

Orange County

VERMONT KIDS COUNT

2009

total population	29,938
children under 18	5,971
median income	\$50,413
children living in poverty ²	740
% children living in poverty ²	12.4%

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	851	11.8	12.6	1,076	18.0	18.3	53.0%	1.4% lower
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid ³	2,660	36.8	35.7	2,707	45.3	43.9	23.2%	3.4% higher
TANF (Reach-up) ⁴	482	6.7	7.6	315	5.3	6.6	-20.8%	19.4% lower
School Meals ⁵	1,736	35.2	25.9	1,838	44.3	38.0	25.8%	16.6% higher
New Families at Risk ⁶	10	8.7	8.4	8	5.9	6.1	-32.5%	3.0% lower

ECONOMIC SECURITY

At \$50,413, the median household income was slightly lower than the state median of \$51,555.

44.3% of public school students were approved for School Meals Programs, a 26% increase since 2000.

Orange County 3SquaresVT (food stamp) benefit enrollment of 18% is about the same as the state average of 18.3%.

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

45.3% of children were enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid, slightly higher 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.

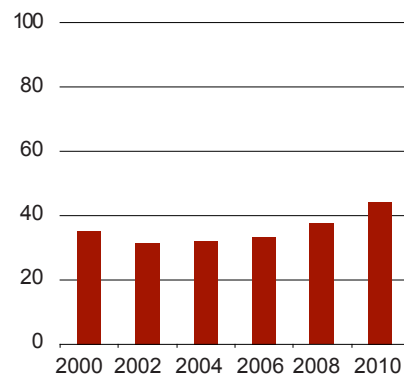
³ Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's public health insurance program for children and pregnant women.

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

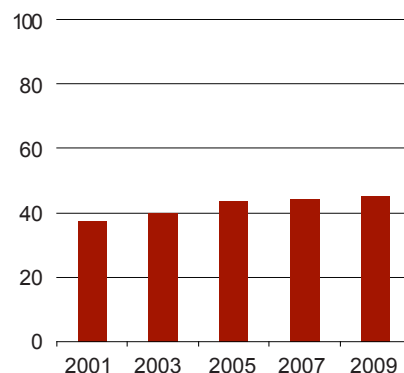
⁵ Public school students approved for free and reduced-price Federal School Meals.

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

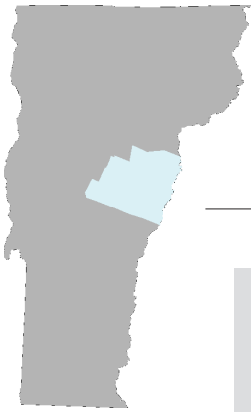


Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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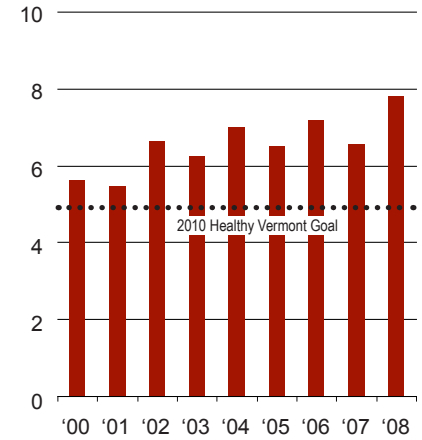
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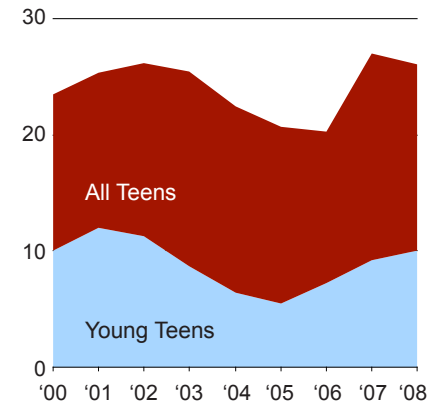
Health Indicators

	2000			2008		
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate
Population <18 ¹	7,228	25.8	24.3	5,971	20.0	20.7
Early Prenatal care ²	118	78.4	80.8	229	78.8	83.2
Low Birthweight ³	16	5.6	6.1	23	7.8	6.7
Infant Mortality ⁴	0	1.2	6.2	1	4.5	5.1
Child Deaths ⁵	0	6.0	16.4	2	35.5	14.3
Teen Deaths ⁶	1	45.6	71.9	1	62.8	47.4
Young Teen Births ⁷	7	10.1	11.3	6	10.1	8.1
All Teen Births ⁷	23	23.4	23.9	24	26.1	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 Orange County declined by 17.4%. 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%. Orange County's rate is 7.8% of all live births, 38% higher than in 2000.

