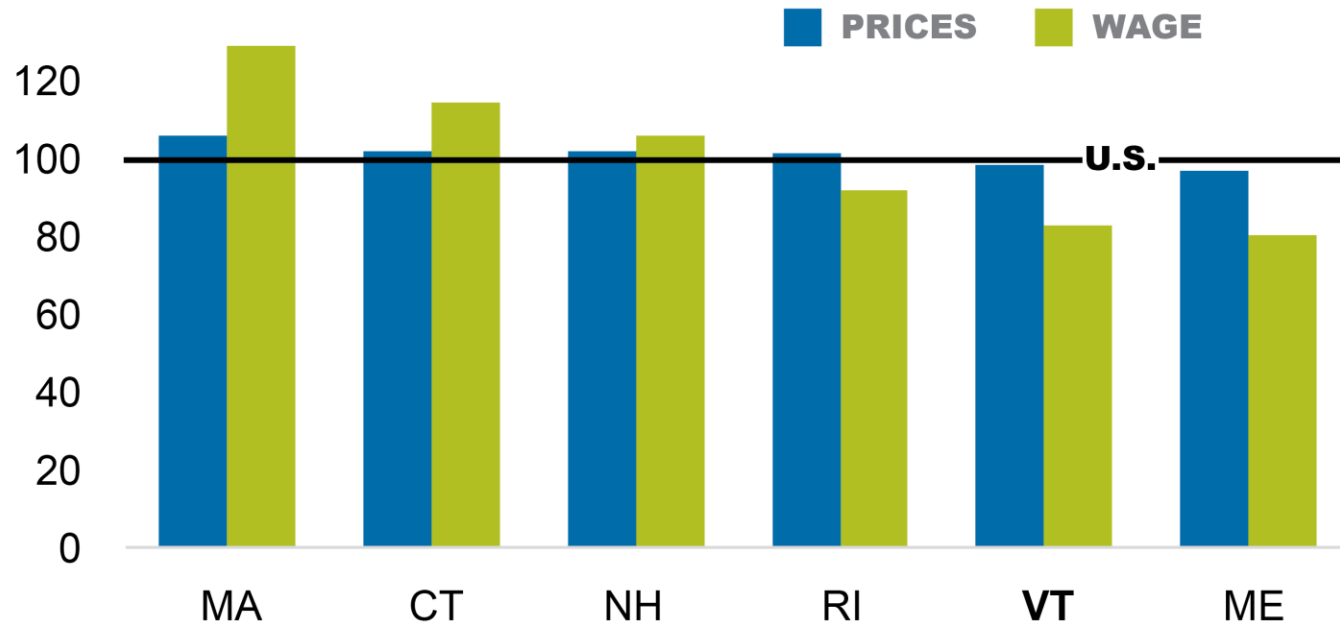


Vermont's prices neared U.S. average, but its wage was 2nd lowest regionally

Average prices and wage as percentage of U.S. averages, New England states, 2021; U.S.=100

