Findings from the 2014 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

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Connecting for Children & Families
20th annual publication
70 indicators across 5 areas
City and town-level information
Family and Community
- Child population down 11% from 2000
- Increasing racial/ethnic diversity
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
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>41.5%</td>
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<td>Pawtucket</td>
<td>4,293</td>
<td>27.4%</td>
<td>2,059</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>
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<td><strong>Rhode Island</strong></td>
<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 Woonsocket...

- would have to devote 59% 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.

- Woonsocket was the last permanent residence for more than 9% (104) of these children (2nd largest number in the state behind Providence).

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

- Woonsocket Public Schools personnel identified 105 children as homeless.
67% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.

12% (1,232) of children in Woonsocket 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

- 5,064 Woonsocket children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 46% increase from 2008, but a 1% decrease since 2012.
1 of 5 school districts which offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.
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 RLte Care.
42,000 families covered by Rlte Care in 2013

(5,896 children in Woonsocket)

Must renew July – December 2014
# Six Cycles for Renewal

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Families Can Renew Early!
Flyers

ACT NOW! Renew your Rlte Care

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

There’s a new way to renew and people to help you.

Renew over the phone: 1-866-968-3785, available Monday - Saturday 8am - 8pm and Sunday 8am - 4pm.

Renew in person: Call the contact center (1-855-841-3785) to make an appointment at your office or fill out the form provided to you by renew Rlte Care.

The contact number is 1-855-841-3785 (Mon-Sat 8am - 8pm, Sun 8am - 4pm).

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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!

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In 2013…

- 290 (3%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors
- 34 (6%) Woonsocket babies were born at highest risk. Compared to 10% in 2010, 8% in 2011, and 6% in 2012.
Evidence-Based Home Visiting

46 families enrolled in Woonsocket 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>
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<td>Remainder of State</td>
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589 Woonsocket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2015 were tested.  
- 59 (10.0%) were confirmed positive for ≥5 mcg/dL.
Birth to Teens

- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally and in Rhode Island.
- 67.3 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19 in Woonsocket from 2008–2012, second highest rate in the state.
- In Woonsocket, between 2008 and 2012, 83 births were repeat teen births, making up 19.6% of the 424 total teen births during that period.
Safety
- 45% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2007 to 2013
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.

- 28 youth from Woonsocket were at the Training School at some point during 2013.
On September 30, 2013:

- 107 incarcerated parents with a known in-state residence identified Woonsocket as their last place of residence.

- These parents reported 254 children.

- Woonsocket had the highest rate (25.7 per 1,000 children) of children with incarcerated parents in the state.
Woonsocket had the highest child abuse and neglect victim rate in Rhode Island.

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 Woonsocket

- 100% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
  - 45% have a quality rating

- 100% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
  - 43% have a quality rating
Head Start and Early Head Start


During the 2013–2014 school year, 36 Woonsocket children were enrolled in the State Pre–K program.
• 70% of Rhode Island kindergartners were in full-day programs during the 2013–2014 school year.

• Beginning this year, full-day K is back in Woonsocket!!!
During the 2012–2013 school year, 8% of Woonsocket students were ELL students, compared with 7% of all Rhode Island students.
Between 2005 and 2013, Woonsocket’s 4th grade reading proficiency rate increased from 46% to 53%; however the rate has declined since peaking at 59% in 2010 and 2011.

Reading proficiency rates in Woonsocket remain well below the state rate.
Woonsocket has seen improvements in math proficiency at all grade levels since 2005 but progress has stalled in recent years for 4th and 8th graders.

Woonsocket continues to have one of the lowest math proficiency rates in the state.
Woonsocket’s chronic early absence rate (grades K–3) of 34% during the 2012–2013 school year was much higher than any other city or town.
Woonsocket’s chronic absence rate in high school was 46% during the 2012–2013 school year, well above the state rate of 24%.
During the 2012–2013 school year, Woonsocket had the highest suspension rate in the state (87 suspensions per 100 students)
- 674 out-of-school suspensions
- 4,268 in-school suspensions

Disciplinary Actions, Rhode Island Public Schools, 2012-2013

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<th>BY TYPE OF INFRACTION*</th>
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<td>Insubordination/Disrespect</td>
<td>8,891</td>
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<td>Attendance Offenses</td>
<td>7,628</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
<td>5,459</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Fighting</td>
<td>2,527</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Obscene/Abusive Language</td>
<td>1,841</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Harassment/Intimidation/Threat</td>
<td>1,628</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Assault of Student or Teacher</td>
<td>1,498</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses</td>
<td>889</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Communications/Electronic Devices</td>
<td>505</td>
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<td>Weapon Possession</td>
<td>284</td>
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<td>Other Offenses</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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*Harassment offenses include hazing and hate crimes. Assault offenses include sexual assault. Other offenses include cheating/plagiarism, fire regulation violations, sexual misconduct, trespassing, forgery, as well as disciplinary actions where the infraction is missing or not specified.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, 2012-2013 school year. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
The Woonsocket 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2013 was 61%, the dropout rate was 21%, 4% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 14% were still in school in the fall of 2013.

Some students may take more than 4 years to graduate. For Woonsocket students that began school in 2007–2008, 4.1% graduated in 5 years and 0.4% graduated in 6 years.
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