



Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2010
Profile of Westerly, Rhode Island
(Updated April 7, 2010)

Census-Based Indicators			1990	2000		
Child Population	Westerly Rhode Island		4,988 225,690	5,406 247,822		
Children in single-parent families (%)	Westerly Rhode Island		14% 22%	26% 30%		
Median household income	Westerly Rhode Island		\$45,459 \$41,985	\$44,613 \$42,090		
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold (%)	Westerly Rhode Island		8.7% 13.5%	10.0% 16.9%		
Teens not in school and not working (%)	Westerly Rhode Island		11.9% 8.1%	4.6% 7.3%		
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Westerly Rhode Island		NA NA	4% 4%		
Economic Well-Being						
		2006	2007	2007	2008	2009
Cost of rent	Westerly Rhode Island	\$1,104* \$1,172	\$1,110 \$1,142	\$1,110 \$1,142	\$1,184 \$1,232	\$1,166 \$1,170
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	9% 15%	9% 16%	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	1% 5%	5% 5%	1% 5%	2% 5%
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	4% 8%	3% 7%	3% 7%	2% 6%	2% 4%
Number of children receiving SNAP/food stamp benefits	Westerly Rhode Island	383 35,168	450 36,852	410 39,516	480 41,421	815 53,632
WIC participation rate (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	64% 67%	62% 71%	74% 78%	72% 77%
School Breakfast Program participation (% of income-eligible children)	Westerly Rhode Island	33% 30%	32% 29%	32% 29%	35% 29%	30% 27%
Health						
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Westerly Rhode Island	1,307 91,144	1,305 90,731	1,262 88,641	1,332 84,717	1,473 89,746
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% screened positive)	Westerly Rhode Island	8.6% 7.4%	5.1% 6.4%	2.8% 4.6%	3.4% 4.5%	2.7% 3.5%
		2000- 2004	2001- 2005	2002- 2006	2003- 2007	2004- 2008
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	15.2% 9.1%	13.3% 9.4%	11.9% 10.7%	11.1% 12.1%	9.6% 14.0%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	6.7% 7.8%	7.5% 8.0%	7.0% 8.1%	7.7% 8.1%	7.7% 8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	Westerly Rhode Island	9.0 6.4	8.9 6.4	6.9 6.2	8.3% 6.3%	7.5% 6.2%
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly Rhode Island	3.0 3.6	3.3 3.9	3.2 4.0	3.0 4.0	2.7 4.0
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 17)	Westerly Rhode Island	11.1 20.0	14.3 19.5	13.4 19.1	15.2 19.1	12.9 18.9
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	67% 57%	67% 57%	70% 57%	69% 57%	71% 57%

Safety		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	8.9	12.6
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	10.7	11.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Westerly	NA	35%	40%	30%	34%
	Rhode Island	NA	20%	25%	29%	31%
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	NA	8.3	7.4	8.9	8.5
	Rhode Island	NA	11.3	12.4	11.1	10.2
Education		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Early Intervention participation rate (%)	Westerly	7%	9%	9%	8%	9%
	Rhode Island	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%
Early Head Start participation rate (%)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	4%	4%
Head Start participation rate (%)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	64%	60%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	40%	40%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Westerly	NA	NA	17%	17%	17%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	19%	18%	17%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Westerly	61	66	66	67	68
	Rhode Island	98	101	94	91	86
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Westerly	270	270	263	240	90
	Rhode Island	13,258	12,179	12,405	11,329	10,821
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Westerly	113	99	82	90	62
	Rhode Island	12,666	12,267	9,008	7,700	7,471
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Westerly	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Rhode Island	47%	50%	52%	58%	60%
Children who are English language learners (%)	Westerly	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Student mobility rate (%)	Westerly	18%	12%	11%	11%	10%
	Rhode Island	16%	17%	18%	16%	16%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Westerly	69%	74%	78%	70%	75%
	Rhode Island	60%	63%	64%	68%	67%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Westerly	59%	73%	76%	79%	73%
	Rhode Island	56%	58%	62%	65%	70%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Westerly	56%	65%	68%	73%	73%
	Rhode Island	52%	54%	54%	63%	62%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Westerly	47%	61%	60%	69%	57%
	Rhode Island	47%	47%	48%	53%	54%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	19%	15%
High school attendance rate (%)	Westerly	93%	93%	94%	94%	93%
	Rhode Island	90%	90%	90%	91%	91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Westerly	10	10	7	6	30
	Rhode Island	32	30	32	30	30
High school graduation rate (%)	Westerly	NA	NA	88%	88%	89%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	70%	74%	75%

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

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