

# Woonsocket Data in Your Backyard

Findings from the *2019 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*

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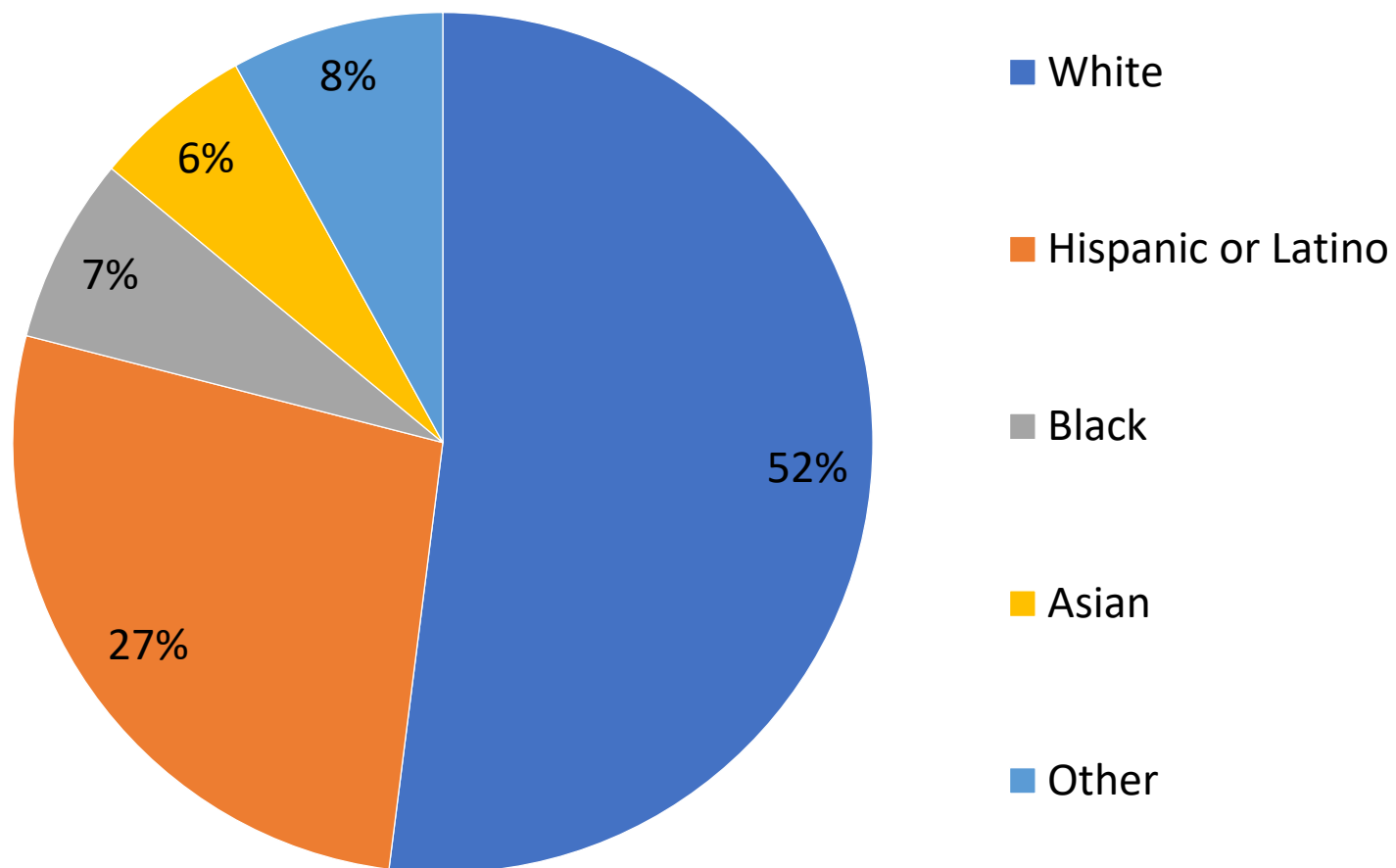
**City and town-level information**





**Family and Community**

# Child Population, 2010



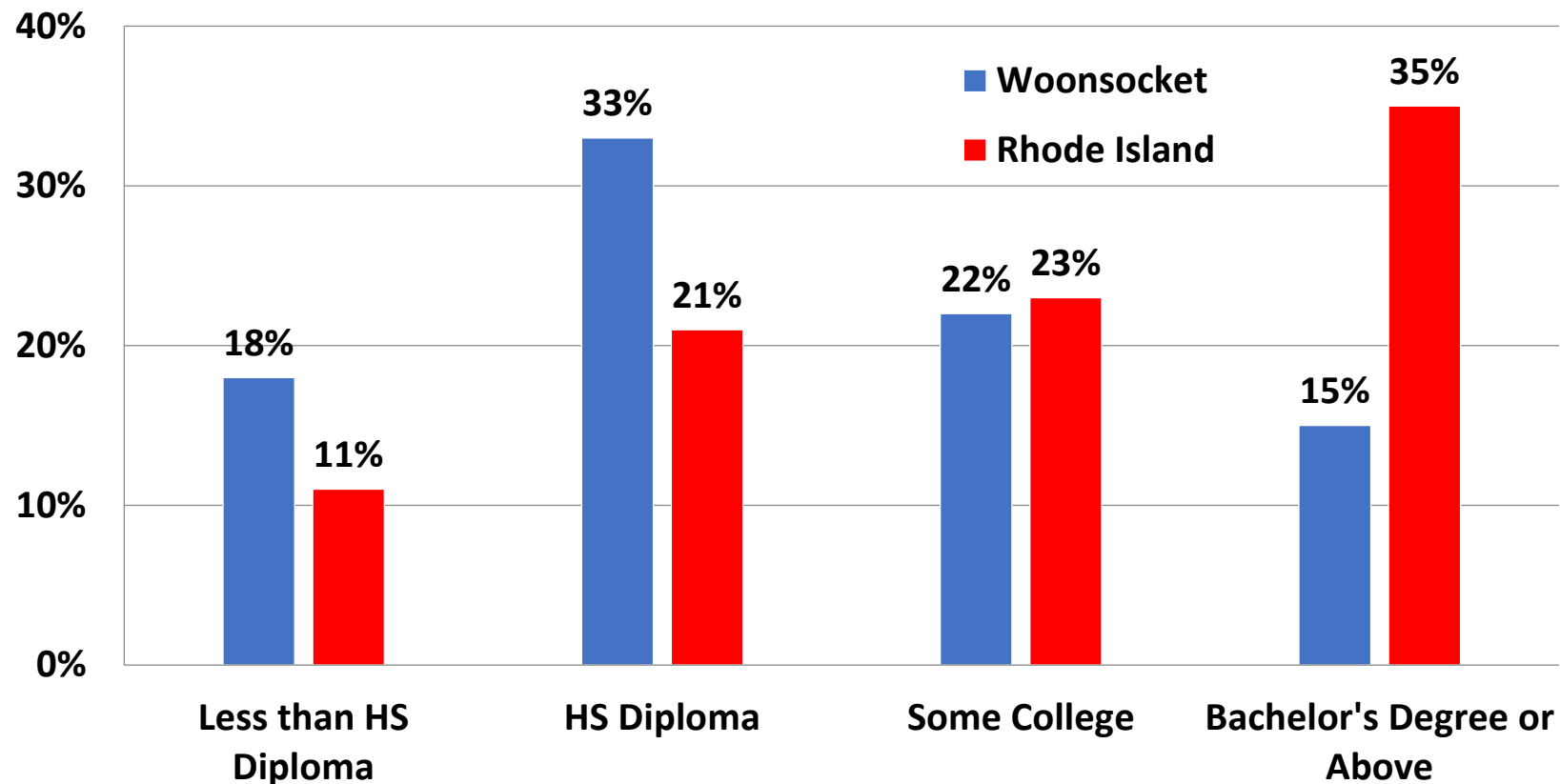
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010, Summary File 1.

# 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, 2013-2017



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, Maternal Child Health Database, 2013-2017.





**Economic Well-Being**



# Child Poverty Defined, 2018

## Poverty level

- \$20,231 for a family of 3
- \$25,465 for a family of 4

## Extreme poverty level

- \$10,116 for a family of 3
- \$12,733 for a family of 4

## ***2018 Rhode Island Standard of Need***

- Single-parent family with 2 children would need \$55,115 a year to meet its basic needs, which would require a pre-tax income of \$62,844 to meet this budget without governmental subsidies.

# Concentrated Child Poverty

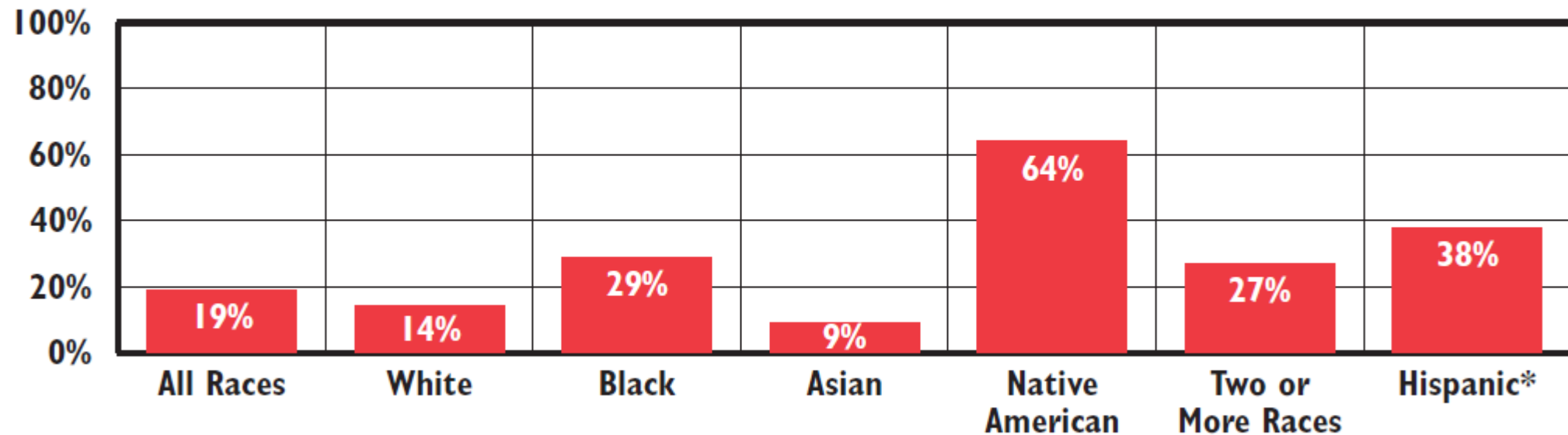


## Child Poverty Concentrated in Four Core Cities, Rhode Island, 2013-2017

CITY/TOWN	NUMBER IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN POVERTY	NUMBER IN EXTREME POVERTY	PERCENTAGE IN EXTREME POVERTY
Central Falls	2,297	41.5%	809	14.6%
Pawtucket	4,913	30.9%	1,735	10.9%
Providence	14,520	36.0%	6,309	15.7%
Woonsocket	3,357	38.5%	1,661	19.0%
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>39,229</i>	<i>18.9%</i>	<i>16,523</i>	<i>7.9%</i>

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of 2013-2017 American Community Survey data.

