Findings from the 2016 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

Newport Data in Your Backyard

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2016 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

22nd annual publication
71 indicators across 5 areas
City and town-level information
Child Population, 2010

- Child population down 21.5% from 2000
- Increasing racial and ethnic diversity
Mother’s Education Level, 2010-2014

- Strong links between parental education levels and child well-being.
Economic Well-Being
Child Poverty Defined, 2015

**Poverty level**
- $19,096 for a family of 3
- $24,036 for a family of 4

**Extreme poverty level**
- $9,548 for a family of 3
- $12,018 for a family of 4

**2014 Rhode Island Standard of Need**
- Single-parent family with 2 children would need $51,492 a year to meet its basic needs
# Children in Poverty

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<th>Child Poverty 2010-2014</th>
<th>FRPL October 2015</th>
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<td>Middletown</td>
<td>357 (9.3%)</td>
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<td>Newport</td>
<td>582 (16.4%)*</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>Portsmouth</td>
<td>238 (6.6%)</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Four Core Cities</td>
<td>27,411 (38.5%)</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>43,114 (20.1%)</td>
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* Estimate has high margin of error.
Cost of Housing

Average Cost of a Two-Bedroom Apartment 2006-2015

- To afford the average rent in Rhode Island without a cost burden...
  - A worker would need to earn nearly 2.5 times the state’s 2015 minimum wage of $9 per hour.

- A family of three living at the poverty level in Newport...
  - would have to devote 88% of its household income to the cost of rent.
Homeless Children

- In 2015, 988 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.

- During the 2014-2015 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 1,031 children as homeless.

  - Newport Public Schools personnel identified 53 children as homeless.
The WIC Program

- In Newport, 70% of eligible women, infants, and children are enrolled in WIC, higher than the state rate of 59%.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, WIC Program, September 2015. Totals may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
The School Breakfast Program

% of Low-Income Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2015

- Middletown: 18%
- Newport: 28%
- Portsmouth: 23%
- Four Core Cities: 53%
- Rhode Island: 40%

- Universal School Breakfast and breakfast in the classroom are two proven strategies for increasing school breakfast participation.
Children Participating in School Breakfast

**Low-Income Children Participating in the School Breakfast Program, Rhode Island, October 2015**

- **Rhode Island**: 40%
- **RI Schools Without Universal School Breakfast or Breakfast in the Classroom**: 23%
- **RI Schools With Breakfast in the Classroom Only**: 28%
- **RI Schools With Universal School Breakfast Only**: 31%
- **RI Schools With Universal School Breakfast and Breakfast in the Classroom**: 78%

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of School Food Services, Office of Statewide Efficiencies, October 2015.
Health
Data released in September showed that in Rhode Island in 2015:
- 3.4% of children under age 18 were uninsured.
- Rhode Island ranks 15th best in the country.
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 2015...
- 240 (2%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors.
- 5 (2%) Newport babies were born at highest risk.
Birth to Teens, 2005-2014

Teen Birth Rates, Rhode Island, Five-Year Averages Comparisons, 2000-2004 and 2010-2014

- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Newport.
- 16.5 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 in Newport from 2010-2014, down from 24.5 teen births per 1,000 from 2005-2009.
- In Newport, between 2010 and 2014, 16 births were repeat teen births, making up 19% of the 85 teen births during that period.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2000-2014. Data for births in 2014 are provisional.
Evidence-Based Home Visiting

12 families enrolled in Newport out of a total state enrollment of 823.

- Families are enrolled in Healthy Families America and Nurse-Family Partnership programs.
- Early Head Start and First Connections also provide home visits.
## Infant Health Outcomes, 2010-2014

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<th>Delayed Prenatal Care</th>
<th>Preterm Births</th>
<th>Low Birthweight Infants</th>
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- Newport’s infant health outcome measures are as good or better than the state as a whole.
292 Newport children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016 were screened.
24 (8.2%) were confirmed positive for ≥5 mcg/dL, a rate similar to the state rate of 8.3%.
Juveniles Referred to Family Court

- 43% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2009 to 2015.
Youth Referred to Family Court

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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>Violent Crimes</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle Offenses</td>
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<td>Weapons Offenses</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Alcohol and Drug Offenses</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Other**</td>
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n=4,885

*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, 2009-2015 Juvenile offense report. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

- 5% (234) of offenses for which youth were referred to Family Court in 2015 involved violent offenses.
Youth at the Training School

- 470 youth were in the care or custody of the Training School at some point during 2015, down from 1,123 in 2006.
- 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.
Child Abuse and Neglect

Newport’s reported child abuse and neglect victim rate is the second highest in the state.
Education
Child Care Subsidies

In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of child care subsidies available, but the number of child care subsidies is still 32% lower than the number available at the peak in 2003.

Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

- 100% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars.
  - 25% (1 out of 4) have a high-quality rating.
- There is one family child care home in Newport and it does not participate in BrightStars.

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<th>BrightStars Quality Ratings for Licensed Early Learning Programs and Public Schools Serving Preschoolers, Rhode Island, January 2016</th>
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<td>CENTERS &amp; PRESCHOOLS</td>
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Source: Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children and the RI Early Care and Education Data System (ECEDS), January 2016.
Head Start and Early Head Start

- In 2015
  - 54 Newport children and pregnant women participated in Early Head Start, 50% of the estimated eligible population.
  - 74 Newport children participated in Head Start, approximately the same as the estimated eligible population.
During the 2015-2016 school year, 54 Newport children (23% of four-year-olds) were enrolled in the State Pre-K program, the highest rate in the state.
Third-Grade Reading Skills

Third-Graders Meeting Expectations in English Language Arts, 2015-2016

- Middletown: 46% (2015), 42% (2016)
- Newport: 37% (2015), 34% (2016)
- Portsmouth: 53% (2015), 50% (2016)
- Rhode Island: 37% (2015), 40% (2016)
Seventh Grade Math Skills

Seventh-Graders Meeting Expectations in Math, 2015-2016

- Middletown: 33% (2015), 42% (2016)
- Newport: 22% (2015), 31% (2016)
- Portsmouth: 53% (2015), 49% (2016)
- Rhode Island: 25% (2015), 28% (2016)
Chronic Absence
Newport Public Schools,
2010-2011 through 2014-2015 school years
Newport is seeing a decline in suspensions overall, but still using largely out-of-school suspensions.

- During the 2014-2015 school year, 94% of suspensions were out-of-school suspensions.
- Newport’s out-of-school suspension rate of 17 per 100 students was almost twice the state rate of 9 per 100 students.
The Newport 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2015 was 79%, the dropout rate was 15%, 1% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 6% were still in school in the fall of 2016.
# High School Graduation Rate, 2015

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<th>All Newport Students</th>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>Males</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>Students with Disabilities</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>Students without Disabilities</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>Low-Income Students</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>Higher-Income Students</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Black</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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