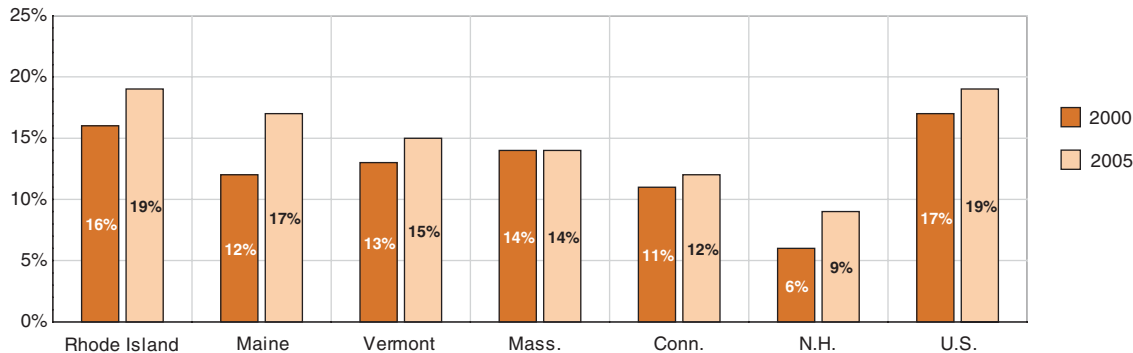


**Data from
Rhode Island
KIDS COUNT**

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT is a statewide children's policy organization dedicated to improving the health, education, economic well-being and safety of Rhode Island's children and youth. Rhode Island KIDS COUNT collects and disseminates data on the well being of Rhode Island's children 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.

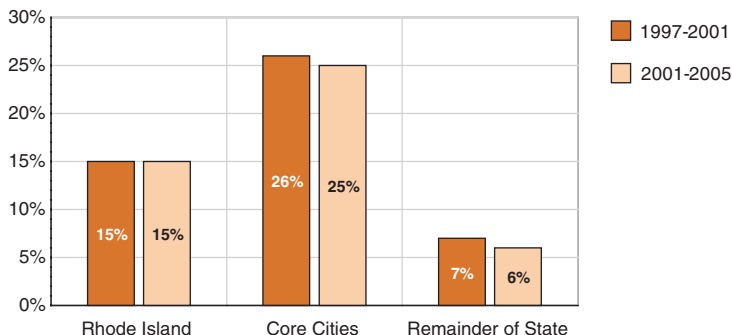


Children under age 18 living in poverty



Rhode Island ranked 35th in the U.S. out of 50 states for child-poverty rates. 1st is best and 50th is worst.

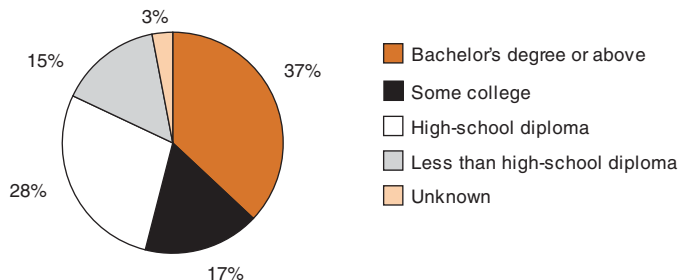
Percent of births to mothers with less than a high-school diploma



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 2001-2005



In 2004, Rhode Island ranked 16th in the U.S. out of 50 states for percent of total births to mothers with less than a high-school diploma. 1st is best and 50th is worst.

Data sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2000 and 2005.
Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Database, 1997-2005.
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