

Vermont

VERMONT KIDS COUNT

2008

total population	622,144
children under 18	131,149
median income	\$51,704
children living in poverty ²	17,312
% children living in poverty ²	13.2%

Economic Security

	2000		2008 ¹		% change in state rates 2000-most recent
	State total	State rate	State total	State rate	
Food Stamps	18,525	12.6	20,608	15.7	24.6%
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid ³	52,449	35.7	56,650	43.2	21.0%
TANF (Reach-up) ⁴	11,239	7.6	8,082	6.2	-18.4%
School Meals ⁵	26,600	26.7	33,678	35.8	34.1%
New Families at Risk ⁶	224	8.4	187	6.2	-26.2%

ECONOMIC SECURITY

In the 2009-2010 school year, 35.8% of Vermont public school students were approved for School Meals, an increase of 34% since 2000—and 10% increase since 2008.

15.7% of children relied on 3SquaresVT benefits, a 25% increase since 2000.

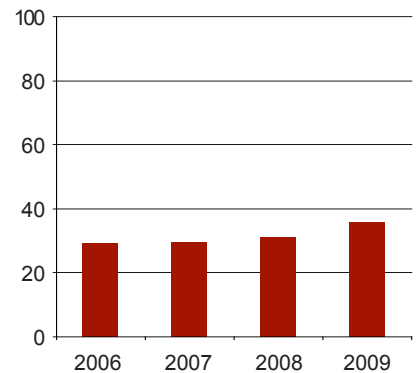
Rates of 3SquaresVT enrollments and students approved for School Meals have both increased significantly since 2000—which may be related to increased child poverty as well as improved outreach.

43.2% of children were enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid statewide—56,650 in 2008. The Dr. Dynasaur health insurance program includes both “traditional” Medicaid—which covers children and pregnant women who meet strict income, health, and household guidelines—and expanded public health insurance that provides coverage to children whose family incomes are up to three times the poverty level.

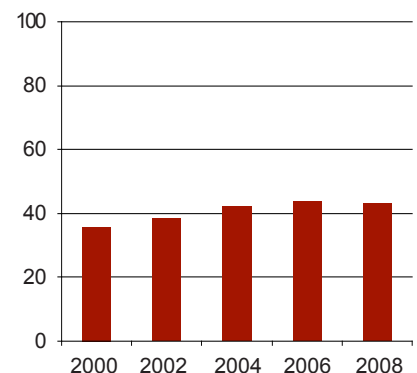
With the exception of poverty, median income estimates, and school meals, all rates and counts are based on three-year averages. For example, the year 2008 represents the average of 2006-2008.

- 1 2008 data except School Meals (2009) and New Families at Risk (2007).
- 2 Since the estimates are not based on direct counts, county data should not be compared. Smaller population areas have wider confidence intervals and should be used with caution. For more details and cautions, see: <http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/saige/saige.cgi>. The 2008 Federal Poverty Threshold was \$22,025 for a family with two adults and two children.
- 3 Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont’s public health insurance program for children and pregnant women.
- 4 The Reach-Up Program is Vermont’s version of TANF, the federal Temporary Aid to Needy Families Program.
- 5 Public school students approved for free and reduced-price Federal School Meals.
- 6 Percentage of first births to unmarried women under 20 with less than 12 years of education.

Percent of Students Approved for Federal School Meals



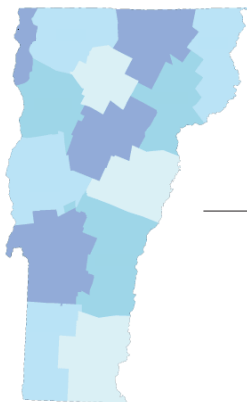
Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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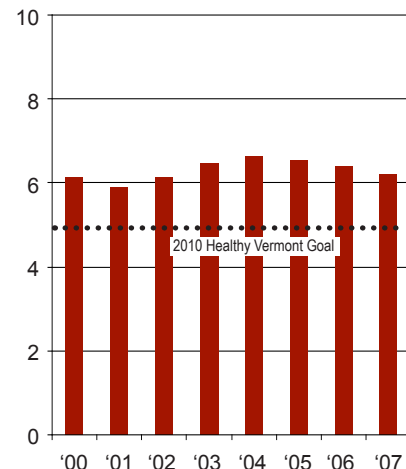
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Health Indicators