Teen birth rates were 26.1 per 1,000 teen girls aged 15-19, 11.5% higher than in 2000.

The percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care within the first trimester was 78.8%, well short of 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.

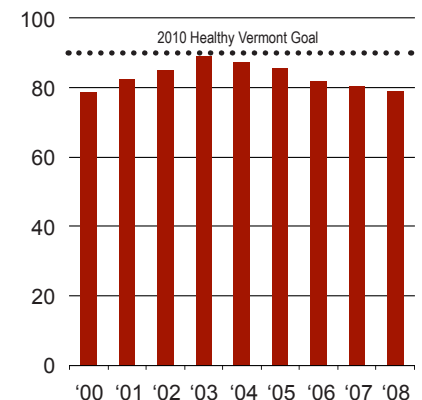
For definitions and sources: <http://www.voicesforvtrkids.org/wp-content/uploads/kidscount/sources.pdf>

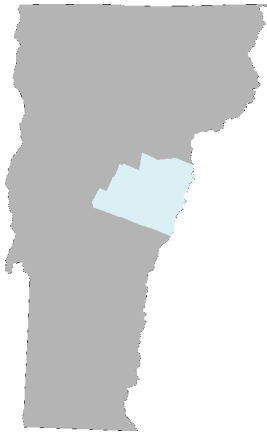
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Percent Pregnant Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care





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Blue Mountain SD
Blue Mountain Union School

Orange East SU
Oxbox High School
Waits River Valley School
Fairlee School

Orange North SU
Orange Center School
Washington Village School
Williamstown Middle/High School

Orange Southwest SU
Randolph Union High School

Orange/Windsor SU
Chelsea Public School
Newton Elementary School
South Royalton School
Tunbridge Elementary School

Rivendell SU
Rivendell Academy

Thetford SD
Thetford Academy

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
Blue Mountain SD	29	34	NA	NA
Orange East SU	28	25	19	20
Orange North SU	22	NA	11	12
Orange Southwest SU	18	19	19	16
Orange/Windsor SU	23	21	21	18
Rivendell SU	23	23	12	10
Thetford SD	19	22	24	NA
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
Blue Mountain SD	39	39	NA	NA
Orange East SU	48	34	40	45
Orange North SU	32	NA	36	36
Orange Southwest SU	33	38	37	35
Orange/Windsor SU	40	36	43	44
Rivendell SU	40	37	33	36
Thetford SD	40	37	46	NA
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
Blue Mountain SD	19	19	NA	NA
Orange East SU	25	16	16	17
Orange North SU	19	NA	17	18
Orange Southwest SU	17	25	22	20
Orange/Windsor SU	26	22	27	25
Rivendell SU	25	20	13	13
Thetford SD	25	26	25	NA
Vermont	25	22	21	22

Inhalants

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

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	10	18	NA	NA
Orange East SU	15	15	15	8
Orange North SU	11	NA	9	11
Orange Southwest SU	15	20	20	18
Orange/Windsor SU	10	12	15	17
Rivendell SU	9	13	6	11
Thetford SD	8	10	8	NA
Vermont	13	12	12	10

Depression

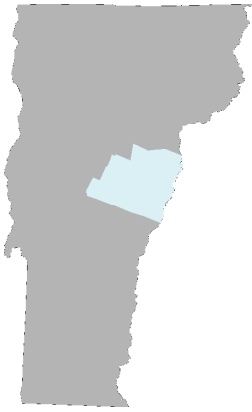
Percent of students who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least 2 weeks that they stopped doing some normal activities

