

Warwick Data in Your Backyard

2007 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook



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The 2007 Factbook is the 13th annual publication.

The 2007 Factbook contains 62 indicators of child well being. Most include city and town level information. This year's Factbook contains 2 new indicators.

Family and Community

Warwick Child Population, by Race & Ethnicity

Population Under 18 Years of Age

Hispanic or Latino	516 (2.7%)
White, non-Hispanic	17,220 (91.7%)
Black	217 (1.2%)
Asian	322 (1.7%)
Two or More Races	419 (2.2%)
Some Other Race	<u>35 (<1%)</u>
Total	18,729

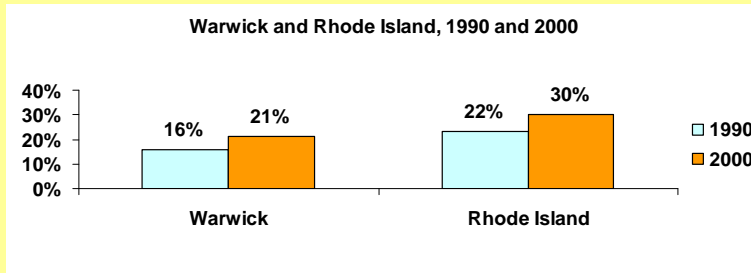
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000.

•According to the 2006 American Community Survey, there were 237,447 under age 18 in Rhode Island, representing 22% of the state's population.

•The 2006 ACS also provided updated data on Warwick last year – showing that Warwick had an estimated 16,152 children under the age of 18, representing 20% of the city's population.

Single-Parent Families

Children Under Age 18 Living in Single-Parent Families



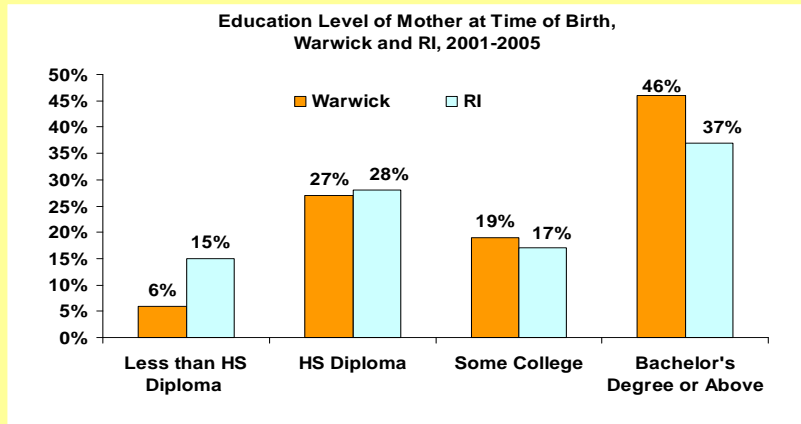
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.

- In 2000, 3,705 (21%) children in Warwick lived in single-parent families, compared to 67,978 (30%) statewide.
- In 2006 in Rhode Island, 35% of children lived in single-parent families.
- Rhode Island is currently ranked 46th out of 50 states (where 1st is the best) in the U.S. for percentage of children living in single-parent households.

Grandparents Caring for Children

- In 2006 in Rhode Island, 5.3% of children lived in households headed by a grandparent.
- An additional 3% of children lived in households headed by other relatives.
- In Warwick in 2000, 1,389 grandparents lived in households with their grandchildren. About a third of these grandparents were financially responsible for their grandchildren.
- Grandparent caregivers are more likely to live on fixed incomes and are less likely than other caregivers to access public support services to which their grandchildren may be entitled.

Mother's Education Level



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database, 2001-2005.

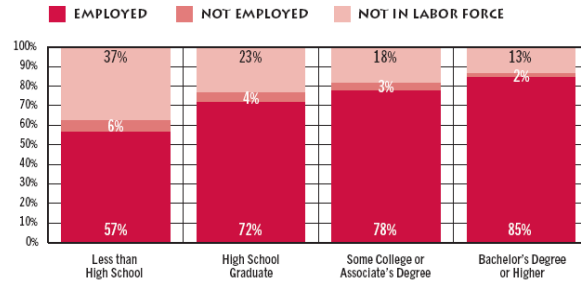
- Between 2001-2005 in Warwick, 6% of mothers had less than a high school diploma, compared to 15% for the state. The proportion of mothers with a Bachelor's Degree or above is greater in Warwick (46%) than in the state as a whole (37%).

Infants Born at Highest Risk, 2006

- There are three important social and economic risk factors present at birth that, when combined, strongly predict childhood poverty and poor education outcomes
 - Having a mother who is younger than 20
 - Having a mother who is unmarried, and
 - Having a mother who does not have her high school degree.
- In 2006, 542 babies were born to Rhode Island mothers who were under age 20, unmarried and had less than 12 years of education. They made up 5% of all babies born to RI moms.
- In Warwick, 27 babies were born at highest risk, making up 3% of all babies born to Warwick moms.

