

## Rhode Island and National Data from the National Survey of Children's Health, 2003

The National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) was conducted in English and Spanish during 2003-2004. The NSCH estimates national and state-level prevalence for a variety of physical, emotional and behavioral child health indicators as well as information on family context and neighborhood environment. The survey is intended to be used as a guide by policymakers, advocates and researchers.

<b>The Child: Health Status</b>	<b>RI</b>	<b>US</b>
<b>Overall Child Health Status</b> children in excellent or very good overall health	86.8%	84.1%
<b>Current Health Problems</b> children who have current health conditions described as moderate or severe	9.3%	7.9%
<b>Impact of Asthma</b> children affected by asthma during the previous year	9.3%	8.0%
<b>Injury</b> children ages 0-5 with injuries requiring medical attention in the past year	12.0%	9.4%
<b>Breastfeeding</b> children ages 0-5 who were ever breastfed	66.0%	72.3%
<b>Parents' Concerns</b> children ages 0-5 whose parents have at least one concern about their child's learning, development, or behavior	37.0%	36.6%
<b>Socio-Emotional Difficulties</b> children ages 3-17 with moderate or severe difficulties in the area of emotions, concentration, behavior or getting along with others	9.6%	9.2%
<b>Missed School Days</b> children age 6-17 who missed 11 or more days of school in the past year due to illness or injury	5.8%	5.2%
<b>The Child: Health Care</b>	<b>RI</b>	<b>US</b>
<b>Current Health Insurance</b> children currently insured	94.4%	91.2%
<b>Coverage Consistency</b> children lacking consistent insurance coverage in past year	10.2%	14.9%
<b>Preventive Health Care</b> children with a preventive medical visit in the past year	90.8%	77.8%
<b>Preventive Health and Dental Care</b> children with a preventive medical visit and a preventive dental visit in the past year	73.9%	58.8%
<b>Mental Health Care</b> children with chronic emotional, developmental or behavioral problems who received mental health care in the past year	67.5%	58.7%
<b>Medical Home</b> children who had a personal doctor or nurse and received accessible, comprehensive, culturally sensitive and coordinated health care	60.4%	46.1%
<b>The Child: School and Activities</b>	<b>RI</b>	<b>US</b>
<b>Early Childhood School</b> children ages 3-5 who regularly attended nursery school, preschool or kindergarten	66.9%	60.7%
<b>Activities Outside of School</b> children ages 6-17 who participated in at least one activity outside of school	84.4%	81.0%
<b>Repetition of Grade</b> children ages 6-17 who repeated at least one grade	11.4%	11.3%
<b>Staying Home Alone</b> children ages 6-11 who stayed home alone in the past week	14.6%	15.9%
<b>The Child's Family</b>	<b>RI</b>	<b>US</b>
<b>Reading to Young Children</b> children ages 0-5 who are read aloud to every day by family members	53.5%	47.8%
<b>Household Smoking</b> children who live in households where someone smokes	31.4%	29.5%
<b>Religious Services</b> children who attended religious services at least weekly	49.3%	55.7%
<b>Mother's Health</b> children whose mothers' physical/emotional health is excellent or very good	58.8%	58.9%
<b>The Child and Family's Neighborhood</b>	<b>RI</b>	<b>US</b>
<b>Issues with Child Care</b> children ages 0-5 whose parents had to make different child care arrangements in the past month and/or a job change for child care reasons in the past year	35.5%	33.2%
<b>Safety of Child in the Neighborhood</b> children living in neighborhoods that are usually or always safe	82.0%	83.8%
<b>Supportive Neighborhood</b> children living in neighborhoods that are supportive	79.1%	81.4%

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. *The National Survey of Children's Health 2003*. Rockville, Maryland: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2005. All statistics are based on parental reports.