

# Chittenden County

VERMONT KIDS COUNT

## 2008

total population	151,559
children under 18	32,563
median income	\$60,473
children living in poverty <sup>2</sup>	3,745
% children living in poverty <sup>2</sup>	11.5%

## 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	3,098	9.1	12.6	3,692	11.3	15.7	24.7%	28.0% lower
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid <sup>3</sup>	8,167	23.9	35.7	9,220	28.3	43.2	18.5%	34.5% lower
TANF (Reach-up) <sup>4</sup>	2,092	6.1	7.6	1,714	5.3	6.2	-14.2%	15.3% lower
School Meals <sup>5</sup>	4,150	18.1	26.7	5,477	24.9	35.8	37.8%	30.5% lower
New Families at Risk <sup>6</sup>	52	7.3	8.4	40	5.6	6.2	-23.7%	9.7% lower

### ECONOMIC SECURITY

The Chittenden County median household income of \$60,473 was the highest in Vermont and 17% higher than the state median of \$51,704.

25% of public school students were approved for School Meals Programs, a 38% increase since 2000.

11% of children received 3SquaresVT (food stamp) 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.

28.3% 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.

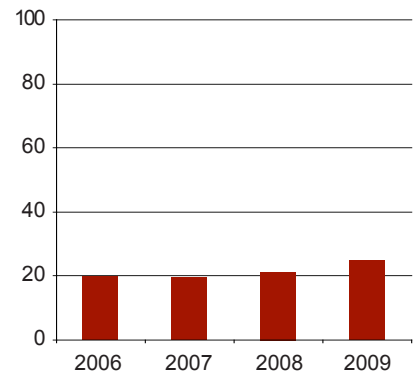
<sup>3</sup> Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's public health insurance program for children and pregnant women.

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

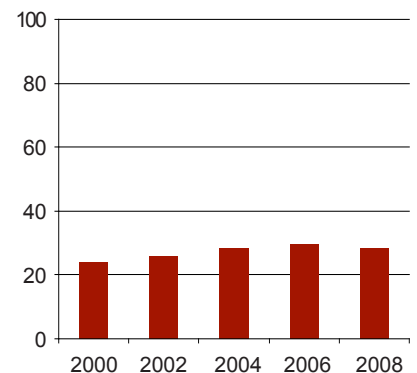
<sup>5</sup> Public school students approved for free and reduced-price Federal School Meals.

<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



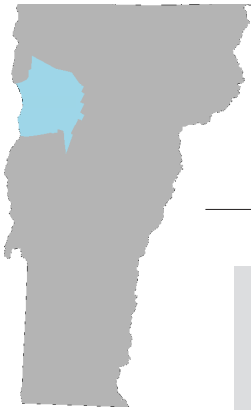
Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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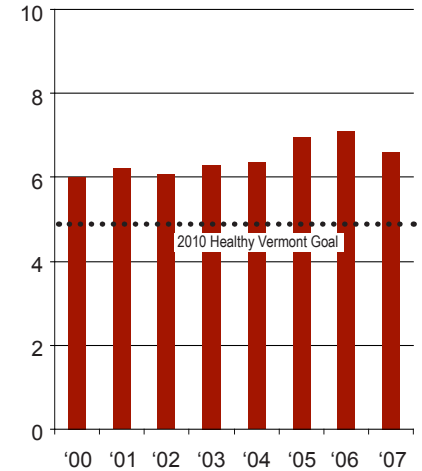
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## Health Indicators

	2000			2007		
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate
Population <18 <sup>1</sup>	34,187	23.5	24.3	32,563	21.5	21.1
Early Prenatal care <sup>2</sup>	1,450	88.7	87.9	1,348	84.4	83.8
Low Birthweight <sup>3</sup>	100	6.0	6.1	104	6.6	6.2
Infant Mortality <sup>4</sup>	13	7.6	6.2	8	7.7	6.4
Child Deaths <sup>5</sup>	4	14.9	16.4	4	15.9	18.7
Teen Deaths <sup>6</sup>	7	56.4	71.9	4	32.2	52.3
Young Teen Births <sup>7</sup>	30	10.7	11.3	20	10.0	8.1
All Teen Births <sup>7</sup>	96	15.9	23.9	79	18.5	20.1

Percent Low Birthweight Babies



### HEALTH

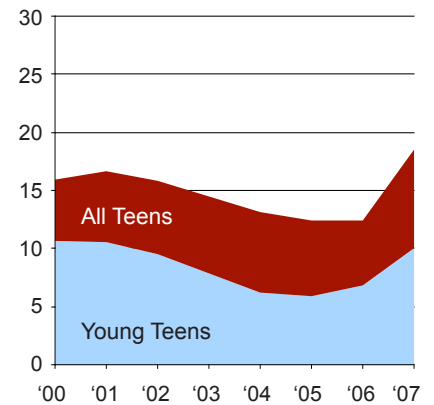
Between 2000 and 2008, the number of children in Chittenden County declined by 5%. During that same time period, the state child population declined by 11%.

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%. Chittenden County's rate is headed in the wrong direction—it increased to 6.6% of all live births, up from 6.0% in 2000.

Teen birth rates were 18.5 per 1,000 teen girls aged 15-19, an increase of 16% from 2000.

The percent of pregnant women receiving prenatal care within the first trimester was 84.4%, compared to the *Healthy Vermonters 2010* goal of 90%.

Births to Teens and Young Teens per 1000 Births



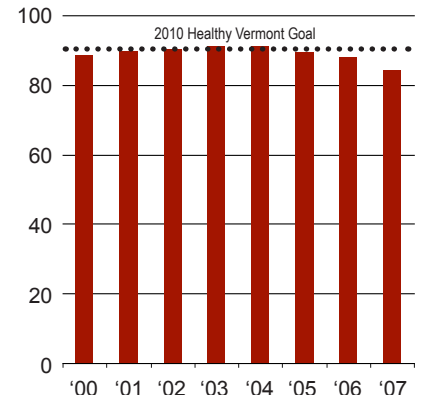
2007 data except population (2008); 2007 data are from the Vermont Department of Health. All health rates and counts are based on three-year averages. For example, the year 2008 represents the average of 2006-2008. Rates based on small counts should be used with caution. Such rates may change significantly 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



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