

Windsor County

VERMONT KIDS COUNT

2009

total population	56,664
children under 18	11,072
median income	\$51,922
children living in poverty ²	1,528
% children living in poverty ²	13.8%

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	1,534	11.4	12.6	1,947	17.6	18.3	53.6%	3.8% lower
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid ³	4,515	33.7	35.7	4,768	43.1	43.9	27.8%	1.8% lower
TANF (Reach-up) ⁴	898	6.7	7.6	683	6.2	6.6	-7.9%	5.8% lower
School Meals ⁵	2,108	25.1	25.9	2,851	39.9	38.0	58.7%	5.0% higher
New Families at Risk ⁶	17	7.6	8.4	17	7.3	6.1	-3.8%	19.7% higher

ECONOMIC SECURITY

At \$51,922, the median household income was slightly higher than the state median of \$51,555.

Participation in School Meals Programs grew by 49% between 2000 and 2010, from 25.1% to 39.9%. 17.6% 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 have both increased significantly since 2000—which may be related to increased child poverty as well as improved outreach.

43.1% of the county's child population is enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid, slightly less 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.

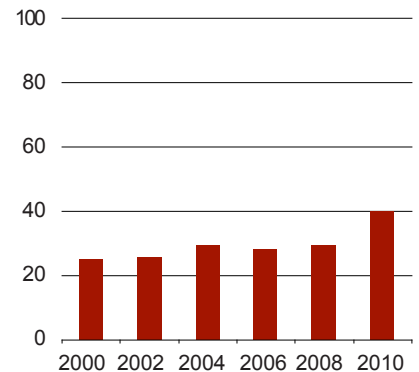
³ Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's public health insurance program for children and pregnant women.

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

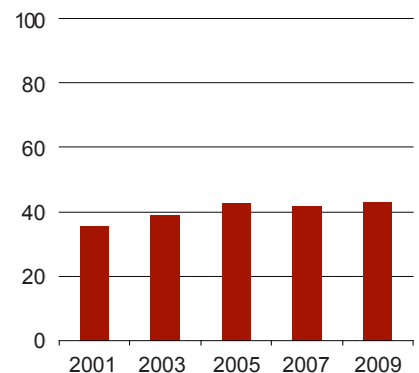
⁵ Public school students approved for free and reduced-price Federal School Meals.

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

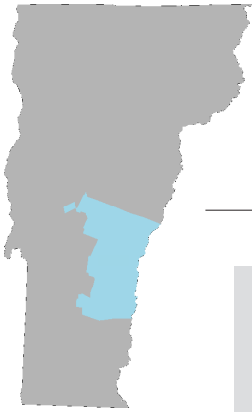


Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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Health Indicators

	2000			2008		
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate
Population <18 ¹	13,396	23.5	24.3	11,072	19.5	20.7
Early Prenatal care ²	168	76.8	80.8	440	81.9	83.2
Low Birthweight ³	33	6.0	6.1	34	6.2	6.7
Infant Mortality ⁴	2	3.1	6.2	4	6.7	5.1
Child Deaths ⁵	0	3.2	16.4	1	7.6	14.3
Teen Deaths ⁶	1	27.0	71.9	2	65.0	47.4
Young Teen Births ⁷	14	11.7	11.3	8	7.2	8.1
All Teen Births ⁷	46	26.7	23.9	45	26.2	21.4

HEALTH

Between 2000 and 2009, the number of children in Windsor County declined by 17.3%. 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%. Windsor County's rate is 6.2% of all live births, up from 6.0% in 2000.

Teen birth rates were 26.2 per 1,000 teen girls aged 15-19, which is slightly lower than in 2000.

The percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care within the first trimester was 81.9%, 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.voicesforvtkids.org/wp-content/uploads/kidscount/sources.pdf>

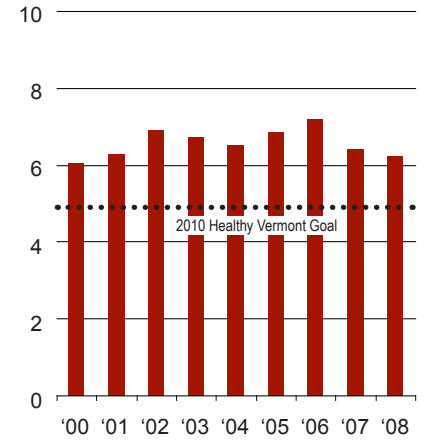
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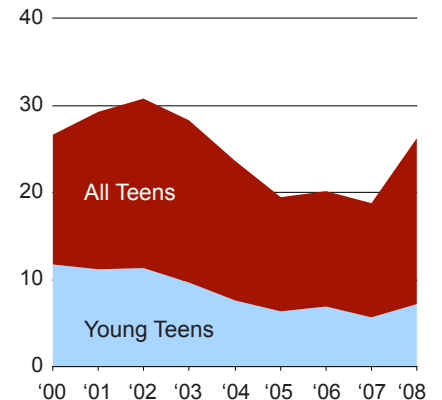


