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Profiles of Urban Rhode Island

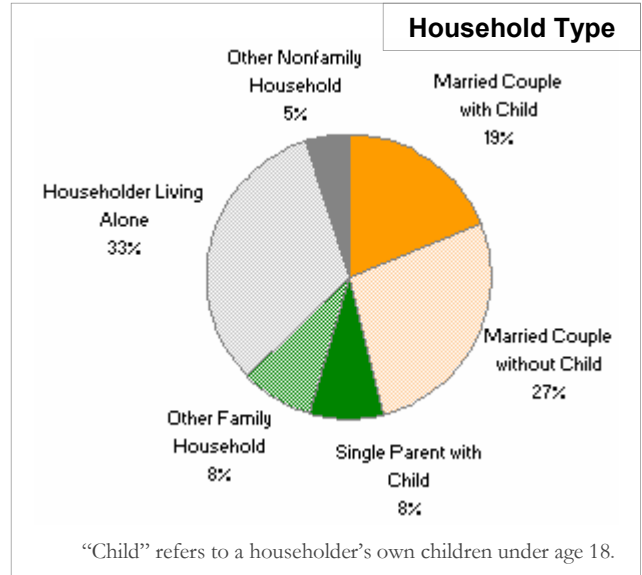
EAST PROVIDENCE

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The population of East Providence decreased by 3% from 1990 to 2000, while the rest of the Urban Ring communities as a whole saw slight growth. The Hispanic population, which grew significantly in all other urban communities, grew by only 3% in East Providence. The overall population in the city is 86% non-Hispanic White, 2% Hispanic, 5% Black or African American, 1% Asian, and 7% “other” or two or more races. Nearly one in four residents speaks a language other than English at home, and 11% speak English less than “very well” — significantly higher proportions than in the rest of the Urban Ring.

Household composition also changed during the 1990s. Fewer households are comprised of families, and a greater number of the family households are headed by a single parent.

Despite a decrease in the overall population, the public school population grew at a modest rate of 6% over the decade. East Providence had the lowest student mobility rate among the ten urban communities and elementary school students in East



Providence performed better than the state average on standardized tests. However, fewer middle school and high school students in the city were meeting the standard in comparison to statewide performance, and the graduation rate is also slightly lower than the state average. The percentage of adult residents who have completed a high school education is slightly lower than the rest of the Urban Ring.

Median family income decreased by 1% from 1989 to 1999. One-third of all households have incomes less than \$25,000, while only 15% have incomes greater than \$75,000. Compared to other Ring Communities, this places more people at the bottom and fewer at the top of the income spectrum. There was a 22% increase in the number of children living in poverty. More than one in ten children are now living in poverty.

As in other Urban Ring communities, services and manufacturing jobs make up most of the city’s employment. Employed residents are most likely to be working in sales and office occupations or in management and professional occupations, and a greater percent of working residents are traveling further to get to their jobs.

The crime rate in East Providence is slightly below the rate for “non-urban” communities throughout the state.

CHANGE OVER THE DECADE				
1990 to 2000	CITY	Since '90	STATE	Since '90
Population ¹	48,688	-3%	1,048,319	4%
Households	20,530	3%	408,424	8%
Families	12,850	-6%	265,398	2%
Public School Enrollment ²	6,605	6%	157,347	17%
1989 to 1999	CITY	Since '89	STATE	Since '89
Median Family Income*	\$48,463	-1%	\$52,781	3%
Families below Poverty	808	19%	23,608	32%
1994 to 2001	CITY	Since '94	STATE	Since '94
Private Employment ^{3,4}	21,560	11%	405,051	10%

* Change in Median Family Income incorporates an inflation adjustment, using the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index.

Rates of Occurrence for Selected Demographic Items

Rates and totals refer to year in column heading unless otherwise denoted.

