2017 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

New England and U.S. Ranks*



Children in Single-Parent Families

Rhode Island ranked 6th in New England in 2015 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 43rd in the U.S.

VT	28%
NH	30%
CT	32%
MA	33%
ME	35%
RI	40%
US	35%

Secure Parental Employment

Rhode Island ranked 5th in New England in 2015 for the percentage of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment. Rhode Island ranked 30th in the U.S.

NH	24%
VT	26%
CT	27%
MA	28%
RI	29%
ME	32%
US	30%

Children in Poverty

Rhode Island ranked 6th in New England in 2015 for the percentage of children under age 18 living in households with incomes below the federal poverty threshold. Rhode Island ranked 24th in the U.S.

NH	10.7%
VT	13.3%
CT	14.5%
MA	14.8%
ME	17.4%
RI	19.4%
US	20.7%

Children's Health Insurance

➤ Rhode Island ranked **5**th in New England in 2015 for the percentage of children without health insurance. Rhode Island ranked **15**th in the U.S.

VT	1.0%
MA	1.1%
NH	2.7%
CT	3.3%
RI	3.4%
ME	5.7%
US	4.8%

2017 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook

New England and U.S. Ranks*



Preterm Births

Rhode Island ranked 5th in New England in 2015 for the percentage of infants born preterm (births occurring before the 37th week of pregnancy). Rhode Island ranked 13th in the U.S.

VT	7.3%
NH	7.9%
MA	8.4%
ME	8.5%
RI	8.6%
CT	9.4%
US	9.6%

Low Birthweight Infants

Rhode Island ranked **5**th in New England in 2015 for the percentage of infants born low birthweight (weighing less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds). Rhode Island ranked **20**th in the U.S.

VT	6.6%
NH	6.9%
ME	6.9%
MA	7.5%
RI	7.6%
CT	7.9%
US	8.1%

Infant Mortality

Rhode Island ranked 4th in New England in 2015 for the number of deaths occurring to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. Rhode Island ranked 18th in the U.S.

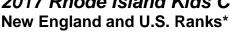
NH	4.2
MA	4.3
VT	4.6
RI	5.6
CT	5.6
ME	6.6
US	5.9

Births to Teens

Rhode Island ranked 5th in New England in 2015 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.

IVIA	9.4
CT	10.1
NH	10.9
VT	11.6
RI	14.3
ME	15.4
US	22.3

2017 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook





Child Deaths

Rhode Island ranked 4th in New England in 2015 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	8
MA	11
RI	12
ME	13
NH	12
VT	**
US	16

^{*}Unreliable due to small numbers

Teen Deaths

Rhode Island ranked 3rd in New England in 2015 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 4th in the U.S.

CT	30
RI	31
MA	31
NH	32
VT	32*
ME	42
US	48

^{*}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 **6**th 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.

46%
45%
44%
43%
36%
35%
33%

^{* 1&}lt;sup>st</sup> is best and 6th is worst in New England; 1st is best and 50th is worst in the U.S.

^{**}Suppressed

2017 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook New England and U.S. Ranks*



High School Graduation Rate

Rhode Island ranked 6th in New England for the percentage of 12th grade students in the class of 2015 who graduated from high school in four years. Rhode Island ranked 29th in the U.S.

NH	88%
VT	88%
ME	88%
MA	87%
CT	87%
RI	83%
US	83%

Teens Not in School and Not Working

Rhode Island ranked **5**th in New England in 2015 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 **20**th in the U.S.

VT	4%
MA	4%
NH	4%
CT	5%
RI	7%
ME	7%
US	7%

For more information on these and other indicators, please see the 2017 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook at www.rikidscount.org.