

# Children Enrolled in Early Head Start

Table 29.

Children Ages Birth to 3 Enrolled in Early Head Start, Rhode Island, 2008

CITY/TOWN	# OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 3	ESTIMATED # OF CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY HEAD START*	# OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN EARLY HEAD START	% of ESTIMATED ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN EARLY HEAD START
Barrington	567	13	0	0%
Bristol	582	66	3	5%
Burrillville	525	70	8	11%
Central Falls	933	526	50	9%
Charlestown	266	36	0	0%
Coventry	1,268	112	15	13%
Cranston	2,499	276	18	7%
Cumberland	1,232	102	0	0%
East Greenwich	378	33	0	0%
East Providence	1,563	274	17	6%
Exeter	160	44	0	0%
Foster	126	0	0	NA
Glocester	261	16	2	13%
Hopkinton	240	46	0	0%
Jamestown	153	0	0	NA
Johnston	951	111	10	9%
Lincoln	654	43	0	0%
Little Compton	111	5	0	0%
Middletown	685	83	14	17%
Narragansett	346	27	0	0%
New Shoreham	32	2	0	0%
Newport	996	439	56	13%
North Kingstown	1,010	135	0	0%
North Providence	893	157	9	6%
North Smithfield	368	28	1	4%
Pawtucket	2,765	1,021	1	<1%
Portsmouth	622	33	3	9%
Providence	7,397	3,819	52	1%
Richmond	348	16	0	0%
Scituate	451	17	0	0%
Smithfield	499	10	3	29%
South Kingstown	807	41	0	0%
Tiverton	522	29	4	14%
Warren	329	43	6	14%
Warwick	2,741	260	64	25%
West Greenwich	175	11	0	0%
West Warwick	1,146	386	48	12%
Westerly	824	146	0	0%
Woonsocket	2,041	890	0	0%
Homeless	NA	NA	1	NA
Core Cities	15,278	7,080	207	3%
Remainder of State	22,188	2,285	177	8%
Rhode Island	37,466	9,365	385	4%

## Source of Data for Table/Methodology

Rhode Island Early Head Start Programs, children enrolled as of October 2008. Children enrolled are listed by residence of child, not location of the Head Start program.

The estimated Early Head Start eligible population was adjusted in the 2009 Factbook to reflect increased income eligibility guidelines passed as part of the *Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007*. The estimated number of Early Head Start eligible children is calculated by multiplying the number of children under age three in each community by the percentage of children under age five living in families with incomes below 130% of the poverty level in that community, according to Census 2000, Summary File 3. These rates cannot be compared with rates in previous Factbooks.

\*These are estimates of the eligible population and do not take into account other children who are eligible for Early Head Start services (e.g., children in homeless families) or changes in child population and poverty rates since 2000. Also, Early Head Start regulations allow 10% of enrolled children to be in families with incomes over the threshold.

Core cities are Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick and Woonsocket.

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