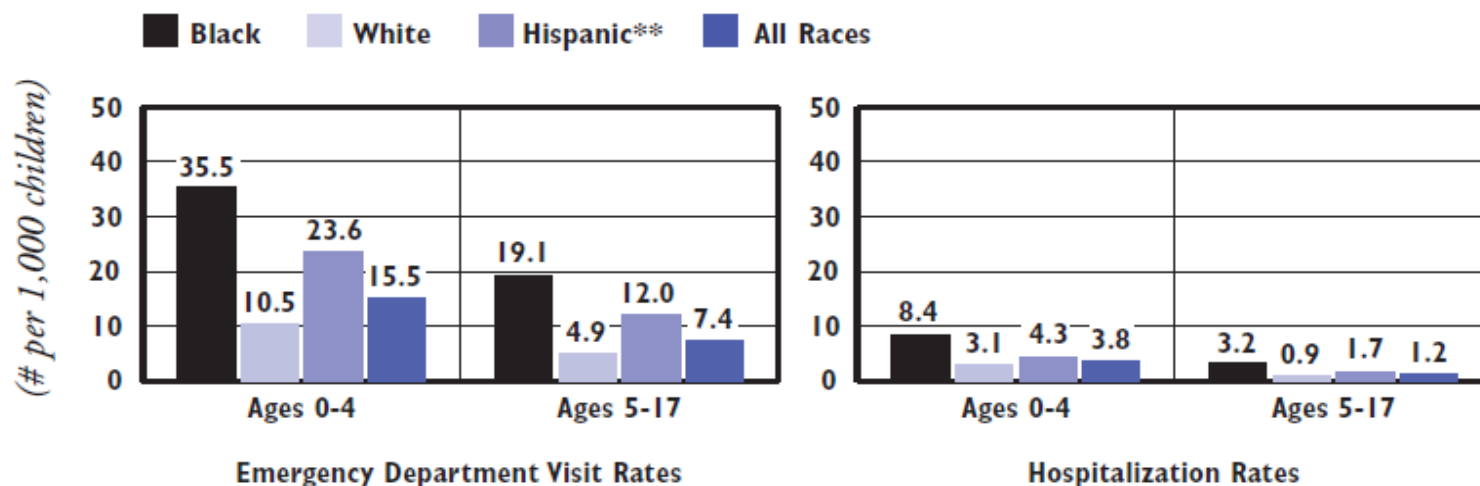


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 1998 and 2016. *Elevated blood lead level of ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$.

- **294 Central Falls children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016**
 - 40 (13.6%) were confirmed positive for ≥ 5 mcg/dL.

Children with Asthma

Asthma* Emergency Department and Hospitalization Rates, by Age and Race/Ethnicity, Rhode Island Children, 2009-2013



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Hospital Discharge Database, 2009-2013; U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010.

*Rates are for primary diagnosis of asthma. **Hispanic children can be of any race.

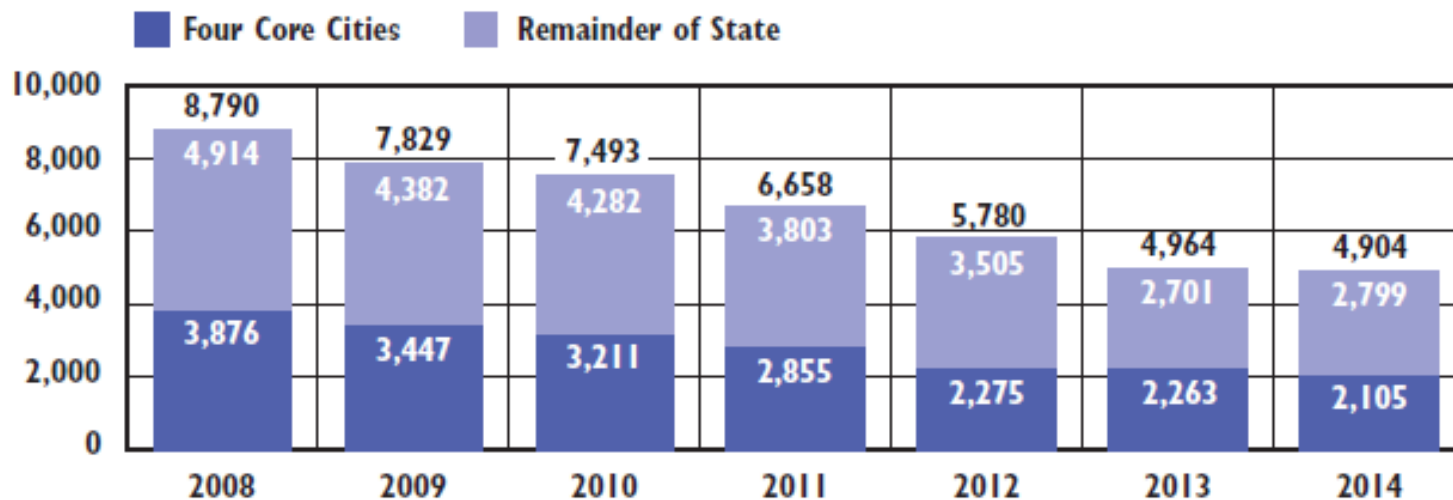
- Central Falls has the third highest rate of asthma hospitalizations in the state.
- Most common chronic condition among children.
- One of the leading causes of school absence.



