

Providence

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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	
	Providence	37,972	45,277	41,634	41,021	8%	Providence	\$69,167	Providence	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	Providence	\$2,178	\$2,260	\$2,216	\$2,336
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
Paid Family Leave	Providence	969	1,259	1,306	1,385	1,461
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance	Providence	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Providence	16,376	16,857	17,315	16,173	15,109
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Providence	54%	49%	58%	57%	59%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Providence	39,199	39,903	38,573	42,571
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Providence	452	354	365	330	352
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Providence	1404	1178	1188	690	591
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
Child overweight and obesity	Providence	50%	49%	45%	44%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
Babies Born	Providence	2,276	2,245	2,136	2,107	2,185
	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	Providence	8.8%	8.7%	8.8%	8.7%	8.7%
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Providence	20%	20%	20%	20%	21%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Preterm births	Providence	9.8%	10.0%	10.1%	10.1%	10.0%
	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)	Providence	12.8	13.7	13.3	12.8
	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)	Providence	51	61	64	58	69
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Providence	14.8	16.3	18.6	18.3	17.3
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Providence	28%	31%	25%	25%	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Providence	75	79	67	58	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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		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Childhood Education	Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Providence 7%	6%	7%	9%	9%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Providence 2%	3%	3%	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)	Providence NA	24%	32%	32%	28%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	Licensed early learning centers	Providence 51	52	52	47	52
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	Licensed family child care homes	Providence 236	228	237	251	231
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Providence 29%	33%	35%	40%	40%	
Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%	
Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Providence 1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	
Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	
Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Providence 2149	2109	2327	2432	2458	
Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381	
Children receiving preschool special education services	Providence 5%	7%	8%	10%	12%	
Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	
K-12 Education	K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Providence 16%	16%	16%	18%	19%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
	Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Providence 21,656	20,725	19,856	20,250	19,824
	Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829
	Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Providence 82%	77%	78%	83%	86%
	Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%
	School Breakfast Program participation (% children participating)	Providence NA	50%	54%	52%	55%
	Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%
	School Lunch Program participation (% children participating)	Providence NA	NA	62%	64%	65%
	Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%
	Students who are Multilingual Learners	Providence 33%	35%	37%	40%	43%
	Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%
	Student mobility rate	Providence 38%	20%	20%	23%	21%
	Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Providence 19%	16%	19%	22%	24%
	Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%
	Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Providence 9%	17%	21%	27%	27%
	Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%
	Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Providence 12%	13%	15%	15%	16%
	Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Providence <5%	6%	6%	7%	10%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
Schools identified for intervention	Providence NA	33%	33%	24%	24%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Providence 52%	55%	45%	30%	26%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
Chronic absence in high school	Providence 70%	65%	56%	44%	36%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
High school graduation rate	Providence 78%	78%	77%	79%	77%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Providence 1	9	10	10	7	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Providence 43%	49%	52%	47%	47%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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