

THE FACTS BOOK

GREATER BURLINGTON, VT



New and expanded edition for 2004, including detailed information on quality of life, housing, transportation, taxes, business, education, employment, population, and community activities in the Greater Burlington region.

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Greater Burlington, Vermont

A top-rated metro area for raising your family and running your business in the cleanest, healthiest destination in America

We're America's Dream Town, and we've got something for everyone!



Quality of Life

Number one "City to Have It All"¹

The Northeast's "Best Place to Live"²

One of the seven best retirement areas in the country³

One of the "10 Great Places to Raise a Family"⁴

The sixth most "Family-Friendly" place in the nation⁵

One of the safest states in the nation⁶

One of America's best places to live⁷

One of the most livable cities in America⁸

The "Perfect Small City"⁹

The "Healthiest City in America"¹⁰

Business

"Dream Town" status for real life and real jobs¹¹

A top city in which to start a business¹²

One of the best places to live and work¹³

Environment

Best air quality in America¹⁷

The number one independent kid friendly city¹⁸

The healthiest state in the nation¹⁹

Recreation

Number one place for families that love outdoor sports¹⁴

One of four "Outstanding Get-Away Locations" in the Northeast¹⁵

Host to one of America's Top 10 Most Scenic Marathons¹⁶

Downtown

Winner of the "Great American Main Street Award"²⁰

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Greater Burlington Data

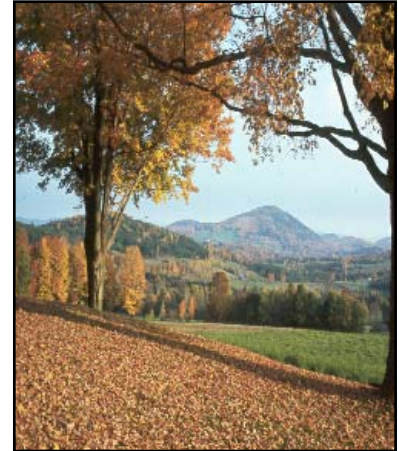
	<u>Chittenden County</u>	<u>State of Vermont</u>
Land area (sq. mi.)	532	9,276
Population ¹	148,273	615,611
Annual Average Labor Force ²	96,350	357,800
Unemployment rate ²	3.1%	3.7%
Average annual wage (2002) ²	\$36,370	\$31,041

Hospital beds (2003): 562

University/college undergraduate enrollment (Fall 2002): 12,703

Airport boardings (2002): 550,420

Hotel/motel rooms (2002): 3,676



Lake Champlain

- Sixth largest freshwater lake in the U.S.
 - Area designated a Scenic Byway
- Eight miles of coastline in Burlington, 88 miles in Chittenden County
 - 120 miles long, 12 miles wide at widest point
 - 400 feet deep at deepest point, mean depth of 40 feet

Our metropolitan area features benefits for businesses including top-notch telecommunications, transportation and education systems, a highly educated labor force, innovative business/education partnership programs, and more. In addition, Greater Burlington offers an outstanding quality of life that boasts a vibrant downtown with world-class shopping, dining, cultural amenities, and a natural playground for outdoor activities like golf, tennis, sailing, hiking, biking and, of course, skiing. Four seasons a year, this is the place to be.

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¹Vermont Dept. of Employment and Training, *Vermont: An Economic-Demographic Profile Series*, July 2003

²Vermont Dept. of Employment and Training, *The Vermont Labor Market*, July 2003

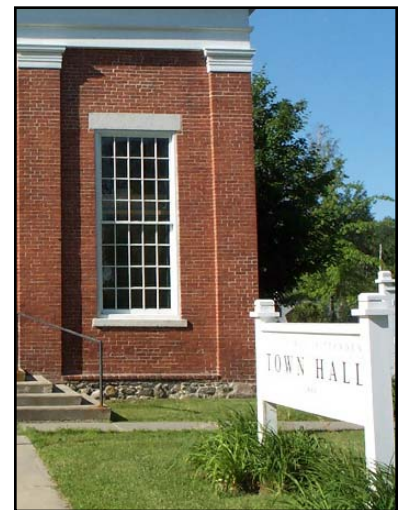
Population Changes

	Chittenden County	State of Vermont
1980	115,534	511,456
1990	131,761(+14%)	562,758 (+10%)
2000	146,571 (+11%)	608,827 (+8%)
2001	147,691 (+ 8%)	612,308 (+.6%)
2002	148,273 (+.4%)	615,611 (+.5%)