Safety

Youth 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.*

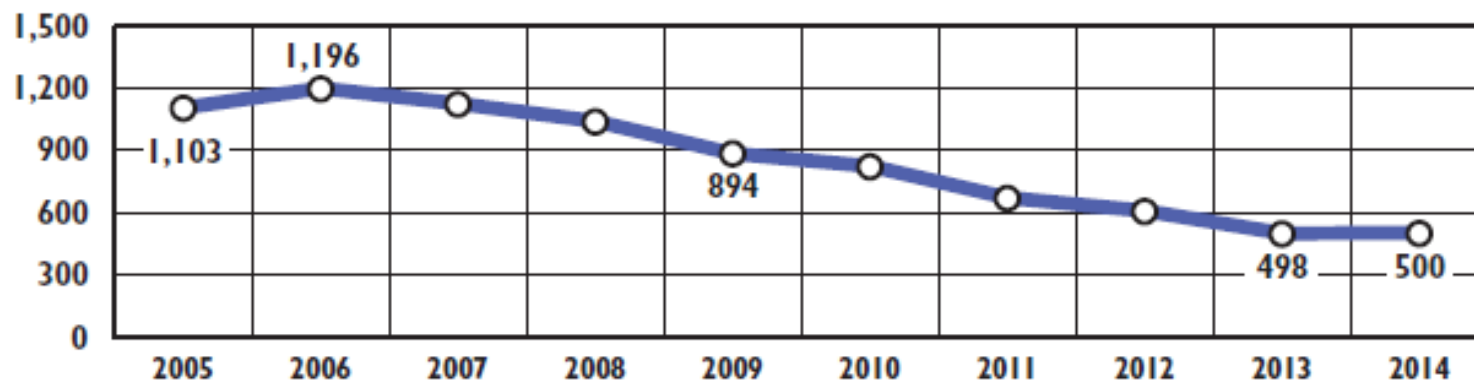
***Other includes offenses such as conspiracy, crank/obscene phone calls, computer crimes and possession of a manipulative device for automobiles, etc. Probation violations, contempt of court, and other violations of court orders are not included in the offenses above.*

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 2014 involved violent offenses.

