

Rhode Island Kids Count 2021 Factbook

Indicators of Child Well-Being

Snapshot of Four Core Cities (Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence and Woonsocket) and Rhode Island



Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000	2010		
Child population	Four Core Cities	70,118	80,114	73,741		
	Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	223,956		
Children in single-parent families	Four Core Cities	NA	NA	46%		
	Rhode Island	NA	28%	31%		
				2015-2019		
		2000				
Median family income	Four Core Cities	NA	NA			
	Rhode Island	\$66,156	\$79,684			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	Four Core Cities	35.9%	32.9%			
	Rhode Island	16.9%	17.0%			
Economic Well-Being		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cost of rent	Four Core Cities	\$1,456	\$1,463	\$1,470	\$1,466	\$1,453
	Rhode Island	\$1,624	\$1,653	\$1,666	\$1,667	\$1,660
Paid Family Leave (total approved TCI claims)	Four Core Cities	1,499	1,548	1,784	1,875	2,235
	Rhode Island	5,882	6,224	6,760	7,175	8,083
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Four Core Cities	9%*	7%	7%	7%	4%
	Rhode Island	4%*	3%	3%	3%	2%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Four Core Cities	38,436*	35,722	34,638	32,220	27,788
	Rhode Island	60,505	56,580	54,706	50,825	43,660
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Four Core Cities	61%	58%	54%	55%	55%
	Rhode Island	54%	50%	46%	47%	48%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Four Core Cities	52%	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Rhode Island	40%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Health		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Four Core Cities	62,555*	64,699	68,815	66,162	66,088
	Rhode Island	115,899*	120,138	122,915	117,987	118,858
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Four Core Cities	771	753	797	804	765
	Rhode Island	1,043	1,090	1,278	1,294	1,244
		2011-2015	2012-2016	2013-2017	2014-2018	2015-2019
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma	Four Core Cities	21%	21%	20%	20%	21%
	Rhode Island	12%	12%	11%	11%	11%
Infants born with low birthweight	Four Core Cities	8.6%	8.8%	8.7%	8.7%	8.8%
	Rhode Island	7.4%	7.5%	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%
Women with Delayed Prenatal Care	Four Core Cities	17.4%	18.6%	18.5%	19.7%	20.5%
	Rhode Island	13.5%	14.5%	14.7%	15.9%	16.1%
Preterm Births	Four Core Cities	9.9%	9.8%	9.6%	9.7%	9.8%
	Rhode Island	8.9%	9.0%	8.7%	8.7%	8.9%
Safety - Child Welfare		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Child neglect and abuse indicated victims rate (per 1,000 children)	Four Core Cities	19.8	23.5	21.5	20.1	18.2
	Rhode Island	12.3	14.6	14.6	13.9	12.0
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Four Core Cities	25.4	22.7	20.8	19.5	15.6
	Rhode Island	12.7	12.7	11.8	10.5	8.1
Domestic violence incidents with children present	Four Core Cities	28%	28%	26%	NA	NA
	Rhode Island	27%	27%	25%	NA	NA

*Data for this time period has comparison limitations that are described in the full indicator; please consult the 2017 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook.

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Safety - Juvenile Justice		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Youth Violence (# of juvenile arrests for assault and weapons offenses)	Four Core Cities	364	NA	259	234	NA
	Rhode Island	570	NA	618	522	NA
Youth in the Juvenile Justice System (# of youth at the RI Training School during the year)	Four Core Cities	254	224	171	161	141
	Rhode Island	408	358	272	246	191
Education		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Four Core Cities	6%	6%	7%	8%	7%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%
Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Four Core Cities	NA	NA	NA	NA	3%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	3%
Children enrolled in Head Start or RI Pre-K (% of low-income children age 4 enrolled)	Four Core Cities	NA	NA	NA	NA	36%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	33%
Licensed early learning centers	Four Core Cities	81	78	76	81	80
	Rhode Island	321	316	315	329	317
Licensed family child care homes	Four Core Cities	344	339	327	329	292
	Rhode Island	488	478	457	460	403
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Four Core Cities	30%	28%	26%	35%	33%
	Rhode Island	18%	20%	21%	25%	25%
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Four Core Cities	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Four Core Cities	5,194*	6,136	5,982	6,176	4,076
	Rhode Island	8,445*	10,429	10,171	10,580	7,016
Children receiving preschool special education services (% enrolled)	Four Core Cities	8%	7%	8%	8%	7%
	Rhode Island	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%
K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Four Core Cities	16%	17%	17%	17%	18%
	Rhode Island	14%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Four Core Cities	41,419	41,313	41,461	41,525	39,412
	Rhode Island	142,142	142,949	143,247	143,557	139,184
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Four Core Cities	80%	79%	82%	81%	80%
	Rhode Island	48%	47%	47%	48%	46%
Students who are Multilingual Learners/ English Learners	Four Core Cities	18%	19%	22%	24%	26%
	Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
Student mobility rate	Four Core Cities	23%	22%	22%	19%	17%
	Rhode Island	14%	14%	13%	13%	10%
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Four Core Cities	NA	NA	21%	27%	27%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	40%	48%	48%
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Four Core Cities	NA	NA	20%	19%	19%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	35%	36%	36%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Four Core Cities	NA	NA	10%	15%	15%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	28%	36%	36%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Four Core Cities	NA	NA	6%	8%	8%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	23%	24%	24%
Schools identified for intervention	Four Core Cities	38%	32%	24%	24%	24%
	Rhode Island	10%	8%	8%	7%	7%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Four Core Cities	19%	24%	24%	26%	25%
	Rhode Island	11%	13%	13%	14%	16%
Chronic absence in high school	Four Core Cities	42%	47%	46%	45%	40%
	Rhode Island	26%	28%	27%	26%	26%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Four Core Cities	25	14	14	18	12
	Rhode Island	17	14	15	15	10
High school graduation rate	Four Core Cities	75%	75%	75%	75%	74%
	Rhode Island	83%	84%	84%	84%	84%
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Four Core Cities	44%	46%	53%	53%	NA
	Rhode Island	59%	61%	67%	67%	NA