

Pawtucket

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Snapshot of **Pawtucket** 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	
	Pawtucket	16,719	18,151	16,575	16,455	-2%	Pawtucket	\$77,799	Pawtucket	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	Pawtucket	\$1,748	\$1,866	\$1,882	\$2,014
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
Paid Family Leave	Pawtucket	423	521	528	559	594
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance	Pawtucket	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Pawtucket	5,038	5,344	5,202	5,037	4,834
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Pawtucket	45%	38%	46%	48%	49%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Pawtucket	13,010	13,246	13,574	13,554
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Pawtucket	176	120	125	89	94
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Pawtucket	230	164	137	139	171
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
Child overweight and obesity	Pawtucket	47%	44%	42%	42%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
Babies Born	Pawtucket	759	805	750	814	720
	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	Pawtucket	9.1%	8.9%	9.2%	10.0%	9.8%
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Pawtucket	19%	19%	18%	19%	20%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Preterm births	Pawtucket	9.8%	9.9%	9.9%	10.6%	10.1%
	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)	Pawtucket	17.3	14.8	14.6	14.5
	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)	Pawtucket	13	17	30	25	35
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Pawtucket	9.6	11.7	13.1	10.1	12.6
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Pawtucket	24%	26%	21%	28%	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Pawtucket	71	81	79	92	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)	Pawtucket 6%	5%	5%	6%	6%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Pawtucket 1%	1%	4%	4%	3%
	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)	Pawtucket NA	13%	25%	26%	21%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	Licensed early learning centers	Pawtucket 12	15	16	17	16
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	Licensed family child care homes	Pawtucket 27	24	27	25	19
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Pawtucket 25%	27%	25%	24%	38%	
Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%	
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Pawtucket 0%	0%	4%	8%	5%	
Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Pawtucket 639	632	727	787	700	
Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381	
Children receiving preschool special education services	Pawtucket 6%	7%	9%	9%	8%	
Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	
K-12 Education	K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Pawtucket 18%	19%	19%	20%	21%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
	Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Pawtucket 8,127	8,056	7,887	7,816	7,534
	Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829
	Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Pawtucket 70%	61%	55%	76%	75%
	Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%
	School Breakfast Program participation (% children participating)	Pawtucket NA	29%	34%	35%	32%
	Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%
	School Lunch Program participation (% children participating)	Pawtucket NA	NA	67%	71%	73%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%
	Students who are Multilingual Learners	Pawtucket 16%	18%	20%	23%	25%
	Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%
	Student mobility rate	Pawtucket 13%	20%	17%	19%	18%
	Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Pawtucket 25%	26%	24%	26%	25%
	Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%
	Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Pawtucket 13%	29%	25%	32%	26%
	Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%
	Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Pawtucket 13%	17%	14%	12%	18%
	Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Pawtucket <5%	7%	<5%	7%	10%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
Schools identified for intervention	Pawtucket NA	6%	6%	31%	31%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Pawtucket 29%	38%	34%	28%	24%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
Chronic absence in high school	Pawtucket 46%	27%	46%	51%	48%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
High school graduation rate	Pawtucket 72%	69%	72%	71%	74%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Pawtucket <1	10	14	9	11	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Pawtucket 42%	51%	47%	46%	45%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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