

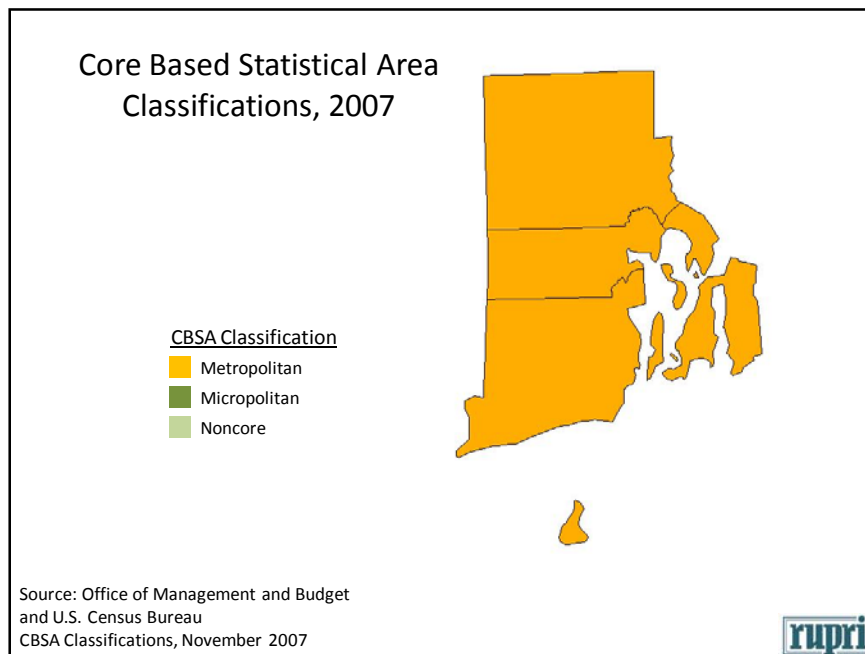
Rhode Island

Introduction

This profile report provides updated statistics and trends for Rhode Island. The most recent classifications of core based statistical areas, November 2007, are utilized throughout the report in comparisons of metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. This report includes updated data on population trends and racial and ethnic composition of the population (2007), updated estimates of county poverty rates (2007), county unemployment rates (2007), and per capita income data (2006). The report also includes some new indicators of entrepreneurship, classifications of health professional shortage areas, and infant mortality rates.

