

# Chittenden County Municipal Legislative Breakfast

## December 13, 2016

### Agenda & Program

- 7:30 Registration, breakfast, and networking
- 7:50 Welcome – Chris Roy, CCRPC Chair
- 7:55 Introductions
- 8:00 CCRPC introduction and Highlighted Activities – Charlie Baker, CCRPC Executive Director
- 8:10 Water Quality Revenue
- 8:20 Regional Dispatch
- 8:30 Chittenden County/NWVT support for Vermont’s economy
- 8:40 Other items
- 9:00 Adjourn

# CCRPC Highlights

This is only a snapshot of CCRPC Highlights for 2016; for full details, view our 2016 Annual Report at [www.ccrpcvt.org/annual-reports](http://www.ccrpcvt.org/annual-reports)

- **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** | Celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016 at our Annual Meeting in June attended by over 80 representatives of municipal, regional and state government and produced a [50 year timeline](#).
- **New Website** | Launched our new website in spring 2016 which features many improvements to project pages, individual municipal pages, accessibility, and overall design and functionality. [www.ccrpcvt.org](http://www.ccrpcvt.org)
- **Supporting the STEM Industry Cluster & Young Families** | Examined these issues and produced a white paper that offers suggestions for work that can be undertaken by the CCRPC to help support the STEM economy and young families. [www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/economic-development](http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/economic-development)
- **All-Hazards Mitigation Plan** | Drafted the 2016-2021 [Chittenden County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan](#) along with individual Hazard Mitigation Plans for each municipality. These plans outline key municipal actions to address and mitigate against common hazards such as severe rainstorms and flooding.
- **Bike/Ped Plan** | Drafted the [Regional Bike/Pedestrian Plan](#) to identify and make recommendations for a comprehensive, connected, accessible and safe regional network for walking and biking in Chittenden County. Each stage benefitted from extensive public participation.

# CCRPC Highlights (cont.)

- **Clean Water Advisory Committee** | Formed a [Clean Water Advisory Committee](#) to oversee CCRPC activities and policy development regarding the Vermont Lake Champlain TMDL Plan and related programs.
- **Building Homes Together** | Together with Housing Vermont and Champlain Housing Trust, CCRPC launched the [Building Homes Together](#) campaign to increase housing supply in Chittenden County to 700 new homes each year with 20% being affordable.
- **Chittenden County Opioid Alliance** | Serving as the backbone organization for the [CCOA](#), a new initiative bringing together all parties to combat the opioid epidemic in Chittenden County.
- **ECOS Scorecard & 2016 Annual Report** | The [ECOS Scorecard](#) features over 90 indicators measuring how Chittenden County is doing with regard to its ECOS Plan goals, and is updated throughout the year with new data. The 2016 ECOS Scorecard & [Annual Report](#) will be released in January 2017.
- **2015 Smart Growth Result** | For the fourth year in a row, Chittenden County has exceeded its [ECOS Plan goal](#) of 80% of development occurring within planned growth areas. In 2015, of the total 655 residential units built in Chittenden County, 86% (561) were in areas planned for growth.

