

Portsmouth

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Snapshot of **Portsmouth** 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	
	Portsmouth	4,175	4,329	3,996	3,444	-18%	Portsmouth	\$192,926 <sup>^A</sup>	Portsmouth	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>	Portsmouth	\$2,112	\$2,168	\$2,220	\$2,316
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
<b>Paid Family Leave</b>	Portsmouth	64	86	81	99	112
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
<b>Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance</b>	Portsmouth	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Children receiving SNAP benefits</b>	Portsmouth	144	164	176	173	139
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
<b>WIC participation</b> (% income-eligible children participating)	Portsmouth	32%	25%	34%	36%	37%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	<b>Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance</b>	Portsmouth	830	831	821	867
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
<b>Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting</b> (# of families enrolled)	Portsmouth	14	7	3	1	3
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
<b>First Connections Family Home Visiting</b> (# receiving a visit)	Portsmouth	28	26	15	16	21
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
<b>Child overweight and obesity</b>	Portsmouth	18%	23%	21%	19%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
<b>Babies Born</b>	Portsmouth	119	111	91	130	114
	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>	Portsmouth	5.5%	5.9%	6.2%	6.5%	6.5%
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
<b>Women with delayed prenatal care</b>	Portsmouth	10%	11%	11%	12%	12%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
<b>Preterm births</b>	Portsmouth	6.8%	7.1%	8.2%	8.0%	9.5%
	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)	Portsmouth	5	3.8	8.4	6.4
	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)	Portsmouth	<6	0	0	0	0
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
<b>Children with incarcerated parents rate</b> (per 1,000 children)	Portsmouth	0.5	0.3	2.9	0.6	1.2
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
<b>Domestic violence arrests with children present</b>	Portsmouth	29%	23%	27%	23%	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
<b>Youth Violence</b> (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Portsmouth	16	9	11	12	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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Snapshot of **Portsmouth** and **Rhode Island**

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Childhood Education	<b>Children enrolled in Early Intervention</b> (% enrolled)	<b>Portsmouth</b> 8%	8%	8%	5%	7%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	<b>Children enrolled in Early Head Start</b> (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	<b>Portsmouth</b> 3%	2%	8%	3%	3%
	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>Portsmouth</b> NA	2%	0%	20%	21%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	<b>Licensed early learning centers</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 4	5	5	6	6
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	<b>Licensed family child care homes</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 1	1	1	2	1
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
<b>Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 0%	0%	0%	17%	17%	
Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%	
<b>Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	
<b>Children receiving child care subsidies</b> (subsidy use by child residence)	<b>Portsmouth</b> 11	5	8	8	5	
Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381	
<b>Children receiving preschool special education services</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 8%	7%	8%	8%	8%	
Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	
K-12 Education	<b>K-12 students receiving special education services</b> (% enrolled)	<b>Portsmouth</b> 14%	15%	15%	16%	16%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
	<b>Public school enrollment</b> (total enrollment)	<b>Portsmouth</b> 2,247	2,183	2,161	2,134	2,111
	Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829
	<b>Public school enrollment</b> (% low-income)	<b>Portsmouth</b> 9%	13%	14%	20%	18%
	Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%
	<b>School Breakfast Program participation</b> (% children participating)	<b>Portsmouth</b> NA	4%	4%	8%	9%
	Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%
	<b>School Lunch Program participation</b> (% children participating)	<b>Portsmouth</b> NA	NA	42%	43%	43%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%
	<b>Students who are Multilingual Learners</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
	Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%
	<b>Student mobility rate</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 6%	8%	8%	6%	6%
	Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	<b>Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 54%	56%	55%	55%	60%
	Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%
	<b>Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 22%	48%	47%	63%	63%
	Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%
	<b>Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 43%	46%	49%	48%	61%
	Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%
<b>Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 25%	40%	50%	42%	47%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
<b>Schools identified for intervention</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> NA	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
<b>Chronic early absence in grades K-3</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 4%	4%	15%	8%	6%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
<b>Chronic absence in high school</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 16%	22%	22%	17%	15%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
<b>High school graduation rate</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b> 95%	94%	96%	95%	97%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
<b>Suspension rate</b> (per 100 students)	<b>Portsmouth</b> 1	3	7	8	7	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
<b>College enrollment</b> (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	<b>Portsmouth</b> 74%	75%	84%	79%	72%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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