

Vernon Community Profile

Vermont State Data Center

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What follows is a collection of indicators and information about the Vernon community and its residents. These data are meant to inform the Vermont Council on Rural Development community visit, but certainly have many other uses.

The data profile relies upon the following data sources:

- US Census Bureau – <http://factfinder2.census.gov>
- Vermont Dept. of Labor – www.vtلمي.info/labforce.cfm
- Local Employment Dynamics – <http://lehd.ces.census.gov/led/>
- Vermont Agency of Education - <http://education.vermont.gov/>
- Vermont State Data Center – uvm.edu/crs/VTSDC
- Vermont Indicators Online - http://www.uvm.edu/crs/?Page=indicators_2010/index.php
- Vernon Municipal Website - <http://vernonvermont.org/>

About the Vermont State Data Center

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Introduction

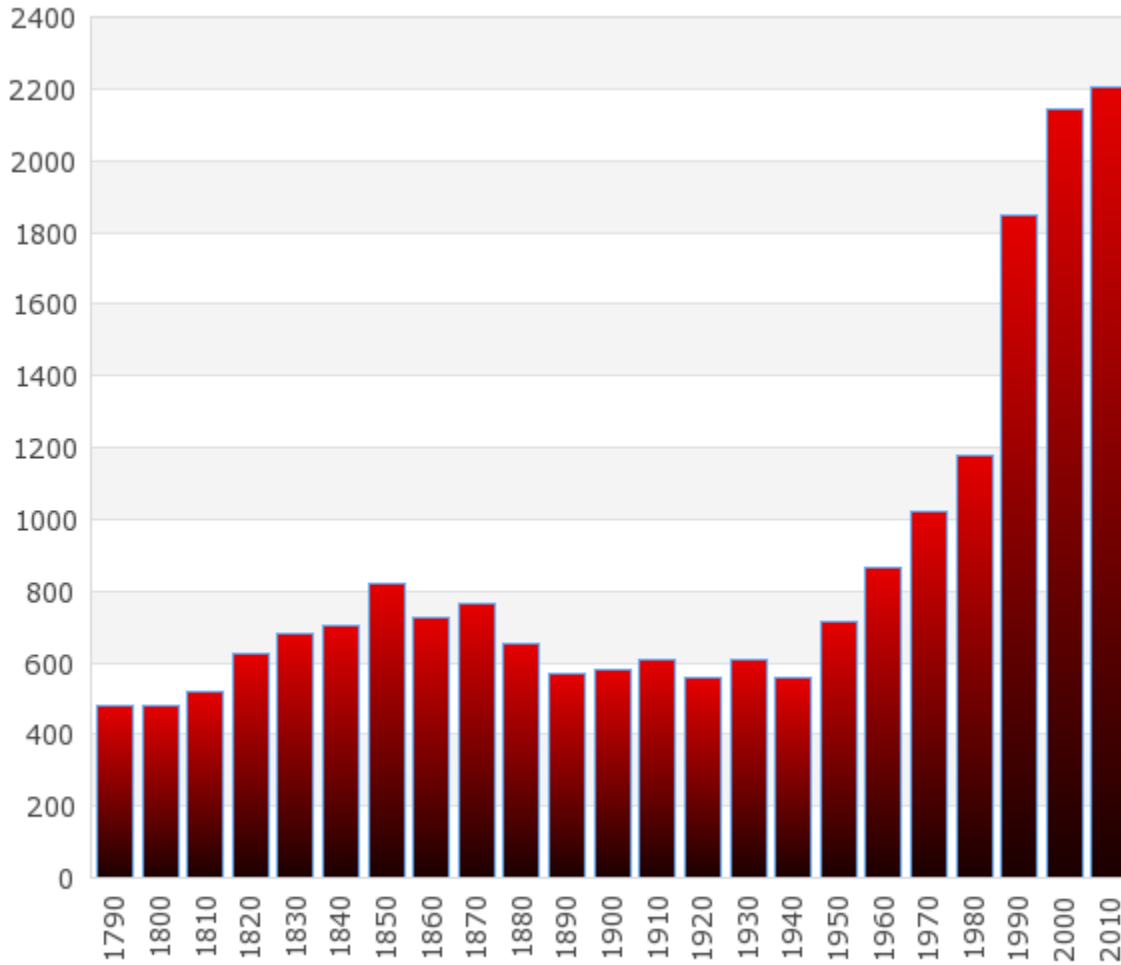
Vernon is located within Windham County in the most Southeast corner of Vermont. It is bounded on the East by the Connecticut River and the New Hampshire border. Vernon’s Southern border is the Massachusetts border. Interstate 91 and state route 5 track parallel paths through the town. Brattleboro is a 15 minute drive from Vernon and Keene NH is about 50 minutes away by car.