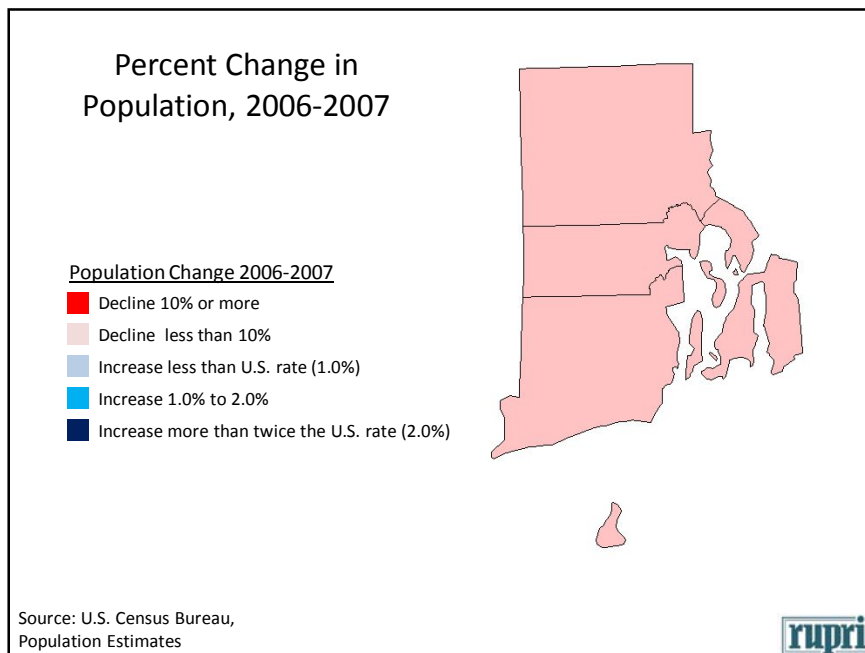
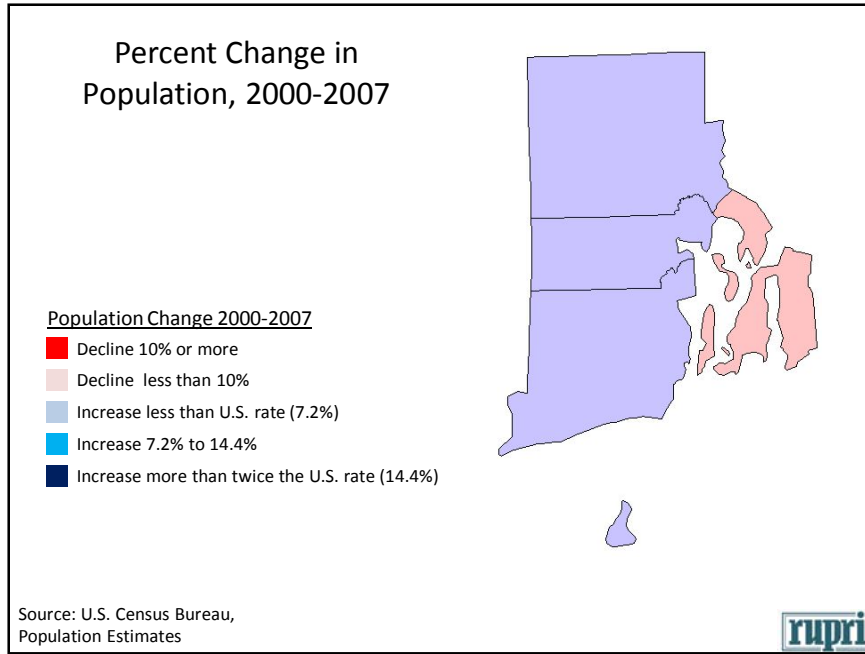
Metro and Nonmetro Counties

Based on county Core Based Statistical Area classifications, all 5 counties in Rhode Island are part of the Providence-New Bedford-Fall River Metropolitan Area.



Population Change

Since the 2000 Census, population increased 7.2 percent in the U.S., and 0.9 percent in Rhode Island. From 2006 to 2007, the U.S. population increased by 1.0 percent, while the population of Rhode Island declined by 0.4 percent. From 2000 to 2007, 2 counties in Rhode Island lost population, and from 2006 to 2007, all 5 counties in Rhode Island lost population.



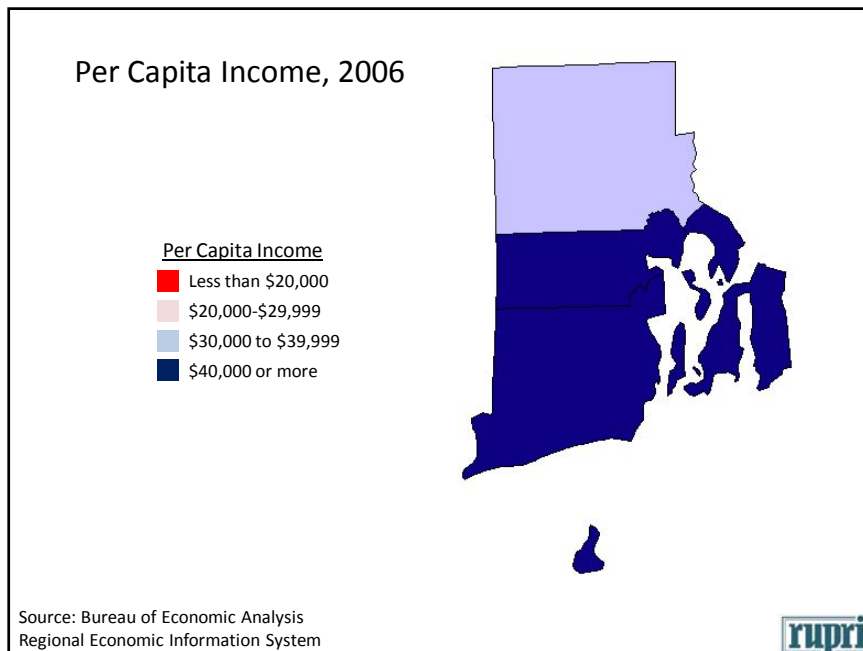
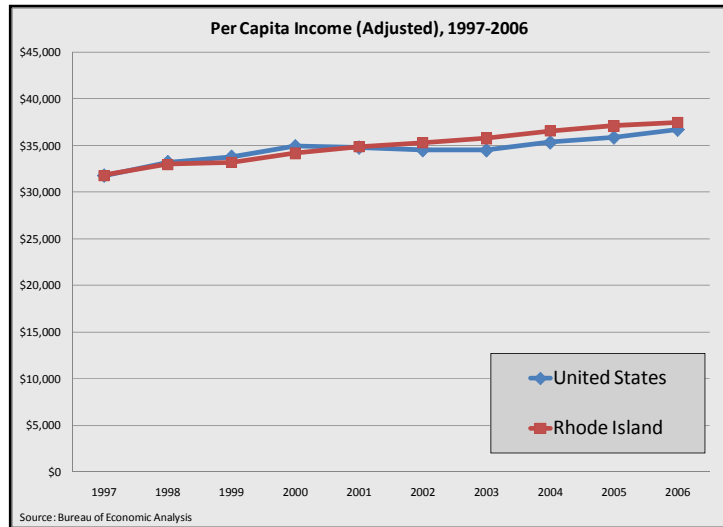
Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Population

