



**Rhode Island KIDS COUNT**  
**INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2009**  
**Profile of Westerly, Rhode Island**  
*(Updated April 3, 2009)*

<b>Census-Based Indicators</b>		<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>			
Child Population	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	4,988 225,690	5,406 247,822			
Children in single-parent families (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	14% 22%	26% 30%			
Median household income	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	\$45,459 \$41,985	\$44,613 \$42,090			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	8.7% 13.5%	10.0% 16.9%			
Teens not in school and not working (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	11.9% 8.1%	4.6% 7.3%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	4% 4%			
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>						
		<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Cost of rent	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	\$760* \$1,147	\$1,104* \$1,172	\$1,110 \$1,142	\$1,110 \$1,142	\$1,184 \$1,232
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	9% 15%	9% 15%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	3% 5%	NA NA	1% 5%	5% 5%	1% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	4% 9%	4% 8%	3% 7%	3% 7%	2% 6%
Food Stamp Program/SNAP participation (% of income-eligible children enrolled)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	45% 65%	53% 69%	49% 74%	49% 74%	57% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% of income-eligible children)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	30% 31%	33% 30%	32% 29%	32% 29%	35% 29%
<b>Health</b>						
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	1,290 91,638	1,307 91,144	1,305 90,731	1,262 88,641	1,332 84,717
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	5.7% 8.4%	8.6% 7.4%	5.1% 6.4%	2.8% 4.6%	3.4% 4.5%
WIC participation rate (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	64% 67%	62% 71%	74% 78%
		<b>1999-2003</b>	<b>2000-2004</b>	<b>2001-2005</b>	<b>2002-2006</b>	<b>2003-2007</b>
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	15.7% 8.9%	15.2% 9.1%	13.3% 9.4%	11.9% 10.7%	11.1% 12.1%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	5.7% 7.7%	6.7% 7.8%	7.5% 8.0%	7.0% 8.1%	7.7% 8.1%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	7.6 6.5	9.0 6.4	8.9 6.4	6.9 6.2	8.3% 6.3%
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	3.0 3.6	3.0 3.6	3.3 3.9	3.2 4.0	3.0 4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 teens ages 15 to 17)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	10.6 20.6	11.1 20.0	14.3 19.5	13.4 19.1	15.2 19.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	67% 57%	67% 57%	67% 57%	70% 57%	69% 57%

<b>Safety</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	8.9 10.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	31% 31%	NA NA	35% 20%	40% 25%	30% 29%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	8.3 11.3	7.4 12.4	8.9 11.1
<b>Education</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	7% 8%	7% 8%	9% 9%	9% 9%	8% 10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	0% 4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	64% 40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	17% 19%	17% 18%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	65 102	61 98	66 101	66 94	67 91
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	270 14,006	270 13,258	270 12,179	263 12,405	240 11,329
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	79 13,192	113 12,666	99 12,267	82 9,008	90 7,700
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	100% 45%	100% 47%	100% 50%	100% 52%	100% 58%
Children who are English language learners (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	2% 6%	2% 5%	2% 5%	2% 5%	2% 5%
Student mobility rate (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	18% 16%	12% 17%	11% 18%	11% 16%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	69% 60%	74% 63%	78% 64%	70% 68%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	59% 56%	73% 58%	76% 62%	79% 65%
4 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	56% 52%	65% 54%	68% 54%	73% 63%
8 <sup>th</sup> graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	47% 47%	61% 47%	60% 48%	69% 53%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	0% 19%
High school attendance rate (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	94% 90%	93% 90%	93% 90%	94% 90%	94% 91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	10 30	10 32	10 30	7 32	6 30
High school graduation rate (%)	<b>Westerly Rhode Island</b>	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	88% 70%	88% 74%

\*Average rent is the HUD Fair Market Rent. Rhode Island Housing Rent Survey data were not available for these years.

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