

PROVIDENCE, RI

(Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA MSA)

COUNTIES

Bristol MA, Bristol RI, Kent RI, Newport RI, Providence RI, Washington RI

Ranking: Total Score = 55.1; Rank = 19

STRENGTHS/ADVANTAGES

- Lower percentage of households below poverty level
- Lower death rate for diabetes
- More farmers' markets per capita
- Higher percent bicycling or walking to work
- More ball diamonds per capita
- More dog parks per capita
- More park playgrounds per capita
- More golf courses per capita
- More park units per capita
- More swimming pools per capita
- Higher level of state requirement for Physical Education classes

OPPORTUNITIES/CHALLENGES

- Higher percent with asthma
- Higher percent with angina or coronary heart disease
- Fewer acres of parkland per capita
- Lower percent using public transportation to work
- Fewer tennis courts per capita
- Lower park-related expenditures per capita

DESCRIPTION OF PROVIDENCE-NEW BEDFORD-FALL RIVER, RI-MA MSA

	Providence MSA	U.S. Value	MSA Average	MSA Range
Population	1,600,642	307,006,550	3,325,885	1,123,804 – 19,069,796
Percent less than 18 years old	21.8%	24.3%	24.6%	20.2% – 29.4%
Percent 18 to 64 years old	64.0%	62.8%	63.6%	60.5% – 66.9%
Percent 65 years old and older	14.2%	12.9%	11.8%	7.9% – 17.2%
Percent male	48.5%	49.3%	49.2%	48.1% – 51.1%
Percent high school graduate or higher	83.3%	85.3%	86.7%	77.6% – 92.5%
Percent White	85.3%	74.8%	72.3%	49.8% – 88.6%
Percent Black or African American	5.0%	12.4%	15.0%	1.7% – 44.5%
Percent Asian	2.6%	4.5%	5.1%	1.2% – 30.2%
Percent Other Race	7.0%	8.3%	7.6%	1.9% – 24.5%
Percent Hispanic/Latino	9.7%	15.8%	15.1%	1.2% – 53.4%
Percent unemployed	10.3%	9.9%	9.8%	6.4% – 16.3%
Median household income	\$54,202	\$50,221	\$55,331	\$43,633 – \$85,168
Percent of households below poverty level	8.4%	10.5%	9.5%	4.9% – 15.1%
Violent crime rate/100,000*	374.6	429.4		
Percent with disability	12.8%	12.0%	11.0%	7.4% – 14.5%

*Due to differences in jurisdictional definitions and reporting, the FBI recommends that these rates not be compared across areas

ACSM AMERICAN FITNESS INDEX™ COMPONENTS

Personal Health Indicators – Score = 49.7; Rank = 23

	Providence MSA	U.S. Value	MSA Average	MSA Range
Health Behaviors				
Percent any physical activity or exercise in the last 30 days	74.4%	76.2%	77.2%	70.4% – 85.9%
Percent physically active at least moderately	49.8%	51.0%	48.7%	36.4% – 58.1%
Percent eating 5+ servings of fruits/vegetables per day	25.0%	23.4%	24.4%	15.8% – 30.0%
Percent currently smoking	16.0%	17.9%	17.0%	8.8% – 25.3%
Chronic Health Problems				
Percent obese	25.0%	26.9%	25.9%	18.1% – 34.3%
Percent in excellent or very good health	56.9%	56.0%	56.8%	46.4% – 66.6%
Any days when physical health was not good during the past 30 days	36.0%	35.5%	35.3%	29.5% – 40.3%
Any days when mental health was not good during the past 30 days	34.6%	33.7%	34.4%	23.8% – 41.9%
Percent with asthma	11.0%	8.8%	8.3%	4.5% – 11.9%
Percent with angina or coronary heart disease	4.1%	3.8%	3.6%	2.4% – 5.6%
Percent with diabetes	8.1%	8.3%	8.3%	5.4% – 11.6%
Death rate/100,000 for cardiovascular disease	216.3	206.7	201.0	131.7 – 268.6
Death rate/100,000 for diabetes	18.2	22.5	21.9	9.9 – 31.4
Health Care				
Percent with health insurance	90.3%	85.6%	86.3%	77.3% – 94.4%

Community/Environmental Indicators – Score = 60.0; Rank = 13

(note: most of these data were available only for the main city in the MSA)

	Providence	MSA Average	Range of all Cities
Built Environment			
Parkland as percent of city land area	10.4%	10.6%	2.5% – 25.3%
Acres of parkland/1,000	7.0	18.9	2.3 – 94.1
Farmers' markets/1,000,000	35.6	14.8	1.0 – 41.0
Percent using public transportation to work	2.7%	4.3%	0.4% – 30.5%
Percent bicycling or walking to work	3.1%	2.8%	1.2% – 6.7%
Recreational Facilities			
Ball diamonds/10,000	2.2	2.0	0.3 – 5.7
Dog parks/10,000	2.3	0.9	0.0 – 5.7
Park playgrounds/10,000	3.2	2.3	0.9 – 4.8
Golf courses/100,000	1.2	1.0	0.0 – 5.0
Park units/10,000	6.5	4.2	1.2 – 10.9
Recreation centers/20,000	1.2	1.1	0.1 – 2.6
Swimming pools/100,000	3.5	3.1	0.6 – 9.2
Tennis courts/10,000	1.3	2.1	0.8 – 6.9
Park-related expenditures per capita	\$58	\$101.5	\$12.0 – \$259.0
Level of state requirement for Physical Education classes**	3	2.5	0 – 3
Number of primary health care providers per 100,000	97.7	93.2	46.8 – 133.7

**3 = required at three levels: high school, middle school and elementary school; 2= required at two levels; 1= required at only one level