# 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 | 55,275 |  | 28,908 |  |
| Under 5 years | 2,462 | 4.5% | 1,369 | 4.7% |
| 5 to 9 years | 2,713 | 4.9% | 1,468 | 5.1% |
| 10 to 14 years | 3,013 | 5.5% | 1,504 | 5.2% |
| 15 to 19 years | 2,876 | 5.2% | 1,727 | 6.0% |
| 20 to 24 years | 2,679 | 4.8% | 1,624 | 5.6% |
| 25 to 64 | 28,975 | 52.4% | 15,290 | 52.9% |
| 65+ | 12,557 | 22.7% | 5,926 | 20.5% |

*Data Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates*

**Population Breakdowns by Ethnicity**

***Total Population***

|  | **Windsor County** | | **Orange County** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Estimate** | **Percent** | **Estimate** | **Percent** |
| Total Population | 55,275 |  | 28,908 |  |
| White | 52,867 | 95.6% | 27,937 | 96.6% |
| Black or African American | 406 | 0.7% | 200 | 0.7% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 91 | 0.2% | 110 | 0.4% |
| Asian | 482 | 0.9% | 66 | 0.2% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 38 | 0.1% | 28 | 0.1% |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 929 | 1.7% | 386 | 1.3% |

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

***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. | 55,275 | 12% | 14% | 23.6% |
| Orange Co. | 28,908 | 12% | 17% | 21.3% |

*Data Sources: 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** |
| WRJ District | 11% | 13% | 36% |
| Springfield District | 13% | 19% | 41% |

*Data Source: AHS Community Profile, based on ACS 2011-2015 data; will be updated when 2020 Census Data becomes available.*

***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 | Killington Elementary (19.05%)  Woodstock Union MS/HS (20.16%)  Hartford High School (22.97%) |
| 25.1 – 50%  mid-low poverty school  Vermont Statewide Average for 2020-2021:  36.72% | Bellows Falls UHS#27 (25.15%)  Woodstock Elementary (25.25%)  Dothan Brook School (25.89%)  Ottauquechee School (26.09%)  Brookfield Elementary (26.39%)  Thetford Elementary (27.12%)  Randolph Union HS (27.37%)  Weathersfield School (27.40%)  Flood Brook School (30.16%)  Bellows Falls Middle School (37.17%)  Newton Elementary (32.18%)  Windsor High School (32.69%)  Hartford Middle School (32.88%)  Tunbridge Central School (35.51%)  Sharon Elementary (36.02%)  Oxbow UHSD #30 (36.25%)  Albert Bridge School (36.36%)  Braintree School (36.36%)  Waits River Union #36 (36.94%)  Windsor State Street School (37.2%)  Green Mountain UHSD #35 (37.40%)  Chelsea Public School (37.89%)  South Royalton School (37.90%)  Randolph Elementary (39.86%)  Samuel Morey Elementary (40.13%)  Bethel School (40.32%)  Athens Grafton School (40.68%)  Bradford Elementary (40.81%)  Mt. Holly Elementary (41.94%)  Rivendell Academy (43.15%)  Rochester School (43.37%)  Stockbridge Central School (44.12%)  Hartland Elementary (46.38%)  Chester-Andover USD#29 (46.82%)  White River School (47.22%)  Blue Mountain Union School (47.75%)  Springfield High School (49.43%) |
| 50.1 – 75%  mid-high poverty school | Ludlow Elementary (54.08%)  Cavendish Elementary (54.17%)  Central Elementary (58.60%)  Elm Hill School (59.67%)  Newbury Elementary (64.29%)  Union Street School (64.29%)  Riverside Middle School (62.50%)  Hartford School District Regional Alternative Program (64.71%)  Westshire Elementary (71.43%) |
| More than 75%  high poverty school | *None* |
| Insufficient Data | Saxtons River Elementary (++)  Reading Elementary (++) |

*Data Source: VT Agency of Education, Annual Statistical Report: Percent of Students Approved for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals* <https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-nutrition-2021-free-and-reduced-eligibility-report_0.pdf>

***Cross-Tabulation of Towns with Poverty Rates of 15%+ and Schools Classified as Mid-High Poverty***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Town** | **County** | **Population** | **% Below Poverty** | **Mid-High Poverty Schools (% FRPL)** |
| West Fairlee | Orange | 894 | 3% | Westshire Elementary (71.43%) |
| Newbury | Orange | 2241 | 12.8% | Newbury Elementary (64.29%) |
| Rockingham | Windham | 5031 | 20.5% | Central Elementary (58.60%) |
| Hartford | Windsor | 9643 | 6% | Hartford School District Regional Alternative Program (64.71%) |
| Cavendish | Windsor | 1329 | 9.7% | Cavendish Elementary (54.17%) |
| Ludlow | Windsor | 1828 | 16.7% | Ludlow Elementary (54.08%) |
| Springfield | Windsor | 8989 | 17% | Riverside Middle School (62.50%)  Union Street School (64.29%)  Elm Hill School (59.67%) |

\*Towns with one or more mid-high poverty schools, but with overall population poverty levels below 15%, are highlighted in blue. Data for West Fairlee may be artificially low due to a small ACS sample size.

**Population Estimates Related to Military Families**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total Population Estimate** | **Active Military Estimate** | **Veterans Estimate** | **Total Est. Active/Retired Military** | **Percent** |
| Windsor Co. | 55,275 | 35 | 3744 | 3779 | 8.3% |
| Orange Co. | 28,908 | 0 | 2047 | 2047 | 8.7% |

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

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)