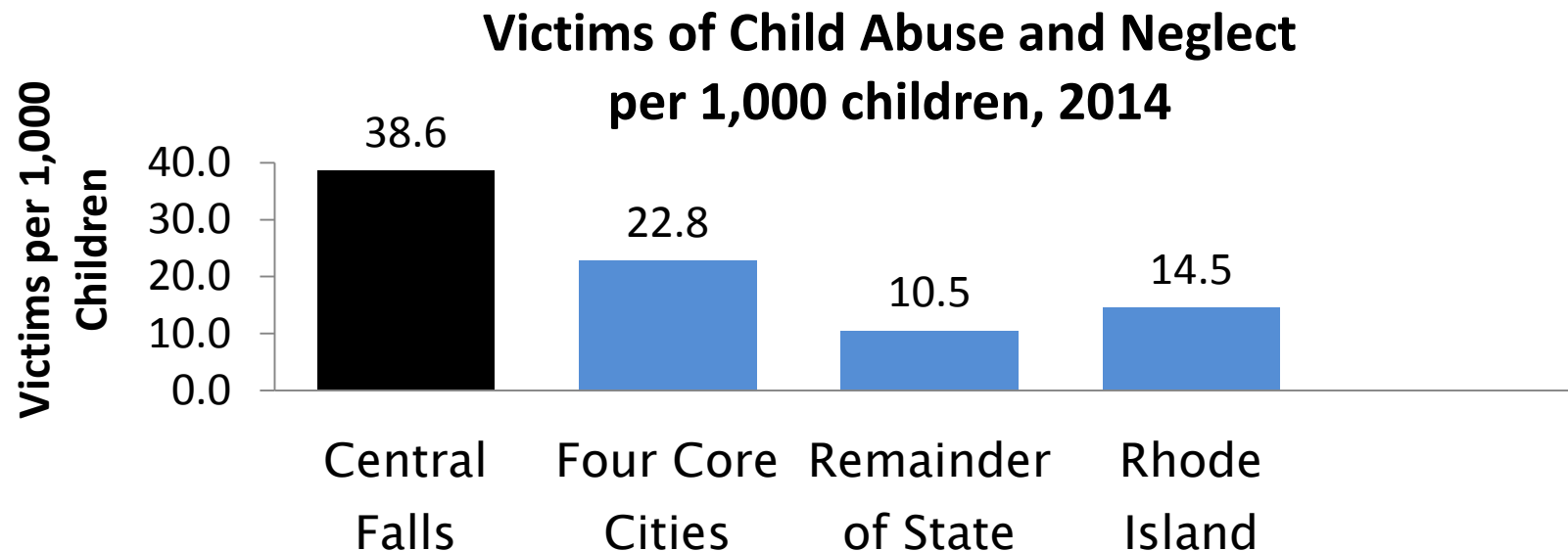
Youth at the Training School

**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 1,103 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.

Child Abuse and Neglect



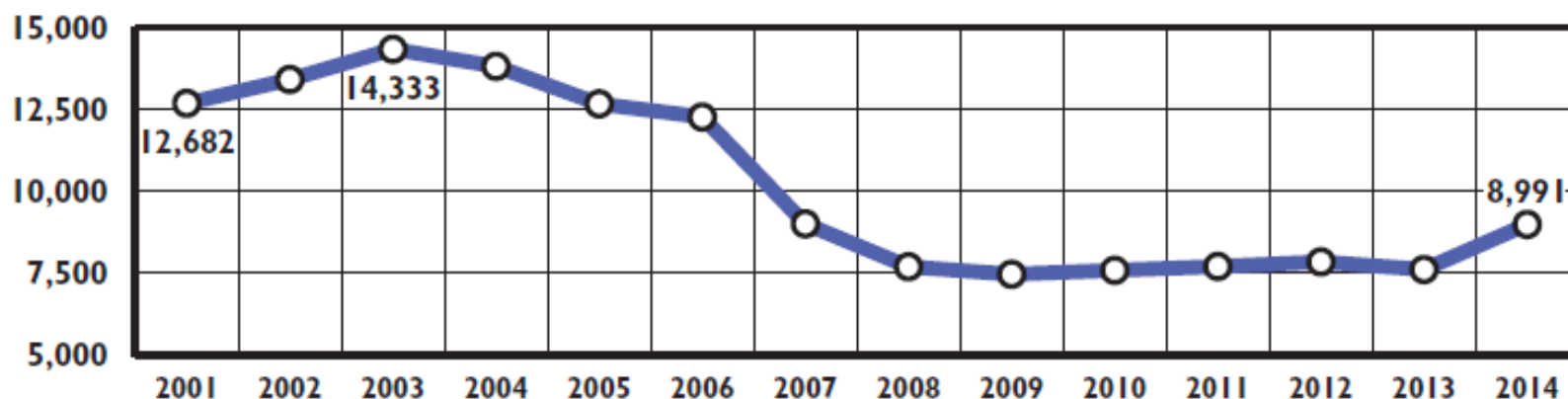
- The child abuse and neglect victim rate in Central Falls is the highest in the state.
- Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (81%).



Education

Child Care Subsidies

Child Care Subsidies, Rhode Island, 2001-2014



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

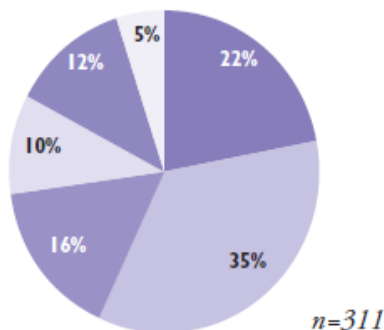
- Since peaking in 2003, there has been a 37% decrease in the number of child care subsidies available.

Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

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

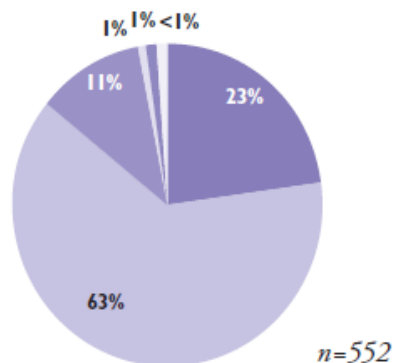
Centers & Preschools

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

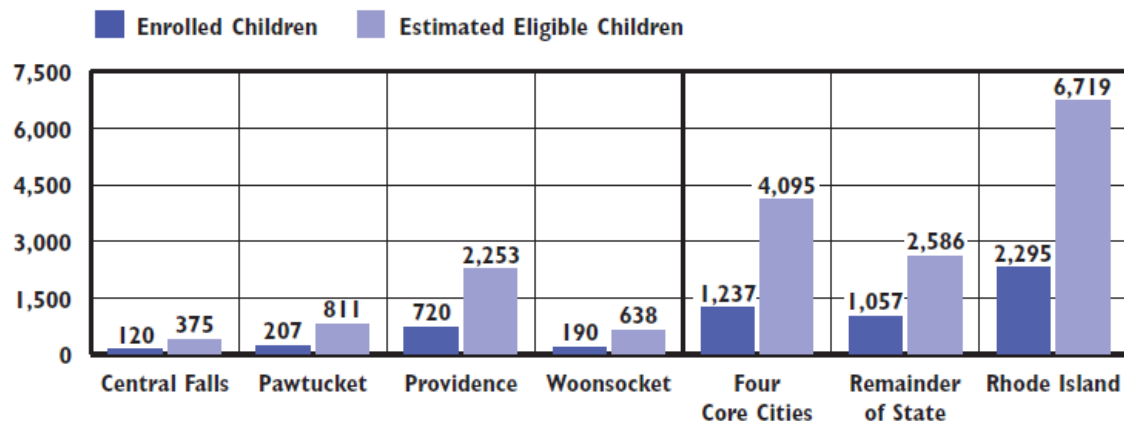


In Central Falls

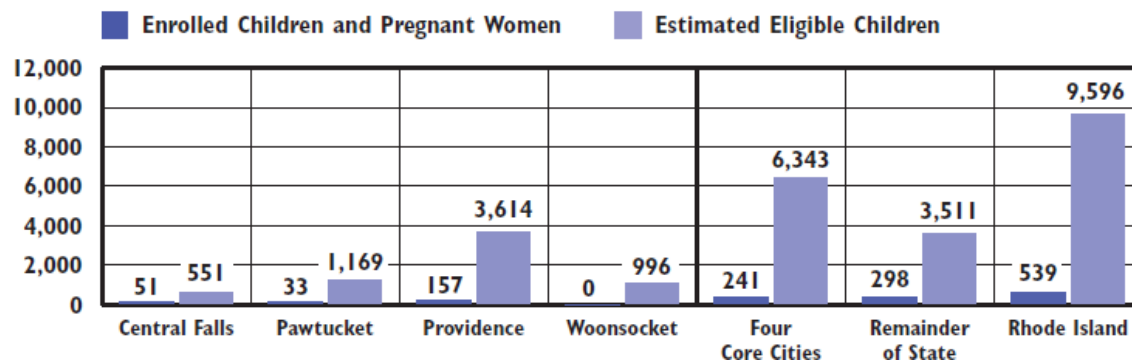
- 75% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
 - 50% have a high-quality rating
- 95% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
 - 0% have a high-quality rating

Head Start and Early Head Start

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

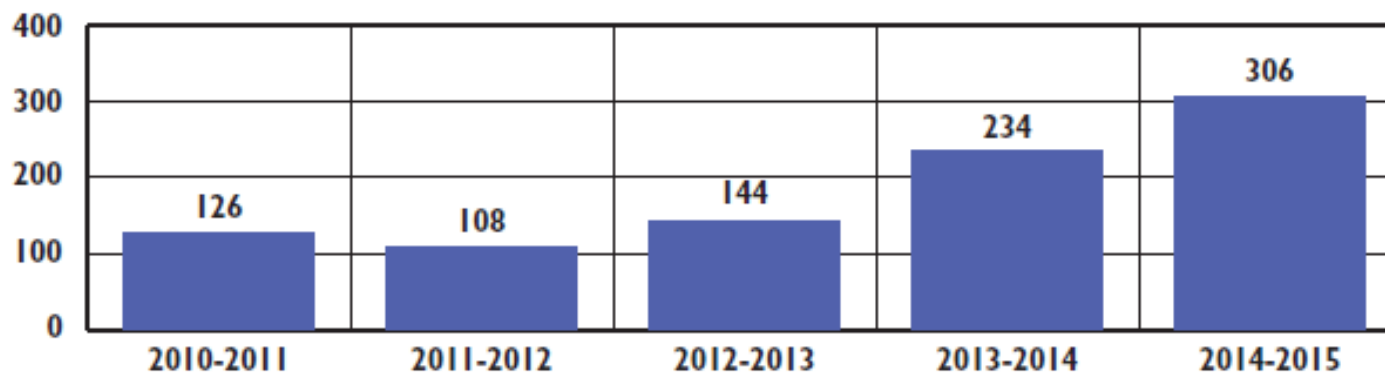


Access to Early Head Start for Low-Income Children and Pregnant Women, Rhode Island, 2014



Children Enrolled in State Pre-K

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

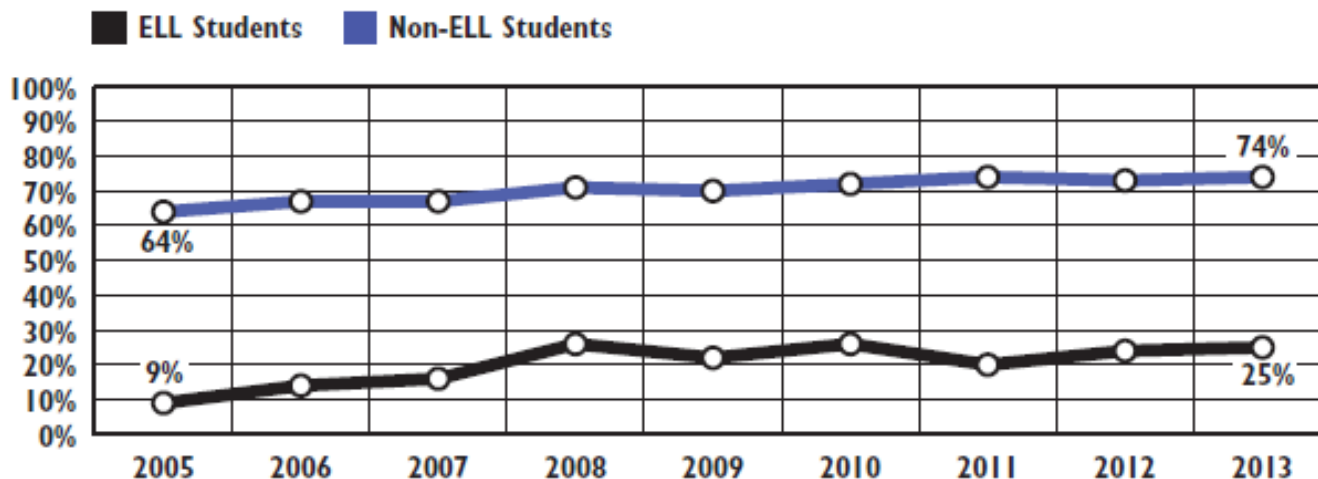


Sources: National Institute for Early Education Research, *The State of Preschool 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013*. Rhode Island Department of Education, State Pre-K programs 2013-2014 and 2014-15.

- During the 2014-2015 school year, 18 Central Falls children were enrolled in one classroom as part of the State Pre-K program.
- This year, there are three classrooms enrolling 54 children.