# Water Quality Funding

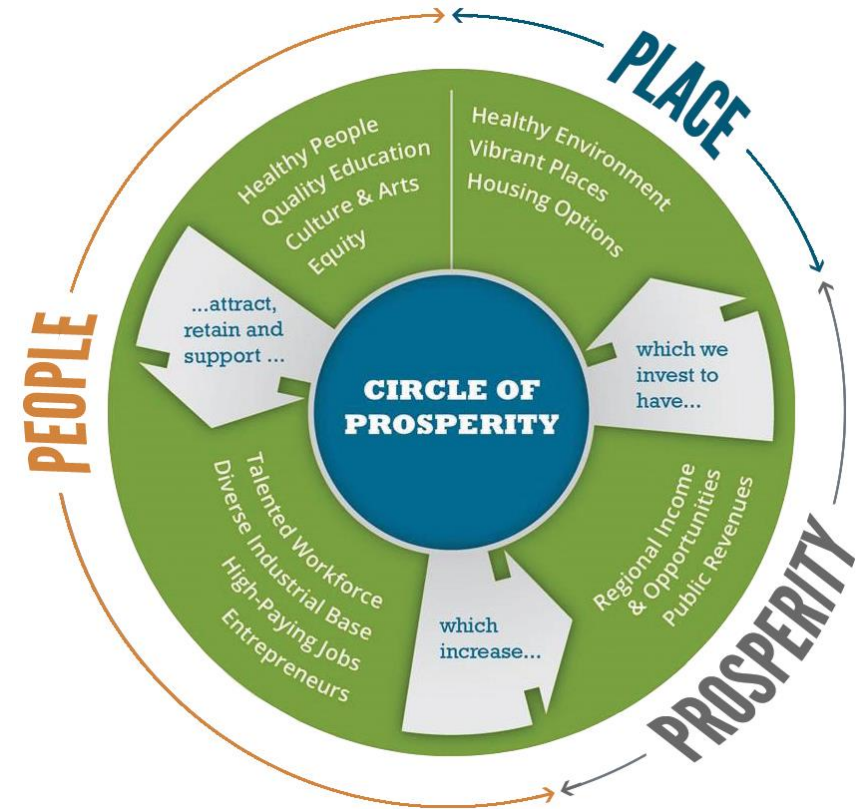
- It is important that this conversation have a state-wide perspective and not just focus on Lake Champlain.
  - There are significant funding gaps (\$68M/year) for municipalities and other regulated entities to achieve compliance. These compliance efforts will be most assisted by meeting a significant portion of the cost through statewide revenues. For municipalities, it would be helpful, as with many other funding programs like transportation, if the State could invest 80% or more in these efforts. This will allow for equal revenue raising statewide and decrease the amount of inequity amongst municipalities participating in raising sufficient revenue to implement what needs to be done.
  - Raising the majority of needed funding statewide will allow the State to best manage investments that have the “biggest bang for the buck.” This is important to most cost effectively meet our Clean Water objectives.
  - Please keep in mind that any municipal costs that are not covered by the State will still be borne by taxpayers at the municipal level, but probably in very unequal ways as some towns will move more fully ahead than others.
  - Most of these same issues apply to farmers and large landowners as we work to protect the unique landscape qualities of Vermont.
  - While we haven’t had full deliberation on the individual potential revenues, there is value in all property owners participating in this effort and in additional revenues that come from users.
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# Regional Dispatch

- Our municipalities are working on an implementation plan.
- There look to be real opportunities for improving service and containing costs (the consultant report will be available in February).
- Likely to seek State legislation to create a public safety communications authority.

# Chittenden Co/NWVT support for Vermont's Economy

- Continued investment in Chittenden County/NWVT is critical to further the financial health of VT's economy and government expenditures to support the social safety net, environmental protection, public services



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## Key Issues from GBIC:

