



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

Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000			
Child population	Charlestown Rhode Island	1,575 225,690	1,712 247,822			
Children in single-parent families (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	17% 22%	18% 30%			
Median household income	Charlestown Rhode Island	\$47,020 \$41,985	\$51,491 \$42,090			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	9.4% 13.5%	4.7% 16.9%			
Teens not in school and not working (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	0.0% 8.1%	0.0% 7.3%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA NA	5% 4%			
Economic Well-Being		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cost of rent	Charlestown Rhode Island	\$845* \$1,121	\$965* \$1,147	\$1,435 \$1,172	\$1,123 \$1,142	\$1,020* \$1,232
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	7% 15%	7% 15%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	3% 5%	NA NA	1% 5%	4% 5%	0% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	4% 10%	3% 9%	3% 8%	3% 7%	2% 6%
Food Stamp Program/SNAP participation (% income-eligible children enrolled)	Charlestown Rhode Island	44% 71%	57% 65%	62% 69%	55% 74%	59% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA 31%	13% 31%	11% 30%	10% 29%	14% 29%
Health		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Charlestown Rhode Island	329 91,638	355 91,144	371 90,731	351 88,641	339 84,717
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	Charlestown Rhode Island	5.6% 8.4%	8.6% 7.4%	5.3% 6.4%	0.0% 4.6%	9.2% 4.5%
WIC participation rate (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	51% 67%	43% 71%	54% 78%
		1999- 2003	2000- 2004	2001- 2005	2002- 2006	2003- 2008
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA 8.9%	NA 9.1%	NA 9.4%	NA 10.7%	NA 12.1%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA 7.7%	NA 7.8%	NA 8.0%	NA 8.1%	NA 8.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA 6.5	NA 6.4	NA 6.4	NA 6.2	NA 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	Charlestown Rhode Island	4.1 3.6	3.7 3.6	3.7 3.9	3.2 4.0	1.9 4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 17)	Charlestown Rhode Island	14.9 20.6	10.4 20.0	10.4 19.5	10.4 19.1	10.4 19.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed	Charlestown Rhode Island	73% 65%	71% 57%	71% 57%	74% 57%	74% 57%

Safety		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	6.4 10.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	48% 31%	NA NA	13% 20%	8% 25%	19% 29%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	1.8 11.3	9.3 12.4	5.8 11.1
Education		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	11% 8%	14% 8%	13% 9%	9% 9%	8% 10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	0% 4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	Charlestown Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	32% 40%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Charlestown Rhode Island	44 102	44 98	45 101	44 94	40 91
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Charlestown Rhode Island	26 14,006	58 13,258	26 12,179	26 12,405	26 11,329
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Charlestown Rhode Island	27 13,192	32 12,666	22 12,267	15 9,008	13 7,700
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	17% 45%	0% 47%	0% 50%	18% 52%	0% 58%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	11% 19%	10% 18%
Children who are English language learners (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	<1% 6%	<1% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%
Student mobility rate (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	NA NA	10% 16%	10% 17%	10% 18%	12% 16%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	NA NA	73% 60%	80% 63%	80% 64%	73% 68%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	NA NA	58% 56%	66% 58%	78% 62%	85% 65%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	NA NA	66% 52%	70% 54%	68% 54%	70% 63%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	NA NA	55% 47%	58% 47%	59% 48%	73% 53%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	14% 19%
High school attendance rate (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	93% 90%	94% 90%	95% 90%	94% 90%	91% 91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Chariho Rhode Island	16 30	8 32	11 30	14 32	12 30
High school graduation rate (%)	Chariho Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	79% 70%	84% 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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