

Washington County

Vermont KIDS COUNT

TOTAL POPULATION ¹	59,470
CHILDREN UNDER 18 ¹	11,886
MEDIAN INCOME ²	\$56,978
CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY ³	1,322
% CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY ³	11.4%

Economic Security

	2009 CHILDREN < 18			2013 CHILDREN < 18			Current rate compared to state rate	% change in county rates, 2009-2013
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate		
3SquaresVT (SNAP) ⁴	1,799	14.4	17.3	2,821	23.7	27.1	12.5% lower	64.6% higher
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid ⁴	4,721	37.8	41.9	5,322	44.8	48.0	6.7% lower	18.5% higher
Reach Up (TANF) ⁴	724	5.8	6.3	1,009	8.5	8.4	1.2% lower	46.6% higher
School Meals ⁵	2,942	32.2	35.8	3,455	38.5	40.7	5.4% lower	19.6% higher

ECONOMIC SECURITY

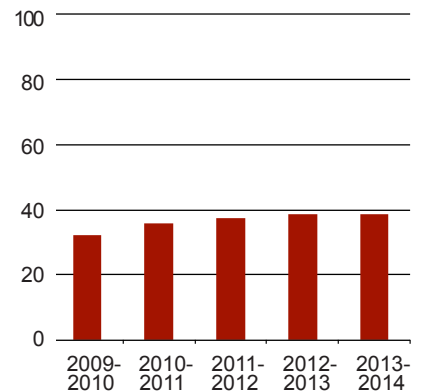
Washington County is one of the few counties in Vermont that experienced an improvement in the child poverty rate between 2009 and 2013. In 2013 11.4 percent of Washington County children were living in poverty. The child poverty rate in 2013 was 17.4 percent lower than it was in 2009. The median household income in Washington County 2013 was \$56,978.

While child poverty in Washington County improved between 2009 and 2013, child enrollment in Washington County's safety net programs rose. More than 1 in 5 children in Washington County received 3SquaresVT benefits in 2013 – a 64.6 percent increase from the 2009 rate. Additionally, child enrollment in Dr. Dynasaur increased 18.5 percent between 2009 and 2013, from 37.8 percent to 44.8 percent. Child participation in the Free and Reduced School Meals Program rose 19.6 percent, and Reach Up participation increased more than 46 percent.

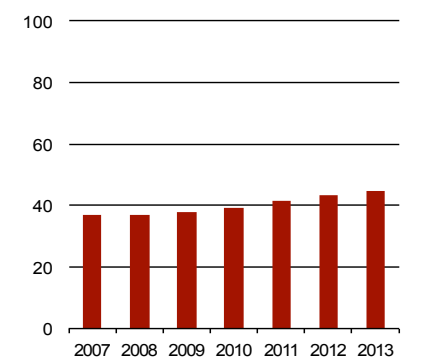
Children were eligible to receive health insurance through Dr. Dynasaur if their household income was less than 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Reach Up provides temporary cash assistance to families experiencing extreme financial need.

1 Vermont Department of Health and U.S. Census, 2013 3-year average (average of years 2011, 2012, 2013)
 2 U.S. Census, American Fact Finder, Table S1903, 2013 3-year data
 3 U.S. Census, American Fact Finder, Table B17001, 2013 3-year data
 4 Vermont Department for Children and Families, Economic Services Division, 2009 and 2013 3-year averages. Data are snapshots of April enrollment.
 5 Hunger Free Vermont, 2009-2010 school year and 2013-2014 school year. Data represents October enrollment.

Percent of Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Price School Meals



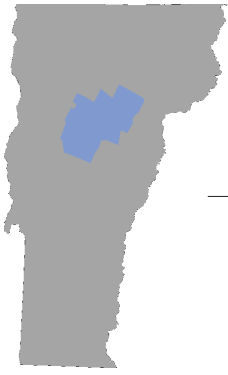
Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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Health Indicators

	2000			2010			Current rate compared to state rate	% change in county rates, 2000-2010
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate		
Early Prenatal Care ⁶	480	81.8	80.8	506	81.7	82.9	1.4% lower	0.1% lower
Low Birth Weight ⁷	39	6.4	6.1	35	5.2	6.1	14.8% lower	18.8% lower
Infant Mortality ⁸	6	10.5	6.2	4	7.0	4.9	na	na
Child Deaths ⁹	1	3.2	16.4	5	17.7	11.8	50.0% higher	na
Teen Deaths ¹⁰	14	111.5	71.9	5	39.5	41.2	4.1% lower	64.6% lower
Young Teen Births ¹¹	10	7.9	11.3	12	8.4	7.1	18.3% higher	6.3% higher
All Teen Births ¹²	49	25.9	23.9	44	20.5	18.5	10.8% higher	20.8% lower
New Families at Risk ¹³	16	5.9	8.4	19	4.6	5.5	16.4% lower	22.0% lower

HEALTH

Health is an integral part of child development and overall well-being. The featured data provide a snapshot of key indicators related to children's health.

Between 2000 and 2010, Washington County made a substantial improvement in the percentage of babies born low birth weight. Low birth weight babies – weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth – are at greater risk of both long and short term health and developmental complications. *Healthy Vermonters 2010* recommends that no more than 5 percent of babies are born with low birth weight. In Washington County just 5.2 percent of babies were born with low birth weight in 2010. This was an 18.8 percent drop from the county's 2000 rate.

Healthy Vermonters 2010 also recommends that 90 percent of pregnant women receive early prenatal care. Early prenatal care is care that begins during the first trimester of pregnancy. It is associated with improved outcomes for both mother and baby. 81.7 percent of Washington County women who gave birth in 2010 received early prenatal care – nearly the same rate as in 2000.

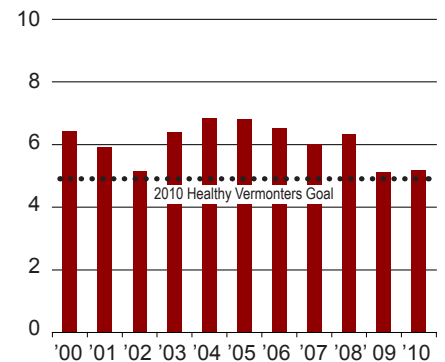
All data are from the Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics. 2010 data is preliminary. With the exception of child and teen deaths, all data are 3-year rolling averages. For example, 2010 data is the average of 2008, 2009, and 2010. Child and teen death counts are the sum of all deaths in a 3 year period. For example, 2010 child deaths include all child deaths in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

- 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

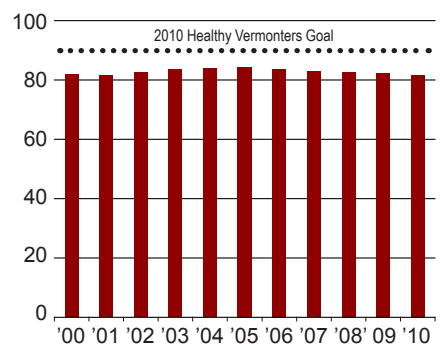
For definitions and sources: <http://www.voicesforvtrkids.org/wp-content/uploads/CountyPagesData.pdf>

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Percent Low Birth Weight Babies



Percent Pregnant Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care



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