The racial composition of the population is shown in the bar chart to the right. It is important to note that the population of any given race includes those of Hispanic ethnicity. Each racial category presented in the chart includes both Hispanics and non Hispanics of that race. The population of Rhode Island is 88.7 percent white, and is also 11.2 percent Hispanic.

Per Capita Income

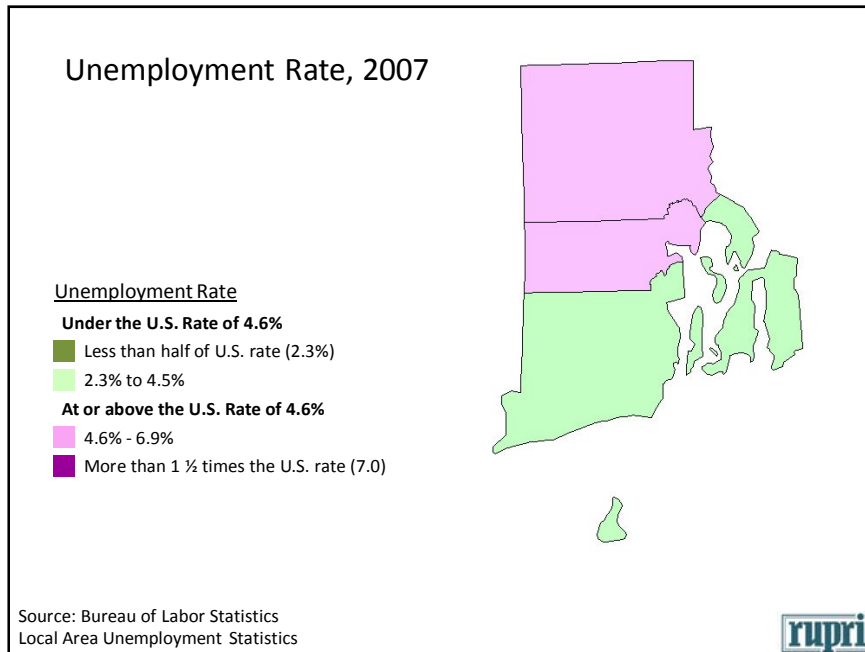
Per capita income in Rhode Island has very closely followed the national income trends. In 2006, per capita income was \$36,714 in the U.S. and \$37,523 in Rhode Island.

Within Rhode Island, per capita income ranged from \$33,704 in Providence County to \$48,676 in Bristol County.



