

Rhode Island Kids Count 2022 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	
					2016-2020	
Median family income	Westerly				\$99,092	
	Rhode Island				\$83,161	
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	Westerly				12.0%	
	Rhode Island				15.6%	
Economic Well-Being		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cost of rent	Westerly	\$1,587	\$1,562	\$1,555	\$1,301	\$1,272
	Rhode Island	\$1,717	\$1,731	\$1,732	\$1,725	\$1,771
Paid Family Leave (total approved TCI claims)	Westerly	102	98	50	323	93
	Rhode Island	6,224	6,760	7,175	8,083	6,057
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Westerly	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%
	Rhode Island	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Westerly	776	687	615	537	473
	Rhode Island	56,580	54,706	50,825	43,660	43,511
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	33%	27%	28%	29%	28%
	Rhode Island	50%	46%	47%	48%	45%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	25%	24%	31%	31%	31%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Health		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Westerly	2,165	2,102	1,956	1,951	1,947
	Rhode Island	120,138	122,915	117,987	118,858	119,426
Babies born	Westerly	144	140	130	146	151
	Rhode Island	10,050	9,952	9,614	9,590	9,892
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Westerly	45	50	51	48	45
	Rhode Island	1,090	1,278	1,294	1,244	1,317
Child overweight and obesity	Westerly	NA	29%	27%	32%	NA
	Rhode Island	NA	30%	31%	35%	NA
		2012-2016	2013-2017	2014-2018	2015-2019	2016-2020
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma	Westerly	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	Rhode Island	12%	11%	11%	11%	12%
Infants born with low birthweight	Westerly	5.3%	6.0%	7.0%	10.5%	7.1%
	Rhode Island	7.5%	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Westerly	6.0%	7.6%	9.4%	7.2%	10.1%
	Rhode Island	14.5%	14.7%	15.9%	16.1%	15.8%
Preterm births	Westerly	5.5%	6.2%	6.5%	7.2%	7.4%
	Rhode Island	9.0%	8.7%	8.7%	8.9%	9.0%
Safety - Child Welfare		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Child neglect and abuse indicated victims rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	16.9	17.8	15.9	10.0	14.0
	Rhode Island	14.6	14.6	13.9	12.0	11.3
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	4.4	6.9	7.7	4.6	4.4
	Rhode Island	12.7	11.8	10.5	8.1	7.6
Domestic violence incidents with children present	Westerly	14%	24%	NA	30%	NA
	Rhode Island	27%	25%	NA	26%	NA

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Safety - Juvenile Justice		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Youth Violence (# of juvenile arrests for assault and weapons offenses)	Westerly	NA	11	10	4	NA
	Rhode Island	NA	618	522	328	NA
Youth in the Juvenile Justice System (# of youth at the RI Training School during the year)	Westerly	8	4	2	1	3
	Rhode Island	358	272	246	191	137
Education		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Westerly	4%	6%	6%	6%	5%
	Rhode Island	6%	7%	7%	7%	6%
Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	3%	1%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	3%	3%
Children enrolled in Head Start or RI Pre-K (% of low-income children age 4 enrolled)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	16%	57%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	33%	42%
Licensed early learning centers	Westerly	8	8	9	7	7
	Rhode Island	316	315	329	317	313
Licensed family child care homes	Westerly	2	2	1	2	1
	Rhode Island	478	457	460	403	397
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Westerly	50%	50%	33%	43%	43%
	Rhode Island	20%	21%	25%	25%	25%
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	101	86	86	53	41
	Rhode Island	10,429	10,171	10,580	7,016	6,063
Children receiving preschool special education services	Westerly	10%	11%	13%	22%	12%
	Rhode Island	8%	8%	9%	8%	7%
K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Westerly	16%	15%	15%	16%	15%
	Rhode Island	15%	15%	15%	15%	16%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Westerly	2,790	2,738	2,648	2,433	2,738
	Rhode Island	142,949	143,247	143,557	139,184	138,566
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Westerly	37%	36%	35%	34%	30%
	Rhode Island	47%	47%	48%	46%	41%
Students who are Multilingual Learners/ English Learners	Westerly	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	8%	9%	10%	11%	11%
Student mobility rate	Westerly	11%	11%	8%	7%	8%
	Rhode Island	14%	13%	13%	10%	14%
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	53%	59%	NA	42%
	Rhode Island	NA	40%	48%	NA	40%
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	49%	56%	NA	30%
	Rhode Island	NA	35%	36%	NA	25%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	28%	39%	NA	34%
	Rhode Island	NA	28%	36%	NA	29%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	26%	29%	NA	10%
	Rhode Island	NA	23%	24%	NA	16%
Schools identified for intervention	Westerly	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Westerly	10%	7%	7%	9%	11%
	Rhode Island	13%	13%	14%	16%	22%
Chronic absence in high school	Westerly	17%	21%	16%	17%	8%
	Rhode Island	28%	27%	26%	26%	34%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Westerly	9	10	14	7	2
	Rhode Island	14	15	15	10	1
High school graduation rate	Westerly	87%	83%	91%	86%	91%
	Rhode Island	84%	84%	84%	84%	84%
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Westerly	65%	72%	66%	71%	63%
	Rhode Island	61%	67%	67%	61%	59%