Education Matters for Employment

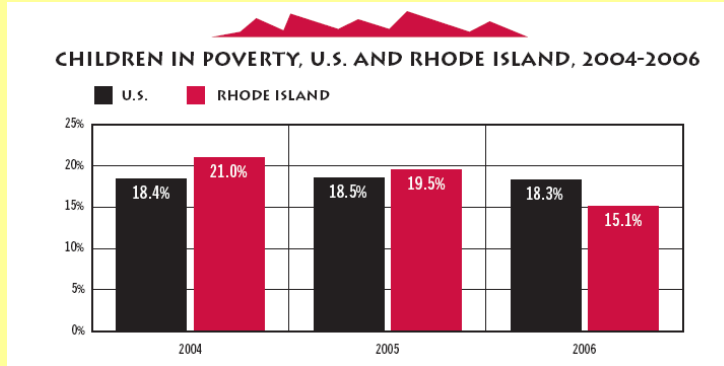
EMPLOYMENT STATUS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, RHODE ISLAND, 2006



- ◆ In 2006 in Rhode Island, individuals with higher levels of education were more likely to be in the labor force and to be employed. Fifty-seven percent of individuals with education less than a high school diploma were employed, compared to 85% of those with a bachelor's degree or higher.
- ◆ For those individuals in the labor force in Rhode Island in 2006, 6% were unemployed, compared to 2% of those with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Economic Well-Being

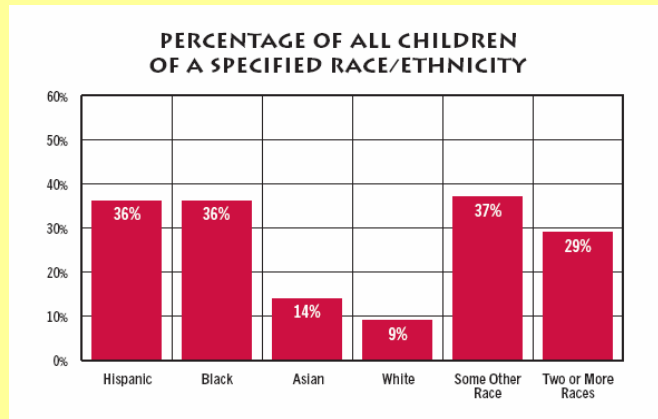
Child Poverty in Rhode Island



- According to ACS 2006, 15.1% (35,456) of Rhode Island's 234,711 children under age 18 lived below the federal poverty threshold. This is a significant decrease from 2004 when 21% (50,390) of Rhode Island children were living below the federal poverty threshold.
- Of the 35,456 children living in poverty, 43% lived in extreme poverty. In total, an estimated 6.5% (15,160) of all children in Rhode Island lived in extreme poverty. This is a decrease from the previous year when 10% of all Rhode Island children lived in extreme poverty.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2006.

Poverty by Race & Ethnicity, 2006



- While nearly half (44%) of all poor children in Rhode Island are White, children who are Hispanic, Black and Asian are much more likely to be living in poverty.
- Between 2005 and 2006 in Rhode Island, the child poverty rate dropped among children of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, with particularly large decreases among Hispanic and Black children.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2006.

Children in Poverty in Warwick

Children under Age 18 Living below the Federal Poverty Threshold:

	1990	2000
Warwick	1,084 (6%)	1,243 (7%)
Rhode Island	30,022 (14%)	41,162 (17%)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census & Census 2000.

Children Under 18 Living in Extreme Poverty in 2000:

- Warwick: 410 (2% of all children; 33% of poor children)
- Rhode Island: 19,773 (8% of all children; 48% of poor children)

Young Children in Poverty

Children < 6 Living Below the Federal Poverty Threshold:

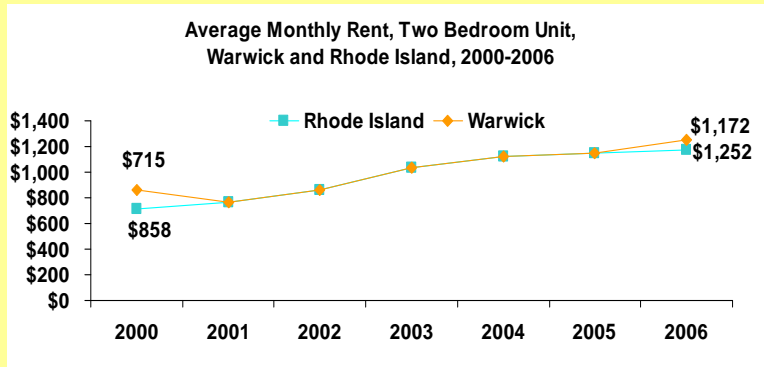
	1990	2000
Warwick	448 (7%)	386 (7%)
Rhode Island	12,912 (16%)	14,548 (19%)

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census & Census 2000.

