

Charlestown

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Snapshot of **Charlestown** 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	
	Charlestown	1,575	1,712	1,506	1,161	-26%	Charlestown	\$121,546	Charlestown	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	Charlestown					
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358	
Paid Family Leave	Charlestown	47	62	50	37	78	
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858	
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance	Charlestown	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Charlestown	106	76	100	105	110	
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555	
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Charlestown	33%	29%	33%	63%	53%	
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%	

Health			2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Charlestown	497	492	512	508	****
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001	
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Charlestown	10	6	4	5	7	
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897	
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Charlestown	22	19	12	8	4	
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674	
Child overweight and obesity	Charlestown	30%	28%	27%	30%	NA	
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA	
Babies Born	Charlestown	60	51	46	42	51	
	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	Charlestown	8.2%*	7.0%*	5.7%*	4.9%*	6.1%*	
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	
Women with delayed prenatal care	Charlestown	7.7%*	9%	9%	9%	9%	
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	
Preterm births	Charlestown	13.9%	12.6%	10.4%	8.6%*	8.4%^	
	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)	Charlestown	4	14.6	10.3	6	1.7
	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)	Charlestown	0	0	0	0	0	
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197	
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Charlestown	0.7	0.9	6	0.9	5.2	
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9	
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Charlestown	20%	22%	19%	19%	NA	
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA	
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Charlestown	0	2	0	2	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.
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 *****Actual numbers are not shown to protect confidentiality.

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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Childhood Education	Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Charlestown 6%	5%	3%	6%	5%
		Rhode Island 6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Charlestown 0%	0%	3%	2%	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)	Charlestown NA	11%	40%	9%	13%
		Rhode Island NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	Licensed early learning centers	Charlestown 4	4	4	3	3
		Rhode Island 313	320	325	322	325
	Licensed family child care homes	Charlestown 0	0	0	1	1
		Rhode Island 397	392	399	414	370
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Charlestown 75%	75%	75%	67%	67%	
	Rhode Island 25%	26%	26%	26%	31%	
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Charlestown NA	NA	NA	0%	0%	
	Rhode Island 1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Charlestown 2	5	5	9	7	
	Rhode Island 6063	5981	6306	6515	6381	
Children receiving preschool special education services	Charlestown 11%	14%	16%	14%	13%	
	Rhode Island 7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	
K-12 Education	K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Charlestown 14%	14%	15%	15%	15%
		Rhode Island 16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
	Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Charlestown 3,200	3,102	3,008	2,966	2,903
		Rhode Island 138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829
	Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Charlestown 17%	17%	19%	31%	30%
		Rhode Island 41%	45%	44%	54%	54%
	School Breakfast Program participation (% children participating)	Charlestown NA	5%	7%	8%	8%
		Rhode Island NA	20%	16%	23%	24%
	School Lunch Program participation (% children participating)	Charlestown NA	NA	40%	40%	41%
		Rhode Island NA	NA	49%	49%	51%
	Students who are Multilingual Learners	Charlestown <1%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%
		Rhode Island 11%	12%	13%	14%	16%
	Student mobility rate	Charlestown 8%	12%	11%	11%	10%
		Rhode Island 14%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Charlestown 59%	54%	64%	57%	0%
		Rhode Island 40%	37%	37%	38%	37%
	Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Charlestown 39%	52%	59%	55%	45%
		Rhode Island 25%	35%	34%	39%	38%
	Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Charlestown 36%	34%	38%	52%	46%
		Rhode Island 29%	29%	32%	32%	35%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Charlestown 23%	38%	33%	44%	41%	
	Rhode Island 16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
Schools identified for intervention	Charlestown NA	14%	14%	14%	14%	
	Rhode Island NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Charlestown 9%	25%	12%	8%	10%	
	Rhode Island 23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
Chronic absence in high school	Charlestown 14%	31%	20%	16%	21%	
	Rhode Island 35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
High school graduation rate	Charlestown 87%	87%	94%	96%	95%	
	Rhode Island 84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Charlestown 2	5	9	8	5	
	Rhode Island 1	13	15	14	12	
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Charlestown 65%	63%	72%	66%	64%	
	Rhode Island 59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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