# 2014 PHYSICIAN CENSUS SUMMARY REPORT



#### **SUMMARY**

- There were 1933 physicians providing patient care in Vermont (1852 MDs and 81 DOs) in 2014.
- 38% (729) of the physicians were female, 62% male.
- 39% (763) have worked in Vermont less than 10 years, and 31% (605) have worked in Vermont 20 or more years.
- 32% attended medical school and/or completed residency training at the University of Vermont.

#### PRIMARY CARE

- 33% (636) worked mainly in primary care, including:
  - 15% (285) in family practice
    - 8% (163) in primary care internal medicine
    - 4% (68) in obstetrics and gynecology
    - 6% (120) in pediatric primary care
- There were 476.9 primary care Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) 76.1 per 100,000 population statewide

#### SPECIALTY CARE

67% (1297) worked mainly in specialty care:

- 5% (97) in anesthesiology
- 7% (130) in emergency medicine
- 5% (95) hospitalists
- 10% (192) in specialty internal medicine
- 9% (179) in psychiatry
- 5% (106) in radiology (including tele-radiology)
- 8% (149) in surgery (44 general, 67 orthopedic)
- 18% (349) other specialties (32 neurology, 43 ophthalmology, 55 pathology, 21 urology)

#### AGE OF PHYSICIANS

- Ages ranged from 28 to 89, with a median age of 50.
- In 7 of 14 counties, at least 35% of the primary care physicians were over age 60
- 24% of specialists were over age 60, including:

40% of psychiatrists

34% of neurologists

30% of ophthalmologists

30% of general surgeons

#### CHANGES OVER TIME: PRIMARY CARE

# As compared with the year 2004:

- There are 2 more primary care physicians, but 1.8 fewer FTEs.
- There was a net decrease of 10.2 FTEs in primary care internal medicine.
- Statewide, primary care FTEs per 100,000 population decreased, from 77.0 to 76.1.
- Outside of Chittenden County, primary care FTEs per 100,000 population decreased, from 72.3 to 71.4.

#### CHANGES OVER TIME: PRIMARY CARE

### As compared with the year 2010:

- There are 8 more primary care physicians, but 15.2 fewer FTEs.
- There was a net loss of 6.4 FTEs in primary care internal medicine.
- Statewide, primary care FTEs per 100,000 population decreased, from 78.6 to 76.1.
- Outside of Chittenden County, primary care FTEs per 100,000 population decreased, from 72.8 to 71.4.

#### CHANGES OVER TIME: SPECIALTY CARE

### As compared with the year 2004:

- There are 321 more specialty care physicians.
- Not counting radiology and pathology\*, there are 276 more specialists, and 180.0 more specialty care FTEs.
- FTE increases were especially large in hospitalists, anesthesiology, emergency medicine, and specialty internal medicine.

<sup>\*</sup> Many radiologists and pathologists practice via telemedicine, and FTEs cannot be determined

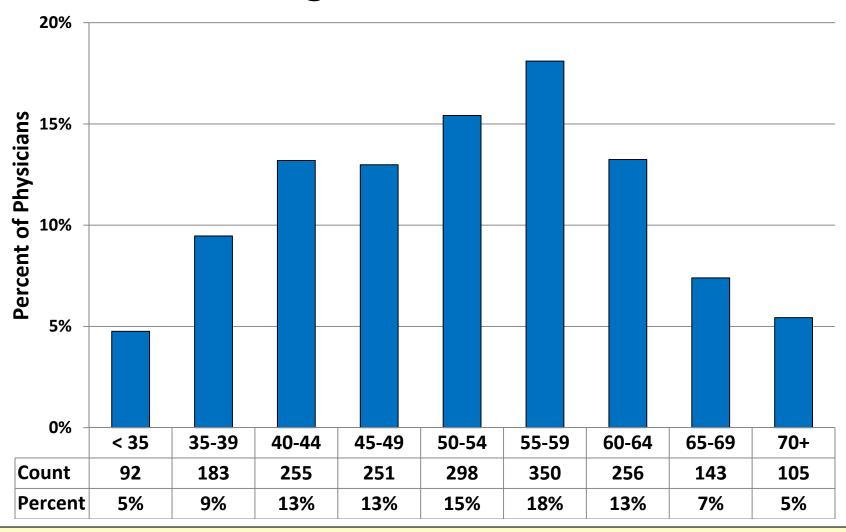
#### CHANGES OVER TIME: SPECIALTY CARE

### As compared with the year 2010:

- There are 48 more specialty care physicians.
- Not counting radiology and pathology\*, there are 81 more specialists, but 7.6 fewer specialty care FTEs.
- FTE decreases were especially large in psychology and general surgery.

