

Rhode Island Kids Count 2023 Factbook

Indicators of Child Well-Being

Snapshot of Portsmouth, Rhode Island



Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000	2010	2020	
Child population	Portsmouth	4,175	4,329	3,996	3,444	
	Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	223,956	209,785	
					2017-2021	
Median family income				Portsmouth Rhode Island	\$164,516 \$87,553	
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold				Portsmouth Rhode Island	7.5%* 15.2%	
Economic Well-Being		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cost of rent	Portsmouth	\$2,038	\$2,089	\$2,069	\$1,915	\$1,723
	Rhode Island	\$1,854	\$1,859	\$1,845	\$1,894	\$1,996
Paid Family Leave (total approved TCI claims)	Portsmouth	79	79	69	64	86
	Rhode Island	6,760	7,175	8,083	6,057	7,208
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Portsmouth	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%
	Rhode Island	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Portsmouth	222	194	152	144	164
	Rhode Island	54,706	50,825	43,660	43,511	46,097
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Portsmouth	30%	36%	43%	32%	25%
	Rhode Island	46%	47%	48%	45%	40%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Portsmouth	14%	14%	NA	NA	10%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Health		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Portsmouth	868	810	837	830	831
	Rhode Island	122,915	117,987	118,858	119,426	122,739
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Portsmouth	10	10	6	14	7
	Rhode Island	1,278	1,294	1,244	1,317	1,038
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Portsmouth	26	25	22	28	26
	Rhode Island	2,657	2,235	2,891	3,391	3,101
Child overweight and obesity	Portsmouth	18%	16%	19%	NA	18%
	Rhode Island	30%	31%	35%	NA	NA
Babies	Portsmouth	135	103	115	119	111
	Rhode Island	9,952	9,614	9,590	9,892	9,691
		2013-2017	2014-2018	2015-2019	2016-2020	2017-2021
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma	Portsmouth	2%**	2%**	2%**	2%**	2%**
	Rhode Island	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%
Infants born with low birthweight	Portsmouth	5.2%	6.0%	6.5%	5.5%	5.9%
	Rhode Island	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.5%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Portsmouth	10.0%	11.9%	10.3%	10.4%	10.7%
	Rhode Island	14.7%	15.9%	16.1%	15.8%	15.9%
Preterm births	Portsmouth	5.2%	6.6%	6.3%	6.8%	7.1%
	Rhode Island	8.7%	8.7%	8.9%	9.0%	9.0%
Safety - Child Welfare		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Child neglect and abuse indicated victims rate (per 1,000 children)	Portsmouth	8.0	6.0	6.3	5.0	3.8
	Rhode Island	14.6	13.9	12.0	11.3	11.4
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Portsmouth	3.5	3.8	0.0	0.5	0.3
	Rhode Island	11.8	10.5	8.1	7.6	8.7
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Portsmouth	28%	NA	17%	29%	NA
	Rhode Island	25%	NA	26%	24%	NA

*Estimate has a high margin of error due to small sample size.

**The data are statistically unstable and percentages should be interpreted with caution.

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Safety - Juvenile Justice		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/weapons offenses arrests)	Portsmouth	16	10	4	16	NA
	Rhode Island	618	522	328	439	NA
Youth in the Juvenile Justice System (# of youth at the RI Training School during the year)	Portsmouth	0	2	0	2	0
	Rhode Island	272	246	191	137	164
Education		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Portsmouth	7%	8%	7%	8%	8%
	Rhode Island	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%
Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Portsmouth	NA	NA	5%	3%	2%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	3%	3%	3%
Children enrolled in Head Start or RI Pre-K (% of low-income children ages 3 and 4 enrolled)	Portsmouth	NA	NA	NA	NA	14%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	25%
Licensed early learning centers	Portsmouth	5	4	4	4	5
	Rhode Island	315	329	317	313	320
Licensed family child care homes	Portsmouth	0	0	0	1	1
	Rhode Island	457	460	403	397	392
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Portsmouth	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	21%	25%	25%	25%	26%
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Portsmouth	0%	NA	NA	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Portsmouth	10	12	10	11	5
	Rhode Island	10,171	10,580	7,016	6,063	5,981
Children receiving preschool special education services	Portsmouth	7%	7%	8%	8%	7%
	Rhode Island	8%	9%	8%	7%	8%
K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Portsmouth	12%	12%	13%	14%	15%
	Rhode Island	15%	15%	15%	16%	16%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Portsmouth	2,439	2,426	2,294	2,247	2,183
	Rhode Island	143,247	143,557	139,184	138,566	137,452
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Portsmouth	14%	17%	14%	9%	13%
	Rhode Island	47%	48%	46%	41%	45%
Students who are Multilingual Learners/ English Learners	Portsmouth	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	9%	10%	11%	11%	12%
Student mobility rate	Portsmouth	8%	7%	7%	6%	8%
	Rhode Island	13%	13%	10%	14%	13%
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Portsmouth	61%	55%	NA	54%	56%
	Rhode Island	40%	48%	NA	40%	37%
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Portsmouth	52%	43%	NA	22%	48%
	Rhode Island	35%	36%	NA	25%	35%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Portsmouth	45%	62%	NA	43%	46%
	Rhode Island	28%	36%	NA	29%	29%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Portsmouth	46%	56%	NA	25%	40%
	Rhode Island	23%	24%	NA	16%	21%
Schools identified for intervention	Portsmouth	0%	0%	NA	NA	0%
	Rhode Island	8%	7%	NA	NA	7%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Portsmouth	5%	4%	10%	4%	4%
	Rhode Island	13%	14%	16%	22%	30%
Chronic absence in high school	Portsmouth	13%	11%	16%	16%	21%
	Rhode Island	27%	26%	26%	34%	38%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Portsmouth	16	15	10	1	3
	Rhode Island	15	15	10	1	13
High school graduation rate	Portsmouth	96%	94%	92%	95%	94%
	Rhode Island	84%	84%	84%	84%	83%
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Portsmouth	84%	78%	80%	74%	75%
	Rhode Island	67%	67%	61%	59%	63%