

B1 Profile for Rhode Island and the Core City Districts

Student Population Indicators

- **Child Population** – 247,822 children under age 18 lived in Rhode Island in 2000, 91,945 of whom lived in the core cities.*
- **Pre-K to 12 Enrollment** – 144,537 students were enrolled in Rhode Island public schools in the 2007-2008 school year, 47,964 of whom were in core city districts.
- **Children in Poverty** – In 2000, 41,162 children under age 18 were living in poverty in Rhode Island, 30,744 of whom were living in the core cities.
- **Single-Parent Families** – In 2000, 30% of Rhode Island children lived in single parent families, compared with 47% of children in the core cities.
- **English Language Learners** – There were 7,427 English Language Learners in Rhode Island public schools in the 2007-2008 school year, 5,637 of whom were in core city districts. ELL students in Rhode Island spoke more than 80 different languages in 2007-2008, the majority speaking Spanish.
- **Special Education** – There were 26,100 students with disabilities in Rhode Island in the 2007-2008 school year, 9,365 of whom were in the core cities.
- **Teen Births** – Between 2003 and 2007, there were 5,664 births to teen girls ages 15-19 living in Rhode Island, 3,950 of which were in the core cities.

* Core cities are those with greater than 15 percent child poverty rates according to the 2000 Census. These include: Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick, and Woonsocket.

- **Student Mobility** – The Rhode Island student mobility rate for the 2007-2008 school year was 16%, compared to 26% in the core city districts.
- **Minority Enrollment** – 31% of students in Rhode Island public schools were minorities in the 2007-2008 school year, compared with 69% in core city districts.

Education Indicators

- **Full-day Kindergarten** – 58% of Rhode Island public school kindergarteners attended full-day programs in the 2008-2009 school year, compared with 95% of kindergarteners in core city districts.
- **4th Grade Reading Skills** – 68% of 4th graders scored at or above proficiency in reading in Rhode Island in 2008, compared with 52% of students in the core city districts.
- **4th Grade Math Skills** – 63% of 4th graders scored at or above proficiency in mathematics in Rhode Island in 2008, compared with 45% of students in the core city districts.
- **8th Grade Reading Skills** – 65% of 8th graders scored at or above proficiency in reading in Rhode Island in 2008, compared with 45% of students in the core city districts.
- **8th Grade Math Skills** – 53% of 8th graders scored at or above proficiency in mathematics in Rhode Island in 2008, compared with 33% of students in the core city districts.
- **% of Seniors Taking the SATs** – 57% of Rhode Island seniors took the SATs in 2008, compared with 53% of seniors in the core city districts.
- **High School Graduation and Dropout Rates** – 74% of Rhode Island high schools students in the 2008 graduating class graduated on-time in four years and 16% of the class dropped out. The remaining 10% of students completed their GEDs within four years or

remained enrolled in high school for more than four years. In the core city districts, 61% of students graduated on-time in four years, 26% dropped out, and the remaining 13% either completed their GEDs within four years or remained enrolled in high school for more than four years.

- **Per Pupil Expenditures** – The general education per pupil annual expenditure for instruction and instructional support in Rhode Island is \$7,246.

Teacher Indicators

- **Long-term Teachers** – 15% of Rhode Island teachers report being in the field of education for more than 25 years.
- **New Teachers** – 2% of Rhode Island teachers report being in the field of education for less than one year.
- **Teacher Mobility** – 29% of Rhode Island teachers report being in their current building for 3 years or less.
- **Professional Development Expenditures** – The 2008 professional development expenditure per pupil in Rhode Island was \$207.

Sources: Rhode Island Department of Education and the 2009 *Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook*