



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

Profile of Foster, Rhode Island

(Updated April 4, 2011)

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%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	0% 4%			
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%			
Economic Well-Being						
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Foster Rhode Island	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	4% 4%
Cost of rent	Foster Rhode Island	\$1,014* \$1,172	\$1,029* \$1,142	\$1,020* \$1,232	\$956 \$1,170	\$1,025 \$1,165
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Foster Rhode Island	2% 8%	2% 7%	3% 6%	1% 4%	1% 4%
Number of children receiving SNAP/food stamp benefits	Foster Rhode Island	32 36,852	39 39,516	45 41,421	79 53,466	79 59,652
WIC participation (% income-eligible participating)	Foster Rhode Island	73% 67%	70% 71%	71% 78%	70% 77%	60% 72%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Foster Rhode Island	31% 30%	23% 29%	24% 29%	32% 27%	37% 28%
		2001-2005	2002-2006	2003-2007	2004-2008	2005-2009
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Foster Rhode Island	6% 15%	5% 15%	7% 15%	6% 16%	7% 16%
Health						
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Foster Rhode Island	177 90,731	156 88,641	170 84,717	180 89,746	194 92,701
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% confirmed positive)	Foster Rhode Island	6.8% 4.6%	1.5% 3.6%	0.0% 3.1%	0.0% 2.4%	0.0% 2.2%
		2001-2005	2002-2006	2003-2007	2004-2008	2005-2009
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA 9.4%	NA 10.7%	NA 12.1%	NA 14.0%	NA 14.9%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA 8.0%	NA 8.1%	NA 8.1%	NA 8.0%	NA 8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Foster Rhode Island	NA 6.4	NA 6.2	NA 6.3	NA 6.2	NA 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children under age 18)	Foster Rhode Island	2.2 3.9	1.6 4.0	1.8 4.0	1.3 4.0	1.8 4.2
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 19)	Foster Rhode Island	19.4 31.0	14.9 30.4	19.4 30.4	17.9 30.7	11.9 30.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Foster Rhode Island	73% 57%	74% 57%	71% 57%	72% 57%	73% 58%

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Safety		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	5.4 10.7	6.3 11.7	3.6 13.3
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Foster Rhode Island	2.7 11.3	7.2 12.4	3.6 11.1	0.9 10.2	0.0 10.4
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Foster Rhode Island	21% 20%	15% 25%	7% 29%	23% 31%	5% 29%
Education		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Early Intervention participation (% of all children under age 3)	Foster Rhode Island	13% 9%	7% 9%	12% 10%	16% 10%	12% 10%
Early Head Start participation (% income-eligible children)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA 4%	NA 4%	0% 5%
Head Start participation (% income-eligible children)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA 40%	NA 40%	NA 40%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Foster Rhode Island	69 101	78 94	64 91	39 86	39 88
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Foster Rhode Island	53 12,179	39 12,405	39 11,329	18 10,821	18 11,298
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Foster Rhode Island	13 12,267	8 9,008	5 7,700	4 7,471	9 7,592
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Foster Rhode Island	0% 50%	0% 52%	0% 58%	0% 60%	0% 60%
Children who are English language learners (%)	Foster Rhode Island	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	13% 19%	12% 18%	11% 17%	11% 17%
Student mobility rate (%)	Foster Rhode Island	7% 17%	4% 18%	8% 16%	5% 16%	4% 14%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Foster Rhode Island	69% 63%	69% 64%	86% 68%	78% 67%	75% 69%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Foster-Glocstr. Rhode Island	75% 58%	78% 62%	67% 65%	82% 70%	82% 74%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Foster Rhode Island	69% 54%	66% 54%	86% 63%	67% 62%	73% 63%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Foster-Glocstr. Rhode Island	64% 47%	58% 48%	55% 53%	64% 54%	61% 54%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	0% 19%	0% 15%	0% 15%
Chronic early absence (%)	Foster Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	26% 10%	0% 13%
High school attendance rate (%)	Foster-Glocstr. Rhode Island	91% 90%	91% 90%	92% 91%	93% 91%	94% 91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Foster-Glocstr. Rhode Island	16 30	46 32	44 30	60 30	37 30
High school graduation rate (%)	Foster-Glocstr. Rhode Island	NA NA	94% 70%	87% 74%	88% 75%	83% 76%

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

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