



Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2009
Profile of Portsmouth, Rhode Island
(Updated April 3, 2009)

Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000			
Child Population	Portsmouth Rhode Island	4,175 225,690	4,329 247,822			
Children in single-parent families (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	8% 22%	16% 30%			
Median household income	Portsmouth Rhode Island	\$55,414 \$41,985	\$58,835 \$42,090			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	4.4% 13.5%	2.8% 16.9%			
Teens not in school and not working (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	2.7% 8.1%	1.6% 7.3%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	3% 4%			
Economic Well-Being						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cost of rent	Portsmouth Rhode Island	\$1,307 \$1,121	\$1,244 \$1,147	\$1,128 \$1,172	\$1,239 \$1,142	\$1,168* \$1,232
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	3% 15%	3% 15%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	1% 5%	NA NA	1% 5%	2% 5%	0% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	1% 10%	1% 9%	1% 8%	1% 7%	1% 6%
Food Stamp Program/SNAP participation (% income-eligible children enrolled)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	22% 71%	49% 65%	45% 69%	56% 74%	70% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	24% 31%	14% 31%	20% 30%	23% 29%	19% 29%
Health						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Portsmouth Rhode Island	480 91,638	537 91,144	509 90,731	508 88,641	536 84,717
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	3.0% 8.4%	2.7% 7.4%	2.4% 6.4%	2.6% 4.6%	1.0% 4.5%
WIC participation rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	67% 67%	69% 71%	59% 78%
		1999- 2003	2000- 2004	2001- 2005	2002- 2006	2003- 2007
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	4.9% 8.9%	6.3% 9.1%	7.9% 9.4%	8.2% 10.7%	9.1% 12.1%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	6.2% 7.7%	6.6% 7.8%	7.0% 8.0%	6.4% 8.1%	6.5% 8.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	5.8 6.5	5.6 6.4	5.6 6.4	4.5 6.2	5.8 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	2.3 3.6	2.9 3.6	3.0 3.9	3.2 4.0	3.1 4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 17)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	4.8 20.6	5.4 20.0	4.8 19.5	4.8 19.1	4.2 19.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	75% 57%	76% 57%	77% 57%	78% 57%	77% 57%

Safety						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	1.6 10.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	27% 31%	NA NA	8% 20%	25% 25%	30% 29%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	2.1 11.3	1.8 12.4	0.7 11.1
Education						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	8% 8%	7% 8%	8% 9%	8% 9%	9% 10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	9% 4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	47% 40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	19% 19%	19% 18%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	65 102	59 98	64 101	58 94	57 91
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Portsmouth Rhode Island	92 14,006	92 13,258	92 12,179	134 12,405	134 11,329
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Portsmouth Rhode Island	49 13,192	34 12,666	33 12,267	27 9,008	23 7,700
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	0% 45%	1% 47%	0% 50%	1% 52%	1% 58%
Children who are English language learners (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	0% 6%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%
Student mobility rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	9% 16%	9% 17%	11% 18%	10% 16%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	75% 60%	77% 63%	80% 64%	75% 68%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	81% 56%	78% 58%	73% 62%	80% 65%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	67% 52%	73% 54%	64% 54%	76% 63%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	72% 47%	76% 47%	73% 48%	82% 53%
Schools making insufficient progress	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	0% 19%
High school attendance rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	94% 90%	94% 90%	95% 90%	94% 90%	96% 91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	38 30	2 32	2 30	2 32	2 30
High school graduation rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	88% 70%	86% 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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