	2000		2007	
	State total	State rate	State total	State rate
Population <18 ¹	147,107	24.3	131,149	21.1
Early Prenatal care ²	5,496	87.9	5,348	83.8
Low Birthweight ³	400	6.1	416	6.2
Infant Mortality ⁴	41	6.2	37	6.4
Child Deaths ⁵	19	16.4	19	18.7
Teen Deaths ⁶	33	71.9	24	52.3
Young Teen Births ⁷	146	11.3	109	8.1
All Teen Births ⁷	527	23.9	465	20.1

Percent Low Birthweight Babies



HEALTH

Young people used to make up about one-quarter of Vermonters; they now represent slightly more than one-fifth. Vermont's child and youth population declined by 11% between 2000 and 2008.

Babies with low birth weight—under 5.5 pounds—are at risk of respiratory conditions, cognitive and developmental delays, and long-term conditions. Our *Healthy Vermonters 2010* goal is to reduce the percentage of low birth weight babies to 5.0%. The Vermont average is headed in the right direction—6.2% in 2007, down by 12% from 2000.

Statewide, the teen birth rate was 20.1 per 1,000 teen girls aged 15-19, 16% lower than in 2000.

The percent of pregnant women receiving early prenatal care—care within the first trimester—fell short of the *Healthy Vermonters 2010* goal of 90%. In 2007, just 83.8% of pregnant women in Vermont received early prenatal care—a 5% decrease since 2000.

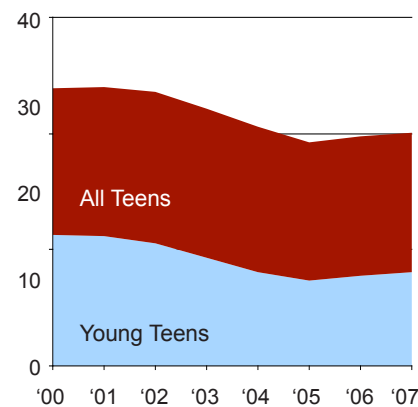
2007 data except population (2008); 2007 data are from the Vermont Department of Health. All health rates and counts are based on three-year averages. For example, the year 2008 represents the average of 2006-2008. Rates based on small counts should be used with caution. Such rates may change significantly from one period to the next—even if the actual count only increased from 1 to 2.

- 1 Children ages 0-17 as percent of total population.
- 2 Pregnant women who seek early prenatal care (within first trimester), per 100 live births.
- 3 Infants weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth per 1,000 live births.
- 4 Infant deaths less than one year of age per 1,000 live births.
- 5 Child deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14.
- 6 Teen deaths per 100,000 youths ages 15-19.
- 7 Young Teen Births refer to mothers ages 15-17; All Teen Births refers to mothers ages 15-19. Rates are per 1,000 females of the same age.

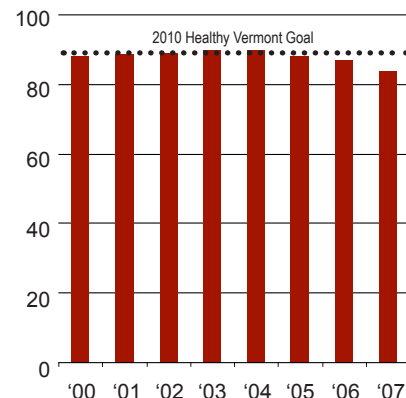
For definitions and sources: <http://www.voicesforvtrkids.org/wp-content/uploads/kidscount/sources.pdf>

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Births to Teens and Young Teens per 1000 Births



Percent Pregnant Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care



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