

## 2011 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook New England Ranks

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### Single Parent Families

- Rhode Island ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2009 for the highest percentage of children under age 18 living in families headed by a person – male or female – without a spouse present in the home.

#### The Numbers:

- NH → 25%
- MA → 29%
- CT → 30%
- VT → 30%
- ME → 33%
- **RI → 36%**
- **US → 34%**

### Secure Parental Employment

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2009 for the percentage of children living with no parent who has full-time, year-round employment.

#### The Numbers:

- NH → 24%
- CT → 26%
- MA → 28%
- VT → 28%
- ME → 31%
- **RI → 31%**
- **US → 31%**

### Children in Poverty

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2009 for the percentage of related children under age 18 living in families with incomes below the federal poverty threshold.

#### The Numbers:

- NH → 10.8%
- CT → 12.1%
- MA → 13.1%
- VT → 13.3%
- **RI → 16.9%**
- ME → 17.1%
- **US → 20.0%**

### Low Birthweight Infants

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2007 for the lowest percentage of infants born low birthweight (weighing less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds).

#### The Numbers:

- VT → 6.2%
- ME → 6.3%
- NH → 6.3%
- MA → 7.9%
- **RI → 8.0%**
- CT → 8.1%
- **US → 8.2%**

*NOTE: There are no new ranking data for Low Birthweight Infants in the 2011 Factbook.*

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#### Delayed Prenatal Care

- Rhode Island ranked **3<sup>rd</sup>** in New England in 2007 for the percentage of women beginning prenatal care late (in the second or third trimester of pregnancy) or receiving no prenatal care at all.

##### The Numbers:

- CT → 1.8%
- ME → 1.9%
- **RI → 2.0%**
- MA → 2.4%
- **US → 3.9%**

*NOTE: New Hampshire and Vermont do not calculate prenatal care in the same way and are not included because the rates cannot be compared.*

#### Infant Mortality

- Rhode Island ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2007 for the lowest number of deaths occurring to infants under one year of age per 1,000 births.

##### The Numbers: (Rate per 1,000 live births)

- MA → 4.9
- VT → 5.1
- NH → 5.4
- ME → 6.3
- CT → 6.6
- **RI → 7.4**
- **US → 6.8**

#### Births to Teens

- Rhode Island ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2008 for the lowest number of births to teen girls ages 15 to 19 (per 1,000 teen girls ages 15-19).

##### The Numbers: (Rate per 1,000 teen girls ages 15-19)

- NH → 20
- MA → 20
- VT → 21
- CT → 23
- ME → 26
- **RI → 29**
- **US → 41**

#### Child Deaths

- Rhode Island ranked **1<sup>st</sup>** in New England in 2007 for the number of deaths from all causes to children ages 1 to 14 (per 100,000 children ages 1 to 14).

##### The Numbers: (Rate per 100,000 children ages 1 to 14)

- **RI → 9**
- VT → 12
- CT → 12
- MA → 12
- NH → 15
- ME → 16
- **US → 19**

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### Teen Deaths

- Rhode Island ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** in New England in 2007 for the number of deaths from all causes to teens ages 15 to 19 (per 100,000 teens ages 15 to 19).

**The Numbers: (Rate per 100,000 teens ages 15 to 19)**

- VT → 35
- **RI → 39**
- NH → 43
- MA → 44
- CT → 44
- ME → 54
- **US → 62**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Skills

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2009 for the percentage of 4<sup>th</sup> graders who scored at or above proficiency in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

**The Numbers:**

- MA → 47%
- CT → 42%
- NH → 41%
- VT → 41%
- **RI → 36%**
- ME → 35%
- **US → 32%**

*NOTE: There are no new ranking data for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Skills in the 2011 Factbook.*

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Skills

- Rhode Island ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2009 for the percentage of 8<sup>th</sup> graders who scored at or above proficiency in reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

**The Numbers:**

- MA → 43%
- CT → 43%
- VT → 41%
- NH → 39%
- ME → 35%
- **RI → 28%**
- **US → 30%**

*NOTE: There are no new ranking data for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Skills in the 2011 Factbook.*

### High School Graduation Rate

- Rhode Island ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** in New England for the percentage of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the class of 2007 who graduated from high school (according to the CPI calculation).

**The Numbers:**

- VT → 82%
- CT → 78%
- ME → 78%
- MA → 77%
- NH → 76%
- **RI → 71%**
- **US → 69%**