

Rhode Island Kids Count 2021 Factbook

Indicators of Child Well-Being

Snapshot of Westerly, Rhode Island



Census-Based Indicators		1990	2000	2010		
Child population	Westerly	4,988	5,406	4,787		
	Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	223,956		
Children in single-parent families	Westerly	NA	NA	28%		
	Rhode Island	NA	28%	31%		
				2015-2019		
Median family income	Westerly	\$68,010	\$92,325			
	Rhode Island	\$66,156	\$79,684			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	Westerly	10.0%	14.8%**			
	Rhode Island	16.9%	17.0%			
Economic Well-Being		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cost of rent	Westerly	\$1,557	\$1,528	\$1,504	\$1,497	\$1,252
	Rhode Island	\$1,624	\$1,653	\$1,666	\$1,667	\$1,660
Paid Family Leave (total approved TCI claims)	Westerly	94	102	98	50	323
	Rhode Island	5,882	6,224	6,760	7,175	8,083
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Westerly	1%*	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	4%*	3%	3%	3%	2%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Westerly	878*	776	687	615	537
	Rhode Island	60,505	56,580	54,706	50,825	43,660
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	48%	33%	27%	28%	29%
	Rhode Island	54%	50%	46%	47%	48%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	32%	25%	24%	31%	31%
	Rhode Island	40%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Health		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Westerly	2,085*	2,165	2,102	1,956	1,951
	Rhode Island	115,899*	120,138	122,915	117,987	118,858
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Westerly	41	45	50	51	48
	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	Westerly	7%	6%	6%	6%	7%
	Rhode Island	12%	12%	11%	11%	11%
Infants born with low birthweight	Westerly	5.9%	5.3%	6.0%	7.0%	10.5%
	Rhode Island	7.4%	7.5%	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%
Women with Delayed Prenatal Care	Westerly	5.9%	6.0%	7.6%	9.4%	7.2%
	Rhode Island	13.5%	14.5%	14.7%	15.9%	16.1%
Preterm Births	Westerly	6.5%	5.5%	6.2%	6.5%	7.2%
	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)	Westerly	14.2	16.9	17.8	15.9	10.0
	Rhode Island	12.3	14.6	14.6	13.9	12.0
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	3.3	4.4	6.9	7.7	4.6
	Rhode Island	12.7	12.7	11.8	10.5	8.1
Domestic violence incidents with children present	Westerly	26%	14%	24%	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.

**Estimate has a high margin of error.

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Safety - Juvenile Justice		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Youth Violence (# of juvenile arrests for assault and weapons offenses)	Westerly	11	NA	11	10	NA
	Rhode Island	570	NA	618	522	NA
Youth in the Juvenile Justice System (# of youth at the RI Training School during the year)	Westerly	9	8	4	2	1
	Rhode Island	408	358	272	246	191
Education		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Westerly	4%	4%	6%	6%	6%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%
Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Westerly	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)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	NA	16%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	NA	33%
Licensed early learning centers	Westerly	7	8	8	9	7
	Rhode Island	321	316	315	329	317
Licensed family child care homes	Westerly	2	2	2	1	2
	Rhode Island	488	478	457	460	403
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Westerly	29%	50%	50%	33%	43%
	Rhode Island	18%	20%	21%	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	104*	101	86	86	53
	Rhode Island	8,445*	10,429	10,171	10,580	7,016
Children receiving preschool special education services	Westerly	13%	10%	11%	13%	22%
	Rhode Island	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%
K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Westerly	15%	16%	15%	15%	16%
	Rhode Island	14%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Westerly	2,865	2,790	2,738	2,648	2,433
	Rhode Island	142,142	142,949	143,247	143,557	139,184
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Westerly	33%	37%	36%	35%	34%
	Rhode Island	48%	47%	47%	48%	46%
Students who are Multilingual Learners/ English Learners	Westerly	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
Student mobility rate	Westerly	11%	11%	11%	8%	7%
	Rhode Island	14%	14%	13%	13%	10%
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	NA	53%	59%	59%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	40%	48%	48%
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	NA	49%	56%	56%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	35%	36%	36%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	NA	28%	39%	39%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	28%	36%	36%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	NA	26%	29%	29%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	23%	24%	24%
Schools identified for intervention	Westerly	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	10%	8%	8%	7%	7%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Westerly	5%	10%	7%	7%	9%
	Rhode Island	11%	13%	13%	14%	16%
Chronic absence in high school	Westerly	13%	17%	21%	16%	17%
	Rhode Island	26%	28%	27%	26%	26%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Westerly	7	9	10	14	7
	Rhode Island	17	14	15	15	10
High school graduation rate	Westerly	89%	87%	83%	91%	86%
	Rhode Island	83%	84%	84%	84%	84%
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Westerly	69%	65%	72%	66	NA
	Rhode Island	59%	61%	67%	67%	NA