English Language Learners

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



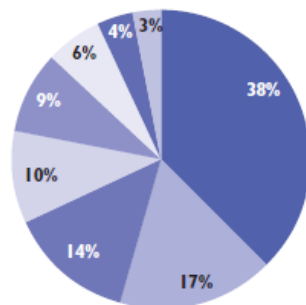
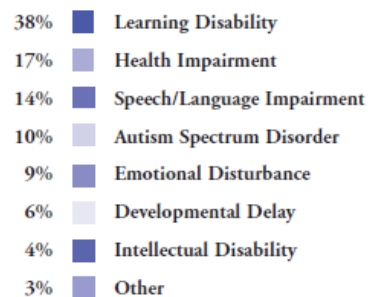
Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)*, October 2005-2013.

- As of the 2013-2014 school year, 28% of Central Falls students are classified as ELL students, the highest in the state.

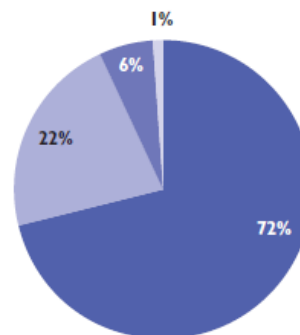
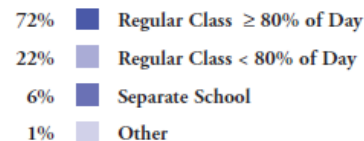
Children Enrolled in Special Education

Students Ages Six to 21 Receiving Special Education Services, Rhode Island, June 2014

By Disability



By Setting



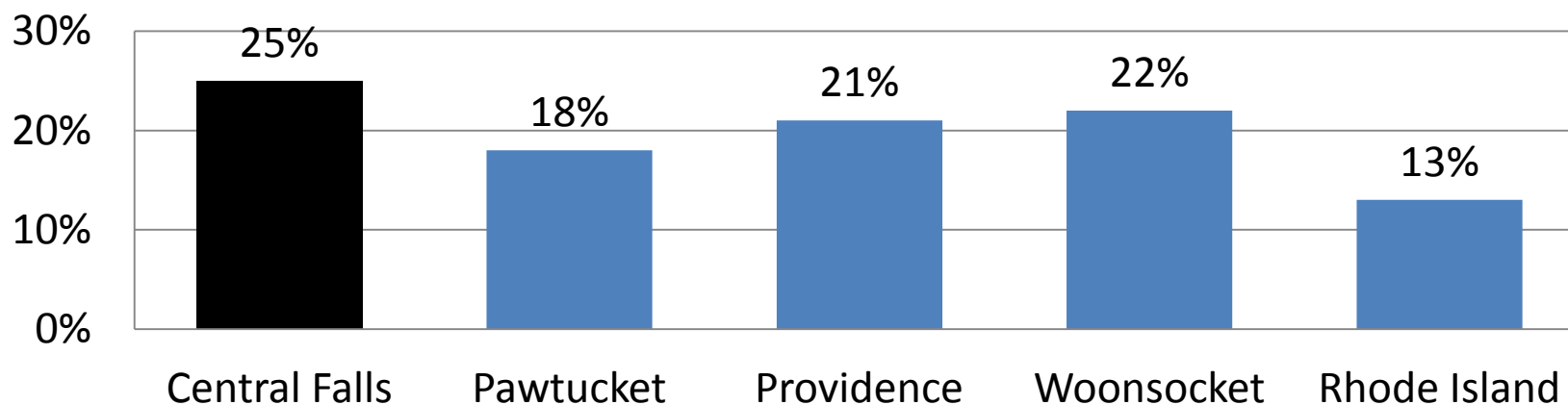
n=20,906

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of Diverse Learners, Special Education Census, June 30, 2014.
Excludes parentally-placed students.

- During the 2013-2014 school year, 22% of Central Falls students were enrolled in special education, compared to 15% in the state as a whole.

