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POLICY BRIEFS



Children's Health Insurance in New Hampshire: An Analysis of New Hampshire Healthy Kids, by Sally Ward, Sarah Savage, and Nena Stracuzzi, Spring 2007. 12 pages. New Hampshire has been successful in achieving one of the lowest uninsurance rates for children in the country -- 6 percent in 2005 (US Census). The extent to which New Hampshire Healthy Kids has contributed to New Hampshire's success in achieving this low rate is the focus of this brief.

ISSUE BRIEFS



New England Has the Highest Increase in Income Disparity in the Nation, by Ross Gittell and Jason Rudokas, Spring 2007. 4 pages. Income inequality in New England is rising at the highest rate in the nation, a new brief finds. Between 1989 and 2004, the region experienced the largest increase in income inequality in the country, due to both growth among top earners and the hollowing out of the middle class caused by significant changes in the nation's economy.



Low-Income Families in New Hampshire, by Allison Churilla, Winter 2006. 8 pages. New Hampshire boasts the nation's lowest percentage of people living in poverty and maintains strong national rankings in other quality-of-life measures. But 48,000 New Hampshire families with low incomes struggle to make ends meet, this issue brief finds. The brief identifies characteristics that heighten families' risk of low income and documents recent trends in the economic status of low-income families in the state.



The State of Working Vermont, by Allison Churilla, Fall 2006. 6 pages. Vermont enjoys higher-than-average workforce participation rates and the lowest unemployment in New England, but the state's wage levels remain well below regional standards and the workforce is aging, finds this issue brief prepared by the Carsey Institute in partnership with the Public Assets Institute of Vermont. The brief highlights trends related to the economic and labor force characteristics of Vermont's workers.



The State of Working New Hampshire 2006, by Allison Churilla, Fall 2006. 6 pages. While New Hampshire has the highest labor force participation (71 percent) and the second-lowest unemployment and underemployment rates in New England, recent trends in employment and wages point to growing disparities in the state, this issue brief finds. The brief provides a state-focused analysis of the Economic Policy Institute's national report, "The State of Working America 2005/2006."

FACT SHEETS



The Declining Young Adult Population in New England, by Ross Gittell, Winter 2007. 2 pages. The population of young adults (25 – 34) in all New England states declined much more sharply than the national average from 1990 to 2004, finds this fact sheet. During that time period, the population of young adults in New England declined nearly 25 percent, compared to the national average decline of 7 percent.