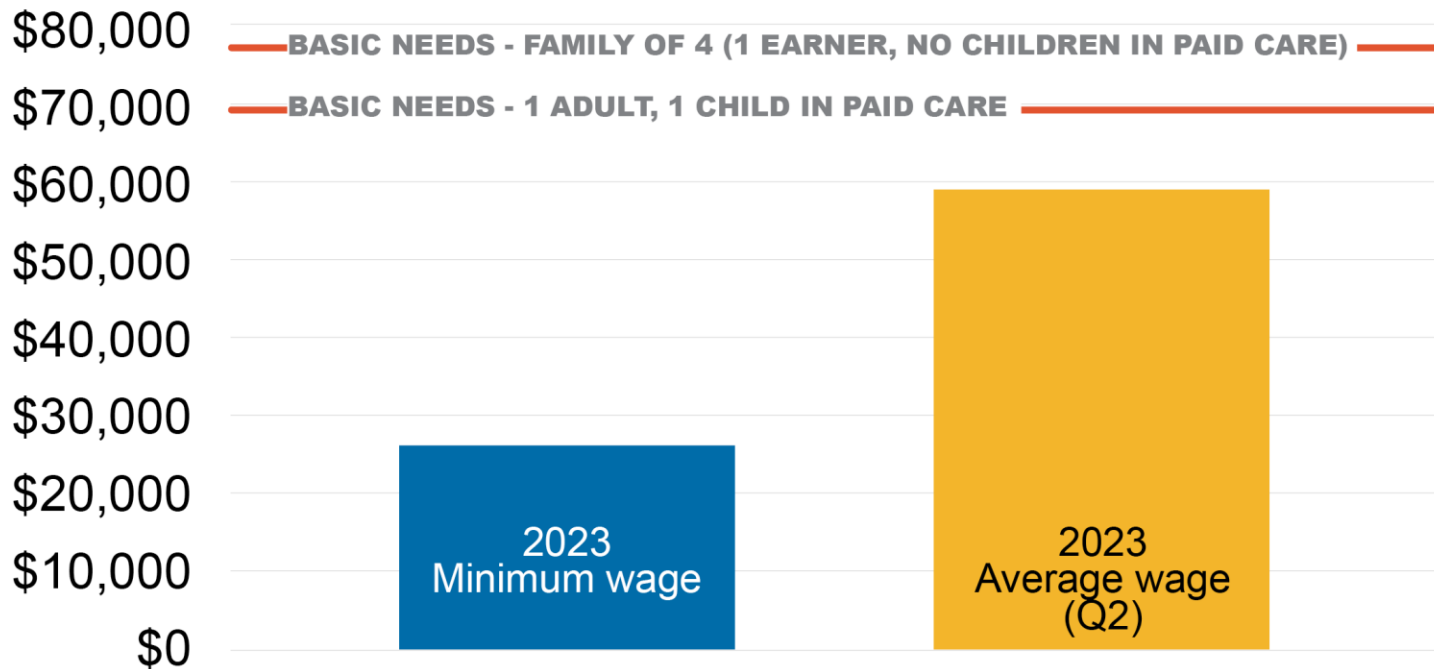


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Average Vermont wages don't meet families' basic needs

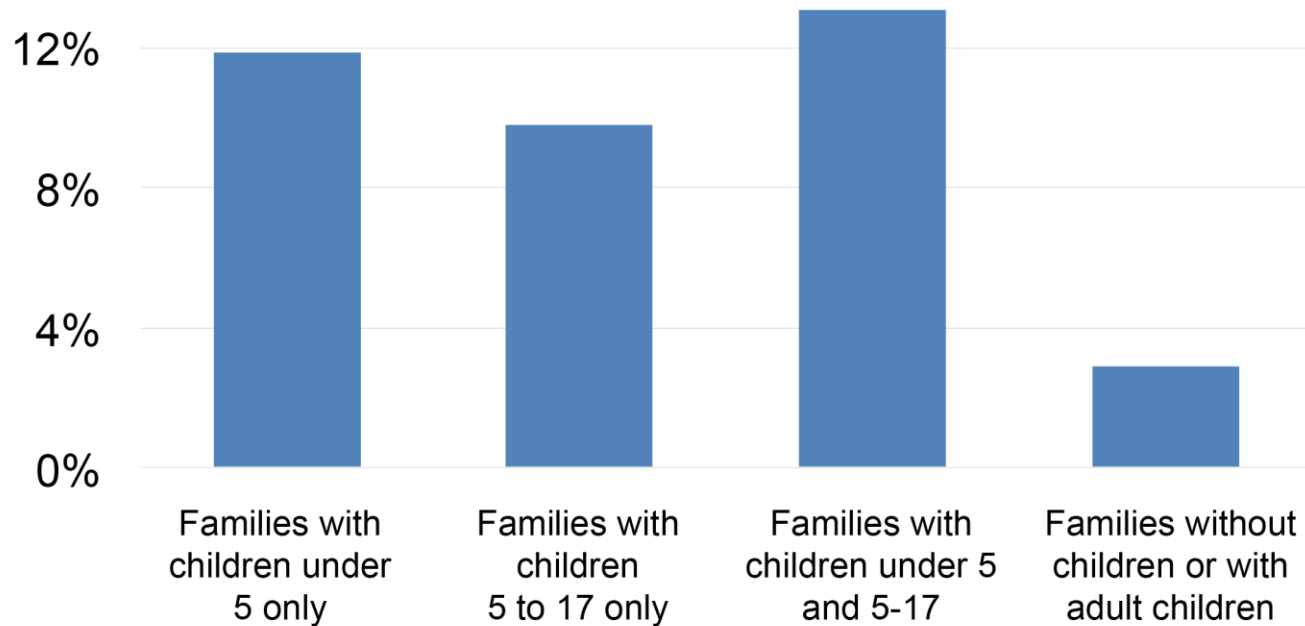
Annual wages and 2022 total basic needs budget for select households



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Vermont families with children are more likely to live in poverty

Family poverty rate by select families, 2021



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