

West Central Vermont encompasses Addison, Chittenden, Rutland Counties and the Central Vermont Region including Washington County and Orange, Washington and Williamstown in Orange County.

## Demographics

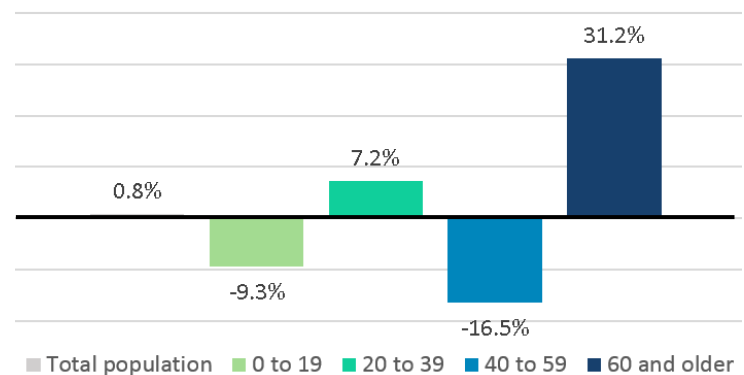
### Population and Age

West Central Vermont region currently contains an estimated 58,191 residents. This represents a 0.8% increase since 2010 and 51% of the total state population within the four counties.

The population is aging over time, and there has been a 31% increase in the population over age 60 since 2010.

[US Census Population Estimates 2010-2019]

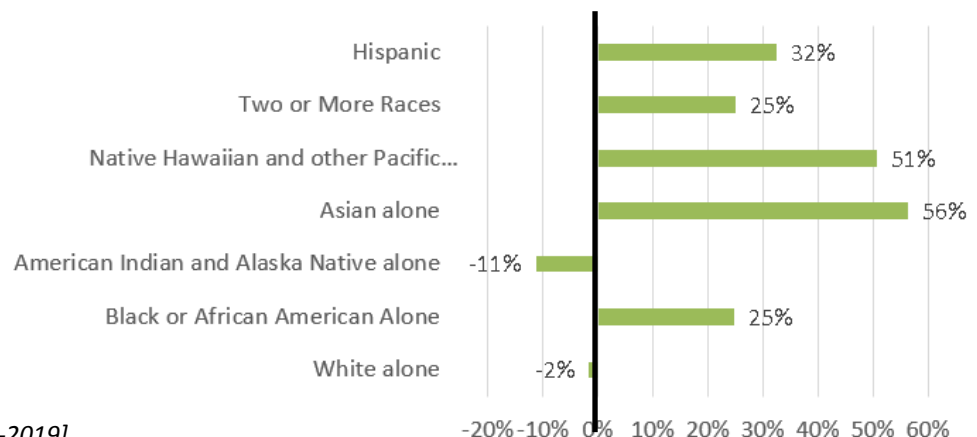
Population Percent Change by Age, 2010-2019



### Racial Diversity

West Central Vermont is 91% White, more so than the US [60%]. However, between 2010 and 2019 the populations of many of the Region's racial groups other than white grew significantly.

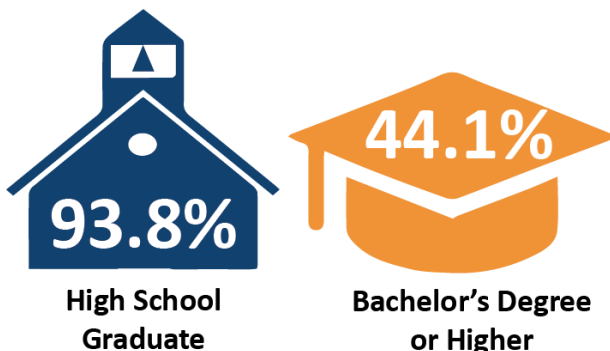
Population % Change by Race, 2010 to 2019



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### Education Levels

The population is highly educated with over 44% of the population over 25 holding a bachelor's degree, and 93.8% with a high school degree or higher.

