

**Children in Single-Parent Families**

- Rhode Island ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** 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 **43<sup>rd</sup>** in the U.S.

VT	28%
NH	30%
CT	32%
MA	33%
ME	35%
<u>RI</u>	<u>40%</u>
US	35%

**Secure Parental Employment**

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** 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 **30<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

NH	24%
VT	26%
CT	27%
MA	28%
RI	29%
<u>ME</u>	<u>32%</u>
US	30%

**Children in Poverty**

- Rhode Island ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** 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 **24<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

NH	10.7%
VT	13.3%
CT	14.5%
MA	14.8%
ME	17.4%
<u>RI</u>	<u>19.4%</u>
US	20.7%

**Children’s Health Insurance**

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2015 for the percentage of children without health insurance. Rhode Island ranked **15<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

VT	1.0%
MA	1.1%
NH	2.7%
CT	3.3%
RI	3.4%
<u>ME</u>	<u>5.7%</u>
US	4.8%

\* 1<sup>st</sup> is best and 6<sup>th</sup> is worst in New England; 1<sup>st</sup> is best and 50<sup>th</sup> is worst in the U.S.

**Preterm Births**

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

VT	7.3%
NH	7.9%
MA	8.4%
ME	8.5%
<i>RI</i>	8.6%
<u>CT</u>	<u>9.4%</u>
US	9.6%

**Low Birthweight Infants**

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** 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<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

VT	6.6%
NH	6.9%
ME	6.9%
MA	7.5%
<i>RI</i>	7.6%
<u>CT</u>	<u>7.9%</u>
US	8.1%

**Infant Mortality**

- Rhode Island ranked **4<sup>th</sup>** 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 **18<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

NH	4.2
MA	4.3
VT	4.6
<i>RI</i>	5.6
CT	5.6
<u>ME</u>	<u>6.6</u>
US	5.9

**Births to Teens**

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** 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 **7<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

MA	9.4
CT	10.1
NH	10.9
VT	11.6
<i>RI</i>	14.3
<u>ME</u>	<u>15.4</u>
US	22.3

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**Child Deaths**

- Rhode Island ranked **4<sup>th</sup>** 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 **4<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

CT	8
MA	11
RI	12*
ME	13
NH	12
VT	**
US	16

\*Unreliable due to small numbers  
 \*\*Suppressed

**Teen Deaths**

- Rhode Island ranked **3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 **4<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

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

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**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Skills**

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

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Skills**

- Rhode Island ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** in New England in 2015 for the percentage of 8<sup>th</sup> graders who scored at or above proficiency in reading on the *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)*. Rhode Island ranked **25<sup>th</sup>** 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 **6<sup>th</sup>** in New England for the percentage of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the class of 2015 who graduated from high school in four years. Rhode Island ranked **29<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

NH	88%
VT	88%
ME	88%
MA	87%
CT	87%
<u>RI</u>	<u>83%</u>
US	83%

**Teens Not in School and Not Working**

- Rhode Island ranked **5<sup>th</sup>** 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<sup>th</sup>** in the U.S.

VT	4%
MA	4%
NH	4%
CT	5%
<i>RI</i>	7%
<u>ME</u>	<u>7%</u>
US	7%

For more information on these and other indicators, please see the *2017 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook* at [www.rikidscount.org](http://www.rikidscount.org).

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