

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%
<u>RI</u>	<u>39%</u>
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%
<u>RI</u>	<u>32%</u>
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%
<u>RI</u>	<u>19.8%</u>
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%
<u>RI</u>	<u>3.3%</u>
CT	3.7%
NH	4.4%
<u>ME</u>	<u>6.3%</u>
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%
CT	9.2%
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%
CT	7.6%
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
ME	6.7
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
ME	16.5
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%
<u>RI</u>	<u>81%</u>
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%
<u>RI</u>	<u>7%</u>
US	7%

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