

NRPC has selected key indicators for each of the areas of the Regional Plan. Based on our vision for the future we have shown whether the indicators should increase, decrease or stay level in the future. If the implementation program and the goals and policies in the Regional Plan are successful then we can expect measurable results.

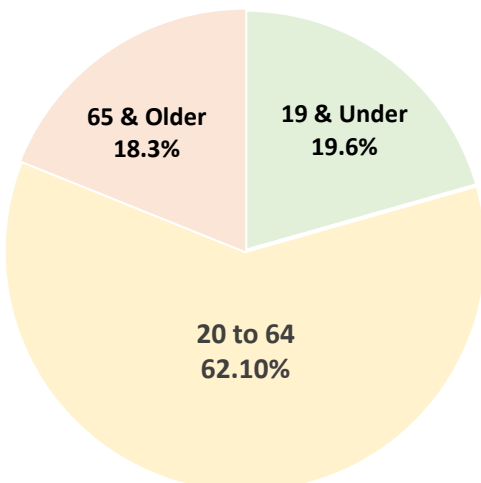
These indicators are not meant to be inclusive of all the goals, policies and actions in the Regional Plan. Instead the indicators are representative measures of successful implementation. The Northwest Regional Plan contains six guiding principles for the future of the region. Goals and policies of the regional plan follow these guiding principles:

- Coordinate and leverage state, local and federal policies and investments
- Provide more transportation choices
- Promote equitable, affordable housing
- Enhance economic competitiveness
- Support existing communities
- Value communities and neighborhoods

Regional Context

Franklin County has grown slightly by about 1,200 residents since 2010 and Grand Isle County has gradually decreased by about 160 residents since 2010.

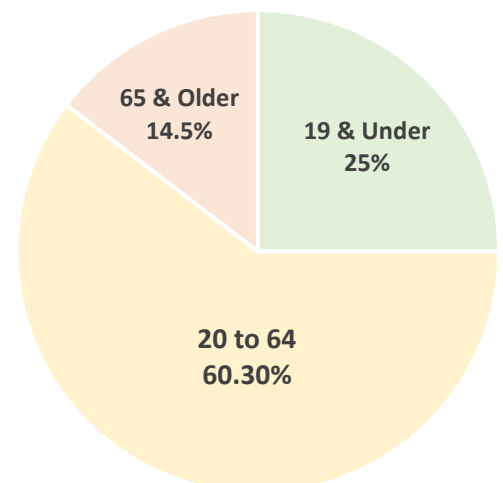
Grand Isle Co. Population
6,950



Diversity is Increasing

The Percent of the population that is non-white has increased from 4.2% in 2010 to **5.1% in 2017.**

