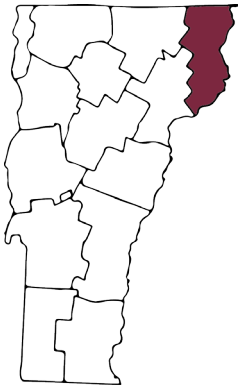

Essex County

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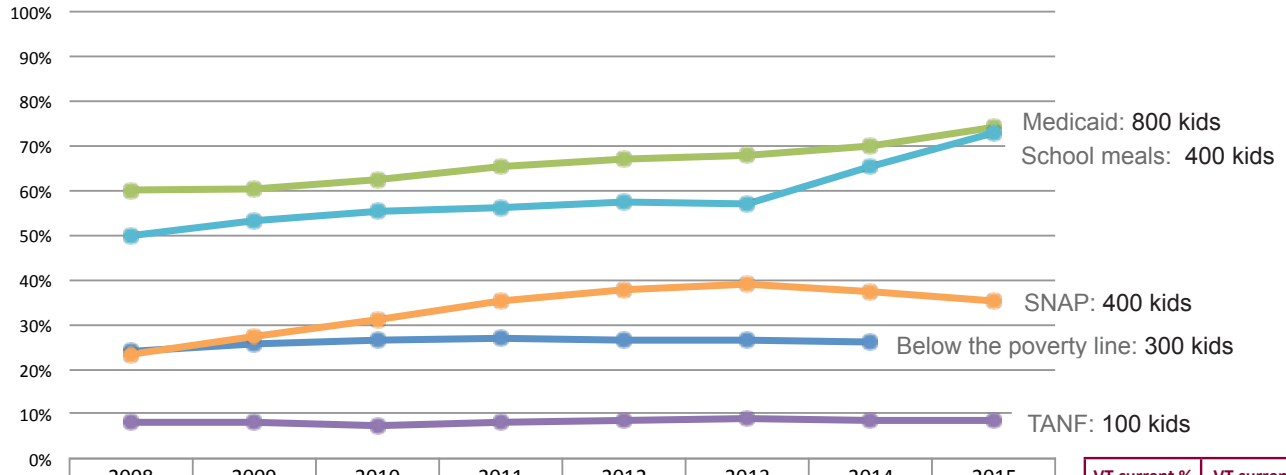
TOTAL POPULATION[1]	6,166
CHILDREN UNDER 18[1]	1.094
MEDIAN INCOME[2]	$35,567
CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY[3]	278
% CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY[3]	26.1%

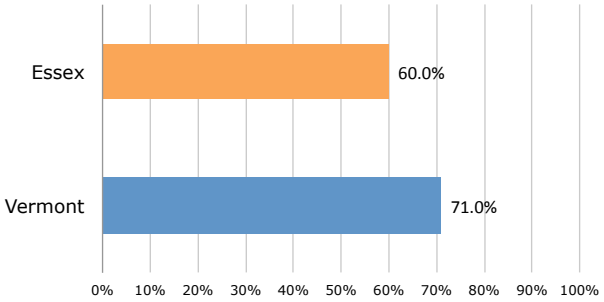
ECONOMIC SECURITY



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	VT current %	VT current #
Child Poverty[3]	23.8%	25.8%	26.5%	27.0%	26.6%	26.3%	26.1%	NA	15.4	18,374
SNAP[4]	23.3%	27.1%	31.0%	35.2%	37.8%	39.1%	37.4%	35.3%	24.8	30,103
Medicaid[4]	60.1%	60.4%	62.5%	65.3%	66.8%	67.8%	70.0%	74.2%	52.7	63,949
TANF[4]	8.2%	8.2%	7.4%	8.1%	8.3%	8.8%	8.3%	8.6%	8.0	9,735
School Meals[5]	49.8%	53.2%	55.1%	56.2%	57.4%	57.1%	65.4%	72.6%	44.1	38,063

HEALTH

Percent of children ages 19-35 months who are fully immunized[14]



	County total	County rate	State rate
Early Prenatal Care[6]	41	82.6	83.5
Low Birth Weight[7]	3	5.9	6.5
Infant Mortality[8]	1	19.7	4.5
*Child Deaths[9]	0	0	14.0
*Teen Deaths[10]	0	0	44.2
Young Teen Births[11]	1	6.6	6.9
All Teen Births[12]	4	25.0	15.9
New Families at Risk[13]	1	4.1	4.4

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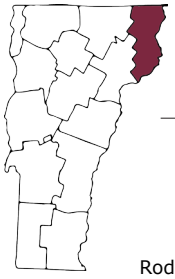

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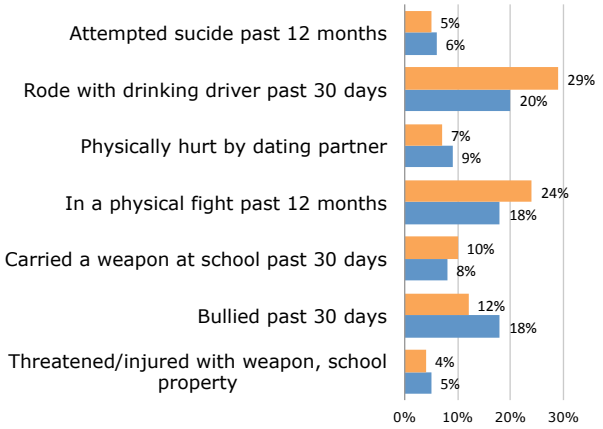
SAFETY

Essex & Vermont, grades 9-12, 2015[15]



Child Protection, St. Johnsbury and Newport districts, 2015[16]

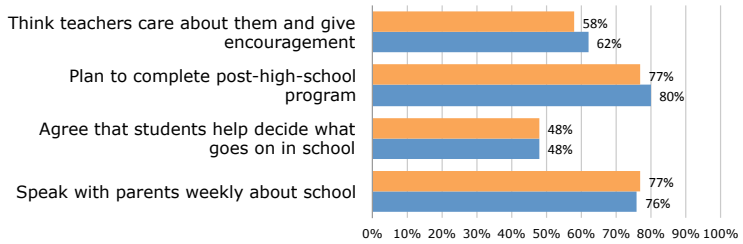
	St. Johnsbury	Newport
Reports accepted for intervention	298	275
Child abuse investigations	163	135
Child abuse assessments	76	90
Family assessments	59	50
Investigations substantiated	61	33
Cases opened for services	30	17

EDUCATION

Educational attainment of adults, 2010-2014[17]

	Vermont	Essex
Percent high school graduate or higher	91.6%	82.7%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	35.2%	14.1%
Poverty rate for the population 25 years+		
Less than high school graduate	24.1%	27.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	11.3%	16.2%
Some college or associate's degree	9.2%	8.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	4.3%	11.0%

Essex & Vermont, grades 9-12, 2015[18]



BELONGING

"Do you agree or disagree that in your community you feel like you matter to people?"[19]

In Essex 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
Essex 9 to 12	41%	52%	42%	41%	42%
Essex 6 to 8	NA	NA	54%	52%	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.
All data for 6-13 are 2013 3-year averages. Vermont Dept. of Health, Vital Statistics.
6 Pregnant women who seek early prenatal care (care within the first trimester)
7 Infants weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth, per 100 live births
8 Deaths to infants less than one year of age, per 1,000 live births
9 Child deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-14
10 Teen deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19
11 Births to mothers ages 15-17, per 1,000 females of the same age
12 Births to mothers ages 15-19, per 1,000 females of the same age
13 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 Behavor 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 Behavor 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.voicesforvtkids.org/wp-content/uploads/CountyPagesData.pdf

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