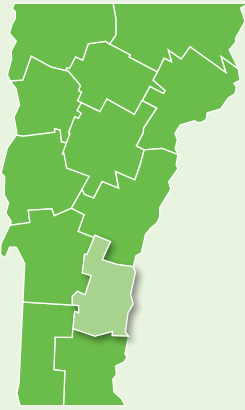


Springfield Region

About the Region



The Springfield Region contains towns in northern Windham County and Southern Windsor County, sharing boundaries with the Springfield AHS district. The Springfield region has experienced increasing rates of poverty, unemployment, and income inequity since the loss of many of its manufacturing jobs with few replacement jobs. Despite this, or perhaps due to this, the region has a long history of working collaboratively with a variety of sectors to better the community, and that includes those serving our young children and families. The Springfield area once had low rates of STARS participation and high quality childcare but now holds some of the highest rates.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

The Springfield Area Council has dedicated its work in:

- Helping families meet their basic needs
- Assisting caregivers accessing opportunities to understand, and providing family events that support, child development
- Working with the VT Department of Health to promote WIC and the developmental screening registry

Current Status

CHILD POPULATION

under age 9

The percent[†] of children under 9 years old **increased** from 47.0% (3,146) in 2010 to **47.3%** (2,861) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
47.3%

†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 41.7% (761) in 2010 to **50.1%** (956) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
50.1%

***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 9.9 (30) in 2012 to **21.3** (61) in 2016.

INCREASED TO
21.3

†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 31.4% (22) in 2010 to **88.9%** (56) in 2018.

INCREASED TO
88.9%

†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

Bennington Rutland SU

87.5% 91.7% 87.8%

Springfield SD

86.7% 63.4% 74.1%

Two Rivers SU

83.1% 80.3% 84.1%

Windham Central SU

87.3% 90.4% 95.4%

Windham Northeast SU

87.5% 81.9% 82.5%

Windsor Central SU

91.4% 87.5% Unavailable

Windsor Southeast SU

67.0% 85.7% 81.4%