

Rhode Island Kids Count 2021 Factbook

Indicators of Child Well-Being

Snapshot of Providence, Rhode Island



Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000	2010		
Child population	Providence	37,972	45,277	41,634		
	Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	223,956		
Children in single-parent families	Providence	NA	NA	46%		
	Rhode Island	NA	28%	31%		
				2015-2019		
Median family income	Providence		\$32,119	\$42,829		
	Rhode Island		\$66,156	\$79,684		
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	Providence		40.5%	34.7%		
	Rhode Island		16.9%	17.0%		
Economic Well-Being		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cost of rent	Providence	\$1,737	\$1,785	\$1,809	\$1,797	\$1,781
	Rhode Island	\$1,624	\$1,653	\$1,666	\$1,667	\$1,660
Paid Family Leave (total approved TCI claims)	Providence	827	869	1,051	1,094	1,289
	Rhode Island	5,882	6,224	6,760	7,175	8,083
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Providence	9%*	8%	8%	8%	4%
	Rhode Island	4%*	3%	3%	3%	2%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Providence	22,823*	21,355	20,730	19,225	16,339
	Rhode Island	60,505	56,580	54,706	50,825	43,660
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Providence	63%	60%	56%	57%	56%
	Rhode Island	54%	50%	46%	47%	48%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Providence	58%	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Rhode Island	40%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Health		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Providence	36,695*	37,822	41,329	39,508	39,314
	Rhode Island	115,899*	120,138	122,915	117,987	118,858
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Providence	465	435	463	452	424
	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	Providence	22%	21%	21%	21%	21%
	Rhode Island	12%	12%	11%	11%	11%
Infants born with low birthweight	Providence	8.7%	8.8%	8.8%	8.8%	8.7%
	Rhode Island	7.4%	7.5%	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%
Women with Delayed Prenatal Care	Providence	17.7%	18.8%	18.3%	19.8%	20.7%
	Rhode Island	13.5%	14.5%	14.7%	15.9%	16.1%
Preterm Births	Providence	9.9%	10.0%	9.8%	9.8%	9.7%
	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)	Providence	15.9	19.3	16.5	14.8	15.0
	Rhode Island	12.3	14.6	14.6	13.9	12.0
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Providence	26.2	23.6	22.4	20.8	16.5
	Rhode Island	12.7	12.7	11.8	10.5	8.1
Domestic violence incidents with children present	Providence	29%	29%	29%	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)	Providence	210	NA	105	94	NA
	Rhode Island	570	NA	618	522	NA
Youth in the Juvenile Justice System (# of youth at the RI Training School during the year)	Providence	168	143	98	94	82
	Rhode Island	408	358	272	246	191
Education		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Providence	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)	Providence	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)	Providence	NA	NA	NA	NA	39%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	33%
Licensed early learning centers	Providence	50	47	46	51	53
	Rhode Island	321	316	315	329	317
Licensed family child care homes	Providence	286	283	272	276	241
	Rhode Island	488	478	457	460	403
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Providence	32%	30%	28%	29%	26%
	Rhode Island	18%	20%	21%	25%	25%
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Providence	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Providence	3,168*	3,909	3,682	3,950	2,504
	Rhode Island	8,445*	10,429	10,171	10,580	7,016
Children receiving preschool special education services	Providence	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%
	Rhode Island	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%
K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Providence	15%	15%	15%	15%	16%
	Rhode Island	14%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Providence	23,983	24,075	23,944	23,836	22,440
	Rhode Island	142,142	142,949	143,247	143,557	139,184
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Providence	86%	87%	84%	84%	84%
	Rhode Island	48%	47%	47%	48%	46%
Students who are Multilingual Learners/ English Learners	Providence	22%	23%	26%	29%	32%
	Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
Student mobility rate	Providence	24%	24%	23%	23%	17%
	Rhode Island	14%	14%	13%	13%	10%
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Providence	NA	NA	19%	26%	26%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	40%	48%	48%
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Providence	NA	NA	17%	17%	17%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	35%	36%	36%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Providence	NA	NA	8%	15%	15%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	28%	36%	36%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Providence	NA	NA	6%	7%	7%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	23%	24%	24%
Schools identified for intervention	Providence	55%	48%	32%	27%	27%
	Rhode Island	10%	8%	8%	7%	7%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Providence	21%	27%	27%	29%	27%
	Rhode Island	11%	13%	13%	14%	16%
Chronic absence in high school	Providence	45%	51%	50%	48%	40%
	Rhode Island	26%	28%	27%	26%	26%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Providence	21	17	16	13	7
	Rhode Island	17	14	15	15	10
High school graduation rate	Providence	75%	75%	75%	74%	75%
	Rhode Island	83%	84%	84%	84%	84%
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Providence	45%	49%	55%	54%	NA
	Rhode Island	59%	61%	67%	67%	NA