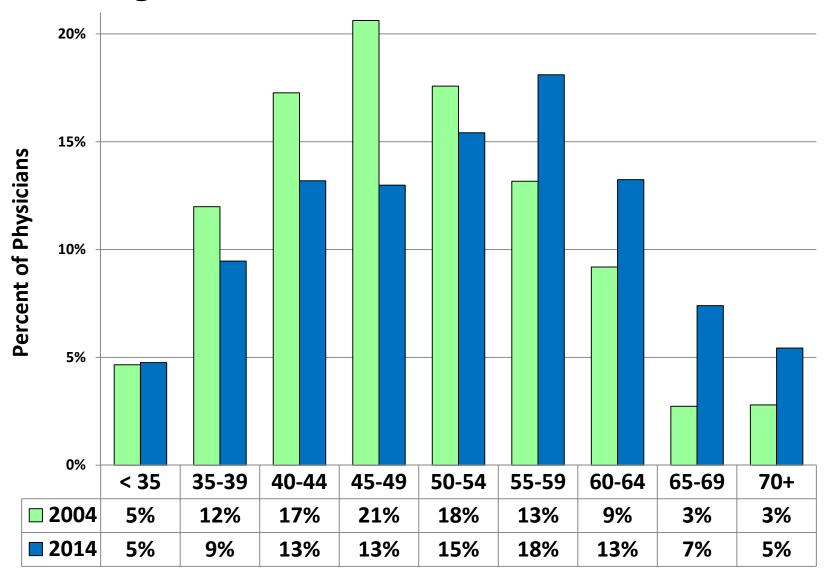
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# **Age Distribution**

