Findings from the 2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

Pawtucket Data in Your Backyard

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2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

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71 indicators across 5 areas

City and town-level information
Child Population, 2010

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

- White, non-Hispanic: 39%
- Hispanic or Latino: 29%
- Black: 16%
- Two or More Races: 7%
- Asian: 2%
- Other: 7%
Mother’s Education Level, 2009-2013

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

- **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
Concentrated Child Poverty

Between 2009 and 2013, almost two-thirds (64%) of Rhode Island’s children living in poverty lived in the four core cities.
Hispanic, Native American, and Black children are more likely to live in poverty than White and Asian children.
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 Pawtucket...

- would have to devote 62% of its household income to the cost of rent.
Paid Family Leave

- Rhode Island’s Temporary Caregiver Insurance (TCI) Program, launched in 2014 and provides up to 4 weeks of paid family leave.

- TCI supplements Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI). Women who give birth are eligible for both

- 3,870 approved TCI claims in 2014
  - 2,847 to bond with a new child
  - 1,023 to care for a family member
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

- 71% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- 6% (949) of children in Pawtucket 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.
Children Receiving SNAP Benefits

In October 2014

- 7,250 Pawtucket children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 25% increase from 2009, but a 2% decrease since 2013.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, 2005-2014. Data represent children under age 18 and adults who participated in SNAP during the month of October.
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.**

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Strategies for Increasing School Breakfast Participation

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
Children’s Health Insurance

In Rhode Island in 2013
- 5.4% of children under age 18 were uninsured
- Rhode Island ranks 16th best in the country
- 74% of uninsured children are income-eligible for RIte Care.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012 and 2013, Table CP03. Data are for children under 18 years of age and are not comparable to previous Factbooks.
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, down from 5% in 2009.
- 25 (3%) Pawtucket babies were born at highest risk, down from 6% in 2010
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting

- 101 families enrolled in Pawtucket out of a total state enrollment of 500.
  - Families are enrolled in Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers programs.
- 32 children in Pawtucket are enrolled in home-based Early Head Start.
## Infant Health Outcomes, 2009-2013

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- Improvements in recent years, but still worse infant health outcomes than the state as a whole.
Children with Lead Poisoning

- 942 Pawtucket children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016
- 108 (11.5%) were confirmed positive for $\geq 5$ mcg/dL, the 6th highest rate in the state.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Children entering kindergarten between 1998 and 2016. *Elevated blood lead level of $\geq 5$ μg/dL.
Birth to Teens

Teen Birth Rates, Rhode Island, Five Year Averages, 2005-2013

- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Pawtucket.
- 37.5 teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 in Pawtucket from 2009-2013, down from 48.0 teen births per 1,000 from 2004-2008.
- In Pawtucket, between 2009 and 2013, 67 births were repeat teen births, making up 15.3% of the 437 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.
Safety
Youths 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>Disorderly Conduct</td>
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<td>Simple Assault</td>
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<td>Alcohol and Drug Offenses</td>
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<td>Violent Crimes</td>
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<td>Other**</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.
Youth at the Training School

- 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.
On October 10, 2014:
- 134 incarcerated parents identified Pawtucket as their last place of residence.
- These parents reported 281 children.
Pawtucket’s child abuse and neglect victim rate is the 5th highest rate in the state.

Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (81%).
Education
In December 2014, there were 8,991 child care subsidies in Rhode Island, an increase of 18% from December 2013, but down 37% from the 2003 peak.
Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

In Pawtucket

- 14 out of 17 child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars.
  - 1 has a high-quality rating

- 34 out of 40 family child care homes participate in BrightStars.
  - None have a high-quality rating

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

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<td>5% (17) 5 Stars</td>
<td>&lt;1% (1) 5 Stars</td>
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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

- Enrolled Children
- Estimated Eligible Children


- Enrolled Children and Pregnant Women
- Estimated Eligible Children
During the 2014-2015 school year, 18 Pawtucket children were enrolled in the State Pre-K program.
During the 2013-2014 school year, 12% of Pawtucket students were ELL students.

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

However reading proficiency rates remain well below the state rate.
Note: 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the NECAP.

- 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.
In Pawtucket, 14% 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 Pawtucket, 21% of middle school students missed 18+ days of school and an additional 16% missed 12-17 days.

At the high school level, 35% missed 18+ days of school and 16% missed 12-17 days.
Pawtucket has seen a major decrease in the use of suspensions, from 55 suspensions per 100 students in 2011-2012 to 10 suspensions per 100 students in 2013-2014.

However, students are still receiving out-of-school suspensions (905) vs. in-school suspensions (12).
Pawtucket has experienced the largest increases in high school graduation rates in the state, increasing the percentage of students graduating in 4 years from 48% in 2007 to 80% in 2014.
## High School Graduation Rate, 2014

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<td>Shea High School</td>
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<td>Tolman High School</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<td>Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts</td>
<td>92%</td>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Males</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>English-Language Learners</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>Not English-Language Learners</td>
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<td>Students with Disabilities</td>
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College Preparation and Access

Immediate College Enrollment by District Type and Type of College, Class of 2012, Rhode Island

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Source: Rhode Island Department of Education, Class of 2012. Percentages may not sum exactly due to rounding.