

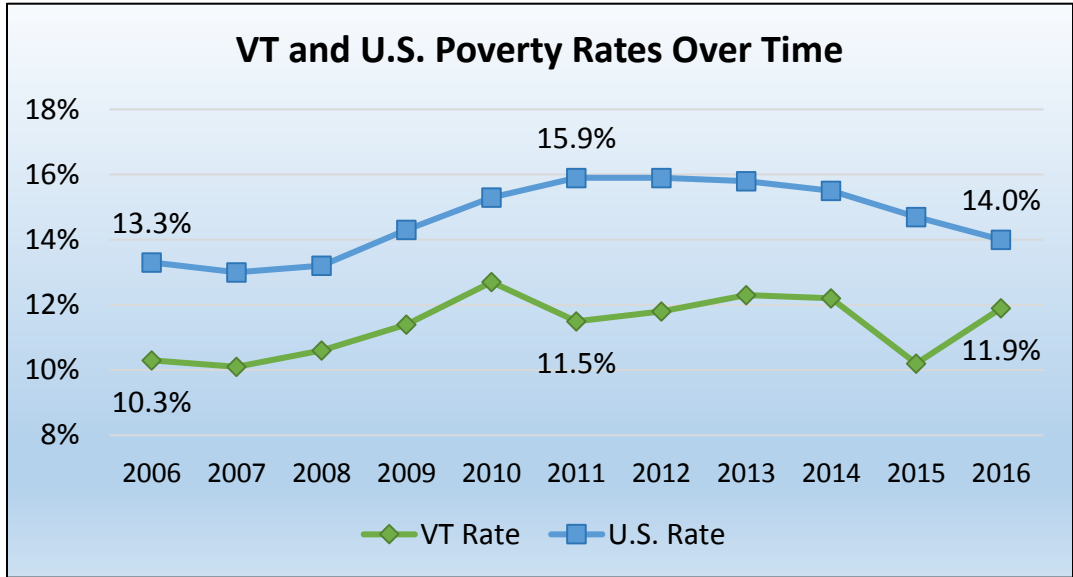


2018 Vermont Poverty Brief

From the Vermont State data Center

Source: American Community Survey

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 2016 the federal poverty line for a family of four was \$24,300. Any household of this description making less than that amount would be considered to be in poverty.

Vermont ranks among the states with the lowest percentage of populations living in poverty.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
VT Rank	41	40	38	40	39	44	42	40	37	48	33

In 2006, Vermont's overall poverty rate was the 10th lowest among U.S. states (and D.C.). In 2016, the latest year for which data is available, Vermont's rate was the 19th lowest. Vermont's poverty rate rose from 10.3% in 2006 to 11.9% in 2016, while the national average rose from 13.3% to 14.0%. The total number of Vermonters in poverty rose from 62,281 in 2006 to 71,329 in 2016.

VT Children in Poverty

In 2016, Vermont's poverty rate for children under 18 years was the 17th lowest among U.S. states. Vermont's poverty rate for children is consistently below the national average and rose from 13.2% in 2006 to 14.8% in 2016, while the national average rose from 18.3% to 19.5%. The total number of Vermont children in poverty dropped from 17,459 in 2006 to 17,167 in 2016.



