



Rhode Island KIDS COUNT INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2009

Profile of Rhode Island

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Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000	2007		
Child Population	Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	234,821		
Children in single-parent families (%)	Rhode Island	22%	30%	31%		
Median household income <i>(note: 1990 and 2000 amounts shown in 1999 dollars and 2007 amount shown in 2007 dollars)</i>	Rhode Island	\$41,985	\$42,090	\$53,568		
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	Rhode Island	13.5%	16.9%	17.5%		
Teens not in school and not working (%)	Rhode Island	8%	7%	6%		
Number of households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren	Rhode Island	NA	5,060	4,275		
Economic Well-Being		2005	2006	2007	2007	2008
Cost of rent	Rhode Island	\$1,147	\$1,172	\$1,142	\$1,142	\$1,232
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Rhode Island	15%	15%	NA	NA	NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Rhode Island	5%	NA	5%	5%	5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Rhode Island	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%
Food Stamp Program/SNAP participation (% of income-eligible children enrolled)	Rhode Island	65%	69%	74%	74%	77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% of income-eligible children participating)	Rhode Island	31%	30%	29%	29%	29%
Health		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Rhode Island	91,638	91,144	90,731	88,941	84,717
Percentage of children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	Rhode Island	8.4%	7.4%	6.4%	4.6%	4.5%
WIC participation rate (%)	Rhode Island	NA	NA	67%	71%	78%
		1999-2003	2000-2004	2001-2005	2002-2006	2003-2007
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Rhode Island	9.1%	9.4%	10.7%	10.7%	12.1%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Rhode Island	7.8%	8.0%	8.1%	8.1%	8.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	Rhode Island	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	Rhode Island	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 17)	Rhode Island	20.0	19.5	19.1	19.1	19.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Rhode Island	57%	57%	57%	57%	57%

Safety						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	10.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Rhode Island	31%	NA	20%	25%	29%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Rhode Island	NA	NA	11.3	12.4	11.1
Education						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	Rhode Island	8%	8%	9%	9%	10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	19%	18%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Rhode Island	102	98	101	94	91
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Rhode Island	14,006	13,258	12,179	12,405	11,329
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Rhode Island	13,192	12,666	12,267	9,008	7,700
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Rhode Island	45%	47%	50%	52%	58%
Children who are English Language Learners (%)	Rhode Island	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Student mobility rate (%)	Rhode Island	NA	16%	17%	18%	16%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Rhode Island	NA	60%	63%	64%	68%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Rhode Island	NA	56%	58%	62%	65%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Rhode Island	NA	52%	54%	54%	63%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Rhode Island	NA	47%	47%	48%	53%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	19%
High school attendance rate (%)	Rhode Island	90%	90%	90%	90%	91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Rhode Island	30	32	30	32	30
High school graduation rate (%)	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	70%	74%

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