Findings from the 2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

Newport Data in Your Backyard

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2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

21st annual publication
71 indicators across 5 areas
City and town-level information
Family and Community
Child Population, 2010

- Child population down 21.5% from 2000
- Increasing racial and ethnic diversity
Mother’s Education Level, 2009-2013

- Strong links between parental education levels and child well-being
Economic Well-Being
Child Poverty Defined, 2014

**Poverty level**
- $19,073 for a family of 3
- $24,008 for a family of 4

**Extreme poverty level**
- $9,537 for a family of 3
- $12,004 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>Location</th>
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<th>FRPL October 2014</th>
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<td><strong>533 (14.5%)</strong></td>
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<td>250 (7.4%)</td>
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<td>Four Core Cities</td>
<td>27,155 (37.9%)</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>42,247 (19.5%)</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 2014 minimum wage of $8.00 per hour.

- A family of three living at the poverty level in Newport...
  - would have to devote 86% of its household income to the cost of rent.

**Average Cost of a Two-Bedroom Apartment 2005-2014**

- Newport:
  - 2005: $1,388
  - 2006: $1,424
  - 2007-2009: $1,147
  - 2010: $1,172
  - 2011-2013: $1,424
  - 2014: $1,172

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Homeless Children

- In 2014, 986 children stayed in a homeless shelter or a domestic violence shelter in RI.

- During the 2013-2014 school year, Rhode Island public school personnel identified 1,023 children as homeless.
  - Newport Public Schools personnel identified 50 children as homeless.
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

- 71% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- 5% (206) of children in Newport receive cash assistance.
- 70% 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.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 1, 1996-2014. 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 2010-2014 caseload data. Comparisons to earlier years should be made with caution.
In October 2014

- 1,277 Newport children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 6% increase from 2009.
The School Breakfast Program

% of Low-Income Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2014

- Newport does not participate in the Universal School Breakfast Program or breakfast in the classroom, 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 2014

- Rhode Island: 39%
- RI Schools Without Universal School Breakfast or Breakfast in the Classroom: 22%
- RI Schools With Universal School Breakfast: 32%
- RI Schools With Universal School Breakfast and Breakfast in the Classroom: 82%

Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of School Food Services, Office of Statewide Efficiencies, October 2014.
Health
Data released in September showed that in Rhode Island in 2014:

- 3.3% of children under age 18 were uninsured
- Rhode Island ranks 7th 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 2014...
- 210 (2%) Rhode Island babies were born with all three risk factors.
- 3 (1%) Newport babies were born at highest risk.
Evidence-Based Home Visiting

- 19 families enrolled in Newport out of a total state enrollment of 500.
- Families are enrolled in Healthy Families America and Nurse-Family Partnership programs.
## Infant Health Outcomes, 2009-2013

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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>8.3%</td>
<td>11.3%</td>
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<td>12.8%</td>
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- Newport’s delayed prenatal care rate declining
- Other infant health outcome measures worse than the state as a whole
Children with Lead Poisoning

- 289 Newport children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016
- 35 (12.1%) were confirmed positive for $\geq 5$ mcg/dL, the 5th highest rate in the state.
Birth to Teens, 2008-2012

- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Newport.
- 20.8 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 in Newport from 2009-2013, down from 25.1 teen births per 1,000 from 2004-2008.
- In Newport, between 2009 and 2013, 24 births were repeat teen births, making up 22% of the 107 total teen births during that period.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Health Data and Analysis, 2005-2013. Data for 2013 are provisional.
Juveniles Referred to Family Court

- 48% decline in youth referred to Family Court from 2008 to 2014
Youth Referred to Family Court

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<td>Status Offenses*</td>
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<td>Alcohol and Drug Offenses</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Property Crimes</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle Offenses</td>
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<td>Simple Assault</td>
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<td>Weapons Offenses</td>
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<td>Other**</td>
<td>7%</td>
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n=4,904

*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, 2008-2014 Juvenile Offense Reports. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

- 4% (213) of offenses for which youth were referred to Family Court in 2013 involved violent offenses.
500 youth were in the care or custody of the Training School at some point during 2014, down from 1,103 in 2005.

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 third highest in the state.
Education
Child Care Subsidies

Since peaking in 2003, there has been a 37% decrease in the number of child care subsidies available and an 18% increase from December 2013.
Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

In Newport

- 50% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars.
  - 25% have a high-quality rating

- 50% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars.
  - 0% have a high-quality rating

**Quality Ratings of Licensed Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars, Rhode Island, January 2015**

**Centers & Preschools**
- 22% (68) Unrated
- 35% (108) 1 Star
- 16% (51) 2 Stars
- 10% (31) 3 Stars
- 12% (36) 4 Stars
- 5% (17) 5 Stars

**Family Child Care**
- 23% (126) Unrated
- 63% (349) 1 Star
- 11% (61) 2 Stars
- 1% (8) 3 Stars
- 1% (7) 4 Stars
- <1% (1) 5 Stars

Source: Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children. January 2015.
Head Start and Early Head Start

Access to Head Start for Low-Income Children, Rhode Island, 2014

During the 2014-2015 school year, 36 Newport children (16% of four-year-olds) were enrolled in the State Pre-K program, the highest rate in the state.
Between 2005 and 2013, Newport’s 4th grade reading proficiency rate increased from 46% to 61%.

Reading proficiency rates remain below the state rate.
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.
In Newport, 12% of students in grades K-3 missed 18+ days of school during the 2013-2014 school year, and an additional 17% missed 12-17 days.
In Newport, 14% of middle school students missed 18+ days of school during the 2013-2014 school year, and an additional 18% missed 12-17 days.

At the high school level, 34% of students missed 18+ days of school and 16% missed 12-17 days.
School Suspensions

During the 2013-2014 school year in Newport, still overwhelmingly out-of-school suspensions

- 399 out-of-school suspensions
- 74 in-school suspensions
The Newport 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2014 was 70%, the dropout rate was 18%, 1% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 12% were still in school in the fall of 2014.
High School Graduation Rate, 2014

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<th>All Newport Students</th>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<td>Males</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Students with Disabilities</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<td>Students without Disabilities</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td>Low-Income Students</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Higher-Income Students</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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