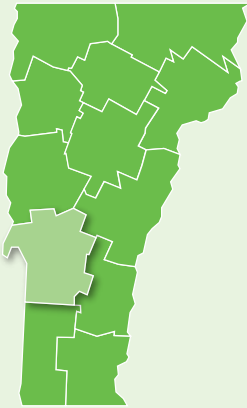


Rutland Region

About the Region



The Rutland Region covers all of Rutland County, the second most populated county in the state. The region is a combination of rural and urban areas where income levels fall below the state median. While the population of youth under 9 years old is falling, the number of children in DCF custody is on the rise. Child care providers report an increase in children with social-emotional needs. Like many other regions, Rutland struggles with food insecurity, affordable housing, and transportation, along with a lack of access to affordable high quality infant care.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

The Rutland BBF Council is focused on:

- Working with the local WIC office to help increase access to healthy foods
- Working with the Stern Center for Language and Learning to train area members in the BUILDING BLOCKS FOR LITERACY® program
- The council is forming a kindergarten Readiness Team to make the transition to school a positive one for children, families, and teachers.

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

The percent¹ of children under 9 years old **increased** from 44.9% (5,347) in 2010 to **46.2%** (4,951) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
46.2%

¹Denominator 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 43.2% (1,426) in 2010 to **42.2%** (1,302) in 2016.

DECREASED TO
42.2%

^{**}Living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level

CHILDREN IN DCF CUSTODY

under age 9 (rate per 1,000)

The rate¹ of children under 9 years old (per 1,000) in DCF custody **increased** from 6.4 (33) in 2012 to **16.4** (81) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
16.4

¹As of September 30th each year.

STARS PARTICIPATION

The percent of regulated child care, early learning, and afterschool programs with 1-5 STARS¹ **increased** from 26.2% (44) in 2010 to **65.4%** (83) in 2018.

INCREASED TO
65.4%

¹As 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
Addison Rutland SU	77.2%	83.2%	85.7%
Bennington Rutland SU	87.5%	91.7%	87.8%
Mill River Unified Union SD	Unavailable	76.4%	74.6%
Rutland Central SU	92.5%	100.0%	91.4%
Rutland City SD	61.2%	69.4%	61.4%
Rutland Northeast SU	85.6%	87.2%	91.8%
Rutland Southwest SU	84.2%	70.6%	78.4%
Two Rivers SU	83.1%	80.3%	84.1%
Windsor Central SU	91.4%	87.5%	Unavailable