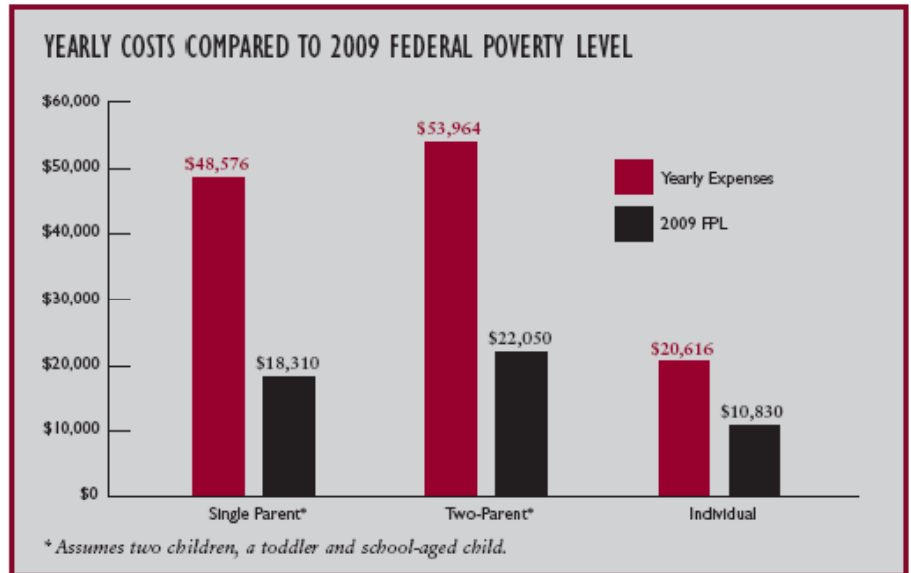


Basic Human Needs in Rhode Island

Poverty

Source: Poverty Institute

- Almost 13% of Rhode Islanders – 135,000 people – live in poverty.
- According to a recent report by the Poverty Institute, the actual standard of need is far greater than the federally defined poverty level. To meet basic needs, single- and two-parent families must earn more than three times the federal poverty level, and an individual needs to earn more than double the federal poverty level.
- Over 80% of single-parent families, 30% of two-parent families, and 50% of individuals in Rhode Island earn less than the amounts required to make ends meet without further support.

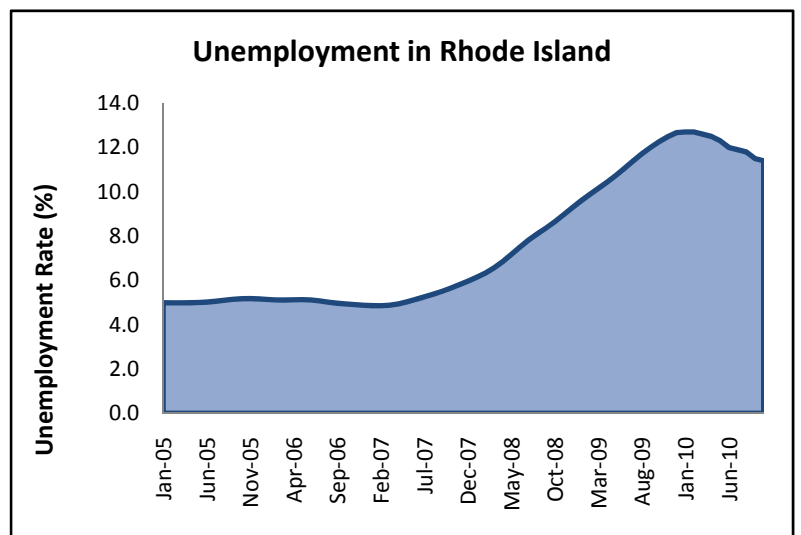


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Unemployment

Source: Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

- Unemployment in Rhode Island remains high, at 11.4% in October. Rhode Island has highest unemployment rate in New England and fifth highest rate in the United States.



Energy

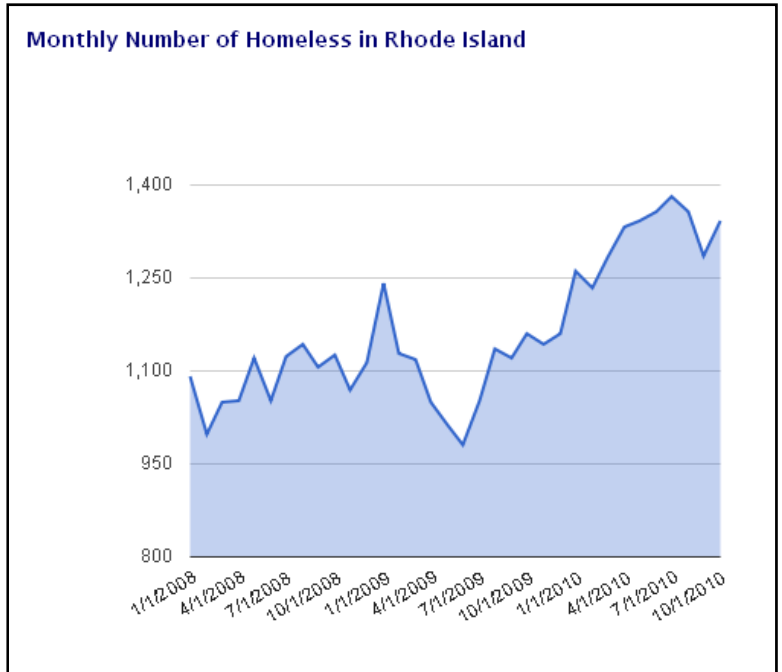
Source: Providence Journal, http://www.projo.com/news/content/HEATING_RESTORE_11-25-10_4OL3UKH_v25.3b21502.html

