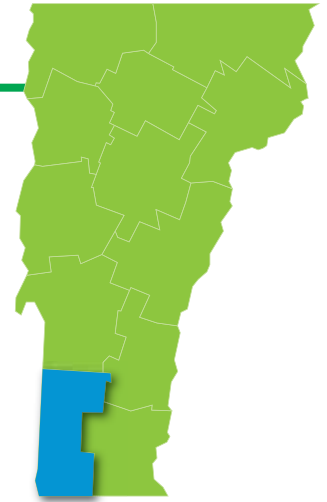
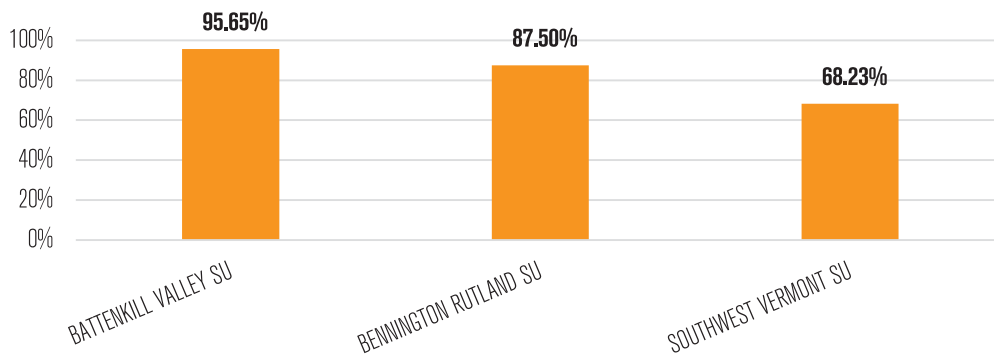


Bennington Region



2015-2016 R4KIS Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten



Child Population

under age 9

2014

-3.6%

3,272 CHILDREN

DECLINED

2011 **3,393**

STARS Participation

2016

78.2%

68 PROGRAMS

IMPROVED

2010 **27.1%**

29 PROGRAMS

Immunization Rates

2015

69.0%

373 CHILDREN

IMPROVED

2013 **61.1%**

330 CHILDREN

Children in DCF Custody

under age 9

2014

12.84

rate per 1,000
42 CHILDREN

INCREASED

2012 **7.17**

rate per 1,000
24 CHILDREN

About the region

The Bennington Building Bright Futures (BBF) Region shares the same boundaries as Bennington County. The population centers are Bennington in the Southshire and Manchester in the Northshire. The county has three supervisory unions that serve all but two towns in the county.

The Bennington BBF Region has a very active regional council that is representative of most community sectors. The work of this regional council is guided by an updated strategic plan that is focused on nine outcomes. Each outcome is overseen by a committee and has a professional development strand woven into it. The council actively supports community interventions and services to address

each of these outcomes to combat high rates of adverse child experiences, to address high rates of opioid and other substance abuse, and to ensure children are ready for school.

For 2016–2017, the regional Action Plan outcomes with the highest priority are:

- Ensuring that children are ready for school in five developmental areas;
- Working to make Bennington a trauma-informed and trauma-sensitive region; and
- Working to ensure that children are born into and live in homes that are free of substance abuse.