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## Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Makes Data Local at *Warwick Data in Your Backyard Event*

*Child abuse and neglect rate below state average*

*Falling teen birth rate*

*Low percentage of students in full-day kindergarten*

**Warwick, RI (October 13, 2015)** – At the *Warwick Data in Your Backyard* event, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Policy Analyst John Neubauer presented data on the well-being of Warwick children and youth to an audience of community leaders and policy makers. The presentation's data comes from the *2015 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook*, and includes improvements and declines in the economic well-being, education, health, and safety. The presentation was brought to the community in partnership with the Warwick Coalition to Prevent Child Abuse and was held on **Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Warwick Public Library**, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI.

“We’re proud to partner with the Warwick Coalition to Prevent Child Abuse on the *Warwick Data in Your Backyard* presentation,” said Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Executive Director of Rhode Island KIDS COUNT. “The event is a great way to examine trends in child outcomes, identify successes and challenges, and develop strategies to support Warwick children and families.”

### Economic Snapshot

- *Children in poverty:* In 2014, the federal poverty threshold was \$19,073 for a family of three with two children and \$24,008 for a family of four with two children. Warwick's child poverty rate of 8.4% is less than half the state rate of 19.5%. However, as one of Rhode Island's largest communities, Warwick has nearly 1,300 children living in poverty.
- *Cost of housing:* The average monthly cost of rent in Warwick is \$1,308, above the statewide average of \$1,172.
- *Homeless Children:* During the 2013-2014 school year, Warwick Public Schools identified 74 children as homeless.

### Child Abuse and Neglect

Children need love, affection, and nurturing from their parents or caregivers for healthy physical and emotional development. Experiencing child abuse or neglect can have lifelong consequences for a child's health, well-being, and relationships with others.

- In 2014, there were 154 Warwick children who were victims of child abuse and neglect, a rate of 9.7 victims per 1,000 children ages birth to 18. This is lower than the state rate of 14.5 victims per 1,000 children.

“Experiencing child abuse or neglect can have a damaging impact on a child’s development,” said Neubauer. “The Warwick Coalition to Prevent Child Abuse is a great example of Warwick’s commitment to keeping their children healthy and safe from harm.”

## **Births to Teens**

- The teen birth rate has fallen both statewide and in Warwick. Between 2009-2013, the birth rate among teen girls in Warwick was 14.2 births per 1,000 teen girls ages 15 to 19, down from 22.8 births per 1,000 teen girls ages 15 to 19 during 2004-2008.
- Warwick’s birth rate for younger teens (6.4 births per 1,000 teen girls ages 15 to 17) is well below the statewide rate (12.4 births per 1,000 teen girls ages 15 to 17).
- For teens ages 18-19, Warwick’s birth rate (29.0 births per 1,000 teen girls ages 17 to 19) is lower than the statewide rate (30.2 births per 1,000 teen girls ages 17 to 19).

“Children of teen parents face a number of challenges,” stated Bryant. “It is important that we ensure that teen parents are connected to the services they need to support their own health and well-being, as well as that of their child.”

## **Infant Outcomes**

Warwick ranks better than the state as a whole in three categories of infant health.

- *Delayed Prenatal Care:* Women receiving late or no prenatal care are at increased risk of poor birth outcomes. In Warwick, 10.6% of pregnant women received delayed prenatal care between 2009-2013, compared to 12.8% of pregnant women in the state as a whole.
- *Low Birthweight:* An infant’s birthweight is a key indicator of newborn health, and low birthweight infants are at greater risk for physical and developmental problems than infants of normal weight. At 6.9%, the percentage of infants born low birthweight in Warwick is below Rhode Island's percentage of 7.6%.
- *Preterm Births:* At 9.9%, Warwick’s rate of preterm births is lower than the state rate of 10.7%.

## **Warwick Public Education**

- *Full Day Kindergarten:* Children in full-day kindergarten make significant gains in early reading, math, and social skills as compared with children in half-day kindergarten. In 2014, 28% of Warwick kindergarten students were enrolled in full-day kindergarten, up from 11% in 2013. Warwick is one of four school districts statewide that does not offer full-day kindergarten to all students.
- *Graduation Rate:* In 2014, 79% of Warwick high school students graduated from high school, compared to the state rate of 81%.

**For trend data and comparisons to Rhode Island statewide rates, please see [Warwick’s Community Snapshot \(attached\)](#). All data and information presented at the *Warwick Data in Your Backyard* is available on Rhode Island KIDS COUNT’s website: [www.rikidscount.org](http://www.rikidscount.org).**