Children Under Age 6 Living in Extreme Poverty in 2000:

- Warwick: 126 (2% of all children, 33% of poor children)
- Rhode Island: 7,230 (10% of all children, 50% of poor children)

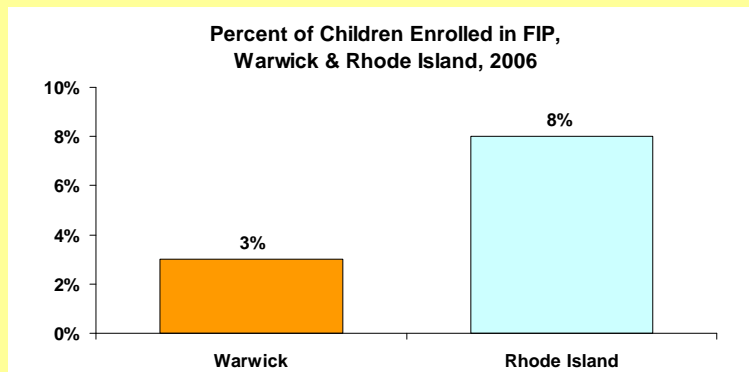
Cost of Rent



Source: Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation Annual Rent Surveys.

- Housing is affordable if it consumes 30% or less of a family's household income. A family of three living at the poverty level in Warwick would have to devote 91% of their household income to the cost of rent (\$1,252).
- To afford the average rent (\$1,147) in Rhode Island without a cost burden, a worker would need to earn \$20.28 per hour for forty hours a week, this is almost three times the state's minimum wage in 2006 of \$7.10 per hour.

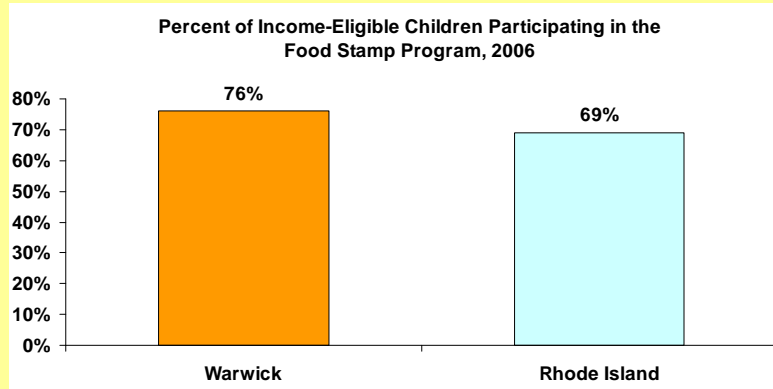
Children Enrolled in the Family Independence Program



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, InRhodes Database, December 2006.

- In Warwick in 2006, 3% of all children under the age of 18 were enrolled in the Family Independence Program.
- Nearly three-quarters (73%) of all FIP beneficiaries in the state are children under the age of 18; more than two out of five (42%) children enrolled in FIP are under the age of six.

Children Receiving Food Stamps

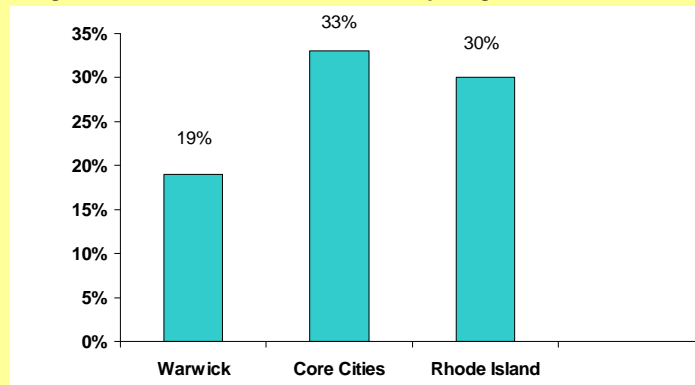


Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, INRHODES Database, October 1, 2006.

- Research shows that hunger and lack of regular access to sufficient food are linked to serious health, psychological, emotional and academic problems in children and can impede their healthy growth and development.
- In October 2006, 1,301 out of 1,712 estimated income-eligible children under age 18 in Warwick were participating in the Food Stamp Program, a 15% increase from 2005.

Children Participating in School Breakfast

Percentage of All Low-Income Children Participating in School Breakfast, 2006

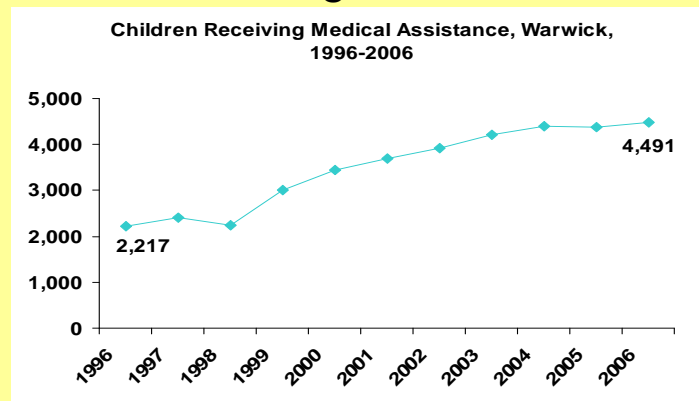


Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of School Food Services and Office of Finance, October 2006.

