



**Rhode Island KIDS COUNT**  
**INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2011**

**Profile of Core Cities\*, Rhode Island**

(Updated April 4, 2011)

<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%			
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%			
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%			
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>						
		<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Infants born at highest risk (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Cost of rent	<b>Core Cities</b>	\$1,098	\$1,115	\$1,144	\$1,065	\$1,061
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	\$1,141	\$1,149	\$1,258	\$1,206	\$1,194
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	\$1,172	\$1,142	\$1,232	\$1,170	\$1,165
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	16%	15%	11%	9%	7%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	8%	7%	6%	4%	4%
Number of children receiving SNAP/food stamp benefits	<b>Core Cities</b>	27,780	29,348	30,023	36,848	40,531
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	9,072	10,168	11,398	16,618	19,121
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	36,852	39,516	41,421	53,466	59,652
WIC participation (% income-eligible participating)	<b>Core Cities</b>	73%	75%	84%	80%	76%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	59%	62%	70%	73%	65%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	67%	71%	78%	77%	72%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	<b>Core Cities</b>	33%	33%	35%	32%	34%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	22%	21%	19%	18%	17%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	30%	29%	29%	27%	28%
		<b>2001-2005</b>	<b>2002-2006</b>	<b>2003-2007</b>	<b>2004-2008</b>	<b>2005-2009</b>
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	25%	25%	26%	26%	26%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	15%	15%	15%	16%	16%
<b>Health</b>						
		<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	<b>Core Cities</b>	58,504	56,565	52,508	54,951	56,723
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	32,167	32,020	32,169	34,750	35,933
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	90,731	88,641	84,717	89,746	92,701
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% confirmed positive)	<b>Core Cities</b>	8.0%	6.0%	5.2%	4.0%	3.4%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	1.7%	1.6%	1.3%	1.1%	1.1%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	4.6%	3.6%	3.1%	2.4%	2.2%

Compiled using data reported in the annual Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook.  
 For more information, contact Rhode Island KIDS COUNT at (401) 351-9400 or [www.rikidscount.org](http://www.rikidscount.org).

<b>Health (Cont.)</b>		<b>2001-2005</b>	<b>2002-2006</b>	<b>2003-2007</b>	<b>2004-2008</b>	<b>2005-2009</b>
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	12.4%	14.3%	16.0%	18.2%	19.4%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	6.9%	7.6%	8.8%	10.2%	11.0%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	9.4%	10.7%	12.1%	14.0%	14.9%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	8.7%	8.8%	8.9%	8.9%	8.9%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	7.3%	7.5%	7.4%	7.2%	7.1%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	8.0%	8.1%	8.1%	8.0%	8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	<b>Core Cities</b>	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.9
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.9
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children under age 18)	<b>Core Cities</b>	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.7	4.9
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 19)	<b>Core Cities</b>	51.5	50.8	50.7	51.1	50.1
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	16.2	15.8	15.8	15.9	15.8
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	31.0	30.4	30.4	30.7	30.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	50%	50%	50%	49%	50%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	63%	63%	58%	64%	65%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	57%	57%	57%	57%	58%
<b>Safety</b>						
		<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	17.0	17.4	21.0
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	7.0	8.3	8.8
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	10.7	11.7	13.3
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	<b>Core Cities</b>	21.2	23.3	20.7	18.8	18.5
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	5.5	6.0	5.5	5.1	5.7
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	11.3	12.4	11.1	10.2	10.4
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	19%	24%	29%	32%	32%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	21%	25%	28%	29%	27%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	20%	25%	29%	31%	29%
<b>Education</b>						
		<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Early Intervention participation (% of all children under age 3)	<b>Core Cities</b>	9%	10%	10%	11%	11%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	8%	8%	9%	9%	9%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%
Early Head Start participation (% income-eligible children)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	3%	3%	5%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	8%	7%	7%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	4%	4%	5%
Head Start participation (% income-eligible children)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	34%	33%	34%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	58%	57%	55%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	40%	40%	40%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	<b>Core Cities</b>	134	118	111	100	100
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	84	81	80	79	82
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	101	94	91	86	88
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	<b>Core Cities</b>	5,700	5,966	5,340	4,988	5,642
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	6,479	6,439	5,989	5,833	5,656
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	12,179	12,405	11,329	10,821	11,298
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	<b>Core Cities</b>	7,966	6,002	5,012	4,801	4,903
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	4,245	2,972	2,662	2,649	2,680
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	12,267	9,008	7,700	7,471	7,592
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	82%	84%	95%	100%	88%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	28%	29%	32%	32%	41%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	50%	52%	58%	60%	60%
Children who are English language learners (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	13%	13%	12%	12%	12%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%

<b>Education (con't)</b>		<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Children Enrolled in Special Education (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	22%	20%	20%	18%	19%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	20%	18%	17%	16%	16%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	21%	19%	18%	17%	17%
Student mobility rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	28%	29%	26%	26%	23%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	11%	11%	9%	9%	9%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	17%	18%	16%	16%	14%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	45%	44%	52%	50%	54%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	73%	74%	76%	76%	76%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	63%	64%	68%	67%	69%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	36%	41%	45%	51%	54%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	70%	72%	74%	79%	83%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	58%	62%	65%	70%	74%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	36%	35%	45%	43%	48%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	64%	65%	72%	72%	71%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	54%	54%	63%	62%	63%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	28%	28%	33%	34%	33%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	58%	58%	63%	64%	64%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	47%	48%	53%	54%	54%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	48%	36%	36%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	6%	5%	4%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	19%	15%	15%
Chronic early absence (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	NA	NA	16%	20%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	NA	NA	7%	8%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	10%	13%
High school attendance rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	85%	86%	86%	87%	86%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	92%	92%	93%	93%	93%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	90%	90%	91%	91%	91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	<b>Core Cities</b>	48	50	50	46	49
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	20	23	20	22	20
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	30	32	30	30	30
High school graduation rate (%)	<b>Core Cities</b>	NA	56%	61%	63%	65%
	<b>Remainder of State</b>	NA	78%	83%	83%	82%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	70%	74%	75%	76%

\*The core cities are the six Rhode Island communities in which more than 15% of the children live below the poverty threshold according to the 2000 Census. They include: Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick and Woonsocket.

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