Chittenden County continues to experience strong population growth. Over the last 20 years, Chittenden County's percent increase in population growth has exceeded that of the state as a whole. The population in Chittenden County currently represents 24% of the total state population.

County Population by Municipality

<u>Municipality</u>	1990	2002
Bolton	971	977
Buel's Gore	2	12
Burlington	39,127	38,885
Charlotte	3,148	3,645
Colchester	14,731	17,245
Essex	16,498	18,863
Hinesburg	3,780	4,442
Huntington	1,609	1,898
Jericho	4,302	5,090
Milton	8,404	9,549
Richmond	3,729	4,139
Shelburne	5,871	7,066
South Burlington	12,809	16,094
St. George	705	707
Underhill	2,799	3,011
Westford	1,740	2,120
Williston	4,887	7,947
Winooski	6,649	6,583



Source: Vermont Department of Health, Agency of Human Services, Population and Housing Estimates: 2002, March 2003

Employment¹

	<u>Burlington Labor Market</u>	<u>Vermont Labor Market</u>
	<i>Annual Average</i>	
1980	60,200	197,553
1990	78,650	251,658
2000	107,600	298,150
2003 (June)	106,900	353,300

Distribution of Employment - Burlington Labor Market Area²

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u># FIRMS</u>	<u># EMPLOYED</u>	<u>% EMPLOYED</u>
Natural Resources & Mining	43	381	.3
Construction	670	4,945	4.7
Manufacturing	273	16,047	15.2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,549	21,415	20.2
Information	157	3,048	2.9
Financial Activities	553	5,267	5.0
Professional & Business Services	1,108	9,460	8.9
Education & Health Services	626	16,461	15.5
Leisure & Hospitality	548	8,861	8.4
Other Services	631	3,335	3.1
Government	282	16,763	15.8

Area's Ten Largest Private Employers³

Full Time Employees

1. International Business Machines Corporation 6,200
2. Fletcher Allen Health Care 4,674
3. Chittenden Corporation 1,208
4. Verizon 950
5. Banknorth Group, Inc. 765
6. IDX Corporation 752
7. Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc. 735
8. Visiting Nurses Association 730
9. General Dynamics Armament Systems Co. 500
10. Huber + Suhner 450



¹Vermont Department of Employment and Training, *The Vermont Labor Market Quarterly*, July 2003

²Vermont Department of Employment and Training, *Labor Market Bulletin*, Fourth Quarter 2002

³Vermont Business Magazine, *Book of Lists, 2002-2003*, and *Manufacturers Directory*, June 2003

Per Capita Income Data¹

	<u>Chittenden County</u>	<u>State of Vermont</u>	<u>United States</u>
1991	\$21,267	\$18,171	\$20,023
2001	\$34,480	\$28,756	\$30,413

2002 Average Annual Wage in Dollars²

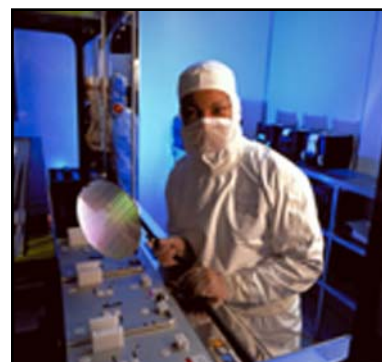
	<u>Chittenden County</u>	<u>State of Vermont</u>
Natural Resources & Mining	23,320	26,140
Construction	38,497	32,821
Manufacturing	56,222	42,860
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	28,042	27,690
Information	43,343	35,786
Financial Activities	47,770	41,590
Professional & Business Services	40,032	36,494
Education & Health Services	33,377	29,774
Leisure & Hospitality	14,259	14,689
Other Services	25,337	22,538
Government	37,477	33,196

Providing a Trained Workforce for Industry

Vermont's labor force is one of the state's most important and reliable assets, and the traditional image of the hard-working Vermonter is no myth. Industriousness, dependability, ingenuity and self-motivation continue to be respected qualities of Vermont's workforce.



