

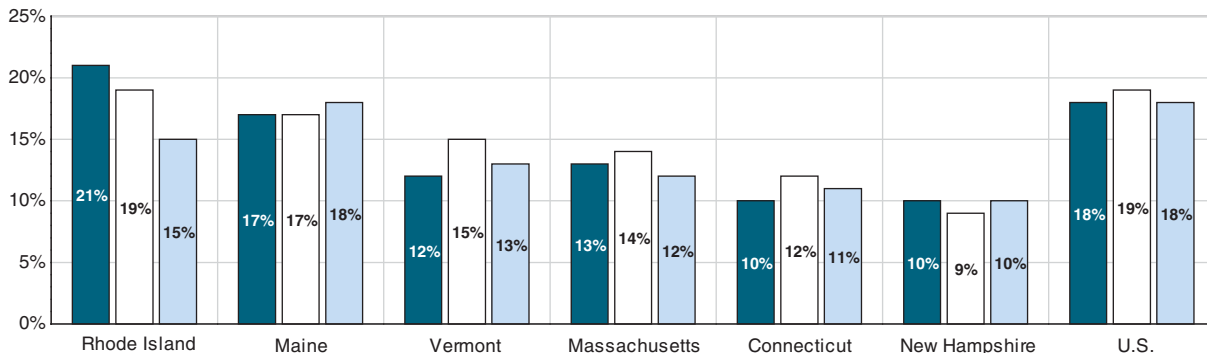
Data from Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT is a statewide children's policy organization dedicated to improving the health, education, economic well-being and safety of children and youth in Rhode Island. Rhode Island KIDS COUNT collects and disseminates data on the well-being of children in Rhode Island and advocates for and facilitates the development of responsive policies and programs. An independent organization, backed by the best research and data available, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT brings together people from across the community, including religious leaders and child advocates, doctors and educators, parents and volunteers, state agency directors and nonprofit leaders, to address the programs facing the state's children, youth, and families.



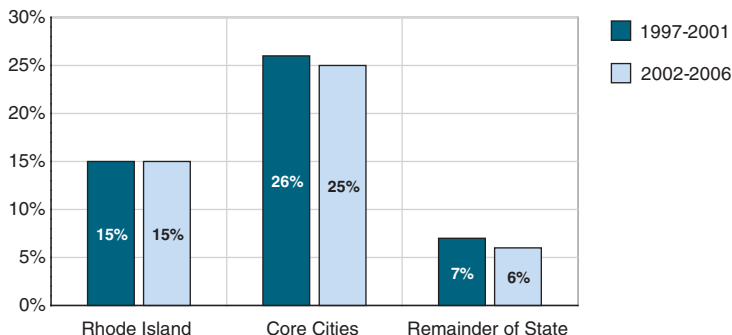
Children under age 18 living in poverty

2004  
2005  
2006



Rhode Island ranked 16th in the U.S. out of 50 states for child-poverty rates in 2006. (1st is best and 50th is worst.)

Percent of births to mothers with less than a high-school diploma

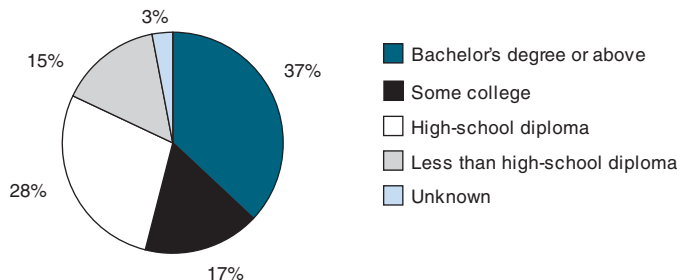


Rhode Island KIDS COUNT defines core cities as those with greater than 15% child poverty according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

Core cities include:

- Central Falls
- Newport
- Pawtucket
- Providence
- West Warwick
- Woonsocket

Maternal education of children born in Rhode Island in 2002-2006



In 2005, 15.4% of Rhode Island births were to mothers with less than a high school education, the 15th highest among the 38 comparable states and lower than the U.S. rate of 20.8%.

Data sources:

U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2004-2006.

Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database, 1997-2001 & 2002-2006.