

Cranston

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Snapshot of **Cranston** 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	
	Cranston	14,673	17,098	16,414	15,744	7%	Cranston	\$114,493	Cranston	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
	<b>Cost of Rent</b>	Cranston	\$2,079	\$2,162	\$2,247	\$2,342
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
<b>Paid Family Leave</b>	Cranston	528	664	764	801	906
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
<b>Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance</b>	Cranston	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Children receiving SNAP benefits</b>	Cranston	2,515	2,588	2,789	2,674	2,429
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
<b>WIC participation</b> (% income-eligible children participating)	Cranston	46%	43%	46%	43%	42%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	<b>Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance</b>	Cranston	7,689	7,999	9,064	8,324
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
<b>Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting</b> (# of families enrolled)	Cranston	68	60	92	70	81
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
<b>First Connections Family Home Visiting</b> (# receiving a visit)	Cranston	297	264	246	167	110
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
<b>Child overweight and obesity</b>	Cranston	38%	37%	37%	36%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
<b>Babies Born</b>	Cranston	762	754	795	757	803
	Rhode Island	9,892	9,691	9,271	9,469	9,476
		2016-2020	2017-2021	2018-2022	2019-2023	2020-2024
<b>Infants born with low birthweight</b>	Cranston	7.5%	7.5%	8.2%	8.5%	7.8%
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
<b>Women with delayed prenatal care</b>	Cranston	16%	16%	15%	15%	15%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
<b>Preterm births</b>	Cranston	9.1%	8.8%	9.3%	9.7%	8.8%
	Rhode Island	9.0%	9.0%	9.2%	9.3%	9.2%

Safety		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	<b>Child neglect and abuse indicated victims rate</b> (per 1,000 children)	Cranston	6.4	8.6	8.3	5.8
	Rhode Island	11.3	11.4	11	10.9	10.0
<b>Youth in the Justice System</b> (# of youth at the RI Training School during the year)	Cranston	<6	<6	8	<6	11
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
<b>Children with incarcerated parents rate</b> (per 1,000 children)	Cranston	8.2	8	7.9	6.7	9.7
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
<b>Domestic violence arrests with children present</b>	Cranston	21%	24%	24%	21%	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
<b>Youth Violence</b> (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Cranston	21	27	48	42	NA
	Rhode Island	439	599	736	642	NA

<sup>^</sup>Rhode Island Rent Survey data are not available. Average rent reported is the HUD Fair Market Rent.

<sup>^^</sup> The Margin of Error around the estimate is greater than or equal to 25 percent of the estimate.

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Snapshot of **Cranston** and **Rhode Island**

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Childhood Education	<b>Children enrolled in Early Intervention</b> (% enrolled)	<b>Cranston</b> 6%	5%	7%	7%	7%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	<b>Children enrolled in Early Head Start</b> (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	<b>Cranston</b> 3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
	<b>Children enrolled in Head Start or RI Pre-K</b> (% of low-income children ages 3 and 4 enrolled)	<b>Cranston</b> NA	30%	28%	25%	30%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	<b>Licensed early learning centers</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 28	27	27	27	26
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	<b>Licensed family child care homes</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 43	45	43	44	37
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
<b>Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 11%	11%	15%	11%	27%	
Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%	
<b>Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	
Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	
<b>Children receiving child care subsidies</b> (subsidy use by child residence)	<b>Cranston</b> 344	377	397	425	381	
Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381	
<b>Children receiving preschool special education services</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 6%	7%	8%	9%	9%	
Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	
K-12 Education	<b>K-12 students receiving special education services</b> (% enrolled)	<b>Cranston</b> 15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
	<b>Public school enrollment</b> (total enrollment)	<b>Cranston</b> 10,258	10,225	10,126	10,037	9,906
	Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829
	<b>Public school enrollment</b> (% low-income)	<b>Cranston</b> 33%	39%	44%	55%	52%
	Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%
	<b>School Breakfast Program participation</b> (% children participating)	<b>Cranston</b> NA	26%	21%	21%	21%
	Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%
	<b>School Lunch Program participation</b> (% children participating)	<b>Cranston</b> NA	NA	44%	46%	46%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%
	<b>Students who are Multilingual Learners</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 8%	10%	11%	12%	12%
	Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%
	<b>Student mobility rate</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 9%	12%	11%	12%	11%
	Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	<b>Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 39%	41%	39%	39%	36%
	Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%
	<b>Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 19%	30%	30%	34%	35%
	Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%
	<b>Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 28%	30%	31%	31%	32%
	Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%
<b>Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 10%	13%	20%	20%	20%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
<b>Schools identified for intervention</b>	<b>Cranston</b> NA	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
<b>Chronic early absence in grades K-3</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 12%	22%	21%	14%	15%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
<b>Chronic absence in high school</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 14%	25%	28%	28%	27%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
<b>High school graduation rate</b>	<b>Cranston</b> 83%	84%	87%	88%	88%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
<b>Suspension rate</b> (per 100 students)	<b>Cranston</b> 1	12	20	21	20	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
<b>College enrollment</b> (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	<b>Cranston</b> 63%	68%	70%	65%	66%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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