- In the Fall of 2006, 6% or 662 of the 11,098 Warwick public school students participated in the School Breakfast Program, and 462 of 2,418 (19%) of low-income students participated in the School Breakfast Program.

Health

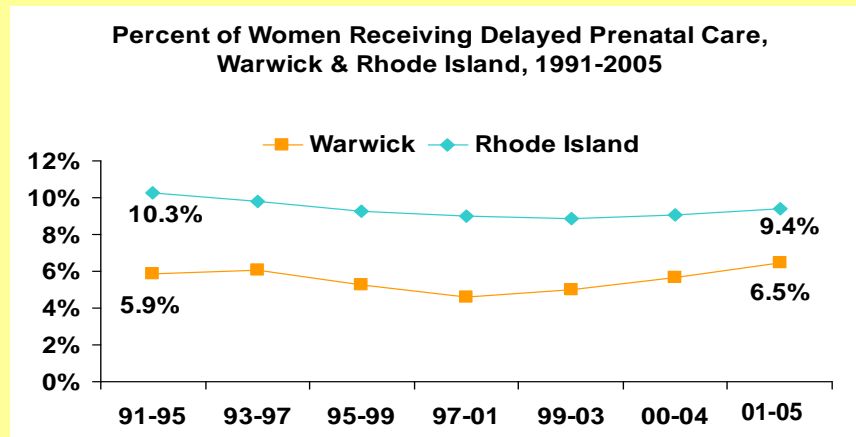
Children Receiving Medical Assistance



Source: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, MMIS Database, December 31, 2006.

- In addition to the 3,820 Warwick children receiving Rite Care assistance in 2005, 671 children received medical assistance through SSI, the adoption subsidy, foster care or Katie Becket provision.
- Of the estimated 18,680 uninsured children under age 19 in Rhode Island in 2005, approximately 11,275 children were eligible for Rite Care but were not enrolled.
- Rhode Island ranks 10th in the nation for the percentage of uninsured children at 6.4%, compared with 11.0% in the U.S. overall.

Women with Delayed Prenatal Care



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database, 2001-2005.

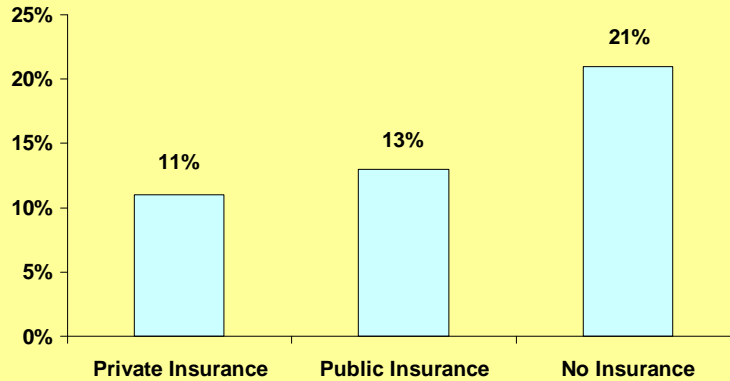
- In Warwick 289 out of 4,414 of births between 2001 and 2005 had delayed prenatal care, for a rate of 6.5%. Delayed prenatal care is defined as care beginning in the second or third trimester of pregnancy or receiving no prenatal care at all.

Preterm Births

- Preterm births are those that occur before the 37th week of pregnancy.
- The rate of preterm births is increasing in the U.S. and in Rhode Island. The rise has been partly influenced by an increase in the rate of multiple births.
- Very preterm births are those that occur before the 32nd week of gestation. 2% of Rhode Island births are very preterm. Children born very preterm are at highest risk for death and life-long disability.
- Racial and ethnic minorities in Rhode Island have higher rates of preterm birth than White women, as do women under age 20 and over age 35.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database, 2001-2005.

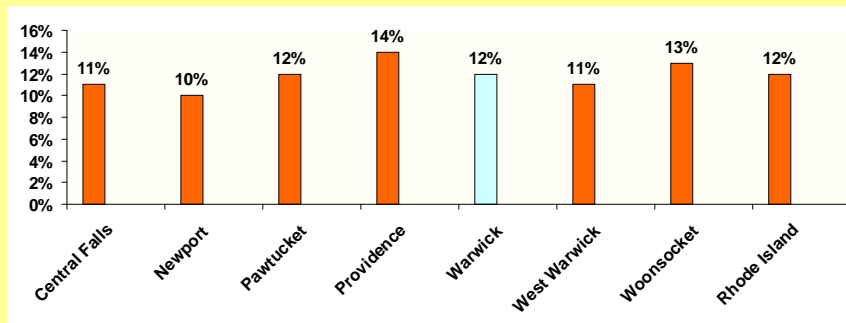
Preterm Births by Health Insurance Type, Rhode Island, 2001-2005



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database, 2001-2005.

