Recent demographic shifts in Vermont
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Vermont’s total population fell since 2010

Despite modest growth in four counties, Census Bureau estimates for total population are down by 2,000, as of 2017.

Estimates of county level population change since 2010 show growth only in Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Lamoille.
Total population change and components, 2010-2016

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Vermont is only New England state to lose population since 2010

But there are signs of recent improvement

• 2016-2017 shows a positive rate of net migration, reversing the trend of the prior years.

• The Census Bureau estimates that Vermont is losing population to other states but gaining population from other countries.

• Maine and New Hampshire have experienced net growth of population from other states as well as from other countries. Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island have been like Vermont—losing to other states but gaining from other countries.
4% of VT residents moved here last year

Census ACS estimates a total of 23,000 people moved to VT in 2016
Most incomers are younger than 35
(some are likely here for college and grad school)

Residents who moved to VT in 2016, by age

- 1 to 4 years: 758
- 5 to 17 years: 1059
- 18 to 24 years: 8691
- 25 to 34 years: 5032
- 35 to 44 years: 1692
- 45 to 54 years: 2168
- 55 to 64 years: 1646
- 65 to 74 years: 1311
- 75 years and over: 982
Half of the incomers aged 25+ have college or graduate degrees

Residents aged 25+ who moved to VT in 2016, by educational attainment*

- Less than high school graduate: 311
- High school graduate or equivalent: 2833
- Some college or associate's degree: 3375
- Bachelor's degree: 2693
- Graduate or professional degree: 3684

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13 % of incomers are non-white
(compared to 6% of existing residents)

Residents who moved to VT in 2016, by race*

- White: 87%
- Asian: 5%
- Black or African American: 3%
- Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race): 1%
- Two or more races: 4%

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Income of incomers

Residents aged 15+ who moved to VT in 2016, by individual income

Note: Although these estimates exclude dorm residents, they do include other people as young as 15 who are full-time students.
Reasons people move, by age of mover

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Number of “White alone” Vermonters declining

Number of Vermonters identifying as “white alone” decreased by 7,000 while number identifying as other races increased by 6,000, 2010-2016

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By 2020, more than half of Vermont households will likely be headed by someone aged 55+. 

Households by householder age

2015 - Green
2020 - Orange

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