A wide variety of manufacturing skills is already available. Chittenden County's labor force is employed in virtually every type of industry — electronic circuitry and components, software, printing, complex instruments, large machine tools, chemicals, plastics, food products, and stone, wood and lumber products, among others.



¹U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Annual State Personal Income, April 2003

²Vermont Dept of Employment and Training, 2002 Employment and Wages, September 2003

Chittenden County Schools

The Chittenden County region, with over 50 public schools, including two technical centers, boasts one of the highest quality education systems in the State of Vermont and the nation.

Facts On K-12 Education



<u>Supervisory District</u>	<u>Fall '02 Enrollment¹</u>	<u># of Schools</u>
Burlington*	4,088	12
Chittenden Central*	3,414	7
Chittenden East	3,091	9
Chittenden South	4,442	6
Colchester	2,243	5
Essex Town	1,454	3
Milton Town	1,860	2
South Burlington	2,639	5
Winooski	844	2
Total	24,075	51

Private/Parochial Schools: 13 elementary/middle schools, four secondary schools.

School Year: Starts just before Labor Day and ends in the middle of June.

Vermont Schools Lead the Way

Vermont is well known throughout the United States as a leader in education reform and in setting and assessing high academic standards.

Performance levels at Vermont schools have improved as a result of the adoption of the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities in 1996.

The Framework sets rigorous academic standards and clarifies the expectations of both educators and students while identifying and encouraging the acquisition of certain essential skills and knowledge among Vermont students. *Success-by-Six*, a state-funded preschool program for four- and five-year-olds, offers a variety of educational and recreational opportunities, parenting workshops (including literacy services), transition planning, and early education, and helps link families to local pediatricians.



¹Includes Technical Education Programs

¹Vermont Department of Education, *Elementary/Secondary Public School Enrollment (2002)*

Partnerships with Education

The **Lake Champlain Workforce Investment Board (LCWIB)** is the managing board for the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce's Education and Training Division. The LCWIB works to identify workforce needs and emerging markets in the community and create partnerships with education and training resources to help meet those needs.

An **Adult Education Council (AEC)** representing state agencies, service providers, higher education, nonprofit education and training organizations in the community, provides leadership for the coordination and seamless delivery of core educational services to adults. The group also supports co-location strategies like the Chittenden County One-Stop Career Resource Center at the Vermont Department of Employment & Training.

A vision to establish a stand-alone **Regional Technical Academy** for grades 9-12 emerged as a result of five years of planning by community members interested in expanding technical education opportunities in our region. The proposed academy will consolidate two existing technical centers and offer an intensive, integrated curriculum, providing opportunities for high school students and adults to explore careers and achieve their full potentials. It will also provide expanded connections to higher education through articulated post-secondary partnerships, registered apprenticeships, certifications and licenses. In addition, students will be given work-based learning opportunities in the community to reinforce skills learned in the classroom. It is anticipated that the school will begin to offer programs for students in grades 11, 12 and adults at a newly renovated site in Essex, Vermont as early as Fall 2005.



The **School-to-Work** initiative helps young people think about and prepare for their futures, strengthening their ability to pursue meaningful careers that are both economically and personally fulfilling. This results in a stronger workforce and effective educational systems that benefit the entire community. Activities include job shadowing, internships, company tours, mentoring, hands-on learning in the classroom, career fairs, guest speakers, dual enrollment in college, and work-based learning.