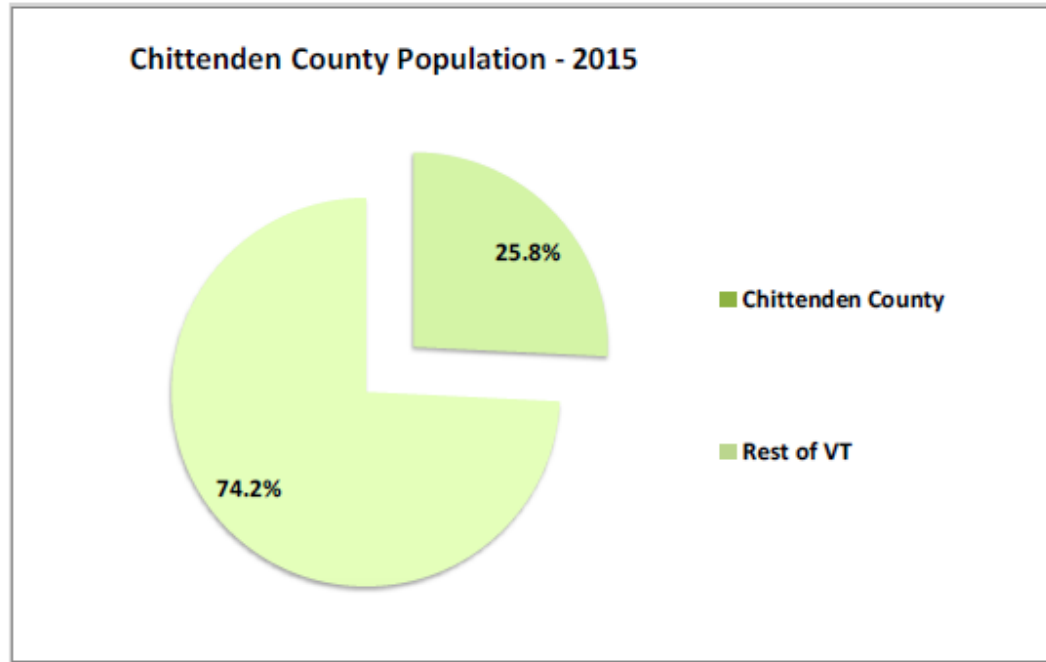
- Even at a time where capital is cheap, businesses do not appear to be engaging in 'sticks & bricks' growth, very little hiring - only one VEGI application in the last 19 months.
- VT businesses are growing more in other locations. Dealer.com not planning to grow here as recruitment is very challenging due to the cost of living. It is easier for them to recruit in Dallas, Salt Lake City and Kansas City due to a much lower cost of living.
- It is critical that we continue to invest in workforce development and incentivize growth because if we aren't growing in Chittenden County/NWVT that is bad news for the whole State.

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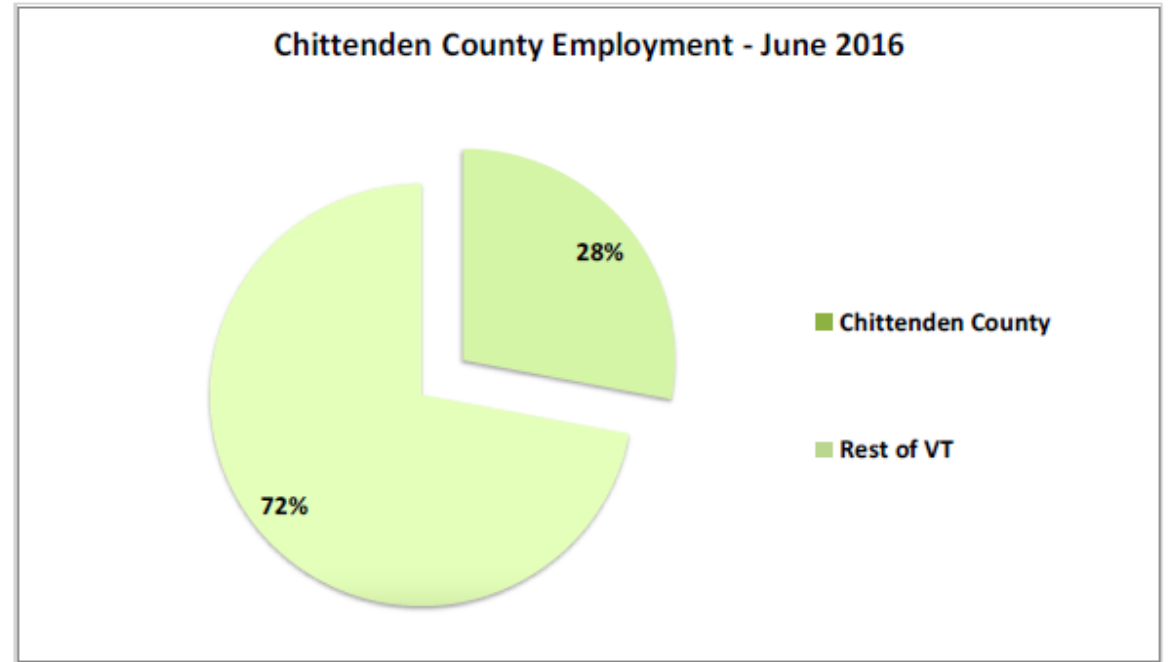
- There is a great sense of responsibility here to keep the economic engine growing.
- Some data follows. What other data would be helpful?



