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Study: R.I. ranks No. 26 for child well-being

PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island ranks No. 26 in the country and last in New England for overall child well-being, according to the 2014 **Kids Count** Data Book released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

State rankings are based on an index of 16 indicators in four key domains – health, education, economic well-being, and family and community. While Rhode Island improved in 11 of the 16 indicators, the state's overall ranking at No. 26 was unchanged from the 2013 data book report.

In the four key domains, Rhode Island improved its score for economic well-being (which climbed to No. 26 from No. 31 last year), while its education and health scores dropped. Rhode Island ranked No. 25 in education, down from No. 24 in 2013, and ranked No. 15 in health compared with No. 5 last year.