In 2003, **Linking Learning to Life, Inc. (LLL)**, a newly formed non-profit organization was established to consolidate efforts, manage, and support all school-to-work activities in our region. The Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce is a key partner and is represented on the LLL Board of Directors. The Chamber facilitates a strong connection between LLL and the business community.

Learn to Earn is a "career bound" education initiative that connects students to future careers in high-tech, manufacturing and value-added businesses. Learn to Earn is designed to encourage high school students to enroll in higher level math, science and technology courses that will help prepare them for the increasing number of high-tech and manufacturing jobs within the State of Vermont. Learn to Earn also helps create a greater awareness about the exciting career opportunities that exist in local companies and encourages students to consider entering these careers.

Chittenden County Higher Education

Full-Time Undergraduate Students, Fall 2002

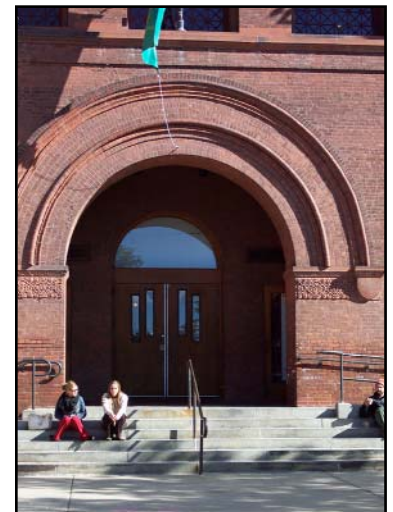
<u>School</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>
University of Vermont	7,601
Saint Michael's College	1,955
Champlain College	1,567
Community College of VT	1,440
Burlington College	140
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Total	12,703



The Greater Burlington area has five higher education institutions, among some of the best in the country. These schools enhance the quality of life in the state, and also provide jobs and contribute to the local economy. The University of Vermont (UVM), the Community College of Vermont (CCV), and three private colleges (Burlington College, Champlain College, and Saint Michael's College) offer a wide variety of programs for traditional students as well as adult learners. For adults, credit and non-credit campus-based courses are supplemented by courses offered via satellite, computer, and Vermont Interactive

Television. Site-based courses are offered at IBM and other businesses. Chittenden County's higher education institutions offer high quality cultural and arts programming for the public as well. The college libraries share many valuable resources with the community, including inter-library loans, UVM's Special Collections, state-of-the-art computer and Internet access and hundreds of hours of volunteer services.

Situated in what was recently ranked one of the best college towns¹, the **University of Vermont** (www.uvm.edu) was founded by Ira Allen in 1791, UVM is the fifth oldest university in New England. The school offers seven undergraduate schools and colleges, more than 90 academic programs, five pre-professional options, a highly regarded medical school, and 2,018 courses each year. UVM retains much of the spirit and atmosphere of a small college and has attracted \$117 million for research and research-related activities. The College of Medicine receives about \$50 million for research in heart disease, cancer, and other areas. As an integral part of Fletcher Allen Health Care, UVM's medical faculty offer excellent care to the area's citizens. In 2001, Fletcher Allen began construction of a new Ambulatory Care Center and joint Education and Conference Center with the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington. This multi-year project promises to bring together patient care, education, and research in a truly integrated health sciences campus, marking a renaissance for the academic medical center. Research done at UVM's Applied Biotechnology Center and the Northeast Dairy Foods Research Center creates new jobs and an enhanced economy.



¹Outside Magazine, September 2003.

One of the best schools at which to pursue a Masters degree¹, **Saint Michael's College** (www.smcvt.edu) is a Catholic liberal arts college committed to creating a life-changing educational experience for students from throughout New England, the nation, and the world. Saint Michael's involves its approximately 2,000 undergraduate students in an on-campus residential community characterized by lifelong volunteer service, global perspectives and exceptional teaching in traditional arts and sciences as well as contemporary fields of study. Situated on 440 scenic acres overlooking Burlington and Lake Champlain, the Saint Michael's community is further enriched by approximately 600 graduate students and 200 international students in the College's School of International Studies, one of the nation's oldest intensive English language institutes. Saint Michael's is home to Greater Burlington's only Actor's Equity professional summer theater, the Saint Michael's Playhouse, and also to the Elley-Long Music Center, headquarters for the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association and rehearsal and performance space for the Vermont Mozart Festival.