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	32	31	NA	NA
Orange East SU	27	26	29	25
Orange North SU	26	NA	27	22
Orange Southwest SU	27	27	24	27
Orange/Windsor SU	19	23	18	21
Rivendell SU	19	25	17	23
Thetford SD	21	26	25	NA
Vermont	23	22	20	21

Sex (ever)

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

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	52	48	NA	NA
Orange East SU	52	47	48	53
Orange North SU	35	17	37	41
Orange Southwest SU	37	40	42	34
Orange/Windsor SU	36	36	43	42
Rivendell SU	38	44	38	38
Thetford SD	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vermont	35	36	37	40



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Youth Risk Behaviors and Assets

	Bullying <i>Percent of students who were bullied during the past 30 days</i>			
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	NA	17	NA	NA
Orange East SU	NA	27	20	14
Orange North SU	NA	NA	10	20
Orange Southwest SU	NA	16	21	19
Orange/Windsor SU	NA	23	19	21
Rivendell SU	NA	20	18	22
Thetford SD	NA	15	14	NA
Vermont	NA	18	17	17

	Bullying <i>Percent of students who bullied someone during the past 30 days</i>			
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	NA	26	NA	NA
Orange East SU	NA	34	26	16
Orange North SU	NA	NA	20	21
Orange Southwest SU	NA	29	34	19
Orange/Windsor SU	NA	24	26	25
Rivendell SU	NA	25	21	25
Thetford SD	NA	16	15	NA
Vermont	NA	21	21	20

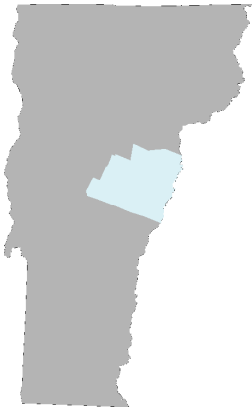
	Physical Activity <i>Percent of students, grades 8-12, who vigorously exercised 3 or more times per week</i>			
	2003	2005	2007*	2009
Blue Mountain SD	66	75	NA	NA
Orange East SU	65	71	56	43
Orange North SU	74	NA	55	50
Orange Southwest SU	70	69	46	36
Orange/Windsor SU	67	76	66	58
Rivendell SU	62	66	53	45
Thetford SD	73	67	46	NA
Vermont	67	67	49	45

	Parents Talk <i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, whose parents talk with them about school weekly or more often</i>			
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	69	75	NA	NA
Orange East SU	76	77	72	75
Orange North SU	77	NA	70	73
Orange Southwest SU	69	74	75	77
Orange/Windsor SU	74	78	83	80
Rivendell SU	76	77	78	68
Thetford SD	85	81	83	NA
Vermont	75	78	79	77

	Students Decide <i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who report that students help decide what goes on in their school</i>			
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	42	45	NA	NA
Orange East SU	49	51	60	53
Orange North SU	28	NA	43	50
Orange Southwest SU	37	40	44	44
Orange/Windsor SU	52	48	55	54
Rivendell SU	51	54	57	53
Thetford SD	53	61	54	NA
Vermont	46	46	51	50

	Volunteer <i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who spend 1 or more hours per week volunteering in their community</i>			
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	40	38	NA	NA
Orange East SU	49	41	41	36
Orange North SU	46	NA	43	44
Orange Southwest SU	42	45	44	46
Orange/Windsor SU	46	52	50	51
Rivendell SU	49	49	45	45
Thetford SD	49	49	44	NA
Vermont	45	46	45	42

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



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Youth Risk Behaviors and Assets

	Youths Valued <i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who report they feel valued by their community</i>				Clubs <i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who spend 1 or more hours per week in clubs/organizations outside of school</i>			
	2003	2005	2007	2009	2003	2005	2007	2009
Blue Mountain SD	37	37	NA	NA	19	17	NA	NA
Orange East SU	36	35	42	43	28	29	20	19
Orange North SU	35	NA	39	41	19	NA	19	25
Orange Southwest SU	31	35	35	39	25	35	30	32
Orange/Windsor SU	41	39	43	47	22	29	25	17
Rivendell SU	39	38	53	43	18	21	22	24
Thetford SD	49	41	47	NA	25	30	24	NA
Vermont	42	45	47	47	28	31	30	27

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.voicesforvtkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/whyimportant.pdf>

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