2000 Comparison Rates

1990 City Rate	2000 City Rate		2000 City Total	Urban Core	Rest of Ring	Non-Urban RI
EAST PROVIDENCE, RI						
POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS						
6%	5%	of the population is under age 5.	2,625	7%	5%	6%
15%	16%	of the population is age 5 to 17.	7,921	18%	16%	18%
9%	7%	of the population is age 18 to 24.	3,620	15%	8%	8%
17%	13%	of the population is age 25 to 34.	6,509	16%	14%	11%
34%	39%	of the population is age 35 to 64.	18,810	32%	40%	42%
19%	19%	of the population is age 65 or over.	9,203	12%	17%	14%
2%	2%	of the population is Hispanic or Latino, of any race.	922	23%	3%	1%
91%	86%	of the population is Non-Hispanic White. ^A	41,630	58%	91%	95%
4%	5%	of the population is Non-Hispanic Black or African American. ^A	2,391	9%	2%	1%
1%	1%	of the population is Non-Hispanic Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander. ^A	577	4%	2%	1%
2%	7%	of the population is Non-Hispanic Some Other Race or Non-Hispanic Two or More Races. ^A	3,168	6%	2%	1%
22%	24%	of the population speaks a language other than English at home. ^B	11,028	38%	13%	10%
10%	11%	of the population speaks English less than "very well." ^B	5,012	18%	4%	3%
68%	63%	of all households are family households.	12,850	59%	64%	71%
8%	13%	of family households are single parents with own child under age 18.	1,720	26%	12%	9%
29%	33%	of the household population lives in a rental housing unit. ^C	16,181	57%	27%	20%
-	78%	of the population age 18 and over was registered for the 2000 RI General Election. ^{D 5}	29,862	71%	88%	92%
-	51%	of registered voters turned out for the 2000 Rhode Island General Election. ^{D 5}	19,426	36%	56%	61%
14%	12%	of the population age 25 and over has less than a 9th Grade education.	4,077	14%	5%	5%
67%	71%	of the population age 25 and over is at least a High School graduate.	24,505	67%	81%	85%
16%	18%	of the population age 25 and over has a Bachelor's Degree or higher.	6,225	20%	23%	31%
POVERTY AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE						
5%	6%	of all families live in poverty in 1999.	808	20%	6%	4%
-	28%	of all female single-parent households live in poverty in 1999. ^E	441	53%	27%	20%
9%	11%	of the population under age 18 live in poverty in 1999.	1,126	35%	9%	6%
9%	10%	of the population age 65 and over live in poverty in 1999.	938	16%	8%	7%
-	1%	of all households have a householder enrolled in the Family Independence Program. ^{F 6}	212	7%	1%	1%
-	20%	of all births were to mothers insured through a public source (1996-2000). ⁷	487	56%	28%	14%
-	31%	of public school students were eligible for free or reduced price lunch (school year 2001-02). ²	2,037	72%	20%	12%
CRIME						
-	21	is the rate of crime per 1000 people. ⁸	1,010 crimes	58	28	22
-	2	is the rate of violent crime per 1000 people. ⁸	112 crimes	6	2	1

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HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP						
96%	96%	of all housing units are occupied.	20,530	92%	96%	91%
60%	59%	of occupied housing units are owner-occupied.	12,096	37%	66%	74%
61%	61%	of occupied housing units have had the same householder for at least 5 years.	12,466	44%	59%	61%
-	15	is the number of people per acre of land in residential use. ⁹	3,323 acres	26	10	4
47%	32%	of Hispanic or Latino householders are homeowners. ^G	83	18%	42%	46%
62%	61%	of White householders are homeowners. ^G	11,045	42%	67%	75%
45%	40%	of Black or African American householders are homeowners. ^G	411	24%	42%	47%
54%	26%	of Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander householders are homeowners. ^G	60	27%	56%	65%
44%	46%	of householders of Some Other Race or Two or More Races are homeowners. ^G	580	22%	46%	50%
32%	30%	of all homeowners are over the age of 65.	3,674	29%	28%	23%
-	13%	of children scheduled to enter kindergarten in 2003 have elevated blood lead levels. ^{H 10}	72	20%	6%	6%
INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT						
-	33%	of households have 1999 incomes under \$25,000.	6,695	44%	27%	21%
-	13%	of households have 1999 incomes of \$25,000 to \$34,999.	2,574	13%	13%	10%
-	18%	of households have 1999 incomes of \$35,000 to \$49,999.	3,674	15%	17%	15%
-	22%	of households have 1999 incomes of \$50,000 to \$74,999.	4,549	15%	22%	23%
-	15%	of households have 1999 incomes of \$75,000 or more.	3,055	13%	21%	31%
24%	20%	of all employment is in the Manufacturing Industry (1994 and 2001). ^{I 3,4}	4,234	16%	17%	19%
18%	15%	of all employment is in the Retail Trade Industry (1994 and 2001). ^{I 3,4}	3,336	18%	26%	25%
6%	12%	of all employment is in Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (1994 and 2001). ^{I 3,4}	2,615	7%	8%	7%
29%	34%	of all employment is in the Services Industry (1994 and 2001). ^{I 3,4}	7,392	49%	33%	30%
6.8%	5.0%	of the workforce is unemployed (1990 and 2001). ^{J 11,12}	1,236	6.3%	4.3%	3.9%
-	28%	of employed residents are in management or professional occupations. ^K	6,571	28%	33%	39%
-	16%	of employed residents are in service occupations. ^K	3,685	17%	16%	15%
-	29%	of employed residents are in sales or office occupations. ^K	6,806	25%	30%	26%
-	18%	of employed residents are in production, transportation, or material moving occupations. ^K	4,089	22%	14%	11%
33%	28%	of workers age 16 and over live and work in the same city or town.	6,257	42%	28%	24%
82%	78%	of commuters age 16 and over travel less than 30 minutes to work, one-way.	17,148	77%	78%	67%
6%	4%	of commuters age 16 and over report commuting to work by public transportation or walking.	973	14%	3%	4%
11%	10%	of households do not have a vehicle available.	2,151	20%	9%	5%