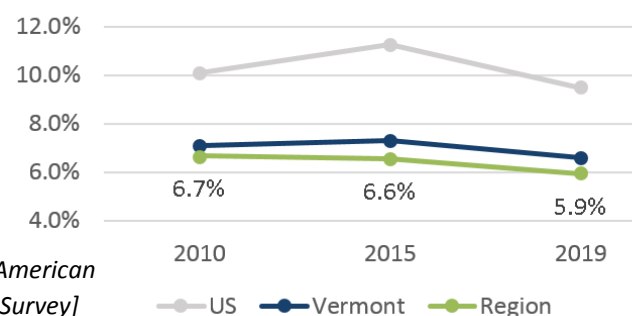


[US Census American Community Survey 2019]

### Poverty Rate

The percent of families below the poverty line has decreased from 2010-2019, and is below US and Vermont average rates. 30% of families have less than livable earnings (estimated at incomes at or below 300% of the federal poverty line).

Family Poverty Rate

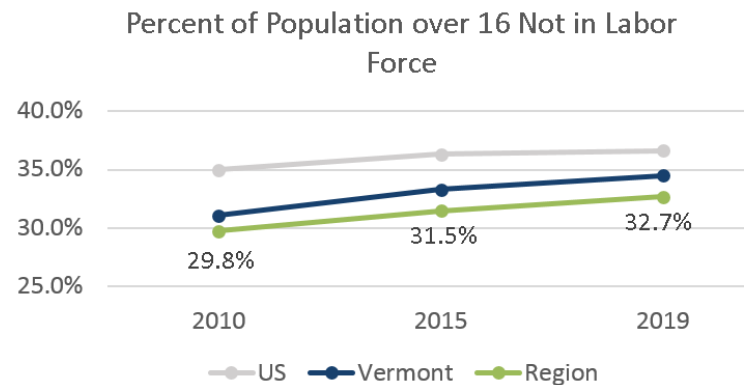


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## Labor Force Participation

While labor force participation rates are higher than in the US and across the state, the percent of people not in the labor force is increasing.

[US Census American Community Survey 2019]