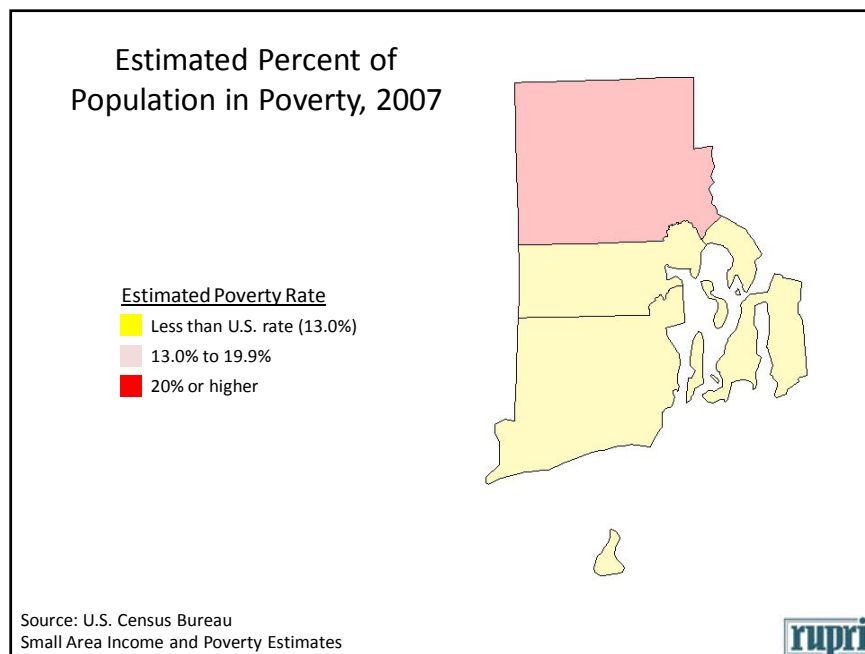
Unemployment

The 2007 unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in the U.S. and 5.0 percent in Rhode Island. Two Rhode Island counties had unemployment rates greater than the national average in 2007.



Poverty

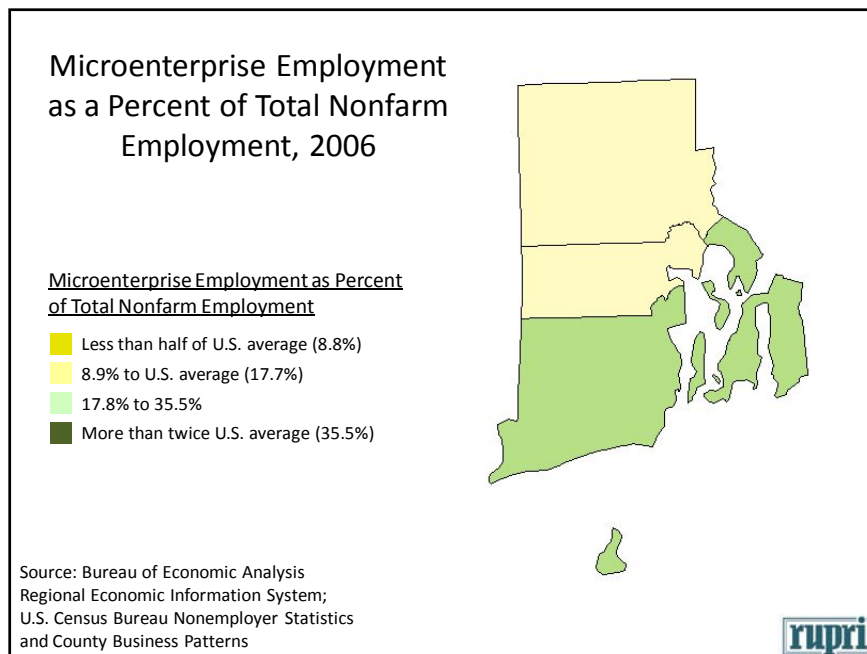
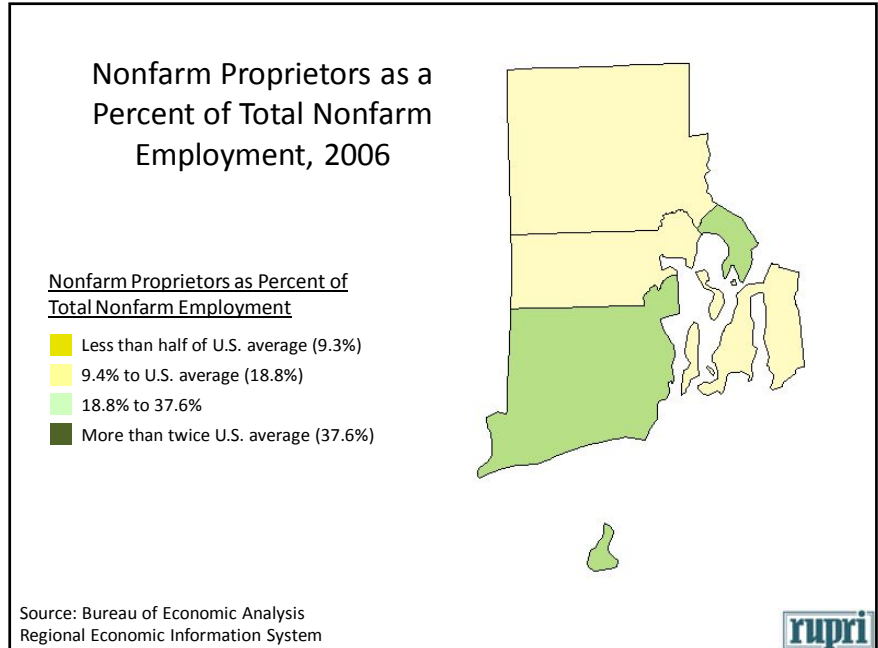
Poverty estimates for 2007 show that the poverty rate in the U.S. was 13 percent, compared to 11.9 percent in Rhode Island. Within Rhode Island, poverty rates ranged from 6.3 percent in Washington County to 15.4 percent in Providence County.



