## CIVIC MARSHALL PLAN TO BUILD A GRAD NATION 2013 INDEX WHERE DOES RHODE ISLAND STAND?

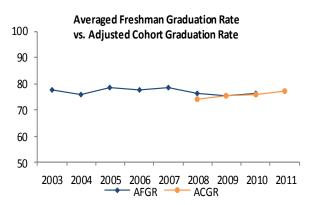
## CONTEXT

**Poverty:** Rhode Island ranks **34th** in childhood poverty at **18.3** percent.

**College Education:** Rhode Island ranks **14th** in college completion at **35.2** percent.

PROGRESS

Sources: Poverty: 2012 Current Population Survey (joint effort of Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau) College Education: 2011 American Community Survey (Census Bureau)



## CHALLENGES

I	Average Freshman Graduation Rate (AFGR): Increased from <b>75.7</b> to <b>76.4</b> percent from 2002 to 2010 Average of <b>0.1</b> points per year	Needs to increase <b>1.4</b> points per year starting in 2010 to reach 90 percent by 2020
II	Class of 2010 had <b>91</b> more graduates than Class of 2002	Class of 2020 needs <b>1,763</b> more graduates than Class of 2010 to reach 90 percent
III	<b>0</b> more dropout factories in 2011 than 2002	In 2011, there were <b>7</b> dropout factories. To reach 0 by 2016, <b>2</b> schools need to improve per year.
IV	<b>331</b> more students attended dropout factories in 2011 than 2002	7,947 students still attend dropout factories in 2011
V	Percent of 4th graders testing at or above proficient in Reading (NAEP) increased from <b>29</b> percent to <b>35</b> percent, from 2003 to 2011	6,622 4th graders still not proficient in Reading
VI	Percent of 8th graders testing at or above proficient in Math (NAEP) increased from <b>24</b> percent to <b>34</b> percent, from 2003 to 2011	7,442 8th graders still not proficient in Math
VII	Students who took at least one AP exam during high school increased <b>9.1</b> percentage points, from <b>10.5</b> percent to <b>19.6</b> percent, from 2001 to 2011	Only <b>61.2</b> percent of test-takers scored at least one "3" or higher

VIII

This state has reported the new, four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate (ACGR) that is now required by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE). The ACGR for 2011 is **77.0** percent.

All but 3 states report the new rate. Idaho and Kentucky were issued waivers from the USDOE allowing them until 2013/2014 to report the new rate. Oklahoma has applied for a waiver and is awaiting approval.

## **ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

With a 90 percent graduation rate, the additional graduates could deliver an estimated **\$15 million** in increased annual earnings, **\$3.9 million** in increased annual state and local tax revenues, and an increase in the Gross State Product of **\$17 million**.

**Source:** Previously unpublished Alliance for Excellent Education analysis of data from Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc.

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