



CHILD POVERTY IN VERMONT

Testimony to the Task Force on the Implementation of the Pupil
Weighting Factors Report

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Households, Recipients and Benefits
By Vermont County for June 2021

	Households	Recipients	Children Under 18	Monthly Allotments	Allotments Percentage
ADDISON COUNTY	1610	2727	814	\$648,185	4%
BENNINGTON COUNTY	2834	5103	1685	\$1,192,793	8%
CALEDONIA COUNTY	2336	4028	1235	\$951,701	6%
CHITTENDEN COUNTY	7369	12930	4226	\$3,062,802	20%
ESSEX COUNTY	569	947	250	\$218,464	1%
FRANKLIN COUNTY	3226	5757	1860	\$1,349,161	9%
GRAND ISLE COUNTY	415	810	275	\$184,413	1%
LAMOILLE COUNTY	1337	2387	810	\$556,680	4%
ORANGE COUNTY	1557	2750	869	\$650,201	4%
ORLEANS COUNTY	2531	4339	1299	\$1,022,105	7%
RUTLAND COUNTY	4616	7522	2173	\$1,801,604	12%
WASHINGTON COUNTY	3194	5256	1568	\$1,278,541	8%
WINDHAM COUNTY	3482	5748	1663	\$1,386,702	9%
WINDSOR COUNTY	3249	5502	1596	\$1,300,805	8%
UNKNOWN COUNTY	97	163	50	\$40,078	0%
State Total	38422	65969	20373	\$15,644,235	100%

These figures are not fully reconciled with accounting totals.

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Points to Consider

- **Weighting poverty** as a percentage in region compared to state – and/or assigning additional weight to regions with high levels of child poverty
- **Chronic poverty** = toxic stress
- **Overlap** of poverty with other issues – Family Services involvement, parent incarceration, parental stress/depression

Mitigating Effects

- School social workers, doctors and dentists
- Teachers and paraeducators who have manageable class sizes and the help they need to give children individual attention
- Specific focus on social and emotional development and health – in every age group
- Economic diversity within schools
- Support – both financial and emotional – for parents
- The “Whole Family” approach