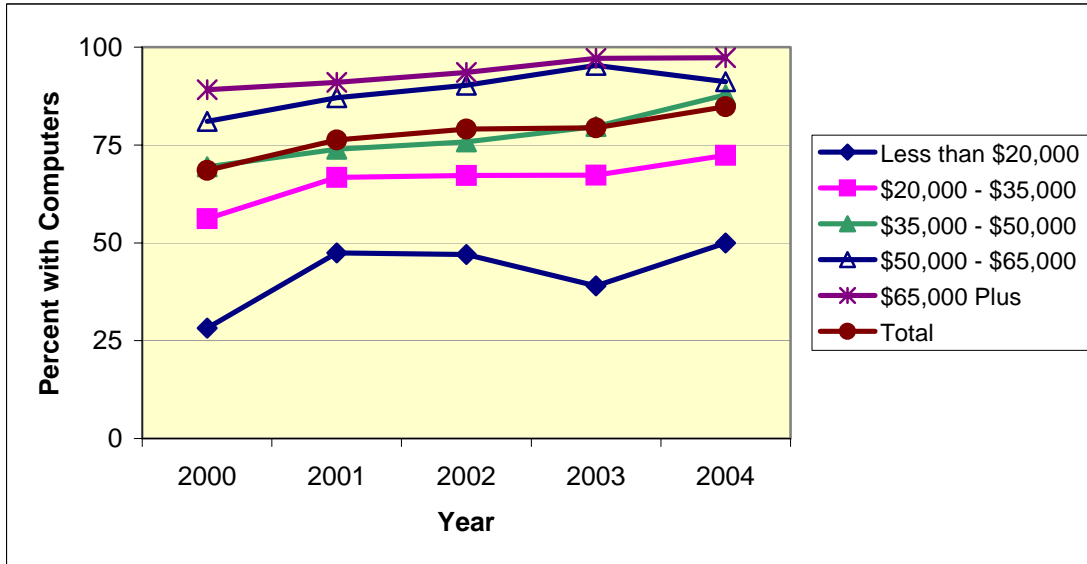


SELECTED STATISTICS ABOUT THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN VERMONT

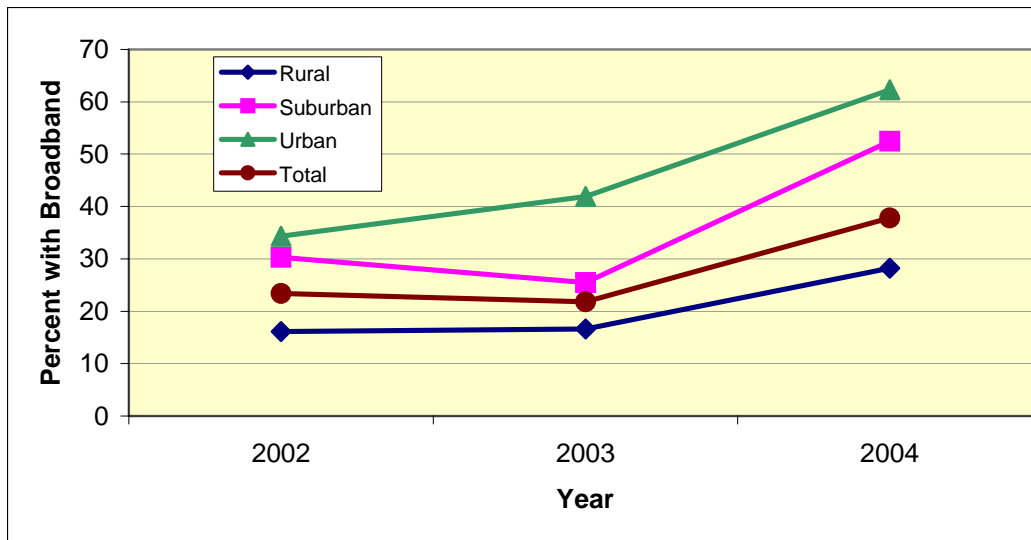
Household computer ownership by annual household income, 2000 - 2004



Source: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, & 2004 *Vermonters Polls*

- Households with children under 18 years of age are more likely to have a computer than those without children (95.7% versus 75.3%).
- However the poll finds no statistically significant difference in computer ownership based on the rural, urban, or suburban location of a household.
- 92.8% of Vermont households with computers have an Internet connection. That makes up around 70% of total survey respondents.
- More than one third (37.8%) of Vermont households with Internet access have a broadband connection.

Broadband adoption (percent) in households with Internet access by rural, urban, or suburban location 2002 - 2004



- Much like in national trends, the key barrier to broadband access in Vermont is rurality. The 2004 *Vermonters Poll* shows that only 28.2% of rural households with Internet access have broadband connections, versus 52.5% of suburban households and 62.3% of urban households. This is with broadband service being available to 75.3% of Vermont's population.