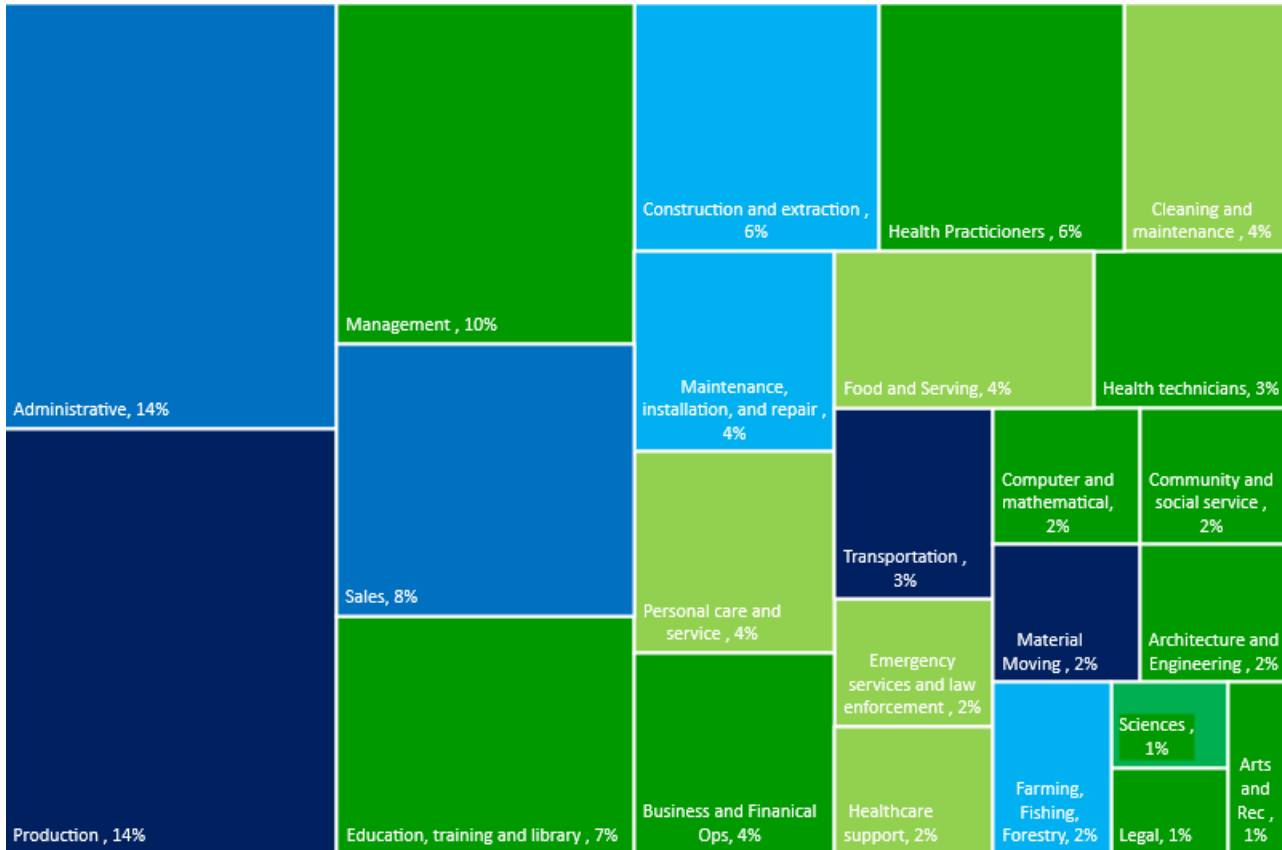
Franklin Co. Population
48,816



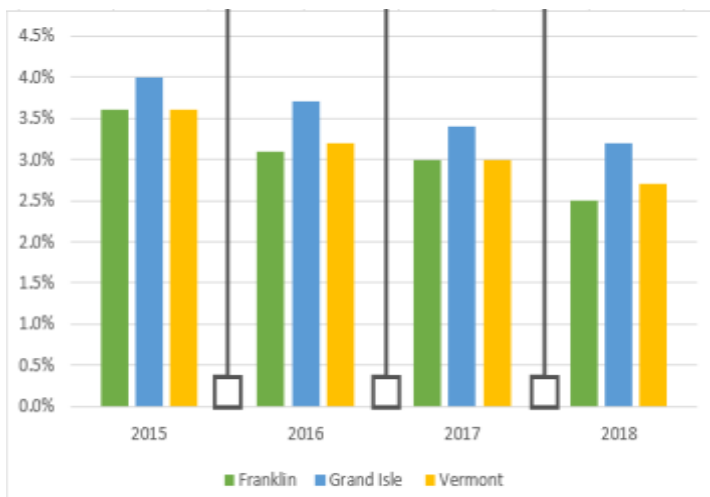
Economic Region

Employment by Occupations

Total employees in Franklin County: 25,865
 Total employees in Grand Isle County: 3,766



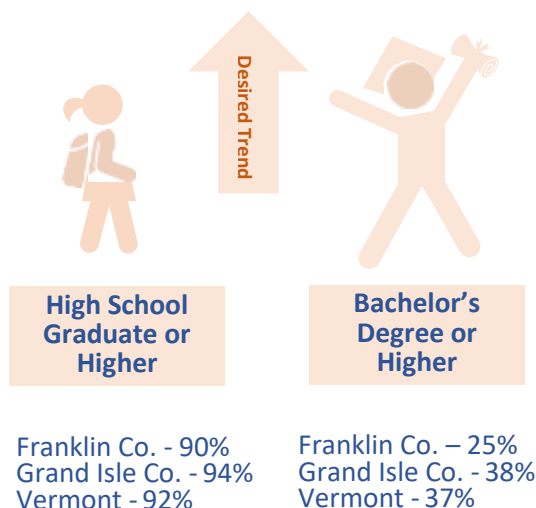
Management, Business, Science & Arts = Dark green; Sales & Office = Blue; Service = Light green; Production & Transportation = Dark Blue; Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance = Light Blue. Source: 2017 American Community Survey



