

**Vermont's Population-Level Quality of Life Outcomes**<sup>1</sup>

- (1) Vermont has a prosperous economy.
- (2) Vermonters are healthy.
- (3) Vermont's environment is clean and sustainable.
- (4) Vermont's communities are safe and supportive.
- (5) Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.
- (6) Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential, including:
  - (A) Pregnant women and young people thrive.
  - (B) Children are ready for school.
  - (C) Children succeed in school.
  - (D) Youths choose healthy behaviors.
  - (E) Youths successfully transition to adulthood.
- (7) Vermont's elders and people with disabilities and people with mental conditions live with dignity and independence in settings they prefer.
- (8) Vermont has open, effective, and inclusive government ~~at the State and local levels~~ with a supported, motivated, and accountable State workforce.
- (9) Vermont's State infrastructure meets the needs of Vermonters, the economy, and the environment.

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<sup>1</sup> See [3 V.S.A. § 2311\(b\)](#), as proposed to be amended by Sec. 2 of [H.xxx](#) and [S.198](#).

## Indicators for Each Outcome<sup>2</sup>

- (1) *Vermont has a prosperous economy.*
- (A) percent or rate per 1,000 jobs of nonpublic sector employment;
  - (B) median household income;
  - (C) ~~percent of Vermont covered by state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure;~~
  - ~~(D)~~ median house price;
  - ~~(E)~~(D) rate of resident unemployment per 1,000 residents;
  - (E) annualized unemployment rate;
  - (F) percent of ~~structurally deficient bridges, as defined by the Vermont Agency of Transportation;~~ and
  - ~~(G) percent of food total farm sales that come from Vermont farms;~~
  - (G) percent of fruit and vegetable farms by sales outlet;
  - (H) increase in gross working lands income over previous year, for grantees of Working Lands Program; and
  - (I) number of farmers' markets.
- (2) *Vermonters are healthy.*
- (A) percent of adults 20 years of age or older who are obese;
  - (B) percent of adults smoking cigarettes;
  - (C) number of adults who are homeless;
  - (D) percent of ~~individuals and families~~ population living at different below the federal poverty levels level;
  - (E) percent of adults ~~at or below 200 percent of federal poverty level~~ 18-64 years of age with health insurance; and
  - (F) ~~percent of adults with health insurance~~ rate of suicide per 100,000 Vermonters;

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<sup>2</sup> Initial indicators for each outcome were established in session law in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 186. These initial indicators are proposed to be amended by Sec. 3 of [H.xxx](#) and [S.198](#). Sec. 2 of those bills also proposes an amendment to [3 V.S.A. § 2311\(c\)](#), which sets forth the process by which those indicators may be revised.

(G) fall-related death per 100,000 adults 65 years of age or older;

(H) rate of Vermonters with mental health conditions getting help for those conditions; and

(I) number of Vermont food recall incidents.

(3) *Vermont's environment is clean and sustainable.*

(A) cumulative number of waters subject to TMDLs or alternative pollution control plans;

(B) ~~percent of water, sewer, and stormwater systems that meet federal and State public drinking water supplies in compliance with health-based standards;~~

(C) ~~carbon dioxide per capita~~ total greenhouse gas emissions per capita, in units of annual metric tons of equivalent carbon dioxide per capita; and

(D) ~~electricity by fuel or power type~~ percent of Vermont retail electric sales from renewable energy;

(E) percent of river miles with water quality that meets designated uses;

(F) percent of watersheds in Vermont where pollutant loads are declining;

(G) percent of previously impaired waters meeting standards based on corrective actions;

(H) total number of days with air quality alerts;

(I) disposal rate of municipal solid waste in pounds per person per day; and

(J) total number of acres that have been or will be cleaned up or redeveloped based on sites enrolled in the Brownfields Program.

(4) *Vermont's communities are safe and supportive.*

(A) rate of petitions granted for relief from domestic abuse per 1,000 residents;

(B) rate of violent crime per 1,000 crimes;

(C) rate of sexual assault committed against residents per 1,000 residents;

(D) percent of residents living in affordable housing;

(E) percent or rate per 1,000 people convicted of crimes of recidivism;

(F) incarceration rate per 100,000 residents; ~~and~~

(G) percent or rate per 1,000 residents of residents entering the corrections system for the first time; and

(H) percent of population trained in mental health first aid.

(5) *Vermont's families are safe, nurturing, stable, and supported.*

(A) number and rate per 1,000 children of substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect;

(B) number of children who are homeless;

(C) number of persons who are homeless (adults and children) in families that are homeless with at least one child; and

(D) number and rate per 1,000 children and youth of children and youth in out-of-home care.