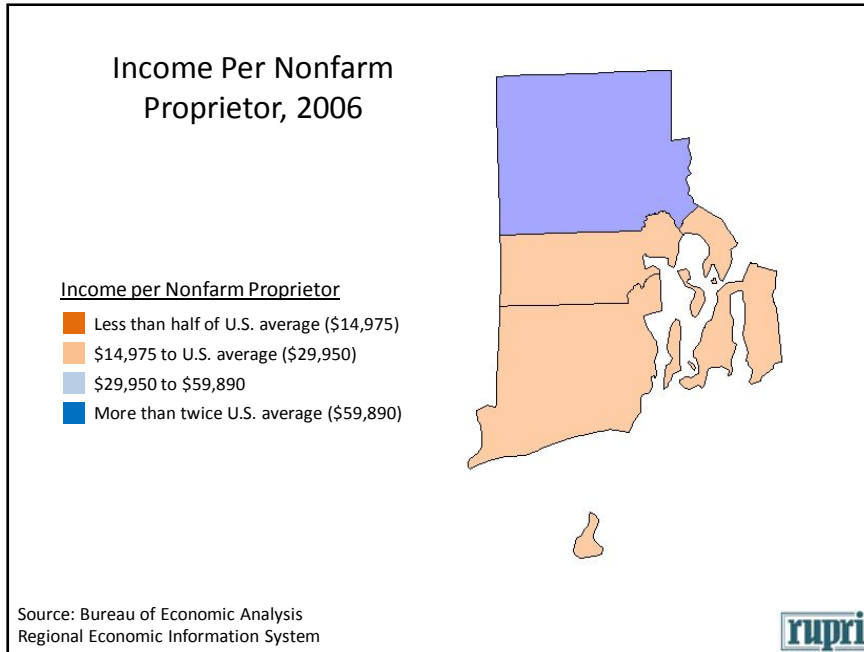
Entrepreneurship Indicators

Entrepreneurship plays a key role in the economic development of communities, but entrepreneurship is a difficult concept to measure. Four indicators of entrepreneurship are presented here: (1) nonfarm proprietors as a proportion of total nonfarm employment and (2) microenterprise employment (calculated as the number of self employed individuals plus the number of employees in establishments with less than 5 employees) as a proportion of total nonfarm employment; (3) income per nonfarm proprietor; and (4) nonfarm proprietors income as a proportion of county total personal income.