Unemployment Rate

Source: 2018 Department of Labor, Economic and Labor Market Information

Educational Attainment

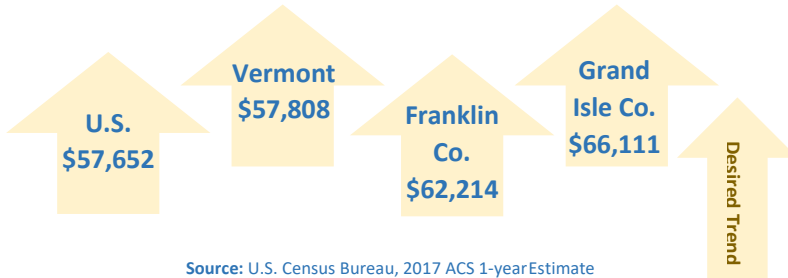


Source: U.S. Census 2016 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

Economic Region

Median Household Income

The median household income in the region has continued to increase annually since 2009.



Housing Costs



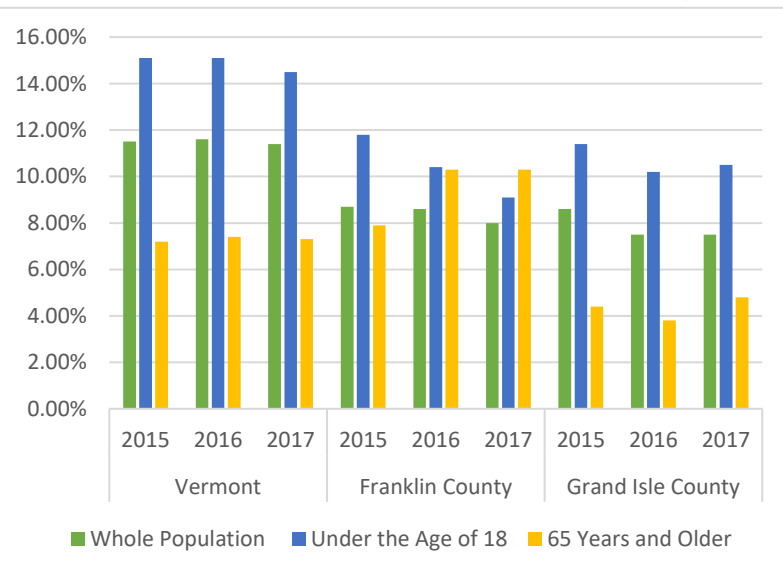
The 2017 median monthly housing costs in dollars is \$1,120 (Franklin Co.), \$1,271 (Grand Isle Co.), and \$1,099 (Vermont). This has stayed relatively consistent since 2010.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates

Desired Trend

Poverty Level

Percent of people who experienced poverty in the past 12 months



Living Wage

The living wage calculated by MIT for Franklin and Grand Isle Counties compared to the minimum wage in the region. The median hourly earnings made in the past 12 months for Franklin County was \$17.98 and for Grand Isle County was \$18.42.

Family Size	Living Wage	Minimum Wage
1 Adult	\$13.29	\$10.50
1 Adult 1 Child	\$27.84	\$10.50
1 Adult 2 Children	\$32.19	\$10.50
2 Adults 2 Children	\$17.47	\$10.50

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 ACS 1-year Estimate and MIT Living Wage Calculator

Regional Electricity Consumption



The total electricity use in the Northwest Region equaled 481 million KWH in 2018.

This decreased from 489 KWH in 2017 and 490 million KWH in 2016.

Source: Efficiency Vermont 2018

Agriculture Products

The total market value of agricultural products for the region in 2017 equaled \$203,549,000. This is an increase from \$203,433,000 in 2012.



Franklin Co. ranks #1 in the state for the value of products sold.

The average size farm is 260 acres in Franklin Co. and 158 acres in Grand Isle Co.

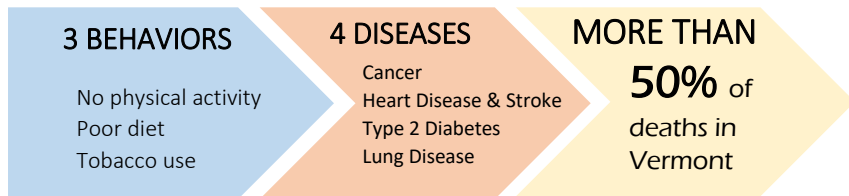
Source: 2017 Census of Ag.



