

Exeter

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Snapshot of **Exeter** 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	
	Exeter		1,521	1,589	1,334	1,175	-23%	Exeter	\$109,886 <sup>^A</sup>	Exeter
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>	Exeter				
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
<b>Paid Family Leave</b>	Exeter	36	51	39	68	63
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
<b>Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance</b>	Exeter	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Children receiving SNAP benefits</b>	Exeter	72	100	113	88	69
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
<b>WIC participation</b> (% income-eligible children participating)	Exeter	24%	25%	27%	31%	17%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	<b>Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance</b>	Exeter	379	382	364	388
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
<b>Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting</b> (# of families enrolled)	Exeter	4	2	2	1	1
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
<b>First Connections Family Home Visiting</b> (# receiving a visit)	Exeter	10	14	11	9	4
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
<b>Child overweight and obesity</b>	Exeter	29%	27%	21%	25%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
<b>Babies Born</b>	Exeter	40	49	36	49	50
	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>	Exeter	5.8%*	5.5%*	5.4%*	4.9%*	**
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
<b>Women with delayed prenatal care</b>	Exeter	8.5%*	9.5%*	10%	8.6%*	11%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
<b>Preterm births</b>	Exeter	9.1%	7.6%	7.0%*	5.8%*	**
	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)	Exeter	4.5	11.9	11.9	7.7
	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)	Exeter	0	<6	0	0	<6
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
<b>Children with incarcerated parents rate</b> (per 1,000 children)	Exeter	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	5.1
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
<b>Domestic violence arrests with children present</b>	Exeter	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
<b>Youth Violence</b> (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Exeter	NA	NA	NA	NA	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>^A</sup> 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	<b>Children enrolled in Early Intervention</b> (% enrolled)	<b>Exeter</b> 4%	3%	4%	6%	4%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	<b>Children enrolled in Early Head Start</b> (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	<b>Exeter</b> 10%	0%	5%	0%	0%
	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>Exeter</b> NA	34%	35%	37%	15%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	<b>Licensed early learning centers</b>	<b>Exeter</b> 2	2	2	2	2
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	<b>Licensed family child care homes</b>	<b>Exeter</b> 0	0	0	1	1
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
K-12 Education	<b>Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)</b>	<b>Exeter</b> 50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
	Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%
	<b>Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)</b>	<b>Exeter</b> NA	NA	NA	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%
	<b>Children receiving child care subsidies</b> (subsidy use by child residence)	<b>Exeter</b> 8	2	10	6	5
	Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381
	<b>Children receiving preschool special education services</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 8%	7%	8%	10%	11%
	Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
	<b>K-12 students receiving special education services</b> (% enrolled)	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 12%	12%	11%	12%	12%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
<b>Public school enrollment</b> (total enrollment)	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 1,572	1,550	1,578	1,544	1,545	
Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829	
<b>Public school enrollment</b> (% low-income)	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 12%	14%	12%	22%	22%	
Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%	
<b>School Breakfast Program participation</b> (% children participating)	<b>Exeter-WG</b> NA	5%	4%	5%	8%	
Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%	
<b>School Lunch Program participation</b> (% children participating)	<b>Exeter-WG</b> NA	NA	27%	35%	38%	
Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%	
<b>Students who are Multilingual Learners</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%	
<b>Student mobility rate</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 4%	6%	8%	6%	6%	
Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%	
<b>Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 50%	47%	53%	51%	45%	
Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%	
<b>Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 42%	51%	41%	58%	52%	
Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%	
<b>Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 41%	45%	55%	62%	61%	
Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%	
<b>Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 31%	28%	45%	33%	48%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
<b>Schools identified for intervention</b>	<b>Exeter</b> NA	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
<b>Chronic early absence in grades K-3</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 3%	26%	14%	10%	13%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
<b>Chronic absence in high school</b>	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 11%	27%	16%	17%	16%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
<b>High school graduation rate</b>	<b>Exeter</b> 90%	92%	91%	94%	96%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
<b>Suspension rate</b> (per 100 students)	<b>Exeter-WG</b> <1	3	5	3	2	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
<b>College enrollment</b> (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	<b>Exeter-WG</b> 72%	66%	71%	79%	62%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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