



Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2009

Profile of Foster, Rhode Island

(Updated April 3, 2009)

Census-Based Indicators			1990	2000		
Child Population	Foster Rhode Island		1,185 225,690	1,105 247,822		
Children in single-parent families (%)	Foster Rhode Island		12% 22%	12% 30%		
Median household income	Foster Rhode Island		\$53,223 \$41,985	\$59,673 \$42,090		
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	Foster Rhode Island		7.6% 13.5%	2.9% 16.9%		
Teens not in school and not working (%)	Foster Rhode Island		8.2% 8.1%	0.0% 7.3%		
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Foster Rhode Island		NA NA	0% 4%		
Economic Well-Being						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cost of rent	Foster Rhode Island	\$845* \$1,121	\$965* \$1,147	\$1,014* \$1,172	\$1,029* \$1,142	\$1,020* \$1,232
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Foster Rhode Island	5% 15%	7% 15%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Foster Rhode Island	2% 5%	NA NA	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Foster Rhode Island	2% 10%	3% 9%	2% 8%	2% 7%	3% 6%
Food Stamp Program/SNAP participation (% income-eligible children enrolled)	Foster Rhode Island	32% 71%	52% 65%	48% 69%	59% 74%	68% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Foster-Glocstr. Rhode Island	24% 31%	75% 31%	31% 30%	17% 29%	24% 29%
Health						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Foster Rhode Island	169 91,638	193 91,144	177 90,731	156 88,641	170 84,717
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	Foster Rhode Island	3.5% 8.4%	4.7% 7.4%	9.1% 6.4%	3.0% 4.6%	1.9% 4.5%
WIC participation rate (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	73% 67%	70% 71%	71% 78%
		1999-2003	2000-2004	2001-2005	2002-2006	2003-2007
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA 8.9%	NA 9.1%	NA 9.4%	NA 10.7%	NA 12.1%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA 7.7%	NA 7.8%	NA 8.0%	NA 8.1%	NA 8.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	Foster Rhode Island	NA 6.5	NA 6.4	NA 6.4	NA 6.2	NA 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	Foster Rhode Island	2.7 3.6	2.2 3.6	2.2 3.9	1.6 4.0	1.8 4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 17)	Foster Rhode Island	NA 20.6	NA 20.0	NA 19.5	NA 19.1	NA 19.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Foster Rhode Island	75% 57%	73% 57%	73% 57%	74% 57%	71% 57%

Safety						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	5.4 10.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Foster Rhode Island	17% 31%	NA NA	21% 20%	15% 25%	7% 29%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	2.7 11.3	7.2 12.4	3.6 11.1
Education						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	Foster Rhode Island	6% 8%	10% 8%	13% 9%	7% 9%	12% 10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA 4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA 40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Foster-Glocester Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	13% 19%	12% 18%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Foster Rhode Island	69 102	70 98	69 101	78 94	64 91
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Foster Rhode Island	68 14,006	53 13,258	53 12,179	39 12,405	39 11,329
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Foster Rhode Island	21 13,192	24 12,666	13 12,267	8 9,008	5 7,700
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Foster Rhode Island	0% 45%	NA 47%	0% 50%	0% 52%	0% 58%
Children who are English language learners (%)	Foster Rhode Island	0% 6%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%
Student mobility rate (%)	Foster-Glocester Rhode Island	NA NA	5% 16%	7% 17%	7% 18%	2% 16%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	68% 60%	69% 63%	69% 64%	86% 68%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Foster-Glocester Rhode Island	NA NA	57% 56%	75% 58%	78% 62%	67% 65%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	66% 52%	69% 54%	66% 54%	86% 63%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Foster-Glocester Rhode Island	NA NA	61% 47%	64% 47%	58% 48%	55% 53%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	0% 19%
High school attendance rate (%)	Foster-Glocester Rhode Island	92% 90%	92% 90%	91% 90%	91% 90%	92% 91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Foster-Glocester Rhode Island	22 30	31 32	16 30	46 32	44 30
High school graduation rate (%)	Foster-Glocester Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	94% 70%	87% 74%

*Average rent is the HUD Fair Market Rent. Rhode Island Housing Rent Survey data were not available for these years.

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