Central Falls Data in Your Backyard

Findings from the 2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

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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

- Hispanic or Latino: 70%
- White: 13%
- Black: 9%
- Multi-Racial: 4%
- Other: 3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010.

- 1 of only 3 communities with increasing child population.
- Increasing percentage of population is Hispanic/Latino.
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
Concentrated Child Poverty

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<th>CITY/TOWN</th>
<th>NUMBER IN POVERTY</th>
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<td>2,334</td>
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<td>1,064</td>
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<td>4,550</td>
<td>28.9%</td>
<td>2,228</td>
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<td>16,049</td>
<td>39.7%</td>
<td>7,841</td>
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<td>Woonsocket</td>
<td>4,222</td>
<td>42.8%</td>
<td>1,922</td>
<td>19.5%</td>
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<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>42,247</td>
<td>19.5%</td>
<td>19,361</td>
<td>8.9%</td>
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Almost two-thirds (64%) of Rhode Island’s children living in poverty live in just 4 cities.
Poverty by Race/Ethnicity

- 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 Central Falls...
- would have to devote 54% 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
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.

- Central Falls Public Schools personnel identified 33 children as homeless.
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance

- 71% decline in Rhode Island cash assistance caseload.
- 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.
- 9% (489) of children in Central Falls receive 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

- 3,368 Central Falls children were receiving SNAP benefits.
- 15% increase from 2009, and a 3.8% decrease from 2013.
Central Falls is one of five school districts in Rhode Island which offers free breakfast to all children regardless of income.

Offers in-classroom breakfast in all elementary schools, an effective strategy for increasing participation.
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.
Birth to Teens

- Teen birth rate on the decline nationally, in Rhode Island, and in Central Falls.
- Central Falls continues to have the highest teen birth rate in the state for all age groups.
- In Central Falls, between 2009 and 2013, 17.5% of teen births were repeat births.
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.
- 21 (7%) of Central Falls babies were born at highest risk.
Evidence-Based Home Visiting

- 64 families enrolled in Central Falls out of a total state enrollment of 500.
- 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>
<th>Infant Mortality Rate/1,000 Births</th>
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<td><strong>Four Core Cities</strong></td>
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<td>12.3%</td>
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<td><strong>Remainder of State</strong></td>
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<td>9.6%</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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- The infant mortality rate is Central Falls is declining. Others are stable.
- Infant health outcomes worse than the state, but better than other core cities.
Children with Lead Poisoning

- 294 Central Falls children due to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016
  - 40 (13.6%) were confirmed positive for ≥5 mcg/dL.
Children with Asthma

- Central Falls has the third highest rate of asthma hospitalizations in the state.
- Most common chronic condition among children.
- One of the leading causes of school absence.

**Asthma* Emergency Department and Hospitalization Rates, by Age and Race/Ethnicity, Rhode Island Children, 2009-2013**

- Black
- White
- Hispanic**
- All Races

**Emergency Department Visit Rates**

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Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Hospital Discharge Database, 2009-2013; U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010.

*Rates are for primary diagnosis of asthma. **Hispanic children can be of any race.
Safety
Youth Referred to Family Court

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

**By Type of Offense**

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<td>Status Offenses*</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Property Crimes</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Simple Assault</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Alcohol and Drug Offenses</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Violent Crimes</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Motor Vehicle Offenses</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Weapons Offenses</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Other**</td>
<td>7%</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, 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 2014 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.
The child abuse and neglect victim rate in Central Falls is the highest in the state.