Student Mobility Rate

Student Mobility Rate*
Four Core Cities and Rhode Island 2013-2014

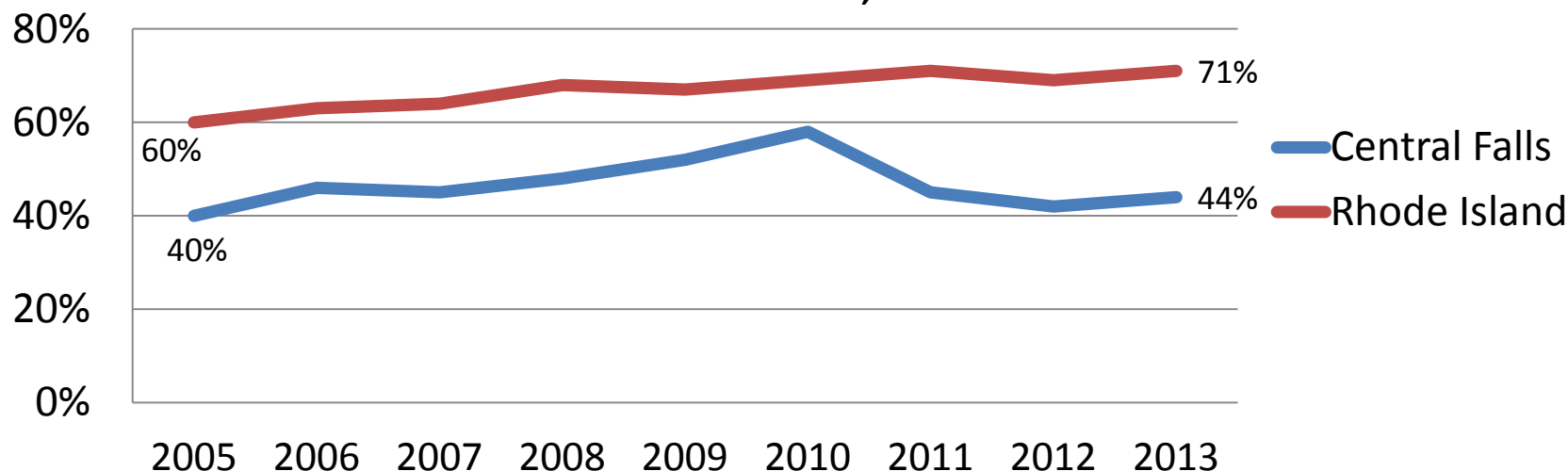


- Central Falls has the highest student mobility rate in the state.

*The mobility rate is the total children enrolled and exited during a year divided by the total year's enrollment.

Fourth-Grade Reading Skills

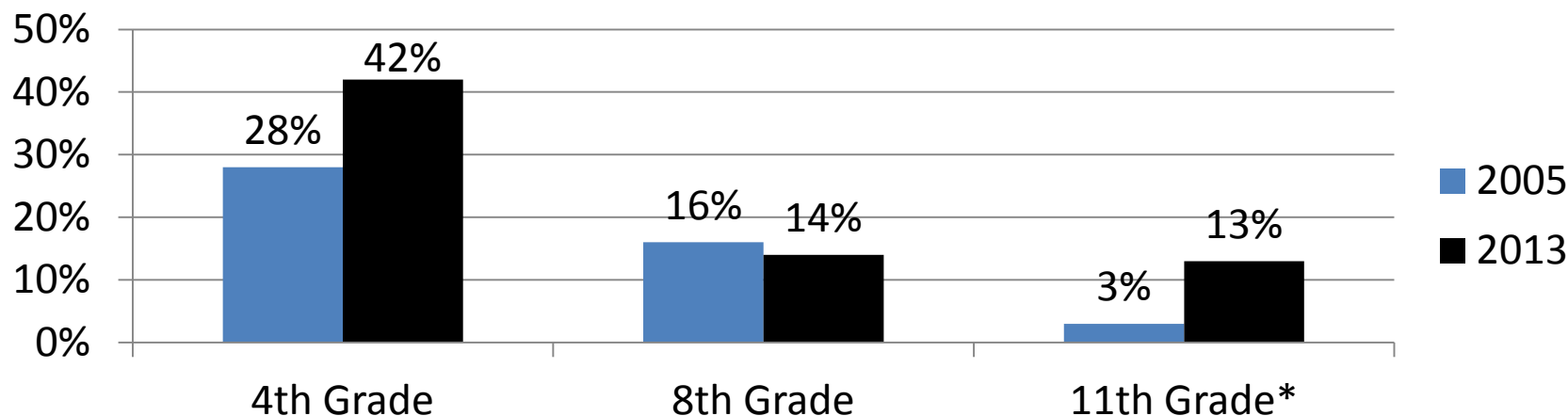
**Fourth-Grade Reading Proficiency
% At or Above the Proficiency Level
Central Falls and Rhode Island, 2005 & 2013**



- Between 2005 and 2013, Rhode Island 4th grade reading proficiency has continued to improve, but Central Falls proficiency peaked at 58% in 2010 and has dropped in recent years.
- While the achievement gap in fourth-grade reading in Rhode Island has been reduced from 55% in 2005 to 49% in 2013, ELL students are consistently performing lower than their non-ELL peers on the NECAP.

Math Skills

Math Proficiency, Central Falls, 2005 and 2013

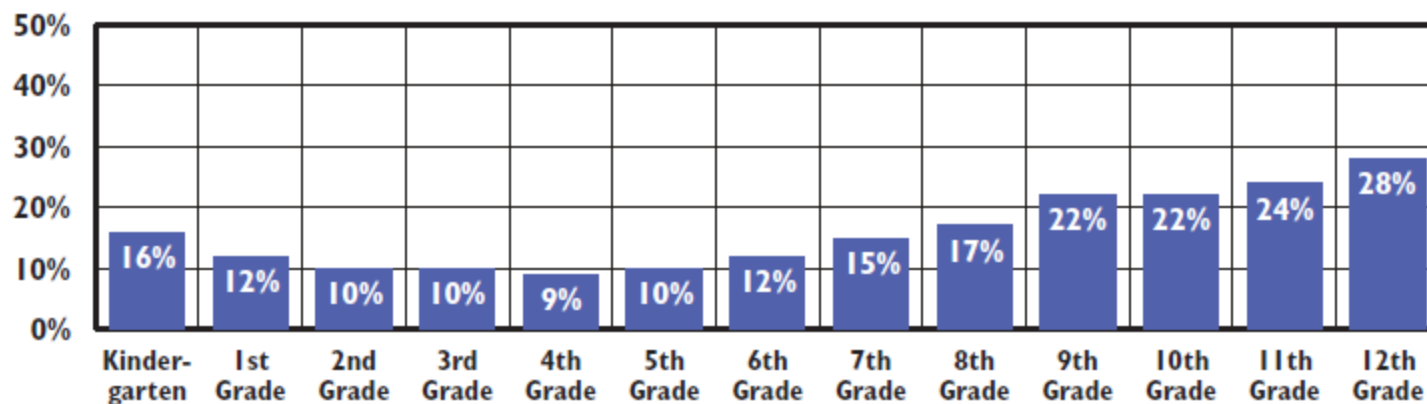


*Note: 3% proficient in 2007, not 2005. 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the *NECAP*.

