

## Spending so much more, getting so much less: The numbers tell the story.

	<b>Rhode Island</b>	National Average
Number of children taken from their parents per thousand children.	6.0 per thousand (2009)	3.7 per thousand (2008)
Number of children taken from their parents per thousand <b>impoverished</b> children.	35.8 per thousand (2009)	20.2 per thousand (2008)
Number of children trapped in foster care on any given day per thousand children.	9.4 per thousand (July 2, 2010)	6.2 per thousand (Sept. 30, 2008)
Number of children trapped in foster care on any given day per thousand <b>impoverished</b> children.	55.6 per thousand (July 2, 2010)	34.1 per thousand (Sept. 30, 2008)
Percent of children in “congregate care” (Group homes and institutions).	39.5 percent (July 2, 2010)	16.7 percent (Sept. 30, 2006)
Child welfare spending per child, 2006.	\$874 per child	\$349 per child
Child welfare spending per <b>impoverished</b> child, 2006.	\$5,238 per impoverished child	\$1,977 per impoverished child

NOTE: We believe the fairest comparison is one which factors in poverty, but for the record we’ve provided data based on both the number of impoverished children and the total number of children. All data are for the most recent year available.

**Sources:**

**Population:** U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Demographic Survey, 2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, available online at [http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/pov/new46\\_100125\\_03.htm](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstables/032009/pov/new46_100125_03.htm) (Our estimate for impoverished child population averages this figure with the estimates for the previous two years).

**Children removed from their homes and in care, national average:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, *Foster Care FY 2002 - FY 2008 Entries, Exits, and Numbers of Children in Care on the Last Day of Each Federal Fiscal Year*, available online at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats\\_research/afcars/statistics/entryexit2008.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/statistics/entryexit2008.htm)

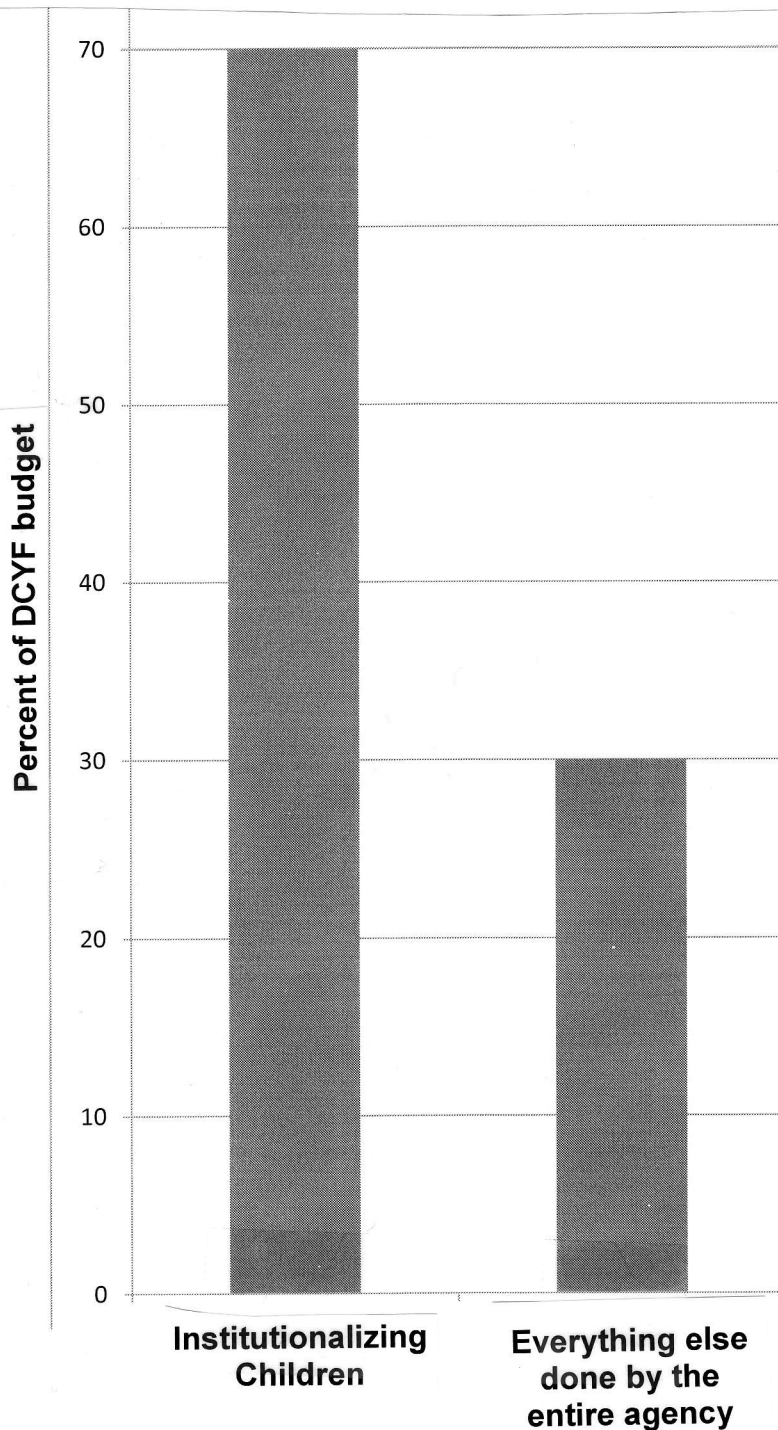
**Percent in congregate care, national average:** Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), National Data Analysis System. Go to this url: [http://ndas.cwla.org/data\\_stats/access/predefined/Report.asp?ReportID=384](http://ndas.cwla.org/data_stats/access/predefined/Report.asp?ReportID=384) and follow instructions for creating a table.

**All Rhode Island data except spending:** Personal communication, Joanne H, Lehrer, Chief of Staff, Department of Children Youth and Families, July 8, 2010.

**Spending:** Kerry DeVooght et. al, *Federal, State and Local Spending to Address Child Abuse and Neglect in SFY 2006*. Washington, D.C.: Child Trends, December, 2008). Available online at [http://www.ChildTrends.org/Files/Child\\_Trends-2009\\_02\\_17\\_FR\\_CWFinancePaper.pdf](http://www.ChildTrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2009_02_17_FR_CWFinancePaper.pdf)

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Source: Office of the Governor, *DCYF Financial Review Team recommends reforming system of care to reduce costs & meet care goals*, press release, May 1, 2007, available online at <http://www.ri.gov/press/view.php?id=4056>