Preterm Births

Preterm Births in Warwick, the Core Cities, and Rhode Island

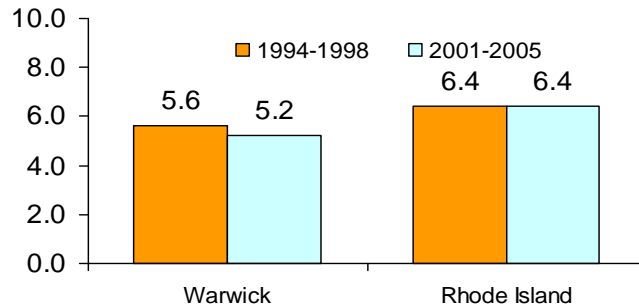


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, 2001-2005.

- Between 2001-2005 in Warwick, there were 4,414 births. Of these, 526 (12%) births were preterm.

Infant Mortality

**Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births
Warwick and Rhode Island**

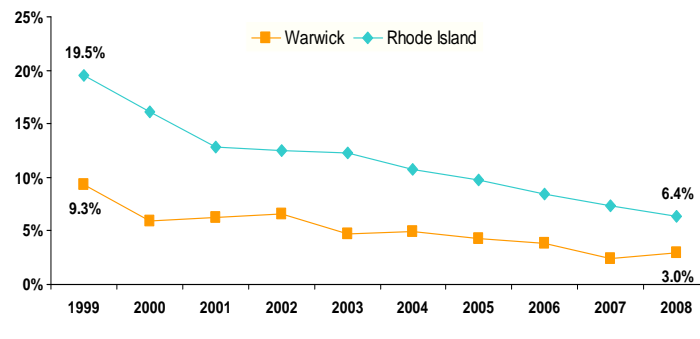


Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database 2001-2005.

- The infant mortality rate in Warwick was 5.2 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, lower than the state rate of 6.4.
- Infant mortality is associated with a variety of factors including: women's health status, quality and access to medical care, socio-economic conditions, and public health practices.

Children with Lead Poisoning

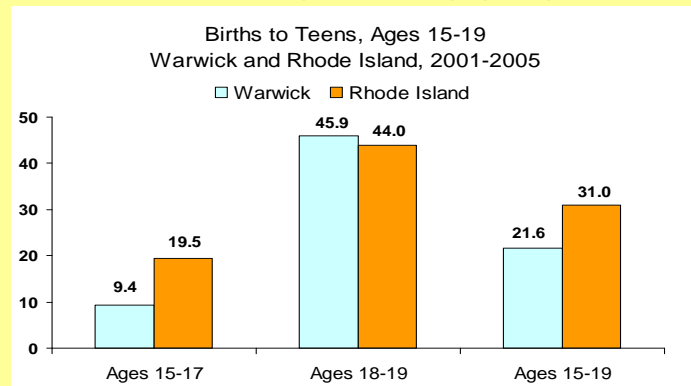
**Percentage of Children Entering Kindergarten in 1999-2008 with
Blood Lead Levels >10 ug/dL**



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, 1996-2005.

- Throughout the late 1990s, both Warwick and the state saw dramatic decreases in the number of children entering kindergarten with a history of elevated lead levels.
- The percentage of kindergarteners entering school with blood lead levels greater than 10 ug/dL in Warwick is less than half the state rate.

Births to Teens



Source: Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database 2001-2005.

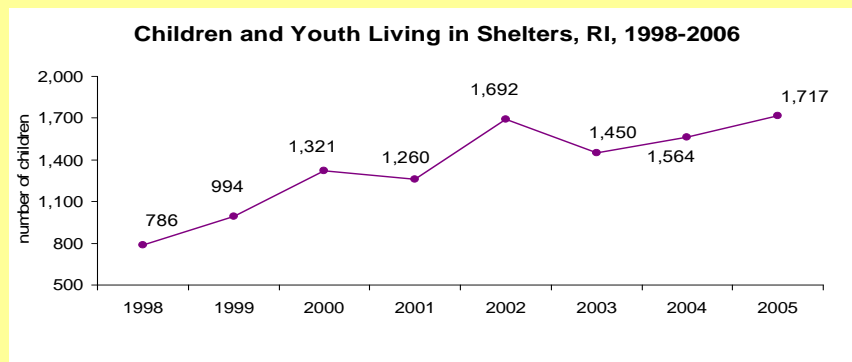
- Between 2001-2005, there were 256 births to teen girls ages 15 to 19 in Warwick, with 74 of these births occurring to teens ages 15-17 and 182 occurring to teens ages 18-19.
- Between 2001-2005 in Rhode Island, there were 102 births to girls ages 12-14, 1,922 births to girls ages 15-17, and 3,857 births to girls ages 18-19.

