



Lamoille County

VERMONT KIDS COUNT

2009

total population	25,156
children under 18	5,272
median income	\$53,010
children living in poverty ²	833
% children living in poverty ²	15.8%

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	671	12.0	12.6	1,022	19.4	18.3	61.6%	6.0% higher
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid ³	2,308	41.2	35.7	2,562	49.2	43.9	19.4%	12.3% higher
TANF (Reach-up) ⁴	366	6.5	7.6	246	4.7	6.6	-28.7%	28.9% lower
School Meals ⁵	1,100	29.2	25.9	1,606	42.2	38.0	44.4%	11.0% higher
New Families at Risk ⁶	7	6.5	8.4	5	3.6	6.1	-44.7%	40.9% lower

ECONOMIC SECURITY

At \$53,010, Lamoille County median household income was slightly higher than the state median of \$51,555.

42% of public school students were approved for School Meals Programs, a 44.4% increase since 2000.

At 19.4% enrollment in 3SquaresVT (food stamp) benefits, participation was slightly higher in Lamoille than the state average of 18.3%.

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.

49.2% of children were enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid, 12% more than 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.

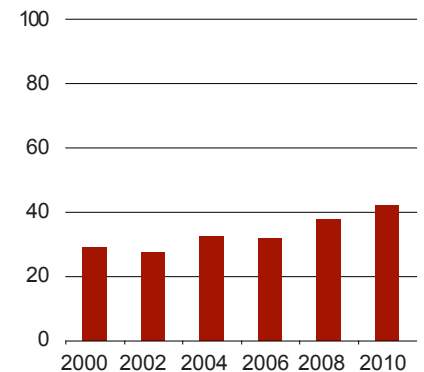
³ Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's public health insurance program for children and pregnant women.

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

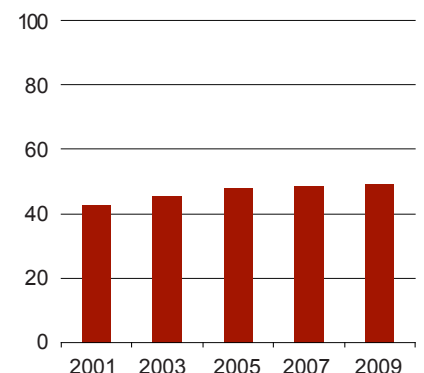
⁵ Public school students approved for free and reduced-price Federal School Meals.

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

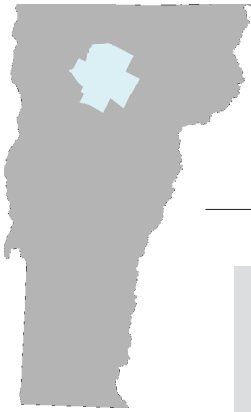


Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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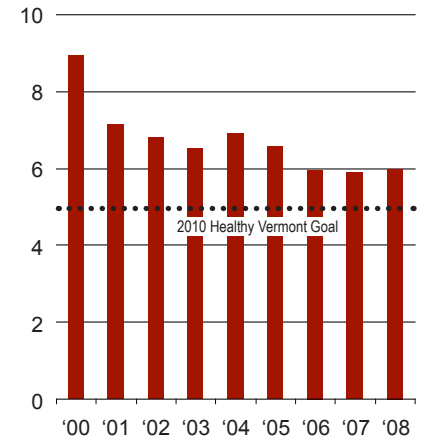
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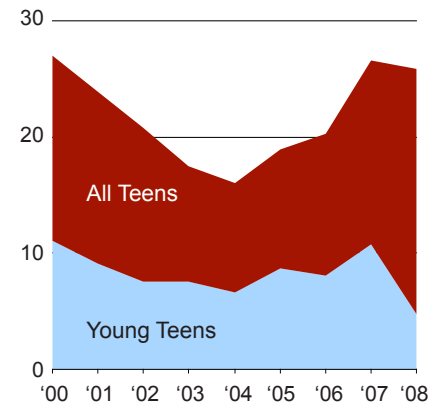
Health Indicators

	2000			2008		
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate
Population <18 ¹	5,595	24.4	24.3	5,272	21.0	20.7
Early Prenatal care ²	196	77.9	80.8	255	82.9	83.2
Low Birthweight ³	23	8.9	6.1	19	6.0	6.7
Infant Mortality ⁴	1	5.2	6.2	2	5.4	5.1
Child Deaths ⁵	2	53.2	16.4	1	31.7	14.3
Teen Deaths ⁶	1	59.3	71.9	2	92.9	47.4
Young Teen Births ⁷	5	11.1	11.3	2	4.7	8.1
All Teen Births ⁷	23	27.0	23.9	22	25.8	21.4

Percent Low Birthweight Babies



Births to Teens and Young Teens per 1,000 Births



HEALTH

Between 2000 and 2009, the number of children in Lamoille County declined by 5.8%. During the 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%. Lamoille County's rate is 6.0% of all live births, down from 8.9% in 2000.

