# Single Family House Sales & Rentals in Narragansett

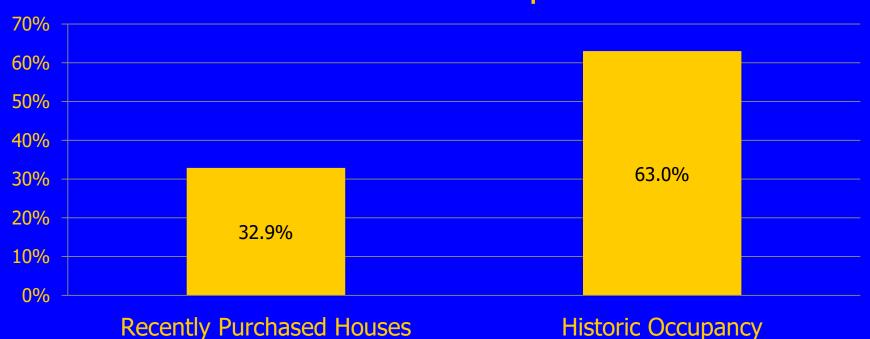
Five Year Trend – Jan. 2019 – June 2023

- Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sales data
- •Are sold properties registered for rental?
  - 2023 Town & State rental registration
  - Town rental registration prior to sale
- •Where do the new owners live?

### **Ownership of Houses Purchased**

#### January 2019 – June 2023

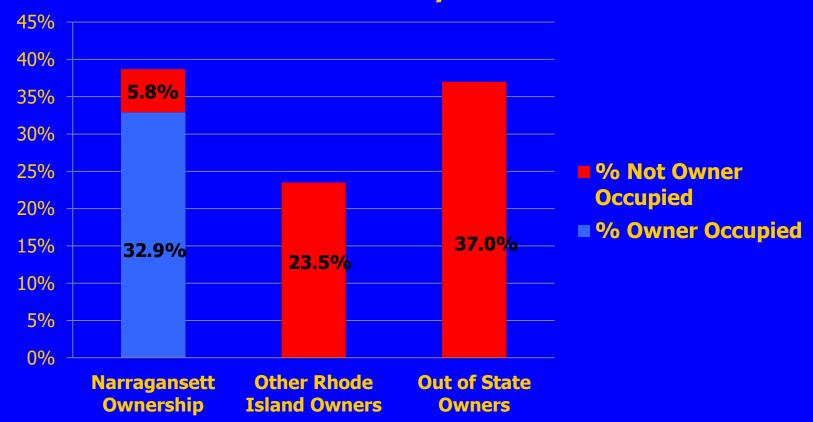
% Owner Occupied



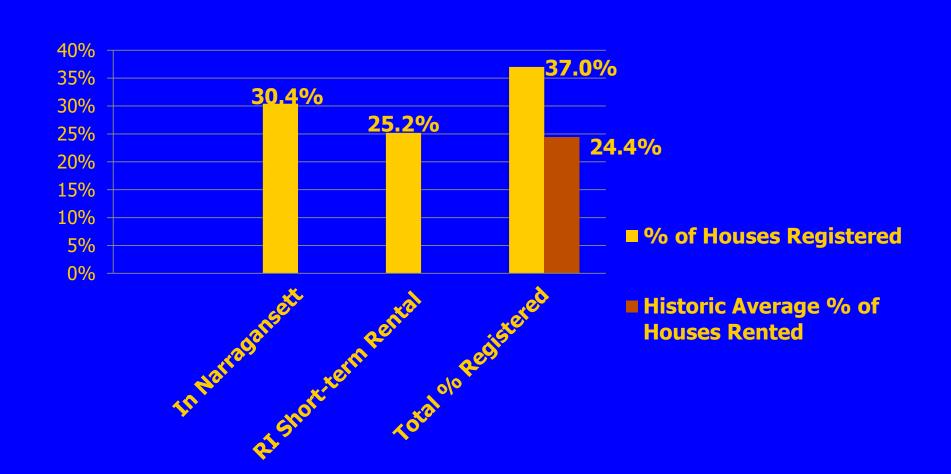
#### Where do recent house buyers live?