Social Region

Chronic Disease in the Northwest Region

3-4-50 is a simple concept to help us grasp the reality that 3 health behaviors contribute to 4 chronic diseases that claim the lives of more than 50% of Vermonters.



THE NORTHWEST REGION

82% Do NOT Eat 5 Servings of Fruit and Vegetables Per Day

49% Do NOT get the Recommended Physical Activity

19% of Adults Currently Smoke

14% Diagnosed w/ Lung Disease

11% Diagnosed w/ Diabetes

7% Diagnosed w/ Cardiovascular Diseases

7% Diagnosed w/ Cancer

5% Deaths from Lung Disease

2% Deaths from Diabetes

19% Deaths from Cardiovascular Diseases

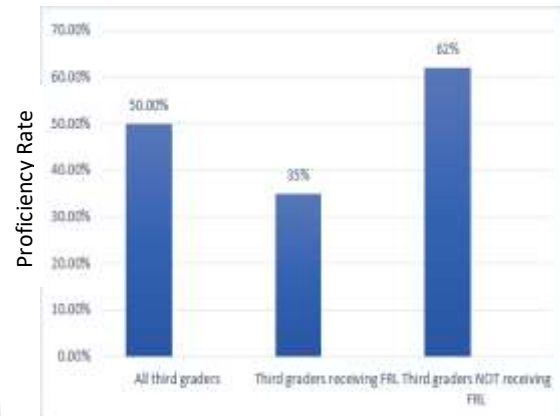
28% Deaths from Cancer

= 55% of Total Deaths

Source: Vermont Department of Health 2016

Education Proficiency

The Smarter Balanced Assessment is a standardized test taken by Vermont students. The 2018 aggregate regional results (all grades and subjects) for students that receive free and reduced lunch and students that do not receive free and reduced lunch had different outcomes.



Source: Vermont Agency of Education 2018

80 miles of trails

for recreational use, supporting increased physical activity in the region!



Source: Northwest Regional Planning Commission 2018

62%

Of eligible third grade students are enrolled in free or reduced-priced meals in the Northwest Region.

Source: Agency of Education, 2017-2018



Mental Health

Percent of Adolescents in Grades 9-12 who made a Suicide Plan



Year	United States	Vermont	Franklin Co.	Grand Isle Co.
2017	14%	11%	12%	15%
2015	15%	12%	12%	12%

Source: Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2017



Physical Region

Acres of Agricultural or Forestry Soils

Deciduous Forest- 93,000 acres

Coniferous Forest- 34,000 acres

Mixed Forest- 98,166 acres

Forested Wetland- 17,820 acres



Row Crop- 110,879 acres

Hay/Pasture- 64,809 acres

Other Agriculture- 3,764 acres

Orchard- 277 acres



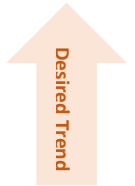
82,323 acres of Protected Lands in the Northwest Region
43% are Prime Soils

Source: LANDSAT Imagery and UVM Spatial Analysis Lab 2003

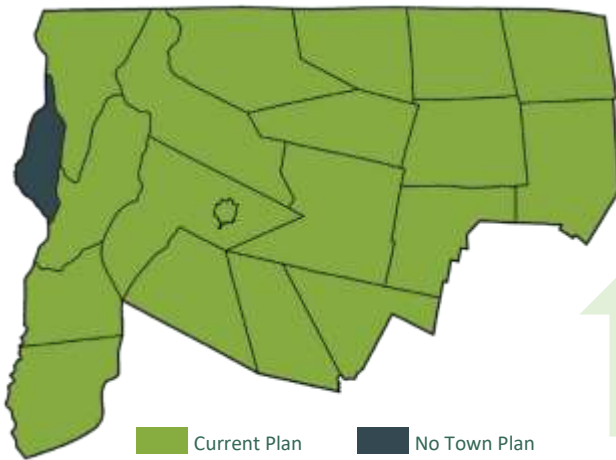
Hazard Mitigation Plans & Local Emergency Operations Plans



69% of the municipalities in the Northwest Region have or are forming a Hazard Mitigation Plan. 96% of the municipalities in the Northwest Region have or are forming a Local Emergency Management Plan.



