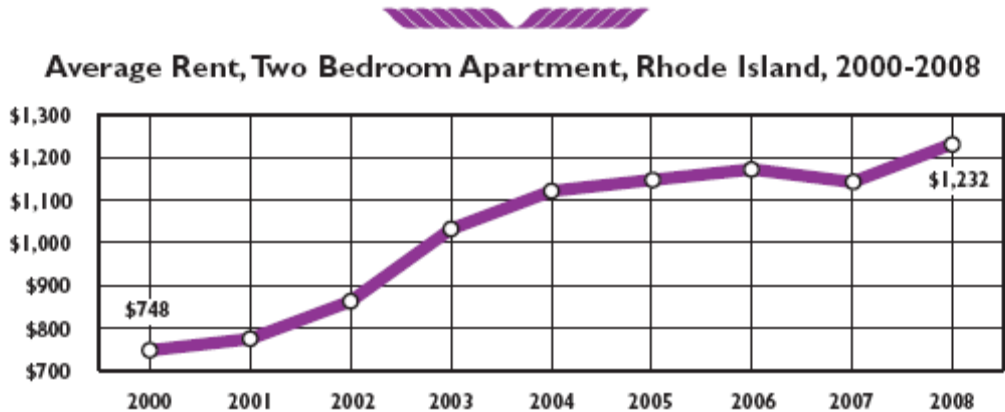


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Cost of Rent

- ◆ Between 2000 and 2008, the average cost of rent in Rhode Island increased by 65% from \$748 per month to \$1,232 per month.
- ◆ In 2008, a worker would have to earn \$23.69 and work 40 hours per week year-round in order to afford the average rent in Rhode Island without a cost burden. This hourly wage is more than three times the minimum wage.
- ◆ In 2008, 6,583 properties in Rhode Island were foreclosed on, up from 1,838 in 2007. Nationally, more than 20% of foreclosures are rentals, and renters make up about 40% of families facing eviction. Rhode Island is the only New England state that does not have legislation protecting tenants after foreclosure.



Source: Rhode Island Housing, Annual Rent Surveys, 2000-2008. The 2003-2008 rents include adjustments for the cost of heat, cooking fuel, electricity and hot water. All prior years' rents include adjustments for the cost of heat and hot water only. Adjustments for utilities for each year vary according to HUD annual utility allowances.

Housing and Health

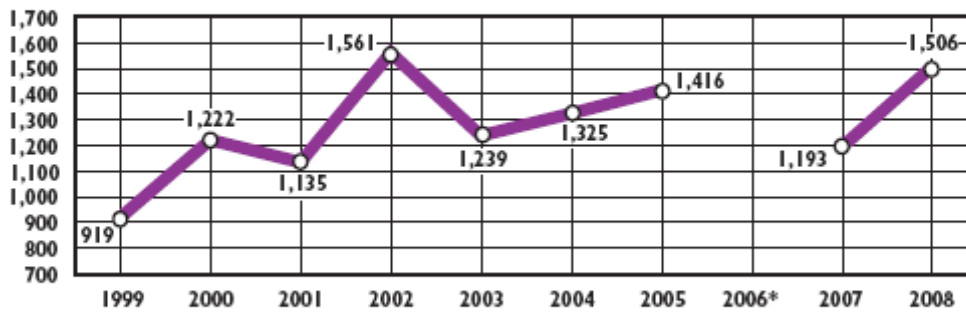
- ◆ Children in low-income families are more likely to live in older housing than children in general. Older housing stock may pose health risks for children because until 1978 lead paint was commonly used in the interior and exterior of homes, and exposure to lead paint is associated with numerous health risks.
- ◆ Between 2005 and 2007, 87% of low-income children in Rhode Island lived in older housing, while 74% of all children lived in older housing. Of all 50 states, Rhode Island had the highest percentage of low-income children living in older housing.
- ◆ Between 2005 and 2007, Rhode Island children were more likely to live in older housing (74%) than children in the nation as a whole (55%). In fact, Rhode Island had the second highest percentage of children living in older housing in the nation.

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Homelessness

- ◆ Between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, 1,506 children under age 13 received emergency housing at homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters in Rhode Island, and 59% of these children were under the age of six.
- ◆ More than one in six (18%) of the children in families receiving emergency shelter had experienced homelessness before.

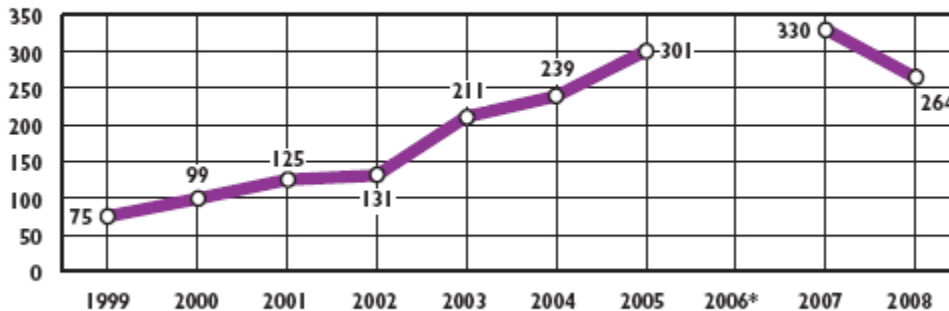
Children under Age 13 Living in Shelters, Rhode Island 1999 – 2008



Source: Rhode Island Emergency Shelter Information Project 1999 – 2008. *Data were not available for 2006 due to data system issues.

- ◆ Between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, 264 youths aged 13-17 received emergency housing at homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters in Rhode Island while accompanied by a parent or other adult.
- ◆ Rhode Island has a very limited number of beds designated for runaway and unaccompanied youth. Between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008, 15 unaccompanied youth received up to 15 days of shelter and seven received transitional housing and supportive services for up to 18 months.

**Homeless Youth Ages 13-17 in Rhode Island's
Emergency Shelter System, 1999-2008**



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