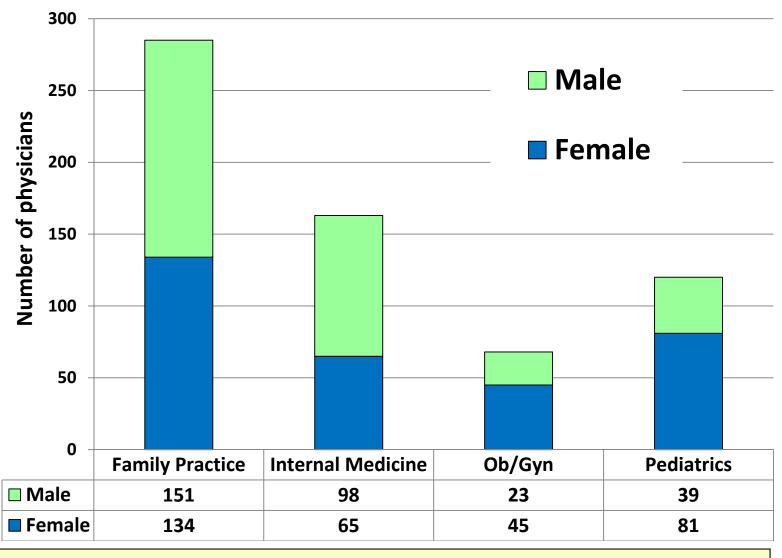


26% of all physicians are over age 60

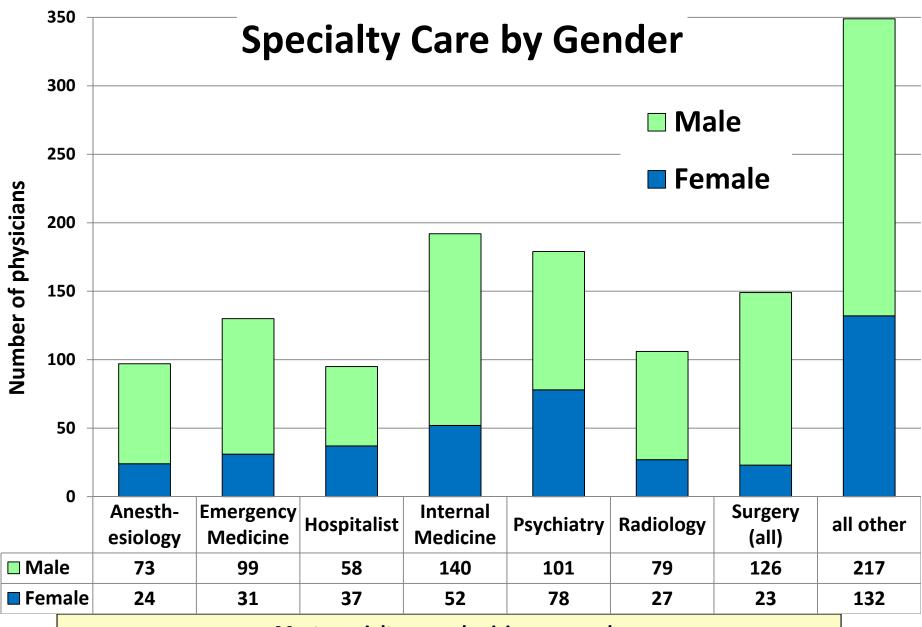
# Age Distribution Over Time: 2014 vs. 2004



