

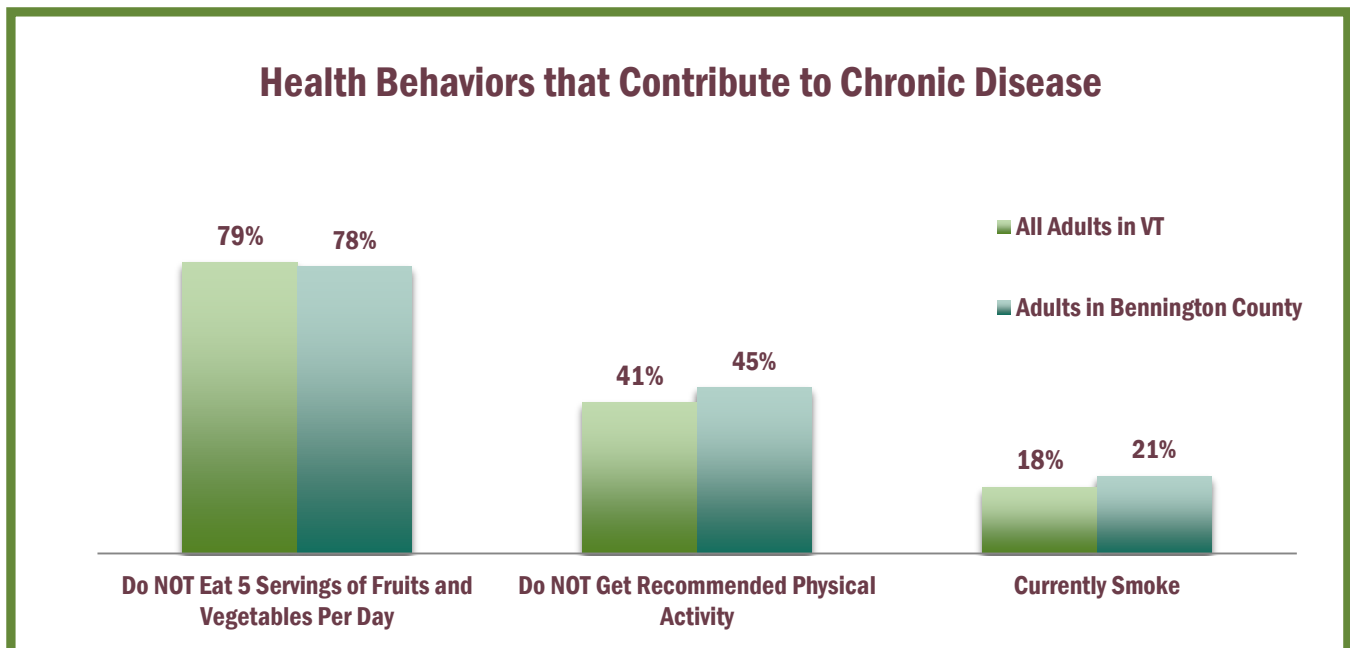
Chronic Disease in Bennington County



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 percent of Vermonters. This data brief compares these measures of all Vermont adults to adults living in Bennington County.

3 BEHAVIORS

Lack of physical activity, poor nutrition and tobacco use are three behaviors that contribute to the development and severity of chronic disease. More than three in four adults in Bennington County do not eat enough fruits and vegetables and less than half do not get the recommended amount of physical activity. One in five adults currently smoke. Bennington County adults are statistically similar to all Vermont adults in the three key health behaviors.



(*) notes statistical difference

Data Source: BRFSS 2011/13 and 2013/14

LEAD TO 4 CHRONIC DISEASES

- Nearly one in seven adults have been diagnosed with a lung disease.
- One in six have been diagnosed with diabetes or pre-diabetes.
- One in ten residents have been diagnosed with a cardiovascular disease or cancer.
- Bennington County has a higher rate of cardiovascular disease compared to all Vermonters.