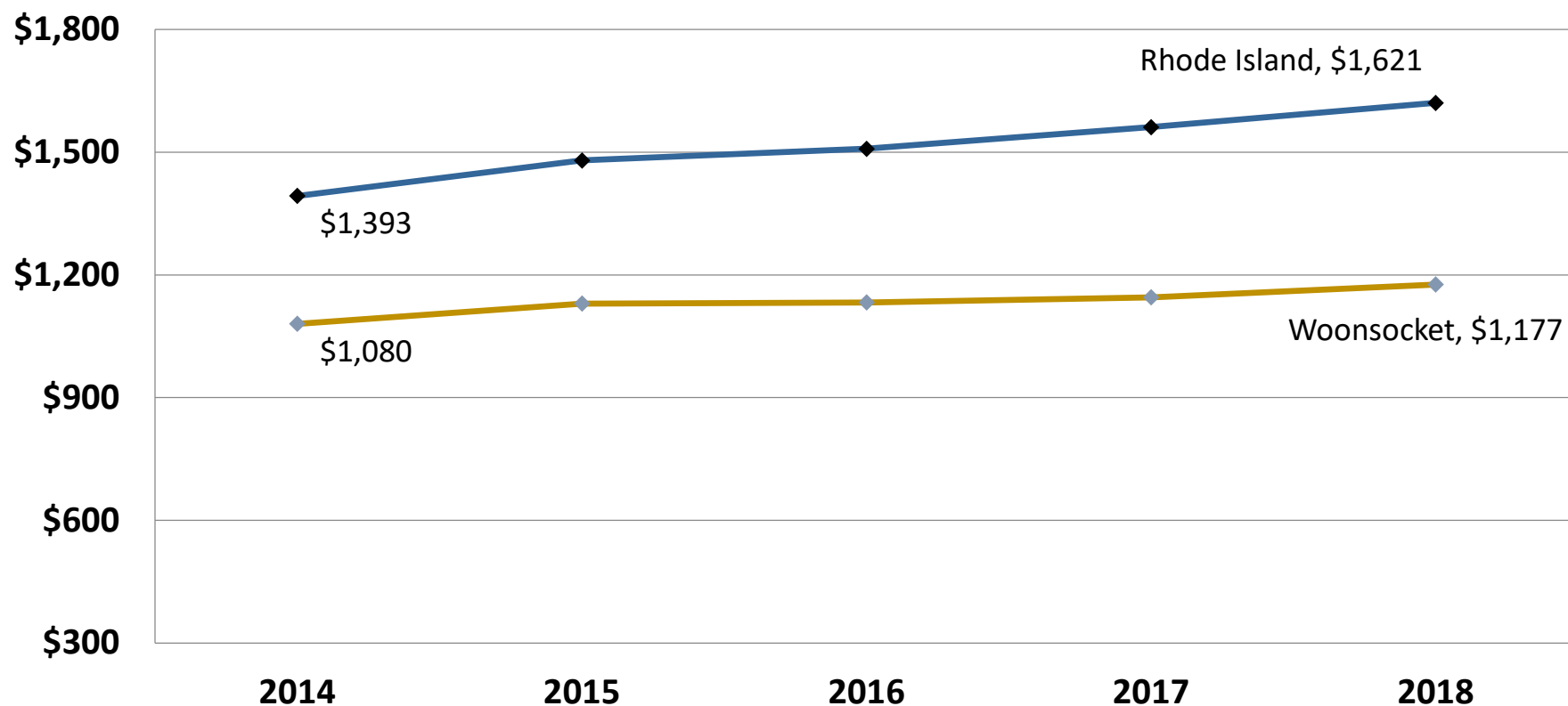
## Children in Poverty, by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island, 2013-2017



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013-2017. 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, 2014-2018

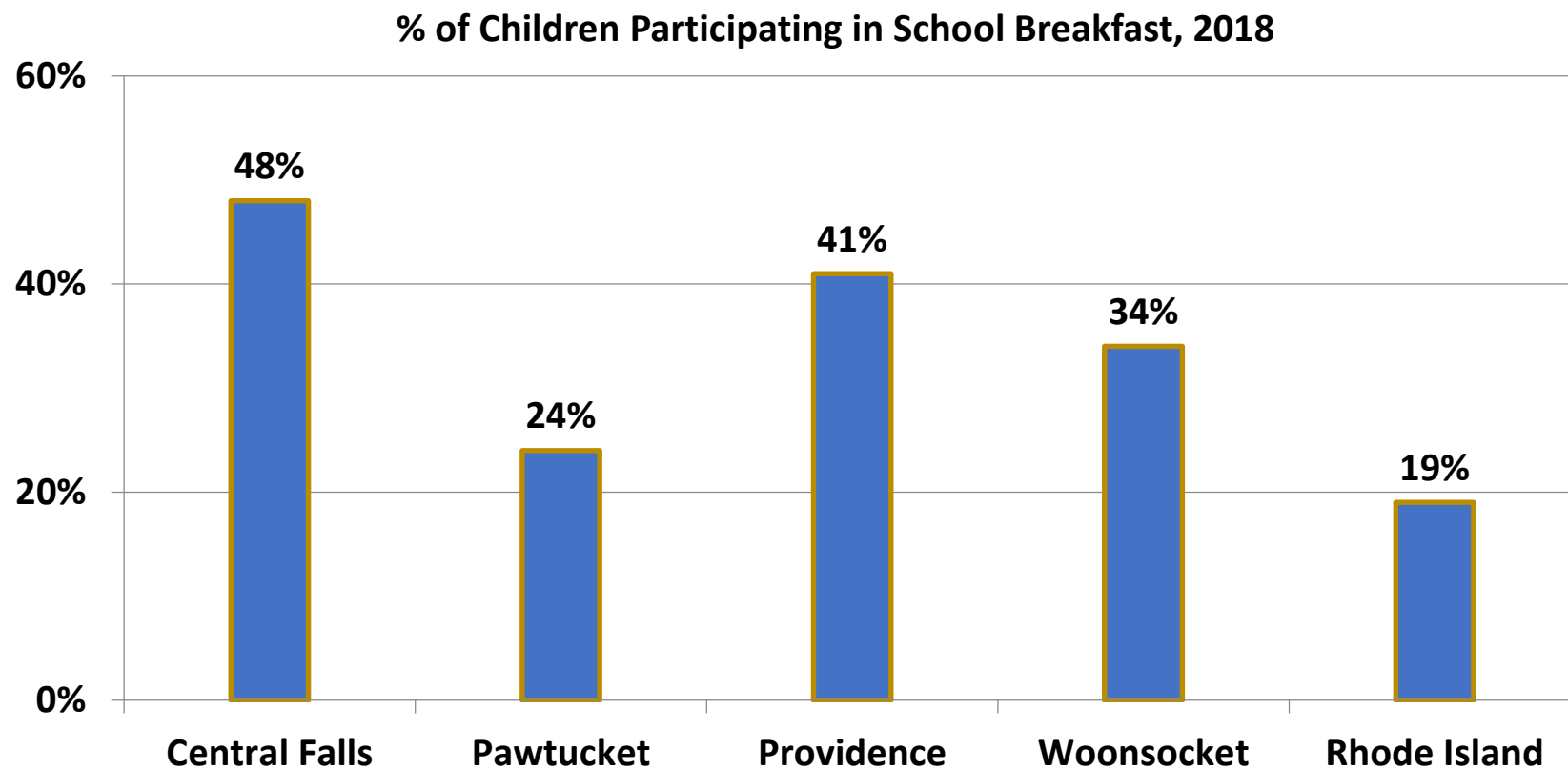


Source: Rhode Island Housing, Rhode Island Rent Surveys, 2014-2018. Rents include adjustments for the cost of heat, cooking fuel, electricity, and hot water.