Childhood Obesity

- A 2003 study showed 16% of Rhode Island children ages 6-17 were overweight and 15% were at risk for being overweight.
- The rate of obesity in Rhode Island high school students increased from 9% in 2001 to 13% in 2005, a statistically significant increase.
- Although 13% of Rhode Island high school students were overweight in 2005, 33% considered themselves overweight and many attempted to lose weight by changing their eating and exercise habits.
- Between 2001-2005 in Rhode Island, 20% of kindergarteners entered school obese (with a BMI greater than the 95th percentile).

Safety

Homeless Children and Youth



Source: Rhode Island Emergency Shelter Information Project, Annual Reports 1998-2006.

- Of the 6,408 people who received shelter services in Rhode Island in 2005, 213 people claimed Warwick as their city of last residence, 6th highest in the state.
- Nearly half (45%) of the 1,717 children receiving shelter in Rhode Island between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005, were ages 5 or under. Thirty-eight percent of children were ages 6 to 12.
- In Rhode Island in 2005-2006, 882 families received shelter services, a 9% increase from last year and a 50% increase from 2000-2001.
- The two largest family shelters were unable to enter data in the HMIS system in 2006. RIESIP estimates that with those shelters added in, the total number of homeless children and youth would have been between 1,750 and 1,800.

Juveniles in Family Court & the Rhode Island Training School

- During 2006 in Rhode Island, 5,579 youth were referred to Family Court for 9,254 wayward and delinquent offenses.
 - *Property crimes (27%), status offenses (17%), and disorderly conduct (17%) accounted for over half of all the offenses.*
 - *Violent crimes and simple assault accounted for 15% of the referrals.*
- 48% of adjudicated youth at the Training School had at some point in their childhood been victims of documented child abuse or neglect.
- Of those at the Rhode Island Training School with a reported address in 2006, 43 were from Warwick, the 5th highest in the state.

Children of Incarcerated Parents

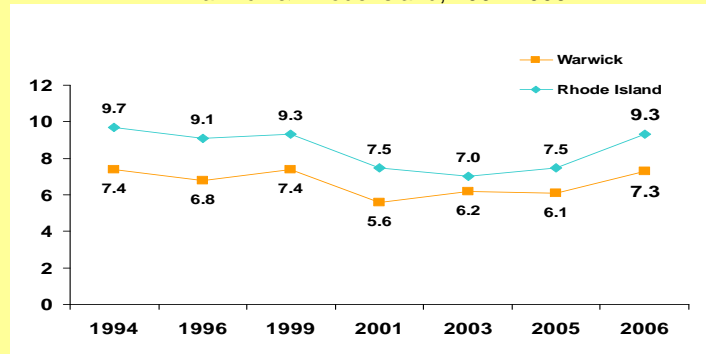
- In the United States there are approximately 1.5 million children who have a parent in state or federal prison.
- In 2006, 1,269 adults at the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions reported having 2,804 children.
- 73 of these parents (with 146 children) reported Warwick as their last residence.
- In 2006, 7.8 per 1,000 children in Warwick have parents who are incarcerated which is lower than the state rate of 11.3 per 1,000 children.

Source: Rhode Island Department of Corrections, 2006.

Child Abuse & Neglect

Indicated Investigations of Child Abuse and Neglect per 1,000 Children

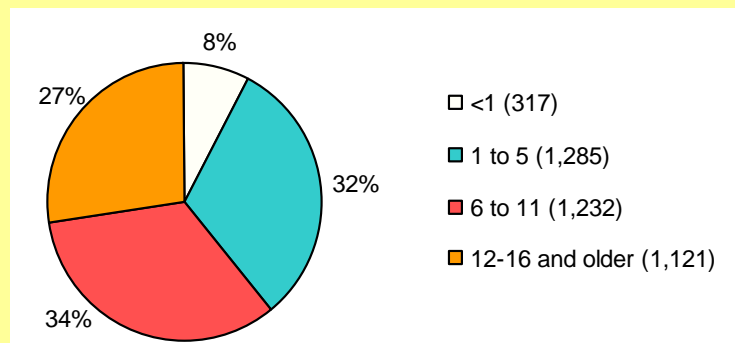
Warwick & Rhode Island, 1994-2006



Source: Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families 1994-2006.

- In 2006 in Rhode Island, there were 14,957 unduplicated reports of child abuse and neglect, 8,841 completed investigations, leading to 2,862 indicated investigations of child abuse and neglect involving 3,959 children.
- In Warwick in 2006, there were 156 indicated investigations of child abuse and neglect.

Rhode Island Child Abuse and Neglect

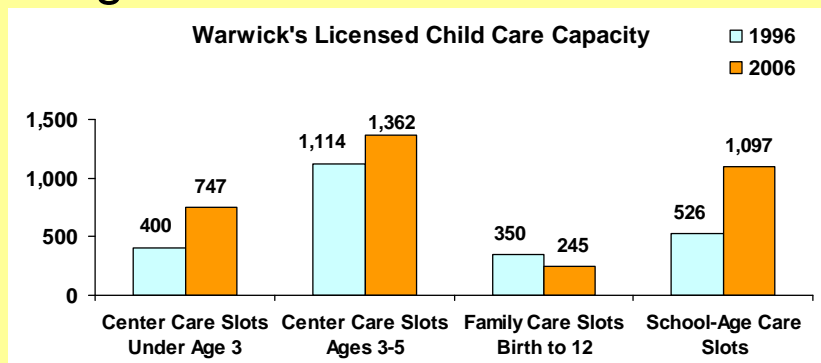


Source: Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families, RICHIST, 2006.

