

2010 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook: Child Care and Early Learning Indicators

Licensed Child Care and Early Learning Programs

- ❖ In December 2009, there were 338 licensed or approved early learning centers (serving children from 6 weeks through age 5) in Rhode Island. Of these, 30 (9%) were accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and 14 were participating in BrightStars, Rhode Island's Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care and early learning programs.
- ❖ In December 2009, there were 705 family child care homes licensed by DCYF in Rhode Island. Of these, one (< 1%) was accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care and seven were participating in BrightStars, Rhode Island's Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care and early learning programs.
- ❖ In December 2009 there were 5,605 infant/toddler slots (ages 6 weeks to 3) and 12,009 preschool slots (ages 3 to 5) in licensed child care centers in Rhode Island. There were 4,669 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 2009, there were 86 licensed slots available for every 100 children under age 6 in need of care (includes 100% of family child care slots).
- ❖ In December 2009 there were 10,821 licensed school-age child care slots in Rhode Island. .

Head Start and Early Head Start

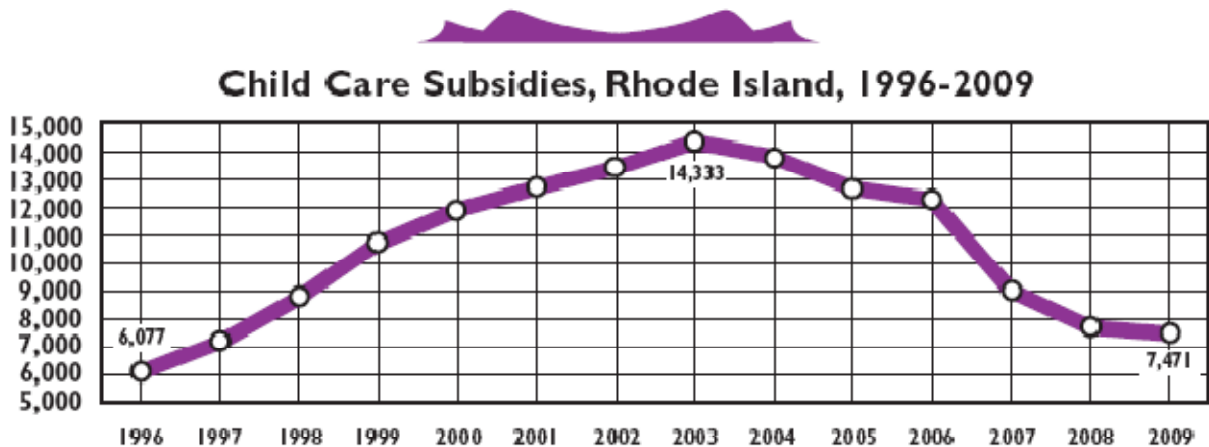
- ❖ In October 2009, there were 376 children under age three and 19 pregnant women receiving Early Head Start services in Rhode Island.
- ❖ Rhode Island KIDS COUNT estimates that there are approximately 9,365 children eligible for Early Head Start in Rhode Island. Approximately 4% of the eligible population was receiving Early Head Start services in October 2009.
- ❖ In October 2009, there were 2,455 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 2009, approximately 40% of the eligible population of children was enrolled in Head Start.

Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies

- ❖ In December 2009, there were 7,471 child care subsidies for children in Rhode Island, down from the peak of 14,333 in 2003.
- ❖ Of the 7,471 child care subsidies, 1,942 (26%) were for children under age three, 2,661 (36%) were for children ages three to five and 2,868 (38%) were for children ages six to twelve.

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- ❖ In 2009 in Rhode Island, 70% of children receiving child care subsidies were enrolled in a licensed child care center, 29% were enrolled in a licensed family child care home and 1% were served by a non-licensed relative, friend or neighbor.
- ❖ In December 2009, 80% of all child care subsidies in Rhode Island were being used by low-income working families not receiving cash assistance and 11% were used by families enrolled in the Rhode Island Works program (formerly FIP) who were engaged in employment activities, and another 8% were used for children in the care of DCYF.



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, December 1996 – December 2009.

Early Childhood Special Education

- ❖ During 2009 there were 3,795 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 2008-2009 school year there were 2,635 preschool students (age 3 to kindergarten entry) who received special education services under Part B of IDEA in Rhode Island.

Full-Day Kindergarten

- ❖ During the 2009-2010 school year, 60% 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).
- ❖ 100% 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.

Infants at Highest Risk

- ❖ There are three important social and economic risk factors present at birth that, when combined, strongly predict childhood poverty and poor education outcomes – having a mother

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who is under age 20, unmarried and without a high school degree.

- ❖ In 2009 in Rhode Island, 578 (5%) babies were born to unmarried teen mothers without high school diplomas.