Champlain College (www.champlain.edu) The first choice for motivated students with professional goals at home and abroad, Champlain was founded in 1878. The private college offers four-year degrees in 24 fields, all with an embedded two-year degree. Ninety-six percent of these majors offer internship opportunities, many within the first two years of college. Champlain is designed to react quickly to changes in the marketplace and offers the most up-to-date

courses to its students. The newest Bachelor's degree programs include Professional Writing, Hospitality Industry Management, International Business, e-Business & Commerce, Computer Information Systems, and Software Engineering. In the fall 2002, Champlain began offering a Master of Science in Innovation and Innovation Technology. Champlain College online offers distance learning as well as degree programs via the Internet to students throughout the United States and the world.

Community College of Vermont (www.ccv.edu) Vermont's only community college, CCV serves students of all ages and backgrounds at 12 locations throughout Vermont, and online, with convenient, affordable, first-rate courses and degree programs. CCV's Burlington facility, located in downtown Burlington, offers nearly 300 courses in a wide range of subjects each semester with the lowest tuition of any college in the state. Small, interactive classes are taught by over 150 professionals from the community. CCV offers 19 Associate's degree programs, as well as career-oriented certificates. In 2002, CCV added several new degree programs, including an Associate's degree in the performing arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees in Computer Network Administration, Massage, and Opticianry.



Burlington College (www.burlingtoncollege.edu) A small, friendly school in a small, friendly state, Burlington College continues its 30-year tradition of emphasizing individualized education and community involvement with its progressive liberal arts curriculum. Its unique educational philosophy appeals to the broad interests of a highly diverse student body and focuses on small, participatory

classes and self-directed learning.

¹*U.S. News and World Report, August 2003*

Business and Industrial Locations

The Greater Burlington area offers



Developed and undeveloped **sites** from 1-200 acres • Modern **manufacturing facilities**, shell buildings, and **office space** ready for sale or lease to meet a spectrum of business needs • A state-of-the-art **telecommunications infrastructure** with broadband, DSL, wireless, and satellite connectivity.

Foreign-Trade Zone No. 55

Foreign Trade Zone No. 55 is located in the Greater Burlington Area. Considered outside U.S. Customs territory, foreign products can enter trade zones duty free. The foreign merchandise may be combined with U.S. content under the supervision of the U.S. Customs Service, and U.S. duty on the foreign merchandise portion is paid only if the finished product is shipped into U.S. Customs territory. Substantial cost savings can be realized for businesses in manufacturing, assembling or processing goods within the zone, as the user enjoys foreign-soil status while employing domestic labor, capital and technology.



Economic Development Financing

The Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC) provides a package of financial incentives designed to stimulate growth at qualifying businesses throughout the state. Businesses may request approval of three out of five of the following tax credits: payroll, research and development, workforce development, export, and capital investment. Other incentives administered by VEPC include property tax stabilization agreements, certain sales and use tax exemptions, a construction in progress property tax exemption, a Brownfields tax exemption, high-tech company tax credits, and sustainable technology business tax credits.



The Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) provides a variety of financing programs to suit specific projects, including below market rate direct loans to businesses for the purchase of land, purchase or construction of buildings and the acquisition of machinery, and equipment for use in an “eligible facility.” VEDA

may make loans up to 40% of the cost of the project. Also available are Industrial Revenue Bonds to provide funds for the acquisition of land, buildings and/or machinery, and equipment for use in a qualified “manufacturing facility.” Other sources of funding are provided by the federal government through the Community Development Block Grant program and Small Business Administration 504 program financing. Local banks headquartered in Burlington, as well as branches of other Vermont banks, participate actively in support of industrial development.

