

GRANDFACTS

STATE FACT SHEETS FOR GRANDFAMILIES



The GrandFacts state fact sheets for grandfamilies include state-specific data and programs as well as information about public benefits, educational assistance, legal relationship options and state laws. Visit www.grandfamilies.org to find this and all GrandFacts state fact sheets.

Rhode Island

The Children

- 7,000 (3%) children live with a relative with no parent present.
- 18,205 (8.5%) children under 18 live in homes where householders are grandparents or other relatives.
 - 13,493 (6.3%) of these children live with grandparents.
 - 4,712 (2.2%) of these children live with other relatives.

The Grandparents

- 6,044 grandparents are householders responsible for their grandchildren who live with them. Of these:
 - 1,680 (27.8%) do not have parents present.
 - 3,947 (65.3%) are under age 60.
 - 3,898 (64.5%) are in the workforce.
 - 1,233 (20.4%) are in poverty.
 - 1,203 (19.9%) have a disability.
 - 2,121 (35.1%) are unmarried.
 - Race/Ethnicity:
 - 4,001 (66.2%) are white (not Hispanic or Latino)
 - 592 (9.8%) are black or African American
 - 1,058 (17.5%) are Hispanic or Latino origin
 - 266 (4.4%) are Asian
 - 42 (0.7%) are American Indian or Alaska Native
 - 0 (0.0%) are Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - 151 (2.5%) are multiracial
 - 369 (6.1%) are some other race

Children in Kinship Foster Care

For data on children in kinship care within the child welfare system, see the [Child Trends fact sheet for Rhode Island](#). www.childtrends.org

AARP Foundation's Benefits QuickLink www.aarp.org/quicklink

Benefits QuickLINK, powered by BenefitsCheckUp of the National Council on Aging, offers a free and private way to complete a questionnaire to find out if relatives and/or the children they are raising qualify for certain programs that pay for food, increase income and cover home and healthcare costs. The specific programs covered by the questionnaire in the website are listed below. Once the questionnaire is completed, the website generates a list of eligible programs and contact information household size increases.

Benefits QuickLINK State and Federal Public Benefits	Benefits QuickLINK Public Benefits for Families Raising Children
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicare Savings Programs• Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage• Medicare Rx Extra Help• State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (SPAP)• Medicaid for Aged, Blind, and Disabled• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)• Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)• Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)• State Property Tax Relief/Rebates• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)• Employment Programs• Telephone and Cellphone Assistance• Transportation Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicaid for Children• State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)• TANF-Child Only Grants• Supplemental Security Income for Children• Child Care Assistance

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