



**Rhode Island KIDS COUNT**  
**INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2010**  
**Profile of Core Cities, Rhode Island\***  
*(Updated July 14, 2010)*

<b>Census -Based Indicators</b>			<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>			
Child population	<b>Core Cities</b>		82,434	91,945			
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		143,256	155,877			
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		225,690	247,822			
Children in single-parent families (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>		37.1%	47%			
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		14.6%	20%			
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		22%	30%			
Median household income	<b>Core Cities</b>		NA	NA			
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		NA	NA			
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		\$41,985	\$42,090			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>		27.3%	33.9%			
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		6.5%	6.8%			
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		13.5%	16.9%			
Teens not in school and not working (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>		10.6%	10.7%			
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		6.7%	4.9%			
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		8.1%	7.3%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>		NA	5%			
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		NA	4%			
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		NA	4%			
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>			<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Cost of rent	<b>Core Cities</b>		\$1,099	\$1,098	\$1,115	\$1,144	\$1,065
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		\$1,039	\$1,141	\$1,149	\$1,258	\$1,206
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		\$1,147	\$1,172	\$1,142	\$1,232	\$1,170
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>		26%	26%	NA	NA	NA
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		6%	7%	NA	NA	NA
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		15%	16%	NA	NA	NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>		NA	7%	8%	8%	8%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		NA	2%	3%	3%	2%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		NA	5%	5%	5%	5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>		19%	16%	15%	11%	9%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		3%	3%	3%	2%	2%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		9%	8%	7%	6%	4%
Number of children receiving SNAP/food stamp benefits	<b>Core Cities</b>		27,168	27,780	29,348	30,023	36,848
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		8,000	9,072	10,168	11,398	16,784
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		35,168	36,852	39,516	41,421	53,632
WIC participation rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>		NA	73%	75%	84%	80%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		NA	59%	62%	70%	73%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		NA	67%	71%	78%	77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	<b>Core Cities</b>		35%	33%	33%	35%	32%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		21%	22%	21%	19%	18%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		31%	30%	29%	29%	27%
<b>Health</b>			<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	<b>Core Cities</b>		59,239	58,504	56,565	52,508	54,951
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		31,831	32,167	32,020	32,169	34,750
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		91,144	90,731	88,641	84,717	89,746
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	<b>Core Cities</b>		11.2%	9.7%	7.0%	6.6%	5.1%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>		4.5%	3.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.2%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>		7.4%	6.4%	4.6%	4.5%	3.5%

<b>Health (Cont.)</b>		<b>2000-2004</b>	<b>2001-2005</b>	<b>2002-2006</b>	<b>2003-2007</b>	<b>2004-2008</b>
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	12.3%	12.4%	14.3%	16.0%	18.2%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	6.5%	6.9%	7.6%	8.8%	10.2%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	9.1%	9.4%	10.7%	12.1%	14.0%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	8.6%	8.7%	8.8%	8.9%	8.9%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	7.2%	7.3%	7.5%	7.4%	7.2%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	7.8%	8.0%	8.1%	8.1%	8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	<b>Core Cities</b>	7.9	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.6
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	5.2	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.9
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.2
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	<b>Core Cities</b>	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.7
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 17)	<b>Core Cities</b>	42.6	41.3	40.6	40.5	39.6
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.7
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	20.0	19.5	19.1	19.1	18.9
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	51%	50%	50%	50%	49%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	63%	63%	63%	58%	64%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	57%	57%	57%	57%	57%
<b>Safety</b>						
		<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	NA	17.0	17.4
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	NA	7.0	8.3
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	10.7	11.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	19%	24%	29%	32%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	21%	25%	28%	29%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	20%	25%	29%	31%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	21.2	23.3	20.7	18.8
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	5.5	6.0	5.5	5.1
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	11.3	12.4	11.1	10.2
<b>Education</b>						
		<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	8%	9%	10%	10%	11%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	8%	8%	8%	9%	9%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	NA	3%	3%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	NA	8%	7%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	4%	4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	NA	34%	33%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	NA	58%	57%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	40%	40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	20%	20%	18%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	18%	17%	16%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	19%	18%	17%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	<b>Core Cities</b>	130	134	118	111	100
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	80	84	81	80	79
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	98	101	94	91	86
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	<b>Core Cities</b>	5,807	5,700	5,966	5,340	4,988
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	7,451	6,479	6,439	5,989	5,833
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	13,258	12,179	12,405	11,329	10,821
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	<b>Core Cities</b>	8,019	7,966	6,002	5,012	4,801
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	4,581	4,245	2,972	2,662	2,649
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	12,666	12,267	9,008	7,700	7,471
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	82%	82%	84%	95%	100%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	23%	28%	29%	32%	32%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	47%	50%	52%	58%	60%

<b>Education (Cont.)</b>		<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Children who are English language learners (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	13%	13%	13%	12%	12%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Student mobility rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	27%	28%	29%	26%	26%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	10%	11%	11%	9%	9%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	16%	17%	18%	16%	16%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	39%	45%	44%	52%	50%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	72%	73%	74%	76%	76%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	60%	63%	64%	68%	67%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	33%	36%	41%	45%	51%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	67%	70%	72%	74%	79%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	56%	58%	62%	65%	70%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	32%	36%	35%	45%	43%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	63%	64%	65%	72%	72%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	52%	54%	54%	63%	62%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	27%	28%	28%	33%	34%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	57%	58%	58%	63%	64%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	47%	47%	48%	53%	54%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	NA	48%	36%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	NA	6%	5%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	19%	15%
High school attendance rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	85%	85%	86%	86%	87%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	92%	92%	92%	93%	93%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	90%	90%	90%	91%	91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	<b>Core Cities</b>	49	48	50	50	46
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	24	20	23	20	22
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	32	30	32	30	30
High school graduation rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	56%	61%	63%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	78%	83%	83%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	70%	74%	75%

\*Information is presented for the state of Rhode Island and an aggregate of the six cities, entitled "core cities," in which more than 15% of the children live in poverty. The six core cities are Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick and Woonsocket.

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