Newport 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 down 21.5% from 2000
- Increasing racial and ethnic diversity
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
## Children in Poverty

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<th>City</th>
<th>Child Poverty 2008–2012</th>
<th>FRPL October 2013</th>
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<td>Middletown</td>
<td>499 (13.0%)</td>
<td>29%</td>
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<td>Newport</td>
<td>503 (13.5%)</td>
<td>63%</td>
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<td>Portsmouth</td>
<td>249 (6.9%)</td>
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<td>Four Core Cities</td>
<td>25,670 (35.6%)</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>40,317 (18.4%)</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 Newport…
- would have to devote 82% of its household income to the cost of rent.
Homeless Children

In 2013, 1,117 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.

- Newport was the last permanent residence for 28 of these children.

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

- Newport Public Schools personnel identified 25 children as homeless.
- 67% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- 7% (282) of children in Newport receive cash assistance.
- 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.
In October 2013
- 1,315 Newport children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 25% increase from 2008.

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<td>243</td>
<td>421</td>
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<td>1,050</td>
<td>1,315</td>
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<td>130</td>
<td>257</td>
<td>98%</td>
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<td>27,816</td>
<td>39,218</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>41,421</td>
<td>63,971</td>
<td>54%</td>
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22% of Newport’s low-income students participated in the School Breakfast Program.
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.
Accelerated Rite Care Renewals

42,000 families covered by Rite Care in 2013

(1,797 children in Newport)

Must renew July – December 2014
Renew Rlte Care Resources Available

**Flyers**

- **ACT NOW! Renew your Rlte Care**
  - If your family had Rlte Care in 2013, you need to renew your Neighborhood or United insurance.
  - Renew over the phone: 1-800-652-3029, available Monday – Saturday 8am – 4pm and Sunday 8am – 3pm.
  - Renew in person: Call the contact center (1-800-652-3029) to make an appointment at three offices in Providence or call someone you trust to help you.
  - Renew online: www.rikidscount.org/flyer

- **¡DECIDA AHORA MISMO! Renueve su Rlte Care**
  - Si su familia tuvo Rlte Care en 2013, necesita renovar su seguro Neighborhood o United.
  - Hay una nueva manera de renovarlo y gracias dispuesta a ayudarlo.
  - Rellene la hoja de solicitud en su idioma y del tipo requerido (800-652-3029) o llame al contacto para hablar en español.
  - Renueva en persona: Llame al número de contacto (1-800-652-3029) para hacer una cita en uno de nuestros tres sitios en Providence.
  - Renueva en línea: www.rikidscount.org/flyer

**Social Media**

- Did you have Rlte Care in 2013?
  - If you haven’t renewed your coverage, do it now!
  - LEARN MORE: tinyurl.com/RenewNowFlyer

- ¿Tenía Rlte Care en 2013?
  - ¡Si no ha renovado su cobertura, hágalo ahora mismo!
  - Más información: tinyurl.com/RenovarAhora

**Recorded Webinar**

- Help Families Renew Their Rlte Care Insurance: A Webinar for Community Helpers
  - September 8, 2014

**Order Flyers**

- rikids@rikidscount.org

**Download Materials**

- www.rikidscount.org

**View Webinar**

- economicprogressri.com
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.
- 5 (2%) Newport babies were born at highest risk.
13 Newport families enrolled in one of the three Maternal Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)–funded evidence–based home visiting programs in Rhode Island.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, October 2013.
## Infant Health Outcomes, 2008–2012

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<th>Delayed Prenatal Care</th>
<th>Pre-term Births</th>
<th>Low Birthweight Infants</th>
<th>Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Births</th>
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<td>11.2%</td>
<td>8.1%</td>
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<td>6.4%</td>
<td>8.2%</td>
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<td>18.0%</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
<td>9.0%</td>
<td>8.0</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>13.7%</td>
<td>10.9%</td>
<td>7.8%</td>
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- Newport’s delayed prenatal care rate declining
- Other infant health outcome measures worse than the state as a whole
Of the 302 children entering kindergarten and tested for Lead Poisoning in Newport, 27 (8.9%) were confirmed with blood lead levels ≥5 µg/dL.
Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Newport.
Safety
Juveniles Referred to Family Court

45% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2007 to 2013
Juveniles at the Training School

- 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.
Newport’s reported child abuse and neglect victim rate is the third highest in the state.
In Newport:

- 75% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
  - 0% have a quality rating

- 25% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
  - 0% have a quality rating
Head Start and Early Head Start

- **Head Start**: In 2013, 84 Newport children (16% of Newport children ages 3 to 4) were enrolled.

- **Early Head Start**: In 2013, 46 Newport children (6% of Newport children under age 3) were enrolled.
During the 2013–2014 school year, 18 Newport children (8% of four–year–olds) were enrolled in the State Pre–K program.
The Portsmouth School Department began operating universal full-day kindergarten during the 2013–2014 school year.
Between 2005 and 2013, Newport’s 4th grade reading proficiency rate increased from 46% to 61%.

Reading proficiency rates remain below the state rate.
Math Skills

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<th>4th Grade 2005</th>
<th>4th Grade 2013</th>
<th>8th Grade 2005</th>
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<th>11th Grade 2007*</th>
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<td>70%</td>
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<td>59%</td>
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<td>50%</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>83%</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>78%</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>31%</td>
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<td>47%</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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*Note: 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the NECAP.

- Since 2005, Newport has seen improvements in 4th and 8th grade math proficiency but not 11th grade math proficiency.

- Newport continues to have math proficiency rates below state rate.
Newport’s chronic early absence rate (grades K–3) of 17% is higher than the state rate of 12%.
Newport’s chronic absence rate in high school of 38% is well over the state rate of 24%
The Newport 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2013 was 67%, the dropout rate was 22%, 4% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 7% were still in school in the fall of 2013.
## High School Graduation Rate, 2013

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<th>Group</th>
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<td>Females</td>
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<td>Males</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Students with Disabilities</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Students without Disabilities</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Low-Income Students</td>
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<td>Higher-Income Students</td>
<td>91%</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>Black</td>
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