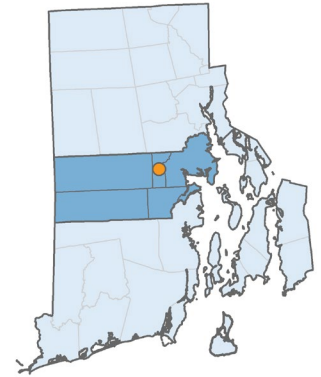


West Warwick (Kent)

West Warwick is a town in Kent County with 5,647 residents aged 65 and older. Compared to state average rates, older residents fare worse on some healthy aging indicators with higher rates of anemia, chronic kidney disease, congestive heart failure (CHF), diabetes, hypertension, ischemic heart disease, tobacco use disorder, and anxiety disorder. They are more likely to have a regular doctor but less likely to have an annual dental exam or eat the recommended servings of fruit or vegetables per day. Community resources to support healthy aging include one public library, one senior center, one skilled nursing facility, one assisted living facility, one hospice agency, three community health centers, and 19 primary care providers.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
Total population (all ages)		30,909	1,094,250
Population 60 years or older as % of total population		25.0%	25.0%
Total population 60 years and older		7,719	273,831
Population 65 years or older as % of total population		18.3%	17.9%
Total population 65 years and older		5,647	195,378
% 65-74 years		61.5%	57.8%
% 75-84 years		27.2%	29.0%
% 85 years or older		11.3%	13.2%
% 65+ population who are female		52.4%	56.3%
% 85+ population who are female		63.4%	67.8%
Race and ethnicity of the population 65+			
% White	*	94.4%	88.6%
% African American	*	0.6%	3.1%
% Asian		2.1%	1.8%
% Other race(s)		2.9%	6.5%
% Hispanic	*	1.7%	5.9%
# 55+ who are Native American / Alaskan		0	832
Marital status of the population 65+			
% married		55.0%	51.6%
% divorced/separated		20.2%	16.9%
% widowed		20.3%	22.2%
% never married	*	4.6%	9.3%
Education of the population 65+			
% with less than high school education		14.1%	14.9%
% with high school or some college	*	69.8%	53.3%
% with college degree	*	9.5%	15.9%
% with graduate or professional degree	*	6.6%	16.0%
% 65+ population who speak only English at home	*	89.7%	83.3%
% 65+ population who are veterans of military service		18.8%	14.6%
% 60+ LGBT		4.0%	4.3%

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
HOUSING			
% 65+ population who live alone		27.7%	29.3%
Average household size (all ages)	*	2.2	2.4
Median house value (all ages)	*	\$276,100	\$343,100
% 60+ own home		69.2%	71.7%
% 60+ homeowners who have mortgage		47.2%	48.4%
% 65+ households (renter) spend >35% of income on housing		39.1%	38.9%
% 65+ households (owner) spend >35% of income on housing		25.2%	25.2%
% grandparents who live with grandchildren		2.0%	2.8%
# of assisted living sites		1	63
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH			
COST OF LIVING			
Elder Index			
Single, homeowner without mortgage, good health (County)	0.98	\$26,760	\$27,168
Single, renter, good health (County)	0.99	\$29,868	\$30,216
Couple, homeowner without mortgage, good health (County)	0.99	\$38,856	\$39,264
Couple, renter, good health (County)	0.99	\$41,964	\$42,312
ECONOMIC			
% 60+ receiving food stamps in past year		16.5%	14.7%
% 65+ employed in past year		19.1%	19.2%
% 65+ with income below the poverty line in past year		10.1%	10.7%
Median annual income for households with a householder age 65+	*	\$46,302	\$56,242
% 65+ households with annual income < \$20,000		17.1%	19.1%
% 65+ households with annual income \$20,000-\$49,999		37.5%	26.8%
% 65+ households with annual income \$50,000-\$99,999		22.8%	26.1%
% 65+ households with annual income \$100,000+		22.7%	28.0%
WELLNESS			
% 60+ getting the recommended hours of sleep		60.3%	63.1%
% 60+ doing any physical activity in past month		71.1%	73.5%
% 60+ met CDC guidelines for muscle-strengthening activity		23.9%	26.1%
% 60+ met CDC guidelines for aerobic physical activity		52.8%	55.4%
% 60+ with fair or poor self-reported health status		19.5%	17.9%
% 60+ with 15+ physically unhealthy days in past month		15.6%	13.6%
% 60+ who reported being satisfied with life		94.8%	95.5%
COMMUNITY			
Annual # unhealthy days due to air pollution for 65+ (County)		3	NA
AARP Age-Friendly Communities		Not yet	Not yet
# of public universities and community colleges		0	9
# of public libraries		1	72
# of senior centers		1	34
# of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI)		0	1
% households with a smartphone (all ages)		83.4%	85.8%
% households with only a smartphone to access Internet (all ages)		9.9%	8.2%