# Homeless Children

- In 2018, 403 families with 653 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.
- During the 2017-2018 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 1,539 children as homeless.
- **Woonsocket Public Schools personnel identified 129 children as homeless.**

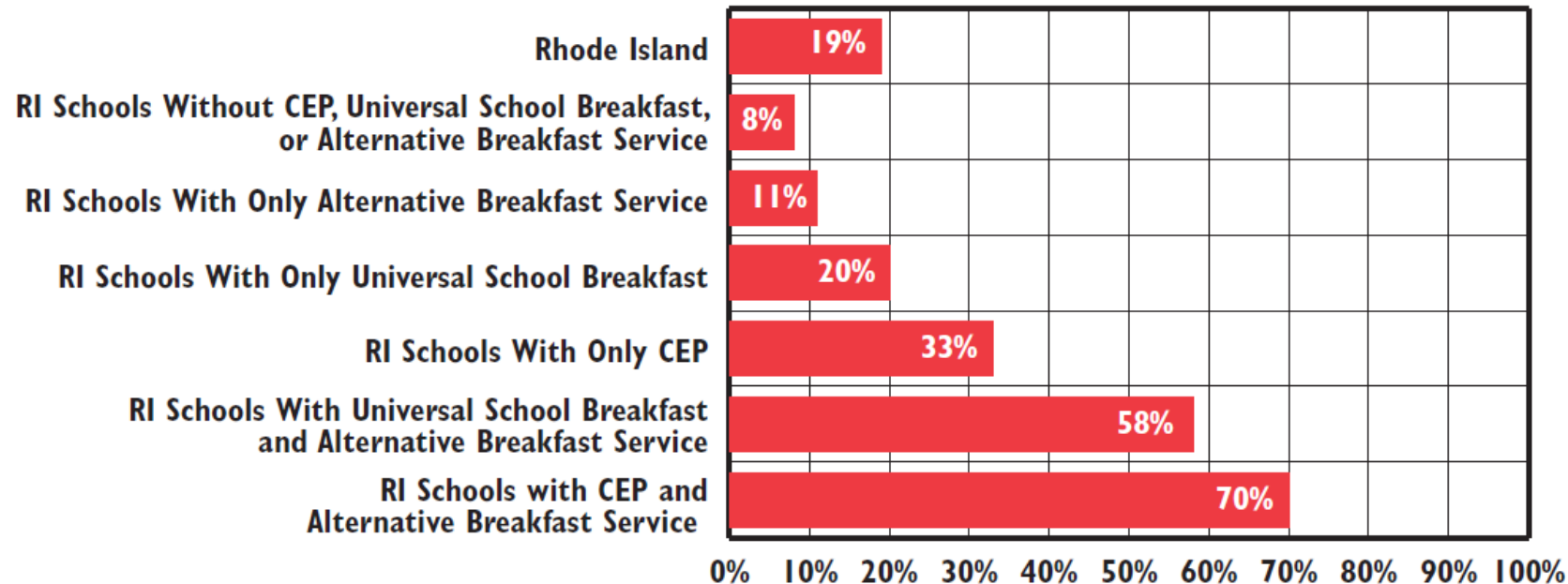
# School Breakfast Program



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, Office of Statewide Efficiencies, October 2018.

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## Children Participating in the School Breakfast Program, Rhode Island, October 2018



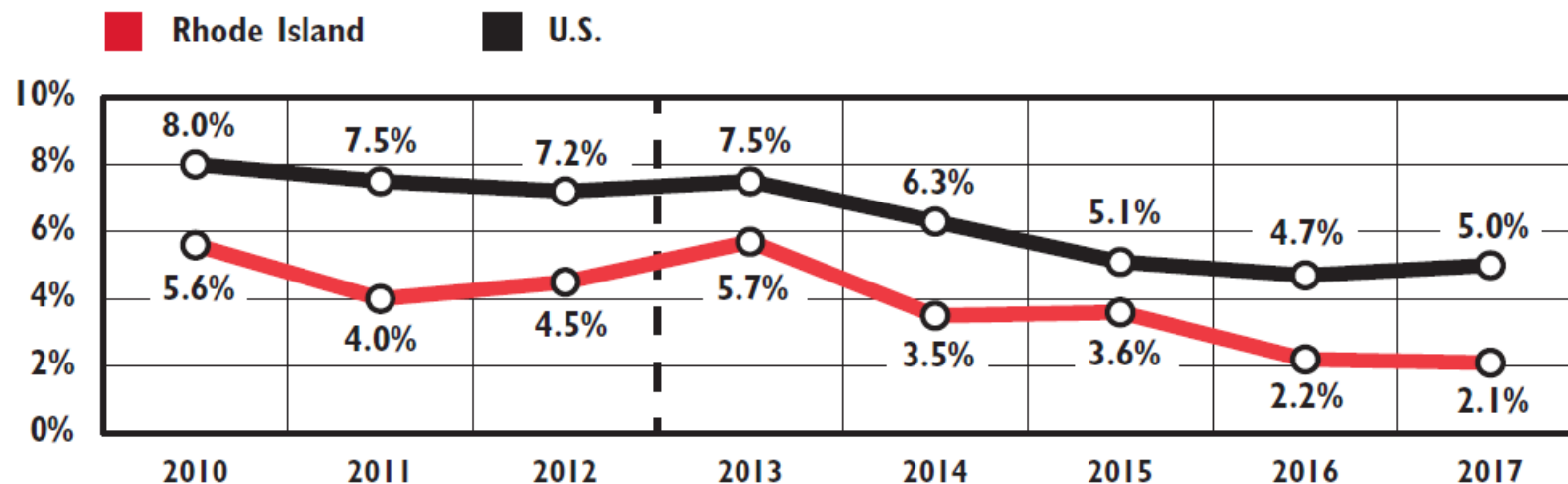
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# Children's Health Insurance

## Children Without Health Insurance, Rhode Island and U.S., 2010-2017



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 & 2017. Table CP03. Data from 2010 to 2012 are for children under 18 years of age and data from 2013 to 2017 are for children under 19 years of age due to a change in the 2017 American Community Survey. Prior Factbooks are not comparable.

- Data released in September 2018 show that in 2017 in Rhode Island
  - 2.1% of children under age 18 were uninsured
  - Rhode Island ranks 3rd best in the country
  - New data for 2018 coming out next week

# 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

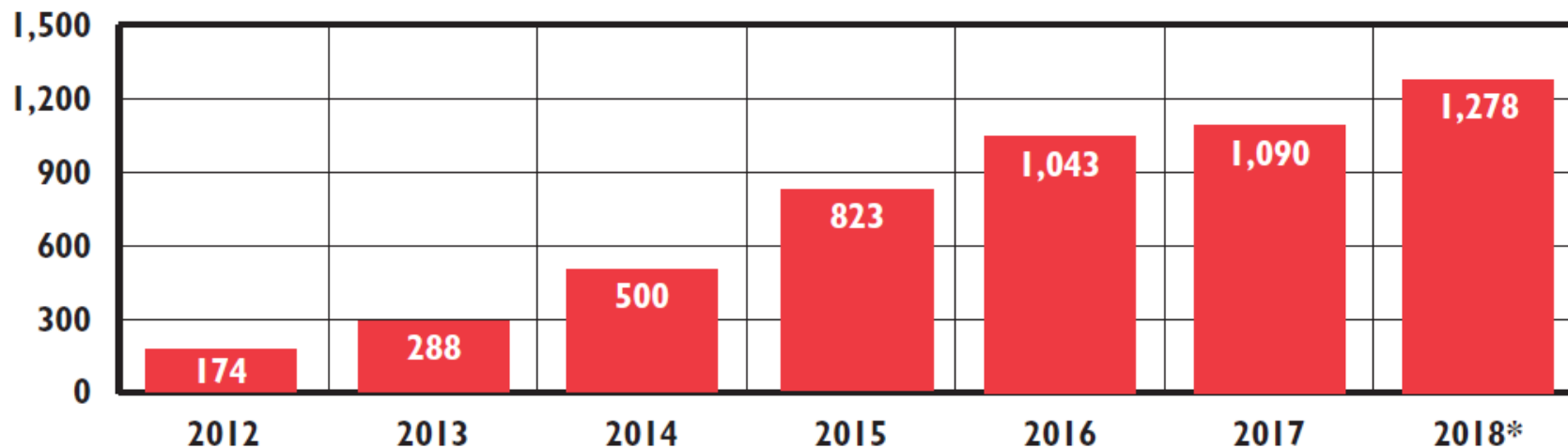
Less likely to complete high school

## In 2018...

- 40 Woonsocket babies were born to teen mothers.
- 95 Woonsocket babies were born to mothers without a high school diploma.
- 315 Woonsocket babies were born to single mothers.
- 343 Woonsocket babies were born in low-income families.

# Evidence-Based Home Visiting

## Families Enrolled in Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting Coordinated by the Rhode Island Department of Health, Rhode Island, 2012-2018



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Family Home Visiting, Family Visiting Database, October 2012-2018. \*Beginning in 2018, enrolled families includes all families participating in Parents as Teachers programs, including those without MIECHV funding.

- 94 families in Woonsocket were enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers home visiting programs in 2018.

# Infant Health Outcomes, 2013-2017

	Delayed Prenatal Care	Pre-term Births	Low Birthweight Infants	Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Births
Central Falls	18.6%	9.0%	8.2%	*
Pawtucket	18.8%	9.8%	8.8%	8.0
Providence	18.3%	9.8%	8.8%	7.7
Woonsocket	19.2%	8.5%	8.3%	4.8^
Four Core Cities	18.5%	9.6%	8.7%	7.2
Remainder of State	12.1%	8.1%	6.6%	4.4
Rhode Island	14.7%	8.7%	7.4%	5.5