- So far in 2010, more Rhode Island households have had their utilities shut off for nonpayment than any other year since the state started tracking the number in 1997.
- Through the first 10 months of the year, there were 34,500 shutoffs – more than the 31,107 shutoffs in all of 2009.
- Heating oil costs an average of \$2.95 per gallon, an increase of 6.1% from this time last year and 17.5% from 2008.

Homelessness

Source: Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless

- Rhode Island is experiencing the highest levels of homelessness in the state's history. We have seen a 33% increase in monthly shelter use in just the last two years. As of October 1, 1,342 people were using a shelter. This does not include others who might be considered to be homeless, including those sleeping out of doors or those involuntarily doubled-up with friends or family.
- Of those, 40% are families, and 53% are experiencing homelessness for the first time.
- According to a count in September, there are at least 187 more homeless individuals in Rhode Island than there are beds to shelter them.

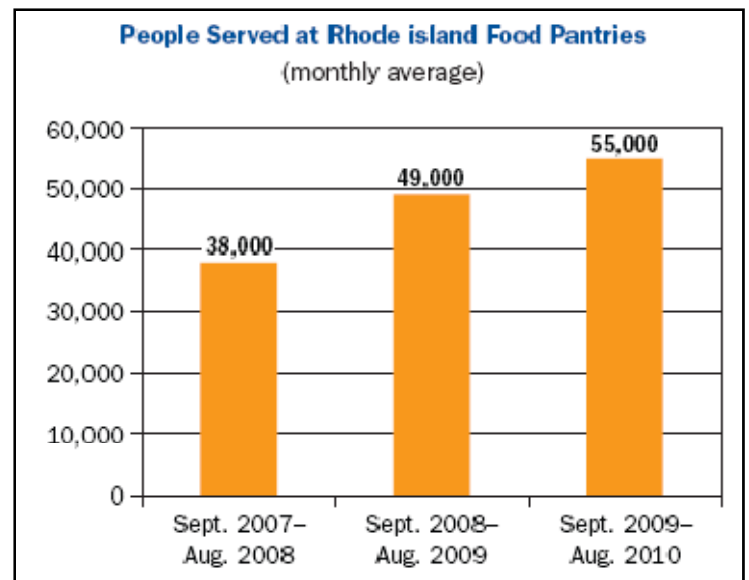


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Hunger

Source: Rhode Island Community Food Bank

- Nearly 14% of Rhode Islanders were "food insecure" in 2009, meaning they cut meal sizes, skipped meals, or ran out of food. This is the second-highest rate in New England.
- 1 in 7 Rhode Islanders participates in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program.
- On average, 55,000 people seek assistance each month from food pantries, an increase of 45% from two years ago.
- The Rhode Island Community Food Bank distributed 9.8 million lbs. of food, a record high, in the twelve months ending in August.



Graph copied from *Status Report on Hunger in Rhode Island 2010* (p. 2), Rhode Island Community Food Bank

Senior Hunger

Source: Meals on Wheels Association of America

- 5.41% of Rhode Island seniors are food insecure. Rhode Island is ranked 15th highest in food insecurity of seniors.

Foreclosures

Source: HousingWorks RI

- Rhode Island has the highest rate of foreclosures in New England, with over 13,500 mortgages either in the foreclosure process or more than 90 days delinquent during the second quarter of 2010 — in addition to an inventory of more than 4,700 foreclosed properties during the same quarter, a 72% increase from a year before.
- More than 7,500 prime mortgage holders were either in foreclosure or on the verge of foreclosure during the second quarter of 2010, an increase of 25% from a year earlier.
- Between 2009 and 2012, about 31,200 foreclosures are expected in Rhode Island.
- Roughly half of the properties foreclosed upon in Providence have been multifamily residences. For every homeowner who loses his or her home to foreclosure, an average of four to five families living in multifamily homes will also find themselves in need of shelter.

Health Insurance

Source: Study of Rhode Island's Uninsured: Current Costs and Future Opportunities, Mathematica Policy Research

- 140,000 Rhode Islanders under 65 years of age, or 16% of the population, do not have health insurance
- Providing health care for the uninsured costs at least \$604 million annually