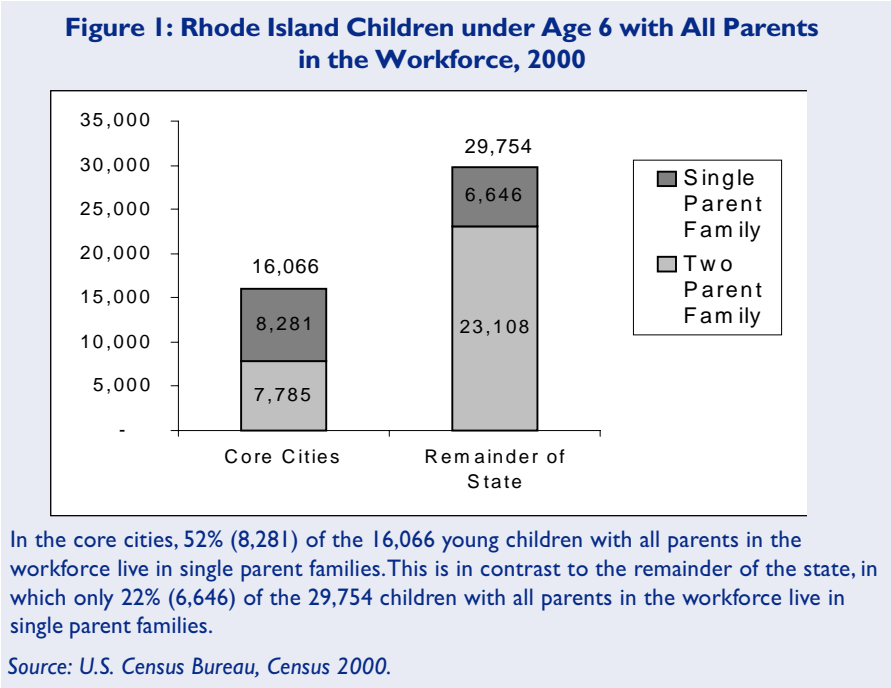


MORE YOUNG CHILDREN IN RHODE ISLAND HAVE BOTH PARENTS IN THE WORKFORCE NOW THAN IN 1990

Children in Rhode Island and in the nation overall are much more likely to have all parents in the workforce in the years before they enter kindergarten than in the past. In 2000, 62% (45,820) of children under age six in Rhode Island had all parents in the household in the workforce, higher than the U.S. average of 59%. In 1990, 56% of children under age six in the state had all parents in the household in the workforce. School-age children are even more likely to have all parents in the workforce. In 2000, 70% (114,528) of Rhode Island children between the ages of 6 and 17 had all parents in the workforce.

The five towns with the lowest percentages of young children with all parents working were Little Compton (41%), Woonsocket (51%), Providence (51%), Jamestown (53%), and East Greenwich (53%). Of these towns, Providence and Woonsocket

The U.S. Census Bureau defines "households with all parents in the workforce" for two parent families as households with both parents in the workforce, for single parent families, the resident parent is in the workforce. The Census Bureau defines "working parents" as those adults over age 16 with children who are either actively employed or actively seeking employment and available to accept employment.



have the second and third lowest median household incomes in the state, while families in Little Compton, Jamestown and East Greenwich were among the highest earners in the state.

Of the towns with the highest percentages of young children with all parents in the workforce, median household income did not vary dramatically from town to town, clustering above or near the state median. In Hopkinton, 81% of children under age six had all parents in the workforce, the highest rate in the state; followed by 79% in Exeter, 79% in New Shoreham, 75% in North Smithfield, 74% in Coventry,

Lincoln, and Warren, and 73% in Glocester.

In the core cities, defined as those cities with more than 15% of children living in poverty, 55% of children under age 6 have all parents in the workforce compared to 66% in the remainder of the state.

The percentage of young children with all parents in the workforce varies by race and ethnicity. Sixty-five percent of White, non-Hispanic children and 63% of African American children under age 6 have all parents in the workforce as compared with 54% of Asian children, 50% of American Indian children and 49% of Hispanic children.

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census of the population every ten years. The most recent was completed in April 2000. This series of reports highlights information most relevant for community leaders, policy makers, advocates, and others concerned with the status of children and families in Rhode Island. Additional information on child well-being and Census 2000 can be found on the Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Web site at www.rikidscount.org and the Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Census Data Online Web site at www.aecf.org/kidscount/census.

RI CHILDREN UNDER AGE 6 WITH ALL PARENTS IN THE WORKFORCE, 2000

CITY/TOWN	CHILD POPULATION UNDER AGE 6	CHILDREN WITH ALL PARENTS IN WORKFORCE			
		LIVING IN TWO PARENT FAMILIES	LIVING IN SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES	TOTAL NUMBER	TOTAL PERCENT
Barrington	1,232	613	71	684	56%
Bristol	1,352	655	137	792	59%
Burrillville	1,019	600	123	723	71%
Central Falls	1,689	435	485	920	54%
Charlestown	480	226	74	300	63%
Coventry	2,289	1,399	304	1,703	74%
Cranston	5,012	2,318	866	3,184	64%
Cumberland	2,441	1,338	277	1,615	66%
East Greenwich	925	440	51	491	53%
East Providence	3,077	1,370	698	2,068	67%
Exeter	424	227	107	334	79%
Foster	267	165	25	190	71%
Glocester	644	382	85	467	73%
Hopkinton	619	359	141	500	81%
Jamestown	278	134	13	147	53%
Johnston	1,891	959	284	1,243	66%
Lincoln	1,354	765	235	1,000	74%
Little Compton	226	85	8	93	41%
Middletown	1,386	629	191	820	59%
Narragansett	727	330	74	404	56%
New Shoreham	61	39	9	48	79%
Newport	1,759	550	539	1,089	62%
North Kingstown	2,132	1,096	329	1,425	67%
North Providence	1,752	763	408	1,171	67%
North Smithfield	675	442	63	505	75%
Pawtucket	5,720	1,941	1,782	3,723	65%
Portsmouth	1,250	613	115	728	58%
Providence	13,786	3,209	3,874	7,083	51%
Richmond	713	414	37	451	63%
Scituate	720	462	48	510	71%
Smithfield	1,062	650	58	708	67%
South Kingstown	1,751	890	154	1,044	60%
Tiverton	893	505	128	633	71%
Warren	773	377	198	575	74%
Warwick	5,579	2,827	924	3,751	67%
West Greenwich	485	237	70	307	63%
West Warwick	2,212	681	623	1,304	59%
Westerly	1,738	799	341	1,140	66%
Woonsocket	3,801	969	978	1,947	51%
Core Cities*	28,967	7,785	8,281	16,066	55%
Remainder of State	45,227	23,108	6,646	29,754	66%
Rhode Island	74,194	30,893	14,927	45,820	62%

*Core cities, those cities in which more than 15% of the children live in poverty, are Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick, and Woonsocket.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.