Vernon was home to Vermont’s only operating nuclear power plant. The recent closure of this regional economic driver has precipitated new conversations about how Vernon and the surrounding region will adapt and move forward in the short and long terms.

Civics

Year Town Incorporated or Chartered	1753
Type of Entity	Town
County	Windham Co.
Regional Planning Commission	Windham Co. Regional Commission
Incorporated Villages	No
Municipal Plan	Yes
Zoning Bylaws	No

Vernon Population Over Time



Year	1790	1810	1830	1850	1870	1890	1910	1930	1950	1970	1990	2000	2010
Pop.	482	521	681	821	764	567	606	609	712	1,024	1,850	2,141	2,206

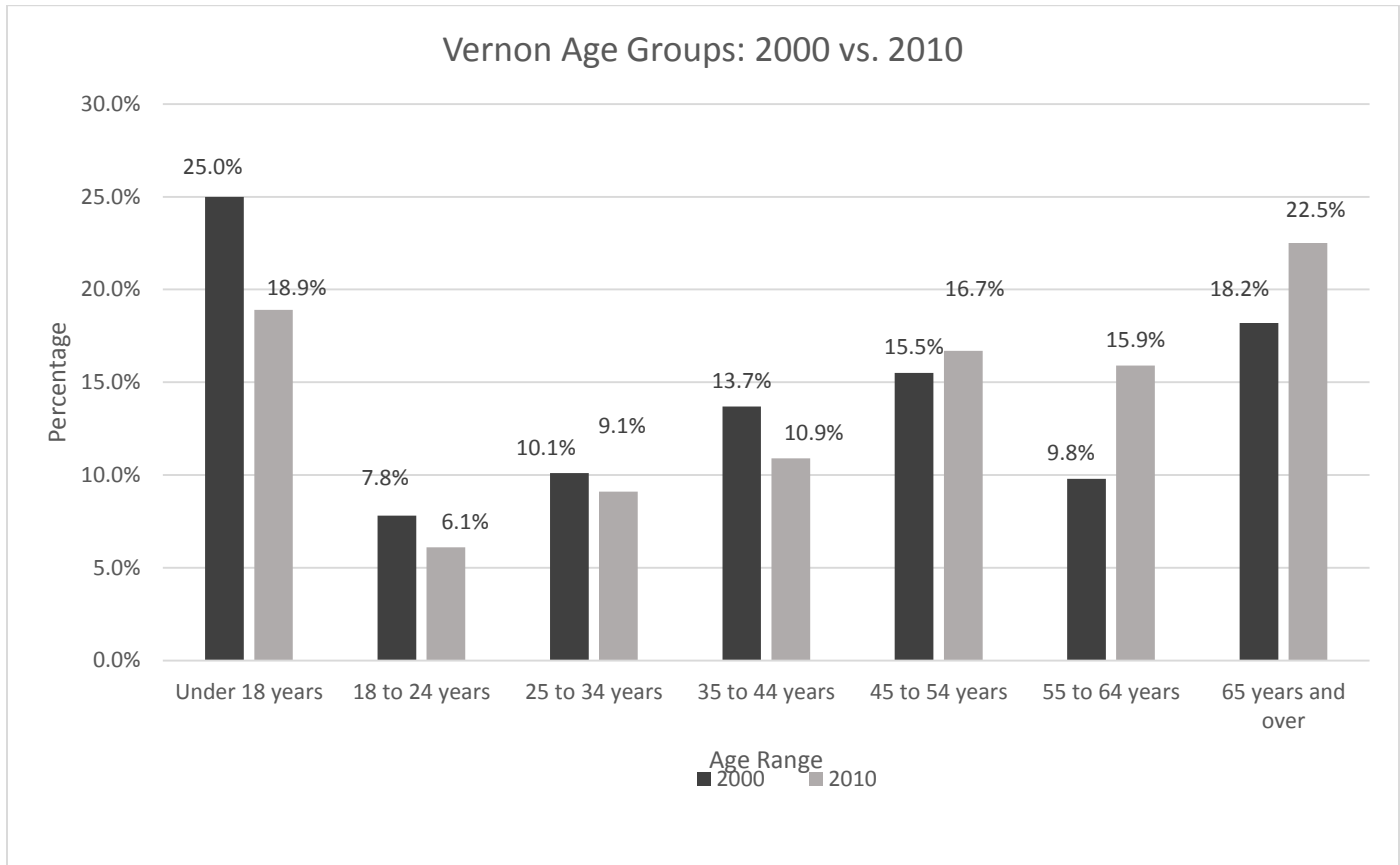
Comparative Population Change

Vernon			Windham Co.			Vermont		
2005-2009	2010-2014	% Change	2005-2009	2010-2014	% Change	2005-2009	2010-2014	% Change
2,267	2,027	-10.58%	43,627	44,050	.97	620,414	626,358	.95%

Median Age

Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
43.4	48.8	43.6	45.6	40.6	42.2

Age Categories: 2000 & 2010



Vermont Nativity

Of Vernon residents, 61% are native to Vermont. This compares to 39.5% in Windham Co. County and 54.3% across the state.

Disabled Populations

	Vernon	Windham Co.	VT
Disability Status of Total Non-Institutionalized Population	13.8%	15.9%	13.5%
Population Under 5	0.0%	2.0%	1.0%
Population 5-17 Years of Age	3.1%	10.5%	7.0%
Population 18-64 Years of Age	10.4%	13.8%	11.2%
Population 65+	34.5%	31.7%	33.8%

Veteran Populations

	Vernon	Windham Co.	VT
Total Veterans	189	3,505	46,355
Gulf War (2002 or later) veterans	6.9%	4.8%	8.6%
Gulf War (1990 to 2001) veterans	6.9%	10.7%	12.2%
Vietnam era veterans	42.3%	35.9%	36.7%
Korean War veterans	12.7%	11.9%	11.4%
World War II veterans	5.8%	8.7%	8.4%

Income & Poverty

Median Household Income

Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
\$57,109	\$60,385	\$46,465	\$50,526	\$51,284	\$54,447

Poverty Status (Individuals)*

Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014
4.9%	8.3%	11.1%	12.2%	11.1%	12.0%

*1 year overlap due to available 5-year census data

Households eligible for SNAP Benefits (Food Stamps)*

Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014
10.6%	9.6%	11.2%	14.6%	10.1%	13.9%