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
COMMUNITY			
% households without a computer (all ages)		8.6%	7.1%
% households with access to Broadband (all ages)		87.5%	89.2%
% households without access to the Internet (all ages)		12.4%	10.7%
% 60+ who used Internet in past month		71.9%	71.4%
Voter participation rate in 2020 election (age 18+)		67.7%	68.3%
Homicide rate/100,000 persons (County)		NA	2.1
# firearm fatalities (all ages) (County)		34	226
# 65+ deaths by suicide (County)		14	92
Age-sex adjusted 1-year mortality rate		4.8%	4.3%
TRANSPORTATION			
% householders 65+ who own a motor vehicle		86.2%	86.2%
% 60+ who always drive or ride wearing a seatbelt		91.6%	92.3%
% 60+ drove under influence		2.5%	1.9%
# fatal crashes involving adult age 60+ (County)		16	94
AllTransit Score		NA	2.85
HEALTH OUTCOMES			
FALLS			
% 60+ who fell in past year		26.0%	26.0%
% 60+ who were injured by a fall in past year		10.3%	10.0%
% 65+ with hip fracture		3.2%	3.1%
PREVENTION			
% 60+ with physical exam/check-up in past year		94.1%	93.0%
% 60+ flu shot in past year		65.8%	67.8%
% 60+ with pneumonia vaccine		67.9%	64.2%
% 60+ with shingles vaccine		36.3%	37.8%
% 60+ women with mammogram in past 2 years		82.0%	82.1%
% 60+ had colorectal cancer screening		68.0%	68.7%
% 60+ with HIV test		22.4%	23.5%
% 60+ with optimal preventive health		31.6%	32.3%
NUTRITION & DIET			
% 60+ with 5 or more servings of fruit or vegetables per day	W	15.3%	18.8%
% 60+ stressed about buying food in past month		12.6%	12.3%
% 60+ self-reported obese	W	31.4%	27.1%
% 65+ with high cholesterol		81.2%	79.3%
% 60+ with high cholesterol screening		96.8%	97.3%
ORAL HEALTH			
% 60+ with dental insurance		63.5%	65.1%
% 60+ with annual dental exam	W	72.6%	77.5%
# dentists per 100,000 persons (all ages) (County)		60.9	53.0
% 60+ with loss of 6+ teeth		29.3%	26.0%

HEALTH OUTCOMES

	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
CHRONIC DISEASE			
% 65+ with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias		11.7%	12.0%
% 65+ with anemia	W	52.1%	47.0%
% 65+ with asthma		14.7%	15.0%
% 65+ with atrial fibrillation		13.8%	14.3%
% 65+ with benign prostatic hyperplasia (men)		43.4%	43.3%
% 65+ with breast cancer (women)		11.4%	11.5%
% 65+ with cataract		63.7%	65.0%
% 65+ with chronic kidney disease	W	40.6%	34.0%
% 65+ with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease		22.6%	20.8%
% 65+ with colon cancer		3.2%	2.4%
% 65+ with congestive heart failure	W	23.8%	20.0%
% 65+ with diabetes	W	38.4%	32.4%
% 65+ with endometrial cancer (women)		2.6%	2.3%
% 65+ with fibromyalgia, chronic pain, and fatigue		35.3%	33.7%
% 65+ with glaucoma		26.7%	26.3%
% 65+ ever had a heart attack		5.1%	5.3%
% 65+ with HIV/AIDS		0.11%	0.19%
% 65+ with hypertension	W	78.4%	75.8%
% 65+ with ischemic heart disease	W	45.8%	39.4%
% 65+ with liver disease		13.8%	13.0%
% 65+ with lung cancer		1.9%	2.0%
% 65+ with migraine and other chronic headache		8.8%	8.3%
% 65+ with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis		58.0%	57.3%
% 65+ with osteoporosis		19.9%	18.9%
% 65+ with peripheral vascular disease		23.3%	23.1%
% 65+ with pressure ulcer or chronic ulcer		7.3%	7.7%
% 65+ with prostate cancer (men)		11.8%	13.4%
% 65+ with stroke		12.3%	11.6%
% 65+ with 4+ (out of 15) chronic conditions	W	68.5%	63.0%
% 65+ with 0 chronic conditions		7.1%	7.2%
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH			
# drug overdose deaths (all ages) (County)		276	1,699
% 65+ with substance use disorder		8.7%	8.4%
% 60+ who used marijuana in past month		4.7%	4.9%
% 60+ excessive drinking		10.1%	10.0%
% 65+ with tobacco use disorder	W	15.8%	12.1%
% 60+ current smokers		10.6%	8.8%
% 60+ ever used E-Cigarettes in past month		2.2%	1.6%