# Chittenden County Labor Force & Population

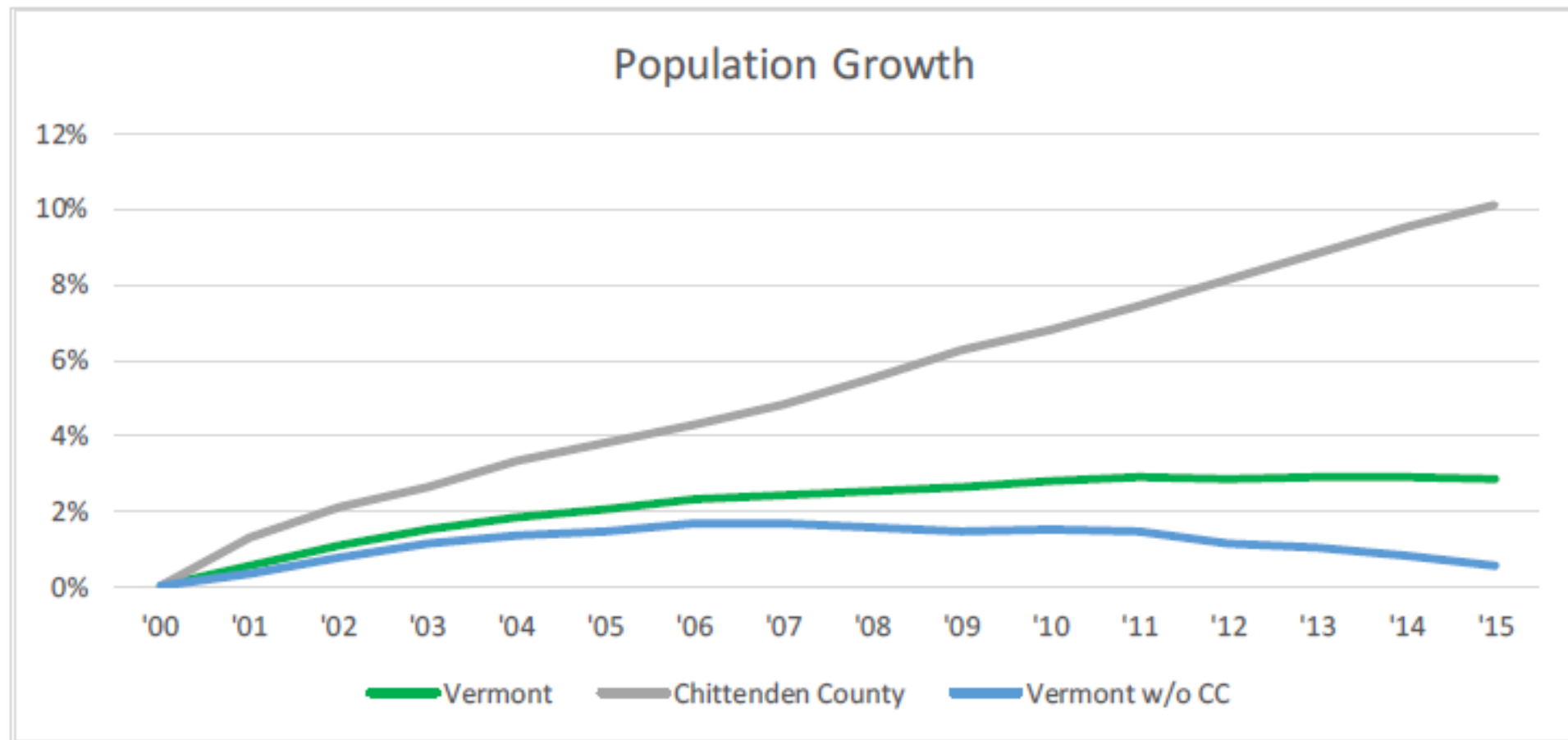


- Chittenden County is home to 161,382 Vermonters

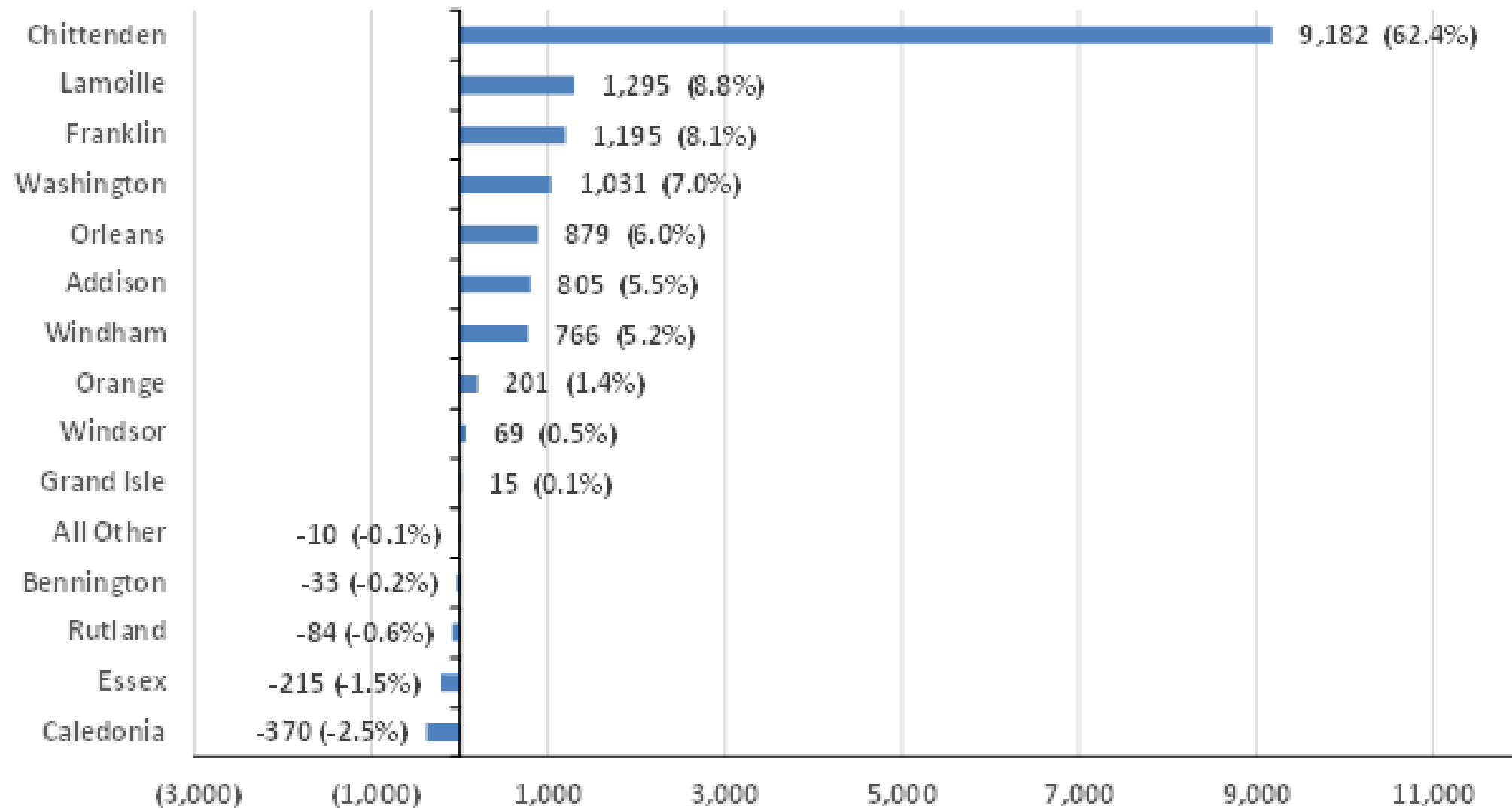


- 94,800 of the 339,050 employed Vermonters reside in Chittenden County

