

## **2009 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook: Child Care and Early Learning Indicators**

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### ***Licensed Child Care and Early Learning Programs***

- ❖ In December 2008, there were 337 licensed or approved early learning centers (serving children from 6 weeks through age 5) in Rhode Island. Of these, 37 (11%) were accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
- ❖ In December 2008, there were 845 family child care homes licensed by DCYF in Rhode Island. Of these, 4 (< 1%) were accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care.
- ❖ In December 2008 there were 5,552 infant/toddler slots (ages 6 weeks to 3) and 12,386 preschool slots (ages 3 to 5) in licensed child care centers in Rhode Island. There were 5,575 licensed slots in family child care homes (ages 6 weeks and up).
- ❖ Rhode Island KIDS COUNT estimates that there are approximately 25,885 children under age 6 in need of regulated child care in Rhode Island. In December 2008, there were 91 licensed slots available for every 100 children under age 6 in need of care (includes 100% of family child care slots).
- ❖ In December 2008 there were 11,329 licensed school-age child care slots in Rhode Island. The number of licensed school-age slots more than doubled between 1996 and 2004 when it reached a peak of 14,006. Since that time, the number of slots has been steadily decreasing.

### ***Head Start and Early Head Start***

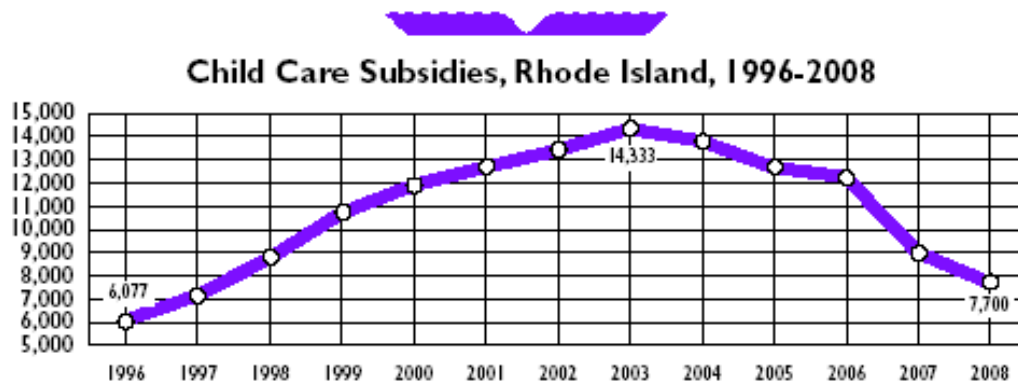
- ❖ In October 2008, there were 385 children under age 3 and 33 pregnant women receiving Early Head Start services in Rhode Island.
- ❖ Rhode Island KIDS COUNT estimates that there are approximately 9,365 children eligible for Early Head Start in Rhode Island. Approximately 4% of the eligible population was receiving Early Head Start services in October 2008.
- ❖ In October 2008, there were 2,484 children ages 3-5 enrolled in Head Start in Rhode Island.
- ❖ Rhode Island KIDS COUNT estimates that there are 6,200 children eligible for Head Start in Rhode Island. In October 2008, approximately 40% of the eligible population of children was enrolled in Head Start.

### ***Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies***

- ❖ In December 2008, there were 7,700 child care subsidies for children in Rhode Island, down from 9,008 in December 2007 and 12,267 in December 2006.
- ❖ Of the 7,700 child care subsidies, 2,071 (27%) were for children under age three, 2,675 (35%) were for children ages three to five and 2,954 (38%) were for children ages six to twelve

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- ❖ In 2008 in Rhode Island, 65% of children receiving child care subsidies were enrolled in a licensed child care center, 33% were enrolled in a licensed family child care home and 1% were served by a non-licensed relative, friend or neighbor.
- ❖ In December 2008, 76% of all child care subsidies in Rhode Island were being used by low-income working families not receiving cash assistance and 15% were used by families enrolled in the Rhode Island Works program (formerly FIP) who were engaged in employment activities, and another 9% were used for children in the care of DCYF.



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 1996 – December 2008.

### **Early Childhood Special Education**

- ❖ During 2008 there were 3,649 children under age 3 who received Early Intervention services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) in Rhode Island. This is 10% of the population of children under age 3.
- ❖ During the 2007-2008 school year there were 2,866 preschool students (age 3 to kindergarten entry) who received special education services under Part B of IDEA in Rhode Island.

### **Full-Day Kindergarten**

- ❖ As of the 2008-2009 school year, 58% of the children enrolled in public kindergarten in Rhode Island were in a full-day program (a kindergarten operating for at least 6 hours per day).
- ❖ 95% of the public school kindergarten children in the core cities attend full-day programs while 32% of the public school kindergarten children in the remainder of the state attend full-day programs.