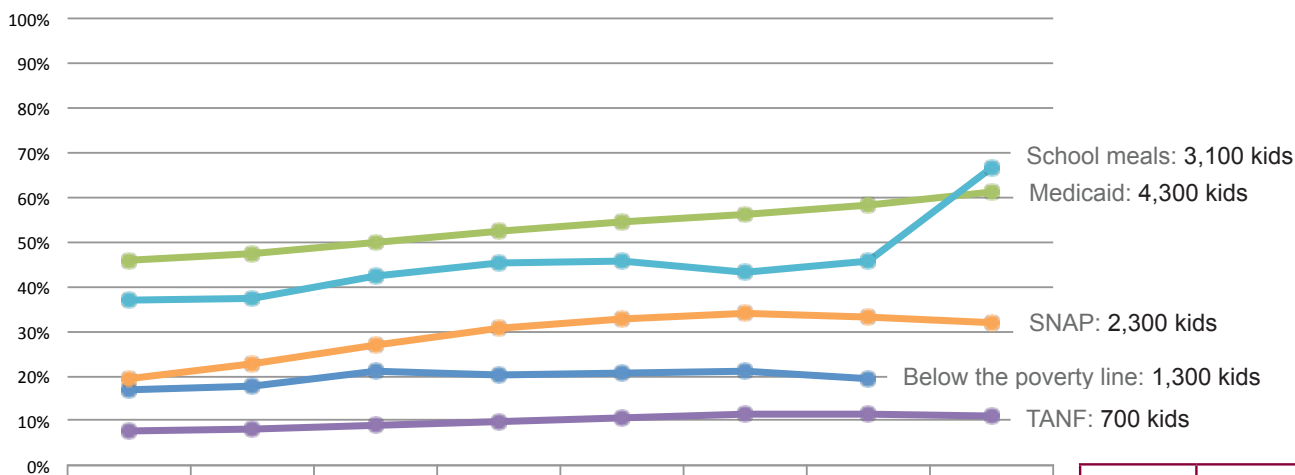


# Bennington County

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|   |          |
|---|----------|
| TOTAL POPULATION <sup>1</sup>             | 36,474   |
| CHILDREN UNDER 18 <sup>1</sup>            | 7,088    |
| MEDIAN INCOME <sup>2</sup>                | \$49,303 |
| CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY <sup>3</sup>   | 1,331    |
| % CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY <sup>3</sup> | 19.2%    |

## ECONOMIC SECURITY

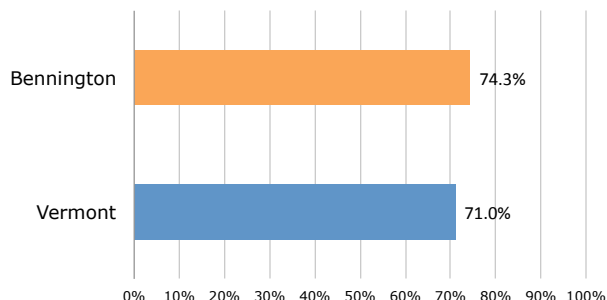


|                            | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Child Poverty <sup>3</sup> | 16.9% | 17.7% | 21.2% | 20.4% | 20.5% | 21.2% | 19.2% | NA    |
| SNAP <sup>4</sup>          | 19.2% | 22.6% | 26.9% | 30.8% | 32.9% | 33.8% | 33.2% | 32.1% |
| Medicaid <sup>4</sup>      | 45.9% | 47.3% | 49.8% | 52.3% | 54.5% | 56.3% | 58.1% | 61.0% |
| TANF <sup>4</sup>          | 7.5%  | 8.1%  | 8.9%  | 9.8%  | 10.7% | 11.4% | 11.5% | 11.0% |
| School Meals <sup>5</sup>  | 37.0% | 37.5% | 42.2% | 45.1% | 45.5% | 43.2% | 45.8% | 66.5% |

| VT current % | VT current # |
|--------------|--------------|
| 15.4         | 18,374       |
| 24.8         | 30,103       |
| 52.7         | 63,949       |
| 8.0          | 9,735        |
| 44.1         | 38,063       |

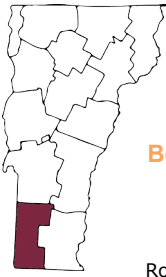
## HEALTH

Percent of children ages 19-35 months who are fully immunized<sup>14</sup>



|                                    | County total | County rate | State rate |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Early Prenatal Care <sup>6</sup>   | 273          | 82.5        | 83.5       |
| Low Birth Weight <sup>7</sup>      | 23           | 7.0         | 6.5        |
| Infant Mortality <sup>8</sup>      | 2            | 7.0         | 4.5        |
| *Child Deaths <sup>9</sup>         | 1            | 12.0        | 14.0       |
| *Teen Deaths <sup>10</sup>         | 2            | 66.1        | 44.2       |
| Young Teen Births <sup>11</sup>    | 6            | 8.8         | 6.9        |
| All Teen Births <sup>12</sup>      | 24           | 18.6        | 15.9       |
| New Families at Risk <sup>13</sup> | 10           | 7.3         | 4.4        |