In 2006 in Rhode Island, 40% of victims were younger than 6 years old, accounting for approximately 2 out of 5 incidents.

Education

Regulated Child Care in Warwick



Source: Options for Working Parents, December 2006 data.

- Warwick's total licensed child care capacity has increased from 2,390 slots in 1996 to 3,451 slots in 2006.
- In 2006 in Rhode Island, there were 26,243 slots for children under age 6 in licensed child care centers and certified family child care homes.
- Accreditation is often used to mark higher levels of quality. In Warwick in 2007, 5 out of 28 child care centers were NAEYC accredited and none of the family childcare providers were NAFCC accredited.

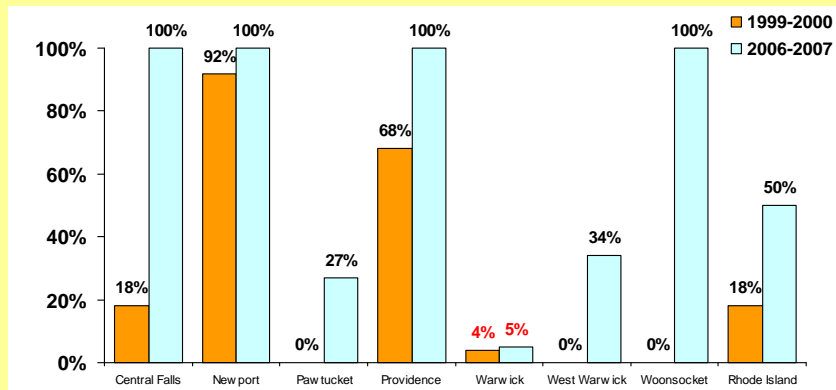
Children Enrolled in Early Head Start, 2006

- According to Census 2000, an estimated 188 children in Warwick under age 3 were eligible for enrollment in the Early Head Start program. In 2006, 64 (34%) of these children were enrolled in Early Head Start.
- In 2006, Early Head Start served 5% of the estimated 7,342 eligible children under age 3 in Rhode Island.

Children Enrolled in Head Start, 2006

- According to Census 2000, an estimated 137 children in Warwick ages 3-4 were eligible for enrollment in the Head Start preschool program. In 2006, 227 Warwick children were enrolled in Head Start.
- In 2006, Head Start served 50% of the estimated 4,848 eligible children ages 3-4 in Rhode Island.

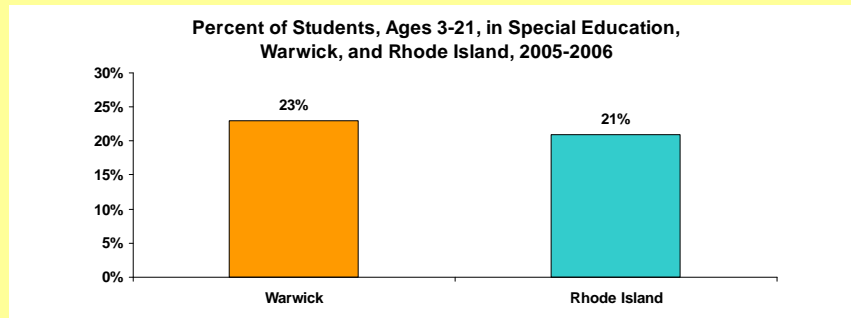
Children in Full Day Kindergarten



Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 1999-2000 and 2006-2007.

- In Warwick in 2006, 36 out of 701 children who attended kindergarten were in a full-day program.
- As of the 2006-2007 school year, 13 school districts in RI offered universal access to full-day kindergarten programs. Another 7 school districts operated at least one full-day kindergarten classroom.

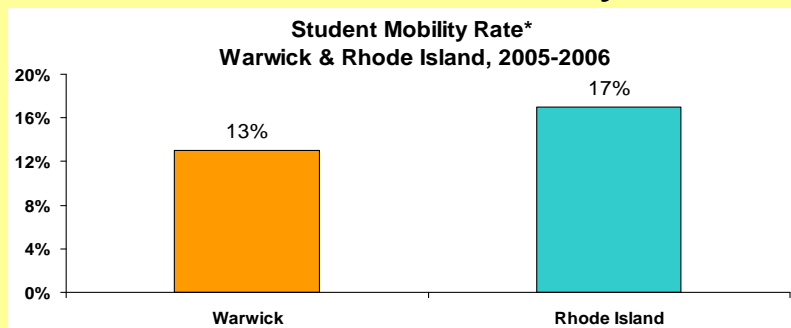
Children Enrolled in Special Education



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2005-2006.

