

Grand Isle County

VERMONT KIDS COUNT

2009

total population	7,630
children under 18	1,528
median income	\$51,993
children living in poverty ²	203
% children living in poverty ²	13.3%

Economic Security

	2000			2009 ¹			% change in County rates, 2000 - most recent	County rate compared to state rate
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	Current rate	State rate		
Food Stamps	189	11.2	12.6	272	17.8	18.3	58.0%	2.5% lower
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid ³	581	34.4	35.7	648	42.4	43.9	23.2%	3.3% lower
TANF (Reach-up) ⁴	127	7.5	7.6	82	5.4	6.6	-28.7%	18.3% lower
School Meals ⁵	291	36.6	25.9	247	48.3	38.0	31.6%	26.9% higher
New Families at Risk ⁶	3	8.6	8.4	2	8.9	6.1	3.0%	46.1% higher

ECONOMIC SECURITY

At \$51,993, the median household income was a bit higher than the state median of \$51,555.

48.2% of public school students were approved for School Meals Programs, a 31.6% increase since 2000.

17.8% of children received 3SquaresVT (food stamp) benefits, slightly lower than the state average of 18.3%.

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

42.4% of children were enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid, close to the state average of 43.9%.

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 2009 represents the average of 2007-2009.

¹ 2009 data except School Meals (2010) and New Families at Risk (2008).

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 2009 Federal Poverty Threshold was \$21,756 for a family with two adults and two children.

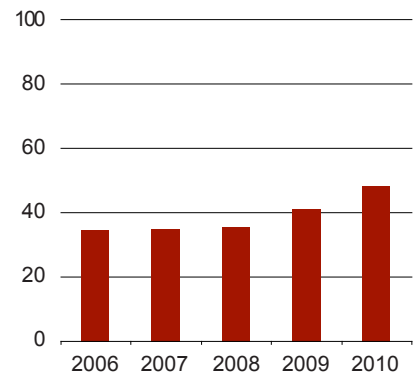
³ Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's public health insurance program for children and pregnant women.

⁴ The Reach-Up Program is Vermont's version of TANF, the federal Temporary Aid to Needy Families Program.

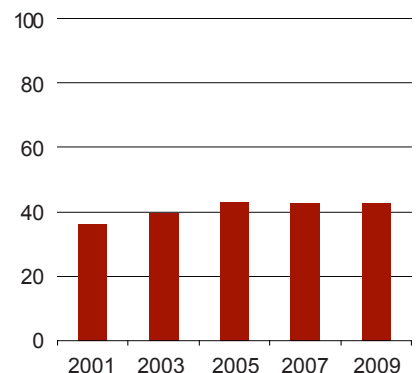
⁵ Public school students approved for free and reduced-price Federal School Meals.

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

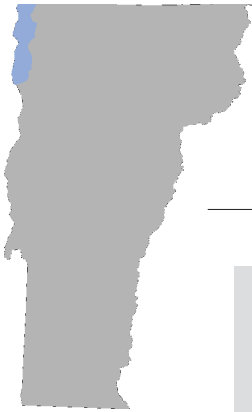


Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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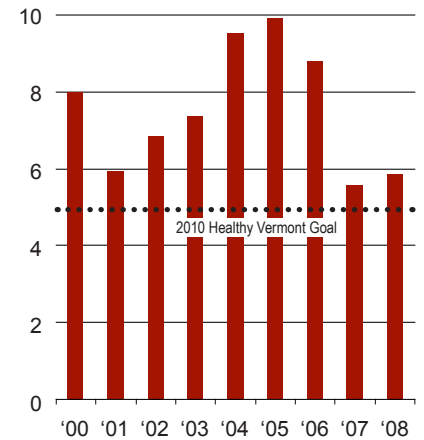
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Health Indicators

	2000			2008		
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate
Population <18 ¹	1,687	25.0	24.3	1,528	20.0	20.7
Early Prenatal care ²	61	88.3	80.8	55	88.2	83.2
Low Birthweight ³	6	8.0	6.1	4	5.9	6.7
Infant Mortality ⁴	1	13.3	6.2	0	0.0	5.1
Child Deaths ⁵	0	0.0	16.4	1	54.3	14.3
Teen Deaths ⁶	0	0.0	71.9	0	0.0	47.4
Young Teen Births ⁷	2	14.6	11.3	1	8.0	8.1
All Teen Births ⁷	6	28.3	23.9	7	26.9	21.4

Percent Low Birthweight Babies



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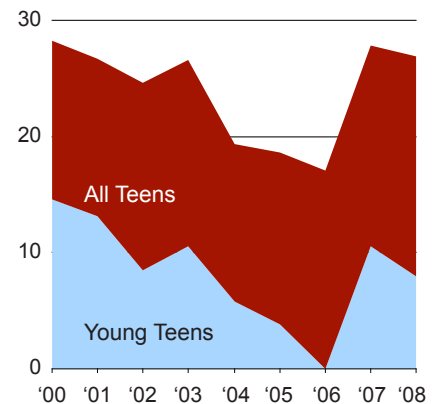
Between 2000 and 2009, the number of children in Grand Isle County declined by 9.4%. During that same time period, the state child population declined by 12.8%.