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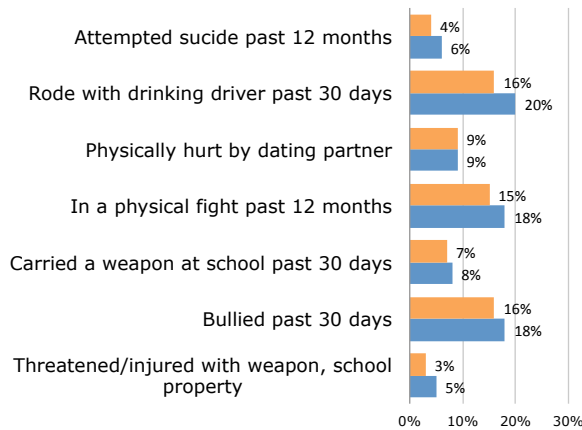


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## SAFETY

### Bennington & Vermont, grades 9-12, 2015<sup>15</sup>



### Child Protection, Bennington district, 2015<sup>16</sup>

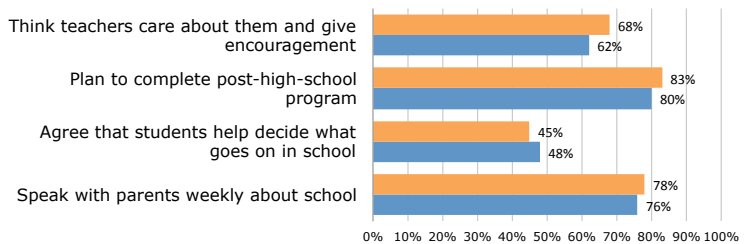
|                                   | 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Reports accepted for intervention | 439  |
| Child abuse investigations        | 203  |
| Child abuse assessments           | 129  |
| Family assessments                | 107  |
| Investigations substantiated      | 62   |
| Cases opened for services         | 94   |

## EDUCATION

### Educational attainment of adults, 2010-2014<sup>17</sup>

|   | Vermont | Bennington |
|---|---------|------------|
| Percent high school graduate or higher      | 91.6%   | 90.6%      |
| Percent bachelor's degree or higher         | 35.2%   | 32.0%      |
| Poverty rate for the population 25 years+   |         |            |
| Less than high school graduate              | 24.1%   | 24.0%      |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 11.3%   | 14.2%      |
| Some college or associate's degree          | 9.2%    | 11.7%      |
| Bachelor's degree or higher                 | 4.3%    | 3.5%       |

### Bennington & Vermont, grades 9-12, 2015<sup>18</sup>



## BELONGING

*"Do you agree or disagree that in your community you feel like you matter to people?"<sup>19</sup>*

In Bennington County, and most counties in Vermont, about half of youth say they agree or strongly agree.

### Percent who agree/strongly agree

|                    | 2007 | 2009 | 2011 | 2013 | 2015 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Bennington 9 to 12 | 38%  | 44%  | 48%  | 43%  | 49%  |
| Bennington 6 to 8  | NA   | NA   | 48%  | 49%  | 49%  |
| Vermont 9 to 12    | 47%  | 46%  | 51%  | 50%  | 50%  |
| Vermont 6 to 8     | NA   | NA   | 53%  | 54%  | 55%  |

\* As they are based very small numbers, changes in Child Death and Teen Death rates over time or differences between counties are generally not statistically meaningful.

- 1 Vermont Department of Health & U.S. Census, 2015 3-year rolling average
- 2 U.S. Census, American Fact Finder, Table S1903, 2014 5-year data
- 3 U.S. Census, SAIPE 2008-2014 estimates
- 4 Vermont Department for Children and Families, Economic Services Division, 2008 through 2015 3-year averages. Data based on snapshots of April enrollment.
- 5 Hunger Free Vermont, 2009-2010 school year through 2015-2016 school year. Data represents October enrollment.
- 6 All data for 6-13 are 2013 3-year averages. Vermont Dept. of Health, Vital Statistics.
- 7 Pregnant women who seek early prenatal care (care within the first trimester)
- 8 Infants weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth, per 100 live births
- 9 Deaths to infants less than one year of age, per 1,000 live births
- 10 Child deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14
- 11 Teen deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19
- 12 Births to mothers ages 15-17, per 1,000 females of the same age
- 13 Births to mothers ages 15-19, per 1,000 females of the same age
- 14 First births to single women under 20 years of age with less than 12 years of education

- 14 Vermont Department of Health, Department of Health Surveillance, 2015
- 15 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2015 reports by county
- 16 DCF, FSD annual child protection reports.
- 17 U.S. Census, American Fact Finder, Table S1501, 2014 5-year data.
- 18 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2015 reports by county
- 19 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2007-2015 reports by county and 2015 full statewide report.

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

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