Energy - An Ample Supply

Vermont currently enjoys an abundant and diverse energy supply capacity. Electricity is provided by Green Mountain Power Corporation and Central Vermont Public Service, as well as several municipal utility companies and electric cooperatives. The Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, located on the Connecticut River in the extreme southeast corner of the state, has a generating capacity of 550 Megawatts. Natural gas is readily available in the northwestern section of the state from Vermont Gas Systems, whose residential and business rates are among the lowest of the major gas companies in New England.

Getting to Vermont and around the Burlington region



A relatively small area, the geographic thoroughfare between eastern U.S. and Canada, popularity as a year-round tourist destination, and increasing attractiveness to high tech businesses and industry have contributed to the creation of an efficient statewide total transportation network. Road, rail, air, and waterborne transport of people and goods are constantly being improved to keep the Greater Burlington area in easy touch with the world.

Air Travel

The third most traveled airport in New England, Burlington International handles over 550,000 passengers annually. The 24-hours-a-day Federal Airline Administration (FAA) operated control tower is equipped with the latest all-weather instrumentation providing professional guidance to commercial and general aviation alike. The NW/SE runway is 150' by 8,300' with high intensity approach lights; the N/S runway is 150' by 3,600'. This facility also complies with all FAA and Federal Transit Security Administration requirements for the highest level of security and safety at the entire facility. Direct service and international connections to and from major cities by United, USAirways, Continental, Delta, jetBlue, and Northwest. U.S. Customs and brokerage services located at the airport make Burlington an important gateway. Many major air cargo carriers are available here including Federal Express, UPS, and Airborne Express.

Road Travel

Interstate 89 is a toll-free highway spanning from the southeast to the northwest of Vermont. It connects with Interstates 91 and 93 to complete a multi-lane, multi-state network to New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. The northern leg of I-89 terminates at Canada, just 60 miles from Montreal. U.S. Route 7, a major north/south artery, links western Vermont with Massachusetts and Quebec and is connected to I-89 by I-189. U.S. Route 2 bisects Vermont westward to New York and eastward to New Hampshire and Maine. Road travel within the state is fast, comfortable, and breathtakingly beautiful. Numerous local and long-distance trucking companies are based in Chittenden County and overnight service is available to cities as far away as Washington, D.C., and Toronto, Canada. Greyhound/Vermont Transit connects Burlington to New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Canada.

Rail, Water & Local Travel

The Vermont Railway and the New England Central Railroad provide rail freight transport to Canadian, New England, and Albany-area markets, in addition to other North American regions. Containerized cargo received at port in Montreal, Boston, or New York is easily transported to the Burlington region via truck or rail. Amtrak runs its "Vermonter" daily from Chittenden County across New England to New York and Washington, D.C.

Public transportation via bus (Chittenden County Transportation Authority), consists of over a dozen inter-city and local routes connecting Burlington with South Burlington, Shelburne, Essex, Williston, Colchester, and Winooski. The Lake Champlain Transportation Company operates three passenger and vehicle ferry routes across Lake Champlain, two of which run year-round.

Taxes and Housing

Taxes

- No inventory tax. This tax has been eliminated in all Chittenden County communities.
- No county taxes.
- No corporate net worth tax.
- No service tax and no occupational tax.
- Low state sales tax at 6%. No sales tax on manufacturing equipment, packaging, or energy used in manufacturing.
- No sales tax on individual clothing items and shoes with a purchase price of \$110.00 or less.
- In 2003, the personal income tax is based on federal taxable income with five tax brackets (3.6%, 7.2%, 8.5%, 9.0%, and 9.5%), with a pass-through of the federal deduction for state income taxes and 40% exclusion of long-term capital gains.
- Rooms and meals tax at 9%.
- A corporate tax on Vermont net income only, graduated from 7.00% for under \$10,000 to \$22,615 plus 9.75% of excess over \$250,000 for Vermont income over \$250,000, with pass through of all federal tax benefits.

