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## News



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How Are Vermont's Young  
Children and Families?



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OF VERMONT COMMUNITIES  
TO IMPROVE CHILD  
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### How Are Vermont's Young Children and Families?

Fourth Edition, December 2016

Building Bright Futures publicly released the fourth edition of the *How Are Vermont's Young Children and Families?* report in early January. The report is designed to be a useful tool for state and local government leaders, service providers, parents, caregivers, educators, and other community members interested in supporting a safe, healthy, and prosperous future for Vermont.

Vermont Insights played a significant role in gathering, examining, and providing feedback on key data points throughout the report. Many of the measures used in the report, particularly those used for each of the 12 Building Bright Futures regions in Vermont, can be found on [www.vermontinsights.org](http://www.vermontinsights.org).

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## Data Updates

### 2015 Population Estimates in Vermont by Age

New 2015 population estimates by age are now available on Vermont Insights. The data, which are the United States Census Bureau's postcensal estimates, represent the



most recent census estimates (by age) available. The data are sent annually to Vermont Insights by the Vermont Department of Health. While postcensal estimates are not made public for this measure by town and school supervisory union/district, the statewide, county, and Agency of Human Services District findings are available.

Between 2011 and 2015, the population of children under the age of six declined by 3% in Vermont. In 2011, there were an estimated 37,701 children under the age of six. In 2015, this number dropped to 36,626 - a difference of over 1,000 children for this age group. Click the report link below to explore other population changes.

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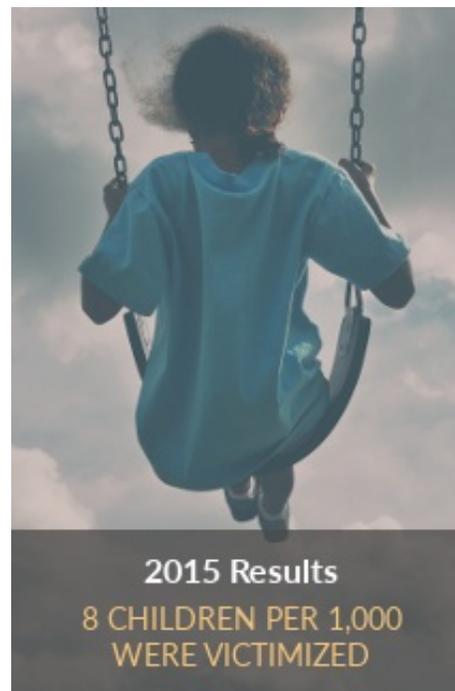
## 2015 Child Abuse and Neglect Rates (17 Years Old and Younger) in Vermont

The Department for Children and Families (DCF) Child Development Division (CDD) recently provided Vermont Insights with unique counts of children, aged 17 years and younger, who were victims of abuse or neglect in 2015. Using the 2015 postcensal population estimates, Vermont Insights calculated the child abuse and neglect rate, per 1,000, for this age group. Regional data were not provided, so statewide results are only available.

In 2015, there were 945 unique reports of child abuse and neglect in Vermont for children aged 17 years and younger. Incorporating the postcensal population estimates for that age group and year, Vermont Insights found **7.88 children per 1,000** (aged 17 years and younger) were victimized in 2015. This rate was a slight decline from 2014, where 8.16 children per 1,000 for the same age group were victimized - the highest in over 10 years. However, since 2009, there has been a general upward trend in child abuse and neglect rates across the state. (Please note that in 2008, the Vermont legislature amended Title 33, Chapter 49 which implemented a *differential response* and allowed a "child abuse assessment" as an alternative response to reports of child maltreatment.)

For more details about previous years and related narratives, please visit the report on Vermont Insights.

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## Coming Soon



### Data Update: 2015 and 2016 Counts of Children in DCF Custody

Vermont Insights currently has two reports that examine the rates of children in the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) custody between 2012 and 2014 (visit the [point-in-time rate report](#) and the [cumulative rate report](#) for more details). The Child Development Division at the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) provided Vermont Insights with the 2015 and 2016 counts of children in DCF custody. Statewide preliminary analyses show an increase in the rate of children in DCF custody, particularly between 2013 and 2015. Stayed tuned for more details.

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### New Report: Infants and Toddlers Likely to Need Care Without Access to Regulated Child Care Programs

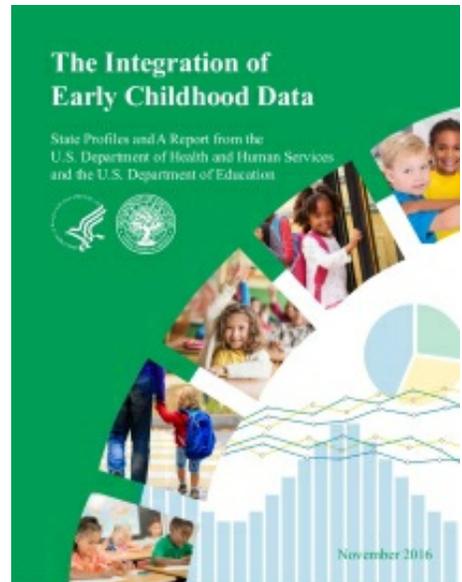
Let's Grow Kids, with the advisement of Vermont Birth to Five (VB5), the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) Child Development Division (CDD), the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) Maternal and Child Health Division (MCHD), and Building Bright Futures (BBF) developed an analysis of the supply of and demand for regulated (licensed or registered) infant and toddler care in Vermont. Data from this "[Stalled at the Start](#)" report will be made available on Vermont Insights. Specifically, the report on Vermont Insights will look at the percent of infants and toddlers likely to need care without access to high-quality (4 & 5 STARS) and all (1-5 STARS & unrated) regulated child care programs in Vermont (as of December 2015).

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# Learning Opportunities

## The Integration of Early Childhood Data Report

This **State Profiles and Report** from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Education is intended to help States refine their capacity to use existing data from early childhood programs to improve services for young children and families. The report covers key considerations when States integrate data and highlights progress in eight States that are actively developing and using early childhood integrated data systems (ECIDS). RTT-ELC States featured in the report include Georgia, Maryland Minnesota, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.



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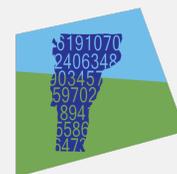
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