Teen birth rates were 25.8 per 1,000 teen girls aged 15-19, 18% higher than the state rate of 21.4.

The percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care within the first trimester was 82.9%, compared to the *Healthy Vermonters 2010* goal of 90%.

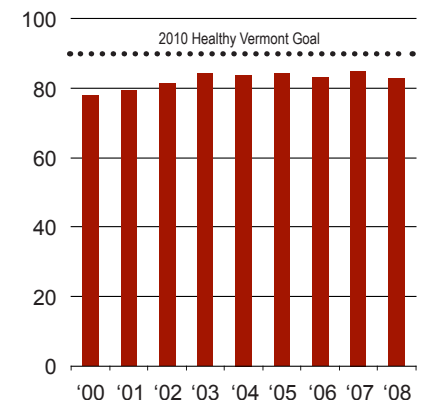
2008 data except population (2009); 2008 data are from the Vermont Department of Health. All health rates and counts are based on three-year averages. For example, the year 2008 represents the average of 2006-2008. Rates based on small counts should be used with caution. Such rates may change significantly 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.voicesforvkids.org/wp-content/uploads/kidscount/sources.pdf>

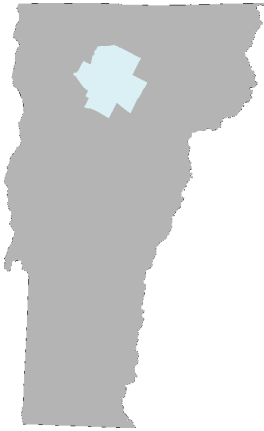
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Percent Pregnant Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care



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Lamoille North SU
Lamoille Union Middle/High School

Lamoille South SU
Peoples Academy
Stowe Middle/High School

Youth Risk Behaviors and Assets

Cigarettes				
<i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who had smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days</i>				
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	23	18	19	23
Lamoille South SU	17	17	18	21
Vermont	20	16	16	16

Alcohol				
<i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who had used alcohol during the past 30 days</i>				
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	45	37	41	39
Lamoille South SU	39	38	44	47
Vermont	39	37	39	36

Marijuana				
<i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who had used marijuana during the past 30 days</i>				
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	31	22	20	24
Lamoille South SU	23	21	27	27
Vermont	25	22	21	22

Inhalants				
<i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who had ever used inhalants</i>				
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	17	13	16	17
Lamoille South SU	11	11	12	13
Vermont	13	12	12	10

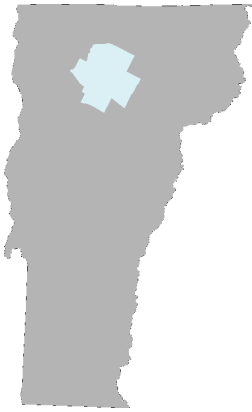
Depression				
<i>Percent of students who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least 2 weeks that they stopped doing some normal activities</i>				
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	26	24	26	28
Lamoille South SU	25	19	20	24
Vermont	23	22	20	21

Sex				
<i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who have ever had sexual intercourse.</i>				
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	42	43	44	47
Lamoille South SU	NA	NA	40	42
Vermont	35	36	37	40

Bullying				
<i>Percent of students who were bullied during the past 30 days</i>				
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	NA	18	20	18
Lamoille South SU	NA	17	20	21
Vermont	NA	18	17	17

Bullying				
<i>Percent of students who bullied someone during the past 30 days</i>				
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	NA	25	21	19
Lamoille South SU	NA	21	26	26
Vermont	NA	21	21	20

Physical Activity				
<i>Percent of students, grades 8-12, who vigorously exercised 3 or more times per week</i>				
	2003	2005	2007*	2009
Lamoille North SU	71	72	48	44
Lamoille South SU	72	74	57	59
Vermont	67	67	49	45



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Parents Talk

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

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	73	79	77	73
Lamoille South SU	77	79	80	76
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
Lamoille North SU	43	37	41	40
Lamoille South SU	45	46	46	51
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
Lamoille North SU	43	42	37	36
Lamoille South SU	47	44	42	47
Vermont	45	46	45	42

Youths Valued

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

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Lamoille North SU	39	36	39	37
Lamoille South SU	45	42	49	48
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
Lamoille North SU	29	27	24	20
Lamoille South SU	22	21	22	22
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.voicesforvorkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/whyimportant.pdf>

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