(6) *Vermont's children and young people achieve their potential, including:*

(A) *Pregnant women and young people thrive.*

(i) percent of women who receive first trimester prenatal care;

(ii) percent of live births that are preterm (less than 37 weeks);

(iii) rate of infant mortality per 1,000 live births;

(iv) percent of children at or below 200 percent of federal poverty level; and

(v) percent of children 17 years of age or younger with health insurance.

(B) *Children are ready for school.*

(i) percent of ~~kindergarteners fully immunized with all five vaccines required for school~~ children 19–35 months of age receiving recommended vaccines;

(ii) ~~percent of first-graders screened for vision and hearing problems;~~

~~(iii)~~ percent of children ready for school in all ~~five~~ four domains of healthy development; and

~~(iv)~~(iii) percent of children receiving State subsidy enrolled in high quality early childhood programs that receive at least four out of five stars under State standards.

(C) *Children succeed in school.*

(i) rate of school attendance per 1,000 children;

(ii) percent of children below the basic level of fourth grade reading achievement under State standards; and

(iii) rate of high school graduation per 1,000 high school students.

(D) *Youths choose healthy behaviors.*

(i) rate of pregnancy per 1,000 females 15–17 years of age;

(ii) rate of pregnancy per 1,000 females 18–19 years of age;

(iii) percent of adolescents in grades 9–12 smoking cigarettes;

(iv) percent of adolescents in grades 9–12 who used marijuana in the past 30 days;

(v) percent of adolescents who reported ever using a prescription drug without a prescription;

(vi) percent of adolescents in grades 9–12 who drank alcohol in the past 30 days; and

(vii) number and rate per 1,000 minors of minors who are under the supervision of the Department of Corrections.

(E) *Youths successfully transition to adulthood.*

(i) percent of high school seniors with plans for education, vocational training, or employment;

(ii) percent of graduating high school seniors who continue their education within six months of graduation;

~~(iii) percent of all deaths for youths 10–19 years of age;~~

~~(iv) rate of suicide per 100,000 Vermonters;~~

~~(v) percent of adolescents with a suicide attempt that requires medical attention;~~

~~(vi)~~(iv) percent of high school graduates entering students who graduated with a regular high school diploma and enrolled in postsecondary education, work, or training within 16 months after high school graduation;

~~(vii)~~(v) percent of completion of postsecondary education students who graduated with a regular high school diploma and enrolled in postsecondary education within 16 months after high school graduation, and persisted in postsecondary education for at least three semesters within two academic school years; and

~~(viii)(vi)~~ rate of high school graduates entering a training program per 1,000 high school graduates percent of students who graduated with a regular high school diploma and enrolled in postsecondary education within 16 months after high school graduation, and graduated from an institution of higher education within six academic school years.

(7) *Vermont's elders and people with disabilities and people with mental conditions live with dignity and independence in settings they prefer.*

(A) rate of confirmed reports of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults per 1,000 vulnerable adults;

(B) percent of elders living in institutions versus receiving home care; ~~and~~

(C) number of people with disabilities and people with mental conditions receiving State services living in each of the following: institutions, residential or group facilities, or independently;

(D) percent of people served in Choices for Care who are living in each of the following: institutions, residential or group facilities, or independently;

(E) number and percent of adults with severe, persistent mental illness who are living in each of the following: institutions, residential or group facilities, or independently;

(F) employment rate of people with disabilities who are of working age; and

(G) employment rate of people 65 years of age or older.

(8) *Vermont has open, effective, and inclusive government ~~at the State and local levels~~ with a supported, motivated, and accountable State workforce.*

(A) percent of ~~youth who spoke to their parents about school~~ State employees participating in the voluntary employment engagement survey who responded that:

(i) they are satisfied overall with their job;

(ii) they would recommend the State as a great place to work;

(iii) they are encouraged to share ideas on efficiency;

(iv) their supervisor regularly provides timely and useful feedback; and

(v) their performance evaluations are completed annually;

(B) percent of ~~youth who report they help decide what goes on in their school~~  
State employees who voluntarily leave State service;

(C) percent of ~~eligible population~~ registered voters voting in the general  
elections election;

(D) percent of ~~students volunteering in their community in the past week~~ State  
contracts that include performance measures;

(E) percent of ~~youth who feel valued by their community~~ grants awarded that  
include performance measures; and

(F) ~~percent of youth that report their teachers care about them and give them~~  
~~encouragement~~ number of Lean events successfully completed.

*(9) Vermont's State infrastructure meets the needs of Vermonters, the economy,*  
*and the environment.*

(A) percent of Vermont covered by state-of-the-art telecommunications  
infrastructure; and

(B) percent of structurally-deficient bridges, as defined by the Agency of  
Transportation.