



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

<b>Census-Based Indicators</b>		<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>			
Child population	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	4,770 225,690	6,284 247,822			
Children in single-parent families (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	18% 22%	19% 30%			
Median household income	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	\$47,595 \$41,985	\$56,325 \$42,090			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	7.5% 13.5%	5.3% 16.9%			
Teens not in school and not working (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	0.6% 8.1%	0.5% 7.3%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	3% 4%			
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Cost of rent	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	\$845* \$1,121	\$965* \$1,147	\$1,308 \$1,172	\$1,346 \$1,142	\$1,436 \$1,232
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	4% 15%	4% 15%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	0% 5%	NA NA	<1% 5%	4% 5%	4% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	3% 10%	3% 9%	3% 8%	2% 7%	1% 6%
Food Stamp Program/SNAP participation (% income-eligible children enrolled)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	59% 71%	56% 65%	57% 69%	57% 74%	27% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	29% 31%	21% 31%	20% 30%	24% 29%	22% 29%
<b>Health</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	974 91,638	982 91,144	972 90,731	952 88,641	952 84,717
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	5.7% 8.4%	7.4% 7.4%	5.7% 6.4%	4.4% 4.6%	2.5% 4.5%
WIC participation rate (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	57% 67%	71% 71%	74% 78%
		<b>1999-2003</b>	<b>2000-2004</b>	<b>2001-2005</b>	<b>2002-2006</b>	<b>2003-2007</b>
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	6.0% 8.9%	7.2% 9.1%	6.5% 9.4%	7.4% 10.7%	7.8% 12.1%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	5.6% 7.7%	5.8% 7.8%	5.7% 8.0%	5.6% 8.1%	5.4% 8.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	1.5 6.5	2.4 6.4	2.4 6.4	2.4 6.2	4.9 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	2.2 3.6	1.8 3.6	1.9 3.9	1.5 4.0	1.5 4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 17)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	8.0 20.6	6.9 20.0	5.5 19.5	4.4 19.1	4.4 19.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	74% 57%	74% 57%	75% 57%	75% 57%	75% 57%

<b>Safety</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	8.9 10.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	33% 31%	NA NA	27% 20%	44% 25%	28% 29%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	<b>South Kingstown</b>	NA NA	NA NA	4.1 11.3	4.9 12.4	4.8 11.1
<b>Education</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	7% 8%	8% 8%	11% 9%	9% 9%	9% 10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	0% 4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	72% 40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	19% 19%	18% 18%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	101 102	101 98	122 101	117 94	83 91
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	250 14,006	263 13,258	165 12,179	204 12,405	160 11,329
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	119 13,192	113 12,666	120 12,267	93 9,008	61 7,700
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	10% 45%	12% 47%	100% 50%	100% 52%	100% 58%
Children who are English language learners (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	1% 6%	<1% 5%	1% 5%	1% 5%	1% 5%
Student mobility rate (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	9% 16%	9% 17%	10% 18%	11% 16%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	76% 60%	74% 63%	75% 64%	75% 68%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	76% 56%	81% 58%	83% 62%	82% 65%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	71% 52%	75% 54%	71% 54%	82% 63%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	72% 47%	55% 47%	78% 48%	78% 53%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	14% 19%
High school attendance rate (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	89% 90%	94% 90%	93% 90%	94% 90%	93% 91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	15 30	19 32	19 30	17 32	25 30
High school graduation rate (%)	<b>South Kingstown Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	86% 70%	86% 74%

\* Average rent is the HUD Fair Market Rent. Rhode Island Housing Rent Survey data were not available for these years.

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