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VERMONT HOUSING DATA WEBSITE ADDS LATEST CENSUS FINDINGS

Detailed housing and demographic information available for every community

BURLINGTON, VT — The Vermont Housing Data Website (www.housingdata.org) has added hundreds of Census data including Census 2010 demographic information and detailed estimates on home heating sources and housing cost burdens from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

“Even though we created the site eight years ago, the recent housing market upheaval nationally has made it clear that an accurate and comprehensive understanding of the local housing market like Vermont helps prevent some of the mistakes we’ve seen in other states,” said Executive Director Sarah Carpenter.

“By including the newest data as it becomes available, Vermont is in a better position to understand what’s happening locally as housing needs change. This starts the conversation about the most appropriate policy and programmatic responses for the future,” she continued.

This comprehensive site provides a detailed profile of each town or village in Vermont and compares it to the corresponding county and the state as a whole. It also includes historical data and graphs for examining trends, and the ability to download data for mapping. It compiles tens of thousands of data pieces from federal agencies such as the Census, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Department of Labor; as well as the state departments of taxes and labor.

The Vermont Housing Data site was launched in 2003 and has been created and maintained by Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) and the Center for Rural Studies (CRS) at the University of Vermont with input and guidance from Vermont's housing community.

The Vermont Legislature created VHFA in 1974 to finance and promote affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income Vermonters. Since its inception, the Agency has helped approximately 26,500 Vermont households with affordable mortgages and financed the development of approximately 7,700 affordable rental units.