# Population Growth Breakdown



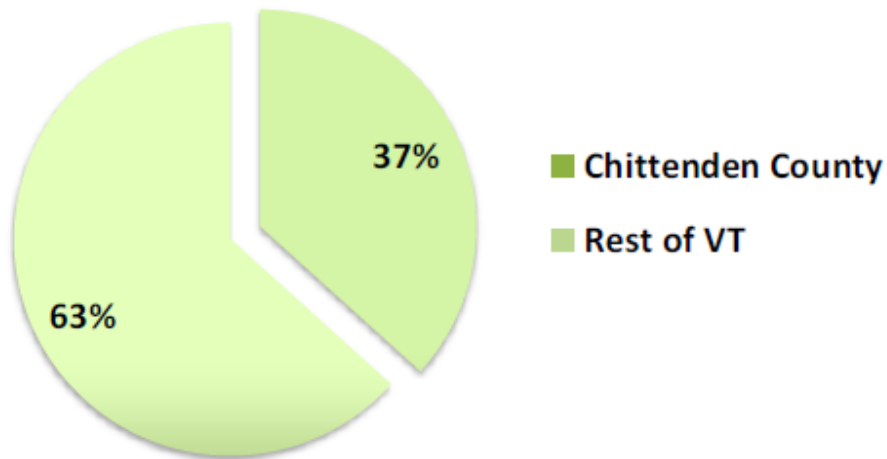
## Change in Total Payroll Jobs by County 2009-2015, with Percent of Total Statewide Payroll Job Change



Notes: 'All Other' consists of all employers not assigned to a specific location for various reasons.

