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 Franklin 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 four out of five adults in Franklin County do not eat enough fruits and vegetables (83%). Almost half (48%) do not get the recommended amount of exercise – a significantly higher proportion compared to all adults in Vermont. More than one in five Franklin County adults currently smoke (21%).

### Health Behaviors that Contribute to Chronic Disease

- **Do NOT Eat 5 Servings of Fruits and Vegetables Per Day**
  - All Adults in VT: 80%
  - Adults in Franklin County: 83%

- **Do NOT Get Recommended Physical Activity**
  - All Adults in VT: 40%
  - Adults in Franklin County: 48%*

- **Currently Smoke**
  - All Adults in VT: 17%
  - Adults in Franklin County: 21%

(*) notes statistical difference

Data Source: BRFSS 2013/15; 2015/17; and 2016/17

^Data are age-adjusted to the U.S. 2000 population
LEAD TO 4 CHRONIC DISEASES

• One in six Franklin County adults have been diagnosed with lung disease (17%) and 10% have ever been diagnosed with diabetes.

• Franklin County adults are more likely to report no leisure time physical activity (26%), obesity (36%), and drinking 1 or more sugary sweetened drinks a day (21%) than Vermont adults overall.

RESULTING IN MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF DEATHS

• In all, these four diseases account for 57% of Franklin County residents’ deaths.

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Risk Factors for Chronic Disease

- No Leisure Time Physical Activity^: 21% (26%*)
- Overweight^: 31% (35%)
- Obese^: 28% (36%*)
- Hypertension^: 26% (30%)
- High Cholesterol: 28% (31%)
- Drink 1+ Sugar Sweetened Beverages/Day: 17% (21%*)

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For more information on the data presented here, email 3-4-50@vermont.gov.