

Bristol

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Snapshot of **Bristol** and **Rhode Island**

Census-Based Indicators	Child Population	1990	2000	2010	2020	% change 1990 to 2020	Median Family Income	2020-2024	Children living in families below the federal poverty threshold	
	Bristol	4,380	4,399	3,623	2,887	-34%	Bristol	\$141,079	Bristol	2020-2024
Rhode Island	225,690	247,822	223,956	209,785	-7%	Rhode Island	\$105,770	Rhode Island		13.7%

Economic Well-Being		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Cost of Rent	Bristol	\$1,309	\$1,319	\$1,330	\$2,065
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
Paid Family Leave	Bristol	110	101	118	124	117
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance	Bristol	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Bristol	231	257	250	239	223
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Bristol	36%	31%	36%	44%	50%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Bristol	1,034	1,058	1,038	1,019
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Bristol	34	38	5	4	3
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Bristol	16	22	21	16	15
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
Child overweight and obesity	Bristol	33%	31%	27%	30%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
Babies Born	Bristol	133	127	108	119	119
	Rhode Island	9,892	9,691	9,271	9,469	9,476
		2016-2020	2017-2021	2018-2022	2019-2023	2020-2024
Infants born with low birthweight	Bristol	6.5%	6.8%	7.0%	8.1%	7.5%
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Bristol	14%	14%	15%	15%	14%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Preterm births	Bristol	8.5%	8.7%	8.2%	8.9%	9.1%
	Rhode Island	9.0%	9.0%	9.2%	9.3%	9.2%

Safety		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Child neglect and abuse indicated victims rate (per 1,000 children)	Bristol	8.3	10.4	10	7.62037
	Rhode Island	11.3	11.4	11	10.9	10.0
Youth in the Justice System (# of youth at the RI Training School during the year)	Bristol	<6	0	0	0	0
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Bristol	3.3	4.8	4.2	8	7.6
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Bristol	29%	13%	17%	24%	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Bristol	0	6	1	0	NA
	Rhode Island	439	599	736	642	NA

^Rhode Island Rent Survey data are not available. Average rent reported is the HUD Fair Market Rent.
 ^^ The Margin of Error around the estimate is greater than or equal to 25 percent of the estimate.
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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Childhood Education	Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Bristol 5%	6%	8%	6%	7%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Bristol 1%	0%	3%	1%	2%
	Rhode Island	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
	Children enrolled in Head Start or RI Pre-K (% of low-income children ages 3 and 4 enrolled)	Bristol NA	14%	25%	19%	28%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	Licensed early learning centers	Bristol 4	4	4	3	4
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	Licensed family child care homes	Bristol 4	4	3	3	3
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Bristol 0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%	
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Bristol 0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Bristol 23	17	27	29	23	
Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381	
Children receiving preschool special education services	Bristol-Warren 6%	7%	9%	10%	9%	
Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	
K-12 Education	K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Bristol-Warren 14%	17%	17%	18%	18%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
	Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Bristol-Warren 2,941	2,888	2,794	2,693	2,621
	Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829
	Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Bristol-Warren 22%	29%	32%	40%	38%
	Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%
	School Breakfast Program participation (% children participating)	Bristol-Warren NA	7%	7%	7%	8%
	Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%
	School Lunch Program participation (% children participating)	Bristol-Warren NA	NA	44%	44%	44%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%
	Students who are Multilingual Learners	Bristol-Warren 2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
	Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%
	Student mobility rate	Bristol-Warren 5%	8%	7%	8%	10%
	Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Bristol-Warren 58%	49%	54%	46%	52%
	Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%
	Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Bristol-Warren 36%	42%	52%	47%	41%
	Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%
	Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Bristol-Warren 34%	43%	51%	48%	48%
	Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Bristol-Warren 24%	33%	41%	40%	28%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
Schools identified for intervention	Bristol-Warren NA	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Bristol-Warren 21%	29%	22%	18%	13%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
Chronic absence in high school	Bristol-Warren 41%	33%	29%	29%	25%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
High school graduation rate	Bristol-Warren 90%	89%	90%	88%	88%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Bristol-Warren 4	20	20	10	11	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Bristol-Warren 72%	66%	70%	69%	64%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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