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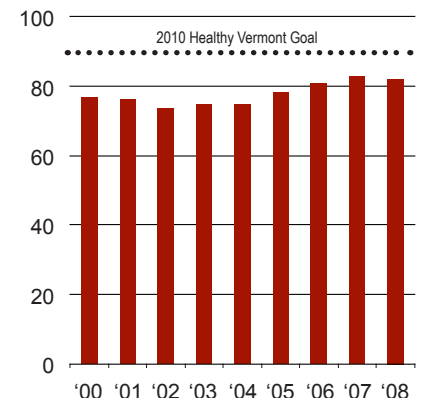
Percent Low Birthweight Babies

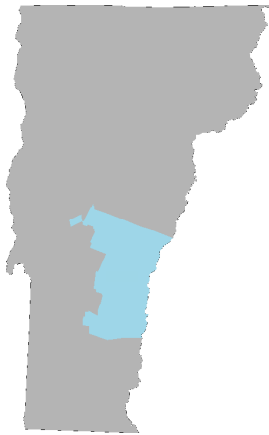


Births to Teens and Young Teens per 1000 Births



Percent Pregnant Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care





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Dresden SD
 Frances C. Richmond Middle
 Hanover High School

Hartford SD
 Hartford High School
 Hartford Memorial Middle School

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

Rutland/Windsor SU
 Black River Union High School

Springfield SD
 Riverside Middle School
 Springfield High School

Windsor Central SU
 Woodstock Union Jr./Sr. High School

Windsor Northwest SU
 Rochester School
 Whitcomb Jr./Sr. High School

Windsor Southeast SU
 Hartland Elementary School
 Weathersfield Middle School
 Windsor High School

Windsor Southwest SU
 Flood Brook Union School
 Green Mountain Union High
 School

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
Dresden SD	14	9	12	11
Hartford SD	NA	NA	19	16
Orange/Windsor SU	23	21	21	18
Rutland/Windsor SU	18	20	22	27
Springfield SD	23	16	13	14
Windsor Central SU	17	22	17	22
Windsor NW SU	22	11	13	16
Windsor SE SU	20	17	11	12
Windsor SW SU	18	13	17	22
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
Dresden SD	36	27	36	29
Hartford SD	NA	NA	42	37
Orange/Windsor SU	40	36	43	44
Rutland/Windsor SU	40	40	50	53
Springfield SD	37	36	40	28
Windsor Central SU	44	48	44	49
Windsor NW SU	48	38	23	30
Windsor SE SU	32	31	28	31
Windsor SW SU	31	31	39	37
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
Dresden SD	21	16	17	21
Hartford SD	NA	NA	26	25
Orange/Windsor SU	26	22	27	25
Rutland/Windsor SU	24	28	30	36
Springfield SD	30	22	17	19
Windsor Central SU	27	22	22	39
Windsor NW SU	33	22	15	24
Windsor SE SU	22	20	13	19
Windsor SW SU	23	21	26	29
Vermont	25	22	21	22

Inhalants

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

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Dresden SD	7	6	5	6
Hartford SD	NA	NA	14	10
Orange/Windsor SU	10	12	15	17
Rutland/Windsor SU	25	18	17	17
Springfield SD	17	17	12	8
Windsor Central SU	15	21	14	16
Windsor NW SU	14	17	10	5
Windsor SE SU	9	17	10	8
Windsor SW SU	11	9	12	7
Vermont	13	12	12	10

Depression

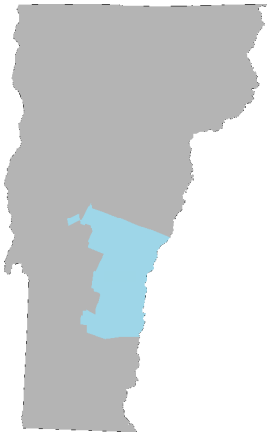
Percent of students who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for at least 2 weeks that they stopped doing some normal activities

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Dresden SD	23	13	14	14
Hartford SD	NA	NA	27	24
Orange/Windsor SU	19	23	18	21
Rutland/Windsor SU	27	17	19	25
Springfield SD	26	27	20	24
Windsor Central SU	22	29	18	21
Windsor NW SU	28	20	15	17
Windsor SE SU	20	23	20	20
Windsor SW SU	18	18	24	18
Vermont	23	22	20	21