- Central has seen some improvement in math proficiency at the 4th and 11th grade levels, but not at the 8th grade level.
- Central Falls has the lowest math proficiency rates in the state for 8th and 11th grade.

Chronic Early Absence

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

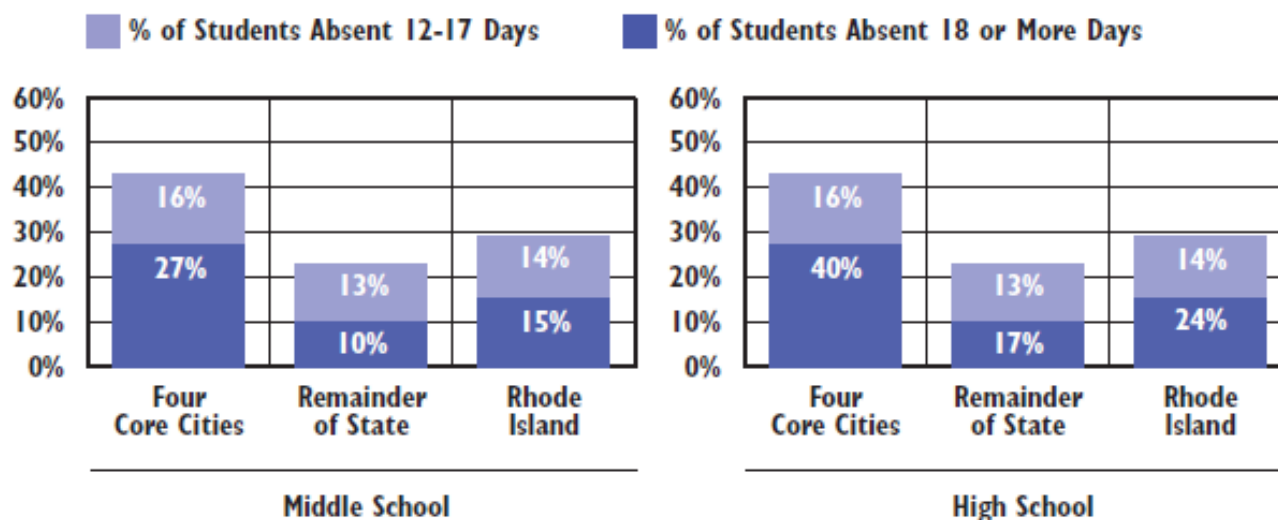


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2013-2014 school year.

- In Central Falls, 24% of students in grades K-3 missed 18+ days of school during the 2013-2014 school year, and an additional 19% 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 Central Falls, 32% of middle school students missed 18+ days of school and an additional 17% missed 12-17 days.
- At the high school level, 40% missed 18+ days of school and 17% missed 12-17 days.

School Suspensions

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

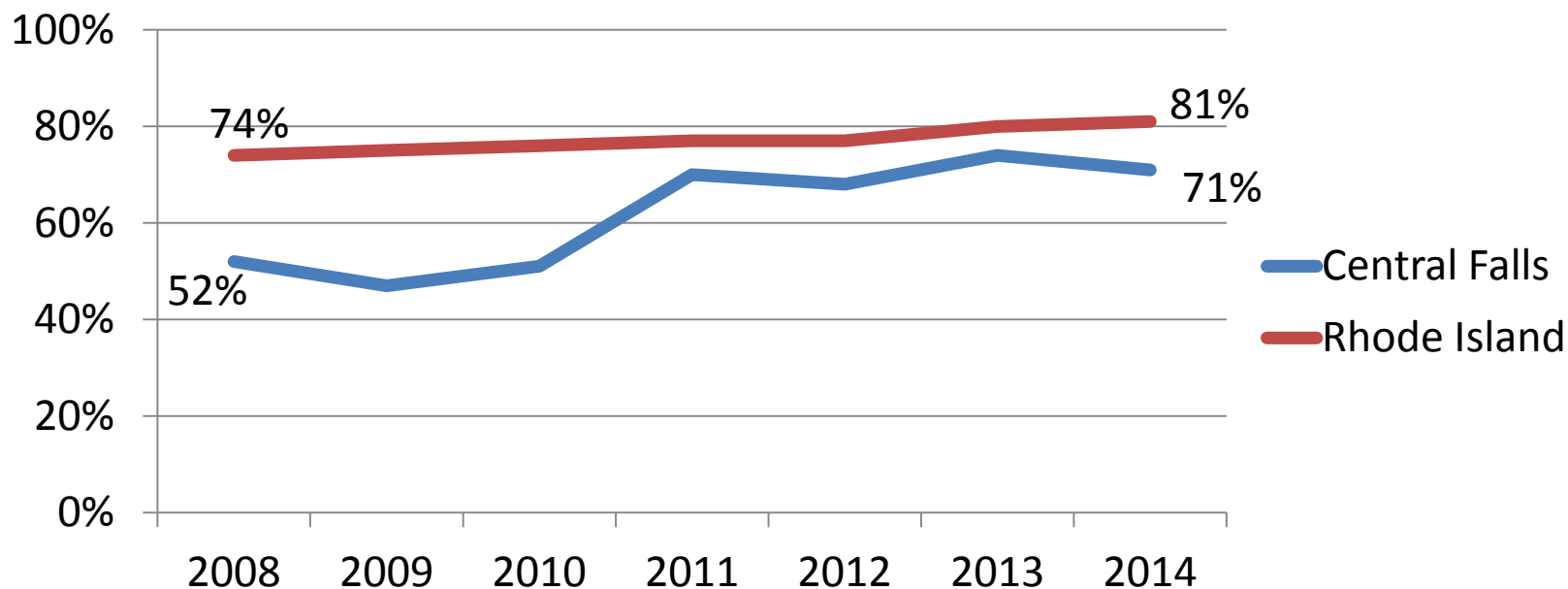
BY TYPE OF INFRACTION*	#	%	BY TYPE OF INFRACTION	#	%
Insubordination/Disrespect	4,927	31%	Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses	718	5%
Disorderly Conduct	3,290	21%	Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism	412	3%
Fighting	2,233	14%	Weapon Possession	206	1%
Assault of Student or Teacher	1,275	8%	Communications/Electronic 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.

