

Rhode Island Kids Count 2017 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%		
			2000	2011-2015		
Median family income	Westerly	\$68,010	\$63,398			
	Rhode Island	\$66,156	\$67,606			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	Westerly	10.0%	16.6%**			
	Rhode Island	16.9%	20.4%			
Economic Well-Being		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cost of rent	Westerly	\$1,123	\$1,100	\$1,167	\$1,227	\$1,315
	Rhode Island	\$1,176	\$1,154	\$1,172	\$1,238	\$1,288
Paid Family Leave (total approved TCI claims)	Westerly	NA	NA	46	78	94
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	3,870	4,941	5,882
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Westerly	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%*
	Rhode Island	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%*
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Westerly	962	1,019	934	919	878*
	Rhode Island	64,866	63,971	60,982	59,325	61,103*
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	52%	57%	58%	54%	48%
	Rhode Island	69%	66%	65%	59%	54%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	27%	31%	29%	33%	32%
	Rhode Island	35%	39%	39%	40%	40%
Health		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Westerly	1,667	1,634	1,873	2,026	2,085*
	Rhode Island	95,248	96,215	104,532	110,544	115,899*
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Westerly	NA	0	3	9	41
	Rhode Island	NA	288	500	823	1,043
		2007-2011	2008-2012	2009-2013	2010-2014	2011-2015
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma	Westerly	9%	8%	9%	8%	7%*
	Rhode Island	16%	15%	14%	13%	12%*
Infants born with low birthweight	Westerly	7.6%	7.1%	6.4%	5.6%	5.9%
	Rhode Island	7.9%	7.8%	7.6%	7.5%	7.4%
Newborn infants exclusively breastfed	Westerly	75%	77%	78%	79%	79%
	Rhode Island	61%	62%	64%	66%	69%
Teen birth rate (per 1,000 girls ages 15 to 19)	Westerly	23.2	22.2	21.5	18.9	16.6
	Rhode Island	25.5	23.3	21.0	18.6	16.8
Safety - Child Welfare		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	17.1	15.5	18.6	14.4	14.2
	Rhode Island	13.9	14.0	14.5	13.8	12.3
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	3.3	5.2	3.6	3.6	3.3
	Rhode Island	11.0	11.2	11.8	12.8	12.7
Domestic violence incidents with children present	Westerly	34%	38%	44%	NA	NA
	Rhode Island	31%	40%	35%	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 due to small sample size.

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Safety - Juvenile Justice		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Youth Violence (# of juvenile arrests for assault and weapons offenses)	Westerly	9	7	10	5	NA
	Rhode Island	739	660	586	548	NA
Youth at the Training School	Westerly	13	2	7	7	9
	Rhode Island	578	482	482	450	408
Education		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Westerly	NA	NA	6%	4%	4%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	6%	6%	6%
Children enrolled in Early Head Start	Westerly	0	0	0	0	0
	Rhode Island	522	503	527	582	606
Children enrolled in Head Start	Westerly	48	48	71	69	33
	Rhode Island	2,432	2,040	2,295	2,233	2,063
Licensed early learning centers	Westerly	6	7	7	7	7
	Rhode Island	314	309	311	317	321
Licensed family child care homes	Westerly	2	2	2	1	2
	Rhode Island	585	581	552	497	488
Licensed early learning centers participating in BrightStars	Westerly	17%	71%	71%	86%	71%
	Rhode Island	15%	78%	78%	82%	80%
Licensed family child care homes participating in BrightStars	Westerly	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Rhode Island	21%	82%	77%	87%	84%
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Westerly	72	59	73	95	104*
	Rhode Island	7,868	7,696	9,060	9,831	8,445*
Children enrolled in State Pre-K	Westerly	0	0	0	0	0
	Rhode Island	144	234	306	594	995
Children receiving preschool special education services	Westerly	0	7%	9%	9%	13%
	Rhode Island	0	7%	8%	7%	8%
K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Westerly	NA	NA	15%	15%	15%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	15%	15%	14%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Westerly	3,067	3,016	3,022	2,908	2,865
	Rhode Island	142,481	142,008	141,959	142,014	142,142
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Westerly	34%	36%	40%	35%	33%
	Rhode Island	46%	47%	47%	47%	48%
Children enrolled in full-day kindergarten	Westerly	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Rhode Island	68%	70%	81%	88%	100%
Students who are English Language Learners	Westerly	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	6%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Student mobility rate	Westerly	11%	10%	10%	9%	11%
	Rhode Island	14%	13%	13%	14%	14%
3 rd graders meeting expectations in reading (PARCC)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	40%	37%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	37%	40%
3 rd graders meeting expectations in math (PARCC)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	41%	55%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	36%	44%
7 th graders meeting expectations in reading (PARCC)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	32%	49%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	38%	38%
7 th graders meeting expectations in math(PARCC)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	24%	32%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	25%	28%
Schools identified for intervention	Westerly	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	10%	10%	12%	12%	10%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Westerly	6%	8%	8%	9%	5%
	Rhode Island	11%	12%	12%	14%	11%
Chronic absence in high school	Westerly	20%	11%	12%	15%	13%
	Rhode Island	25%	24%	24%	26%	26%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Westerly	12	8	8	9	7
	Rhode Island	30	23	22	19	17
High school graduation rate	Westerly	87%	88%	85%	91%	90%
	Rhode Island	77%	80%	81%	83%	85%