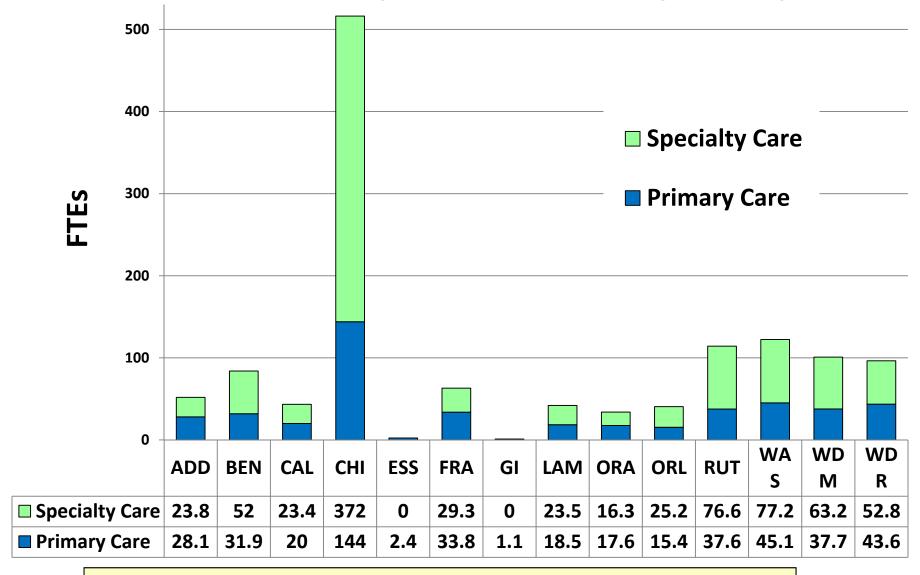
# **Primary Care by Gender**



68% of pediatricians and 66% of OB/GYNs are female

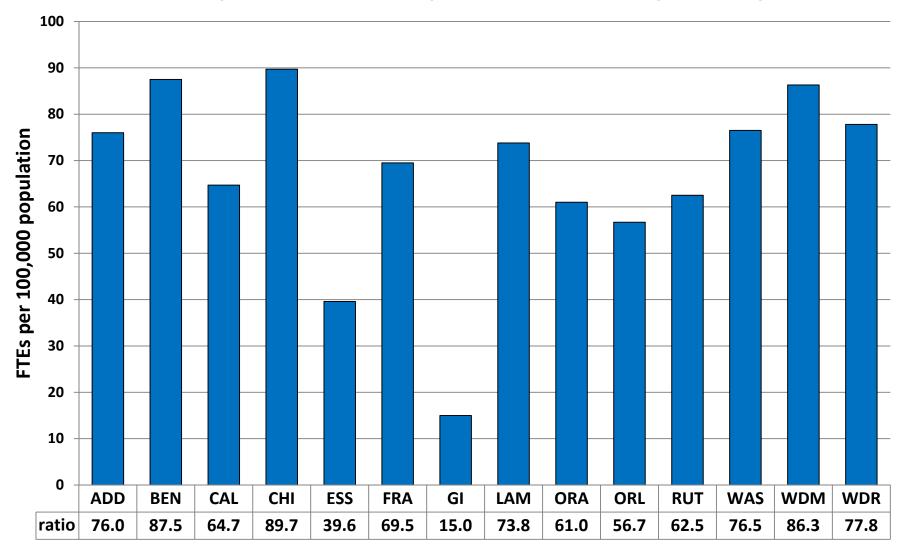


# **Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) by County**



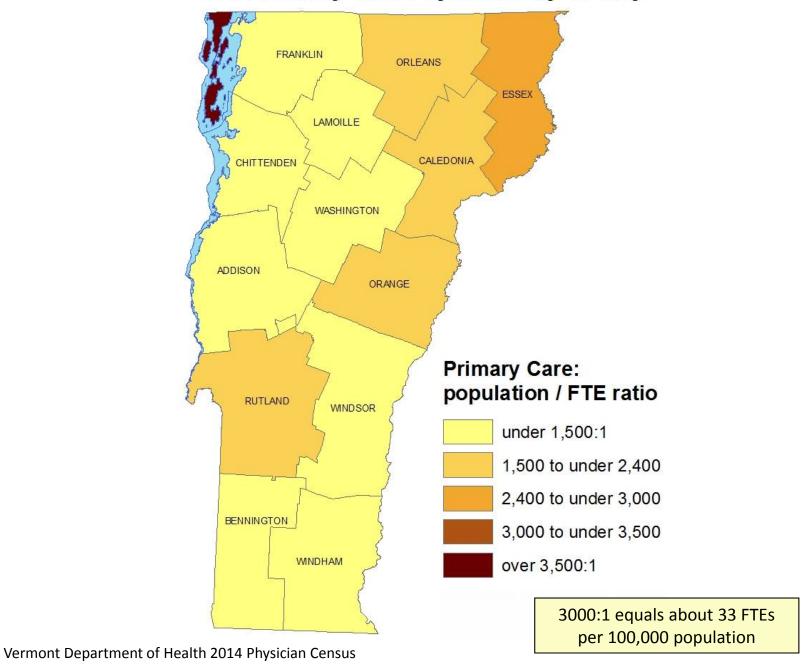
Physicians are highly concentrated in Chittenden County