The Housing Market

Homes for urban, suburban or rural preferences can be found in the Greater Burlington area from \$100,000 to well over \$300,000, with luxury homes in higher price categories. In addition to resales, there is a healthy supply of new homes. Characteristics such as location, size, acreage, views, and amenities will impact the price. Condominiums and townhomes are also available, and one and two story designs have a wide price range, depending on size and location. Many communities include swimming pools, tennis courts and other facilities. The rental market in the Greater Burlington area is very strong, and ranges from apartments and condominiums to single-family homes.

Average Sale Price of Single Family Homes, June 2003

Community

Bolton	\$125,000
Burlington	\$218,044
Charlotte	\$551,860
Colchester	\$232,580
Essex Junction	\$200,269
Essex Town	\$249,273
Hinesburg	\$232,125
Huntington	\$168,600
Jericho	\$247,570
Milton	\$208,694
Richmond	\$214,754
Shelburne	\$320,928
South Burlington	\$271,341
St. George	\$178,000
Underhill	\$288,405
Westford	\$200,354
Williston	\$289,217
Winooski	\$148,211



Source: Lang Associates Realtors

Climate & Community

Climate

Extended periods of unusually high or low temperatures are uncommon. Lake Champlain, the western boundary of Vermont, and its lake effect tend to moderate temperatures by 10 degrees during colder months and extend summer weather far into the fall. Average dates for beginning and ending frost are October 3 and May 10, The mean growing season is 145 days.



Weather Statistics¹

Heating degree day units = 7,665 (2002)
 Cooling degree day units = 488 (2002)
 Snowfall = 81.6 inches (30 year average)
 Precipitation = 36.0 inches (30 year average)

Monthly Average Temperatures (30 year average):

	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>		<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>
January	18.0	26.7	July	70.5	81.1
February	20.0	29.1	August	68.2	78.3
March	30.9	39.8	September	59.4	68.9
April	43.7	53.4	October	47.7	56.6
May	56.6	67.6	November	37.2	44.2
June	65.6	76.1	December	24.8	32.4

Community Amenities

Medical

Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC), a teaching-research-tertiary care organization, is comprised of the Medical Center Hospital campus and University of Vermont Health Center campus in Burlington, and the Fanny Allen Hospital campus in Colchester.



Facts about FAHC

- Total beds: 562. Total medical staff: 700 physicians, 397 residents, and 1,200 registered nurses. Total Employees: 6,005.
- Serving a population of more than one million, FAHC includes 23 sites and more than 50 outreach clinics, programs, and services in Vermont and northern New York.
- The only fixed MRI facility in Vermont
- The Vermont Cancer Center is one of 41 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the nation
- The Academic Medical Center is one of 125 in the country; a premier in the Northeast
- The first Level I Trauma Center for adult and pediatric patients in the country



¹Source: National Weather Service at Burlington International Airport

Immediate area health care facilities:

- 733 licensed physicians in Chittenden County (many with individual practices)
- Health maintenance organizations
- VT/NH Regional Red Cross Blood Center



Religious Institutions

- Churches (107), including Protestant, Catholic, and others
- Synagogues (5)
- Mosques (1)



Media Services

- The Burlington Free Press, a Gannett daily and Sunday newspaper. Daily circulation, 49,192; Sunday, 60,512
- Numerous weekly and monthly newspapers, monthly business magazines, and business newspapers (Including Seven Days, The Vermont Times, Vermont Business Magazine, and The Champlain Business Journal).
- Public, private, and cable television stations
- Several FM and AM radio stations, and Vermont Public Radio
- Local Internet Service Providers (dialup, ISDN, DSL, and cable modem access)



Libraries

- University, college and community libraries

Conveniences

- Regional shopping centers, major department stores, varied and nationally known shops, local specialty shops
- Downtown pedestrian and enclosed shopping mall
- Downtown parking garages (over a thousand spaces) plus ample on-street parking
- Hotels/motels offering over 3,676 rooms and conference facilities
- Banks, including bank headquarters and numerous branch offices and ATM machines
- Day care centers, social and human service agencies, clubs, and civic organizations
- Over 200 restaurants offering menus in a variety of cuisines



