Pawtucket 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

- Child population down 9% from 2000
- Increasing racial/ethnic diversity

- White, non-Hispanic: 39%
- Hispanic or Latino: 29%
- Black: 16%
- Asian: 2%
- Two or More Races: 7%
- Other: 7%
Mother’s Education Level, 2008–2012

- Strong links between parental education levels and child well-being
Economic Well-Being
Child Poverty Defined, 2013

- **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
Concentrated Child Poverty

- 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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<th>CITY/TOWN</th>
<th>NUMBER IN POVERTY</th>
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<td>Central Falls</td>
<td>2,213</td>
<td>41.5%</td>
<td>980</td>
<td>18.4%</td>
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<td>Pawtucket</td>
<td>4,293</td>
<td>27.4%</td>
<td>2,059</td>
<td>13.1%</td>
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<td>Providence</td>
<td>15,151</td>
<td>37.2%</td>
<td>7,309</td>
<td>17.9%</td>
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<td>Woonsocket</td>
<td>4,013</td>
<td>39.0%</td>
<td>1,919</td>
<td>18.7%</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>40,317</td>
<td>18.4%</td>
<td>18,494</td>
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Hispanic, Black, and Native American children are more likely to live in poverty than White and Asian children.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010-2012. Tables B17001, B17020A, B17020B, B17020C, B17020D, B17020G and B17020I. *Hispanic children may be included in any race category.
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 Pawtucket...
  - would have to devote 63% 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.

- Pawtucket was the last permanent residence for more than 4% (49) of these children.

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

- Pawtucket Public Schools personnel identified 27 children as homeless.
67% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.

6% (1,047) of children in Pawtucket receive cash assistance.

69% of RI Works beneficiaries are children under age 18.

In SFY 2013, for the fourth year in a row, the state budget included no state general revenue for cash assistance.
In October 2013

- 7,414 Pawtucket children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 62% increase from 2008.
The School Breakfast Program

- 1 of 5 school districts which offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.
- Could increase participation by offering in-classroom breakfast as Central Falls and Providence do.
Health
In Rhode Island between 2010 and 2012
- 6.0% of children under age 18 were uninsured
- Rhode Island ranks 10th best in the country

71% of uninsured children are income-eligible for RIte Care.
In 2013…

- 290 (3%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors, down from 5% in 2009.
- 22 (2%) Pawtucket babies were born at highest risk, down from 7% in 2009.

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
58 families enrolled in Pawtucket out of a total enrollment of 288.

Families are enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse–Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers programs.
## Infant Health Outcomes

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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>Four Core Cities</td>
<td>18.0%</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
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<td>Remainder of State</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
<td>7.0%</td>
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- Improvements in recent years, but still worse infant health outcomes than the state as a whole.
- 942 Pawtucket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2015
  - 98 (10.4%) were confirmed positive for ≥5 mcg/dL
Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Pawtucket.

44.2 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19 in Pawtucket from 2008–2012, down from 58.7 teen births per 1,000 from 2004–2008.

In Pawtucket, between 2008 and 2012, 76 births were repeat teen births, making up 14.7% of the 516 total teen births during that period.
Safety
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>Status Offenses*</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Property Crimes</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Simple Assault</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Alcohol and Drug Offenses</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Violent Crimes</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle Offenses</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Weapons Offenses</td>
<td>3%</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.
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.
On September 30, 2013:

- 117 incarcerated parents with a known in-state residence identified Pawtucket as their last place of residence.
- These parents reported 360 children
Pawtucket’s child abuse and neglect victim rate is almost twice as high as the state as a whole.

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.
Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

In Pawtucket:

- 88% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
  - 25% have a quality rating

- 85% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
  - 35% have a quality rating
Head Start and Early Head Start


- Enrolled Children
- Estimated Eligible Children


- Enrolled Children and Pregnant Women
- Estimated Eligible Children
During the 2013–2014 school year, 18 Pawtucket children were enrolled in the State Pre–K program.
In 2013–2014:

- 70% of Rhode Island kindergartners were in full-day programs.
- 100% of Pawtucket kindergartners were in full-day programs.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, kindergarten enrollment October 1, 2001-October 1, 2013.
During the 2012–2013 school year, 13% of Pawtucket students were ELL students.

Only Central Falls and Providence had higher percentages of ELL students.
Between 2005 and 2013, Pawtucket’s 4th grade reading proficiency rate increased from 48% to 62%.

However reading proficiency rates appear to be leveling off, with little improvement in the past three years, and reading proficiency rates remain below the state rate.
Pawtucket is seeing some improvement in 4th and 11th grade math proficiency, but continues to have proficiency rates that are among the lowest in the state.

Note: 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the NECAP.
Pawtucket’s chronic early absence rate (grades K–3) has decreased from 14% during the 2009–2010 school year to 10% during the 2012–2013 school year and is below the state rate of 12%.
Pawtucket’s chronic absence rate in high school has decreased from 37% during the 2009–2010 school year to 20% during the 2012–2013 school year and is below the state rate of 24%.
Substantial decline in school suspensions
- 2011–2012 school year – 55 per 100 students
- 2012–2013 school year – 14 per 100 students

During the 2012–2013 school year, still mostly out-of-school suspensions
- 1,147 out-of-school suspensions
- 102 in-school suspensions
The Pawtucket 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2013 was 75%, the dropout rate was 13%, 5% 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>All Students</th>
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<td>Shea High School</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>Tolman High School</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>Males</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>English-Language Learners</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>Students with Disabilities</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Low-Income Students</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>Higher-Income Students</td>
<td>85%</td>
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