

Westerly

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Snapshot of **Westerly** 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	
	Westerly	4,988	5,406	4,787	3,826	-23%	Westerly	\$138,950	Westerly	2020-2024 2.6%
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	Westerly	\$1,501	\$1,510	\$1,523	\$1,556
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
Paid Family Leave	Westerly	93	103	130	119	137
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance	Westerly	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Westerly	473	499	508	492	438
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Westerly	28%	24%	31%	35%	41%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Westerly	1,947	1,921	1,816	1,769
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Westerly	45	26	33	31	35
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Westerly	63	58	59	29	22
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
Child overweight and obesity	Westerly	40%	36%	37%	37%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
Babies Born	Westerly	151	142	131	125	144
	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	Westerly	7.1%	8.0%	7.7%	6.9%	7.5%
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Westerly	10%	10%	11%	10%	10%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Preterm births	Westerly	7.4%	8.5%	8.6%	9.0%	9.2%
	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)	Westerly	14	15.2	14.4	16.2
	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)	Westerly	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Westerly	4.4	9.4	9.1	7.6	8.1
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Westerly	22%	21%	24%	23%	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Westerly	10	14	14	10	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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Snapshot of **Westerly** and **Rhode Island**

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Childhood Education	Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Westerly 5%	4%	5%	4%	16%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Westerly 1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	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)	Westerly NA	6%	35%	30%	27%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	Licensed early learning centers	Westerly 7	7	7	7	7
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	Licensed family child care homes	Westerly 1	1	2	2	2
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
K-12 Education	Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Westerly 43%	43%	43%	43%	14%
	Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%
	Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Westerly 0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%
	Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Westerly 41	38	45	41	43
	Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381
	Children receiving preschool special education services	Westerly 12%	12%	12%	11%	11%
	Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
	K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Westerly 15%	16%	18%	18%	19%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Westerly 2,738	2,296	2,215	2,139	2,005	
Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829	
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Westerly 30%	32%	34%	44%	45%	
Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%	
School Breakfast Program participation (% children participating)	Westerly NA	14%	12%	13%	14%	
Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%	
School Lunch Program participation (% children participating)	Westerly NA	NA	36%	38%	40%	
Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%	
Students who are Multilingual Learners	Westerly 2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	
Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%	
Student mobility rate	Westerly 8%	10%	9%	9%	7%	
Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%	
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly 42%	46%	38%	47%	40%	
Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%	
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly 30%	35%	40%	48%	49%	
Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%	
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Westerly 34%	51%	45%	42%	45%	
Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%	
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Westerly 10%	27%	21%	22%	28%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
Schools identified for intervention	Westerly NA	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Westerly 11%	25%	17%	11%	11%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
Chronic absence in high school	Westerly 8%	18%	22%	21%	21%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
High school graduation rate	Westerly 91%	90%	86%	92%	87%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Westerly 2	10	10	9	8	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Westerly 63%	62%	71%	65%	63%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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