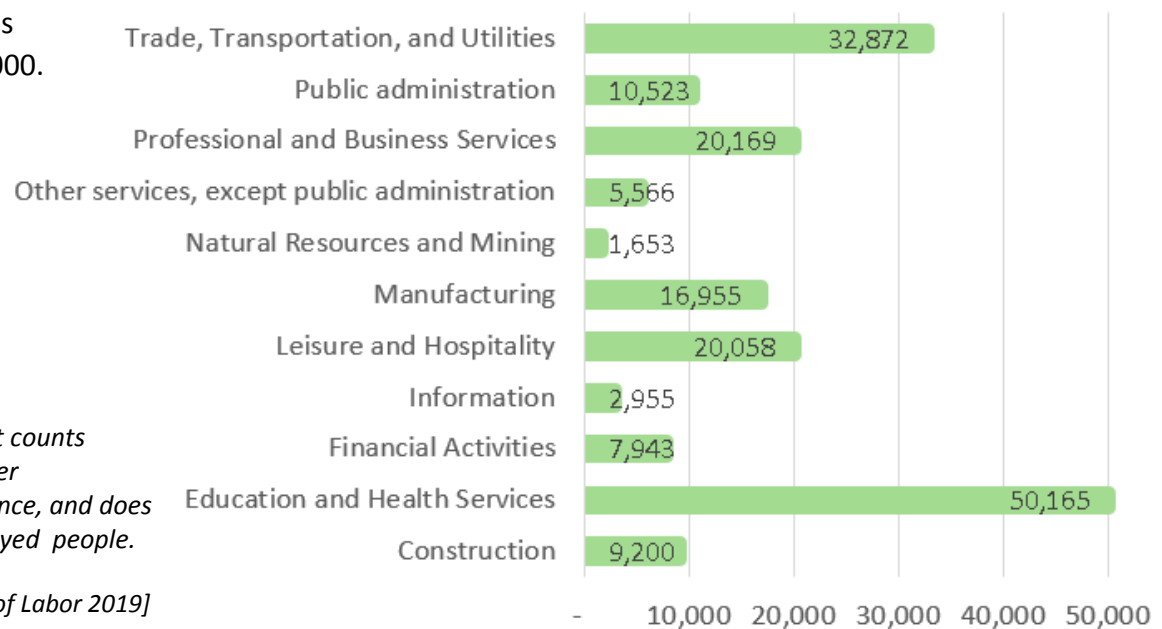
## Local Economy

### Top Employment Sectors

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Education and Health Services	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	Professional and Business Services	Leisure and Hospitality	Manufacturing

Total employment has grown by 5% across the region since 2000.

### Covered Employment by Sector



\*Covered employment counts positions covered under unemployment insurance, and does not include self-employed people.

[Vermont Department of Labor 2019]

### Sectors by Wage

High wage sectors by average monthly earnings:

- Utilities (\$7,689)
- Professional , Scientific and Technical Services (\$7,340)
- Finance and Insurance (\$7,028)

Low wage sectors by average monthly earnings:

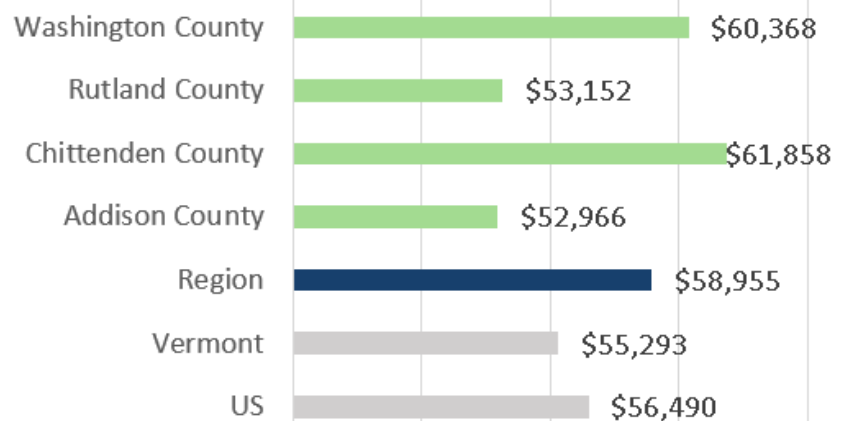
- Accommodation and Food service (\$1,986)
- Arts, Entertainment and Recreation (\$2,386)
- Retail Trade (\$2,834)

[Quarterly Workforce Indicators 2019]

### Per Capita Income

The per capita income of the region is \$58,955. This exceeds state and federal averages.

[US Census American Community Survey, 2019]

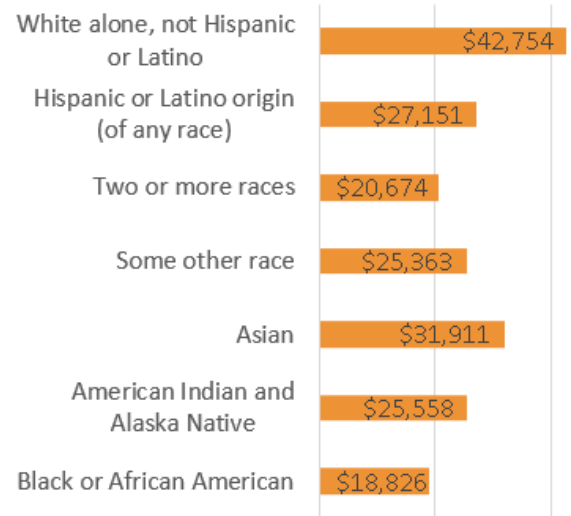


### Income Disparities

The female to male median earnings ratio in Vermont is 0.79.

The White alone population has an average income [\$42,754] more than double the mean income of the Black or African American alone [\$18,826], and two or more races population of the region.