Sex (ever)

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

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Dresden SD	20	15	19	22
Hartford SD	12	NA	40	42
Orange/Windsor SU	36	36	43	42
Rutland/Windsor SU	37	41	52	51
Springfield SD	44	44	42	42
Windsor Central SU	31	30	36	48
Windsor NW SU	43	47	33	44
Windsor SE SU	35	37	33	43
Windsor SW SU	36	33	42	46
Vermont	35	36	37	40



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	Bullying			
	<i>Percent of students who were bullied during the past 30 days</i>			
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Dresden SD	NA	15	12	12
Hartford SD	NA	NA	17	17
Orange/Windsor SU	NA	23	19	21
Rutland/Windsor SU	NA	17	23	26
Springfield SD	NA	16	18	14
Windsor Central SU	NA	18	15	19
Windsor NW SU	NA	20	18	11
Windsor SE SU	NA	23	16	21
Windsor SW SU	NA	20	14	13
Vermont	NA	18	17	17

	Bullying			
	<i>Percent of students who bullied someone during the past 30 days</i>			
	2003	2005	2007	2009
Dresden SD	NA	15	11	10
Hartford SD	NA	NA	21	21
Orange/Windsor SU	NA	24	26	25
Rutland/Windsor SU	NA	19	29	33
Springfield SD	NA	21	21	14
Windsor Central SU	NA	29	19	20
Windsor NW SU	NA	18	28	13
Windsor SE SU	NA	27	15	20
Windsor SW SU	NA	21	20	16
Vermont	NA	21	21	20

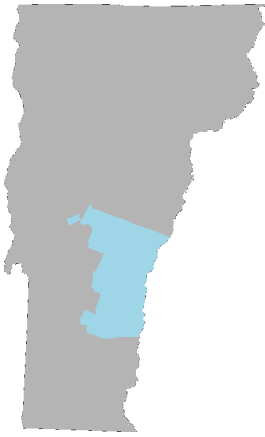
	Physical Activity			
	<i>Percent of students, grades 8-12, who vigorously exercised 3 or more times per week</i>			
	2003	2005	2007*	2009
Dresden SD	71	76	49	57
Hartford SD	NA	NA	45	48
Orange/Windsor SU	67	76	66	58
Rutland/Windsor SU	73	61	48	41
Springfield SD	66	72	48	42
Windsor Central SU	64	69	56	38
Windsor NW SU	73	74	71	56
Windsor SE SU	69	71	55	48
Windsor SW SU	71	68	51	47
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
Dresden SD	82	88	91	89
Hartford SD	NA	NA	80	76
Orange/Windsor SU	74	78	83	80
Rutland/Windsor SU	71	72	74	72
Springfield SD	71	69	74	70
Windsor Central SU	83	80	82	81
Windsor NW SU	64	85	83	82
Windsor SE SU	76	79	80	82
Windsor SW SU	74	77	78	76
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
Dresden SD	72	67	67	79
Hartford SD	NA	NA	48	52
Orange/Windsor SU	52	48	55	54
Rutland/Windsor SU	36	47	44	52
Springfield SD	44	50	41	46
Windsor Central SU	41	35	50	53
Windsor NW SU	41	45	61	45
Windsor SE SU	40	33	45	47
Windsor SW SU	43	48	42	38
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
Dresden SD	54	54	53	55
Hartford SD	NA	NA	41	42
Orange/Windsor SU	46	52	50	51
Rutland/Windsor SU	45	41	44	44
Springfield SD	42	39	39	36
Windsor Central SU	43	51	47	55
Windsor NW SU	41	48	46	40
Windsor SE SU	50	49	47	47
Windsor SW SU	47	43	41	46
Vermont	45	46	45	42

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



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	Youths Valued				Clubs			
	<i>Percent of all students, grades 8-12, who report they feel valued by their community</i>				<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
Dresden SD	52	56	61	64	32	37	38	29
Hartford SD	NA	NA	42	45	NA	NA	29	29
Orange/Windsor SU	41	39	43	47	22	29	25	17
Rutland/Windsor SU	42	41	45	45	31	24	29	28
Springfield SD	37	38	42	39	29	26	32	21
Windsor Central SU	44	37	47	52	27	30	37	42
Windsor NW SU	39	47	52	47	22	31	23	18
Windsor SE SU	38	36	40	43	27	35	27	25
Windsor SW SU	43	38	39	48	33	28	23	19
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.voicesforvkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/whyimportant.pdf>

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