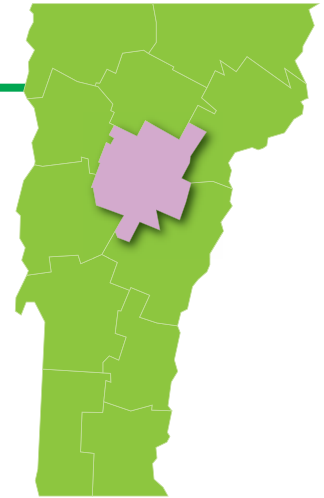
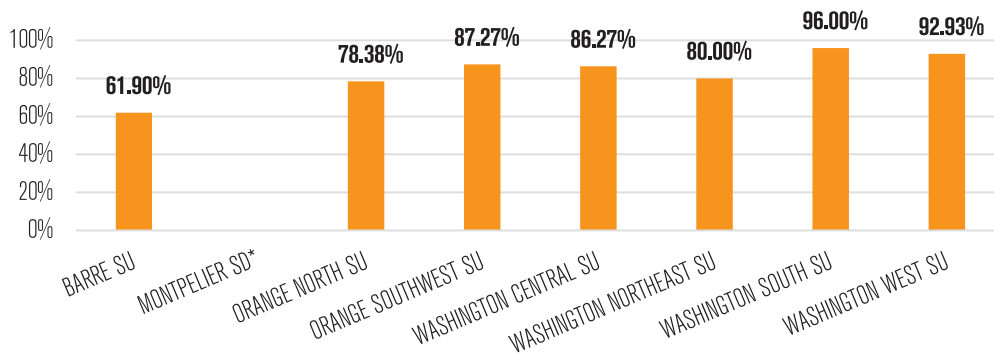


Central Vermont Region



2015-2016 R4KS! Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten



<h3>Child Population</h3> <p>under age 9</p> <p>2014</p> <h1>-6.1%</h1> <p>6,026 CHILDREN</p> <p>DECLINED</p> <p>2011 6,420</p>	<h3>STARS Participation</h3> <p>2016</p> <h1>59.5%</h1> <p>97 PROGRAMS</p> <p>IMPROVED</p> <p>2010 16.4% 32 PROGRAMS</p>	<h3>Immunization Rates</h3> <p>2015</p> <h1>69.9%</h1> <p>652 CHILDREN</p> <p>IMPROVED</p> <p>2013 66% 671 CHILDREN</p>	<h3>Children in DCF Custody</h3> <p>under age 9</p> <p>2014</p> <h1>7.97</h1> <p>rate per 1,000 48 CHILDREN</p> <p>INCREASED</p> <p>2012 6.57 rate per 1,000 41 CHILDREN</p>
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About the region

The Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Region includes almost all of Washington County and a few towns in northern Orange County. Home to the state capital of Montpelier, the region also has seven supervisory unions and one school district. Major employers include Central Vermont Medical Center, National Life Group, and the State of Vermont.

The Central Vermont Building Bright Futures regional council consists of more than 25 active members with a strong core membership representing the early care, health, and education fields. The regional council is focusing its work on several community needs and strategies that were identified during its 2015 regional planning process, which included

food insecurity, lack of access to postnatal services for young parents, and uneven quality and capacity of the area's child care system.

In 2016–2017, the regional council's priorities are:

- Promoting safe and healthy housing and access to nutritious food for young children and their families;
- Ensuring that families have access to postnatal supports by providing new parents with access to available resources; and
- Working collaboratively with partners to improve child care quality and capacity and to support a highly skilled workforce.