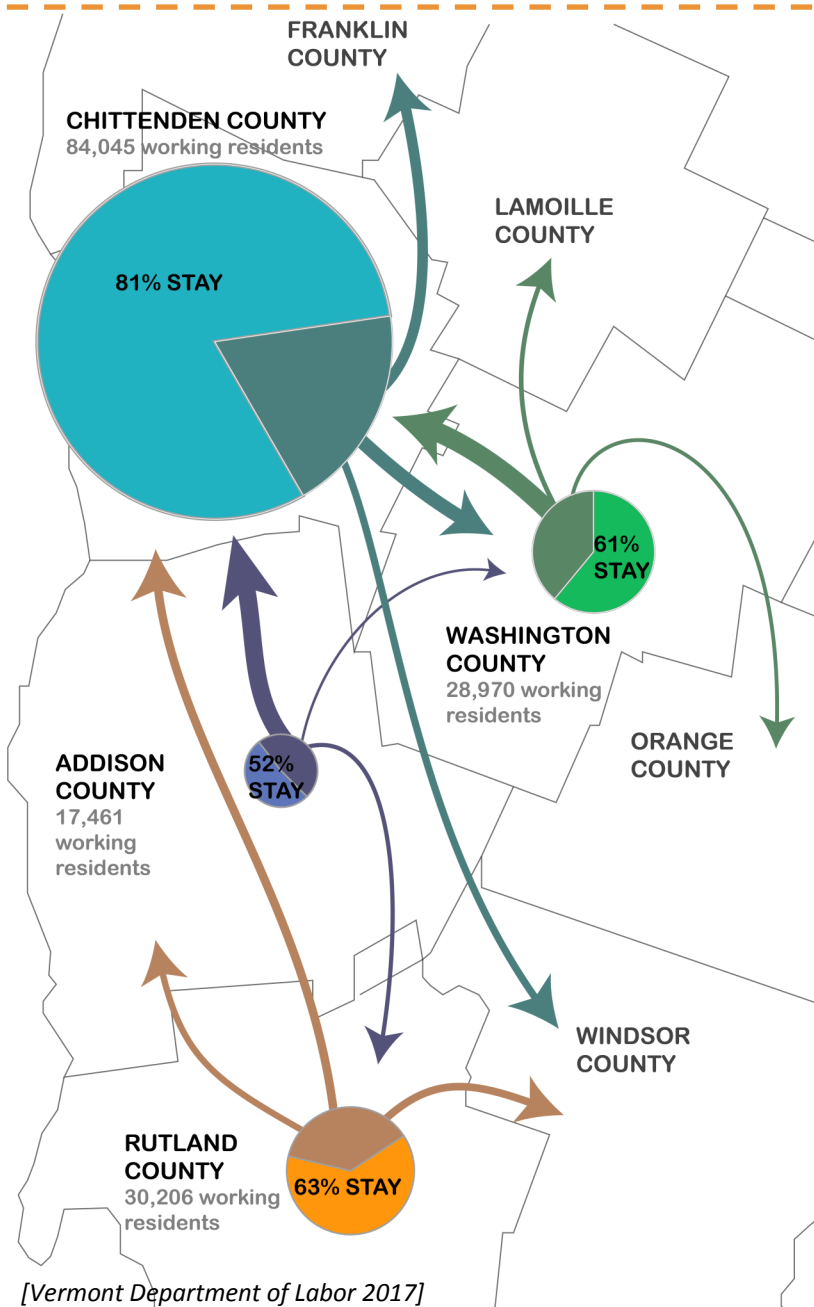
#### Mean Income by Race



[US Census American Community Survey, 2019]