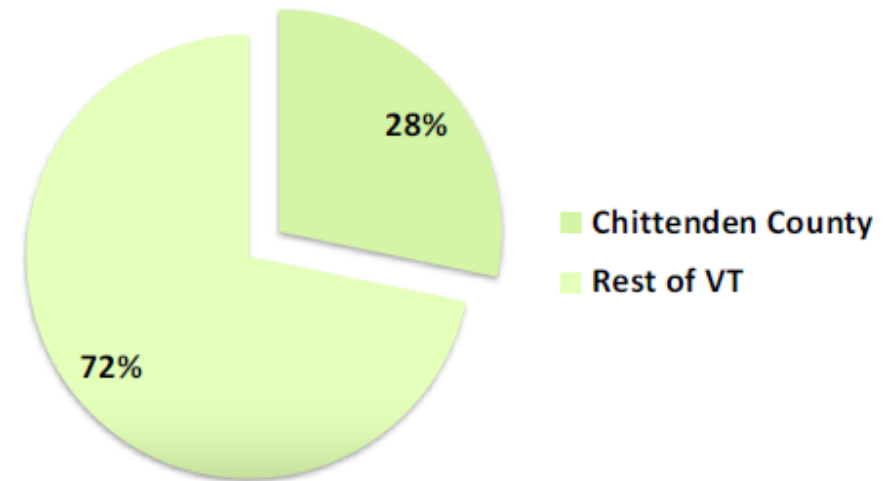
# Chittenden County Tax Contribution

Personal Income Tax Contribution - 2014



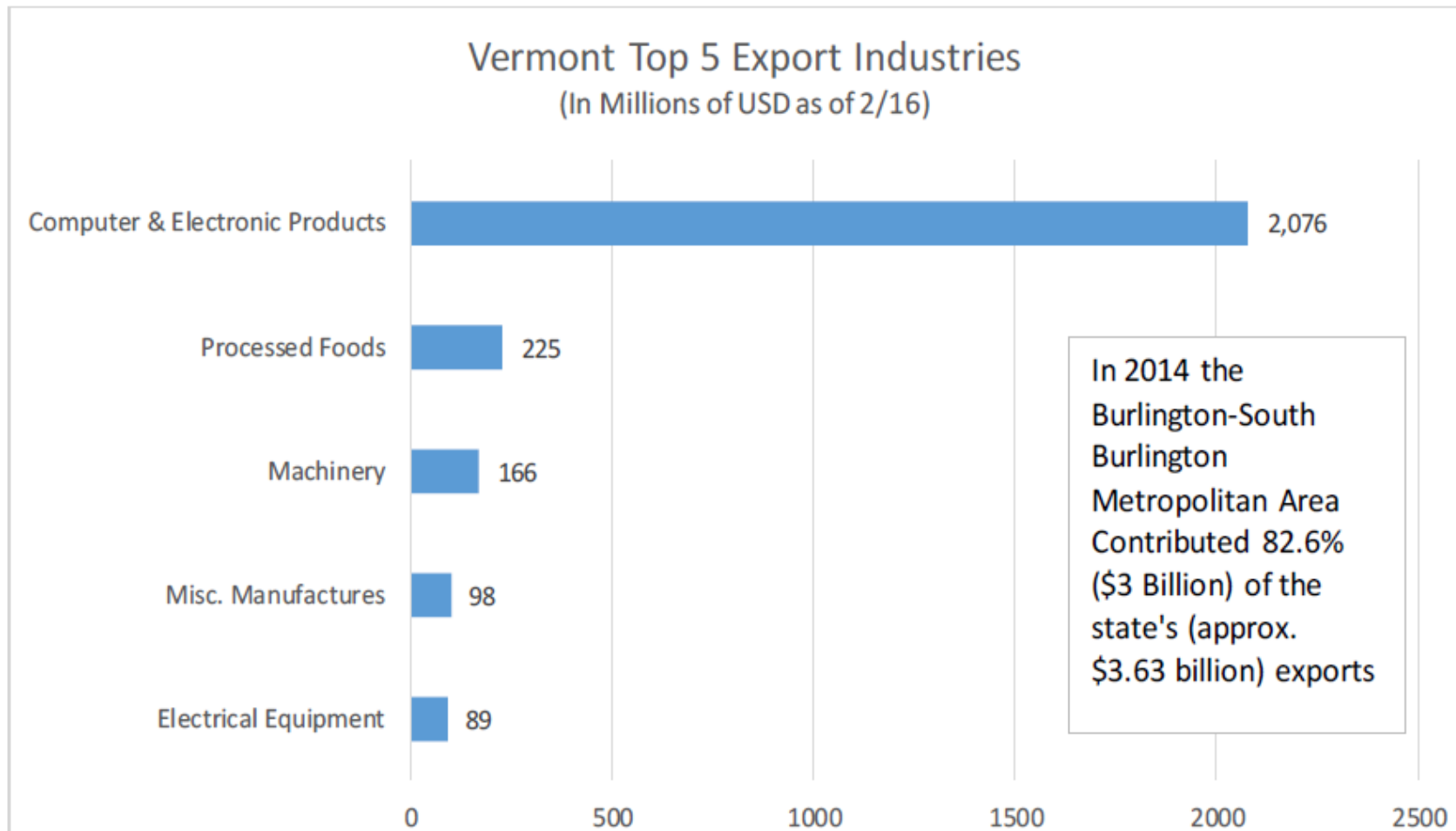
- Chittenden County contributed \$238,657,196 in personal income taxes

Retail & Use Tax Contribution - 2015



- Vermont collected \$4,328,884,375 in retail & use taxes, \$1,706,052,630 was contributed by Chittenden County

# Vermont Exports



# Thank you!

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