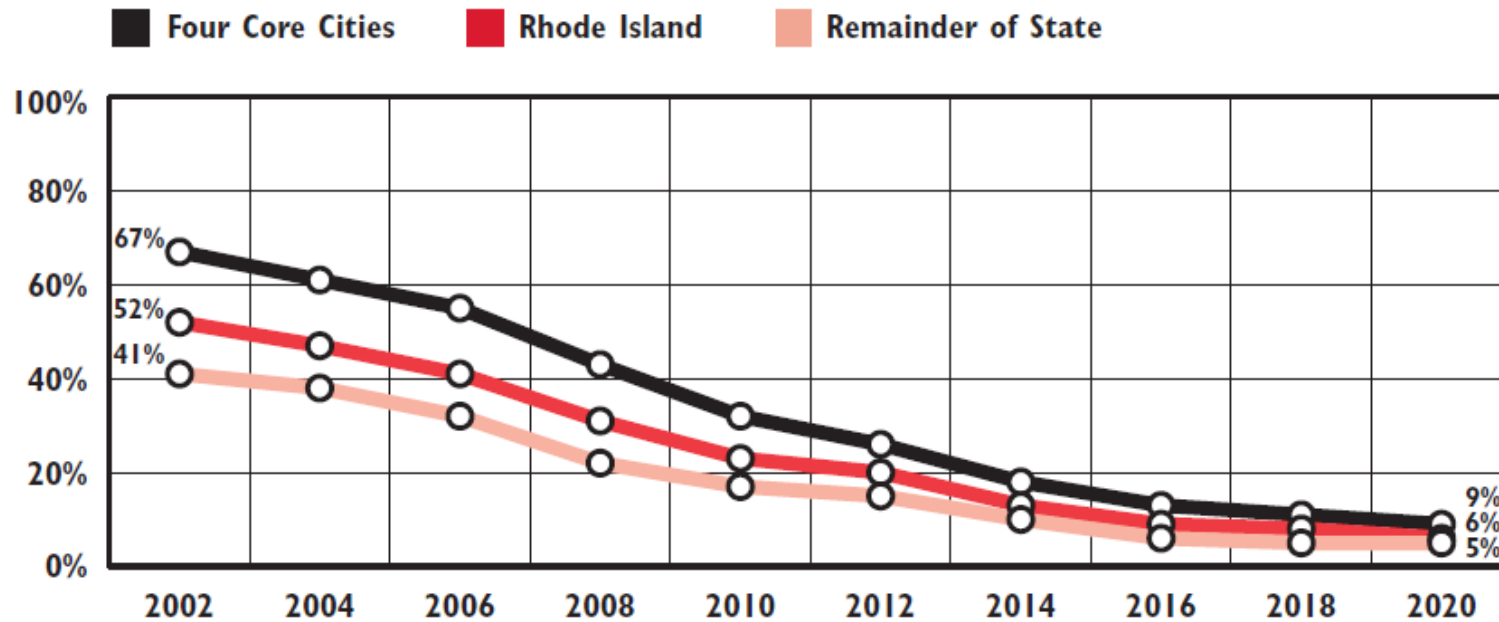
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# Children with Lead Poisoning

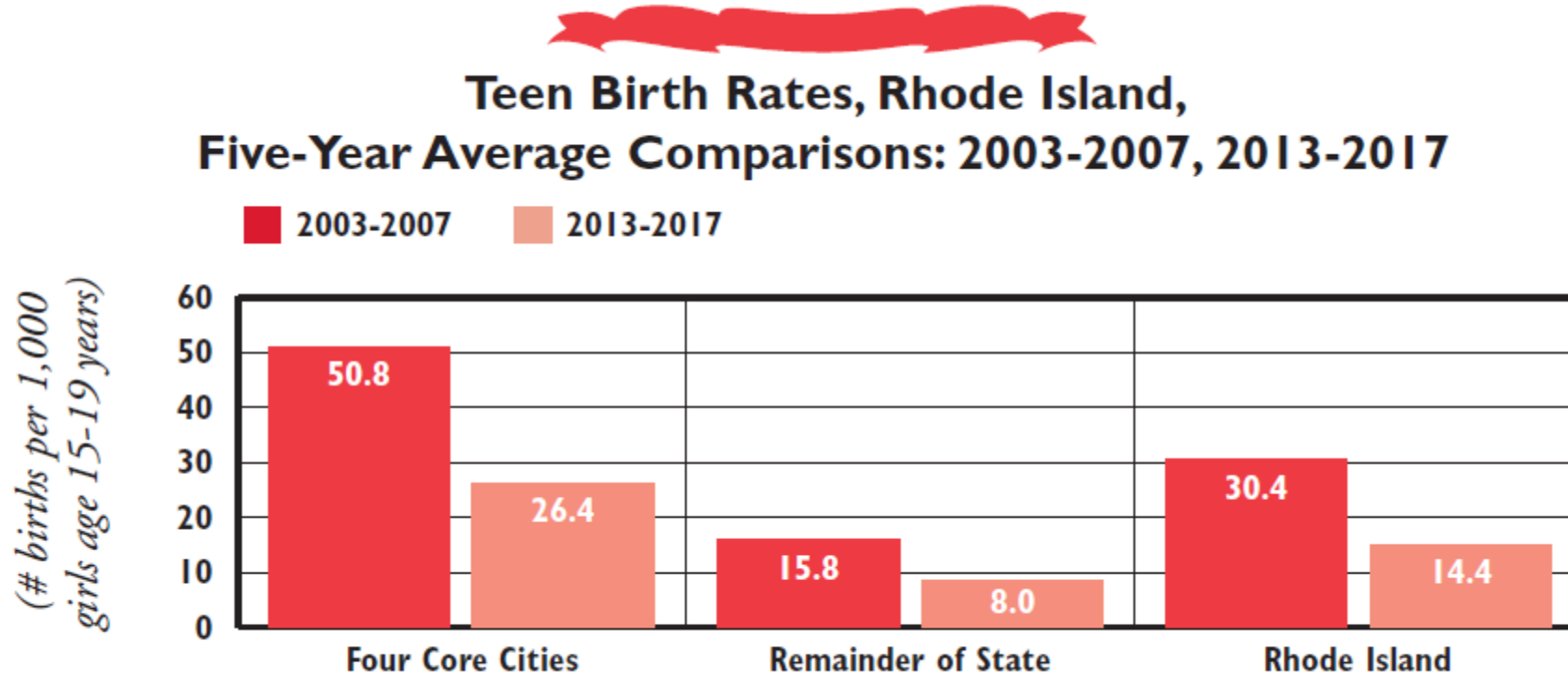
## Children Entering Kindergarten with History of Elevated\* Blood Lead Level Screening ( $\geq 5$ $\mu\text{g/dL}$ ), Rhode Island, Four Core Cities, and Remainder of State, 2002-2020



589 Woonsocket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2020 were tested. 26 (4.4%) were confirmed positive for  $\geq 5$  mcg/dL.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 2002 and 2020. \*Elevated blood lead level of  $\geq 5$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$ .

# Births to Teens, 2012-2016



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2003-2017.

- 44.6 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 in Woonsocket, second highest rate in the state.

