

Woonsocket

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Snapshot of **Woonsocket** 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	
	Woonsocket	10,617	11,155	9,888	9,467	-11%	Woonsocket	\$56,692	Woonsocket	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	Woonsocket	\$1,421	\$1,515	\$1,581	\$1,617
	Rhode Island	\$2,090	\$2,181	\$2,247	\$2,389	\$2,358
Paid Family Leave	Woonsocket	167	246	233	247	253
	Rhode Island	6,057	7,208	7,854	9,391	8,858
Children in Families Receiving Cash Assistance	Woonsocket	6%	7%	7%	8%	8%
	Rhode Island	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Children receiving SNAP benefits	Woonsocket	3,978	4,395	4,229	4,104	3,868
	Rhode Island	43,511	46,097	46,286	44,951	41,555
WIC participation (% income-eligible children participating)	Woonsocket	53%	45%	50%	54%	53%
	Rhode Island	45%	40%	46%	47%	48%

Health		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Children under age 19 receiving Medical Assistance	Woonsocket	8,384	8,355	8,455	8,734
	Rhode Island	119,426	122,739	125,096	127,251	123,001
Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting (# of families enrolled)	Woonsocket	90	77	66	21	25
	Rhode Island	1317	1038	1000	827	897
First Connections Family Home Visiting (# receiving a visit)	Woonsocket	121	163	157	112	89
	Rhode Island	3391	3101	2913	1970	1674
Child overweight and obesity	Woonsocket	50%	52%	51%	51%	NA
	Rhode Island	35%	37%	37%	37%	NA
Babies Born	Woonsocket	467	468	458	449	468
	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	Woonsocket	8.5%	8.5%	8.8%	8.4%	8.8%
	Rhode Island	7.7%	7.5%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%
Women with delayed prenatal care	Woonsocket	20%	19%	18%	17%	16%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Preterm births	Woonsocket	9.7%	9.6%	10.3%	10.0%	9.8%
	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)	Woonsocket	28.9	28.5	20.9	24.4
	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)	Woonsocket	21	20	27	17	27
	Rhode Island	137	164	194	167	197
Children with incarcerated parents rate (per 1,000 children)	Woonsocket	15.8	20.7	18.8	16.5	18.1
	Rhode Island	7.6	8.7	9	8.6	8.9
Domestic violence arrests with children present	Woonsocket	22%	28%	18%	25%	NA
	Rhode Island	24%	26%	24%	24%	NA
Youth Violence (# of juvenile violent crime/ weapons offenses arrests)	Woonsocket	53	68	96	63	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 **Woonsocket** and **Rhode Island**

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Early Childhood Education	Children enrolled in Early Intervention (% enrolled)	Woonsocket 6%	7%	7%	7%	8%
	Rhode Island	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%
	Children enrolled in Early Head Start (% of low-income children <age 3 enrolled)	Woonsocket 1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	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)	Woonsocket NA	33%	60%	45%	49%
	Rhode Island	NA	14%	30%	27%	26%
	Licensed early learning centers	Woonsocket 13	12	12	11	10
	Rhode Island	313	320	325	322	325
	Licensed family child care homes	Woonsocket 4	6	6	5	4
	Rhode Island	397	392	399	414	370
K-12 Education	Licensed early learning centers with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Woonsocket 62%	67%	67%	64%	70%
	Rhode Island	25%	26%	26%	26%	31%
	Licensed family child care homes with high-quality rating (4 or 5 stars)	Woonsocket 0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Rhode Island	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%
	Children receiving child care subsidies (subsidy use by child residence)	Woonsocket 402	480	490	458	467
	Rhode Island	6063	5981	6306	6515	6381
	Children receiving preschool special education services	Woonsocket 9%	10%	12%	15%	15%
	Rhode Island	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
	K-12 students receiving special education services (% enrolled)	Woonsocket 26%	26%	27%	28%	27%
	Rhode Island	16%	16%	16%	18%	18%
Public school enrollment (total enrollment)	Woonsocket 5,664	5,690	5,574	5,541	5,280	
Rhode Island	138,566	137,452	136,154	135,978	133,829	
Public school enrollment (% low-income)	Woonsocket 73%	77%	48%	68%	72%	
Rhode Island	41%	45%	44%	54%	54%	
School Breakfast Program participation (% children participating)	Woonsocket NA	41%	36%	33%	33%	
Rhode Island	NA	20%	16%	23%	24%	
School Lunch Program participation (% children participating)	Woonsocket NA	NA	65%	64%	62%	
Rhode Island	NA	NA	49%	49%	51%	
Students who are Multilingual Learners	Woonsocket 11%	14%	16%	18%	21%	
Rhode Island	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%	
Student mobility rate	Woonsocket 16%	18%	19%	19%	18%	
Rhode Island	14%	13%	12%	13%	12%	
Third graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Woonsocket 16%	19%	14%	11%	13%	
Rhode Island	40%	37%	37%	38%	37%	
Third graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Woonsocket <5%	17%	16%	12%	13%	
Rhode Island	25%	35%	34%	39%	38%	
Eighth graders meeting expectations in reading (RICAS)	Woonsocket 13%	12%	10%	6%	8%	
Rhode Island	29%	29%	32%	32%	35%	
Eighth graders meeting expectations in math (RICAS)	Woonsocket 6%	6%	5%	<5%	7%	
Rhode Island	16%	21%	23%	25%	26%	
Schools identified for intervention	Woonsocket NA	11%	11%	44%	44%	
Rhode Island	NA	7%	7%	7%	8%	
Chronic early absence in grades K-3	Woonsocket 46%	47%	43%	40%	38%	
Rhode Island	23%	33%	26%	21%	18%	
Chronic absence in high school	Woonsocket 32%	60%	52%	44%	42%	
Rhode Island	35%	39%	35%	31%	29%	
High school graduation rate	Woonsocket 64%	64%	66%	62%	80%	
Rhode Island	84%	83%	84%	84%	86%	
Suspension rate (per 100 students)	Woonsocket 3	68	73	59	41	
Rhode Island	1	13	15	14	12	
College enrollment (% of high school graduates immediately enrolling)	Woonsocket 32%	32%	39%	47%	40%	
Rhode Island	59%	63%	65%	62%	62%	

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