



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

Profile of Rhode Island
(Updated April 4, 2011)

Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000	2007-2009		
Child population	Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	226,763		
Children in single-parent families (%)	Rhode Island	22%	30%	30%		
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Rhode Island	5,060	5,009	4,729		
Median household income (1990 and 2000 amounts shown in 1999 dollars & 2007-2009 amount shown in 2007-2009 average dollars)	Rhode Island	\$42,090	\$55,327	\$65,681		
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	Rhode Island	16.9%	16.1%	17.1%		
Teens not in school and not working (%)	Rhode Island	7%	7%	7%		
Economic Well-Being		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Rhode Island	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Cost of rent	Rhode Island	\$1,172	\$1,142	\$1,232	\$1,170	\$1,165
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Rhode Island	8%	7%	6%	4%	4%
Number of children receiving SNAP/food stamp benefits	Rhode Island	36,852	39,516	41,421	53,632	59,652
WIC participation (% income-eligible participating)	Rhode Island	67%	71%	78%	77%	72%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Rhode Island	30%	29%	29%	27%	28%
		2001-2005	2002-2006	2003-2007	2004-2008	2005-2009
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Rhode Island	15%	15%	15%	16%	16%
Health		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Rhode Island	90,731	88,641	84,717	89,746	92,701
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% confirmed positive)	Rhode Island	4.6%	3.6%	3.1%	2.4%	2.2%
		2001-2005	2002-2006	2003-2007	2004-2008	2005-2009
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Rhode Island	9.4%	10.7%	12.1%	14.0%	14.9%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Rhode Island	8.0%	8.1%	8.1%	8.0%	8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Rhode Island	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children under age 18)	Rhode Island	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 19)	Rhode Island	31.0	30.4	30.4	30.7	30.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Rhode Island	57%	57%	57%	57%	58%

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

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