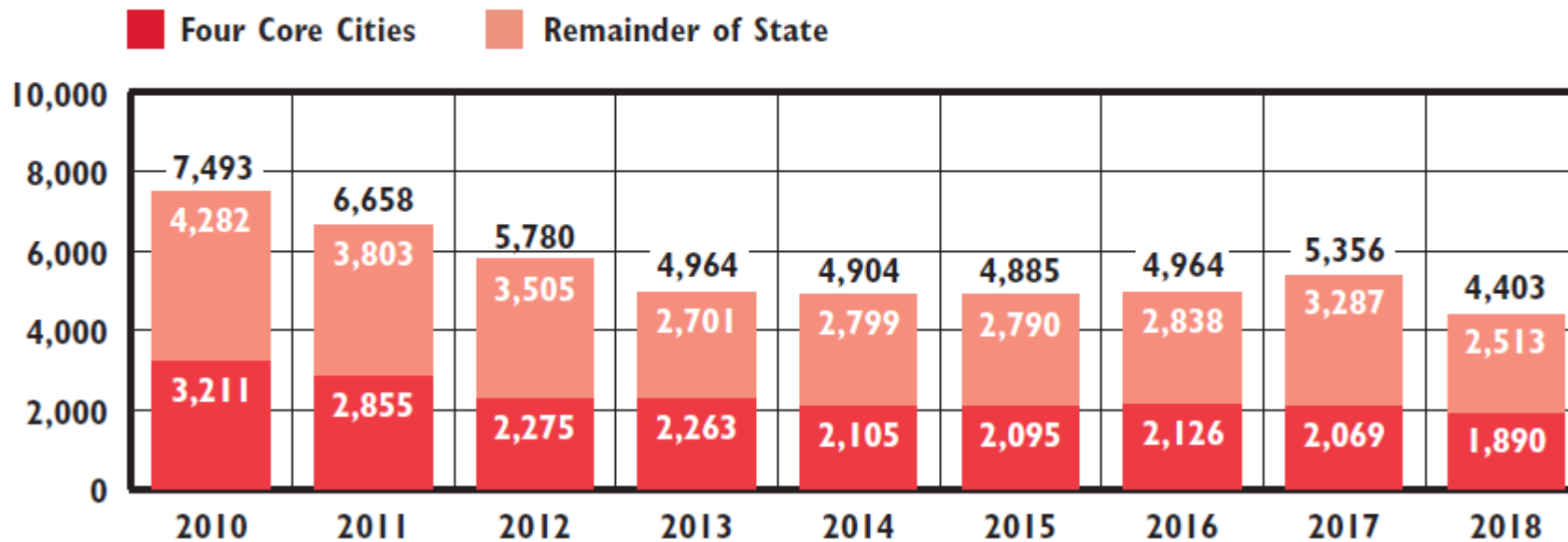




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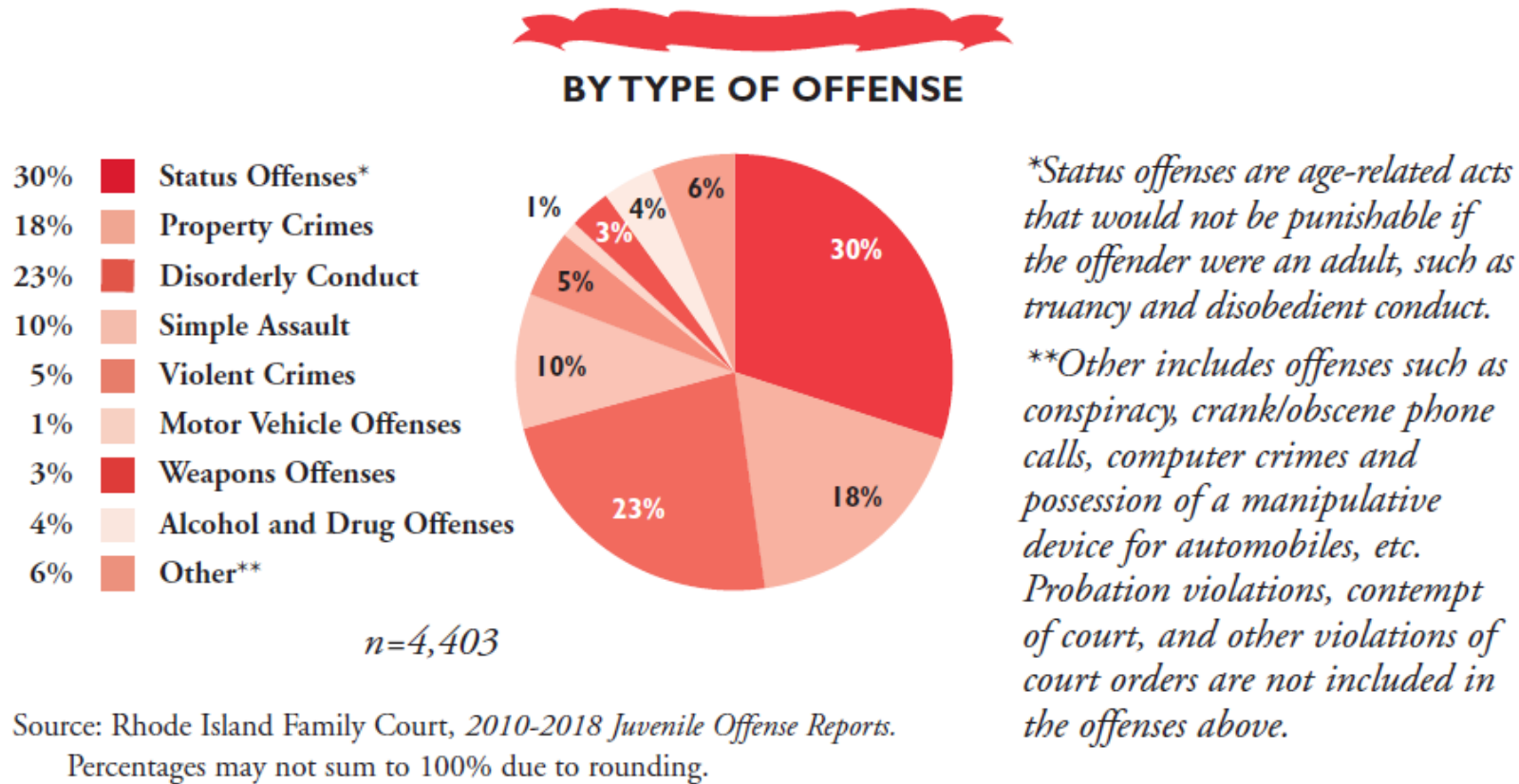
# Juveniles Referred to Family Court

## Juvenile Wayward/Delinquent Offenses Referred to Rhode Island Family Court, 2010- 2018



- 41% decline in juvenile offenses from 2010 to 2018.

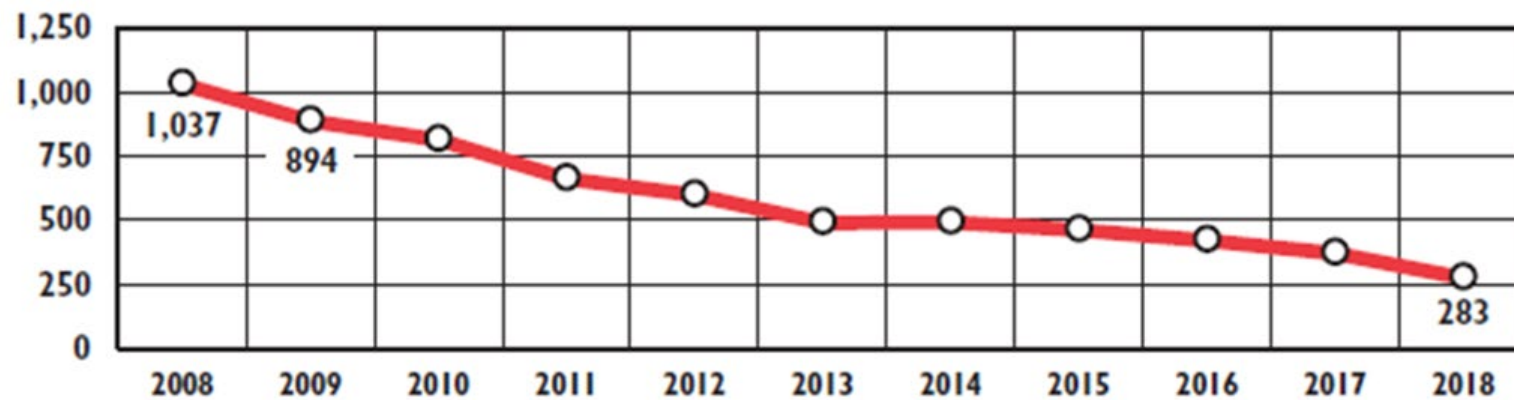
# Youth Referred to Family Court



- Of the 4,403 wayward and delinquent offenses for which youth were referred to Family Court in 2018, 5% were for violent crimes.

# Youth at the Training School

**Youth in the Care and Custody of the Rhode Island Training School,  
Calendar Years 2008-2018**



- 68% decline in youth in the care and custody of the Training School from 2009 to 2018 after a cap was placed on the population in July 2008.
- 17 youth in the care and custody of the Training School in 2018 were from Woonsocket.

# Children of Incarcerated Parents

## Parents at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI), September 30, 2018

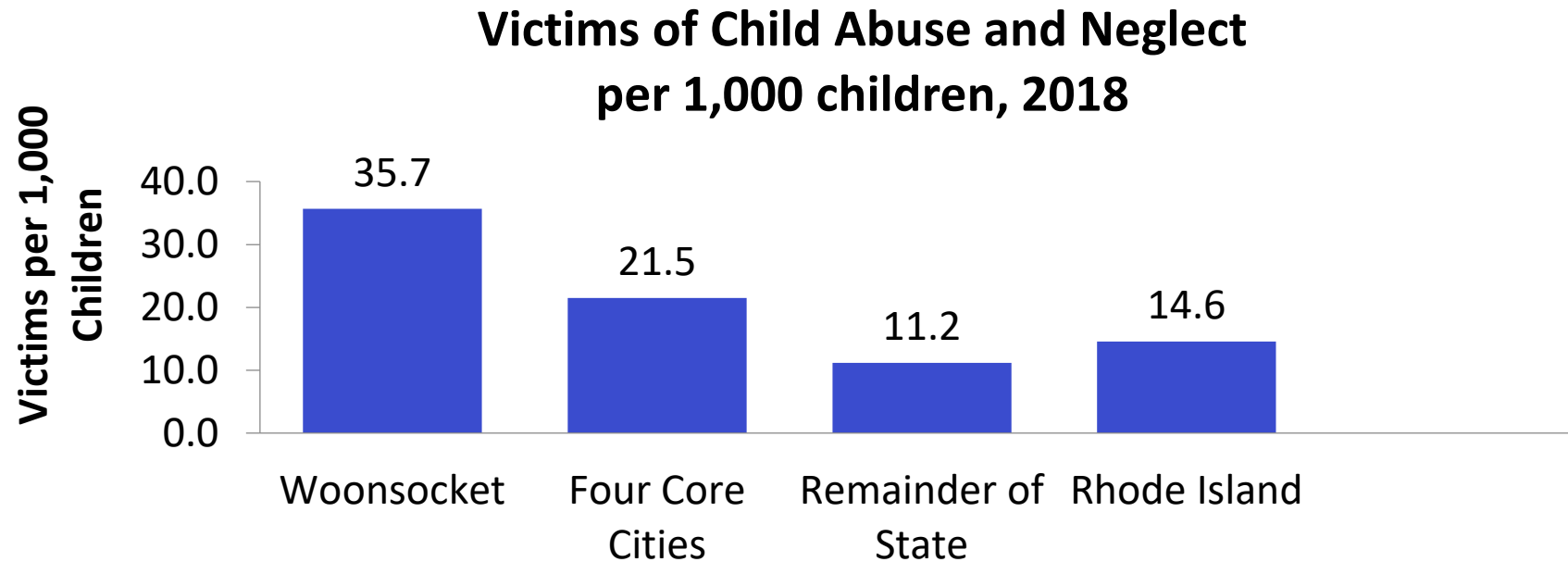
	INMATES SURVEYED*	# REPORTING CHILDREN	% REPORTING CHILDREN	# OF CHILDREN REPORTED
Awaiting Trial	664	432	65%	990
Serving a Sentence	2,104	1,261	60%	3,087
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,768</b>	<b>1,693</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>4,077</b>

Source: Rhode Island Department of Corrections, September 30, 2018. *\*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, 2018:

- 95 incarcerated parents with a known in-state residence identified Woonsocket as their last place of residence.
- These parents reported 217 children.
- Only Providence and West Warwick have higher rates of children with incarcerated parents.

# Child Abuse and Neglect



- Woonsocket's child abuse and neglect victim rate is the highest in the state.
- In Rhode Island in 2018, the vast majority (80%) of child abuse and neglect victims experience neglect.



