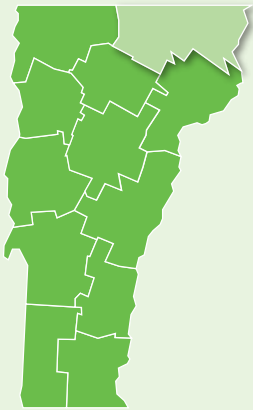


Orleans & Northern Essex Region

About the Region



The Orleans and Northern Essex (ONE) counties contains some of Vermont's most beautiful natural landscapes, providing families access to many outdoor recreational opportunities exploring our lakes and mountains. However, the region also has the state's highest child poverty rates and poorest health outcomes.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

The ONE Regional Council implements an annual process of selecting priority strategies by reviewing current data and assessing community needs. The council is focused on:

- Continuing to prioritize the social and emotional skill-building for caregivers and children through our regional Early MTSS pilot project and demonstration sites
- Promoting, supporting and creating high-quality child care in our region
- Increasing family supports by addressing food insecurity, promoting social connections and child development, and resource sharing through initiatives like the Welcome Baby Bag pilot project at two pediatric offices, and support for the Troy and Newport Promise Communities

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

The percent* of children under 9 years old **increased** from 45.3% (2,707) in 2010 to **46.7%** (2,537) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
46.7%

**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** **decreased** from 55.5% (879) in 2010 to **53.4%** (876) in 2016.

DECREASED TO
53.4%

***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 5.1 (13) in 2012 to **11.4** (29) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
11.4

†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 33.3% (29) in 2010 to **81.1%** (60) in 2018.

INCREASED TO
81.1%

‡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

Essex North SU 76.9% 83.3% 81.8%

North Country SU 74.9% 80.5% 79.8%

Orleans Central SU 81.9% 84.6% 87.7%