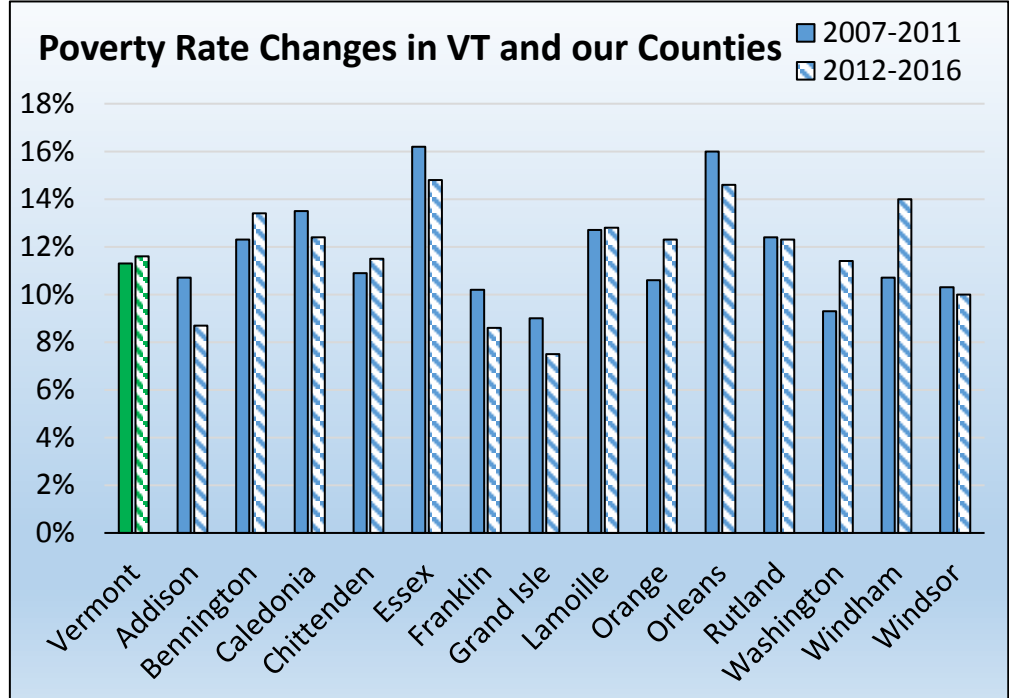
VT Seniors in Poverty

In 2016, Vermont's poverty rate for elders at least 65 years of age was the 27th lowest among U.S. states. Vermont's poverty rate for elders was consistently below the national average and dropped from 9.4% in 2006 to 8.7% in 2016, while the national average dropped from 9.9% to 9.2%. The total number of Vermont seniors in poverty rose from 7,426 in 2006 to 9,637 in 2016.

Poverty Inside Vermont

Overall, VT saw a slight increase in poverty over the two estimate periods. VT counties were mixed, with eight experiencing minor decreases and six counties experiencing minor increases in overall poverty rates.

	2007-2011	2012-2016
Vermont	11.3%	11.6%
Addison	10.7%	8.7%
Bennington	12.3%	13.4%
Caledonia	13.5%	12.4%
Chittenden	10.9%	11.5%
Essex	16.2%	14.8%
Franklin	10.2%	8.6%
Grand Isle	9.0%	7.5%
Lamoille	12.7%	12.8%
Orange	10.6%	12.3%
Orleans	16.0%	14.6%
Rutland	12.4%	12.3%
Washington	9.3%	11.4%
Windham	10.7%	14.0%
Windsor	10.3%	10.0%



Poverty rates for children were higher than the overall poverty rate in all counties, while poverty rates for seniors were lower than overall poverty rates in all counties except for Franklin County in 2012-2016.

VT Children in Poverty

	2007-2011	2012-2016
Vermont	13.9%	15.1%
Addison	12.2%	12.2%
Bennington	20.7%	21.9%
Caledonia	16.5%	17.1%
Chittenden	11.1%	12.5%
Essex	24.1%	17.7%
Franklin	13.4%	10.4%
Grand Isle	14.0%	10.2%
Lamoille	17.3%	17.9%
Orange	14.4%	17.5%
Orleans	19.4%	17.1%
Rutland	15.4%	15.9%
Washington	11.7%	17.3%
Windham	12.2%	20.2%
Windsor	13.3%	13.3%

VT Seniors in Poverty

	2007-2011	2012-2016
Vermont	7.5%	7.4%
Addison	6.6%	6.8%
Bennington	5.3%	7.8%
Caledonia	11.4%	6.7%
Chittenden	5.9%	6.5%
Essex	11.5%	10.7%
Franklin	7.4%	10.3%
Grand Isle	2.8%	3.8%
Lamoille	8.4%	8.9%
Orange	6.7%	7.7%
Orleans	13.7%	11.7%
Rutland	9.0%	7.1%
Washington	6.6%	5.5%
Windham	7.0%	8.0%
Windsor	7.2%	7.0%

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- Provides technical assistance to VT data users in accessing and using Census data, and;
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