RESULTING IN MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF DEATHS

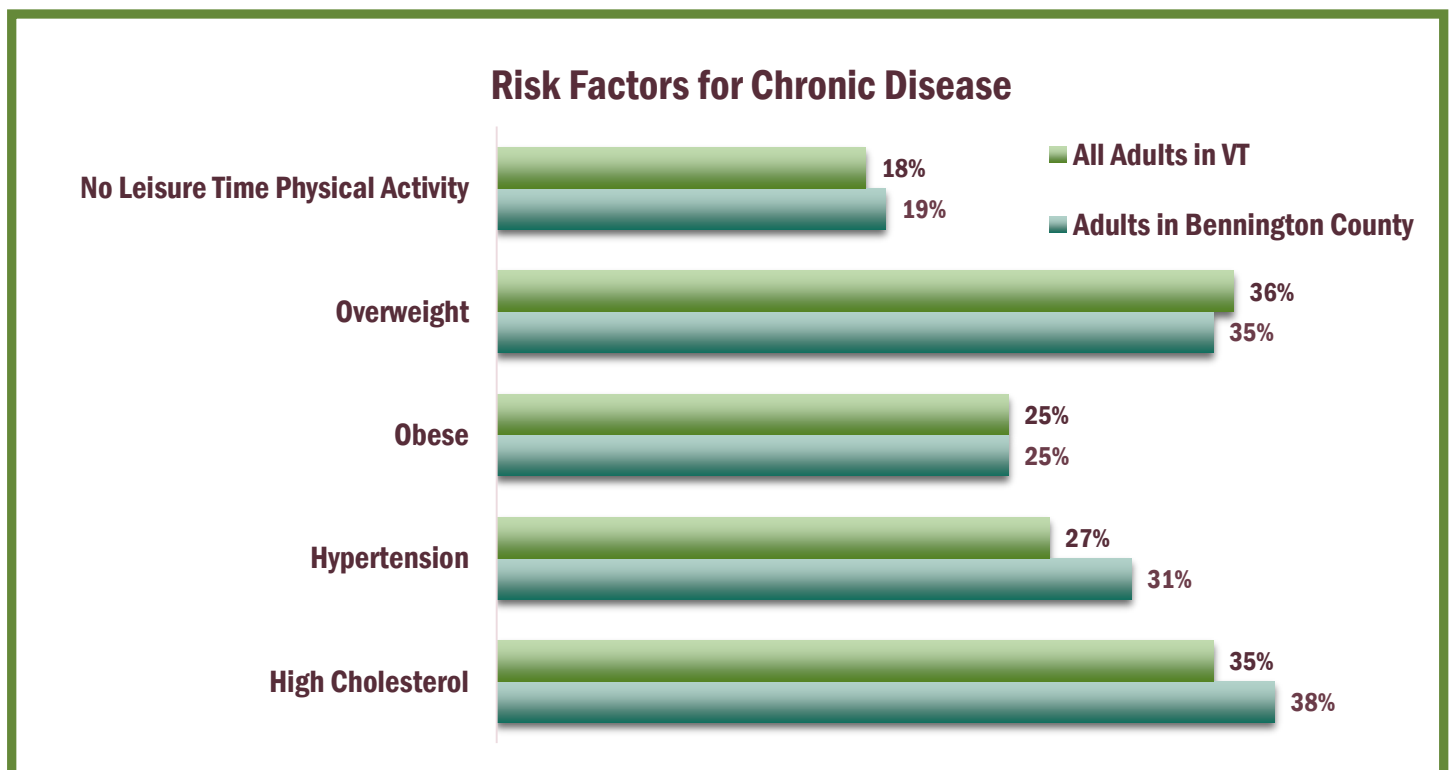
- In all, these four diseases account for 56% of Bennington County residents' deaths.

Chronic Disease	Vermont		Bennington County	
	% Adults Diagnosed	% of All Deaths	% Adults Diagnosed	% of All Deaths
Lung Diseases (Asthma/COPD)	15% (11%/6%)	6%	16% (13%/6%)	8%
Diabetes/Pre-Diabetes	13% (8%/6%)	3%	13% (8%/5%)	3%
Cardiovascular Diseases	7%	22%	11%*	20%
Cancer	7%	26%	10%	25%

(* notes statistical difference)

Note: Percentages for combined chronic disease prevalence account for Vermonters with dual diagnosis.

Data Source: BRFSS 2013/14
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