### Commuting patterns

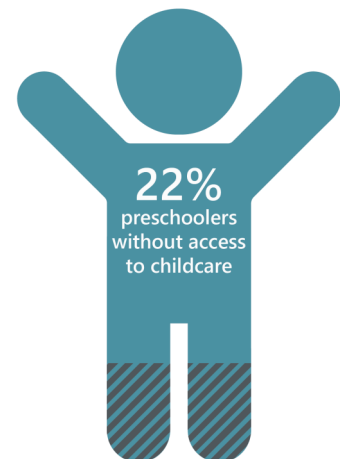
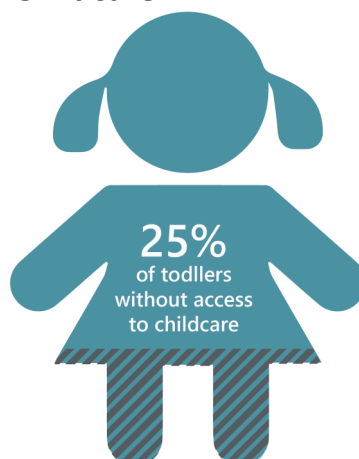
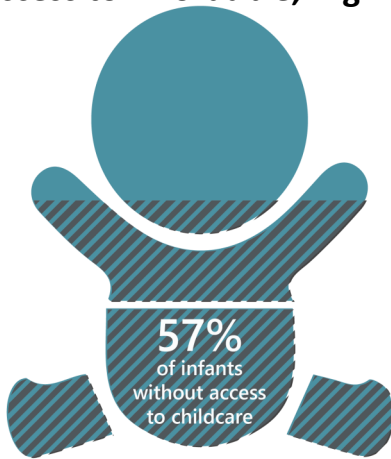
Chittenden County has a strong draw for regional employment, and there is also a substantial exchange of employees between Chittenden and Washington Counties.



## Infrastructure and Services

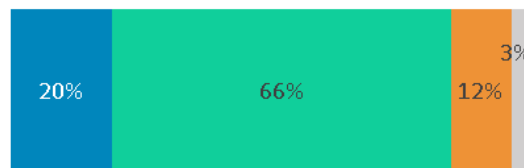
## Access to Affordable, High Quality Childcare

[Let's Grow Kids]

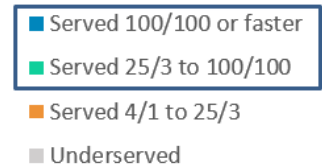


## High Speed Internet

15% of West Central Vermont buildings do not have access to high speed internet. Vermont ranks 48th in the nation for broadband access.



## High Speed Internet



[Vermont Department of Public Service, 2019]

## Housing Cost Burden

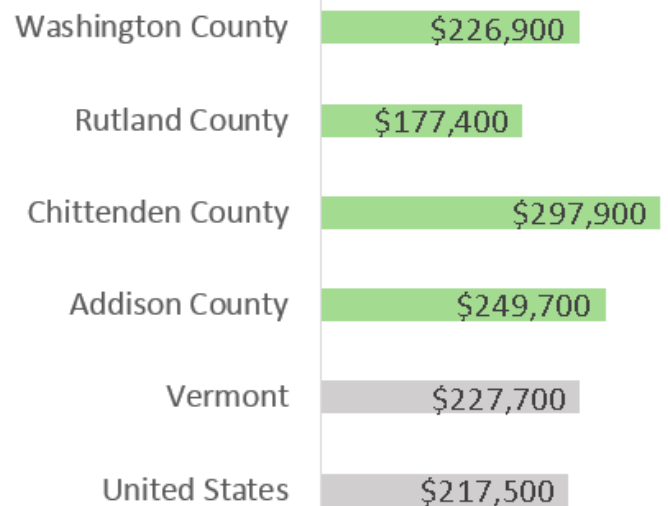
51% of renters and 25% of homeowners are cost burdened, spending over 30% of income on housing.

[American Community Survey 2019]



## Median Home Value

Median home value ranges across the counties in the region, but is generally higher than the US and Vermont value.



[American Community Survey 2019]

## Transportation Networks

The Region contains 30% of Vermont's State Highways, which facilitate commercial travel and tourism.

## Working Landscape

39% of the land in the region is enrolled in the current use program for active agricultural or forestry use. Significantly, 27% of land in Addison County is used in agriculture, and 38% of the land in Washington County is reserved for forest.

[State of Vermont PVR 2020]