



Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
INDICATORS OF CHILD WELL-BEING, 2011

Profile of Westerly, Rhode Island

(Updated April 4, 2011)

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%			
Households with grandparents financially responsible for grandchildren (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	4% 4%			
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%			
Economic Well-Being						
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Infants born at highest risk (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	1% 5%	5% 5%	1% 5%	2% 5%	4% 4%
Cost of rent	Westerly Rhode Island	\$1,104 \$1,172	\$1,110 \$1,142	\$1,184 \$1,232	\$1,166 \$1,170	\$1,109 \$1,165
Children in families receiving cash assistance (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	4% 8%	3% 7%	2% 6%	2% 4%	2% 4%
Number of children receiving SNAP/food stamp benefits	Westerly Rhode Island	450 36,852	410 39,516	480 41,421	815 53,466	848 59,652
WIC participation (% income-eligible participating)	Westerly Rhode Island	64% 67%	62% 71%	74% 78%	72% 77%	56% 72%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly Rhode Island	33% 30%	32% 29%	35% 29%	30% 27%	31% 28%
		2001- 2005	2002- 2006	2003- 2007	2004- 2008	2005- 2009
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	10% 15%	9% 15%	9% 15%	9% 16%	9% 16%
Health						
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Westerly Rhode Island	1,305 90,731	1,262 88,641	1,332 84,717	1,473 89,746	1,471 92,701
Children with elevated blood lead levels (% confirmed positive)	Westerly Rhode Island	3.2% 4.6%	2.4% 3.6%	1.1% 3.1%	1.6% 2.4%	1.5% 2.2%
		2001- 2005	2002- 2006	2003- 2007	2004- 2008	2005- 2009
Women with delayed prenatal care (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	13.3% 9.4%	11.9% 10.7%	11.1% 12.1%	9.6% 14.0%	8.9% 14.9%
Infants born low birthweight (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	7.5% 8.0%	7.0% 8.1%	7.7% 8.1%	7.7% 8.0%	7.6% 8.0%
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Westerly Rhode Island	8.9 6.4	6.9 6.2	8.3% 6.3%	7.5% 6.2%	6.9 6.3
Asthma hospitalization rate (per 1,000 children under age 18)	Westerly Rhode Island	3.3 3.9	3.2 4.0	3.0 4.0	2.7 4.0	2.0 4.2
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 19)	Westerly Rhode Island	33.6 31.0	31.1 30.4	31.5 30.4	29.9 30.7	27.5 30.1
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	67% 57%	70% 57%	69% 57%	71% 57%	72% 58%

Safety						
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims (rate per 1,000 children)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	8.9 10.7	12.6 11.7	11.7 13.3
Rate of children with incarcerated parents (per 1,000 children)	Westerly Rhode Island	8.3 11.3	7.4 12.4	8.9 11.1	8.5 10.2	6.1 10.4
Domestic violence incidents with children present (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	35% 20%	40% 25%	30% 29%	34% 31%	32% 29%
Education						
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Early Intervention participation (% of all children under age 3)	Westerly Rhode Island	9% 9%	9% 9%	8% 10%	9% 10%	9% 10%
Early Head Start participation (% income-eligible children)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	0% 4%	0% 4%	0% 5%
Head Start participation (% income-eligible children)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	64% 40%	60% 40%	56% 40%
Infant and preschool child care slots (per 100 children under age 6)	Westerly Rhode Island	66 101	66 94	67 91	68 86	69 88
Number of licensed school-age child care slots	Westerly Rhode Island	270 12,179	263 12,405	240 11,329	90 10,821	131 11,298
Number of children receiving child care subsidies	Westerly Rhode Island	99 12,267	82 9,008	90 7,700	62 7,471	81 7,592
Children in full-day kindergarten (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	100% 50%	100% 52%	100% 58%	100% 60%	100% 60%
Children who are English language learners (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	2% 5%	2% 5%	2% 5%	2% 5%	2% 5%
Students enrolled in special education (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	17% 19%	17% 18%	17% 17%	19% 17%
Student mobility rate (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	12% 17%	11% 18%	11% 16%	10% 16%	5% 14%
4 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	74% 63%	78% 64%	70% 68%	75% 67%	78% 69%
8 th graders at or above the reading proficiency level (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	73% 58%	76% 62%	79% 65%	73% 70%	84% 74%
4 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	65% 54%	68% 54%	73% 63%	73% 62%	76% 63%
8 th graders at or above the math proficiency level (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	61% 47%	60% 48%	69% 53%	57% 54%	67% 54%
Schools making insufficient progress (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	0% 19%	0% 15%	0% 15%
Chronic early absence (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	3% 10%	10% 13%
High school attendance rate (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	93% 90%	94% 90%	94% 91%	93% 91%	94% 91%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Westerly Rhode Island	10 30	7 32	6 30	30 30	9 30
High school graduation rate (%)	Westerly Rhode Island	NA NA	88% 70%	88% 74%	89% 75%	87% 76%

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