#### **Primary Care FTE to Population Ratios by County**

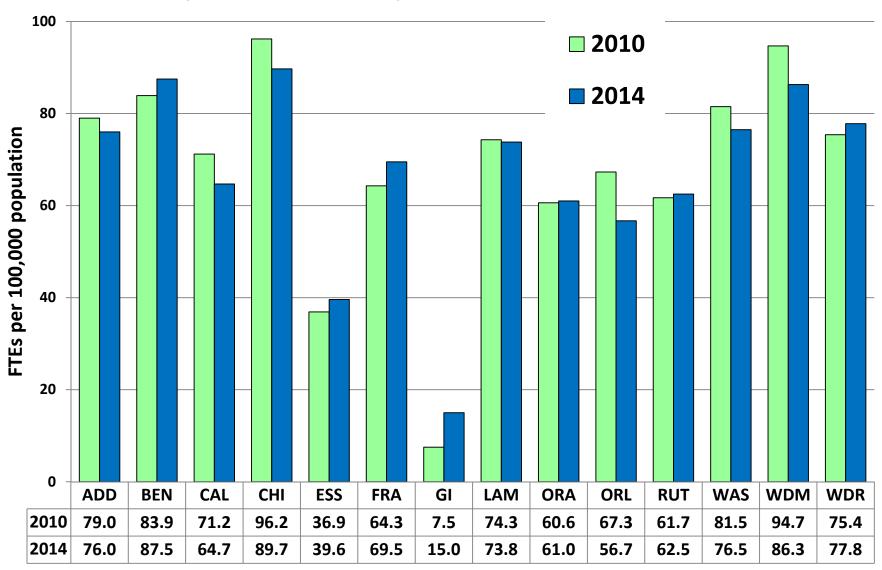


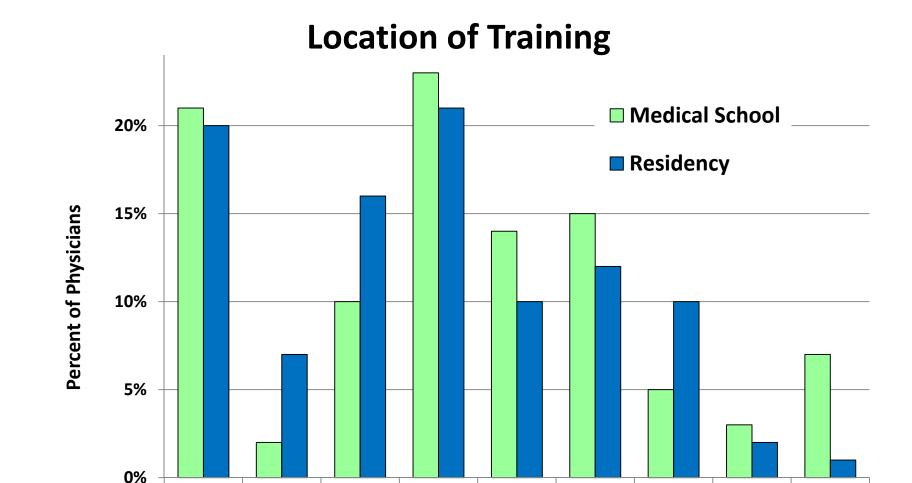
Several counties have a shortage of primary care physicians relative to their population

#### 2014 Primary Care Physicians by County



#### **Primary Care FTE to Population Ratios Over Time**





Foreign **England** Atlantic **Medical School** 21% 2% 10% 23% 14% 15% 5% 3% 7% Residency 20% **7**% 16% 21% 10% **12%** 10% 2% 1%

Mid

South

Central

West

Canada

New

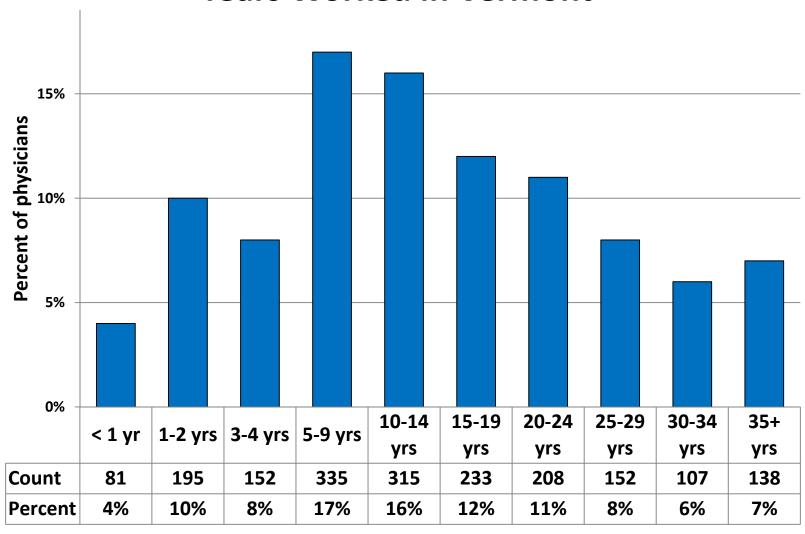
32% of physicians attended medical school and/or completed residency training at UVM

