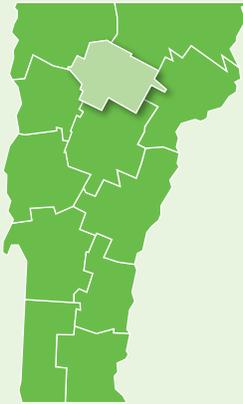


Lamoille Valley Region

About the Region



The Lamoille Valley Region shares boundaries with the Morrisville AHS district, covering fifteen towns which range from one of Vermont's wealthiest, to some of the state's poorest communities. A focus on collaboration, communication, and coordination among organizations supporting early childhood continues to be a strength in the region. Areas for concern include a lack of child care capacity and finding and developing early care professionals. The costs of child care are high, and the wages in the field remain low. While child custody rates remain low in the region, the percentage of children in custody who are very young is rising — mirroring a similar and ongoing trend across Vermont.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

The Lamoille Valley Council is focused on three primary areas:

- Parent education
- Monitoring and measuring how the early childhood system supports young families
- Increasing communication and cooperation for those providing supports for families and young children

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

The percent* of children under 9 years old **decreased** from 47.9% (3,248) in 2010 to **47.4%** (3,052) in 2016.

DECREASED TO
47.4%

**Denominator is children under 18 years old.*

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

under age 6

The percent of children under 6 years old living in poverty** **increased** from 40.5% (919) in 2010 to **48.9%** (974) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
48.9%

***Living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level*

CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

under age 9 (rate per 1,000)

The rate† of children under 9 years old (per 1,000) in DCF custody **increased** from 3.8 (12) in 2012 to **7.5** (23) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
7.5

†As of September 30th each year.

STARS PARTICIPATION

The percent of regulated child care, early learning, and afterschool programs with 1-5 STARS‡ **increased** from 31.2% (29) in 2010 to **83.1%** (59) in 2018.

INCREASED TO
83.1%

‡As of June each year.

Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten

SUPERVISORY UNION/DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

Lamoille North SU 82.9% 87.7% 90.8%

Lamoille South SU 88.4% 92.0% 93.6%

Orleans Southwest SU 78.2% 81.0% 79.7%