Bennington County

POPULATION
Population (2014) .......................36,4451
Area ........................................ 676 square miles
Persons under 5 ...................... 4.8%
Persons 5-18 ......................... 14.7%
Persons 18-64 ....................... 59.9%
Persons 65 years+ (2013) ....... 20.6%
Average household size .......... 2.29
College graduates ................. 32.3%

Race (2013)
White ........................................ 96.5%
Black or African American ........ 0.1%
American Indian & Alaska Native ... 0.3%
Asian ............................................. 0.9%
Two or more races ......................... 1.3%

For a handbook on cultural competency, visit the Champlain Valley AHEC web site: www.cvahec.org/resources/cultural-competency

SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS

Bennington County Vermont
Median household income (2008-12) ... $50,2211 .......... $54,267
Population below poverty (2012) ........ 13.9% ............... 11.8%
Total households countywide (2009-13) .... 15,442
Persons per household (2008-12) ........ 2.31 ............ 2.34
Speak language other than English at home... 4.2%
Annual Wage (2009-13) .................. $37,401
Population below poverty line (2009-13) .... 13.9%

Education

Bennington County Vermont
High school graduation rate .................. % ............ 91.4%
College degree ........................................ 32.3% ......... 34.8%

THE ECONOMY

Major Employment Sectors

Government .................................................. % 20.7%
Service Providing .................................... 67.6%
Manufacturing ........................................ 11.7%

HEALTH

Risk Factors and Chronic Conditions

Bennington County Vermont
Adult smokers .................... 19%................. 16%2
Adult obesity ...................... 24% ............... 24%
Excessive drinking ............. 19% ................. 19%
Children under 18 in poverty .... 21% ............... 16%

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

Primary care practices .................... 18
Physicians reported practices closed to new patients in 2013 ... 24%

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Healthcare Workforce: 33 FTEs, 28.1 FTEs recommended.

HEALTH INDICATORS

Access
Bennington County falls 1.2 FTEs below the recommended level for all primary care practitioners. However, the recommended FTE for Internal Medicine (Adult Medicine) is short 4 FTEs of the recommended amount of 10 FTEs.5

61% of providers report they are accepting new patients.5

81% of primary care physicians accept Medicaid/Medicare patients.5

84% of adults have health insurance (VT 86%).2

Women & Infants

91% of pregnant women receive prenatal care in the first trimester (VT 90%).

Low birth weight rate (<5.5 lbs) is 6.7% (VT 6.4%).

Disease Rates

Heart disease death rate is 126 per 100,000 population (VT 138 per 100,000).

Stroke death rate is 58 per 10,000 (VT 44 per 100,000).

Adults with high blood pressure rate is 24 per 100,000 (VT 23 per 100,000).

19% of adults are obese (VT 21%).

PRIMARY CARE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER

Battenkill Valley Health Center in Arlington, VT
www.battenkillvalleyhealthcenter.org
HOSPITALS
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center: A 99-bed community hospital located in Bennington, Vermont. Services include: the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, the Birth Place, Sleep Testing, Orthopedic Surgery, Sports Rehabilitation, Imaging and X-Ray, Emergency Department, Laboratory, Hospitalists, Intensive Care, Renal Dialysis. svhealthcare.org

United Counseling Service of Bennington County:
Mental Health Services, 100 Ledge Hill Drive, Bennington, VT 05201
Northshire UCS, 5312 Main Street, Manchester, VT 05255
www.ucsvt.org

Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC):
Services provided and arranged for through the Clinic: primary care physicians; electrocardiograms; laboratory tests; X-rays
186 North Street, Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 447-6913

KEY STATE & COMMUNITY AGENCIES
Vermont 2-1-1: Database contains information about available community resources for people throughout Vermont, including detailed data on health and human services. The Vermont 2-1-1 Database currently contains over 900 agencies, with more that 2,700 programs and 9,200 services. To contact them, simply dial 2-1-1 (a local call from anywhere in Vermont), 1-866-652-4636 (toll free in Vermont) or call 1-802-652-4636 (from outside Vermont). Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Vermont Department of Health: Regional office located in Bennington. www.healthvermont.gov

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont:
Services for the homeless.
Rutland: 60 Center Street, 1-800-717-BROC or 802-775-0878
Bennington: 332 Orchard Road, 802-447-7515
www.broc.org

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging: A community organization which provides older Americans Act services to elders and their families in Rutland and Bennington Counties. Coordinated services include: Senior Help-Line, Meals on Wheels, Case Management, Congregate Dinners, Advocacy, Transportation, Senior Companion Program, Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance and Caregiver Resources. Their offices are located in Rutland and Bennington. www.svcoa.org

United Way of Bennington County:
58 Bonnet Street, Manchester Center, VT 05255-1430
(802) 367-1155

Vermont Palliative and End-of-Life Care Resource Connections:
Resources available by county. Provides information about decisions and choices available to patients and their families when confronted with a life-threatening illness. www.starttheconversationvt.org

RECREATION & LEISURE
Bennington Banner ............... www.benningtonbanner.com
The Manchester Journal ............ www.manchesterjournal.com
Public Libraries ............ www.publiclibraries.com/vermont.htm
Vermont State Parks .................. www.vtstateparks.com

COLLEGES
Bennington College: Private liberal arts college located in Bennington. Major bachelor degree programs: visual and performing arts, interdisciplinary studies, social sciences, English, languages, five master's degree programs and a post baccalaureate certificate of completion in premedical and allied health science. www.bennington.edu

Community College of Vermont (CCV): Vermont's second largest college, serving over 7,000 students each semester. With twelve locations and extensive online learning options, it offers twenty degree and six certificate programs, workforce, secondary and continuing education opportunities, and academic and veterans support services. Part of the Vermont State Colleges, it has 12 Centers around the state, including one in Bennington. www.ccv.edu

Southern Vermont College: Private college located in Bennington. Offers 15 bachelor degree programs including: business, protective services, conservation, communications, public administration, and nursing. www.svc.edu

1 http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states
2 County Health Rankings: www.countyhealthrankings.org
4 Vermont Department of Labor, Vermont Economic and Demographic Profile Series 2013, www.vtmi.info
5 The Vermont Primary Care Workforce 2013 Snapshot, www.med.uvm.edu/ahec