**VT** 

NH

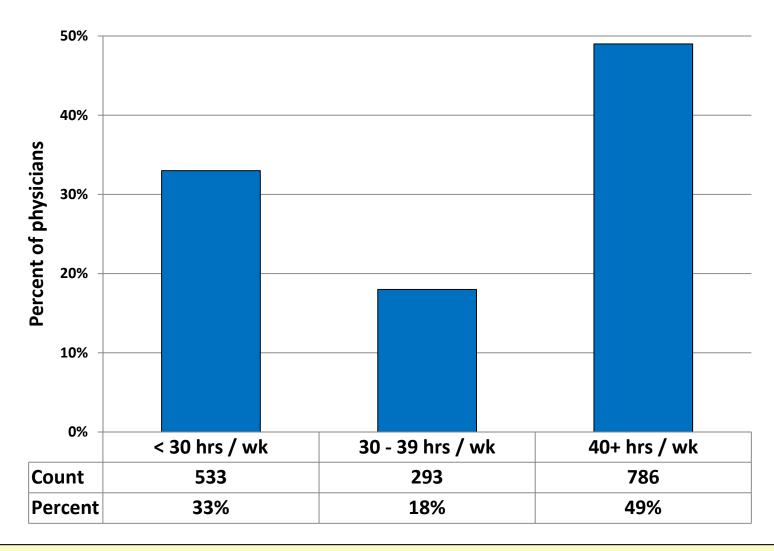
Other

#### **Years Worked in Vermont**



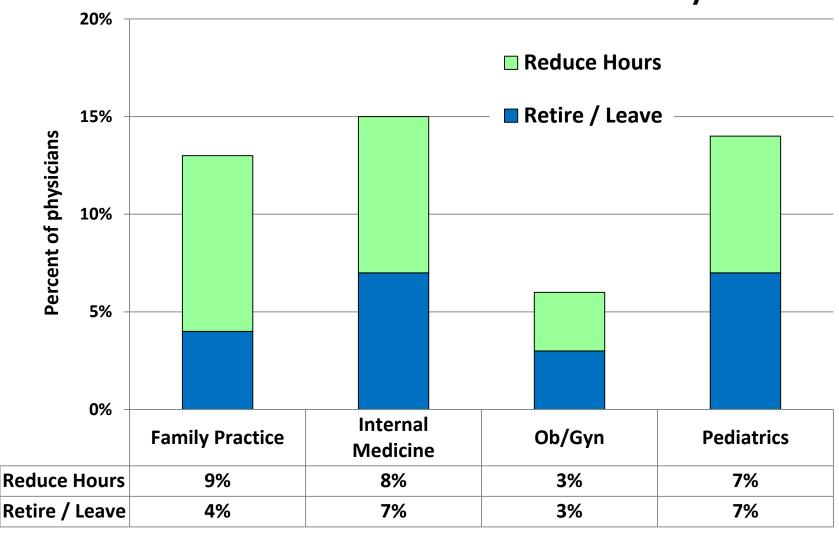
51% of the physicians have been in practice (anywhere) 20 years or more

#### **Patient Care Hours Per Week**

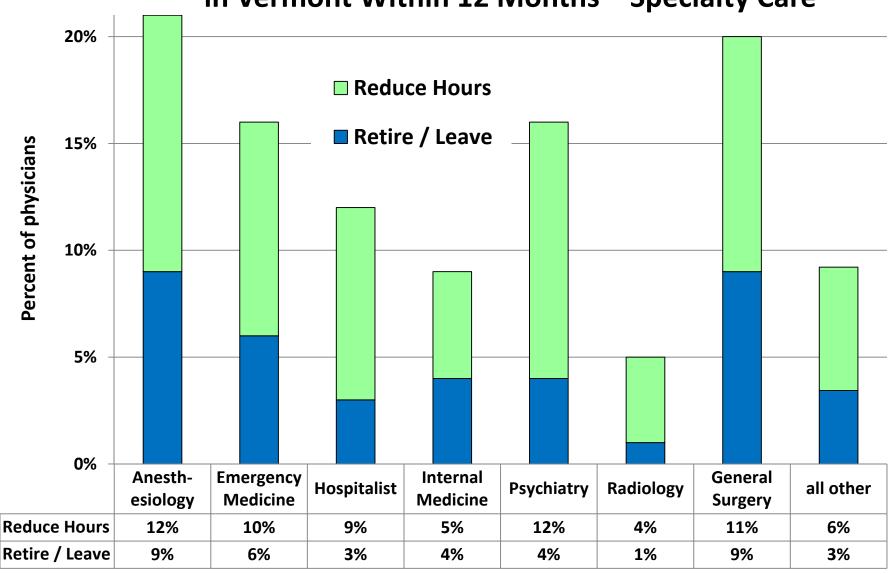


Average patient care hours per week: 34 overall, 27 for ages 65 and older. 48% of males, and 38% of females, provide patient care 40+ hours per week.