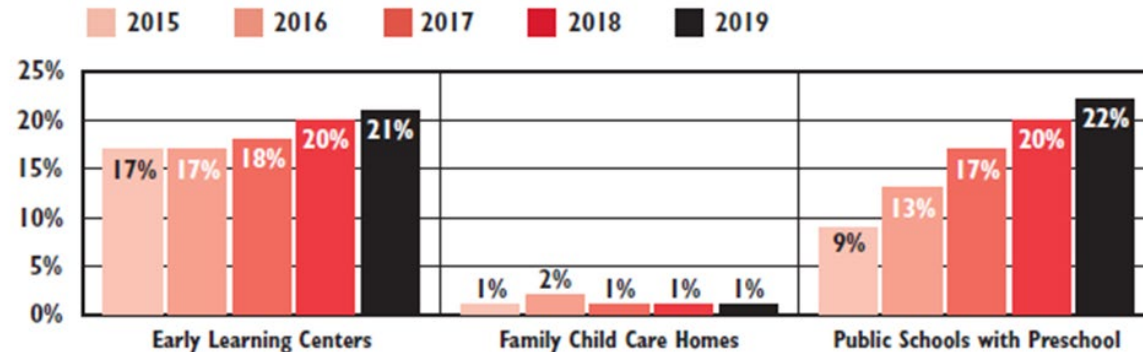


Education



# High Quality Early Learning Programs

**Percentage of Early Learning Centers, Family Child Care Programs,  
and Public Schools with a High-Quality BrightStars  
Rating (4 or 5 Stars), Rhode Island, 2015-2019**



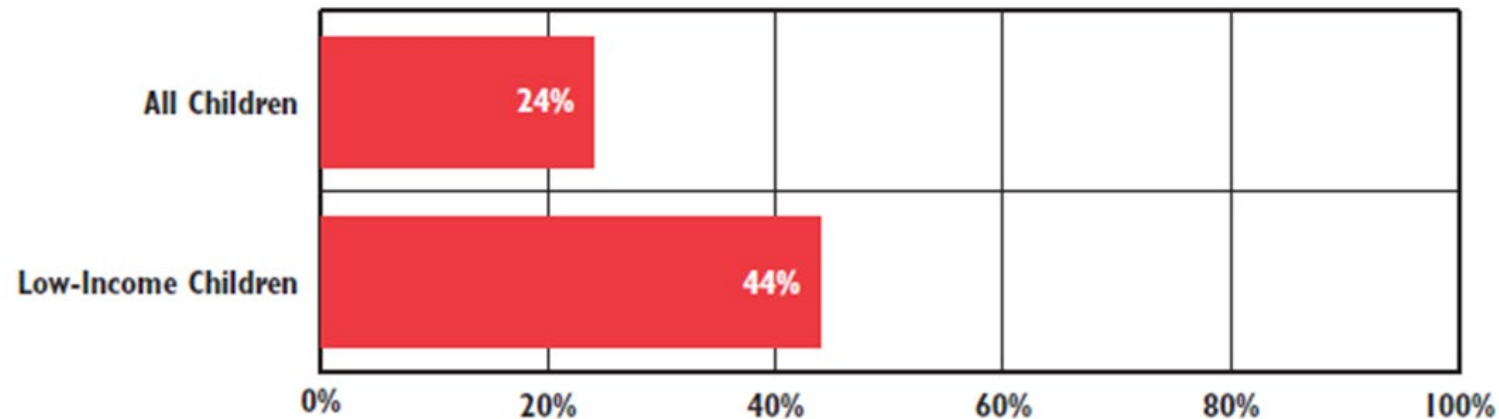
Source: RI Association for the Education of Young Children and RI Early Care and Education Data System (ECEDS), January 2015-January 2019.

## 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

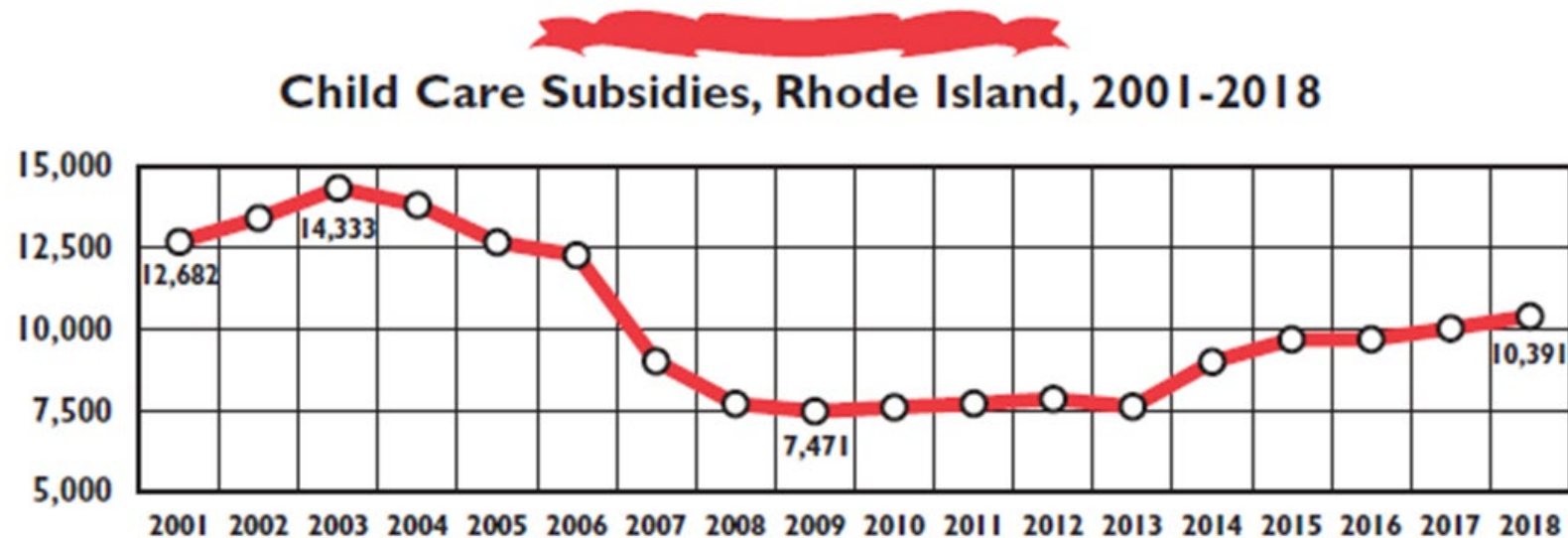
**Percentage of Children Enrolled in Head Start or State Pre-K  
the Year before Kindergarten, Rhode Island 2018-2019**



Source: Rhode Island KIDS COUNT calculations using October 2018 enrollment in Head Start and State Pre-K as numerator and October 2018 enrollment in public kindergarten as denominator with low-income population estimated using the % of children receiving free or reduced-price lunch.

- 51% of all children and 57% of low-income children in Woonsocket were enrolled in either Head Start or State Pre-K during the year before kindergarten, much higher than the state rates.

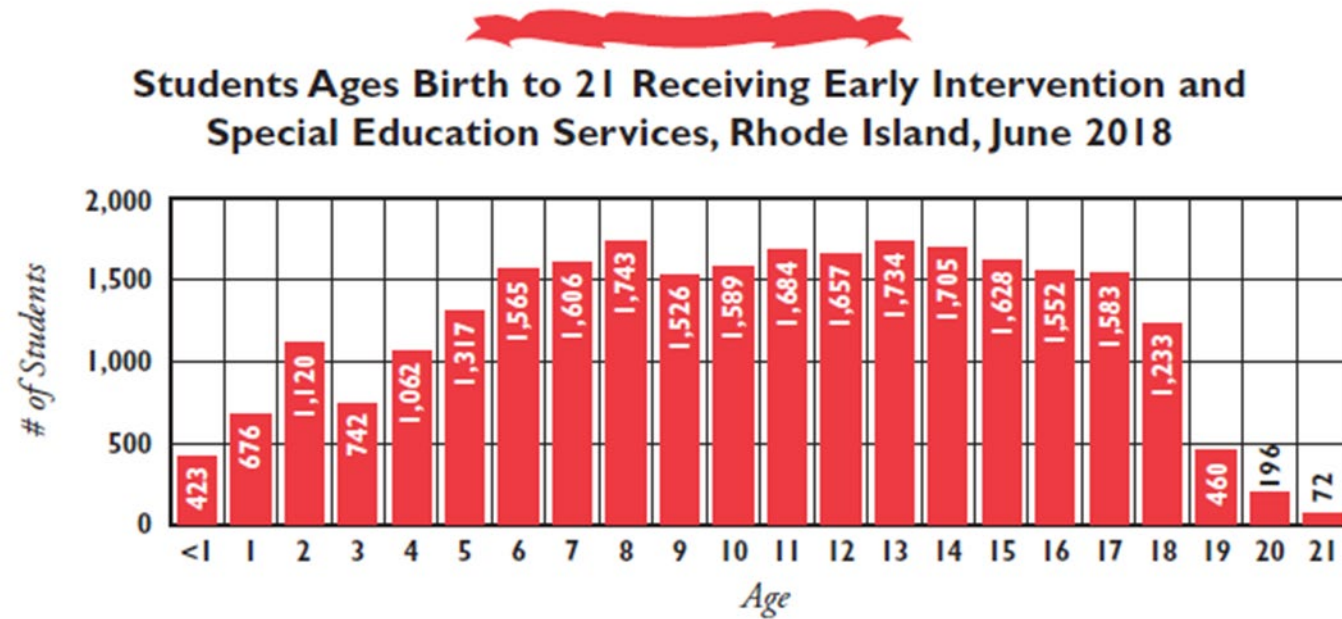
# Child Care Subsidies



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001-December 2015, September 2016, December 2017-December 2018. Data for December 2016 was not available.

- In December 2018, there were 10,391 child care subsidies in Rhode Island, up 4% from December 2017, but down 28% from the 2003 peak.
- 733 Woonsocket children from ages birth to 12 receive a subsidy for child care.

