Central Falls Data in Your Backyard

Findings from the 2014 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

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2014 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

- 20th annual publication
- 70 indicators across 5 areas
- City and town-level information
Family and Community
Child Population, 2010

- Hispanic or Latino: 70%
- White: 13%
- Other: 4%
- Multi-Racial: 4%
- Black: 9%

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

- 1 of only 3 communities with increasing child population.
- Increasing percentage of population is Hispanic/Latino.
Strong links between parental education levels and child well-being
Economic Well-Being
Poverty level
- $18,769 for a family of 3
- $23,624 for a family of 4

Extreme poverty level
- $9,385 for a family of 3
- $11,812 for a family of 4

2012 Rhode Island Standard of Need
- Single-parent family with 2 children would need $49,272 a year to meet its basic needs
Almost two-thirds (64%) of Rhode Island’s children living in poverty live in just 4 cities.

### Child Poverty Concentrated in Four Core Cities, Rhode Island, 2008-2012

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<td>2,213</td>
<td>41.5%</td>
<td>980</td>
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<td>Pawtucket</td>
<td>4,293</td>
<td>27.4%</td>
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<td>15,151</td>
<td>37.2%</td>
<td>7,309</td>
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<td>4,013</td>
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<td><strong>40,317</strong></td>
<td><strong>18.4%</strong></td>
<td><strong>18,494</strong></td>
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To afford the average rent in Rhode Island without a cost burden…

- A worker would need to earn nearly 3 times the state’s 2013 minimum wage of $7.75 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.
In 2013, 1,117 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.

- Central Falls was the last permanent residence for an estimated 47 of these children.

During the 2012–2013 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 923 children as homeless.

- Central Falls Public Schools personnel identified 38 children as homeless.
67% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.

69% 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.

10% (551) of children in Central Falls receive cash assistance.
Children Receiving SNAP Benefits

In October 2013

- 3,502 Central Falls children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 50% increase from 2008, and a 1.2% increase from 2012.

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.
Children’s Health Insurance

• **In Rhode Island in 2013**
  - 5.4% of children under age 18 were uninsured
  - Rhode Island ranks 16th best in the country

• Children in families with incomes up to 250% FPL are eligible for RIte Care.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1992-2012, three-year averages (labeled by the mid-point year), compiled by Rhode Island KIDS COUNT. Data are for children under 18 years of age.
Accelerated RIte Care Renewals

42,000 families covered by RIte Care in 2013

(4,357 children in Central Falls)

Must renew July – December 2014
Renew RIte Care Resources Available

**Flyers**

**ACT NOW! Renew your RIte Care**

If your family had RIte Care in 2013 you need to renew your Neighborhood or United insurance.

- Renew over the phone: We have bilingual and non-bilingual support available.
- Renew online: www.rikidscount.org

**¡DECIDA AHORA MISMO! Renueve su RIte Care**

Si su familia tuvo RIte Care en 2013, necesita renovar su seguro Neighborhood o United.

- Renew over the phone: We have bilingual and non-bilingual support available. Call (401) 563-3709.
- Renew online: www.rikidscount.org

**Recorded Webinar**

Help Families Renew Their RIte Care Insurance: A Webinar for Community Helpers

September 8, 2014

**Social Media**

Did you have RIte Care in 2013?

- If you haven't renewed your coverage, do it now!
- LEARN MORE: tinyurl.com/RenewNowFlyer

¿Tenía RIte Care en 2013?

- ¿Si no ha renovado su cobertura, hágalo ahora mismo!
- Más información: tinyurl.com/RenovarAhora

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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.
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 2013...
- 290 (3%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors.
- 24 (8%) of Central Falls babies were born at highest risk.
38 Central Falls families enrolled in one of the three Maternal Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)–funded evidence–based home visiting programs in Rhode Island.
### Infant Health Outcomes

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<th>Delayed Prenatal Care</th>
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<th>Low Birthweight Infants</th>
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<td>Four Core Cities</td>
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<td>Remainder of State</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
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- Central Falls has shown a decrease in the Infant Mortality Rate in recent years, but other outcomes have remained stable. Central Falls shows worse infant health outcomes than the state as a whole.
Children with Lead Poisoning

- 312 Central Falls children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2015
  - 34 (10.9%) were confirmed positive for ≥5 mcg/dL.
Safety
Juveniles Referred to Family Court

- 45% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2007 to 2013
### Juveniles Referred to Family Court

#### BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

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<td>Property Crimes</td>
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<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
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<td>Simple Assault</td>
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<td>Alcohol and Drug Offenses</td>
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<td>Violent Crimes</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle Offenses</td>
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<td>Weapons Offenses</td>
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<td>Other**</td>
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*n=4,964

*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.*

- 5% (260) of offenses for which youth were referred to Family Court in 2013 involved violent offenses.
498 youth were in the care or custody of the Training School at some point during 2013, down from 1,069 in 2004.

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.
• The child abuse and neglect victim rate in Central Falls is the second highest in the state.

• Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (79%).
Education
Since peaking in 2003, there has been a 47% decrease in the number of child care subsidies available.
In Central Falls

- 100% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
  - 33% have a quality rating

- 95% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
  - 29% have a quality rating
Head Start and Early Head Start


During the 2013–2014 school year, 18 Central Falls children were enrolled in the State Pre–K program.
As of the 2012–2013 school year, 27% of Central Falls students are classified as ELL students, the highest in the state.
During the 2012–2013 school year, 23% of Central Falls students were enrolled in special education, compared to 17% in the state as a whole.
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.
Between 2005 and 2013, Central Falls 4th grade reading proficiency rate did not increase as much as the rate in the other core cities or the state as a whole.

The reading proficiency rate remains well below the state rate.
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.

*Note: 3% proficient in 2007, not 2005. 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the NECAP.
Central Falls’ chronic absence rates are higher than the state rate at all school levels.

Strategies are in place to address this problem.
During the 2012–2013 school year, **there were 57 out-of-school suspensions.**

Strategies in place to reduce out-of-school suspensions and improve school climate.
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 2013 was 74%, the dropout rate was 15%, 2% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 9% were still in school in the fall of 2013.
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