# Disparities Statement – Prevention Network Grant Catchment Area

## Introduction

This disparities statement covers the catchment area for the Prevention Network Grant awarded to Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center by the State of Vermont, award #03420-08055. That catchment area covers the towns in the White River Junction and Springfield District Offices, which encompass all of Windsor County, most of Orange County, and four towns in Windham County.

## Demographic Information

Because most data collected in the region is available at the county level, we are using that data as a proxy for the catchment area. Any exceptions are noted in the charts below.

**Population Breakdowns by Age**

|  | **Windsor County** | | **Orange County** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Estimate** | **Percent** | **Estimate** | **Percent** |
| Total Population | \*55,191 |  | \*28,873 |  |
| Under 5 years | 2,404 | 4.4% | 1,337 | 4.6% |
| 5 to 9 years | 2,733 | 5.0% | 1,350 | 4.7% |
| 10 to 14 years | 2,968 | 5.4% | 1,653 | 5.7% |
| 15 to 19 years | 2,923 | 5.3% | 1,711 | 5.9% |
| 20 to 24 years | 2,588 | 4.7% | 1,526 | 5.3% |
| 25 to 64 | 28,687 | 51.9% | 15,211 | 52.7% |
| 65+ | 12,888 | 23.4% | 6,085 | 21.1% |

\*5-Year Estimate numbers are lower than the actual numbers from the 2020 Census  
*Data Source: ACS: 2020 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles*

**Population Breakdowns by Race**

***Total Population***

|  | **Windsor County** | | **Orange County** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Number** | **Percent** | **Number** | **Percent** |
| Total Population | 57,753 |  | 29,277 |  |
| White alone | 52,881 | 91.56% | 26,852 | 91.72% |
| Black or African American alone | 466 | 0.81% | 151 | 0.52% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native alone | 185 | 0.32% | 113 | 0.39% |
| Asian alone | 548 | 0.95% | 160 | 0.55% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander alone | 17 | 0.03% | 5 | 0.02% |
| Some other race alone | 437 | 0.76% | 119 | 0.41% |
| Multi-racial | 3,388 | 5.87% | 1,400 | 4.78% |

*Data Source: 2020 Decennial Census*

***Middle School and High School Population***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Windsor County** | | **Orange County** | |
| **Middle School** | **High School** | **Middle School** | **High School** |
| Total Students | 1395 | 1578 | 637 | 834 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 81% | 85% | 86% | 88% |
| Students of color | 19% | 15% | 14% | 12% |

*Data Source: 2019 County YRBS Reports*

**Population Breakdowns by LGBTQ+**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Total Population | LGBTQ+ Middle School | LGBTQ+ High School | LGBTQ+ Young Adults |
| Windsor Co. | 57,753 | 12% | 14% | 23.6% |
| Orange Co. | 29,277 | 12% | 17% | 21.3% |

*Data Sources: 2020 Decennial Census, 2019 County YRBS reports, 2020 Vermont Young Adult Survey (Prevalence Estimates prepared by Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation[[1]](#footnote-1))*

**Poverty**

***Families and Individuals Experiencing Financial Insecurity***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **% living below poverty level** | **% age 17 or younger living below poverty level** | **% of households spending 30% or more of income on housing** |
| Orange County | 9.7% | 11.1% | 33% |
| Windsor County | 9.4% | 10.9% | 34% |

*Data Source: 2020: ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables,* [*https://www.housingdata.org/profile/income-employment/cost-burden*](https://www.housingdata.org/profile/income-employment/cost-burden) *(accessed 9/29/22)*

***Towns with Highest Percent below Poverty (15% and above)***

| **Town** | **County** | **Population** | **18+** | **65+** | **% Below Poverty** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Corinth | Orange | 1508 | 904 | 301 | 16.1 |
| Ludlow | Windsor | 1828 | 1041 | 530 | 16.7 |
| Springfield | Windsor | 8989 | 5483 | 2067 | 17 |
| Rockingham | Windham | 5031 | 2968 | 1006 | 20.5 |

