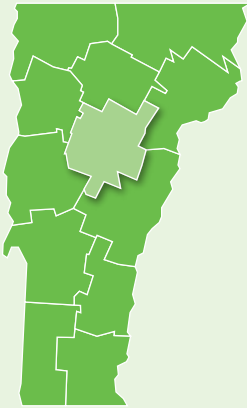


# Central Vermont Region

## About the Region



The Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Region includes almost all of Washington County and several towns in northern Orange County. Home to the state capital of Montpelier, the region, which shares boundaries with the Barre AHS district, has both urban and rural challenges. Growing income inequality in the region and across the state, combined with an increased understanding of the social determinants of health, have highlighted how poverty drives outcomes for young families and children in the region.

### REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Working collaboratively with partners at the local and state level, the Central Vermont Council is focused on:

- Improving child care capacity and quality
- Supporting professional development capacity for the early childhood workforce

## Current Status

### CHILD POPULATION

*under age 9*

The percent<sup>1</sup> of children under 9 years old **did not change** from 47.1% (6,516) in 2010 to 47.1% (5,968) in 2016.

<sup>1</sup>Denominator is children under 18 years old.

NO CHANGE  
**47.1%**

### CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

*under age 6*

The percent of children under 6 years old living in poverty<sup>\*\*</sup> **decreased** from 41.1% (1,642) in 2010 to 39.4% (1,571) in 2016.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

DECREASED TO  
**39.4%**

### CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

*under age 9 (rate per 1,000)*

The rate<sup>1</sup> of children under 9 years old (per 1,000) in DCF custody **increased** from 6.6 (41) in 2012 to 9.9 (59) in 2016.

<sup>1</sup>As of September 30th each year.

INCREASED TO  
**9.9**

### STARS PARTICIPATION

The percent of regulated child care, early learning, and afterschool programs with 1-5 STARS<sup>1</sup> **increased** from 16.4% (32) in 2010 to 64.6% (93) in 2018.

<sup>1</sup>As of June each year.

INCREASED TO  
**64.6%**

## Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten

### SUPERVISORY UNION/DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR  
2015-16

SCHOOL YEAR  
2016-17

SCHOOL YEAR  
2017-18

Barre SU

61.9%

65.2%

71.0%

Harwood Unified Union SD

Unavailable

Unavailable

94.6%

Montpelier SD

Unavailable

91.5%

95.6%

Orange North SU

78.4%

70.0%

62.2%

Orange Southwest SU

87.3%

80.9%

82.1%

Washington Central SU

86.3%

81.7%

94.1%

Washington Northeast SU

80.0%

77.4%

Unavailable

Washington South SU

96.0%

95.6%

93.8%