Warwick 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
Child population fell 15.7% between 2000 and 2010 from 18,780 to 15,825. It is becoming more diverse with 73% being White, non-Hispanic in 2010, compared to 92% in 2000.
Between 2010 and 2012, 40% of single-parent households lived in poverty compared to 8% of children in married-couple households.

Seventy-six percent of all poor children in Rhode Island lived in a single-parent family during same period.
• Strong links between parent education levels and a child’s health and education outcomes.

• Warwick has a higher rate of mothers with a Bachelor’s degree or above (46%) than in the state as a whole (35%).
Economic Well-Being
Child Poverty Defined, 2013

• **Poverty level**
  - $18,769 for a family of three with two children
  - $23,624 for a family of four with two children

• **Extreme poverty level**
  - $9,385 for a family of three with two children
  - $11,812 for a family of four with two children.

• **2012 Rhode Island Standard of Need**
  - Single parent with two young children would need $49,272/year to pay basic living
## Children in Poverty

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<td><strong>Warwick</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,243 (6.7%)</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,283 (8.4%)</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.74%</strong></td>
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<td>Core Cities</td>
<td>28,291 (35.9%)</td>
<td>25,670 (35.6%)</td>
<td>1.18%</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>41,162 (16.9%)</td>
<td>40,317 (18.4%)</td>
<td>0.87%</td>
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*Note: These communities have high margins of errors, a measure of the reliability of the estimate.

**Note: Percentage of children eligible for an enrolled in the Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) Program (<185% FPL).
Disparities in Poverty Rates

Children in Poverty, by Race and Ethnicity, Rhode Island, 2010-2012

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.

- Half of all poor children in Rhode Island are White,
- **BUT** minority children are much more likely to be living in poverty than their White peers.
To afford the average rent in Rhode Island without a cost burden…

- A worker would need to earn 3 times the state’s 2013 minimum wage of $7.75 per hour.

A family of three living at the poverty level in Warwick…

- would have to devote 78% 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.

- Warwick was the last permanent residence for 37 of these children.

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

- Warwick Public Schools personnel identified 72 children as homeless.
In October 2013

- 2,742 Warwick children were receiving SNAP benefits
- 69% increase from 2008
Families Receiving Cash Assistance

- 67% decline in the Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- 2% (324) of children in Warwick were receiving cash assistance.
- 69% of RI Works beneficiaries are children under age 18.
- In SFY 2014, the state budget included no state general revenue for cash assistance.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1997-2013. Cases can be child-only or whole families and multiple people can be included in one case. *The Rhode Island Department of Human Services changed the method for calculating the caseload data starting in the 2012 Factbook. This change is reflected in 2010-2013 caseload data. Comparisons to earlier years should be made with caution.
- Providing free breakfast to all children regardless of income can increase school breakfast participation and can reduce administrative costs.

- Students who eat breakfast have significantly higher math and reading scores, fewer absences, improved attentiveness and lower incidences of social and behavioral problems.
Uninsured Children in Rhode Island

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 RItte Care Renewals

42,000 families covered by RItte Care in 2013

(4,094 children in Warwick)

Must renew July – December 2014
Renew Rlte Care Resources Available

Flyers

- ACT NOW! Renew your Rlte Care
- ¡DECIDA AHORA MISMO! Renueve su Rlte Care

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- Did you have Rlte Care in 2013?
  If you haven't renewed your coverage, do it now!

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

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## Infant Health Outcomes, 2008–2012

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- Warwick ranks better than the state as a whole in three of four categories.
Infants Born at Highest Risk

**Mother:**
- Under Age 20
- Unmarried
- Without High School Degree

**Child:**
- 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.
- 12 (2%) Warwick babies were born at highest risk.
Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels

- The CDC lowered threshold for elevated blood lead level from 10 mcg/dL to 5 mcg/dL.

- 729 Warwick children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2014
  - 31 (4.3%) were confirmed positive for ≥5 mcg/dL (new level)

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.
Children entering kindergarten between 1997 and 2015. *Elevated blood lead level of ≥5 µg/dL.
In Warwick between 2008 and 2012, 20 births were repeat teen births, making up 10.6% of the total 188 teen births in Warwick during that period.
Safety
## Gun Deaths and Hospitalizations Among Children and Youth, Rhode Island, 2008-2012

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<th>AGE</th>
<th>NUMBER OF DEATHS</th>
<th>NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZATIONS</th>
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<td>15 to 17</td>
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<td>41</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>72</td>
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Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2008-2012. Data for 2012 are provisional.

