Rhode Island Fast Facts

29%
Rhode Island residents think K–12 education in Rhode Island is headed in the right direction.

EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker

Rhode Island Parents’ Schooling Preferences

Public District School: 31.0 %
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Charter School: 21.0 %
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Charter School: 21.0 %
Private School: 29.0 %
Private School: 29.0 %
Private School: 29.0 %
Home School: 14.0 %
Home School: 14.0 %
Home School: 14.0 %
Don’t Know/Didn’t Answer: 5.0 %
Don’t Know/Didn’t Answer: 5.0 %
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Where K–12 Rhode Island Students Attend School Now

Public District School: 82.0 %
Public District School: 82.0 %
Public District School: 82.0 %
Charter School: 5.4 %
Charter School: 5.4 %
Charter School: 5.4 %
Private School Out of Pocket: 9.8 %
Private School Out of Pocket: 9.8 %
Private School Out of Pocket: 9.8 %
Private through a School Choice Program: 0.3 %
Private through a School Choice Program: 0.3 %
Private through a School Choice Program: 0.3 %
Home School: 2.5 %
Home School: 2.5 %
Home School: 2.5 %

Rhode Island K–12 Education Spending

$2.5 Billion
Total Rhode Island Public Education Revenue

U.S. Department of Education, NCES, Common Core of Data (CCD)
Data last updated 3/2020.

Rhode Island Public Education Funding Sources

State: 41.0 %
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State: 41.0 %
Local: 52.0 %
Local: 52.0 %
Local: 52.0 %
Federal: 7.0 %
Federal: 7.0 %
Federal: 7.0 %

School Spending/Costs By Sector

$18,768
Avg. Rhode Island Total Spending Per Pupil (Public)

$18,683
Avg. Rhode Island Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter)

$11,004
Avg. National Private K-12 Tuition Per Pupil

$2,514
Avg. Cost Per Pupil (Tax Credits for Contributions to Scholarship Organizations)

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Rhode Island Education Spending Out of Total

The state provides for transportation of students who attend a school located outside the city or town where they reside but only within defined transportation regions.

INTER-DISTRICT

CHARTER SCHOOL

Rhode Island does not provide support nor require districts to pay for the transportation of charter school students.

PRIVATE SCHOOL

Districts must provide transportation for private school students within the district and within the region of the other school district of origin within the district.

Rhode Island Public School Hiring and Salary Trends

Since 1992

Percentage Change
Per Student Spending
Avg. Teacher Salaries
Students
All Staff
Teachers
All Other Staff
0
10
20
30
40
50
60