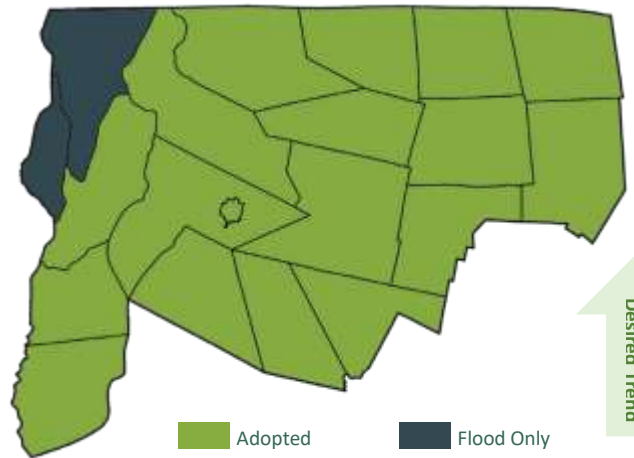
Municipal Plans



Desired Trend

Source: Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Municipal Bylaws



Desired Trend

Source: Northwest Regional Planning Commission

State Designated Areas



- 16 Villages
- 1 Growth Center
- 1 Designated Downtown

Desired Trend

Regional Development***

5% increase in development in the region's growth areas since 2008!

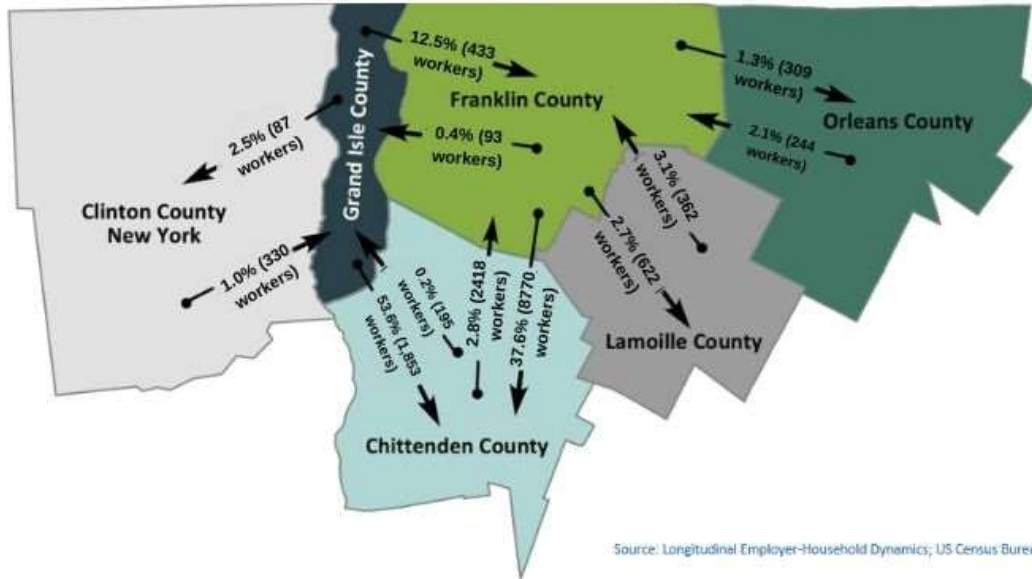
- In 2008 there were 4,805 sites/buildings in the region's growth areas. In 2018, there are 5,042 sites/buildings.

Desired Trend



Transportation

Northwest Region Workers Commute to Work



31 miles of bike paths in the region***1



Desired Trend ↑

48 miles of sidewalks in the region***1



Desired Trend ↑

Approximately 58% of all regional workers travel more than 25 minutes to work²

Desired Trend ↓

Commuting Methods²

Vermont Workers

- Commute Alone: 76%
- Carpool: 9%
- Public Transit: 1%
- Walked/Biked: 6%
- Worked at Home: 7%

Regional Workers

- Commute Alone: 78%
- Carpool: 11%
- Public Transit: <1%
- Walked: 3%
- Worked at Home: 5%

Public Transit FY18

(January 2018-December 2018)³



Desired Trend ↑

- Tuesday Shopping Shuttle: 580 riders (+19 riders from FY 17)
- St. Albans Downtown Shuttle: 15,863 riders (-405 riders from FY 17)
- Georgia-Alburgh Commuter: 4,097 riders (-1,045 riders from FY 17)
- Richford-St. Albans Commuter: 5,623 riders (+539 riders from FY 17)
- St. Albans LINK: 13,320 riders (-274 riders from FY 17)

Sources: 1. Northwest Regional Planning Commission
 2. U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey
 3. Green Mountain Transit FY 2018