



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

Census-Based Indicators				1990	2000	
Child Population	Providence Rhode Island			37,972 225,690	45,277 247,822	
Children in single-parent families (%)	Providence Rhode Island			44% 22%	51% 30%	
Median household income	Providence Rhode Island			\$28,894 \$41,985	\$26,867 \$42,090	
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	Providence Rhode Island			34.5% 13.5%	40.5% 16.9%	
Teens not in school and not working (%)	Providence Rhode Island			10.1% 8.1%	9.9% 7.3%	
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Providence Rhode Island			NA NA	6% 4%	
Economic Well-Being						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cost of rent	Providence Rhode Island	\$1,066 \$1,121	\$1,097 \$1,147	\$1,115 \$1,172	\$1,002 \$1,142	\$1,163 \$1,232
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Providence Rhode Island	28% 15%	29% 15%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Providence Rhode Island	NA NA	9% 5%	8% 5%	9% 5%	9% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Providence Rhode Island	26% 10%	23% 9%	19% 8%	18% 7%	13% 6%
Food Stamp Program/SNAP participation (% income-eligible children enrolled)	Providence Rhode Island	80% 71%	75% 65%	73% 69%	76% 74%	78% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Providence Rhode Island	37% 31%	39% 31%	38% 30%	35% 29%	38% 29%
Health						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Providence Rhode Island	34,992 91,638	33,948 91,144	33,391 90,731	32,074 88,641	29,440 84,717
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	Providence Rhode Island	15.6% 8.4%	13.2% 7.4%	11.4% 6.4%	8.6% 4.6%	8.3% 4.5%
WIC participation rate (%)	Providence Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	72% 67%	76% 71%	83% 78%
		1999- 2003	2000- 2004	2001- 2005	2002- 2006	2003- 2007
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Providence Rhode Island	11.3% 8.9%	11.7% 9.1%	12.0% 9.4%	14.9% 10.7%	17.4% 12.1%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Providence Rhode Island	9.2% 7.7%	9.1% 7.8%	9.4% 8.0%	9.5% 8.1%	9.5% 8.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	Providence Rhode Island	9.4 6.5	8.7 6.4	8.9 6.4	9.2 6.2	8.9 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	Providence Rhode Island	6.3 3.6	6.1 3.6	6.3 3.9	6.5 4.0	6.6 4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 17)	Providence Rhode Island	50.4 20.6	49.5 20.0	48.1 19.5	47.1 9.1	47.9 19.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Providence Rhode Island	50% 57%	50% 57%	50% 57%	49% 57%	49% 57%

Safety		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Providence	NA	NA	NA	NA	14.4
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	10.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Providence	33%	NA	22%	27%	34%
	Rhode Island	31%	NA	20%	25%	29%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Providence	NA	NA	25.3	28.7	26.2
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	11.3	12.4	11.1
Education		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	Providence	7%	7%	9%	10%	10%
	Rhode Island	8%	8%	9%	9%	10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	Providence	NA	NA	NA	NA	1%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	Providence	NA	NA	NA	NA	32%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Providence	NA	NA	NA	19%	19%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	19%	18%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Providence	197	190	196	170	157
	Rhode Island	102	98	101	94	91
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Providence	3,138	3,001	2,930	2,831	2,701
	Rhode Island	14,006	13,258	12,179	12,405	11,329
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Providence	5,541	5,276	5,071	3,755	3,179
	Rhode Island	13,192	12,666	12,267	9,008	7,700
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Providence	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Rhode Island	45%	47%	50%	52%	58%
Children who are English language learners (%)	Providence	18%	17%	16%	16%	15%
	Rhode Island	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Student mobility rate (%)	Providence	NA	31%	29%	28%	28%
	Rhode Island	NA	16%	17%	18%	16%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Providence	NA	31%	39%	36%	47%
	Rhode Island	NA	60%	63%	64%	68%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Providence	NA	25%	34%	37%	41%
	Rhode Island	NA	56%	58%	62%	65%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Providence	NA	25%	32%	26%	40%
	Rhode Island	NA	52%	54%	54%	63%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Providence	NA	20%	25%	24%	28%
	Rhode Island	NA	47%	47%	48%	53%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	Providence	NA	NA	NA	NA	65%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	19%
High school attendance rate (%)	Providence	84%	82%	83%	85%	85%
	Rhode Island	90%	90%	90%	90%	91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Providence	46	46	46	48	45
	Rhode Island	30	32	30	32	30
High school graduation rate (%)	Providence	NA	NA	NA	58%	63%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	70%	74%

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