*Data Source: 2015-2019 ACS 5-year estimates*

***Free and Reduced-Price Lunch: Which Schools Have the Highest Percentages?***

| **Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch[[2]](#footnote-2)** | **Schools (Orange County, Windsor County, and other towns in the Springfield OLH district)** |
| --- | --- |
| 25% or less  low-poverty school | Thetford Academy (6.86%)  Thetford Elementary (14.87%)  Brookfield Elementary (15.73%)  Woodstock Elementary (18.29%)  Woodstock Union MS/HS (18.55%)  Albert Bridge School (19.36%)  Killington Elementary (21.85%)  Bellows Falls UHS#27 (23.45%) |
| 25.1 – 50%  mid-low poverty school  Vermont Statewide Average for 2021-2022:  37.42% | Tunbridge Central School (25.36%)  Flood Brook School (25.44%)  Ottauquechee School (26.47%)  Reading Elementary (29.27%)  Weathersfield School (29.41%)  Hartford High School (30.18%)  Rivendell Academy (30.99%)  Waits River Union #36 (33.86%)  Stockbridge Central School (34.15%)  Mt. Holly Elementary (34.45%)  Hartland Elementary (35.07%)  Dothan Brook School (35.14%)  Samuel Morey Elementary (35.29%)  Windsor State Street School (36.16%)  Chelsea Public School (36.51%)  Newton Elementary (36.73%)  Braintree School (37.62%)  Randolph Union HS (38.38%)  Cavendish Elementary (40.74%)  Springfield High School (41.22%)  Sharon Elementary (41.73%)  Hartford Middle School (41.92%)  Bradford Elementary (42.74%)  Green Mountain UHSD #35 (43.40%)  Randolph Elementary (44.86%)  Ludlow Elementary (45.65%)  Bethel School (45.90%)  South Royalton School (47.21%)  Rochester School (47.42%)  Oxbow UHSD #30 (47.80%)  Newbury Elementary (48.08%)  Central Elementary (48.10%)  Hartford School District Regional Alternative Program (48.28%)  Chester-Andover USD#29 (48.73%)  White River School (48.76%)  Elm Hill School (49.22%) |
| 50.1 – 75%  mid-high poverty school | Bellows Falls Middle School (51.71%)  Westshire Elementary (53.85%)  Blue Mountain Union School (54.92%)  Union Street School (55.38%)  Saxtons River Elementary (56.76)  Riverside Middle School (59.17%)  Athens Grafton School (67.31%) |
| More than 75%  high poverty school | *None* |
| Insufficient Data | Barnard Central School (++) |

*Data Source: VT Agency of Education, Annual Statistical Report: Percent of Students Approved for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals* [*https://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-nutrition-2022-free-and-reduced-eligibility-report*](https://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-nutrition-2022-free-and-reduced-eligibility-report)

1. PIRE notes that these data represent only the young adults who participated in the Young Adult Survey and may not reflect a precise estimate of the percent of county residents who are LGBTQ+. No data breakdown for LGBTQ+ adults by county or OLH available on VDH site (this may change when 2018 District Office reports become available). 2018 BRFSS data estimates 8% of the adult population identifies as LGB, and 0.7% identifies as transgender. (<https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/HSVR_2018_BRFSSReport.pdf>) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In the US, the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL) under the National School Lunch Program provides a proxy measure for the concentration of low-income students within a school. Low-poverty schools are defined as public schools where 25.0 percent or less of the students are eligible for FRPL; mid-low poverty schools are those where 25.1 to 50.0 percent of the students are eligible for FRPL; mid-high poverty schools are those where 50.1 to 75.0 percent of the students are eligible for FRPL; and high-poverty schools are those where more than 75.0 percent of the students are eligible for FRPL. <https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator_clb.asp> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)