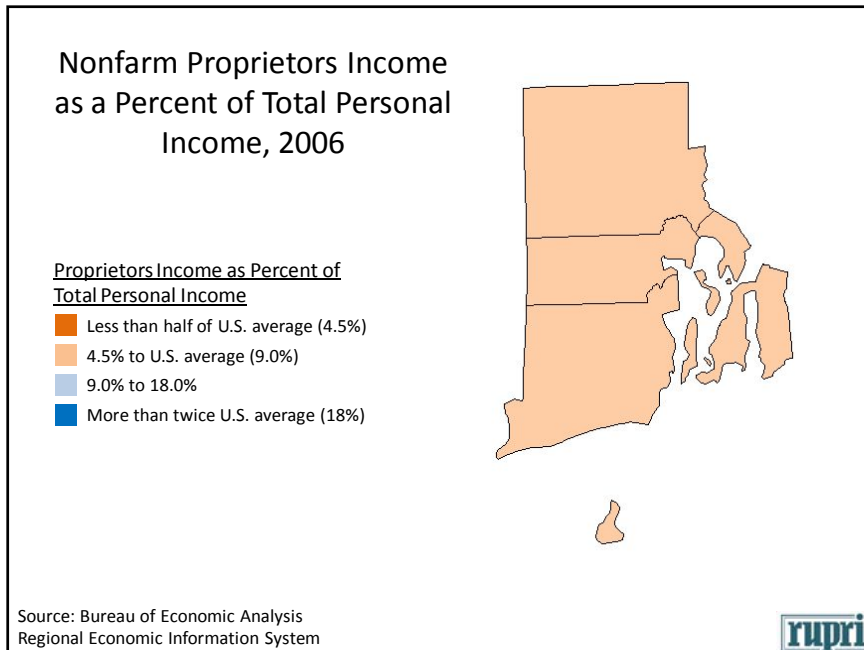
Nationally, nonfarm proprietor employment accounts for 18.8 percent of total nonfarm employment. In Rhode Island, this figure is 16.9 percent, and within Rhode Island, this figure ranges from 14.8 percent to 27.7 percent. Microenterprise employment represents 17.7 percent of U.S nonfarm employment and 18.0 percent of Rhode Island nonfarm employment. Within Rhode Island, this ranges from 16.5 percent to 26.0 percent.



Average income per proprietor in the U.S was \$29,950, compared to \$26,686 in Rhode Island. Within Rhode Island, this ranged from \$18,005 per proprietor to \$32,989 per proprietor.



