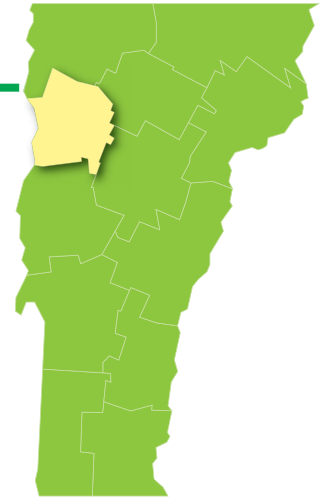
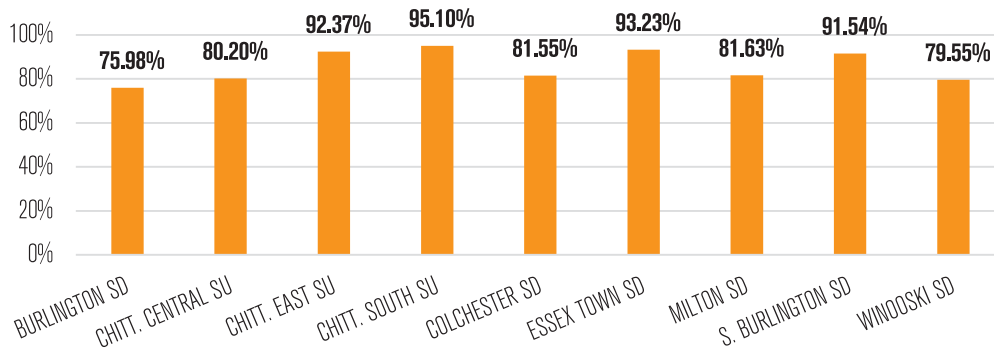


Chittenden Region



2015-2016 R4K!S Percent of All Students Ready for Kindergarten



Child Population

under age 9

2014

-0.04%

14,266 CHILDREN

DECLINED

2011 **14,271**

STARS Participation

2016

69.8%

208 PROGRAMS

IMPROVED

2010 **28.8%**

97 PROGRAMS

Immunization Rates

2015

70.3%

1,764 CHILDREN

IMPROVED

2013 **57.9%**

1,420 CHILDREN

Children in DCF Custody

under age 9

2014

5.33

rate per 1,000
76 CHILDREN

INCREASED

2012 **3.97**

rate per 1,000
56 CHILDREN

About the region

The Building Bright Futures Chittenden Region serves Chittenden County, which is the economic center for Vermont with 24% of the state's population. It encompasses 18 municipalities, including those in the greater Burlington area. The county is home to a mixture of rural and urban families, native-born long-time residents, and recent immigrants. Major employers include the University of Vermont, University of Vermont Medical Center, and GlobalFoundaries.

The BBF Chittenden Regional Council has been active since 1992, and has representatives from school districts, early childhood providers, mental health agencies, parents, and community based service providers of all kinds. The regional council believes young children's healthy social and

emotional development is critical to school readiness and positive long-term social and health outcomes across the lifespan, and is working to address barriers that prevent this from happening in the region.

In 2016–2017, the regional council's priorities are:

- Reducing health disparities for children through earlier screening, identification and intervention for services;
- Improving school climate, cultural competence and language access; and
- Supporting family stability by reducing stressors such as drug addiction, underemployment, and lack of safe and affordable housing.