

ORIENTATION

This workbook includes the preliminary results of the Vermont Underserved Community Index (VUCI) for county subdivisions (towns) and labor market areas (LMAs), with a supplemental summary tab depicting the top 50% of communities in each county.

INDEX SCORING

County subdivisions can receive a score ranging from **1 to 100** for each indicator in Need and Capacity subindices. The average of Need and Capacity subindex scores represents a community's final score. Higher score suggest higher need and lower capacity. Scores are ranked to determine each community's position relative to other communities in the state. Communities in the top 50% are

FLAGS

Results with relative standard error greater than **30%** will include a flag, indicating that the scores may be

EXCLUDED TOWNS

This Index excludes county subdivisions with populations below 50 due to high margins of error in their results.

Subdivision	County	Population
Averill town	Essex	21
Avery's gore	Essex	0
Buels gore	Chittenden	29
Ferdinand town	Essex	16
Glastenbury town	Bennington	9
Lewis town	Essex	2
Somerset town	Windham	6
Warner's grant	Essex	0
Warren's gore	Essex	2

INDICATORS

The Index includes the following subindices and indicators, with each subindex weighted equally.

Capacity Subindex		
Name	Description	Source
Population Size	Total county subdivision population. Values are divided into seven groups based on subject matter expertise. Groups are scored in equal intervals.	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2020.
Town Manager or Administrator	Presence of at least one municipal manager or administrator based on a list of Vermont town managers and administrators. County subdivisions on the list receive a score of 1. Each county subdivision not on the list receives a 100. <i>Weight to be</i>	Vermont League of Cities, 2022.
Equalized Municipal Grand List	Total value of taxable property in each county subdivision. Values are divided into seven groups based on subject matter	Vermont Department of Taxes, 2022.
Municipal Budget Per Capita	Total municipal budget in effect March 2020 divided by the total population in each county subdivision.	Vermont Agency of Administration, 2021.
Population Size (Change)	Change in population from 2000 to 2020 as a fraction of the 2020 population.	U.S. Census Bureau, 2021: National Historical Geographic Information System
Town Plan	<i>To be added in future iterations.</i>	<i>Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, 2022.</i>
Distance from Economic Center	<i>To be added in future iterations.</i>	<i>Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, 2022.</i>
Need Subindex		
Name	Description	Source
Race and Ethnicity	Percentage of population that is a race or ethnicity other than white non-Hispanic.	U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020.
High School Graduate	Population of individuals 25 years or older with a high school diploma or higher, as a percentage of total number of individuals 25 years or older in the county subdivision.	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2020.
Households with Broadband	Households with broadband as a percentage of total households.	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2020.
Grand List Value (Change)	Percent change in total taxable property value (grand list) from 2011 to 2021.	Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development, 2022
Housing Cost Burdened Homeowners	Households that spend more than 30% of their incomes on housing-related expenses as a proportion of total households.	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2019
Per Capita Income (Change)	Average per capita income change from 2010 to 2020.	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2020.
Individuals above 150% FPL	Number of individuals with incomes over 150% FPL as a percentage of the total number of individuals in the county subdivision.	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2020.
Labor Force Participation Rate (Change)	Change in the percentage of the population 20 to 64 years that participates in the labor force from 2000 to 2020.	U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2020.

ARPA infrastructure style projects (water/sewer, housing) as of 1/26/23

Index Percentile	ARPA Dollars	Number of Projects
100 to 90	\$ 100,000.00	1
90 to 80	\$ 80,000.00	1
80 to 70	\$ 5,734,587.00	6
70 to 60	\$ 5,948,020.00	11
60 to 50	\$ 4,318,689.00	12
50 to 40	\$ 8,994,230.00	14
40 to 30	\$ 15,702,730.00	32
30 to 20	\$ 52,394,830.10	70
20 to 10	\$ 48,747,978.50	56
10 to 0	\$ 88,994,908.00	70
Total	\$ 231,015,972.60	273

Version 3 index scores (draft and under development)

100 to 90

Town	County	Capacity Score	Need Score	Average Score	Index Percentile Ran	ARPA Projects Amount	ARPA Projects Count
East Haven town	Essex	92	62	77	100%		
Searsburg town	Bennington	79	72	75	99%		
Granby town	Essex	90	59	74	99%		
Bloomfield town	Essex	93	55	74	98%		
Woodford town	Bennington	94	54	74	98%		
Halifax town	Windham	78	69	73	98%		
Ira town	Rutland	95	45	70	97%		
Granville town	Addison	87	52	70	97%		
Norton town	Essex	96	42	69	96%		
Benson town	Rutland	82	55	69	96%		
Brunswick town	Essex	94	43	69	96%		
West Fairlee town	Orange	87	50	69	95%		
Athens town	Windham	84	53	68	95%		
Whiting town	Addison	87	49	68	94%	\$ 100,000	1
Brookline town	Windham	84	52	68	94%		
Brownington town	Orleans	78	57	67	94%		
Baltimore town	Windsor	88	47	67	93%		
Kirby town	Caledonia	80	54	67	93%		
Roxbury town	Washington	79	55	67	92%		
Lemington town	Essex	92	42	67	92%		
Albany town	Orleans	79	54	67	91%		
Sutton town	Caledonia	83	50	67	91%		
Victory town	Essex	88	44	66	91%		
Mount Tabor town	Rutland	87	45	66	90%		

90 to 80

Lunenburg town	Essex	79	52	66	90%	\$ 80,000	1
Reading town	Windsor	77	54	66	89%		
Newark town	Caledonia	76	55	65	89%		
Belvidere town	Lamoille	87	44	65	89%		
Sandgate town	Bennington	83	47	65	88%		
Irasburg town	Orleans	75	55	65	88%		
Vershire town	Orange	83	47	65	87%		
Waltham town	Addison	92	37	65	87%		
Worcester town	Washington	80	48	64	87%		
Hancock town	Addison	89	39	64	86%		
Stannard town	Caledonia	84	44	64	86%		
Guildhall town	Essex	89	39	64	85%		
Concord town	Essex	77	51	64	85%		
Waterville town	Lamoille	87	41	64	85%		
Rupert town	Bennington	75	52	64	84%		
Canaan town	Essex	81	46	64	84%		
Westfield town	Orleans	79	48	63	83%		
Groton town	Caledonia	78	49	63	83%		
Lowell town	Orleans	72	55	63	83%		
Tinmouth town	Rutland	79	47	63	82%		
West Haven town	Rutland	89	37	63	82%		
Topsham town	Orange	75	51	63	81%		
Isle La Motte town	Grand Isle	80	46	63	81%		
Panton town	Addison	81	45	63	81%		
Goshen town	Addison	88	38	63	80%		