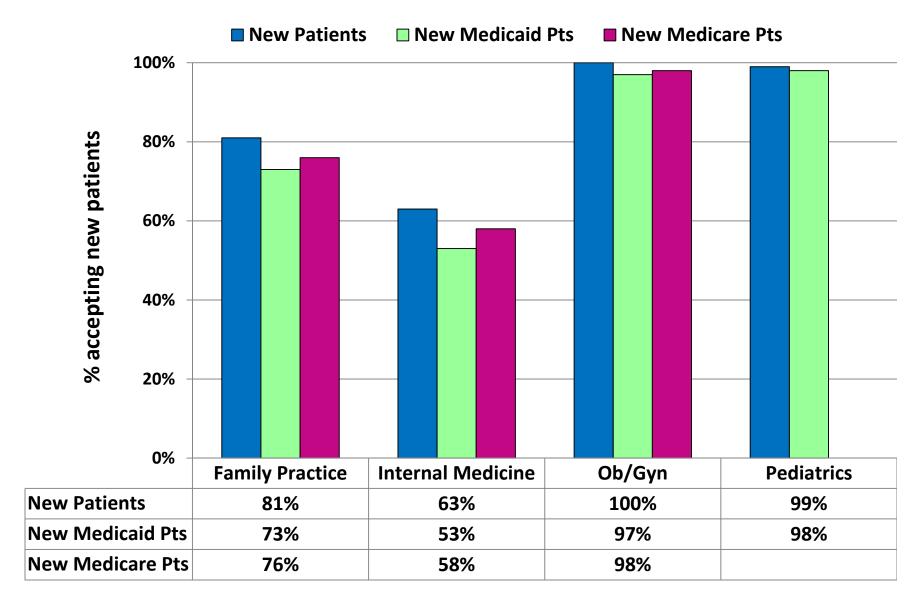
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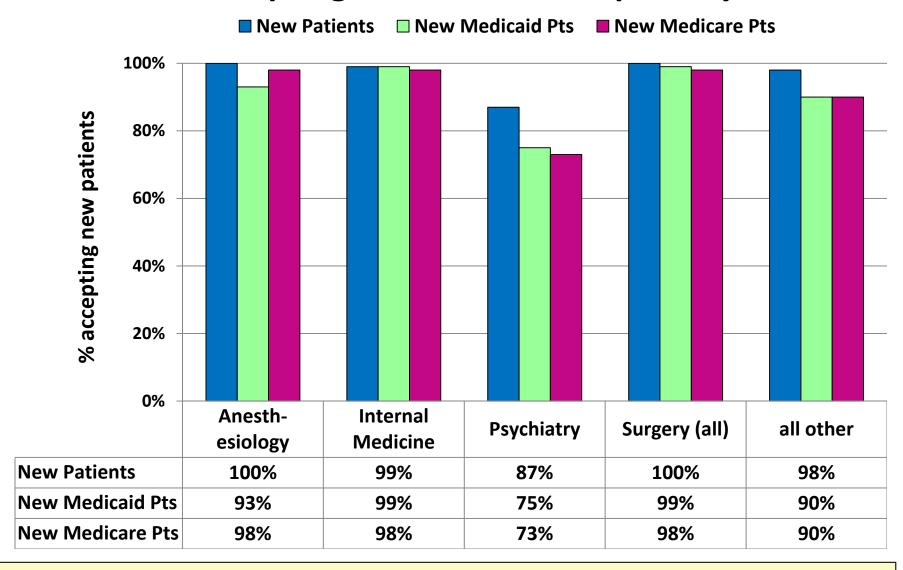
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# **Accepting New Patients – Primary Care**