HEALTH OUTCOMES	Significantly different than state rate	Community estimate	State estimate
MENTAL HEALTH			
% 60+ who reported receiving adequate emotional support		79.2%	77.5%
% 60+ with 15+ days poor mental health in past month		10.8%	8.3%
% 65+ with depression		36.4%	34.5%
% 65+ with anxiety disorder	W	38.4%	34.3%
% 65+ with post-traumatic stress disorder		2.4%	2.2%
% 65+ with schizophrenia & other psychotic disorder		3.1%	3.1%
LIVING WITH DISABILITY			
% 65+ with self-reported hearing difficulty		11.9%	12.2%
% 65+ with self-reported vision difficulty		5.1%	5.1%
% 65+ with self-reported cognition difficulty		6.7%	7.0%
% 65+ with self-reported ambulatory difficulty		16.6%	18.7%
% 65+ with self-reported self-care difficulty	*	4.2%	7.1%
% 65+ with self-reported independent living difficulty		16.0%	13.0%
CAREGIVING			
# of Alzheimer's support groups		0	9
% 60+ who provide care to a family/friend in past month		28.3%	22.1%
% grandparents raising grandchildren		0.41%	0.71%
ACCESS TO CARE			
% 65+ dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid		15.4%	15.0%
% 65+ Medicare managed care enrollees	*	56.7%	51.4%
% 60+ with a regular doctor	B	98.0%	96.6%
% 60+ who did not see a doctor when needed due to cost		4.1%	3.9%
# of primary care providers		19	1,176
# of hospitals		0	12
# of home health agencies		0	24
# of skilled nursing facilities		1	75
# of hospice agencies		1	9
# of community health centers		3	52
# of adult day health centers		0	31
SERVICE UTILIZATION			
# physician visits per year		7.9	7.8
# emergency room visits/1000 persons 65+ years annually	*	589.0	500.0
# Part D monthly prescription fills per person annually	*	58.5	54.2
# home health visits annually		3.0	3.0
# durable medical equipment claims annually	*	2.2	1.9
# inpatient hospital stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually	*	272.6	230.9
% Medicare inpatient hospital readmissions (as % of admissions)		19.2%	17.1%
# skilled nursing facility stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually		70.5	76.0
# skilled nursing home Medicare beds/1000 persons 65+ years		20.4	41.2
% 65+ getting Medicaid long term services and supports		3.7%	4.0%
% 65+ hospice users		3.5%	3.4%
% 65+ hospice users as % of decedents		51.0%	50.7%

TECHNICAL NOTES

*For more information on data sources, measures, and methodology used in the 2025 Rhode Island Healthy Aging Data Report see our technical documentation at (healthyagingdatareports.org). For most indicators, the community and state values are estimates derived from sample data. Thus, it is possible that some of the differences between state and community estimates may be due to chance associated with population sampling. We use the terms “Better” and “Worse” to highlight differences between community and state estimates that we are confident are not due to chance. We balance two goals. First, we aim to report data at very local levels because we believe change is often locally driven. Second, we vowed to protect the privacy of the people providing the information reported. Thus, given the constraints of the data analyzed, we used a hierarchical approach to reporting.

Data Sources:

- *Population Characteristics: The U.S. Census Bureau (American Community Survey (ACS)) 2018-2022; Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS), 2010-2022.*
- *Housing: ACS, 2018-2022; RIDOH, 2023.*
- *Cost of Living: Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging at the University of Massachusetts Boston, 2023.*
- *Economic: ACS, 2018-2022.*
- *Wellness: BRFSS, 2010-2022.*
- *Community: AARP, 2023; ACS, 2018-2022; AgeFriendly RI, 2023; BRFSS, 2010-2022; CDC WONDER, 2016-2020; The CMS Master Beneficiary Summary File ABCD/Other (CMS), 2020-2021; NECHE, 2023; OLLI, 2023; RI State Library, 2023; RI Secretary of State, 2023; U.S. EPA Air Compare, 2023.*
- *Transportation: ACS, 2018-2022; AllTransit™, 2023; BRFSS, 2010-2022; NHTSA, 2018-2022.*
- *Falls: CMS, 2020-2021; BRFSS, 2010-2022.*
- *Prevention: BRFSS, 2010-2022.*
- *Nutrition/Diet: BRFSS, 2010-2022; CMS, 2020-2021.*
- *Oral Health: BRFSS, 2010-2022; HRSA, 2023.*
- *Chronic Disease: CMS, 2020-2021.*
- *Behavioral Health: BRFSS, 2010-2022; CDC WONDER 2016-2020; CMS, 2020-2021.*
- *Mental Health: BRFSS, 2010-2022; CMS, 2020-2021.*
- *Living with Disability: ACS, 2018-2022.*
- *Caregiving: ACS, 2018-2022; Alzheimer’s Association, 2023; BRFSS, 2010-2022.*
- *Access to Care: BRFSS, 2010-2022; CMS, 2020-2021; HRSA, 2023; Medicare.gov, 2023; RI Adult Day Services, 2023.*
- *Service Utilization: CMS, 2020-2021.*

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