

Children in Single-Parent Families

➤ Rhode Island ranked **6th** in New England in 2014 for the percentage of children under age 18 living in families headed by a person – male or female – without a spouse present in the home. Rhode Island ranked **47th** in the U.S.

NH	26%
VT	26%
CT	27%
MA	29%
ME	33%
<i>RI</i>	39%
US	35%

Secure Parental Employment

➤ Rhode Island ranked **5th** in New England in 2014 for the percentage of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment. Rhode Island ranked **33rd** in the U.S.

NH	24%
CT	28%
MA	28%
VT	28%
ME	32%
<i>RI</i>	32%
US	30%

Children in Poverty

➤ Rhode Island ranked **6th** in New England in 2014 for the percentage of children under age 18 living in households with incomes below the federal poverty threshold. Rhode Island ranked **26th** in the U.S.

NH	13.0%
CT	14.9%
MA	15.2%
VT	15.8%
ME	19.1%
<i>RI</i>	19.8%
US	21.7%

Children's Health Insurance

➤ Rhode Island ranked **3rd** in New England in 2014 for the percentage of children without health insurance. Rhode Island ranked **7th** in the U.S.

MA	1.5%
VT	2.2%
<i>RI</i>	3.3%
CT	3.7%
NH	4.4%
ME	6.3%
US	6.0%

* 1st is best and 6th is worst in New England; 1st is best and 50th is worst in the U.S.

Preterm Births

➤ Rhode Island ranked 4th in New England in 2014 for the percentage of infants born preterm (births occurring before the 37th week of pregnancy). Rhode Island ranked 12th in the U.S.

VT	7.9%
NH	8.2%
ME	8.4%
MA	8.6%
RI	8.6%
<u>CT</u>	<u>9.2%</u>
US	9.6%

Low Birthweight Infants

➤ Rhode Island ranked 2nd in New England in 2014 for the percentage of infants born low birthweight (weighing less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds). Rhode Island ranked 15th in the U.S.

NH	6.9%
RI	7.1%
VT	7.1%
MA	7.5%
ME	7.6%
<u>CT</u>	<u>7.6%</u>
US	8.0%

Infant Mortality

➤ Rhode Island ranked 2nd in New England in 2014 for the number of deaths occurring to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. Rhode Island ranked 3rd in the U.S.

NH	4.3
MA	4.4
RI	4.4
VT	4.6
CT	4.9
<u>ME</u>	<u>6.7</u>
US	5.8

Births to Teens

➤ Rhode Island ranked 5th in New England in 2014 for the number of births to teen girls ages 15 to 19 (per 1,000 teen girls ages 15-19). Rhode Island ranked 7th in the U.S.

MA	10.6
NH	11.0
CT	11.5
VT	14.2
RI	15.8
<u>ME</u>	<u>16.5</u>
US	24.2

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Child Deaths

➤ Rhode Island ranked **3rd** in New England in 2014 for the number of deaths from all causes to children ages 1 to 14 (per 100,000 children ages 1 to 14). Rhode Island ranked **4th** in the U.S.

CT	9
MA	12
RI	12
ME	13
NH	13
VT	15*
US	16

*Unreliable

Teen Deaths

➤ Rhode Island ranked **1st** in New England in 2014 for the lowest number of deaths from all causes to teens ages 15 to 19 (per 100,000 teens ages 15 to 19). Rhode Island ranked **1st** in the U.S.

RI	22*
MA	29
CT	30
NH	34
VT	34*
ME	51
US	46

*Unreliable due to small numbers

4th Grade Reading Skills

➤ Rhode Island ranked **5th** in New England in 2015 for the percentage of 4th graders who scored at or above proficiency in reading on the *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)*. Rhode Island ranked **9th** in the U.S.

MA	50%
NH	46%
VT	45%
CT	43%
RI	40%
ME	36%
US	35%

8th Grade Reading Skills

➤ Rhode Island ranked **6th** in New England in 2015 for the percentage of 8th graders who scored at or above proficiency in reading on the *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)*. Rhode Island ranked **25th** in the U.S.

MA	46%
NH	45%
VT	44%
CT	43%
ME	36%
RI	35%
US	33%

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High School Graduation Rate

➤ Rhode Island ranked **6th** in New England for the percentage of 12th grade students in the class of 2014 who graduated from high school in four years. Rhode Island ranked **34th** in the U.S.

NH	88%
VT	88%
CT	87%
ME	87%
MA	86%
<i>RI</i>	<i>81%</i>
US	82%

Teens Not in School and Not Working

➤ Rhode Island ranked **6th** in New England in 2014 for the percentage of teens ages 16 to 19 who are not enrolled in school, not in the Armed Forces, and not employed. Rhode Island ranked **20th** in the U.S.

CT	5%
MA	5%
NH	5%
VT	5%
ME	6%
<i>RI</i>	<i>7%</i>
US	7%

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