# K-12 Students Receiving Special Education Services

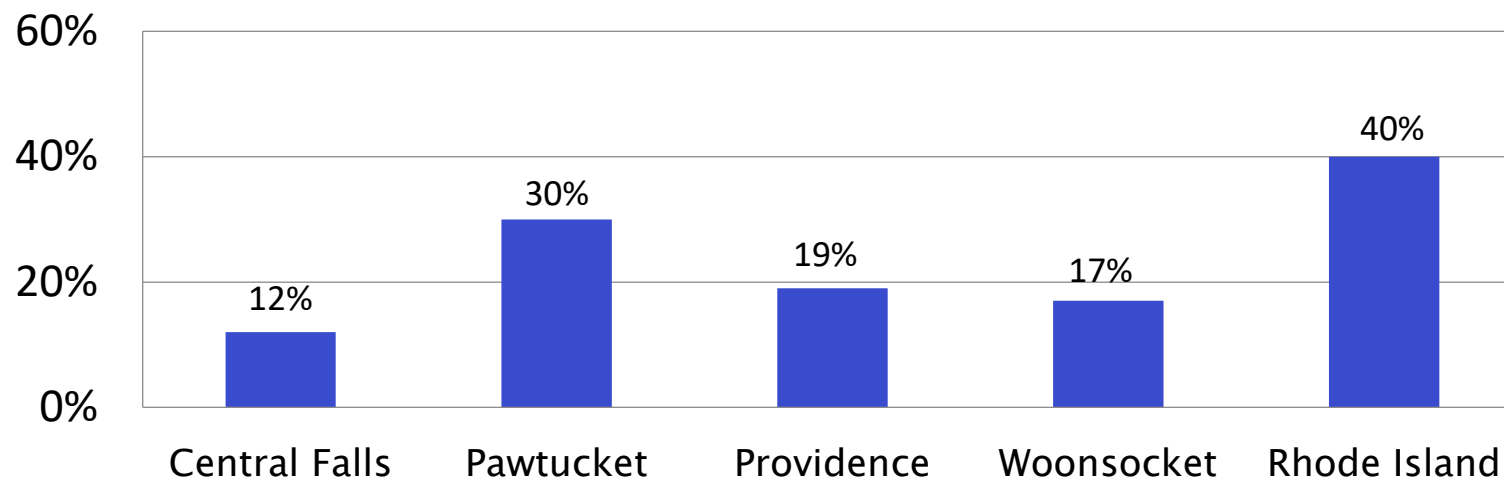


Source: Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Center for Child and Family Health, Early Intervention enrollment, June 30, 2018. Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of Diverse Learners, Special Education Census, June 30, 2018. Includes parentally-placed students.

- In Woonsocket, 25% of children in grades K-12 are receiving special education services, the highest rate in the state.
- In Woonsocket, 12% of children ages 3 to 5 receive preschool special education services, higher than the state rate of 8%.

# Third-Grade Reading Skills

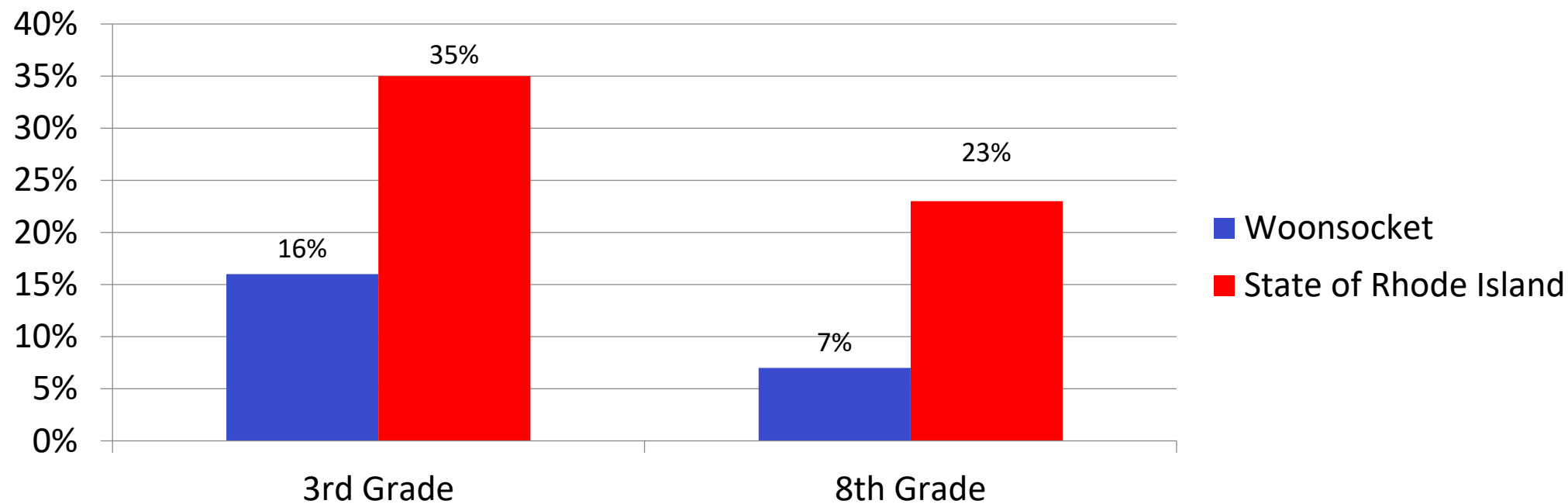
## Third-Graders Meeting Expectations in English Language Arts, 2018



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment Program (RICAS)*, 2018.

# Math Skills

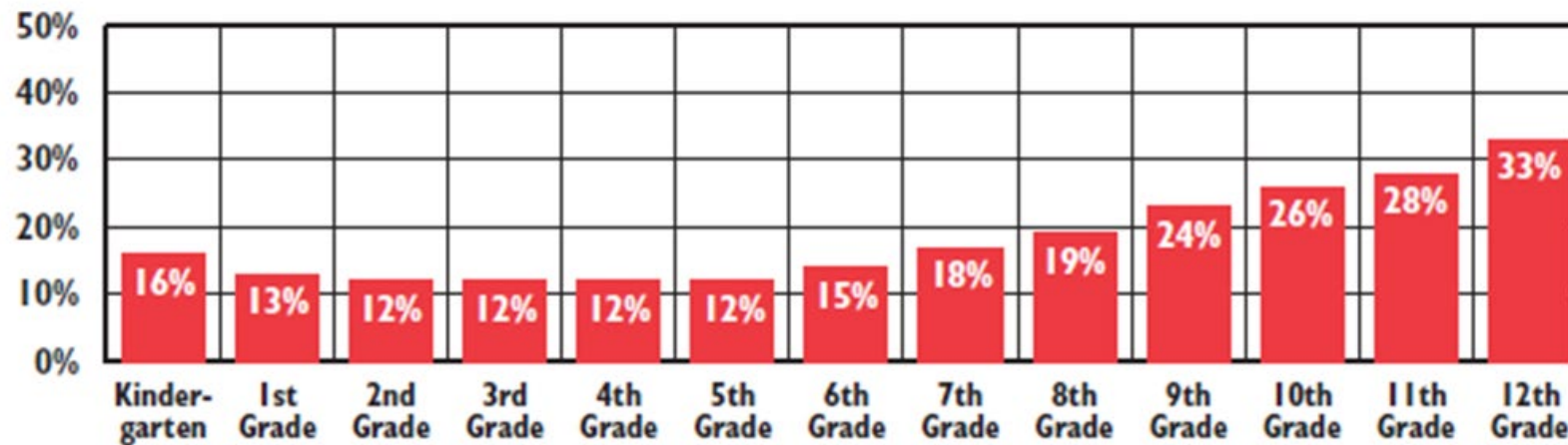
**Math Proficiency, Woonsocket & State of Rhode Island, 2018**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, *Rhode Island Common Assessment System (RICAS)*, 2018.

# Chronic Early Absence

**Chronic Absence Rates in Rhode Island by Grade,  
2017-2018 School Year**



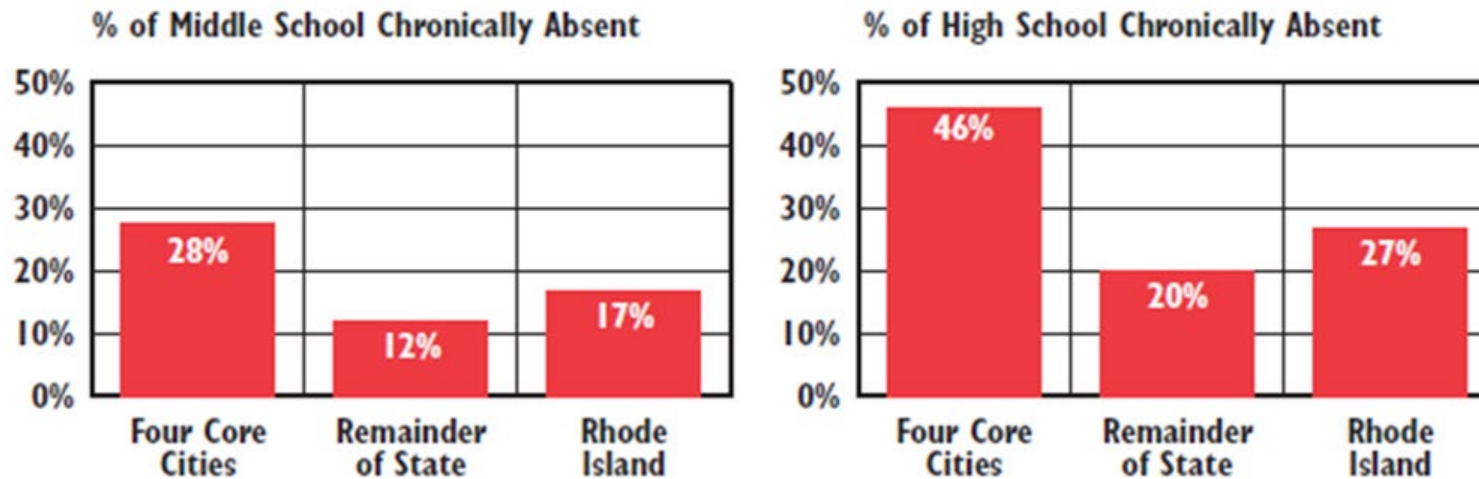
Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2017-2018 school year.

- In Woonsocket, 24% of K-3 students missed 18+ days of school during the 2017-2018 school year, tied for the second highest percentage in the state.



# Chronic Absence, Middle School & High School

**Chronic Absence Rate by District Type,  
Middle and High School, 2017-2018 School Year**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2017-2018 school year.

- Woonsocket's chronic absence rates in middle school (33%) and high school (47%) during the 2017-2018 school year, were among the highest in the state.

