

Central Falls

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Snapshot of **Central Falls** 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	
	Central Falls	4,810	5,531	5,644	6,411	33%	Central Falls	\$35,063**	Central Falls	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	Central Falls	\$1,703	\$1,759	\$1,746	\$1,741
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
Paid Family Leave	Central Falls	64	108	118	115	129
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance	Central Falls	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Central Falls	2,023	2,280	2,270	2,038	1,883
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Central Falls	54%	45%	59%	62%	61%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Central Falls	5,411	5,658	5,913	5,994
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Central Falls	105	93	88	84	83
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Central Falls	119	98	60	85	88
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
Child overweight and obesity	Central Falls	53%	51%	53%	51%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
Babies Born	Central Falls	305	275	250	310	285
	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	Central Falls	8.5%	8.2%	8.3%	7.3%	6.9%
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Central Falls	21%	21%	22%	22%	24%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Preterm births	Central Falls	10.8%	11.6%	11.8%	10.5%	9.6%
	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)	Central Falls	20.2	17.8	17.6	12.9
	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)	Central Falls	6	16	18	9	6
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Central Falls	13.8	13.4	11.7	12.9	14.8
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Central Falls	34%	33%	34%	24%	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Central Falls	12	26	24	19	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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Snapshot of **Central Falls** and **Rhode Island**

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Childhood Education	Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Central Falls 6%	5%	7%	7%	10%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Central Falls 4%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	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)	Central Falls NA	24%	27%	28%	30%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	Licensed early learning centers	Central Falls 3	3	3	4	4
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	Licensed family child care homes	Central Falls 14	13	12	13	12
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Central Falls 33%	33%	33%	25%	50%	
Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%	
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Central Falls 0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Central Falls 239	213	250	218	211	
Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381	
Children receiving preschool special education services	Central Falls 12%	13%	15%	15%	16%	
Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	
K-12 Education	K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Central Falls 19%	19%	21%	19%	19%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
	Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Central Falls 2,701	2,596	2,539	2,560	2,435
	Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829
	Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Central Falls 82%	96%	94%	93%	89%
	Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%
	School Breakfast Program participation (% children participating)	Central Falls NA	53%	45%	41%	43%
	Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%
	School Lunch Program participation (% children participating)	Central Falls NA	NA	82%	80%	78%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%
	Students who are Multilingual Learners	Central Falls 45%	46%	48%	52%	57%
	Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%
	Student mobility rate	Central Falls 23%	23%	23%	31%	21%
	Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Central Falls 14%	7%	8%	11%	8%
	Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%
	Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Central Falls 5%	6%	<5%	13%	14%
	Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%
	Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Central Falls 6%	5%	<5%	<5%	9%
	Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Central Falls <5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	<5%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
Schools identified for intervention	Central Falls NA	40%	33%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Central Falls 38%	43%	26%	23%	18%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
Chronic absence in high school	Central Falls 47%	57%	41%	41%	40%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
High school graduation rate	Central Falls 65%	59%	65%	59%	63%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Central Falls <1	8	7	5	4	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Central Falls 33%	46%	45%	40%	40%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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