Vast majority of child abuse and neglect victims statewide experienced neglect (81%).
Education
Child Care Subsidies

Since peaking in 2003, there has been a 37% decrease in the number of child care subsidies available.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 2001-December 2014.
Early Learning Programs Participating in BrightStars

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

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<tr>
<th>Centers &amp; Preschools</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
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<td>Unrated (22% 1/6)</td>
<td>Unrated (23% 1/23)</td>
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<td>1 Star (35% 1/35)</td>
<td>1 Star (63% 1/63)</td>
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<td>2 Stars (16% 1/6)</td>
<td>2 Stars (11% 1/11)</td>
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<td>3 Stars (10% 1/10)</td>
<td>3 Stars (1% 1/100)</td>
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<td>4 Stars (12% 1/8)</td>
<td>4 Stars (1% 1/100)</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 Stars (5% 1/20)</td>
<td>5 Stars (&lt;1% 1/500)</td>
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In Central Falls

- 75% of child care centers and preschools participate in BrightStars
  - 50% have a high-quality rating

- 95% of family child care homes participate in BrightStars
  - 0% have a high-quality rating

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 Central Falls children were enrolled in one classroom as part of the State Pre-K program.

This year, there are three classrooms enrolling 54 children.
As of the 2013-2014 school year, 28% of Central Falls students are classified as ELL students, the highest in the state.
During the 2013-2014 school year, 22% of Central Falls students were enrolled in special education, compared to 15% in the state as a whole.
Central Falls has the highest student mobility rate in the state.

*The mobility rate is the total children enrolled and exited during a year divided by the total year’s enrollment.
Between 2005 and 2013, Rhode Island 4th grade reading proficiency has continued to improve, but Central Falls proficiency peaked at 58% in 2010 and has dropped in recent years.

While the achievement gap in fourth-grade reading in Rhode Island has been reduced from 55% in 2005 to 49% in 2013, ELL students are consistently performing lower than their non-ELL peers on the NECAP.
Central has seen some improvement in math proficiency at the 4th and 11th grade levels, but not at the 8th grade level.

Central Falls has the lowest math proficiency rates in the state for 8th and 11th grade.

*Note: 3% proficient in 2007, not 2005. 2007 is the first year that 11th grade students participated in the NECAP.
In Central Falls, 24% of students in grades K-3 missed 18+ days of school during the 2013-2014 school year, and an additional 19% missed 12-17 days.
In Central Falls, 32% of middle school students missed 18+ days of school and an additional 17% missed 12-17 days.

At the high school level, 40% missed 18+ days of school and 17% missed 12-17 days.
School Suspensions

During the 2013-2014 school year, there were **108 out-of-school suspensions**. 81% of suspensions were in-school and 19% were out-of-school.

Strategies in place to reduce out-of-school suspensions and improve school climate.

### Out-of-School Suspensions, Rhode Island Public Schools, 2013-2014

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<th>Type of Infraction</th>
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<td>Insubordination/Disrespect</td>
<td>4,927</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
<td>3,290</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Fighting</td>
<td>2,233</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assault of Student or Teacher</td>
<td>1,275</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Obscene/Abusive Language</td>
<td>1,169</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>Harassment/Intimidation/Threat</td>
<td>1,030</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alcohol/Drug/Tobacco Offenses</td>
<td>718</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Arson/Larceny/Robbery/Vandalism</td>
<td>412</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Weapon Possession</td>
<td>206</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Communications/Electronic Devices</td>
<td>186</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Attendance Offenses</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Offenses</td>
<td>317</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>15,763</strong></td>
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*Harassment offenses include hazing and hate crimes. Assault offenses include sexual assault. Examples of 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, 2013-2014 school year. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
Since 2007, Central Falls has experienced the largest increase in its graduation rate of any district in the state.

The Central Falls 4-year graduation rate for the Class of 2014 was 71%, the dropout rate was 13%, 1% completed their GED within 4 years of entering high school, and 15% were still in school in the fall of 2014.
# High School Graduation Rate, 2014

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Rate</th>
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<td>All Students</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Females</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Males</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>70%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<tr>
<td>English-Language Learners</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not English-Language Learners</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Students with Disabilities</td>
<td>54%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Students without Disabilities</td>
<td>79%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low-Income Students</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Higher-Income Students</td>
<td>NA</td>
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College Preparation and Access

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

- **Four Core Cities**
  - Two-year College: 19%
  - Four-year College: 19%
  - Total: 38%

- **Remainder of State**
  - Two-year College: 18%
  - Four-year College: 47%
  - Total: 66%

- **All Students**
  - Two-year College: 19%
  - Four-year College: 39%
  - Total: 58%

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