

# Church Planting Profile:

# **Burlington, Vermont**

**Summary:** Burlington is the educational and cultural center of Vermont and the state's largest city. Its population is white, young, educated, and leans strongly to the left politically. As a whole, the people of the state of Vermont are last in the United States in "regular" church attendance (tied with New Hampshire). The church in Burlington largely reflects the cultural and political character of the city.



*Downtown Burlington*

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### **Demographics:**

**City Population, 2007: 38,531**

*Pop. change: -0.7% since 2000*

**Metro. Population, 2000: 169,391**

#### **Racial Breakdown:**

<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	91.5%
<i>Two or more races</i>	2.3%
<i>Black</i>	1.8%
<i>Hispanic</i>	1.4%
<i>American Indian</i>	1.3%
<i>Vietnamese</i>	1.2%
<i>Other</i>	0.5%

**Median Age: 29.2 (37.7 Vermont)**

#### **Age Breakdown:**

<i>Age 15 and under</i>	13.6%
<i>Ages 15-24</i>	28.1%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	31.0%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	16.8%
<i>Age 65 and over</i>	10.5%

**Avg. Household Size: 2.2 people**

### **Economics:**

**Median Household Income, 2005: \$37,500**

**Median House/Condo Value, 2005: \$211,300**

**Unemployment Rate, 9/07: 3.8%**

**Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 94.6**

#### **Principal Non-Farm Industries, Metro. Area:**

<i>Trade/transport./utilities</i>	19.4%
<i>Government</i>	16.9%
<i>Education</i>	16.0%
<i>Manufacturing</i>	13.5%

#### **Largest Employers, Metropolitan area (1000+)**

<i>IBM</i>	6000
<i>Fletcher Allen Health Care</i>	4086
<i>University of Vermont</i>	3127
<i>Chittenden Corporation</i>	1208

### **Other:**

#### **Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)**

<i>High School or higher</i>	87.7%
<i>Bachelor's Degree or higher</i>	42.0%
<i>Graduate/Professional Degree</i>	15.6%

#### **Major Colleges and Universities:**

*University of Vermont (9500 undergrad. students)*  
*Champlain College (2000 undergrad. students)*

#### **Principal Media Outlets:**

*Newspaper: Burlington Free Press*  
*Television: WCAX 3 (CBS), WVNY 22 (ABC)*

**Average January Temperature: 16.3°**

**Average July Temperature: 70.5°**

**Average Annual Precipitation: 34.5 inches**

**Average Annual Snowfall: 78.3 inches**

### **Burlington Churches:**

College Street Congregational Church  
[www.collegestreetchurchvt.org](http://www.collegestreetchurchvt.org)  
 St. Joseph Co-Cathedral (Roman Catholic)  
[www.stjosephvermont.com](http://www.stjosephvermont.com)  
 The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal)  
[www.stpaulscathedralvt.org](http://www.stpaulscathedralvt.org)  
 Christ Church Presbyterian (PCUSA)  
[www.christchurchburlington.org](http://www.christchurchburlington.org)  
 Victory Center Church  
[www.victoryforyou.org](http://www.victoryforyou.org)

First Congregational Church (UCC)  
[www.firstchurchburlington.org](http://www.firstchurchburlington.org)  
 First Baptist Church (ABC)  
[www.fcburlingtonvt.com](http://www.fcburlingtonvt.com)  
 Ascension Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
[www.alcvt.org](http://www.alcvt.org)  
 First United Methodist Church  
[www.fumcburlington.org](http://www.fumcburlington.org)  
 Free Methodist Church  
 St. Jean Baptist Church