Outdoor and Recreational Opportunities

Lake Champlain provides miles of beautiful shoreline and waterfront access. Canoeing, kayaking, sailing, wind surfing, scuba diving, fishing, and a range of water sports are very popular in the summer months. The spectacular fall foliage season offers weeks of outdoor enjoyment. Ice-skating and ice fishing are popular winter activities. Covering approximately nine miles on the Lake Champlain waterfront, the Burlington Bike Path offers great recreational opportunities like walking, biking, jogging, and inline skating. The waterfront area is also home to the popular new Burlington Skate Park designed for skateboarders, inline skaters, and BMX bikers. Mountain and lake resort areas are readily accessible. The

northern spine of the Green Mountains is a short drive from the Burlington area, including such mountain peaks as Mount Mansfield (4,393 ft.) and Camel's Hump (4,083 ft.), offering day hikes and overnight camping opportunities.

Year-round Activities

- State and local parks, forests and major recreation areas
- Indoor tennis/racquet sport facilities
- Health fitness facilities, including indoor swimming pools
- Flying/gliding
- Bowling
- Indoor ice and roller skating rinks
- Mountain climbing/hiking/rock climbing
- Indoor golf
- Indoor rock climbing

Fall/Winter Activities

- 9- and 18-hole golf courses (11)
- Leaf/foliage tours
- Hiking/camping
- Cross country skiing and snow shoeing
- Horseback riding and shows
- Ice fishing and boating
- Cycling and mountain biking
- Sleigh rides
- Boating and sailing
- Ice skating
- Fishing
- Downhill/alpine skiing (7 areas within 50 mi.)

Spring/Summer Activities

- Yacht clubs/marinas (14)
- Balloon rides
- Swimming
- Water skiing
- Windboarding, surfing & wakeboarding
- Scuba diving
- Lake cruises and charters
- In-line skating and skateboarding

Museum/Exhibits

- ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain
- Arts Alive
- Shelburne Museum
- Shelburne Farms
- Ethan Allen Homestead
- Lake Champlain Basin Science Center
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
- Birds of Vermont Museum
- Rokeby Museum
- UVM's Perkins Geology Museum
- UVM's Fleming Museum
- UVM's Francis Colburn Gallery

Cultural Activities

- Flynn Theatre for the Performing Arts, a gorgeous 1,453-seat art-deco treasure bringing the arts to the community for generations.
- The St. Michael's Playhouse, home to Greater Burlington's professional actor's equity summer theater since 1947.
- The Vermont Symphony Orchestra performs 45 to 50 full or chamber orchestra performances annually, as well as 100 ensemble or artist-in residence performances.
- Vermont Mozart Festival concerts offer world-renowned chamber artists in performing pieces composed by the masters.
- The Discover Jazz Festival brings Bourbon Street to Vermont and the city comes alive with a week of small and large performances.
- Champlain Valley Folk Festival, three days of the best of traditional folk music and dance.
- Hermann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria give weekly summer performances of equestrian ballet at their summer home in the Champlain Islands.
- The Lyric Theatre of Burlington, community theater at its best.
- The Lane Performing Artist Series offered by the University of Vermont brings world-class art to the campus stage.
- The Burlington Latino Festival, three days of celebration that unites people of diverse backgrounds to explore the rich Latino culture.
- The Vermont Stage Company offers the richness of internationally acclaimed plays right in our own backyard.

Festivals/Fairs

- Ben & Jerry's Outdoor Movie Festival
- Burlington Latino Festival
- Burlington Winter Festival
- Champlain Valley Fair
- Champlain Valley Folk Festival
- Intervale Farm & Garden Festival
- Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby
- Vermont Brewers Festival
- Vermont City Marathon and Relay
- Vermont Foodfest - The Green Mountain Chew Chew
- Vermont Hand Crafters and many other Craft Festivals
- Vermont International Film Festival
- Vermont Maple Festival
- Magic Hat Mardi Gras Parade and Block Party