- In the 2005-2006 school year, 23% of Warwick's children ages 3-21 were enrolled in special education, compared to 21% for the state as a whole.
- Between 1992-1993 and 2005-2006 school years, special education enrollment in Rhode Island increased by 49%.
- In the 2004-2005 school year (the most recent year national data were tabulated), Rhode Island had the highest percentage of public school students identified as disabled and receiving special education services.

Student Mobility



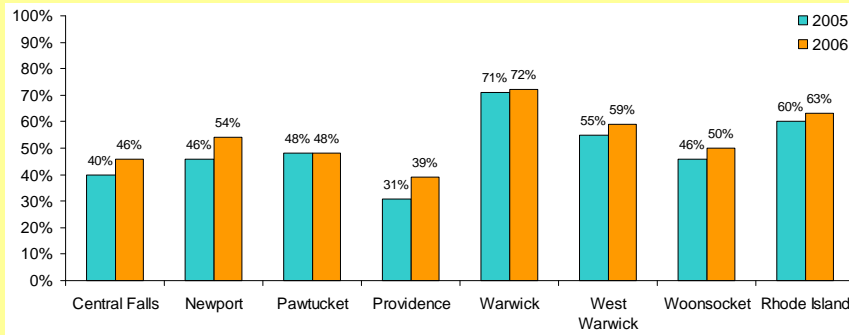
Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2005-2006.

- In Rhode Island, students who move are absent more often than students who do not move.
- Thirty-one percent of students who did not move missed 16 or more days of school, compared to 42% of students who moved at least once during the same time period.
- Children who move perform worse on standardized tests than children who have not experienced mobility. The more frequent the number of moves, the worse the performance.

* The mobility rate is the total children enrolled and exited during a year over the total year's enrollment.

Fourth-Grade Reading Skills

Percentage of Fourth Graders Reading at or above the Proficiency Level
Warwick, Core Cities and Rhode Island, 2005-2006



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2005 – 2006 school year.

- Low reading ability in fourth grade has long-term implications for students.
- Warwick has a 72% fourth-grade reading proficiency level which is higher than the state rate of 63%.

New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)

NECAP 8th Grade Reading and Math Proficiency
Fall 2005 & 2006

	Reading		Mathematics	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Central Falls	27%	27%	16%	13%
Newport	50%	46%	39%	51%
Pawtucket	44%	40%	37%	32%
Providence	25%	34%	20%	25%
Warwick	59%	64%	52%	50%
West Warwick	56%	59%	51%	51%
Woonsocket	28%	31%	29%	19%
Rhode Island	56%	58%	47%	47%

High Performing Schools

- In 2006 in Rhode Island, 182 schools (57%) were classified as high performing.
- In 2006, 76 schools (24%) were classified as moderately performing.
- In 2006, 61 schools (19%) were classified as making insufficient progress.

Warwick has one high school, three middle schools, and eighteen elementary schools that are high performing. Two of the elementary schools are moderately performing, and two of the high schools are making insufficient progress.

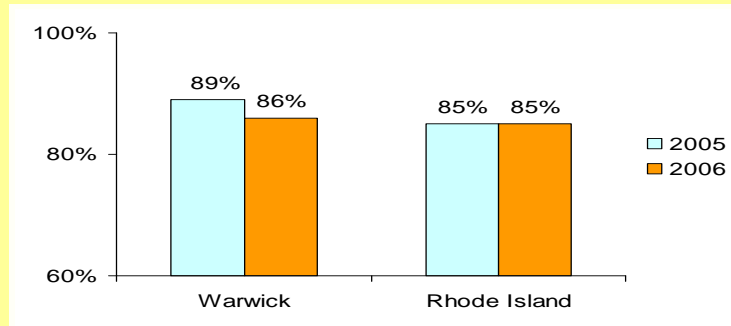
School Suspensions, 2005-2006

School District	# of Students Enrolled	Out-of-School Suspension	In-School Suspension	Alternate Program Placement	Total Disciplinary Actions	Actions per 100 Students
Warwick	11,177	2,358	1,355	0	3,713	33
Rhode Island	149,681	30,035	14,068	405	44,509	30

Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2005-2006.

- Suspended students are more likely to have poor academic performance and to drop out of school.
- Low-income and minority students are at increased risk for suspension. In Rhode Island in 2005-2006, 55% of disciplinary actions were to students in the core cities, even though students in the core cities only make up 34% of the total student population in the state.
- In Warwick during the 2005-2006 school year, there were 33 disciplinary actions taken for every 100 students, compared with 30 in Rhode Island as a whole.

High School Graduation Rate, 2005-2006



Source: Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2005 and 2006.

- Warwick has a graduation rate of 86%, compared with the state rate of 85%. Students who drop out of high school are more likely to be unemployed than their peers and are also more likely to have lower lifetime earnings.
- In 2006, the high school attendance rate in Warwick was 91%, compared to 90% for the state as a whole.

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