



# Caledonia County

VERMONT KIDS COUNT

2008

total population	30,656
children under 18	6,544
median income	\$41,464
children living in poverty <sup>2</sup>	851
% children living in poverty <sup>2</sup>	13%

## Economic Security

	2000			2008 <sup>1</sup>			% 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	1,252	16.6	12.6	1,310	20.0	15.7	20.1%	27.4% higher
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid <sup>3</sup>	3,608	48.0	35.7	3,852	58.9	43.2	22.8%	36.3% higher
TANF (Reach-up) <sup>4</sup>	723	9.6	7.6	408	6.2	6.2	-35.5%	same
School Meals <sup>5</sup>	2,049	36.9	26.7	2,222	45.9	35.8	24.2%	28.1% higher
New Families at Risk <sup>6</sup>	9	7.7	8.4	6	8.1	6.2	4.7%	30.6% higher

### ECONOMIC SECURITY

Caledonia County had a median household income of \$41,464, almost 20% lower than the state median of \$51,704. Caledonia County has one of the lowest median household incomes in the state, along with the other Northeast Kingdom counties.

45.9% of public school students were approved for the School Meals Program, a 24% increase since 2000.

20% of children received 3SquaresVT (food stamps) benefits, compared to 15.7% statewide.

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.

58.9% of children were enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid, compared to the state average of 43.2%.

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 2008 represents the average of 2006-2008.

<sup>1</sup> 2008 data except School Meals (2009) and New Families at Risk (2007).

<sup>2</sup> 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 2008 Federal Poverty Threshold was \$22,025 for a family with two adults and two children.

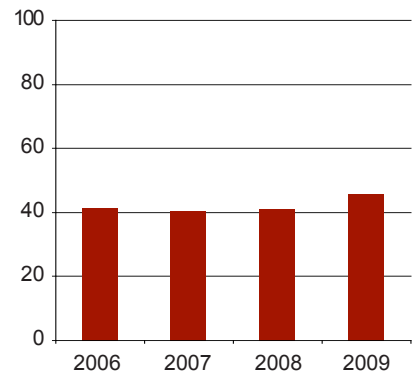
<sup>3</sup> Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's public health insurance program for children and pregnant women.

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

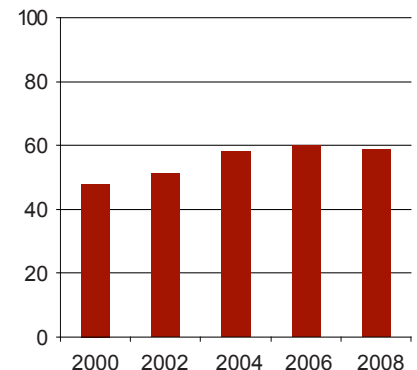
<sup>5</sup> Public school students approved for free and reduced-price Federal School Meals.

<sup>6</sup> Percentage of first births to unmarried women under 20 with less than 12 years of education.

Percent of Students Approved for Federal School Meals



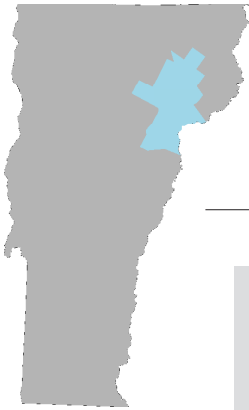
Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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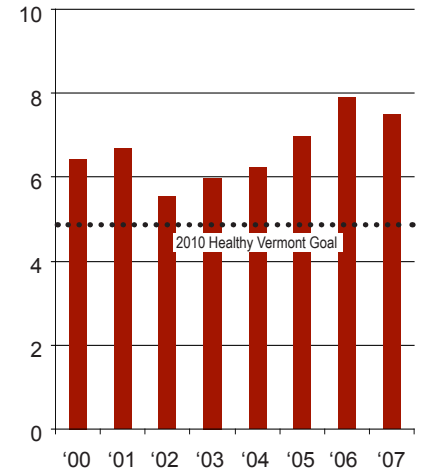
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## Health Indicators

	2000			2007		
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate
Population <18 <sup>1</sup>	7,522	25.5	24.3	6,544	21.3	21.1
Early Prenatal care <sup>2</sup>	277	89.0	87.9	294	83.5	83.8
Low Birthweight <sup>3</sup>	21	6.4	6.1	25	7.5	6.2
Infant Mortality <sup>4</sup>	2	7.3	6.2	1	2.8	6.4
Child Deaths <sup>5</sup>	1	11.5	16.4	1	19.8	18.7
Teen Deaths <sup>6</sup>	3	126.7	71.9	0	0.0	52.3
Young Teen Births <sup>7</sup>	7	10.4	11.3	6	10.4	8.1
All Teen Births <sup>7</sup>	27	24.6	23.9	29	24.8	20.1

Percent Low Birthweight Babies



### HEALTH

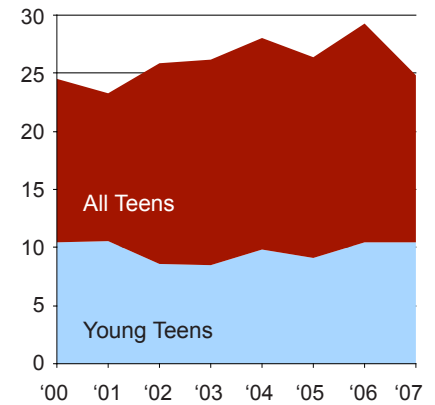
Between 2000 and 2008, the number of children in Caledonia County declined by 13%. During that same time period, the state child population declined by 11%.

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%. Caledonia County's rate is headed in the wrong direction—it increased to 7.5% of all live births, up from 6.4% in 2000.

Teen birth rates were 24.8 per 1,000 teen girls aged 15-19, a slight increase since 2000.

The percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care within the first trimester was 83.5%, compared to the *Healthy Vermonters 2010* goal of 90%.

Births to Teens and Young Teens per 1000 Births



2007 data except population (2008); 2007 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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Percent Pregnant Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care

