

2011 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook: Child Care and Early Learning Indicators

Licensed Child Care and Early Learning Programs

- ❖ In December 2010, there were 330 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 24 (7%) were participating in BrightStars, Rhode Island's Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care and early learning programs.
- ❖ In December 2010, there were 688 family child care homes licensed by DCYF in Rhode Island. Of these, three (< 1%) were accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care and 54 (8%) were participating in BrightStars, Rhode Island's Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care and early learning programs.
- ❖ In December 2010, there were 5,887 infant/toddler slots (ages 6 weeks to 3) and 12,403 preschool slots (ages 3 to 5) in licensed child care centers in Rhode Island. There were 4,569 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 2010, there were 88 licensed slots available for every 100 children under age 6 in need of care (includes 100% of family child care slots).
- ❖ In December 2010, there were 11,298 licensed school-age child care slots in Rhode Island.

Head Start and Early Head Start

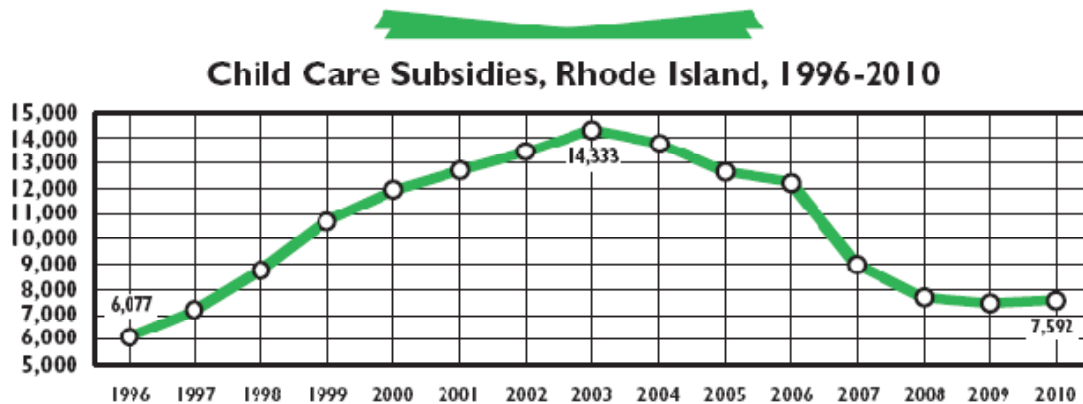
- ❖ In October 2010, there were 508 children under age three and 27 pregnant women receiving Early Head Start services in Rhode Island.
- ❖ Rhode Island KIDS COUNT estimates that there are approximately 9,365 children eligible for Early Head Start in Rhode Island. Approximately 5% of the eligible population was receiving Early Head Start services in October 2010.
- ❖ In October 2010, there were 2,471 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 2010, approximately 40% of the eligible population of children was enrolled in Head Start.

Children Receiving Child Care Subsidies

- ❖ In December 2010, there were 7,592 child care subsidies for children in Rhode Island, up slightly from 2009 but down from the peak of 14,333 in 2003.
- ❖ Of the 7,592 child care subsidies, 1,862 (25%) were for children under age three, 2,815 (37%) were for children ages three to five and 2,915 (38%) were for children ages six to twelve.

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- ❖ In 2010 in Rhode Island, 71% of child care subsidies were for care in a licensed child care center, 28% were for care in a licensed family child care home and 1% were served by a non-licensed relative, friend or neighbor.
- ❖ In December 2010, 82% of all child care subsidies in Rhode Island were being used by low-income working families not receiving cash assistance and 9% were used by families enrolled in the Rhode Island Works program 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 2010.

Early Childhood Special Education

- ❖ During 2010, there were 3,796 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 2009-2010 school year, there were 2,728 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 2010-2011 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).
- ❖ 88% of the public school kindergarten children in the core cities attend full-day programs while 41% of the public school kindergarten children in the remainder of the state attend full-day programs.