- Nationally, **2,711 children and youth under age 20 were killed by firearms during 2010**
  - 86% (2,331) were ages 15 to 19

- In Rhode Island in 2013,
  - 6% of high school students reported they carried a gun in the past 30 days.
Juveniles Referred to Family Court and at the Training School

Juveniles in the Care and Custody of the Rhode Island Training School, Calendar Years 2004-2013

- Major decreases in youth referred to Family Court and in the custody of Training School.

- In 2013, 17 youth from Warwick passed through the Training School—3% of the total youth who passed through
Juveniles Referred to Family Court and at the Training School

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<th>BY TYPE OF OFFENSE</th>
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<td>24% Status Offenses*</td>
<td>5% Alcohol and Drug Offenses</td>
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<td>22% Property Crimes</td>
<td>5% Violent Crimes</td>
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<td>20% Disorderly Conduct</td>
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<td>11% Simple Assault</td>
<td>3% Weapons Offenses</td>
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<td>6% Other**</td>
<td>n=4,964</td>
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*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.

Source: Rhode Island Family Court, 2007-2013 Juvenile Offense Reports. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

- In 2013, 5% of juvenile offenses involved violent offenses.
## Children of Incarcerated Parents, 2013

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<th>Number of Children Reported*</th>
<th>Rate per 1,000 Children</th>
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<td>43</td>
<td>5.5</td>
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<td>67</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>7.6</td>
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<td>53</td>
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<td>55</td>
<td>94</td>
<td><strong>5.9</strong></td>
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<td>683</td>
<td>1,635</td>
<td><strong>22.2</strong></td>
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<td>1,114</td>
<td>2,510</td>
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- In Warwick, 94 children have incarcerated parents.
In 2013 in Warwick, there were 120 victims of child abuse and neglect, a rate of 7.6 per 1,000 children.

Almost half (46%) of RI child abuse and neglect victims were under the age of 6.
Head Start and Early Head Start

- **Head Start:** In 2013, 6% of Warwick children ages 3 to 4 were enrolled.

  - In Rhode Island, Head Start served
    - 33% of the estimated 6,199 income-eligible children ages 3 to 4
    - 9% of all children ages 3 to 4

- **Early Head Start:** In 2013, 2% of Warwick children under age 3 were enrolled.

  - In Rhode Island, Early Head Start served
    - 6% of the estimated 8,852 income-eligible children under age 3
    - 1% of all children under age 3
In Warwick, 7% of children ages 3 to 5 were enrolled in preschool special education.
Children in Full-Day Kindergarten

- In 2013-2014
  - 70% of Rhode Island children were in full-day programs
  - 76% of U.S. children were in full-day programs

- During the 2013-2014 school year, 22 school districts offered universal access to full-day kindergarten programs. In Warwick, 11% of children were in full-day programs.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, kindergarten enrollment October 1, 2001-October 1, 2013.
Students who change schools mid-year are absent more often, suspended more often and perform worse in reading and math than their peers who do not change schools.

The mobility rate in Warwick is 12%, just below the state’s mobility rate of 13%.
Chronic Absence

**Definition:** The percentage of students who have missed at least 10% of the school year (i.e., 18 days or more), including excused and unexcused absences.

- 8% of Warwick children (234 children) in grades K-3 were chronically absent
  - Less than the state rate of 12%

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2012-2013 school year.
School Attendance

School Attendance in Rhode Island by Number of School Days Missed, Middle School and High School, 2012-2013 School Year

- During the 2012-2013 school year,
  - 15% of Warwick middle school students missed 18+ days
  - 21% of Warwick high school students missed 18+ days

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2012-2013 school year.
Between 2005 and 2013, Warwick’s 4th grade reading proficiency rate has increased from 71% to 78%.

Between 2005 and 2013, Warwick’s 8th grade reading proficiency rate has increased from 59% to 75% and is now slightly higher than the state rate of 74%.
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### High School Graduation and Dropout Rates

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<td>80%</td>
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- In 2013, Warwick’s four year graduation rate was 77%,
  - A slight drop from 79% during class of 2012
  - 3% lower than statewide rate
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