

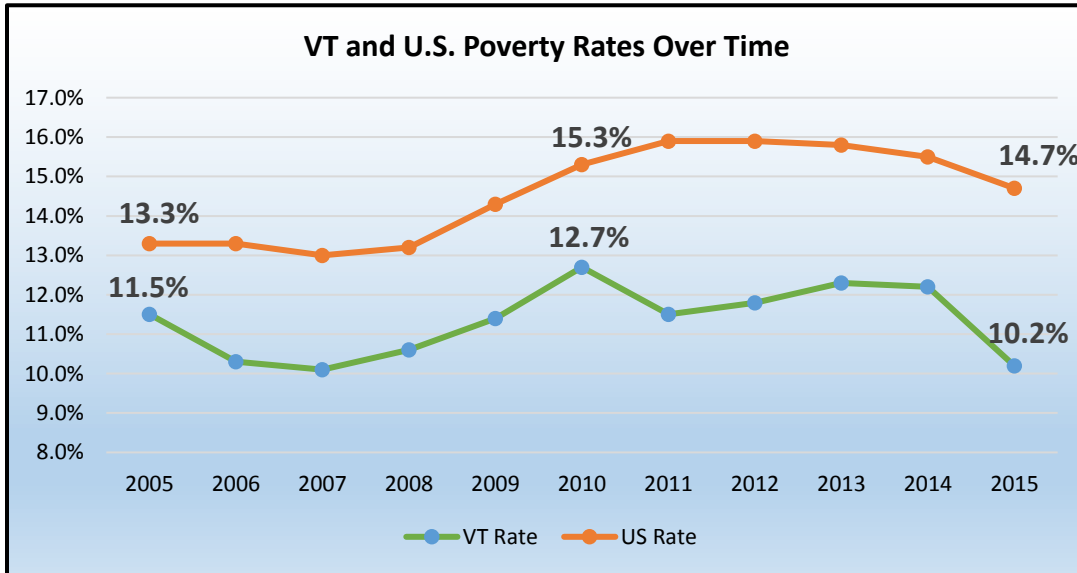


A Vermont Poverty Brief

From the Vermont State data Center

Source: American Community Survey, 1 year Estimates

Vermont's poverty rate is consistently lower than the National average.



Poverty status is determined by income thresholds based on family size and composition. For example, in 2015 the federal poverty line for a family of four with two related children under 18 years old was \$24,036. Any household of this description making less than that amount would be considered in poverty.

Vermont ranks among the lowest states by percent of population in poverty.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
VT Rank	32	40	39	37	39	38	43	41	39	36	47

In 2005, Vermont's overall poverty rate was the 19th lowest among U.S. states. In 2015, the latest year for which data is available, Vermont's rate was the 3rd lowest. Vermont's poverty rate dropped from 11.5% in 2005 to 10.2% in 2015, while the national average rose from 13.3% to 14.7%. The total number of Vermonters in poverty dropped from 68,793 in 2005 to 61,314 in 2015.

Children in Poverty

In 2015, Vermont's poverty rate for children under 18 years was the 7th lowest among U.S. states. Vermont's poverty rate for children is consistently below the national average and dropped from 15.4% in 2005 to 13.3% in 2015, while the national average rose from 18.5% to 20.7%. The total number of Vermont children in poverty dropped from 20,194 in 2005 to 15,469 in 2015.



Seniors in Poverty

In 2015, Vermont's poverty rate for elders at least 65 years old was the 4th lowest among U.S. states. Vermont's poverty rate for elders was consistently below the national average and dropped from 9.5% in 2005 to 6.6% in 2015, while the national average dropped from 9.9% to 9.0%. The total number of Vermont seniors in poverty dropped from 7,317 in 2005 to 7,008 in 2015.