



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

Profile of Portsmouth, Rhode Island

(Updated April 4, 2011)

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%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	3% 4%			
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%			
Economic Well-Being		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	1% 5%	2% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	1% 4%
Cost of rent	Portsmouth Rhode Island	\$1,128 \$1,172	\$1,239 \$1,142	\$1,168* \$1,232	\$1,215 \$1,170	\$1,441 \$1,165
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	1% 8%	1% 7%	1% 6%	1% 4%	1% 4%
Number of children receiving SNAP/food stamp benefits	Portsmouth Rhode Island	85 36,852	105 39,516	130 41,421	237 53,466	277 59,652
WIC participation (% income-eligible participating)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	67% 67%	69% 71%	59% 78%	60% 77%	61% 72%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	20% 30%	23% 29%	19% 29%	17% 27%	13% 28%
		2001- 2005	2002- 2006	2003- 2007	2004- 2008	2005- 2009
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	3% 15%	3% 15%	3% 15%	3% 16%	2% 16%
Health		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Portsmouth Rhode Island	509 90,731	508 88,641	536 84,717	607 89,746	619 92,701
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% confirmed positive)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	0.5% 4.6%	0.4% 3.6%	0.5% 3.1%	1.2% 2.4%	0.0% 2.2%
		2001- 2005	2002- 2006	2003- 2007	2004- 2008	2005- 2009
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	7.9% 9.4%	8.2% 10.7%	9.1% 12.1%	10.1% 14.0%	9.5% 14.9%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	7.0% 8.0%	6.4% 8.1%	6.5% 8.1%	6.4% 8.0%	5.8% 8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	5.6 6.4	4.5 6.2	5.8 6.3	3.7 6.2	4.0 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children under age 18)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	3.0 3.9	3.2 4.0	3.1 4.0	2.8 4.0	2.8 4.2
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 19)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	10.1 31.0	10.9 30.4	10.9 30.4	9.2 30.7	7.4 30.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	77% 57%	78% 57%	77% 57%	79% 57%	79% 58%

Compiled using data reported in the annual Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook.
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Safety		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	1.6 10.7	7.2 11.7	4.6 13.3
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	2.1 11.3	1.8 12.4	0.7 11.1	1.2 10.2	0.9 10.4
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	8% 20%	25% 25%	30% 29%	22% 31%	23% 29%
Education		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Early Intervention participation (% of all children under age 3)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	8% 9%	8% 9%	9% 10%	8% 10%	9% 10%
Early Head Start participation (% income-eligible children)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	9% 4%	12% 4%	12% 5%
Head Start participation (% income-eligible children)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	47% 40%	38% 40%	30% 40%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	64 101	58 94	57 91	51 86	51 88
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Portsmouth Rhode Island	92 12,179	134 12,405	134 11,329	134 10,821	134 11,298
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Portsmouth Rhode Island	33 12,267	27 9,008	23 7,700	23 7,471	40 7,592
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	0% 50%	1% 52%	1% 58%	0% 60%	0% 60%
Children who are English language learners (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	0% 5%	<1% 5%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	19% 19%	19% 18%	17% 17%	17% 17%
Student mobility rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	9% 17%	11% 18%	10% 16%	11% 16%	11% 14%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	77% 63%	80% 64%	75% 68%	80% 67%	78% 69%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	78% 58%	73% 62%	80% 65%	84% 70%	90% 74%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	73% 54%	64% 54%	76% 63%	82% 62%	82% 63%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	76% 47%	73% 48%	82% 53%	76% 54%	84% 54%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	0% 19%	0% 15%	0% 15%
Chronic early absence (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	5% 10%	6% 13%
High school attendance rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	95% 90%	94% 90%	96% 91%	95% 91%	95% 91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	2 30	2 32	2 30	6 30	5 30
High school graduation rate (%)	Portsmouth Rhode Island	NA NA	88% 70%	86% 74%	83% 75%	85% 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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