#### Residency of Narragansett House Owners

**Houses Purchased January 2019 – June 2023** 

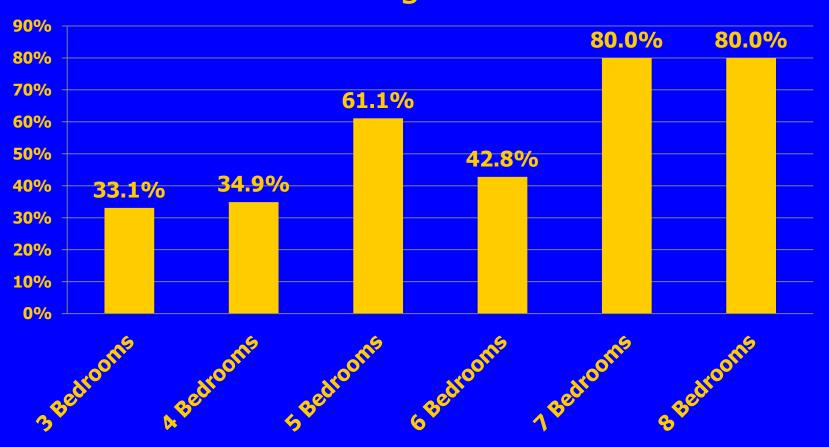


# Rental Registration – Recently Purchased Narragansett Houses



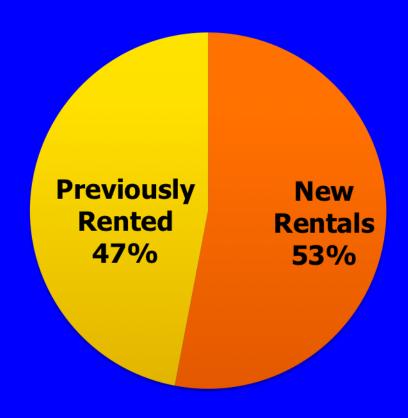
## Rental Registration by Bedroom Count Recently Purchased Narragansett Houses

#### ■ % Houses Registered as Rental



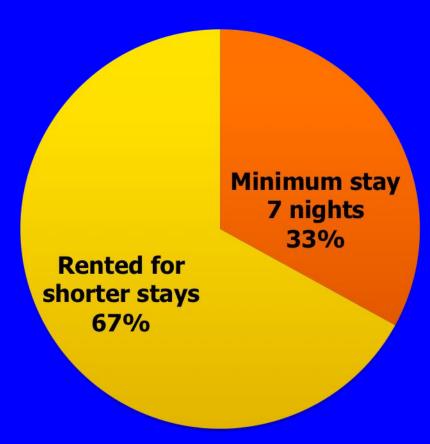
# Many Recently Purchased Houses Are New Rentals

#### **Recently Purchased Houses That Are Rented**



Source: Narragansett Comprehensive Housing Study and Needs Assessment, Page 31. February 2024. Crane Associates

# **Short Term Rentals That Rent by the Week**



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### Crane Associates Recommendations for Short-Term Rentals

# To Improve Housing Affordability in Narragansett:

- ➤ Implement financial incentives to convert summer rentals into year round rentals.
- Prohibit short-term rental length of stays less than 7 days to reduce property speculation that increases house prices.

#### Conclusions

- Short-term rentals are having a major impact on market forces for housing in Narragansett
  - Year-round housing is being converted to short-term & seasonal rentals
  - Conversions are reducing housing available for families & year-round residents
  - Conversions are driving up housing costs and transforming neighborhoods
  - Houses are being expanded for rental

#### Conclusions

- Property owners are not registering their rentals. So we don't know their real impact.
- Short-term rentals are a major headwind that the state and towns must address to address affordable housing.