# Rhode Island Kids Count 2015 Factbook

## Indicators of Child Well-Being

### Snapshot of Warwick, Rhode Island



Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000	2010		
Child population	Warwick	18,322	18,780	15,825		
	Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	223,956		
Children in single-parent families	Warwick	NA	NA	23%		
	Rhode Island	NA	28%	31%		
		2009-2013				
Median family income	Warwick	\$74,637	\$79,162			
	Rhode Island	\$66,156	\$67,904			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	Warwick	6.7%	8.4%			
	Rhode Island	16.9%	19.5%			
Economic Well-Being		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Cost of rent	Warwick	\$1,130	\$1,208	\$1,315	\$1,272	\$1,308
	Rhode Island	\$1,165	\$1,150	\$1,176	\$1,154	\$1,172
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Warwick	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Warwick	2,367	2,507	2,627	2,742	2,642
	Rhode Island	59,652	63,783	64,866	63,971	60,982
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Warwick	65%	55%	62%	54%	55%
	Rhode Island	72%	68%	69%	66%	65%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Warwick	14%	13%	14%	18%	18%
	Rhode Island	28%	36%	35%	39%	39%
Health		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Warwick	4,667	4,657	4,631	4,749	5,253
	Rhode Island	92,701	93,691	95,248	96,215	104,532
Infants born at highest risk	Warwick	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
	Rhode Island	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%
		2005-2009	2006-2010	2007-2011	2008-2012	2009-2013
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma	Warwick	8%	8%	8%	7%	6%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	15%	14%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Warwick	11.7%	12.5%	12.5%	11.5%	10.6%
	Rhode Island	14.9%	15.6%	15.0%	13.7%	12.8%
Preterm births	Warwick	11.3%	10.6%	9.9%	9.9%	9.9%
	Rhode Island	11.8%	11.6%	11.1%	10.9%	10.7%
Infants born with low birthweight	Warwick	7.7%	7.7%	7.5%	7.2%	6.9%
	Rhode Island	8.0%	8.0%	7.9%	7.8%	7.6%
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed	Warwick	61%	63%	64%	66%	68%
	Rhode Island	58%	59%	61%	62%	64%
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children under age 18)	Warwick	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.4
	Rhode Island	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 19)	Warwick	22.3	21.3	20.1	16.9	14.2
	Rhode Island	30.1	27.0	25.5	23.3	21.0
Safety - Child Welfare		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims rate (per 1,000 children)	Warwick	8.7	9.8	7.5	7.6	9.7
	Rhode Island	13.3	14.0	13.9	14.0	14.5
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Warwick	6.7	7.8	7.0	5.9	8.6
	Rhode Island	10.4	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.8
Domestic violence incidents with children present	Warwick	22%	23%	26%	41%	NA
	Rhode Island	28%	29%	31%	40%	NA

\*Estimate has a high margin of error due to small sample size.

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<b>Safety - Juvenile Justice</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Youth Violence (# of juvenile arrests for assault and weapons offenses)	Warwick	44	37	39	27	NA
	Rhode Island	885	797	739	660	NA
Youth at the Training School	Warwick	31	24	28	17	23
	Rhode Island	790	641	578	482	482
<b>Education</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Children enrolled in Early Head Start	Warwick	35	53	40	50	43
	Rhode Island	508	519	522	503	527
Children enrolled in Head Start	Warwick	126	132	140	100	118
	Rhode Island	2,471	2,432	2,432	2,040	2,295
Licensed early learning centers	Warwick	26	25	26	27	28
	Rhode Island	330	309	314	309	311
Licensed family child care homes	Warwick	17	13	14	14	11
	Rhode Island	688	639	585	581	552
Licensed early learning centers participating in BrightStars	Warwick	8%	12%	12%	81%	79%
	Rhode Island	7%	12%	15%	78%	78%
Licensed family child care homes participating in BrightStars	Warwick	0%	0%	0%	50%	36%
	Rhode Island	8%	12%	21%	82%	77%
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Warwick	249	241	234	240	314
	Rhode Island	7,622	7,749	7,868	7,696	9,060
Children enrolled in State Pre-K	Warwick	NA	NA	54	36	54
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	144	234	306
Children receiving preschool special education services	Warwick	NA	NA	197	161	141
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	2,927	2,565	2,786
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Warwick	10,316	9,977	9,675	9,393	9,277
	Rhode Island	143,928	142,854	142,481	142,008	141,959
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Warwick	31%	31%	34%	34%	34%
	Rhode Island	43%	44%	46%	47%	47%
Children enrolled in full-day kindergarten	Warwick	10%	10%	11%	11%	28%
	Rhode Island	60%	64%	68%	70%	81%
Students who are English Language Learners	Warwick	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%
Student mobility rate	Warwick	11%	12%	12%	12%	11%
	Rhode Island	14%	14%	14%	13%	13%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above reading proficiency level	Warwick	73%	77%	78%	78%	NA
	Rhode Island	69%	71%	69%	71%	NA
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above math proficiency level	Warwick	69%	70%	70%	66%	NA
	Rhode Island	63%	65%	64%	63%	NA
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above reading proficiency level	Warwick	78%	84%	80%	75%	NA
	Rhode Island	74%	77%	77%	74%	NA
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above math proficiency level	Warwick	55%	58%	57%	61%	NA
	Rhode Island	54%	58%	58%	57%	NA
11 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above math proficiency level	Warwick	31%	25%	28%	33%	NA
	Rhode Island	33%	30%	34%	36%	NA
Schools identified for intervention	Warwick	NA	NA	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	10%	10%	12%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Warwick	10%	9%	8%	8%	7%
	Rhode Island	13%	12%	11%	12%	12%
Chronic absence in high school	Warwick	25%	23%	22%	21%	23%
	Rhode Island	25%	25%	25%	24%	24%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Warwick	25	16	15	19	14
	Rhode Island	30	31	30	23	22
High school graduation rate	Warwick	75%	82%	79%	77%	79%
	Rhode Island	76%	77%	77%	80%	81%