- During the 2013-2014 school year, **there were 108 out-of-school suspensions**. 81% of suspensions were in-school and 19% were out-of-school.
- Strategies in place to reduce out-of-school suspensions and improve school climate.

High School Graduation Rate, 2008-2014



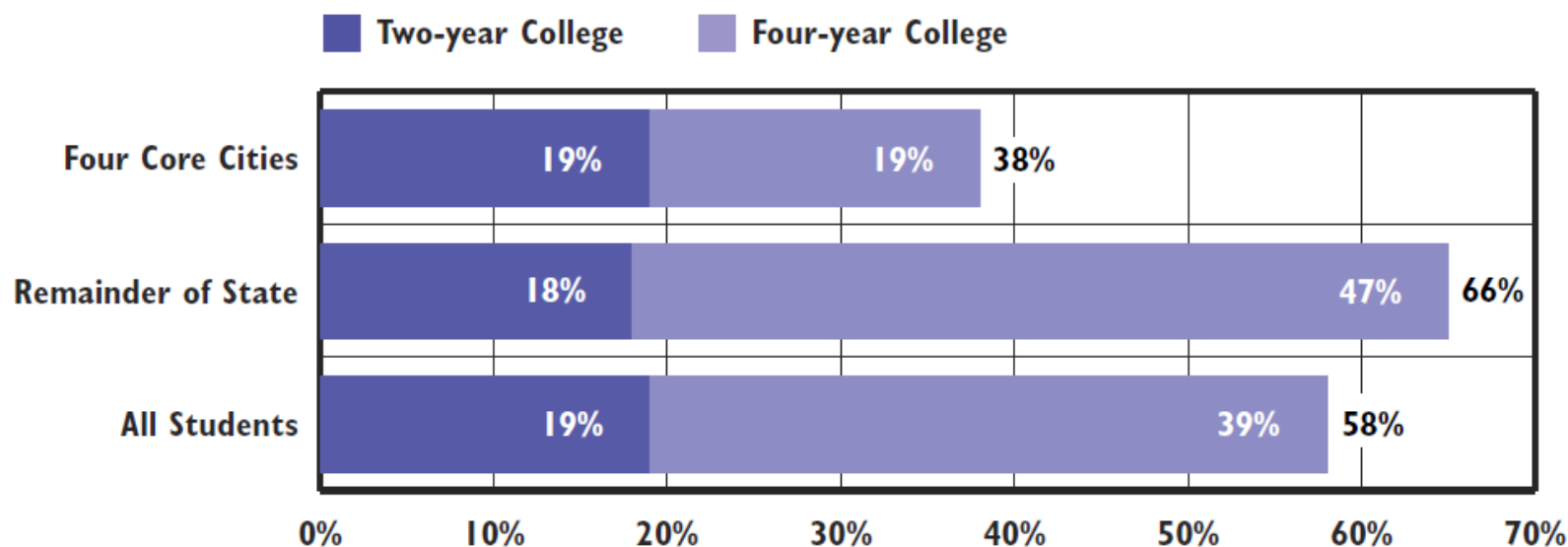
- Since 2007, Central Falls has experienced the largest increase in its graduation rate of any district in the state.
- The Central Falls 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2014 was 71%, the dropout rate was 13%, 1% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 15% were still in school in the fall of 2014.

High School Graduation Rate, 2014

All Students	71%
Females	75%
Males	67%
Hispanic	70%
Black	90%
White	58%
English-Language Learners	75%
Not English-Language Learners	68%
Students with Disabilities	54%
Students without Disabilities	79%
Low-Income Students	72%
Higher-Income Students	NA

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.

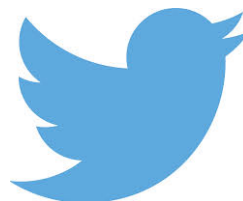


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