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%. In 2007, Grand Isle County's rate was 5.9% of all live births, compared to 8.0% in 2000.

Teen birth rates were 26.9 per 1,000 teen girls aged 15-19, about 20% higher than the state average of 21.4%.

Grand Isle County had the highest percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care within the first trimester—88.2%, approaching the *Healthy Vermonters 2010* goal of 90%.

Births to Teens and Young Teens per 1000 Births



2008 data except population (2009); 2008 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 100 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.

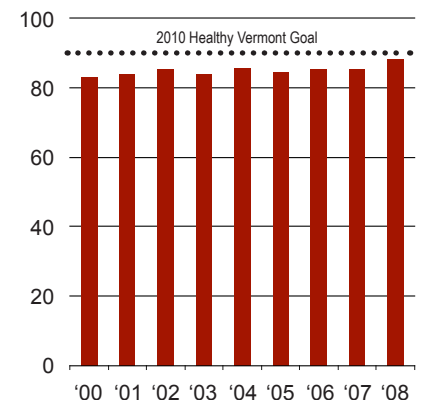
For definitions and sources: <http://www.voicesforvtrkids.org/wp-content/uploads/kidscount/sources.pdf>

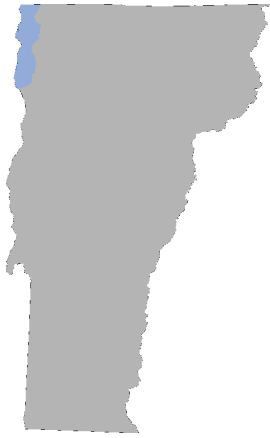
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Percent Pregnant Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care





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Grand Isle SU
 Alburg Community Education Center
 Folsom Education & Community Center
 Grand Isle School
 North Hero School

G.I. County 9-12th graders
 attending various high schools

Youth Risk Behaviors and Assets

Cigarettes

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who had smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	12	20	4	19
Vermont	20	16	16	16

Alcohol

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who had used alcohol during the past 30 days

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	44	35	13	29
Vermont	39	37	39	36

Marijuana

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who had used marijuana during the past 30 days

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	29	24	0	NA
Vermont	25	22	21	22

Inhalants

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who had ever used inhalants

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	16	14	14	18
Vermont	13	12	12	10

Depression

Percent of students who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least 2 weeks that they stopped doing some normal activities

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	27	21	20	28
Vermont	23	22	20	21

Sex (ever)

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who have ever had sexual intercourse.

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	30	19	12	27
Vermont	35	36	37	40

Bullying

Percent of students who were bullied during the past 30 days

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	NA	17	41	29
Vermont	NA	18	17	17

Bullying

Percent of students who bullied someone during the past 30 days

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	NA	27	25	34
Vermont	NA	21	21	20

Physical Activity

Percent of students, grades 8-12, who vigorously exercised 3 or more times per week

	2003	2005	2007*	2009
Grand Isle SU	63	67	55	43
Vermont	67	67	49	45

Parents Talk

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, whose parents talk with them about school weekly or more often

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	74	75	73	75
Vermont	75	78	79	77

Students Decide

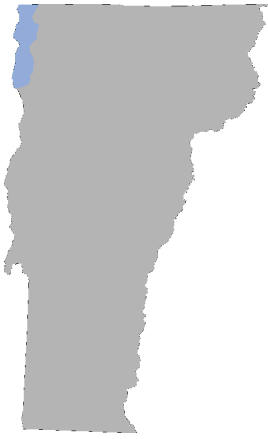
Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who report that students help decide what goes on in their school

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	47	56	63	54
Vermont	46	46	51	50

Volunteer

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who spend 1 or more hours per week volunteering in their community

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	41	43	25	43
Vermont	45	46	45	42



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Youths Valued

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who report they feel valued by their community

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	36	38	41	36
Vermont	42	45	47	47

Clubs

Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who spend 1 or more hours per week in clubs/organizations outside of school

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Grand Isle SU	24	27	25	12
Vermont	28	31	30	27

* Survey question changed to 5 or more times for 60 minutes in 2007

ABOUT THE VERMONT YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY:

The Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey is a voluntary survey of 8th-12th graders attending Vermont middle- and high-schools (and elementary schools that include 8th grade) that seeks to monitor trends in student health and risk behaviors. Administered every two years since 1993, in 2009 nearly 30,000 8th-12th grade students representing 143 schools and 55 supervisory unions were surveyed. The resulting data in the report is based on a representative sample to accurately reflect state demographic distribution, with a +/-5% error rate. Although the report offers data down to the supervisory union level, comparing the numbers of one supervisory union to another or to the state should be done with caution, because while the statewide percentages are "weighted," individual supervisory union percentages are not. It is possible that apparent differences, especially small differences, are due to demographic characteristics, rather than true differences in prevalence.

Survey information and indicator significance: <http://www.voicesforvkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/whyimportant.pdf>

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