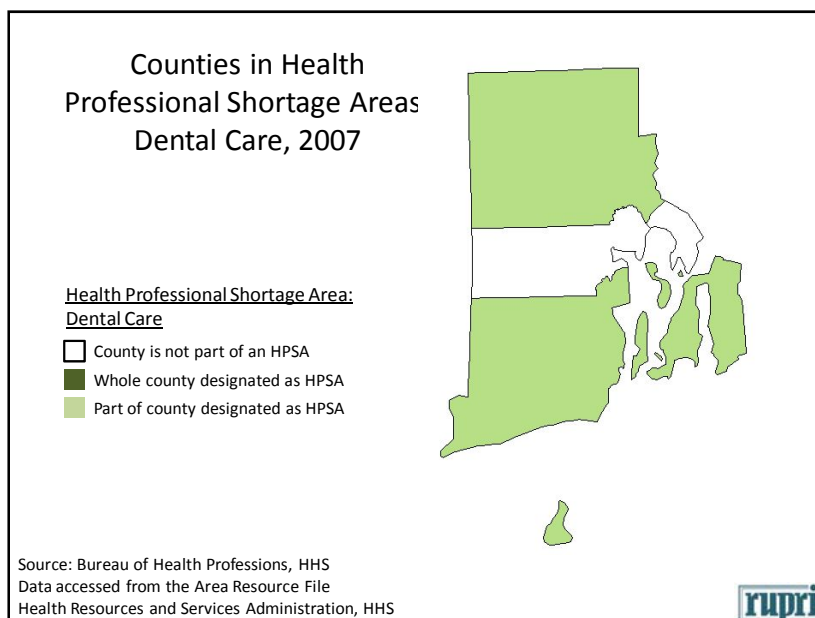
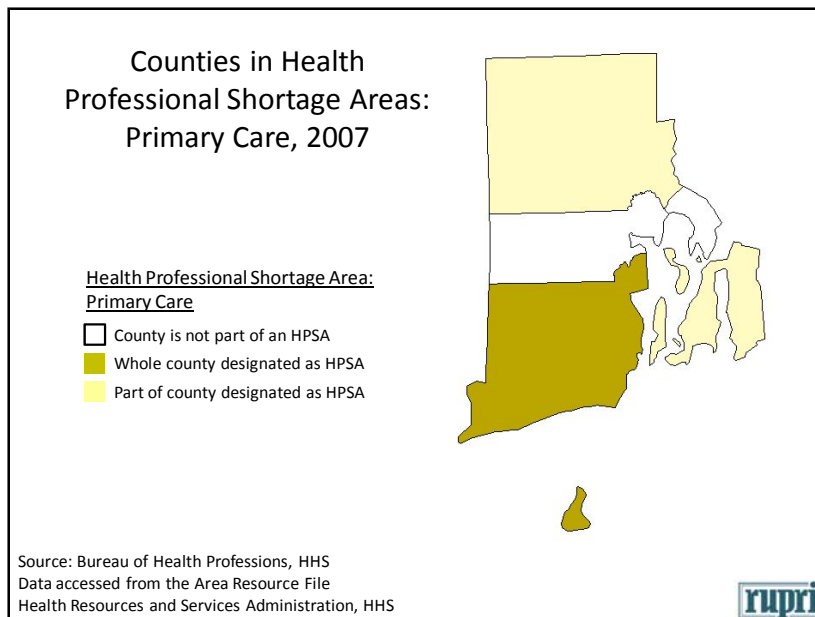
Nationally, nonfarm proprietors income accounted for 9 percent of total personal income. In Rhode Island, this figure was 7.0 percent, and ranged from 4.9 percent to 8.3 percent in Rhode Island counties.

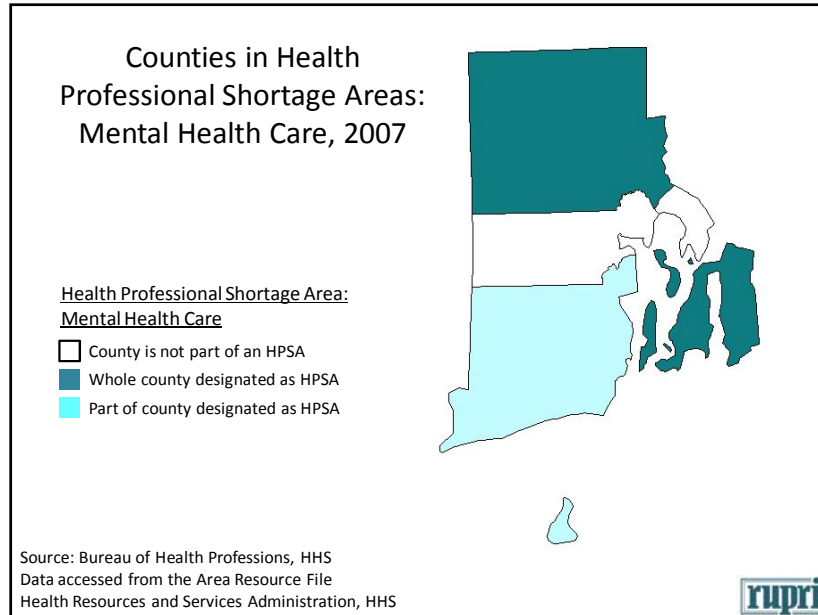


Health Professional Shortage Areas

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated for primary medical care, dentists, and mental health professionals. The designations are made by the Bureau of Health Professions within the Department of Health and Human Services. The maps below present the status of counties as being whole or in part designated as part of an HPSA.

