

Rhode Island Kids Count 2023 Factbook

Indicators of Child Well-Being

Snapshot of Westerly, Rhode Island



Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000	2010	2020	
Child population	Westerly	4,988	5,406	4,787	3,826	
	Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	223,956	209,785	
					2017-2021	
Median family income	Westerly				\$100,955	
	Rhode Island				\$87,553	
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	Westerly				11.2%*	
	Rhode Island				15.2%	
Economic Well-Being		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cost of rent	Westerly	\$1,673	\$1,669	\$1,392	\$1,361	\$1,380
	Rhode Island	\$1,854	\$1,859	\$1,845	\$1,894	\$1,996
Paid Family Leave (total approved TCI claims)	Westerly	98	50	323	93	103
	Rhode Island	6,760	7,175	8,083	6,057	7,208
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Westerly	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%
	Rhode Island	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Westerly	687	615	537	473	499
	Rhode Island	54,706	50,825	43,660	43,511	46,097
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	27%	28%	29%	28%	24%
	Rhode Island	46%	47%	48%	45%	40%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	24%	31%	NA	NA	25%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Health		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Westerly	2,102	1,956	1,951	1,947	1,921
	Rhode Island	122,915	117,987	118,858	119,426	122,739
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Westerly	50	51	48	45	26
	Rhode Island	1,278	1,294	1,244	1,317	1,038
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Westerly	77	58	55	63	58
	Rhode Island	2,657	2,235	2,891	3,391	3,101
Child overweight and obesity	Westerly	29%	27%	32%	NA	40%
	Rhode Island	30%	31%	35%	NA	NA
Babies	Westerly	140	130	146	151	142
	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	Westerly	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%
	Rhode Island	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%
Infants born with low birthweight	Westerly	6.0%	7.0%	10.5%	7.1%	8.0%
	Rhode Island	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.5%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Westerly	7.6%	9.4%	7.2%	10.1%	10.0%
	Rhode Island	14.7%	15.9%	16.1%	15.8%	15.9%
Preterm births	Westerly	6.2%	6.5%	7.2%	7.4%	8.5%
	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)	Westerly	17.8	15.9	10.0	14.0	15.2
	Rhode Island	14.6	13.9	12.0	11.3	11.4
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	6.9	7.7	4.6	4.4	9.4
	Rhode Island	11.8	10.5	8.1	7.6	8.7
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Westerly	24%	NA	30%	22%	NA
	Rhode Island	25%	NA	26%	24%	NA

*Estimate has a high margin of error.

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Safety - Juvenile Justice		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/weapons offenses arrests)	Westerly	11	10	4	10	NA
	Rhode Island	618	522	328	439	NA
Youth in the Juvenile Justice System (# of youth at the RI Training School during the year)	Westerly	4	2	1	3	2
	Rhode Island	272	246	191	137	164
Education		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Westerly	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%
	Rhode Island	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%
Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Westerly	NA	NA	3%	1%	1%
	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)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	NA	17%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	25%
Licensed early learning centers	Westerly	8	9	7	7	7
	Rhode Island	315	329	317	313	320
Licensed family child care homes	Westerly	2	1	2	1	1
	Rhode Island	457	460	403	397	392
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Westerly	50%	33%	43%	43%	43%
	Rhode Island	21%	25%	25%	25%	26%
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Westerly	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Westerly	86	86	53	41	38
	Rhode Island	10,171	10,580	7,016	6,063	5,981
Children receiving preschool special education services	Westerly	11%	13%	22%	12%	12%
	Rhode Island	8%	9%	8%	7%	8%
K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Westerly	15%	15%	16%	15%	16%
	Rhode Island	15%	15%	15%	16%	16%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Westerly	2,738	2,648	2,433	2,738	2,296
	Rhode Island	143,247	143,557	139,184	138,566	137,452
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Westerly	36%	35%	34%	30%	32%
	Rhode Island	47%	48%	46%	41%	45%
Students who are Multilingual Learners/ English Learners	Westerly	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
	Rhode Island	9%	10%	11%	11%	12%
Student mobility rate	Westerly	11%	8%	7%	8%	10%
	Rhode Island	13%	13%	10%	14%	13%
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly	53%	59%	NA	42%	46%
	Rhode Island	40%	48%	NA	40%	37%
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly	49%	56%	NA	30%	35%
	Rhode Island	35%	36%	NA	25%	35%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly	28%	39%	NA	34%	51%
	Rhode Island	28%	36%	NA	29%	29%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly	26%	29%	NA	10%	27%
	Rhode Island	23%	24%	NA	16%	21%
Schools identified for intervention	Westerly	0%	0%	NA	NA	0%
	Rhode Island	8%	7%	NA	NA	7%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Westerly	7%	7%	9%	11%	23%
	Rhode Island	13%	14%	16%	22%	30%
Chronic absence in high school	Westerly	21%	16%	17%	8%	17%
	Rhode Island	27%	26%	26%	34%	38%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Westerly	10	14	7	2	10
	Rhode Island	15	15	10	1	13
High school graduation rate	Westerly	83%	91%	86%	91%	90%
	Rhode Island	84%	84%	84%	84%	83%
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Westerly	72%	66%	71%	63%	62%
	Rhode Island	67%	67%	61%	59%	63%