Data Descriptions

- A. Multiple race selections were available *only* for the 2000 Census.; thus, population by race is not directly comparable between 1990 and 2000.
- B. Lingual data items refer to the population age 5 and over.
- C. Household population *excludes* those living in group quarters, such as dormitories or nursing homes.
- D. Number of persons age 18 and over at time of the Census may differ from date of election.
- E. Female single-parent households refer to all such households with *related* children under age 18.
- F. FIP caseload for March 2002. Count of householders enrolled in FIP includes only those householders age 16 to 59. Participation in FIP may vary widely by month.
- G. Race categories for homeowners are inclusive of Hispanic origin. Hence, Black homeowners include both Black Hispanic and Black Non-Hispanic homeowners, and so forth..
- H. Elevated blood lead levels are greater than or equal to 10 microgram per deciliter, at any time prior to December 31, 2001.
- I. Table includes only the four highest employing Major SIC Industry Divisions for the State. Counts are employers-based.
- J. Unemployment total is the average of monthly counts. No seasonal adjustments are made to the rate.
- K. Occupational items deal with the employed civilian workforce age 16 and over. Counts are based on the residence of the employee.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

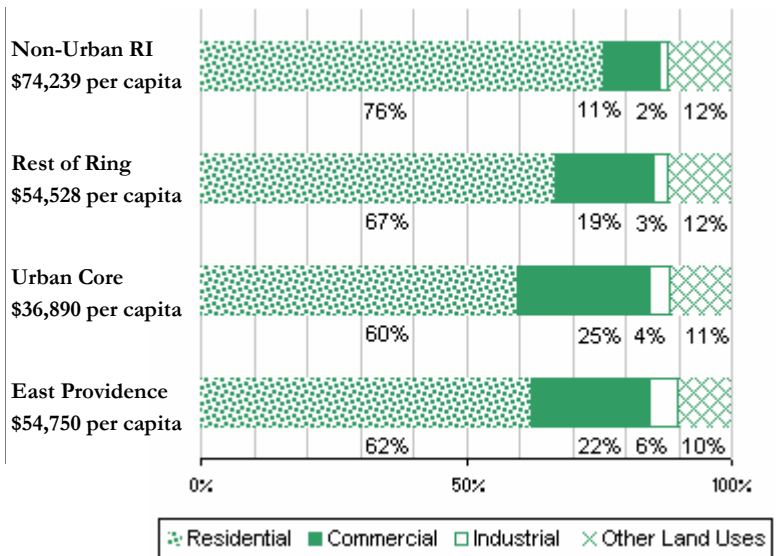
\$4,252	Per pupil expenditure for General Instruction in 2000-01, compared to the State average of <u>\$4312</u> per pupil ²
7%	Portion of students receiving Limited English Proficiency services ²
11	Mobility Index: district avg. of per school movement into or out of a school, with respect to fall enrollments; Index of <u>18</u> for the State ¹³
78%	Graduation Rate for 2001, compared to rate of <u>81%</u> for the State ¹³
913	Average 2001 SAT score for participating test-takers, compared to the State average of <u>982</u> on the combined Math and Verbal sections ²
45%	Portion of district funds from State or Federal sources in 2000-01 ¹³

Meeting or Exceeding the Standard on 2001 State Assessment Tests, Math Skills and Reading Understanding ¹³		
	CITY	STATE
Grade 4 Math	66%	58%
Grade 4 Reading	74%	70%
Grade 8 Math	30%	41%
Grade 8 Reading	41%	49%
Grade 10 Math	34%	38%
Grade 10 Reading	29%	36%

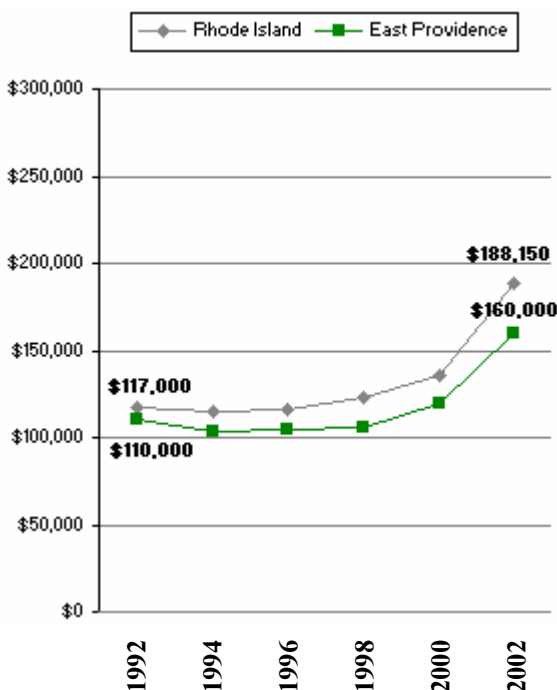
FISCAL HEALTH

A1	Moody's Bond Rating, as of June 2002 ¹⁴
\$500,515	Residential Value <i>per Acre</i> in 2000, compared to <u>\$289,158</u> for the State ⁹
\$3,383	Estimated tax on a \$150,000 home in 2000 ¹³
\$54,750	Overall Property Value <i>per Capita</i> in 2000, compared to <u>\$57,122</u> for the State ⁹

Composition of Property Value Per Capita by Land Use ⁹



Median Sales Price of Single Family Home ¹⁵



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