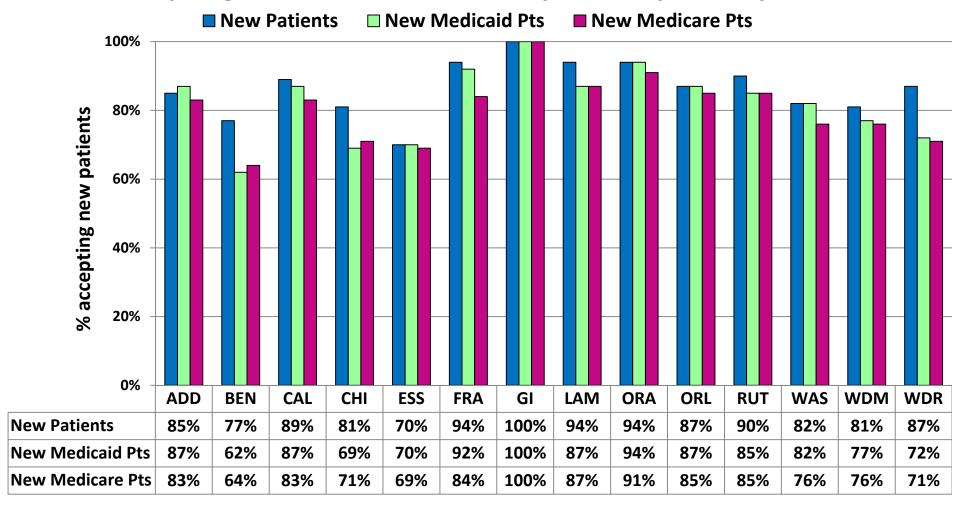


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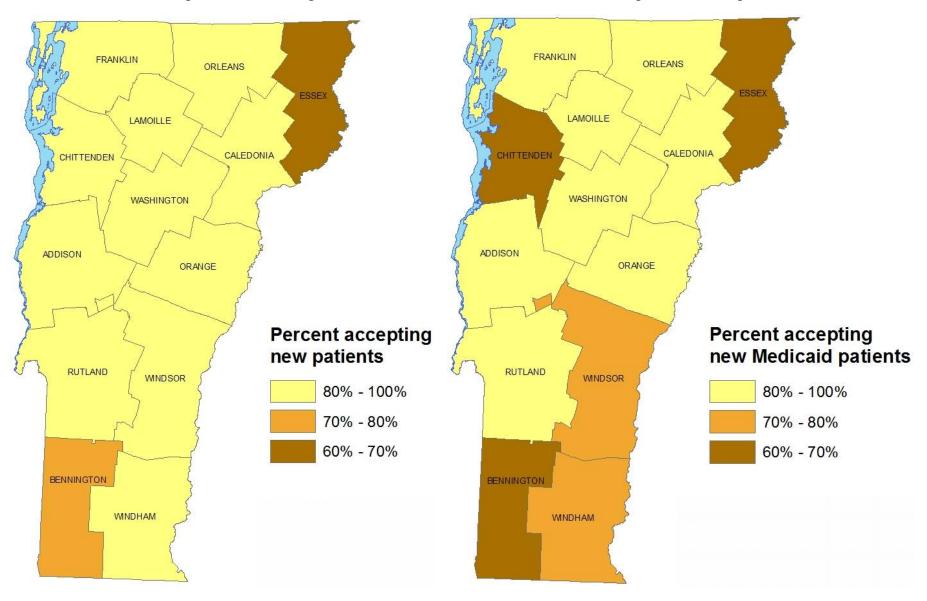


Office settings only. Emergency medicine, pathology and radiology excluded.

### **Accepting New Patients – Primary Care, by County**



# **Primary Care Physicians: New Patients, by County**



# Comparison of Selected Physician Data, 2000-2014

	2000	2004	2008	2010	2014
Total active * physicians	1480	1612	1833	1877	1933
Percent female	26%	29%	31%	33%	38%
Primary care physicians	585	634	634	628	636
% accepting new patients	80%	81%	80%	83%	82%
accepting new Medicaid patients	73%	70%	69%	72%	76%
accepting new Medicare patients	74%	71%	69%	69%	72%
Primary care physician FTEs	472.2	478.7	498.2	492.1	476.9
PC Internal Medicine FTEs	128.5	124.5	126.5	120.7	114.3
PC FTEs per 100,000 Population	77.6	77.0	80.2	78.6	76.1
Specialist physicians	895	978	1199	1249	1297
Specialist physician FTEs **	621.3	656.1	818.1	843.7	836.1

<sup>\*</sup> providing patient care in Vermont

<sup>\*\*</sup> FTEs not computed for pathology and radiology

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