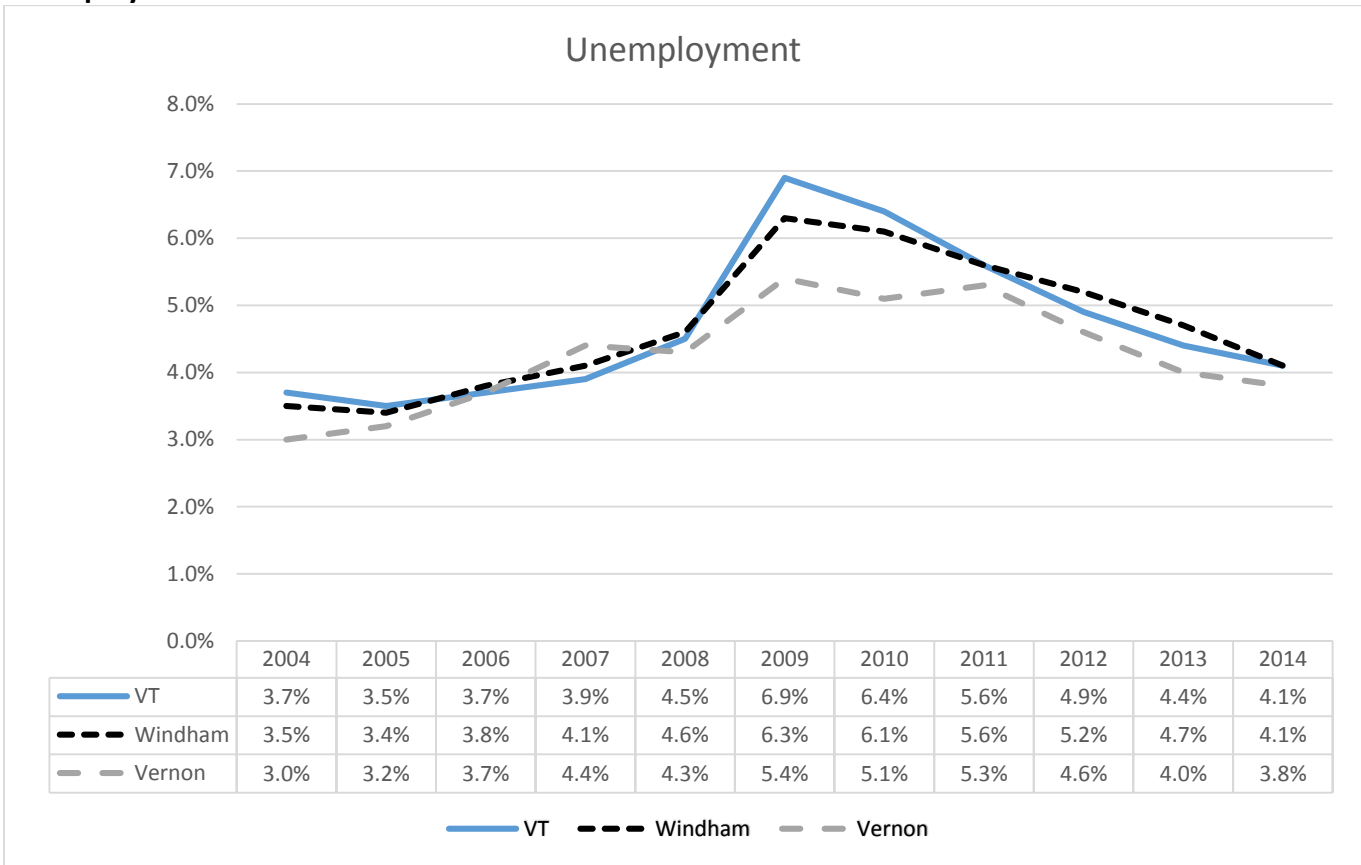
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Economy

Percent of Population Over 16 years of age in the Labor Force

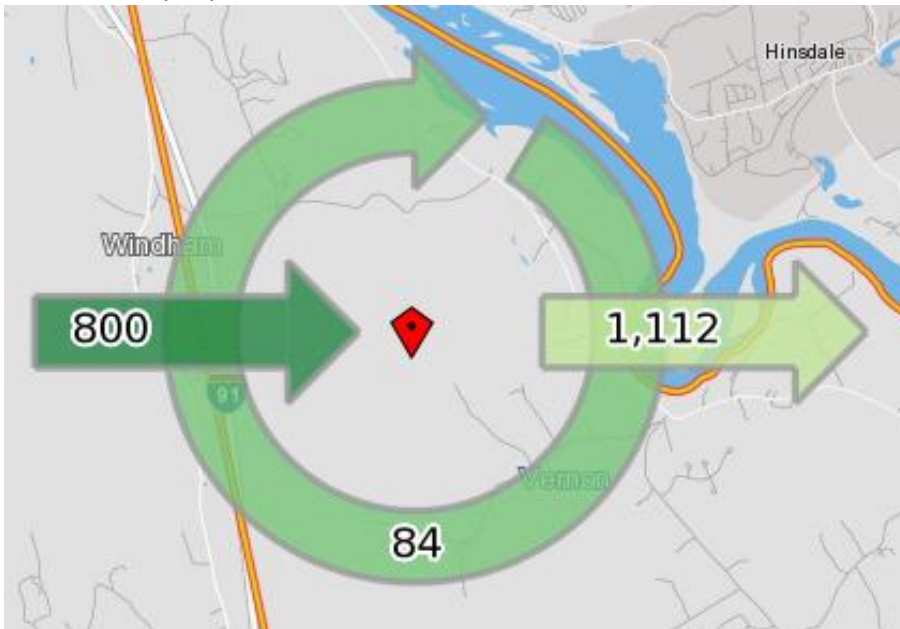
Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
67.6%	65.0%	68.5%	66.5%	69.0%	67.2%

Unemployment Rate 2004-2014



Vernon Labor Force, Inflow/Outflow Chart (All Jobs): 2013

This graphic is a visual representation of the 2013 Inflow/Outflow data presented in the accompanying table. Of the 884 people working in Vernon each day, 800 commute into Vernon from outside and 84 live within Vernon and also work there. 1,112 people live in Vernon but commute elsewhere for work.



