



**Rhode Island KIDS COUNT**  
**INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2009**  
**Profile of Central Falls, Rhode Island**  
*(Updated April 3, 2009)*

<b>Census-Based Indicators</b>						
		<b>1990</b>		<b>2000</b>		
Child population	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	4,810 225,690		5,531 247,822		
Children in single-parent families (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	38% 22%		48% 30%		
Median household income	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	\$24,289 \$41,985		\$22,628 \$42,090		
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	32.5% 13.5%		40.9% 16.9%		
Teens not in school and not working (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	14.5% 8.1%		16.5% 7.3%		
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	NA NA		3% 4%		
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>						
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Cost of rent	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	\$881 \$1,121	\$965* \$1,147	\$875* \$1,172	\$1,029* \$1,142	\$937* \$1,232
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	37% 15%	36% 15%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	10% 5%	NA NA	8% 5%	11% 5%	9% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	28% 10%	26% 9%	23% 8%	20% 7%	14% 6%
Food Stamp Program/SNAP participation (% income-eligible children enrolled)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	79% 71%	72% 65%	80% 69%	81% 74%	82% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	28% 31%	21% 31%	26% 30%	32% 29%	29% 29%
<b>Health</b>						
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Number of children under 19 receiving Medical Assistance	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	4,881 91,638	4,989 91,144	4,901 90,731	4,599 88,641	4,047 84,717
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	17.2% 8.4%	13.0% 7.4%	9.9% 6.4%	6.7% 4.6%	6.9% 4.5%
WIC participation rate (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	76% 67%	75% 71%	85% 78%
		<b>1999- 2003</b>	<b>2000- 2004</b>	<b>2001- 2005</b>	<b>2002- 2006</b>	<b>2003- 2007</b>
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	16.3% 8.9%	15.0% 9.1%	13.9% 9.4%	15.8% 10.7%	17.2% 12.1%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	7.6% 7.7%	7.1% 7.8%	6.9% 8.0%	6.1% 8.1%	6.5% 8.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	6.4 6.5	5.7 6.4	5.5 6.4	4.5 6.2	8.4 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	5.6 3.6	5.3 3.6	6.0 3.9	6.8 4.0	6.1 4.0
Births to teens (per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 17)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	65.1 20.6	62.9 20.0	58.1 19.5	58.7 19.1	59.2 19.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	<b>Central Falls Rhode Island</b>	50% 57%	49% 57%	47% 57%	45% 57%	44% 57%

<b>Safety</b>						
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	18.6
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	10.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	30%	NA	28%	30%	35%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	31%	NA	20%	25%	29%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	NA	37.2	23.7	20.4
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	11.3	12.4	11.1
<b>Education</b>						
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	8%	9%	9%	10%	8%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	8%	8%	9%	9%	10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	9%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	40%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	NA	NA	23%	24%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	19%	18%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	<b>Central Falls</b>	105	105	117	107	103
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	102	98	101	94	91
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	<b>Central Falls</b>	422	469	448	448	398
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	14,006	13,258	12,179	12,405	11,329
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	<b>Central Falls</b>	391	482	497	404	344
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	13,192	12,666	12,267	9,008	7,700
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	45%	47%	50%	52%	58%
Children who are English language learners (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	28%	26%	25%	24%	22%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Student mobility rate (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	24%	31%	23%	27%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	16%	17%	19%	16%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	40%	46%	45%	48%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	60%	63%	64%	68%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	27%	27%	35%	34%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	56%	58%	62%	65%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	28%	31%	33%	39%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	52%	54%	54%	63%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	16%	13%	23%	27%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	47%	47%	48%	53%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	57%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	19%
High school attendance rate (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	85%	87%	82%	82%	85%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	90%	90%	90%	90%	91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	<b>Central Falls</b>	31	36	43	22	46
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	30	32	30	32	30
High school graduation rate (%)	<b>Central Falls</b>	NA	NA	NA	46%	52%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	70%	74%

\*Average rent is the HUD Fair Market Rent. Rhode Island Housing Rent Survey data are not available for these years.

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