



Windham County

VERMONT KIDS COUNT

2008

total population	43,518
children under 18	8,842
median income	\$45,292
children living in poverty ²	1,105
% children living in poverty ²	12.5%

Economic Security

	2000			2008 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	1,357	13.0	12.6	1,535	17.4	15.7	33.4%	10.6% higher
Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid ³	3,912	37.5	35.7	4,329	49.0	43.2	30.5%	13.3% higher
TANF (Reach-up) ⁴	760	7.3	7.6	605	6.8	6.2	-6.1%	10.3% higher
School Meals ⁵	1,709	26.4	26.7	2,177	43.3	35.8	63.9%	21.0% higher
New Families at Risk ⁶	21	11.2	8.4	13	6.6	6.2	-41.0%	6.5% higher

ECONOMIC SECURITY

At \$45,292, the median household income was 12% lower than the state median of \$51,704 and the fourth lowest overall among Vermont's counties.

43.3% of public school students were approved for School Meals Programs, a 64% increase since 2000.

17.4% of children receive 3SquaresVT (food stamp) benefits, higher than the state average of 15.7%.

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.

Half of the children in Windham County 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.

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

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 2008 Federal Poverty Threshold was \$22,025 for a family with two adults and two children.

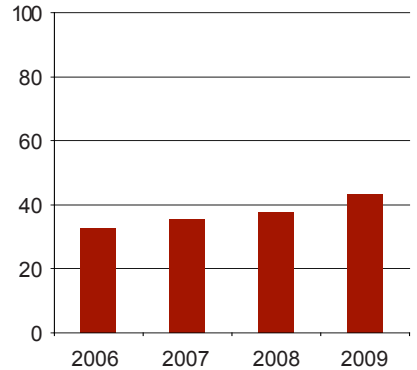
³ Dr. Dynasaur, Vermont's public health insurance program for children and pregnant women.

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

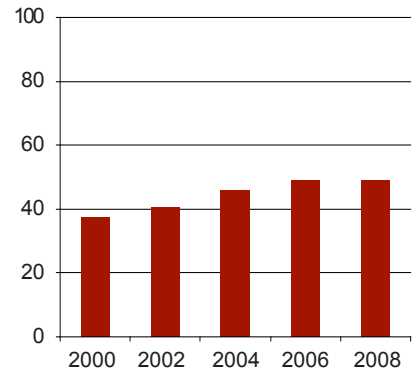
⁵ Public school students approved for free and reduced-price Federal School Meals.

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

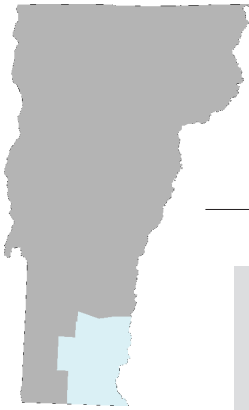


Percent of Children Enrolled in Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid



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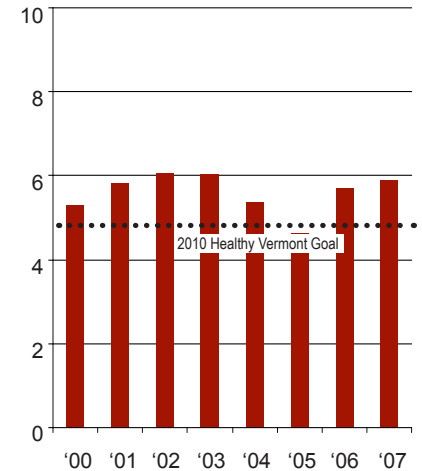
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Health Indicators

	2000			2007		
	County total	County rate	State rate	County total	County rate	State rate
Population <18 ¹	10,430	23.7	24.3	8,842	20.3	21.1
Early Prenatal care ²	365	86.0	87.9	344	81.3	83.8
Low Birthweight ³	24	5.3	6.1	21	5.9	6.2
Infant Mortality ⁴	2	3.7	6.2	2	5.5	6.4
Child Deaths ⁵	2	29.2	16.4	2	29.0	18.7
Teen Deaths ⁶	2	65.4	71.9	2	69.1	52.3
Young Teen Births ⁷	12	11.8	11.3	7	7.8	8.1
All Teen Births ⁷	42	27.9	23.9	34	23.0	20.1

Percent Low Birthweight Babies



HEALTH

Between 2000 and 2008, the child population declined by 12%. 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%. Windham County's rate was up slightly from previous years—5.9% of all live births, up from 5.3% in 2000.

Teen birth rates were 23.0 per 1,000 teen girls aged 15-19, 18% lower than the 2000 rate of 27.9.

Windham County had the lowest rate of pregnant women receiving prenatal care within the first trimester—81.3%, well short of the *Healthy Vermonters 2010* goal of 90%.

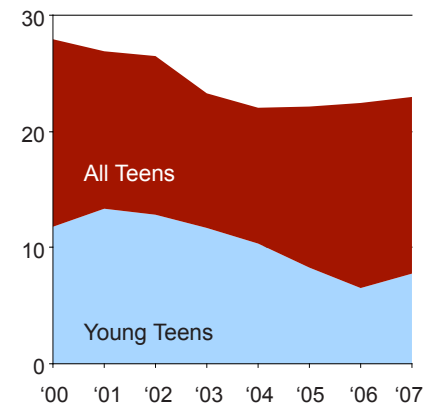
2007 data except population (2008); 2007 data are from the Vermont Department of Health. All health rates and counts are based on three-year averages. For example, the year 2008 represents the average of 2006-2008. Rates based on small counts should be used with caution. Such rates may change significantly 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 1,000 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.

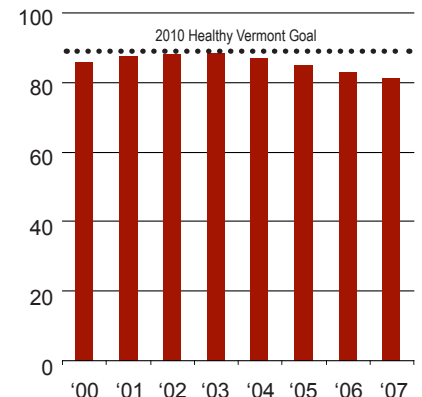
For definitions and sources: <http://www.voicesforvtrkids.org/wp-content/uploads/kidscount/sources.pdf>

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Births to Teens and Young Teens per 1000 Births



Percent Pregnant Women Receiving Early Prenatal Care



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