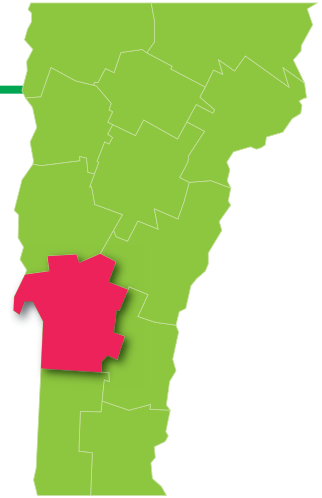
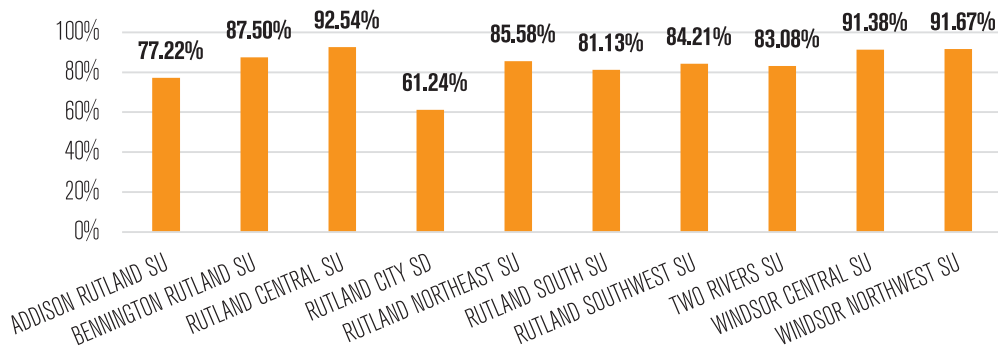


# Rutland Region



## 2015-2016 R4KIS Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten



### Child Population

under age 9

2014

**-2.8%**

5,071 CHILDREN

**DECLINED**

2011 **5,216**

### STARS Participation

2016

**71.3%**

107 PROGRAMS

**IMPROVED**

2010 **26.2%**

44 PROGRAMS

### Immunization Rates

2015

**56.5%**

493 CHILDREN

**IMPROVED**

2013 **46.5%**

373 CHILDREN

### Children in DCF Custody

under age 9

2014

**10.25**

rate per 1,000  
52 CHILDREN

**INCREASED**

2012 **6.38**

rate per 1,000  
33 CHILDREN

## About the region

Located in southwestern Vermont, the Rutland Building Bright Futures (BBF) Region shares its boundaries with Rutland County, which is the second most populous region after Chittenden County. Rutland lags behind the nation and the state in household median income and its projected population growth is the second slowest in Vermont. Major employers in the area include Rutland Regional Medical Center, GE Aircraft Engines, and Killington Pico Ski Resort Partners.

The Rutland Building Bright Futures Regional Council has an active membership of 20 stakeholders representing early care, education, and health services. For 2016–2017, the council is developing initiatives to strengthen programs and resources to support the physical and emotional wellbeing of Rutland’s young children and families.

Three of the most important priorities the council has identified are:

- Collaborating with local partners to deliver early care mental health consultation programs to strengthen young children’s social and emotional competence;
- Fostering alliances with the Rutland Promise Community and Help Me Grow, so families have access to age-appropriate information and guidance around their child’s social and emotional development, including other community health resources; and
- Cultivating effective parent engagement programs combined with excellent learning supports in early care and learning programs.