

Rhode Island Kids Count 2020 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%		
				2014-2018		
Median family income	Westerly	\$68,010	\$81,563			
	Rhode Island	\$66,156	\$74,540			
Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	Westerly	10.0%	15.3%**			
	Rhode Island	16.9%	18.2%			
Economic Well-Being		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Cost of rent	Westerly	\$1,461	\$1,446	\$1,443	\$1,463	\$1,482
	Rhode Island	\$1,480	\$1,509	\$1,561	\$1,621	\$1,651
Paid Family Leave (total approved TCI claims)	Westerly	78	94	102	98	50
	Rhode Island	4,941	5,882	6,224	6,760	7,175
Children in families receiving cash assistance	Westerly	1%	1%*	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	3%	4%*	3%	3%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Westerly	919	878*	776	687	615
	Rhode Island	59,325	60,505	56,580	54,706	50,825
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	54%	48%	33%	27%	28%
	Rhode Island	59%	54%	50%	46%	47%
School Breakfast Program participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	33%	32%	25%	24%	31%
	Rhode Island	40%	40%	NA	NA	NA
Health		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Westerly	2,026	2,085*	2,165	2,102	1,956
	Rhode Island	110,544	115,899*	120,138	122,915	117,987
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Westerly	9	41	45	50	51
	Rhode Island	823	1,043	1,090	1,278	1,294
		2010-2014	2011-2015	2012-2016	2013-2017	2014-2018
Births to mothers with less than a high school diploma	Westerly	8%	7%	6%	6%	6%
	Rhode Island	13%	12%	12%	11%	11%
Infants born with low birthweight	Westerly	5.6%	5.9%	5.3%	6.0%	7.0%
	Rhode Island	7.5%	7.4%	7.5%	7.4%	7.5%
Women with Delayed Prenatal Care	Westerly	6.9%	5.9%	6.0%	7.6%	9.4%
	Rhode Island	12.4%	13.5%	14.5%	14.7%	15.9%
Preterm Births	Westerly	7.5%	6.5%	5.5%	6.2%	6.5%
	Rhode Island	9.1%	8.9%	9.0%	8.7%	8.7%
Safety - Child Welfare		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Child abuse and neglect indicated victims rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	14.4	14.2	16.9	17.8	15.9
	Rhode Island	13.8	12.3	14.6	14.6	13.9
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	3.6	3.3	4.4	6.9	7.7
	Rhode Island	12.8	12.7	12.7	11.8	10.5
Domestic violence incidents with children present	Westerly	26%	26%	14%	NA	NA
	Rhode Island	28%	27%	27%	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		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Youth Violence (# of juvenile arrests for assault and weapons offenses)	Westerly	5	11	NA	11	NA
	Rhode Island	548	570	NA	618	NA
Youth at the Training School	Westerly	7	9	8	4	2
	Rhode Island	450	408	358	272	246
Education		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Westerly	4%	4%	4%	6%	6%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Westerly	NA	NA	1%	3%	2%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	5%	5%	5%
Children enrolled in Head Start or State Pre-K (% of low-income children age 4 enrolled)	Westerly	NA	NA	13%	37%	28%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	41%	44%	45%
Licensed early learning centers	Westerly	7	7	8	8	9
	Rhode Island	317	321	316	315	329
Licensed family child care homes	Westerly	1	2	2	2	1
	Rhode Island	497	488	478	457	460
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Westerly	0%	29%	50%	50%	33%
	Rhode Island	17%	18%	20%	21%	25%
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Westerly	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Westerly	95	104*	101	86	86
	Rhode Island	9,831	8,445*	10,429	10,171	10,580
Children receiving preschool special education services	Westerly	9%	13%	10%	11%	13%
	Rhode Island	7%	8%	8%	8%	9%
K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Westerly	15%	15%	16%	15%	15%
	Rhode Island	15%	14%	15%	15%	15%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Westerly	2,908	2,865	2,790	2,738	2,648
	Rhode Island	142,014	142,142	142,949	143,247	143,557
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Westerly	35%	33%	37%	36%	35%
	Rhode Island	47%	48%	47%	47%	48%
Students who are Multilingual Learners/ English Learners	Westerly	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	7%	7%	8%	9%	10%
Student mobility rate	Westerly	9%	11%	11%	11%	8%
	Rhode Island	14%	14%	14%	13%	13%
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	53%	59%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	40%	48%
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	49%	56%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	35%	36%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	28%	39%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	28%	36%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly	NA	NA	NA	26%	29%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	NA	23%	24%
Schools identified for intervention	Westerly	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	12%	10%	8%	8%	7%
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Westerly	9%	5%	10%	7%	7%
	Rhode Island	14%	11%	13%	13%	14%
Chronic absence in high school	Westerly	15%	13%	17%	21%	16%
	Rhode Island	26%	26%	28%	27%	26%
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Westerly	9	7	9	10	14
	Rhode Island	19	17	14	15	15
High school graduation rate	Westerly	91%	89%	87%	83%	91%
	Rhode Island	83%	83%	84%	84%	84%
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Westerly	62%	69%	65%	72%	NA
	Rhode Island	59%	59%	61%	67%	NA