# School Suspensions

## Out-of-School Suspensions by Infraction, Rhode Island, 2017-2018

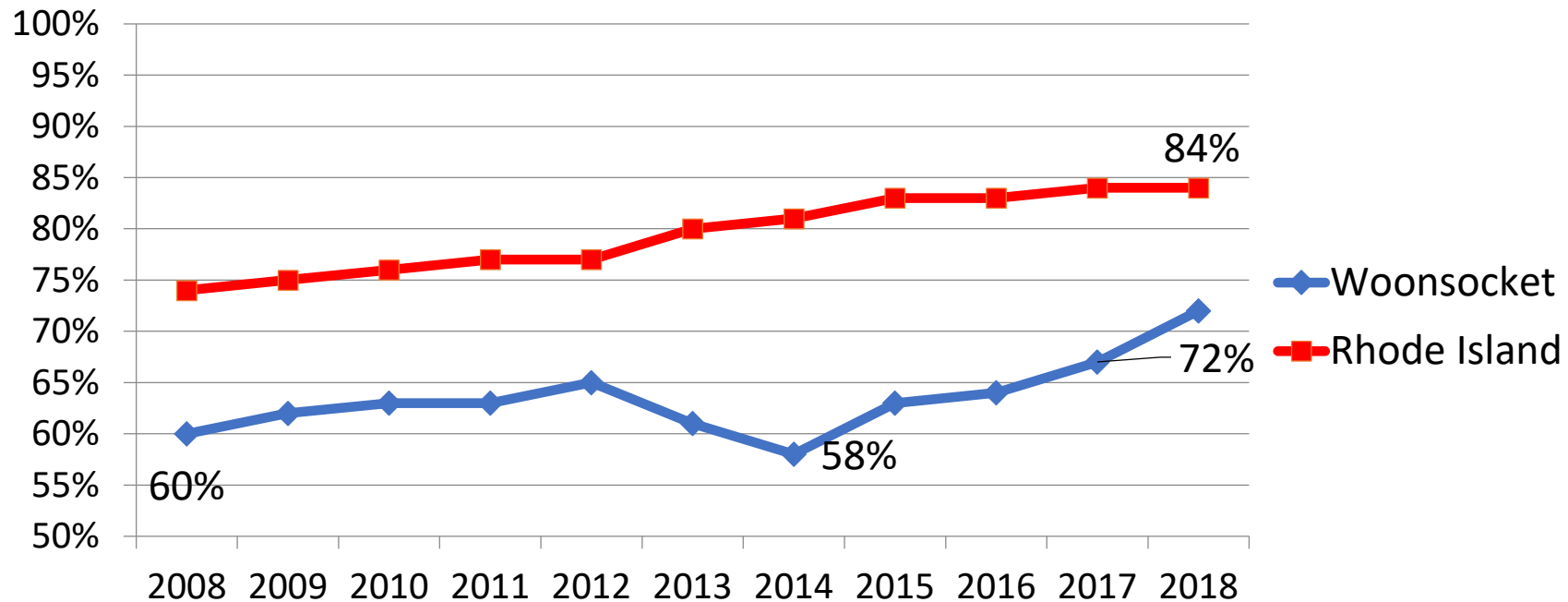
TYPE OF INFRACTION*	#	%	TYPE OF INFRACTION	#	%
Insubordination/Disrespect	2,633	22%	Obscene/Abusive Language	723	6%
Fighting	2,390	20%	Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism	278	2%
Harassment/Intimidation/Threat	1,559	13%	Weapon Possession	205	2%
Disorderly Conduct	1,530	13%	Electronic Devices/Technology	140	1%
Assault of Student or Teacher	1,374	12%	Attendance Offenses	0	0%
Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses	948	8%	Other Offenses	142	1%
			<i>Total</i>	<i>11,922</i>	

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2017-2018 school year.

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

- During the 2017-2018 school year, 100% of Woonsocket's suspensions were out-of-school suspensions, compared to 56% in the state as a whole.
- Woonsocket's overall suspension rate was the same as the state as a whole, but its out-of-school suspension rate was 15 per 100 students, compared to the state rate of 8 per 100 students.

# High School Graduation Rate, 2008-2018



Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Class of 2008-2018.

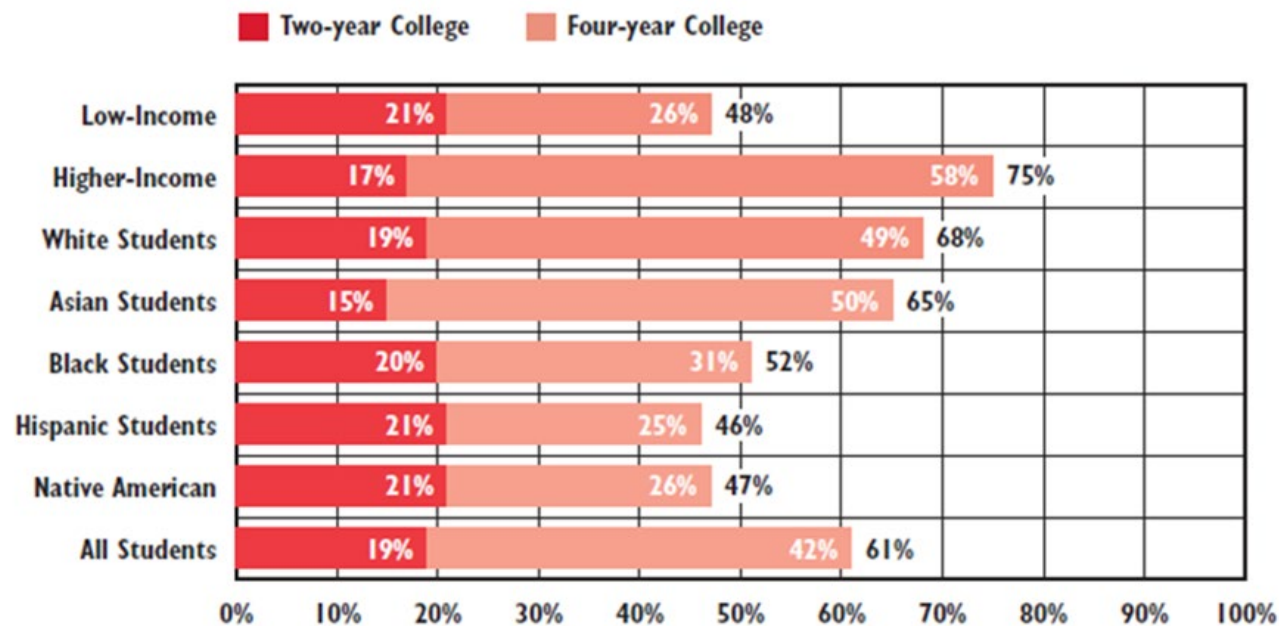
- Woonsocket has the highest dropout rate and lowest 4-year graduation rate in the state, but the district has seen dramatic improvements in recent years.

# High School Graduation Rate, 2017

All Woonsocket Students	72%
CTE Concentrators	84%
Non-CTE Concentrators	57%
Students With Disabilities	39%
Students Without Disabilities	83%
English Learners	69%
Low-Income Students	68%
Higher-Income Students	85%
White Students	70%
Black Students	90%
Hispanic Students	62%
Asian Students	93%

# College Access and Enrollment

Immediate College Enrollment by Family Income, Race, Ethnicity,  
and Type of College, Class of 2017, Rhode Island

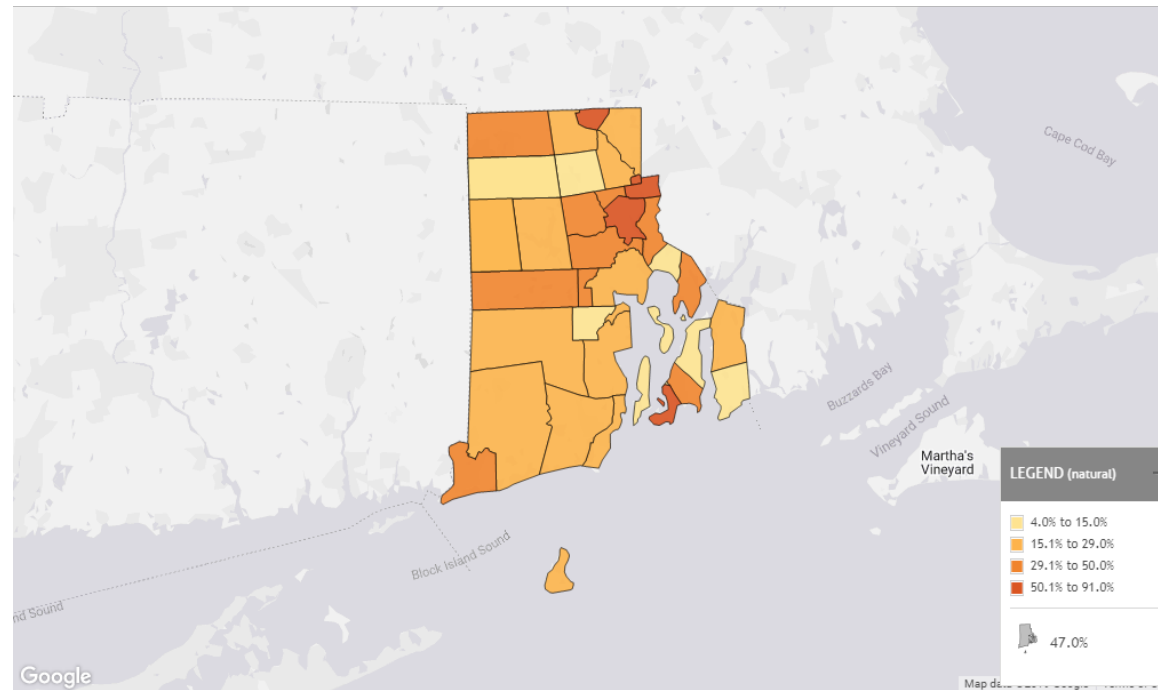


Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Class of 2017. Percentages may not sum exactly due to rounding.

- 44% of Woonsocket students who graduated from high school in the Class of 2017 immediately enrolled in college, compared to 61% in Rhode Island as a whole.

# KIDS COUNT Data Center: A Helpful Resource

<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/>



Public School Enrollment Of Low Income Students  
(Percent) - 2018

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