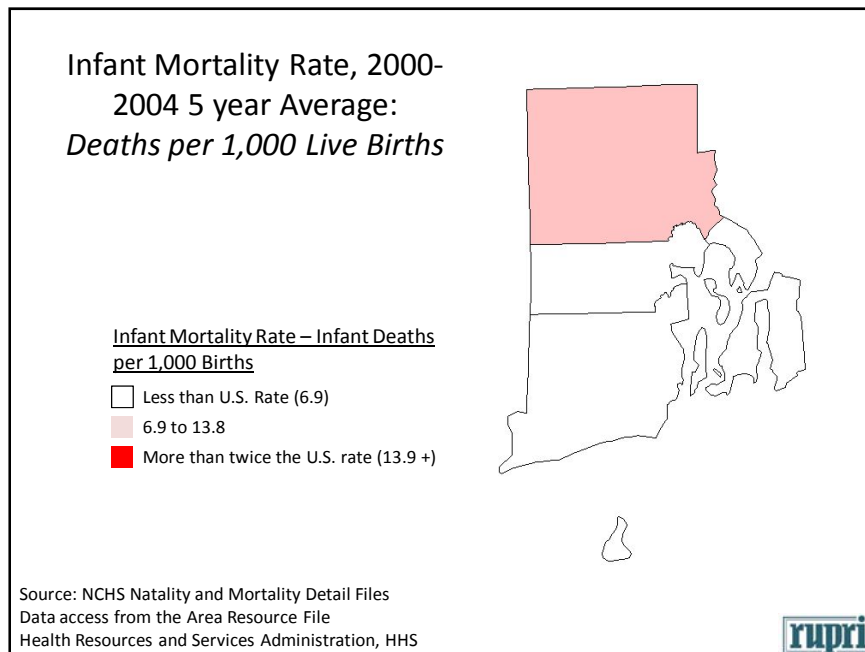
Within Rhode Island, 3 counties were either whole or in part designated as a primary care HPSA, 3 counties were in part designated as a dental care HPSA, and 3 counties were either whole or in part designated as a mental health care HPSA.





Infant Mortality

The infant mortality rates are a 5 year average of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rate is 6.9 for the U.S. and 6.4 for Rhode Island. Just one county in Rhode Island had an infant mortality rate higher than the U.S. average.



Data Sources:

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

<http://www.bea.gov/beat/regional/reis/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm>

**Department of Health and Human Services , Health Resources and Services Administration
Area Resource File**

<http://www.arfsys.com/>

U.S. Census Bureau

Population Estimates

<http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Classifications

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metrodef.html>

Nonemployer Statistics

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/nonemployer/>

County Business Patterns

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/index.html>

Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/saipe.html>

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Make Your Own Maps with the CARES/RUPRI Interactive Map Room

A national level interactive mapping application jointly developed by the Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES) and RUPRI is available at

[http://ims2.missouri.edu/step1.AOI/Rhode Islandlist.asp](http://ims2.missouri.edu/step1.AOI/Rhode%20Islandlist.asp)

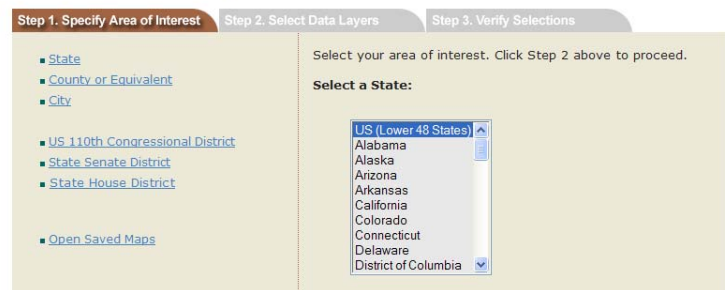
This three step map-making process allows you to select from over 500 GIS layers and create custom maps for your Rhode Island or the whole U.S.

Step 1: In the first step, select your Rhode Island of interest or the whole U.S.



Step 2: Select the indicators you would like to see mapped. Included are over 500 data layers, including demographic and economic indicators, health and human services indicators, health and education facility locations, emergency preparedness, and many others. We are working constantly to keep these data sets as up to date as possible.

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Step 3: Verify your selections and make your map.

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