



**Rhode Island KIDS COUNT**  
**INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2010**  
**Profile of Providence, Rhode Island**

(Updated April 6, 2010)

<b>Census-Based Indicators</b>		<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>			
Child Population	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	37,972 225,690	45,277 247,822			
Children in single-parent families (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	44% 22%	51% 30%			
Median household income	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	\$28,894 \$41,985	\$26,867 \$42,090			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	34.5% 13.5%	40.5% 16.9%			
Teens not in school and not working (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	10.1% 8.1%	9.9% 7.3%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	6% 4%			
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>						
		<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Cost of rent	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	\$1,097 \$1,147	\$1,115 \$1,172	\$1,002 \$1,142	\$1,163 \$1,232	\$1,111 \$1,170
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	29% 15%	30% 16%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	9% 5%	8% 5%	9% 5%	9% 5%	9% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	23% 9%	19% 8%	18% 7%	13% 6%	10% 4%
Number of children receiving SNAP/food stamp benefits	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	16,767 35,168	16,305 36,852	17,105 39,516	17,431 41,421	20,771 53,632
WIC participation rate (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	72% 67%	76% 71%	83% 78%	80% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	39% 31%	38% 30%	35% 29%	38% 29%	34% 27%
<b>Health</b>						
		<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	33,948 91,144	33,391 90,731	32,074 88,641	29,440 84,717	30,694 89,746
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	13.2% 7.4%	11.4% 6.4%	8.6% 4.6%	8.3% 4.5%	6.0% 3.5%
		<b>2000- 2004</b>	<b>2001- 2005</b>	<b>2002- 2006</b>	<b>2003- 2007</b>	<b>2004- 2008</b>
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	11.7% 9.1%	12.0% 9.4%	14.9% 10.7%	17.4% 12.1%	20.5% 14.0%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	9.1% 7.8%	9.4% 8.0%	9.5% 8.1%	9.5% 8.1%	9.4% 8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	8.7 6.4	8.9 6.4	9.2 6.2	8.9 6.3	9.3 6.2
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	6.1 3.6	6.3 3.9	6.5 4.0	6.6 4.0	6.4 4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 17)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	49.5 20.0	48.1 19.5	47.1 9.1	47.9 19.1	46.7 18.9
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	<b>Providence Rhode Island</b>	50% 57%	50% 57%	49% 57%	49% 57%	49% 57%

<b>Safety</b>		<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	<b>Providence</b>	NA	NA	NA	14.4	14.1
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	10.7	11.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	<b>Providence</b>	NA	22%	27%	34%	32%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	20%	25%	29%	31%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	<b>Providence</b>	NA	25.3	28.7	26.2	23.9
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	11.3	12.4	11.1	10.2
<b>Education</b>		<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	<b>Providence</b>	7%	9%	10%	10%	10%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>Providence</b>	NA	NA	NA	1%	1%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	4%	4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>Providence</b>	NA	NA	NA	32%	34%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	40%	40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	<b>Providence</b>	NA	NA	19%	19%	18%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	19%	18%	17%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	<b>Providence</b>	190	196	170	157	140
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	98	101	94	91	86
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	<b>Providence</b>	3,001	2,930	2,831	2,701	2,699
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	13,258	12,179	12,405	11,329	10,821
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	<b>Providence</b>	5,276	5,071	3,755	3,179	2,973
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	12,666	12,267	9,008	7,700	7,471
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	<b>Providence</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	47%	50%	52%	58%	60%
Children who are English language learners (%)	<b>Providence</b>	17%	16%	16%	15%	15%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Student mobility rate (%)	<b>Providence</b>	31%	29%	28%	28%	28%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	16%	17%	18%	16%	16%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Providence</b>	31%	39%	36%	47%	44%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	60%	63%	64%	68%	67%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Providence</b>	25%	34%	37%	41%	45%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	56%	58%	62%	65%	70%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Providence</b>	25%	32%	26%	40%	35%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	52%	54%	54%	63%	62%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Providence</b>	20%	25%	24%	28%	28%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	47%	47%	48%	53%	54%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	<b>Providence</b>	NA	NA	NA	65%	47%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	NA	19%	15%
High school attendance rate (%)	<b>Providence</b>	82%	83%	85%	85%	85%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	90%	90%	90%	91%	91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	<b>Providence</b>	46	46	48	45	49
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	32	30	32	30	30
High school graduation rate (%)	<b>Providence</b>	NA	NA	58%	63%	66%
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	NA	NA	70%	74%	75%

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