2013 Inflow/Outflow Job Counts – All Jobs

	2003		2013	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Employed in Vernon Town	1,444	100%	884	100%
Employed in Vernon but Living Outside	1,326	91.8%	800	90.5%
Employed and Living in Vernon Town	118	8.2%	84	9.5%
Living in Vernon	969	100%	1,196	100%
Living in Vernon but Employed Outside	851	87.8%	1,112	93.0%
Living and Employed in Vernon	118	12.2%	84	7.0%

Jobs in Vernon by Industry Sector, 2010 & 2014 – All Jobs

Jobs by NAICS Industry Sector	2010		2014		VT 2014
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	32	2.8%	14	1.3%	2.7%
Construction	75	6.5%	72	6.8%	7.4%
Manufacturing	88	7.6%	95	9.0%	10.7%
Wholesale Trade	115	10.0%	55	5.2%	2.1%
Retail Trade	98	8.5%	166	15.7%	11.6%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	105	9.1%	85	8.1%	3.2%
Information	17	1.5%	14	1.3%	1.9%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Rental Leasing	42	3.6%	72	6.8%	4.7%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, Admin & Support, Waste Mngmt and Remediation	88	7.6%	97	9.2%	8.6%
Educational Service, Health Care, and Social Assistance	328	28.5%	211	20.0%	28.4%
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Services	46	4.0%	48	4.6%	9.2%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	41	3.6%	87	8.3%	4.6%
Public Administration	77	6.7%	38	3.6%	4.9%

Education

Vernon School Enrollment 2004-2014

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Pre K – 6 th Grade	212	199	175	166	167	164	160	154	165	185	176

Educational Attainment

	Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
Population 25 years and over	1,576	1,511	30,791	31,964	421,096	434,995
Less than 9th grade	1.9	2/0	2.7	2.7	3.5%	2.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	6.5	8.7	6.2	5.8	6.3%	5.5%
High school graduate or equiv.	41.2	34.0	33.5	31.6	32.3%	30.6%
Some college, no degree	17.5	22.3	17.3	18.8	16.5%	17.5%
Associate's degree	10.1	9.7	6.9	6.7	8.4%	8.4%
Bachelor's degree	17.6	18.1	18.8	19.5	20.1%	21.2%
Graduate or professional degree	5.2	5.3	14.5	15.0	12.8%	14.0%

Housing

Housing Characteristics*

	Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014
Total Housing Units	921	860	29,388	29,806	319,364	324,332
Owner occupied percent of all occupied housing	96.3%	94.4%	66.3%	64.5%	80.4%	70.9%
Renter occupied percent of all occupied housing	21.2%	21.8%	30.4%	30.4%	28.6%	29.1%
Vacant percent of all housing	3.7%	5.6%	33.7%	35.5%	19.6%	20.7%
Rental Vacancy Rate	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	4.9

*1 year overlap due to available 5-year census data

Home Values (Owner occupied units)

	Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014	2005-2009	2010-2014
Median HH Value: Owner Occupied Units	\$196,700	\$216,900	\$199,300	\$210,700	\$200,600	\$216,200

Housing Costs*

	Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014	2006-2010	2010-2014
Households with a mortgage... percent with housing costs above 35% of income	25.6%	29.8%	31.8%	32.3%	28.0%	27.0%
Renter Households... percent with housing costs at or above 35% of household income	29.4	59.6%	36.8	40.0%	40.6%	42.2%

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Transportation

Transportation to Work (Workers 16 years and over)

	Vernon		Windham Co.		Vermont	
	<i>2005-2009</i>	<i>2010-2014</i>	<i>2005-2009</i>	<i>2010-2014</i>	<i>2005-2009</i>	<i>2010-2014</i>
Workers 16+ years	1,104	1,046	22,476	21,957	320,723	316,919
Percent Driving Alone	83.5%	81.0%	72.4%	72.7%	74.4%	74.9%
Percent Using Public Transportation	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%	0.9%	1.2%
Percent Carpooling	11.1%	12.0%	11.5%	8.4%	10.7%	9.7%
Percent Working From Home	2.0%	5.8%	7.4%	10.9%	6.3%	6.9%
Average Travel Time to Work	22.1 mins	19.5 mins	20.2 mins	21.1 mins	21.4 mins	22.3 mins
